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## Mission Statement

*The Italian American Chamber of Commerce of Michigan*

"To nurture an environment for business and professional growth inclusive of our Italian history and culture, that provides our members the commercial, educational, and charitable forums necessary to inspire pride throughout the Italian community, and to establish a relationship of trust and service between our members and our fellow citizens."



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## Upcoming EVENTS

### JUNE 3 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING Networking Meeting

#### TIME

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

#### LOCATION

- The Club Venetian  
29310 John R Road, Madison Heights  
Guest speaker will be Lt. Governor  
John D. Cherry, Jr.

### JUNE 29, 2009 • MONDAY • GOLF OUTING 27th Annual John B. Agosta 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 2, 2009 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING Scholarship Awards Evening

#### TIME

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

#### LOCATION

- Petruzzello's Banquet Center  
6950 Rochester Road, Troy  
Spouses, guests invited for \$40.00 fee (per person)

### OCTOBER 7, 2009 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING Networking Meeting

#### TIME

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

#### LOCATION

- Italian Cultural Center  
43843 Romeo Plank Road, Clinton Township  
Guest speaker will be Tom Wilson,  
President, Palace Sports and Entertainment



June is our last meeting before the long awaited summer break. Our June meeting also marks the second networking monthly meeting, and based on the success of the first event in April, I'm sure this meeting we be equally successful. The credit for both these meetings goes to Tony Rubino and his committee for putting on a well organized, interactive, and engaging event. Tony wasted no time when he was asked to chair the networking committee. It is obvious he brings years of experience to the table, and is committed to the success of these events. It was wonderful to see how the April event offered something of interest to each of the members attending. Once again thanks go out to Tony Rubino and the rest of the networking committee.

Speaking of thanks, I would be remiss if I did not take the time to thank Vito Pianello and Dave Galli for all their hard work on the Festa del Lira. Not only did the two gentlemen and their committee insure that the event would be sold out, they added an additional revenue generator for the event. The basket of cheer, or should I say cooler of cheer was a huge success. Vito and Dave have both commented on more than one occasion, that the success of this event rests squarely on having enough of the right people on the committee. With that, I encourage those of you who would like to get more involved with the IACC to make it a point of getting one of the event committees.

In our July full board meeting the main topic of discussion will be to solidify the rules around the Business Sponsorships. I would like to thank you for your

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La Comerica Della Famiglia

**"The Family Business", Family owned and operated...**

What a wonderful concept. So many of our local Italian businesses started this way.

Many are still operating that way, with the children and grandchildren of original founders still working in the firm. What happens when the next generation is not there, or are not interested? What happens when the brother and sister no longer want to work together for one reason or another? Many family businesses have found themselves in this situation.

When this occurs, the owner has to develop a company atmosphere that has the same characteristics of one made up of family members. Let's look at the general public's conception of a family owned and operated business. I hear the word family loyalty when speaking of family businesses. Isn't it true that loyalty can also be felt and demonstrated when a non-family employee believes in the vision & mode of operation of the firm they work for? Many family businesses remain together out of obligation and many times, convenience. A non-family worker remains because of desire and indebtedness for being given the opportunity to have this job. The word family reflects the feeling of togetherness, camaraderie, and a bond between the individuals. The phrase that comes to mind is "You pick your friends, but are inherited with your family." I believe these very same traits, i.e. togetherness, camaraderie, and a special bond between individuals can be developed just as strong by any company, family or not, if you as a business owner works at it. If you as a business owner believe in what your business is doing, the better you will become a role model, father image or brother to all you employ.

The worker on the other hand must feel needed, trusted and appreciated. If your employees are properly selected, trained and implemented with sincerity and guidance you can develop this same atmosphere. So, if you do not have the luxury of having your family with you in your business for one reason or another, do not be intimidated. Your company can be just as successful (or even more so) as those around you.

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## MOTIVATIONAL MOMENTS

**Summer 2009**

*By William A. Morelli, Sr.*

*A reflection from a friend:*

**T**here was a man who had four sons. He wanted his sons to learn not to Judge things too quickly. So he sent them each on a quest, in turn, to go and look at a pear tree that was a great distance away.

The first son went in the winter and the second in the spring and the third in the summer and the youngest son in the fall. When they had all gone and returned he called them together to describe what they had seen.

The first son said that the tree was ugly, bent and twisted.

The second son said it was covered with green buds and full of promise.

The third son disagreed; he said it was laden with blossoms that smelled so sweet and looked so beautiful, it was the most graceful thing he had ever seen.

The last son disagreed with all of them; he said it was ripe and drooping with fruit, full of life and fulfillment.

The man explained to his sons that they were all right, because they had each seen only one season in the tree's life. He told them that you cannot judge a tree, or a person, by only one season. That the essence of who they are, and the pleasure, joy and love that comes from that life can only be measured at the end, when all seasons are up.

If you give up when it's winter, you will miss the promise of your spring, the beauty of your summer and the fulfillment of your fall.

Don't let the pain of one season destroy the joy of all the rest.

Don't judge life by one difficult season. Persevere through the difficult patches and better times are sure to come.

Aspire to Inspire . . . Before You Expire.

Live Simply. Love Generously. Care Deeply. Speak Kindly. And leave the rest to God.

Happiness keeps You Sweet. – Trials keep You Strong

Sorrows keep You Human.

Failures keep You Humble.

Success keeps You Growing.

But Only God keeps You Going!

*Have a Happy Summer!*

William A. Morelli, Sr.



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## ADVERTISE

You can advertise your business or profession in the "Grapevine Membership Business Directory." For ONLY \$60.00 a year, you will have five lines to list your business in the directory.

## 26TH ANNUAL JOHN B. AGOSTA GOLF OUTING



**MONDAY  
JUNE 29, 2009**

Fern Hill  
Country Club  
17600 Clinton  
River Road  
Clinton Township

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REGISTRATION FORM  
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## Notes from the President

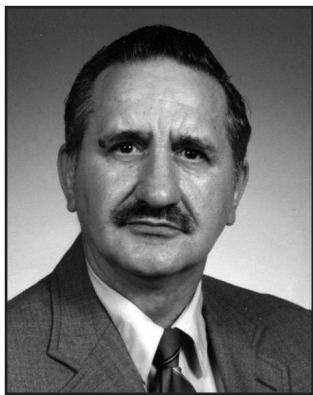
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overwhelming support of this initiative. I am sure you will see it as a step in the right direction, as we attempt not only to grow, but strengthen our organization. Another topic for the July meeting will be our web-site. Let's face it, our web-site could use a little updating as far as its look and feel, and should be able to include a member roster among other things. Therefore, if you have any suggestions on what you would like to see on the IACC web site, please send Debbie an email or fax with your suggestions.

I hope everyone enjoys their summer.

Thank You,  
Ned R. Piccinini  
President

## IN MEMORY

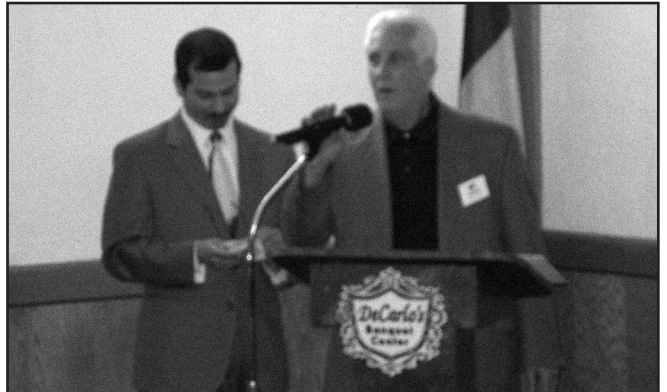


**Onorio Catenacci, Jr.**  
1944-2009

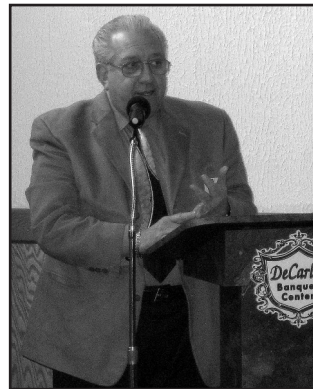
The IACCM wishes to express our sincere sympathy and condolences to the entire Catenacci family on the the passing of Onorio Catenacci, Jr., on May 11, 2009. He has been a Chamber member since 1993. Onorio is the brother of Thomas C. Catenacci, and the uncle of Michael Catenacci, both IACCM members. The entire Catenacci family were the longtime organizers of the Festa Del Vino, which was the installation of new officers dinner dance.

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

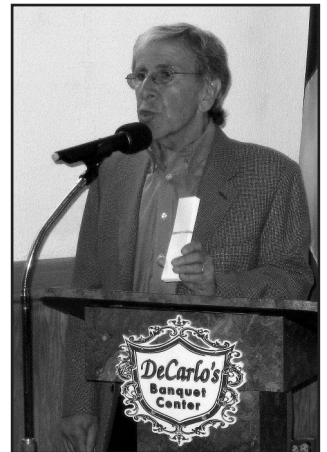
## IACC Meeting May 6, 2009 At DeCarlo's Banquet Center



Tony Rubino and the President Ned R. Piccinini speaking about the Networking Meeting to be at Club Venetian on June 3, 2009



Executive director Bill Morelli speaking about the Italian American Cultural Center's Nona's pasta fundraiser for the victims of the earth quake in the Abruzzi region of Italy



Andy Agosta informs IACCM members on the details concerning the 26th Annual John B. Agosta Golf Outing on June 29, 2009



Co-chair of the Festa Della Lira, Vito Pianello talking about the event on May 20, 2009



# ITALIAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF MICHIGAN JOHN B. AGOSTA MEMORIAL 26th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing



**MONDAY, JUNE 29th, 2009 at Fern Hill Country Club**

17600 Clinton River Rd. - Clinton Twp.

**\$150.00/Person**

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**Dinner Only \$60.00**

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Hole Sponsor @ \$150 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# Festa Italiana 2009



## New Location!

Macomb Community College  
South Campus  
Warren, Michigan

**July 17th-19th**  
Meatball Contest – Baby Contest

### Tentative Entertainment

**Friday, July 17, 2009**

Ciara  
Aaron Caruso  
The Gaylords  
Pino Marelli

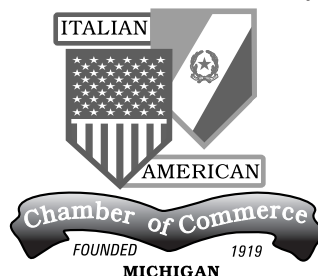
**Saturday, July 18, 2009**

Coro Italiano  
Ray Battani  
Christina Carollo  
Ciara  
Aaron Caruso  
The Gaylords  
Pino Marelli

**Sunday, July 19, 2009**

Coro Italiano  
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Simone Vitale  
Ciara  
Eva Evola  
Lisa Agazzi  
Dino Valle  
Martin Mandelbaum  
Aaron Caruso  
Mark Randisi  
The Gaylords  
Pino Marelli

## Italian-American Chamber of Commerce Birthdays for:



### June

6/1 Viviano, Anthony J.  
6/2 Nagy, Charles  
6/2 Locricchio, Michael  
6/3 LaRosa, Dominic J.  
6/7 Benenati, Dr. Anthony V.  
6/16 Notte, Richard  
6/16 Severini III, Fred  
6/17 Corsetti, Tonino  
6/22 Provenzano, Nunzio  
6/26 DiGiuseppe, Jr., John  
6/26 Bonaldi, Ezio  
6/29 Ruggeri, Philip

### July

7/1 Pompa, Frank  
7/2 Morelli Sr., William A.  
7/2 Bernabei, Frank A.  
7/4 Scaglione, Albert P.  
7/7 Navaroli, Joseph  
7/12 Lentine, Joseph S.  
7/14 DeCarolis, John  
7/15 Varano, Sal Mario  
7/15 Fontana, Carl  
7/18 Galli, David

### July

7/18 Timpa, James  
7/19 Ficano, Robert  
7/22 Baffo, Matthew  
7/25 Caramagno, Thomas A.  
7/29 Simone, MD, Piero A.  
7/30 Grimaudo, Joseph  
7/31 Lucido, Peter J.

### August

8/1 Cuglietta, Luigi  
8/2 Seleno, Andrew A.  
8/3 Toia, Joseph  
8/4 Pascarella, Antonio  
8/7 Belcastro, Domenico  
8/10 Piccinini, Dr. Robert  
8/11 Maceroni, Peter  
8/12 Bossio, Alan J.  
8/19 Militello, Stefano  
8/21 Stolaruk, Steve  
8/23 Zuccaro, Dino  
8/25 Salerno, Sr., Ramo A.  
8/26 Petruzzello, Frank  
8/29 Ventimiglia, Sam P.  
8/30 DiGiuseppe, Christopher

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As for our Chamber of Commerce, we are continuing to improve what we offer our members. Networking has been the big topic and effort on our minds. Bringing to the minds of the members who you are and what you represent can be one of the most important rewarding advantages this organization can offer you. Maintaining and growing membership is still upper most in the minds of those who run this organization, and this is no easy task these days. This Chamber of Commerce will not give up in always working to ensure that it is one that you will be proud to be a member of. We are doing this with all the courage and patience we can display.

Respectfully: Your Chairman of the Board;  
Paul R. Calcaterra

