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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.

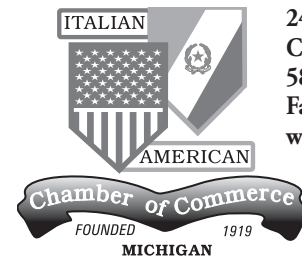
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# THE GRAPEVINE

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## Upcoming EVENTS

### JUNE 7 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

*This is a joint meeting with The Italian Bar Association*

#### TIME

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

#### LOCATION

- Guest Speaker Dick DeVos  
Mirage Banquet Center  
16980 18 Mile Road, Clinton Township  
*Spouses and significant others invited.*

### JUNE 26 • MONDAY • GOLF OUTING

#### TIME

- 11:00 AM Shotgun Start

#### LOCATION

- Fern Hill Country Club  
17600 Clinton River Road, Clinton Township  
For tickets/info contact Andy Agosta 248-561-1266

### SEPTEMBER 6 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

#### TIME

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

#### LOCATION

- Fern Hill Country Club  
Scholarship Awards Evening  
17600 Clinton River Road, Clinton Township  
*Spouses and significant others invited.*

### OCTOBER 4 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

#### TIME

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

#### LOCATION

- Italian Cultural Center  
43843 Romeo Plank Road, Clinton Township

### NOVEMBER 1 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

#### TIME

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

#### LOCATION

- Villa Penna  
Nomination of Officers/Board of Directors  
43986 Hayes, Clinton Township



## Notes from the PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

It is hard to believe that 2006 is almost half way over. We had a real nice winter – not a harsh one like in the past, and we seem to have been blessed with a long spring. As far as the Chamber, we have lost a few members but we have also had several swear in so all-in-all we are about even with last year. Not too bad considering the difficult economic times we are all facing.

I must congratulate the various halls we have visited for our meetings. They have generally done a commendable job of offering us fine food, service and drink while holding the line on our pricing. For your information, we have been spending the same amount for our meetings for over three years and everything has stayed at the top of the scale with them.

I want to also commend our Visionary Committee. Because of them we have had several good speakers and more are planned. I also praise our members for being attentive and polite to them. I know that we all do not always agree with what they say but, as an organization of professionals, we have not embarrassed our speakers or our club by being rude. I sincerely hope that continues.

By the time you read this, the Festa Della Lira will be over and the Golf outing will be upon us. To the winners at these events I send my applause and to the others - I thank them for supporting our organization.

Don't forget our Scholarship Awards Meeting in September. It is for you and your significant other and we would like to get a BIG turnout for the event at Fern Hill.

One last thing, think about someone you would like to sponsor to be a member of our Chamber and give them an application. It would be great to have 200 at our meetings and a roster of 400 members!

May you all have a very safe and fun filled Summer

*Respectfully*

*William A. Morelli, Sr.*





## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

### Thoughts for the month

Writing this column gives me the opportunity to recognize the efforts of our members and committees. There is a lot of work that goes on each month by committees that may go unnoticed, not because we are ungrateful, rather we have grown so accustomed to their excellent work, that it has become expected. Because of our fundraising and other events, we tend to focus our attention on special event committees, such as the Festa Del Vino, Festa Della Lira, and the Golf Outing, but there are several committees that are often overlooked. For example, have you noticed the programs for the past few months? More important, have you noticed how well received our speakers have been by our membership (look around the room, notice how attentive the audience is)... thank the work of our Speakers Committee.

How about the Grapevine? A first class, well organized newsletter, containing articles, ads, and our calendar of events. Have you ever stopped to think about how much time and effort goes into such a project? Thank the Grapevine editor, Steve Militello.

The web page, the Chamber Archives, and Membership Installation, these are all committees that are so well organized, that we take them for granted. The Chamber is very fortunate to have members that work so hard, that they make it look easy to the rest of us.

So the next time you receive your Grapevine, take a few minutes to read and enjoy it. The next time a new member is installed, stand up, be attentive, and let that new member notice how important membership in the Chamber is to each one of us. Take a few moments to view the website, which contains the Chamber Archives, and when we have our next program continue to be attentive. The respect we give our speakers and guests, reflects not only on our committees, but on each and every one of us.

P.S. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the 2006 Festa Italiana at Freedom Hill, July 21, 22 & 23 - Great Food, Great Entertainment, Great Friends. See Tom Bommarito, Joe Ventimiglia or Reno Garagiola for more details

Ciao,  
**Joseph Toia**, Chairman



**Steve Militello**  
**586.262.2000**

## Welcome New Grapevine Editor

We would like to introduce our new Grapevine editor Steve Militello. Steve is an Real Estate Agent for ReMax Suburban. He is married to Kendra, and has two children; Samantha, and son Nicholas. Steve is taking over the duties from Bob Ripullo. We welcome Steve aboard with the assurance that he can carry on the outstanding professionalism of both Bob Ripullo and Ron DiBartolomeo. Thank you Steve for taking on this task.



## Business Feature

### **Joseph P. Ventimiglia** **Morris Insurance Group**

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My name is Joe and I've been married to my wife, Joanne, for twenty-three years.

We have two children. My son, Joe, is twenty-one years old and currently attending Concordia University in Ann Arbor, MI. My daughter, Jaclyn, is eighteen years old and graduating this May from Lutheran High North. I have been in the employee benefits business for twenty-six years that specializes in group health and benefits plans for any size company. I am licensed to do business in twelve states. I have been a member of the Italian American Chamber of Commerce for ten years. I am also very involved in the Italian community, Chamber committee's, and the Italian Festival

Thank you for your time and if I can help you in any your business benefits, please feel free to call.

*Sincerely*  
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## IACC April 5, 2006 Board Meeting at Petruzzello's Banquet and Conference Center

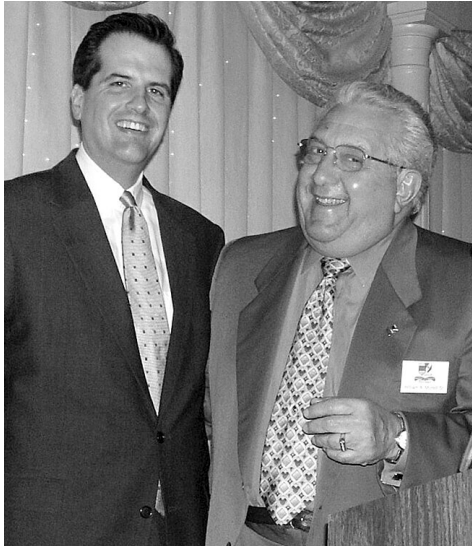
### IACC WELCOMES NEWEST MEMBERS

New members Anthony Palazzola and Gaetano Caccamo were sworn-in by Michigan Senator Alan Sanborn at the March, 2006 Italian American Chamber of Commerce (IACC) meeting at Andiamo Italia.

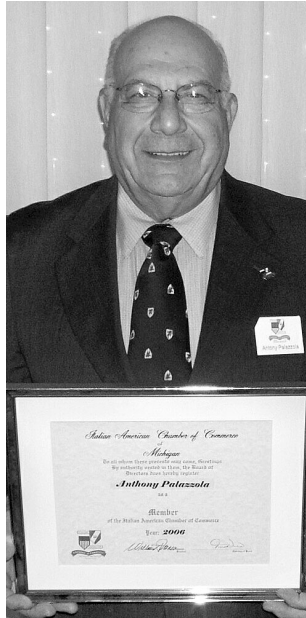
Mr. Palazzola is the owner of Wit-O-Matic Industries, producers of special machinery, in Davisburg, Michigan. He

and wife Barbara have seven children, and hobbies include boating and skiing.

Mr. Caccamo is President of the Guy-Con Building Corporation located in Shelby Township. He and wife Maria have three children, and hobbies include hockey, travel and skiing.



(L-R) Guest speaker at the April Italian American Chamber of Commerce was Stephen Murphy III, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, overseeing Detroit, Flint and Bay City, shown with IACC President William Morelli.



Anthony Palazzola, new member sworn in at the March meeting.



Gaetano Caccamo, new member sworn in at the March meeting.



Member Val Poliuto celebrated his 55th birthday in April. He has been a member since 2002.

## IACC May 2006 Board Meeting at DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center



Member Mario Monti celebrated his 85th birthday in April. He has been a member since 2002.



New IACC Member Matthew Mauro



New IACC Member Antonio Pascarella



Guest speaker Senator Alan Sanborn accepts plaque presented by IACC President William Morelli at the May meeting.



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June 28

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### Tony n' Tina's Wedding

June 30

At Tony n' Tina's Wedding, audience members play the roles of Tony n' Tina's family and friends. Allow yourself to be caught up in the activities! This incredible evening of entertainment will be something you and your friends will be talking about for many years. Includes: show ticket, champagne toast, Andiamo buffet, a piece of wedding cake and entertainment.



### Regis Philbin

September 28 & 29

During the 35 years since Regis Philbin first stepped in front of the camera, he has enjoyed more success with more shows than possibly any other individual on television. In addition to hosting "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," Regis is best-known as co-host of the top-rated daytime talk show on ABC, "Live with Regis & Kelly." Don't miss this special evening with Regis performing musically with a Twenty Two piece orchestra.



### The Scintas

October 19, 20 & 21

The Scintas combine their musical talent with comedy that will have you laughing the entire show. The Scintas bring to life such entertainers as Frank Sinatra, Jerry Lewis, Dean Martin, The Beatles, and so many more. With a genuine appeal to audiences of all kinds, the Scintas have quickly become one of Las Vegas' hottest attractions combining music, comedy and impressions with tremendous heart.



### Howie Mandel

November 10 & 11

Howie has done countless comedy specials both on cable and network television. He has also hosted his own syndicated talk show, "The Howie Mandel Show," and continues to be a mainstay on the talk-show circuit. He frequently appears on "The Tonight Show" with Jay Leno performing his signature hiddencamera bits. Howie also continues to perform as many as 200 concerts a year throughout the US and Canada.



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

As the summer begins, we are again reminded that the cycle of Life is a reality. Not only does nature seem to die and become reborn each year but we see the power of nature in “natural disasters” that show us that we are really pretty fragile compared to the surroundings in which we live. What we learn from these situations is that we are resilient and can rebound from almost anything – if we have confidence in our abilities and the self determination to press on with our endeavors.

Sometimes we need a word or phrase to help us get back on, or just stay on track. Maybe the following will help you do just that:

Be Kind: “It takes so little to make people happy

– just a touch, if we know how to give it

– just a word fitly spoken or,

– a slight readjustment of some bolt, pin or bearing in the delicate machinery of a human soul.”

*Frank Crane*

Be Generous: “Those who give when they are asked have waited too long.”

*Kobe Yamada*

Enjoy Simple Pleasures: “The most wasted of all days is the one during which you have not laughed.”

*Nicolas Chamfort*

Have the Right Attitude: “The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity; the optimist, the opportunity in every difficulty.”

*L. P. Jack*

Treasure your Marriage: “The most precious possession that ever comes to a man in this world is a woman’s heart.”

*Josiah G. Holland*

Be a Good Parent: “In the final analysis it is not what you do for your children but what you have taught them to do for themselves that will make them successful human beings.”

*Ann Landers*

At home, at work or on the golf course, remember to compliment even small improvements. “There is no such thing as an insignificant improvement.”

*Tom Peters*

And always remember to **Smile, Give Hugs, and Tell Someone Special that You Love Them.**

See  
Enclosed Flyer



**John B. Agosta 23rd  
Annual Scholarship Golf Outing**  
*presented by the*  
**Italian American Chamber of  
Commerce of Michigan**

**June 26, 2006  
Fern Hill Country Club.**

We are asking all members, in particular the new members who have joined in the past year to participate in this year's John B. Agosta 23rd Annual Scholarship Golf Outing, presented by the Italian American Chamber of Commerce of Michigan on June 26, 2006 at Fern Hill Country Club.

Our scholarship program is one of the most important missions of our club. This youth oriented program for our college students of Italian decent is the backbone for continuing visibility of professional Italian men and women in the business and political world. Your help is needed to achieve this goal. Last year's event was a great success.

In order to fulfill our obligation to the scholarship program for 2006, we need to sell all the golfing positions. Hole sponsorships are still available; they are terrific advertising tool for your business.

In addition, we need any gifts you might be able to donate to be used as door prizes. For golf tickets, dinner tickets (if you don't golf join us for dinner) Hole sponsorship information, or gift donations, call me at 248.561.1266 or fax me at 248.652.2127. Debbie at the Chamber Office, 586.493.4034 will also be available for any inquiries.

On behalf of the golf committee, we are looking forward to seeing you at  
Fern Hill on June 26.

Best regards,  
ANDY AGOSTA  
Golf Committee Chairman





**Italian-American  
Chamber of Commerce Birthdays for:**

**June**

6/1 Viviano, Anthony J.  
6/2 Nagy, Charles  
6/2 Locricchio, Michael  
6/2 Catenacci Jr., Onorio  
6/3 LaRosa, Dominic J  
6/7 Benenati, Dr. Anthony V.  
6/12 Donofrio, Hon. Pat M.  
6/16 Notte, Richard  
6/16 Severini III, Fred  
6/22 Provenzano, Nunzio  
6/26 DiGiuseppe, Jr., John  
6/26 Bonaldi, Ezio  
6/29 Ruggeri, Philip

**July**

7/1 Pompa, Frank  
7/2 Bernabei, Frank A.  
7/2 Morelli Sr., William A.  
7/4 Scaglione, Albert P.  
7/7 Navaroli, Joseph  
7/11 Rondina, Edward  
7/12 Lentine, Joseph S.  
7/12 Castiglia, Eric A.  
7/14 DeCarolis, John  
7/15 Fontana, Carl  
7/15 DeAgostino, Thomas M.  
7/15 Varano, Sal Mario  
7/18 Timpa, James  
7/18 Galli, David  
7/19 Ficano, Robert  
7/21 Sanborn, Alan Bruce

**July**

7/25 Caramagno, Thomas A.  
7/29 Bugli, Leonardo  
7/30 Grimaudo, Joseph  
7/31 Lucido, Peter J.

**August**

8/1 Garagiola, Reno  
8/1 Cuglietta, Luigi  
8/1 Ternullo, Stephen  
8/2 Seleno, Andrew A.  
8/3 Toia, Joseph  
8/4 Biondo, Ignatius D.  
8/4 Pascaretta, Antonio  
8/6 Guerrieri, Robert  
8/9 Bellanca, Joseph  
8/9 DiPiazza, John A.  
8/10 Piccinini, Dr. Robert  
8/11 Maceroni, Hon. Peter  
8/12 Bossio, Alan J.  
8/14 Paluzzi, III, Joseph  
8/15 Lacommaré, James  
8/19 Militello, Stefano  
8/23 Catenacci, Onorio J.  
8/24 Agosta, Russell  
8/25 Salerno, Sr., Ramo A.  
8/26 Petruzzello, Frank  
8/27 Mattera, Mike P.  
8/29 Ventimiglia, Sam P.  
8/30 DiGiuseppe, Christopher  
8/30 Pizzo, John

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