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Mission Statement

The Italian American Chamber of Commerce of Michigan

This Chamber is dedicated to the promotion of the community, which we serve. We do this while we enjoy with great pride our Italian heritage and culture and we also honor the Italian immigrants of past generations for their contributions to this great country. We are proud Americans of Italian background.

The Grapevine is now giving all IACCM members an opportunity to advertise your business or profession in the newly created "Grapevine Membership Business Directory." For \$60.00 a year, you will have five lines to list your business.

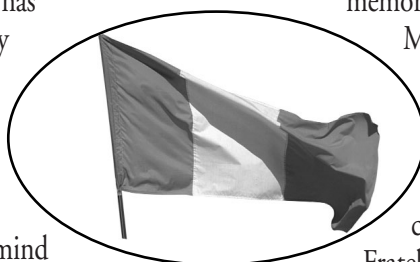
The Grapevine will still offer business card, quarter, half and full page advertisements. For further information, call Debbie at 586-493-4034

The Italian National Anthem. A short history

The music of the Italian national anthem was composed in 1847 by Michele Novaro, to words by the young poet, Goffredo Mameli. This song, known as L'Inno di Mameli has been the national anthem of the Republic of Italy since 1948. Between 1861 (the year when Italy became a united nation) and 1946 the official anthem was the March of the House of Savoy.

The tune.

The words of the anthem were meant to call to mind past battles for freedom waged by the Lombard towns, the Florentine republic, the Genoese, together with the young Balilla, against the Austrians, the Sicilians against the French in the so-



called Sicilian Vespers. The focus of all aspirations to freedom was Rome, the Rome which, in another poem, Mameli called City of memories, city of hope. On November 23, 1847

Mameli went to take the anthem to his musician friend, Michele Novaro, who lived in Turin.

Overnight the enthused Novaro composed the music, and the next day, in Genoa, Mameli brought back words and music to his companions. A few days later, on December 1,

Fratelli D'Italia was played for the first time, at a popular assembly. The tune began to run like wildfire throughout the peninsula. It was on everyone's lips.



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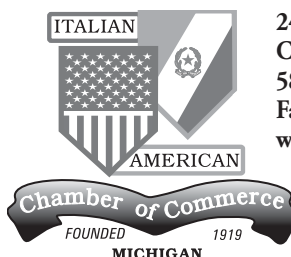
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Upcoming EVENTS

MARCH 1 • WEDNESDAY • BOARD MEETING

TIME

- 6:00 PM Board Meeting
- 6:30 PM General Membership Meeting

LOCATION

- Andiamo Banquet Center
7096 East 14 Mile Road, Warren

APRIL 5 • WEDNESDAY • BOARD MEETING

TIME

- 6:00 PM Board Meeting
- 6:30 PM General Membership Meeting

LOCATION

- Petruzzello's Banquet & Conference Center
6950 Rochester Road, Troy (*Significant Others Welcome*)

MAY 3 • WEDNESDAY • BOARD MEETING

TIME

- 6:00 PM Board Meeting
- 6:30 PM General Membership Meeting

LOCATION

- DeCarlo's Banquet Center
6015 E. 10 Mile Road, Warren

MAY 17 • WEDNESDAY • FESTA DELLA LIRA

TIME

- 6:30

LOCATION

- Eastpointe Manor
24611 Gratiot Avenue, Eastpointe

JUNE 7 • WEDNESDAY • BOARD MEETING

TIME

- 6:00 PM Board Meeting
- 6:30 PM General Membership Meeting

LOCATION

- Mirage Banquet Center
16980 18 Mile Road, Clinton Township



Notes from the PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Wow. 2006 has already started with a bang! We are proud of the confirmation of Sam Alito to the Supreme Court. We now have two Italian Americans seated on the highest court of the nation. In addition, Super Bowl XL was very successful (without any negative situations) with a substantial amount of positive press about our metropolitan area. The Italian American Cultural Society held its election and like us, its new officers have been sworn in. All in all, we are off to a good start for 2006.

Our Festa del Vino was well attended and there were a lot of positive comments regarding the event. Congrats to Michael Catenacci and his committee for a job well done. It was sad that more of our members did not attend but maybe this will improve next year.

Enclosed you will find our year end financial report. As you will note, we ended the year with a slight gain versus last year. This is a positive situation, particularly since we are a non-profit operation. It is important to remember that we did give away \$15,000.00 in college scholarships this year as well as supported all the charities we always do.

As a relatively small organization, we should be proud of our contributions to our community while having the fellowship and the networking opportunities that our Chamber provides. You will be hearing more about one of our big fund raisers - the Festa Della Lira that will be held on May 17th at Eastpointe Manor. If you have not been to this event before, you should get on the list for tickets for this year. A great evening of fun, food, drinks and many chances to win up to \$10,000.

One other thing, we will be having some speakers at several of our monthly meetings and I would ask that we please treat them with respect. Even if you are not interested in what they are speaking about, it is only 15 minutes out of our evening and there are some other members that do have an interest, so be polite and refrain from conversation during their presentations.

Finally, I am asking you to help us grow the membership of the Chamber. With normal attrition, our membership figures are not growing. We need an influx of younger members in order to continue the promotion of our heritage. Invite someone you know to join.

Meanwhile, get ready for Lent and then the coming of Easter. Soon, spring flowers will be blooming and the memory of our not-too-bad winter will begin to fade. Enjoy the rebirth of our green season and the promise of another wonderful summer. Be grateful for all the blessing we have as individuals, as families, and as Italian Americans.

Sincerely

William A. Morelli, Sr.





CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Thoughts for the month

Thank You for another fabulous Festa del Vino!

Through the tireless efforts of the Catenacci's and the Festa Committee, we celebrated another successful Festa del Vino ... with a new venue and a new dance band ... the night was enjoyed by all. What a wonderful opportunity to introduce our families and friends to the benefits of membership in the Chamber, and with the traditions of our Italian Culture. On behalf of the Board, I encourage all members to reserve next year's date, and join in the celebration.

Our next event is the Festa Della Lira. This year's Festa Chairman, Vito Pianello, has promised another wonderful evening of food, fun, and fellowship. This event has become one of our major fundraisers, and a funding source for our scholarship program. Please send in your ticket confirmation early, as tickets sell out very quickly. With our increase in membership, tickets are harder to get.

Speaking of scholarships, the applications are now available on our website, or through the Chamber office. Please remind your students of the May 15th deadline. This deadline will be strictly enforced, so if you have questions, or need an application, do not wait to ask. Call me at 586.254.1300.

Ciao,
Joseph Toia, Chairman



Business Feature

Stefano Militello
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My name is Stefano Militello I have been married to my wife Kendra for 13 years. We have two beautiful children; Samantha age 9 and Nicholas age 5. I am a Real Estate Agent for ReMax Suburban. I have 15 years of real estate experience. I would love to help you or anyone you know with all aspects of real estate, such as buying, selling, land acquisitions and commercial real estate. I also have new construction experience from selling to blue prints to entire subdivision sales and marketing.

Thank you for allowing me the time to introduce myself.

Sincerely
Stefano Militello

FESTA DELLA LIRA

May 17, 2006 at Eastpointe Manor

Dear Chamber Member:

The Italian American Chamber of Commerce is cordially inviting you to participate in this years Festa Della Lira, which is being held on May 17, 2006 at Eastpointe Manor in Eastpointe.

The event offers a chance at a grand prize of \$10,000. 179 tickets are sold, with everyone having the chance to win the 180th ticket, and, using a reverse raffle, the tickets are pulled with the last ticket being declared the winner. Several other cash prizes are offered throughout the elimination process totaling over \$3,000. There is also a 50/50 raffle for anyone who is interested in participating.

Spectacular hors d'oeuvres, along with a gourmet dinner and premium bar, are also part of the evening's enjoyments

Tickets are \$180.00 per person and included everything mentioned. If you prefer to just have dinner, the price is \$65.00.

If you have never experienced the Festa Della Lira, now is your chance to enjoy all the festivities along with your fellow Chamber members.

If you would like further information, please contact Chairman Vito Pianello at 586-675-7054 or Co-Chairman Matt Cervone at 586-840-7447, ext. 131.

Hope to see you there,

Vito Pianello
Chairman

Matt Cervone
Co-Chairman



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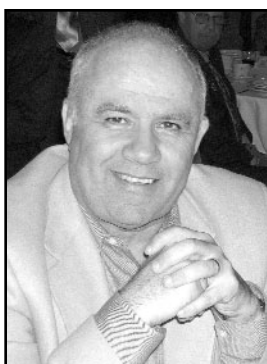
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IACC December 7, 2005 Board Meeting at Fern Hill Country Club



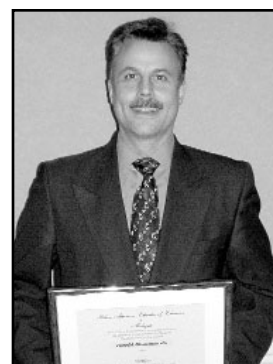
(L-R) IACC President Bill Morelli; Michigan State Senator Alan Sanborn; IACC Membership Chairman Reno Garagiola; and new member David Bommarito.



Anthony Latella, a member since 1974, celebrated his 60th birthday at the December IACC meeting.

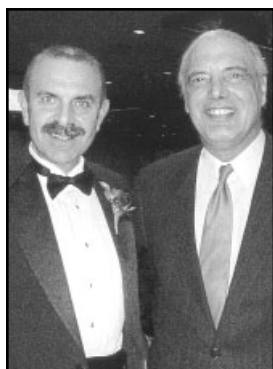


Frank Gallo, a member since 1997, celebrated his 61th birthday at the December IACC meeting.



New member, David Bommarito, sworn in at the December Meeting.

IACC January 2006 Festa Del Vino at Mirage Banquet Center



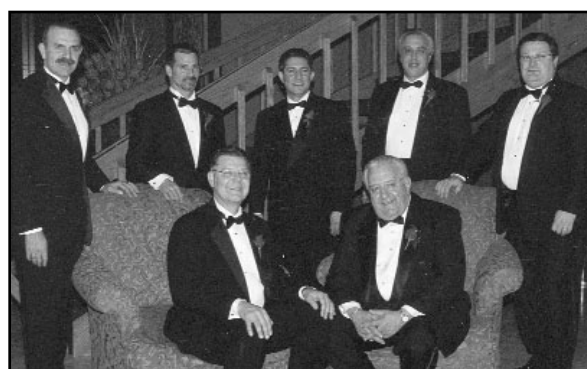
(L-R) Ron DiBartolomeo, 2nd Vice President and Judge William J. Giovan



(L-R) Joseph Toia, IACC Chairman with wife Theresa



(L-R) Bill Morelli, IACC President and wife Angie



(L-R, Standing) Ron DiBartolomeo, 2nd Vice President; Ned R. Piccinini, Secretary; Joe Toia, Board Chairman; Tom Bommarito, Financial Secretary; and Tony DeLuca, Treasurer; (L-R, Seated) Sam Ventimiglia, 1st Vice President; Bill Morelli, President

IACC February 2006 Festa Del Vino at Fern Hill Country Club



(L-R) Reno Garagiola, Frank Morelli and Judge Viviano



John DiNardo 81st Birthday



(L-R) Peter Fuciarelli 60th Birthday and Larry Garrisi 59th Birthday



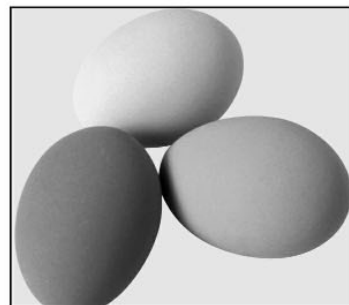
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MOTIVATIONAL MOMENTS • *By William A. Morelli, Sr.*

As we go through each day we are faced with having to make choices from the time we get up in the morning until we finally get to sleep at night. Each choice we make is a step on the road to greatness or to mediocrity. The following 10 choices will help guarantee you are on the right road:

1. Choose to be **ENERGETIC** - instead of permitting yourself to become rundown and burned out.
2. Choose to be **PASSIONATE** - instead of permitting yourself to become aimless, apathetic and indifferent.
3. Choose to be **ENTHUSIASTIC** - instead of permitting yourself to become half-hearted and discouraged.
4. Choose to be **SELF-DIRECTED** - instead of permitting yourself to become directionless and uncertain.
5. Choose to be **PREPARED** - instead of permitting yourself to become shortsighted and reactive.
6. Choose to be **FOCUSED** - instead of permitting yourself to become scattered and impulsive.
7. Choose to be **SUPPORTIVE** - instead of permitting yourself to become critical and judgmental.
8. Choose to be **SYSTEMATIC** - instead of permitting yourself to become haphazard and disorganized.
9. Choose to be **TIMELY** - instead of permitting yourself to become distracted and preoccupied,
10. Choose to be **PROACTIVE** - instead of permitting yourself to become procrastinating and hesitant.

With the right tools, we can all learn to make these clear choices consistently and automatically. No question, it comes down to identifying exactly what's holding you back from being Energetic, Passionate, Focused, etc. - and Eliminating the root-cause - by Choosing to take smarter actions.

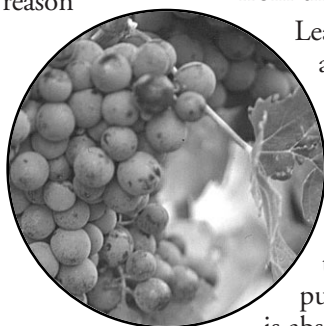
Grape Leaves... too many can spoil the harvest

Leaves are lovely to look at, but allow too many to thrive on a grapevine and you run the risk of harvesting less than - perfect fruit.

Grapes need abundant exposure to sunlight and fresh air in order to develop their best flavors. That's the main reason we train the shoots of the vine upward, so that the fruit hangs down below the leaves where it can catch a lot of sun. All of this time-consuming training would be for naught, however, if we allowed too many leaves to flourish up top.

Let me explain. Years of grape-growing have taught us that although leaves are necessary for absorbing sunlight, they also sap energy from the vine - energy that is needed by the grapes. So it is critical to allow only those leaves to remain that are actively contributing to the vitality of the vine. Using light sensitivity meters, researchers have determined that 90% of the sunlight that benefits the vine is absorbed by the first layer of leaves. The second layer absorbs about 7% and the third layer absorbs just 3% or less. You don't need a degree in math to conclude that the third layer isn't contributing its fair share. In fact, it's pretty safe to say that these free-loaders are probably sapping energy from the vine that would be better spent on the grapes.

So each May, crews fan out through the vineyards, twisting the third layers of leaves from the grapevines and tossing them on the ground where they will eventually decompose. As they move among the vines, they also remove any wayward leaves - regardless of layer - that might possibly shield the grape clusters from the sunlight.



Leaf-pulling not only helps the vigor of the vines and allows sunlight to reach the grapes, it also enables fresh air to flow more freely among the grape clusters. And we know from experience good air circulation significantly reduces the chances of mold growing on the fruit.

Pulling leaves by hand may sound like a lot of tedious work, and it is. But the difference that leaf pulling makes in the quality of the grapes we harvest is absolutely phenomenal. Grapes that are exposed to abundant sunlight have much better color and flavor. Sunlight lowers the pH and lowers levels of malic acid (the bad acid) while increasing total acidity in the grapes. In short, it makes our work as winemakers a heck of a lot easier since we've got a better quality product to work with.

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March

3/3 Pini, Ray
3/4 Fuciarelli, Pietro G.
3/5 Carnaghi, Donald
3/7 DiGiovanni, Frank
3/8 Aloia, Benjamin J.
3/9 Palazzolo, Giuseppe
3/11 Ferro, Frank
3/14 Piccinini, Ned R.
3/16 Mannina, S. Leonard
3/17 Rubino, Anthony Michael
3/17 Bommarito, Benedict
3/18 Vicari, Joseph
3/21 Colombo, Charles Francis
3/23 Santeufemia, Michael
3/24 Esposito, Gino
3/27 Palumbo, Charles
3/28 Angott, Thomas V.
3/28 Grosso, Jr., Peter M.
3/30 Picano, Domenic
3/31 Scaccia, John

April

4/1 Maue, Deane B.
4/1 Severini Jr., Fred
4/3 Mason, Patrick J.
4/3 Aiello, Mark
4/4 Rasch, M.D., Albert P.
4/5 Monti, Mario
4/7 Calcaterra, Michael J.
4/8 Marinelli, Charles L.
4/9 Marsalese, Michael
4/12 Poliuto, Valerio
4/13 DiBartolomeo, Richard D.

April

4/18 Gallo, Angelo
4/18 Lazzara, Michael
4/19 Lanni, Angelo S.
4/19 Ripullo, Robert F.
4/25 LaRocca, Patrick
4/25 Montalto, Agostino
4/25 Tundo, Samuel A.
4/28 Fazzolara, Vito
4/30 Gallo, Tony J.
4/30 Roselli, Antonio

May

5/1 Storai, Raymond
5/4 Russo, Agostino
5/5 Morelli, Jr., Frank A.
5/7 Agosta, Anthony Allan
5/7 Valente Jr., Mark
5/8 Picciche, Vincent
5/10 Curti, Aldo
5/12 Russo, John
5/13 Lucido, Paul G.
5/14 Calcaterra, Paul
5/14 Lucido, Sebastian
5/15 Patti, Ralph
5/16 Palazzolo, Michael S.
5/16 Velardo, Armand
5/17 Giarmarco, Julius H.
5/19 Tudisco, William S.
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