



IACL Newsletter  
October-November  
2023



## Italian American Club of Livonia



Dear Fellow Members

That old September feeling, left over from school days, of summer passing, vacations nearly done. Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go. Soon our tree lined streets will be set ablaze, our kitchens filled with the smells of a time gone by; tomatoes bubbling into sauce, peppers roasting on a flame and grapes fermenting into wine. Let's enjoy these amazing fall days before the gloom of winter sets in.

Fall is also the time when we get back to the Club to enjoy everything it has to offer.

Please see the calendar for a full schedule of events for all of us to enjoy. Don't forget to join us in our club level for Thursday night Pasta Rustica, Friday night dinners, Wednesday night Rosary Group and the start of a new season of Bocce. I would be remiss if I didn't mention our signature event that will be happening in the coming weeks. our annual Columbus Day Gala on Friday evening October 13th. Please join us for this wonderful event.

As you know it is election season once again. Election Day is Wednesday October 18th. You will be able to vote in person on the 18th, or you can vote online prior to election day. Please contact Loredana, our Club Coordinator, for details. The Bios of all the candidates are contained in this newsletter. You can also join us on Monday October 9th for a live Meet the Candidates night in our lower level. Please take the time to get to know all of these great candidates. Good luck to everyone that is running for office. We appreciate all of your dedication to our Club.

As we surpass 1200 member families, I am honored to have been President during this unprecedented growth in membership. It is a testament to the hard work of this current Board and all the numerous volunteers that so willingly give their time and talent to make the IACL what it is today.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club as we continue to pass on our Italian traditions to the next generation.

May God bless you and your families.

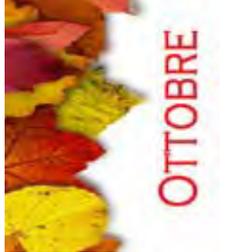
Frank Luscri

IACL President



# Octobre 2023

# Italian American Club Of Livonia

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1 <i>Club House Closed</i>	2 <i>Club House Closed</i>	3 Knitting Club 1:00-3:00pm Italian Class 5:30-8:30pm	4 Rosary Group 7:30pm	5 Pasta Rustica 5:30pm Meatballs Primavera Band Italian Class 4:00-8:30pm	6 Pappardelle w/Portabella Mushroom Ragu	7 Children Italian Class 9:30-Noon <i>Club House Closed</i>
8 <i>Club House Closed</i>	9 Meet the Candidates 7:00pm	10 Card Ladies 11:30-2:30pm Italian Class 5:30-8:30pm Bocce League 6:00pm	11 Rosary Group 7:30pm Bocce League 6:00pm	12 Pasta Rustica 5:30pm Oven Roasted Chicken Take Two Band Italian Class 4:00-8:30pm Bocce League 6:30pm	13 	14 Children Italian Class 9:30-Noon <i>Club House Closed</i>
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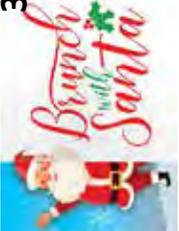
# Novembre 2023

# Italian American Club Of Livonia

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# Dicembre 2023

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

# Italian American Club of Livonia

## ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB OF LIVONIA 2022 – 2023 Board of Directors

### IACL Officers

Frank Luscri	<i>President</i>
Tony Rotondo	<i>Vice President</i>
Angela Soave Kelley	<i>Treasurer</i>
Alice Rotondo	<i>Recording Secretary</i>
Nino Ruggirello	<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>
Piero DiStefano	<i>Sergeant-at-Arms</i>
Jerry Ruggirello	<i>Past President</i>
Fr Enzo Addari	<i>Chaplain</i>

### IACL Directors

David Bongero	Helene LaRussa
Jo Anne Capaldi	Mark Merucci
Roberto Carta	Nicolas Petrucci
Alfredo DeFlaviis	Joseph Rotondo Jr
Anthony DiPaolo Jr	Sondra Soave

<b>Banquet Center</b>	Anthony DiPaolo Jr
<b>Building Committee</b>	Tony Rotondo
<b>Cultural Committee</b>	Alice Rotondo
<b>Finance Committee</b>	Joseph Rotondo Jr
<b>Good and Welfare</b>	Sondra Soave
<b>Membership Committee</b>	Helene LaRussa

## IACL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION 2022 – 2023 Board of Directors

### IACL Charitable Foundation Officers

Nino Ruggirello	<i>President</i>
Mary Fleury	<i>Vice President</i>
Maria Capicchioni Harris	<i>Treasurer</i>
Andrew Kelleher	<i>Secretary</i>

### IACL Charitable Foundation Directors

Angelo D'Orazio	Jerry Ruggirello
Franco Iaderosa	Anthony Rugiero
Gerryanna Luscri	Antonello Stante
Frank Luscri	

Communication with our members is important. Please feel free to contact Loredana, Club Coordinator, to reach any of our Board Members. She will arrange to have the person you are interested in talking with, give you a call. 734-953-1137 x2 or [loredana@iacl.us](mailto:loredana@iacl.us)

If you are coming to the Club House for dinner, please call us in advance so that good, prompt service can be assured. We are getting busier and reservations are recommended.

Call 734-953-1106 x2 or [loredana@iacl.us](mailto:loredana@iacl.us)

Club House Hours Tuesday through Friday  
5:00pm to 11:00pm, kitchen closes at 9:00pm



## EASY ITALIAN PASTA PUTTANESCA

### Ingredients

3 cups spaghetti cooked  
3 tablespoons olive oil  
2-3 cloves garlic whole  
1-2 dashes hot pepper flakes (or one fresh finely chopped)  
2-3 tablespoons capers (in salt) rinsed and drained  
1 can pelati tomatoes (peeled san marzano) 14 oz  
2 tablespoons fresh Italian parsley (finely chopped)  
1 cup Kalamata olives (pitted)

*Authentic puttanesca calls for unpitted Gaeta olives, which you cut and pit yourself.*

### Directions

Before you start, chop the parsley, rinse and drain the capers, cut the pelati tomatoes in small pieces and cut the pitted olives in half.

In a large pot boil the water and add the spaghetti cook al dente.

While the water is boiling and the pasta is cooking, make the sauce. In a large pan add the oil, garlic (lightly flattened with a knife) and the hot pepper flakes, cook 1-2 minutes, add the capers, the chopped tomatoes and half the chopped parsley stir to combine, cover and cook 5 minutes on medium heat. Remove the cover and continue to cook 5-10 minutes until thickened, remove the garlic and add the olives and remaining parsley, cook 1 minute.

Add the al dente spaghetti and 2-3 tablespoons of pasta water, cook on high 30 seconds tossing continuously. Serve immediately topped with freshly grated parmesan or pecorino cheese if desired.

This is the authentic way although the modern recipe will also include 2-3 anchovies, add them with the oil, garlic and hot pepper flakes, because anchovies are salty you might want to leave out the salt when boiling the pasta.



**\*\*If you would like to have YOUR recipe featured in our newsletter, please submit recipe to [loredana@iacl.us](mailto:loredana@iacl.us)**



# Italian American Club of Livonia

39200 Five Mile Road Livonia Michigan 48154 - 734-953-1106 - www.iacl.us

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Italian *Circle One* Yes / No

Spouse's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Italian Yes / No  
*mm/dd/yy*

Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_ Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*mm/dd/yy*

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Italian Heritage Region \_\_\_\_\_  
*if applicable*

Spouse's Italian Region \_\_\_\_\_  
*if applicable*

List children still living at home (*if applicable*) - children over 26 years must have their own membership

Name	Relationship	Date of Birth	Cell Phone	E-Mail Address

I, the undersigned, hereby apply for membership in the Italian American Club of Livonia

\_\_\_\_\_  
*One Applicant's Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Sponsor's Signature – Must be an IACL Member*

### MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS *check one only*

- Annual Renewal Membership\***
- \$125.00 per year FAMILY *includes children 20yrs and younger*
- \$ 75.00 per year SENIORS *couples 66yrs and older*
- \$ 35.00 per year SENIORS *single 66yrs and older*
- \$ 75.00 per year SINGLES *26yrs and older*
- \$ 35.00 per year YOUNG ADULT SINGLE *18-25yrs*

- Lifetime Membership *no dues obligation***
- \$2000.00 one-time payment
- \$ 500.00 initial payment with balance paid off within 24 months

\*Renewal dues must be paid by March 1<sup>st</sup>. If payment is made after March 1<sup>st</sup>, a reinstatement fee of \$50.00 will be charged

**LIFETIME AND ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE**

Return form with your payment payable to **ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB OF LIVONIA (IACL)**  
**Attention Membership 39200 Five Mile Road Livonia MI 48154**

If you have any questions, please contact Loredana O'Neil 734-953-1106 x2 or [loredana@iacl.us](mailto:loredana@iacl.us)

Office Use Only - Date Accepted \_\_\_\_\_ Check \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

ID NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

REVISED 03/01/2023

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**Italian American Club of Livonia**

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

**LUKE ALTOMARE**

*Sponsored By: Mark & Barbara Dabiero*

**AARON & ZARAH BROGLIN**

*Sponsored By: Mark & Suzanne Merucci*

**FR RAYMOND BUCON**

*Sponsored By: Frank & Mary Rotondo*

**ROBERT & LIA BURGHARDT**

*Sponsored By: Mary Marcantonio*

**ZINA CARDELLI**

*Sponsored By: Ghislain Rimanelli*

**ANTONIO & KRystal CASTAGNA**

*Sponsored By: Vincenzo & Theresa Castagna*

**RYAN & JODI CARDONI**

*Sponsored By: Antonio & Betty Paglione*

**TOM & AIMEE CINZORI**

*Sponsored By: James & Loredana O'Neil*

**THOMAS DEGIACOMO**

*Sponsored By: Joseph & Rosa Paulus Todaro*

**TONIA DERKOS**

*Sponsored By: Giacomo Agugliaro*

**JASPER & THERESE FODERA**

*Sponsored By: Joseph & Fran Fodera*

**MASSIMO GIAMMARCO**

*Sponsored By: John & Lori Cascardo*

**JOSEPH & BRUNA GILLETTE**

*Sponsored By: Michael Siggia*

**PETER & HEIDI GRYBAS**

*Sponsored By: Juan & Gisha Pucheta*

**ARMANDO IOANNISCI**

*Sponsored By: James & Loredana O'Neil*

**NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH LOMBARD**

*Sponsored By: James & Loredana O'Neil*

**ANNA MACARI**

*Sponsored By: Vincent & Anne Macari*

**LOU & DENISE MATTEOCCI**

*Sponsored By: Charles & Carol Christopher*

**SAMUELE & MEGAN MUNAFO**

*Sponsored By: James & Loredana O'Neil*

**ROBERT & MAUREEN PALMER**

*Sponsored By: Vincenzo & Linda Potestio*

**MICHAEL & MARIANNE POLLOCK**

*Sponsored By: Louis & Paulette Aliaio*

**GREGORY & MARYANN RIVERS**

*Sponsored By: Mark & Suzanne Merucci*

**JOSEPH & SHANNON STEFANOV**

*Sponsored By: Robert & Linda Marcarelli*

**JAN SMITH**

*Sponsored By: James & Loredana O'Neil*

**VINCENT & CHARLENE TRIPOLI**

*Sponsored By: Michael Siggia*

**TONIA DERKOS**

*Sponsored By: Giacomo Agugliaro*

**TODD & ANITA VANACKER**

*Sponsored By: Vincent Peruchiatti*

**JOSEPH & MARILYN URSO**

*Sponsored By: Jeseo Ventro*

**RICHARD & HARLEY WALING**

*Sponsored By: Mary Waling*

*Our Club is always growing, but we still encourage YOU to share our Club with families, friends and neighbors. Together WE continue to stay over 1000 families. Congratulations to our CLUB!*

Annual	506
Lifetime	689
Honorary	16
Current Membership	1211



INSIEME *Siamo*  
*una Famiglia*

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## Italian American Club of Livonia



### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023 IACL GENERAL MEETING

*With a Complimentary Dinner*

5:30pm Doors Open

6:00pm Dinner

7:00pm General Meeting

**Reservations are REQUIRED**

Please call 734-953-1106 option 1 (*pasta line*)

**BY NOON, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023**

**IACL MEMBERS ONLY  
NO CHILDREN PLEASE**

**THE CLUB LEVEL WILL REMAIN CLOSED  
UNTIL MEETING IS ADJOURNED**

**COME JOIN US!**

**Annual Celebration at the  
Michigan State Capitol  
Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am**

The Columbus Day Celebration Committee will visit the State Capitol in Lansing in conjunction with the Ramo Salerno Italian Heritage Trip to Lansing. There will be an awards presentation followed by lunch. This is your capitol. Everyone is invited.

*For information, contact Helene LaRussa 313-598-0150*



**SHOW YOUR ITALIAN PRIDE**

Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am

Italian American Club of Livonia

Raising of Italian American Flags with the IACL Columbus Queen Court

### Served Every Thursday Night

RESERVATIONS A MUST BY **NOON WEDNESDAY** – No Exceptions

call 734-953-1106 x1 or email [loredana@iacl.us](mailto:loredana@iacl.us)

*select option 2 to talk directly to the Club Coordinator*

Checks, Cash or Credit Cards accepted

**Doors Open: 5:00pm**

**Soup & Salad: 5:30pm – 6:00pm**

**Pasta Buffet: 6:00pm – 7:00pm**

**Members:** \$15.00 / \$17.00 Band    **Non-Members:** \$20.00 / \$22.00 Band

**Children 6-12 years old:** \$7.00 / \$9.00    **Children 0-5 years old:** No Charge

**Band Cover Charge:** \$2.00



# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## Italian American Club of Livonia

### MEET THE CANDIDATES for 2024 – 2025 Term

Candidate Night on **MONDAY October 9, 2023 at 6:30pm**

*Each candidate will give a brief announcement about their background and thoughts on how to benefit the Club.*

*Questions and Answers to follow. – Bios of all Candidates will be posted in the IACL Lower Level*

*Pizza and Salad will be served – Reservations Required by 10/6 734-953-1137 x 2 or [loredana@iacl.us](mailto:loredana@iacl.us)*

### OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

*Vote for 1*

#### FRANK LUSCRI



I would like to begin by saying that I have been truly honored to serve as your President for the past 4 years. As many of you know, I have been involved in the IACL for quite a long time. My wife, Gerryanna (Iadipaolo) and I have been lifetime members of the IACL since 1994.

Together with our children, Tianna, her husband Alex, Angela and Francesco, we have participated in many wonderful events and celebrated many family occasions over the last 27 years at our great Club. We are so grateful to now have our grandchildren (Giuliana, Lila and Nico) experience those same Italian traditions of the IACL just as our children have over these many years.

I have proudly served as your President as the Board navigated our club through both good times and bad (pandemic). But what I am most proud of during my tenure is that we have seen our membership grow to nearly 1200 member families. With that growth in membership, we have seen our Club level thrive with member participation at an all-time high from all age groups. It is truly an amazing sight to see.

Previous to my term as President, I held various positions on both the IACL board and committees. My education as an accountant and my 30 plus years of business experience has provided me with unique qualifications that have helped guide our Club throughout the years.

My goals as President the next 2 years are the continued growth of our membership, while preserving for the next generation the legacy of a strong prosperous IACL. I work diligently to make sure that our Club remains the envy of the Italian Community throughout Southeast Michigan. Together with the Board, we will act to ensure that these goals are achieved.

I have always sought to live my life both professionally and personally using the old "Italian Values" of hard work, humility, and most of all love of family. These are the values the IACL was built on. I am so pleased knowing that my work ethic comes from watching my Italian immigrant parents and extended family every day as they worked so very hard to make a better life for their family. I can assure you that I will continue to guide and lead the IACL using these values we all hold dear.

I respectfully ask for your vote on October 18th. I promise to continue to serve you and our Club humbly as President for another 2 years. Thank you. May God continue to bless the IACL and all its members and families.

### OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT

*Vote for 1*

#### TONY ROTONDO



I have been serving as Vice President for the past four years, I am again asking for your support to serve our Club as Vice President. My wife, Sheri and I became lifetime members in 1994. Since then I have served as Director on the Board, a Chairperson and a member of various committees. I am currently serving as chairperson on the Building and Golf Committees. One of the most tremendous honors was to be recognized as the IACL Outstanding Italian of the Year in 2015. Family is the backbone of our Club and I have been blessed with a wonderful family of whom I am very proud. Sheri and I have been married since 1991. We have five outstanding sons John, his wife Christy, Robert, his wife, Kelsee, Anthony, Michael, his fiancée Lauren and Daniel. We are also proud grandparents to William and are expecting a second grandson in December.

I am proud of how our Board has handled the unprecedented challenges of the past years. The Board has continuously worked diligently with our staff to continue to improve and serve our members at the Club and Banquet Center.

I graduated from Walsh College with a BBA Finance degree in 1987! After graduating, I started a successful construction business with my brothers, Mike and Joe. I have maintained a Michigan Builder's License in good standing for over 30 years and have served as a Director on the Board at the Michigan Concrete Association in Lansing.

I have been honored to serve the members of the IACL. I hope you will consider electing me as our Vice President so I can continue to represent our Club and all of our members while maintaining our core values of family, hard work, service and friendship.

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

# Italian American Club of Livonia

## OFFICE OF TREASURER

Vote for 1

### ANGELA SOAVE KELLEY



I am proud to be first generation Italian American and lifetime member of the Club. My husband, Shawn Kelley and I have been married 33 years and the IACL has been a part of lives since we met. Our son, Addison Kelley, is also a lifetime member and enjoys the many events and social activities the Club offers. My parents, Giuliano and Mafalda Soave were original members of the Club. Their passion for the Italian Culture and the IACL over the years always inspired me to participate and contribute my time to the development and growth of this special organization.

I currently hold the position as Treasurer and honored to have served for the past several years. I am extremely proud of and have enjoyed the progress our board has made. These previous years have been especially challenging with the completion of our beautiful banquet renovation and surviving the COVID-19 pandemic. It was extraordinary to work along such talented members who pulled together to make certain our Club made it through this crisis. I look forward to seeing our Club rebound completely and come back even stronger.

In the past, I have held the position of Director, Committee Member, organized past golf outings as well as assisted in founding and organizing the Amici Group. I was also involved in organizing the Shades of Pink Fashion Show. Previously at Detroit Catholic Central High School, I served on the Board of Directors for two years and Treasurer for one year for the Catholic Central Mother's Club (CCMC).

I graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a BBA in Marketing and a Minor in Accounting. I am an owner of Villanova Construction Co., Inc. along with my brothers, Tony, Pete and Giuliano. This Club holds a very special place in my heart, and consider its success and prosperity of the utmost importance.

## OFFICE OF RECORDING SECRETARY

Vote for 1

### ALICE ROTONDO



I've been a Lifetime Member since 1998. I have served on the board for eleven years; two of those years as a Director and 9 years on the Executive Board. I also chair the Cultural Committee.

I have been married to Joe Rotondo since 1989; and together we are the proud parents to Maria, with her husband Brandon, Joseph with his wife Shannen, Marc and Cristina. We are also blessed to be Nonni to Giuliana with two more grandchildren arriving in early October.

Together with my husband, we own Rotondo Construction based out of Livonia. I have served on the CCMC Board of Catholic Central High School for 6 years, including 1 year as President. I have also served on the Mother's Club Board at Ladywood High School, *which also happens to be my alma mater*. I chaired the Ladywood Auction Dinner Dance, served on the Alumni Board and was also part of the 5K run.

Besides being a member of the IACL, I am also a member of the S'Elia Club where I help with the Children's Christmas Party, the Annual Dinner Dance and the Pig Roast summer event.

The IACL has a special place for me and I would like to see the traditions and success of the Club continue for our future generations.

## OFFICE OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Vote for 1

### NINO RUGGIRELLO



In 2013 I graduated from Northwood University with a degree in business management and a minor in hospitality. I am currently the Director of Marketing for my family's business, AJR Development. My wife of four years, Lauren, and I are proud parents to Sofia who is almost 2. We have another little one arriving in March 2024! When I am not at work or home, I volunteer coaching rugby at Detroit Catholic Central HS. I spend as much time hunting as I can and I also shoot sporting clays competitively.

I am extremely proud to serve as the President of the IACL Charitable Foundation, a fundamental organization in the Italian American community here in southeast Michigan. I am seeking my 3rd term on the IACL board. While I cannot offer as much experience or knowledge as other candidates may be able to, I can provide a youthful presence. Being only 29 years old, a young member's perspective and influence is vital to the health and future of the club. I promise to learn and keep the existing traditions of our Club and culture while integrating new life and ideas into our beloved club. Hopefully you have seen more young individuals showing up around the Club over the last four years. I have made it a goal to continue adding to that.

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

# Italian American Club of Livonia

## OFFICE OF SERGEANT AT ARMS

*Vote for 1*

### PIERINO *Piero* DISTEFANO



I am proud to be serving on the board as Director for the past six terms. Currently, I'm also involved with two other clubs.

My wife, Lisa, and I have been Lifetime Members of the IACL since 2007. We have 4 daughters and 12 grandchildren. I am a retiree from construction work.

I am a believer in holding on to our Italian traditions and culture that I grew up with and passing them down to our future generation. Working together, we can all make a difference in the future of our Club.



### ANTHONY DIPAOLO JR



After graduating from Dearborn Divine Child High School in 2010, I played baseball for 4 years at Northwood University before graduating in 2014 with a degree in Management and Finance. I met my wife, Alexandra, at Northwood and we enjoy spending time at our Club with our daughter Carmela (4) and son Anthony (Vinny) (1). I work in Dearborn as a Business Development Manager for 'The Oakwood Group', a global automotive supplier, where I manage a book of business that exceeds \$140 million in annual revenue.

I am running for my third term. I am currently acting chairperson for our banquet center committee. We are working to drive continuous improvement to our competitiveness, marketing, and customer experience. Together, we have introduced new methodologies to our operation that are enabling us to plan for the future, project revenue, and monitor performance in relation to targeted sales and operational KPI's. My grandparents, Luigi and Betty Sicilia were lifetime members in the early days of our Club and I am honored to be representing their legacy these past four years on the board.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS \*

*Vote for up to 5 \* only 5 candidates to be elected from list of directors nominated*

### DAVE BONGERO



My wife of 32 years, Wendy and I are lifetime members of the IACL, and committed to the vision and mission of the club. We have three beautiful children, Alexa, Paige and Anton. My business, Bongero Construction, is located here in Livonia, and I am currently serving on two Livonia commissions - Building Commissioner for the Building Code Board of Appeals, and Planning Commissioner.

I have served one term as an appointed Director on the board here at IACL, additionally on the Building Committee since being appointed. I am seeking to continue to represent and support the Board in whatever capacity is needed. I feel I can use my expertise in my chosen field to navigate, support and execute all planned (*and unplanned*) structural and other needs for the club and the facilities, and continue to be a valuable resource with the goal to keep this club healthy and vibrant. I'm hoping to win your support for another term.



### JO ANNE CAPALDI



My husband Philip and I became lifetime members in 1994 and we have a son, David Philip. I have volunteered for Pasta Dinners Check-In for six years, Columbus Day, Las Vegas Night, Livonia Spree, Super Bowl, Golf Outings, Halloween Party, Kentucky Derby, Membership Committee, Membership Roster Books 2002 and 2006, IACLCF Scholarships and Memorial Mass. I was also on a Class C Liquor License.

I am very interested in the constitution and the by-laws of the Italian American Club of Livonia. In the two years I have been on the board, with the help of the membership, I was able to get some new by-laws passed. I love the Italian heritage and would like to pass it down to the younger generation. It would be a privilege to serve on the Board of Directors again and your vote would be greatly appreciated.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## Italian American Club of Livonia

BOARD OF DIRECTORS *cont'd*

## ROBERTO CARTA



I am honored and privileged to be nominated to become a Director of the IACL. I am a proud Italian American with strong roots from Sardinia. I live in Livonia with my wife, Lisa, of over 27 years and my three children, Antonio-25, Domenic-23 and Olivia-19. My parents are Silvana (Ledda) Carta and the late Antonio. My sisters are Club Coordinator, Loredana O'Neil married to Jim; Rossana Ruggirello married to Tony (brother-in-law, Jerry); Sondra Soave (who is also nominated for Director) married to Pete (sister-in-law, Angela Kelley); as well as Paulette Carta the youngest. ***As you can see my family and extended family have been a part of the IACL for decades!*** It is my intention to continue the great work they have done for the IACL and its community. I have enjoyed working with other members by co-chairing cigar dinners and co-chairing the Bocce League with Roger DeLuca and Carlo Mascari. I found that experience to be very rewarding. The Club was created to introduce and maintain family relationships within our community for generations. If elected I look forward to continuing the dream our founding members.

I have been and will continue to be a part of the growth of our Club; maintaining its base, all the while bringing in new faces while continuing its family and business values. I am very familiar with board of directors for clubs such as the IACL. I was a member of the Cabrini HS Athletic Booster Club for many years. I made my way from general member-3 years to trustee-1 year, to 1st vice president-2 years and eventually served as President for 2 years. I also coached baseball, football, basketball, soccer, and softball while serving the Downriver Community. I am asking for your support to elect me as one of your Directors. I promise to represent the voices of all members with honor and integrity. I appreciate and thank you for this opportunity.

## MARCO DELUCA



I am honored to accept the nomination for a position on the IACL Board of Directors. My wife Alana and I became lifetime members shortly after our marriage in 2021, but the Club has always been an important fixture in my life. My parents Linda and Reggie DeLuca are lifetime members as were their parents before them. My father previously held a Board of Directors position and my late grandfather, Angelo D'Orazio, also held positions on the Board of Directors and as Vice President. I have been lucky enough to attend countless events hosted by the Club throughout my life and by accepting this nomination I hope to begin to give back to an organization that has provided my family and I with countless positive memories.



## RALPH DIFAZIO



My wife Mary and I have been members of the IACL since 2019 and have met some great people who we now can call our friends. We very much look forward to and enjoy the weekly Thursday Pasta Rustica and the Friday social nights and also the fantastic Regional dinners and the other great events.

On an educational and work note, I graduated from Lawrence Technological University with a BS/BA degree in Business Management and Marketing after which I worked for multimillion dollar corporations for 42 years in Sales Management supplying major electronic components to the Big Three and retired in 2021.

I am a firm believer that if you belong to a club or organization, "get involved". I have held leadership positions within the following organizations:

- Grand Knight- Monsignor Clement H. Kern council Knights of Columbus (Lifetime Member)
- Northville Swim Club - Board of Directors, Social Director (3 years and President 6 years)
- Alpha Phi Housing Corporation-MSU, (President 8 years)
- NBW Homeowners Association, (Vice-President 3 years President 6 years)

I am very proud of my Italian heritage and my Grandparents that immigrated from Cassino and Lago, Italy in 1922. It will be an honor to represent you the membership of the IACL on the Board and continue the traditions and move the club forward to the next chapter and carry on the legacy of my Uncle Mike Magliocco who was a founding member of IACL and held the position of first President of IACL when founded in 1977. I would appreciate your support. Ciao Ciao

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

# Italian American Club of Livonia

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS *cont'd*

### WILLIAM *Bill* DOLUNT



I am honored to be nominated to the IACL board of Directors. My wife, Beth and I have been members since 2015 and have lived in Livonia for the past 35 years. I have been on the Golf Outing Committee for the past six years and Beth is on the Cultural Committee. We have a bocce team, The Big LaBocce, that is in the IACL Bocce League and is comprised of my wife, two sons, our soon-to-be in-laws and I. I love the family atmosphere at the IACL! It is what I want my sons and their families to be able to experience and count on as they and their families grow. Beth traces her Italian heritage back to the Balestrate region of Sicily. We have been members of the Downriver Italian American Club for the past 35 years. Her parents are founding members of the Downriver Italian American Club (DIAC) We were involved in many activities there and marched with the DIAC in the July 4 Parade in Wyandotte. I am the Past Grand Knight for the George F. Monaghan Knights of Columbus Council here in Livonia and have run our golf outing for the past 8 years. As a Financial Advisor (and business owner) for the past 37 years, I have helped and continue to help my clientele retire financially secure. I have an analytical mind and a passion for helping people and if I am elected, I will be your voice.



### JERAD KINNEY



My name is Jerad Kinney and I am extremely honored to accept the nomination for the Director position. My wife Kelly Kinney and I are members along with our 3 beautiful daughters: Stella, Emma and Sienna. I have also been a Club Member since I was a young boy. I am the proud son of Lifetime Members Kathy and Jerry Jones and grandchild of past members Anna and Gerardo Iadipaolo. I am an Assistant Vice President of Sales, Sr Loan Officer with Flagstar Bank. I have been a Loan Officer in the mortgage industry for over 17 years. I have spent many years at IACL club functions and even worked a few years with various jobs with the Banquet Center. I have also held previous roles on the Finance Committee. I take great pride in my family, heritage and being a member of the IACL. I would be thrilled to be a part of the continued growth and success of our Club.



### HELENE LARUSSA



Sitting on your current Board of Directors, has been an honor representing all of you and standing up for your concerns. Most results have been positive, always in your direction. Serving four years as your membership chairperson is my greatest joy. Soaring from 900 to 1200+ members as we are the largest membership in Michigan. I would like to continue my journey as a Director and Membership Chair. You all know me by now and I am here for you 100 percent.



### NICOLAS PETRUCCI



I have been a part of the IACL family my entire life. My Nonno, Gino Petrucci, played a role in the excavation and building of our Clubhouse and we are proud to have created many family memories here over the years. Watching the Club continue to grow and improve among our current and next generation of membership is very special to me and I am passionate about taking things to the next level. Already having served one term on the Board has created significant awareness and understanding of what can be done for the betterment of the future of our community and Italian heritage.

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

# Italian American Club of Livonia

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS *cont'd*

### SHANNEN ROTONDO



I am excited to have been nominated for a Board of Director position. During my time as a member, I have witnessed incredible growth in member participation and the positive impact our Club has to our community. I have a Bachelor's degree in Statistics and Masters in Business Administration, I will bring a strong analytical and problem-solving mindset to the Board, developed through my experience as a Data Scientist at Ford Motor Company. In my role, I work with complex datasets performing data operations, analysis and insights. Attention to detail and understanding key metrics that serve as indicators of brand health across the enterprise is extremely important. These skills will help to enable me to work through our Club's challenges with a systematic approach to guide important decisions.

As a member of the Board of Directors I will be committed to helping our Club continue to thrive and evolve by advancing our revenue generation and improving our Club facilities. If elected, I will dedicate my time, energy and expertise to serve our members, listen to feedback and uphold our values that make our Club so special.



### SONDRA SOAVE



I graciously accept my nomination and sincerely thank those who support me to continue in this role. It has been an honor to serve as a Director these past few years, as well as, a member of the Banquet Board, Good & Welfare and Cultural committees. It's gratifying to be on teams with individuals who work well together to achieve results that maintain the legacy and genuineness of the IACL.

I was first introduced to the Club when my husband (Pete) of over 30 years asked me to attend the golf league banquet back in 1989. We became lifetime members in 1994 and enjoyed raising our three children (Alexis, Giuliano, Isabella) in the IACL community. We all play on the Club's bocce ball league and attend many Club events as well as enjoy sharing our Italian traditions with others.

My in-laws are Mafalda and the late Giuliano Soave. I'm thankful the Soave family has been part of the IACL since it began. This October marks the 57th anniversary of when I immigrated to America with my parents Silvana and the late Antonio Carta and my two older sisters (Loredana O'Neil and Rossana Ruggirello). I also have younger siblings (Roberto and Paula Carta). All of us are members of the Circolo di Great Lakes Sardegna Club (GLSC). This past spring,

as VP of GLSC, I was honored to be invited to attend an impressive event ("*Sardegna Mondo Conferenza dell'Emigrazione Sarda*"). Sardinians from all over the world participated to discuss the spirit of why our families immigrated to other countries and how our heritage can be shared. As you can see, I take tremendous pride in my heritage! I've been fortunate to travel back to Italy over 25 times since 1966 but I doubt I'll reach the over 117 times my mom has traveled there! I speak Italian; plus, I can read and write it.

I've been a community advisor for exchange students since 2017. My students and their host families also participate in Club events and they always say it's one of their favorite places to hang out even those that aren't Italian. It's a very enriching experience to place them with wonderful families in our community and build life-long international friendships.

My goal as a Director is to continue to serve on the Board and Committees and to preserve the legacy and values of the IACL where we can share traditions and the importance of our Italian culture. I will always represent the integrity of the Club and its members to ensure future growth, unity, stability, and leadership. Thank you to all within our community who continue to volunteer and support the IACL.

**All candidates have been approved by the Nominating Committee**

**to vote, you must be a member in good standing**

**ONE vote per household**

**ONLINE voting open October 13-17 \***

**You must have an active email on file in order to vote online**



**In Person Voting to be held on October 18, 2023 at the IACL**

**POLLS OPEN @ 11:30am - 7:00pm**

**Results announced at the end of the Annual Meeting on October 18, 2023**

**Lower Level will be CLOSED until after the meeting is adjourned**



# 2023/2024 SCHOLARSHIP

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for an IACL Charitable Foundation Scholarship all candidates must meet the following requirements

Italian Ancestry, Academics, Financial Need and Character

1. Candidates must **establish Italian Ancestry** and reside in Southeast Lower Michigan.
2. Candidates must have completed their **junior year of high school in the spring of 2023**, have a **B average** in all classes. *Due to Michigan's regulations regarding the option to opt out of the ACT and SAT exams for the pandemic year, the IACLCF will not consider the scores of the ACT and/or SAT a requirement for evaluating the applicant's score. However, the number of Advanced Placement (AP) courses and Honor courses will be taken into consideration*
3. Candidate's need for financial assistance will be considered.
4. Candidates must be outstanding in character, integrity and leadership.

All candidates who satisfy the above requirements may compete for the limited number of IACL Charitable Foundation Scholarships awarded annually. The final selection of scholarship recipient rests with the Scholarship Committee.

Application will be available after April 1, 2023, of the candidate's junior year in high school. The completed application must be received by October 31, 2023.

To obtain an application and for more information contact

**Italian American Club of Livonia Charitable Foundation**  
**39200 Five Mile Road Livonia, MI 48154**  
**734-953-1106 x2 or loredana@iacl.us**

# GOOD AND WELFARE

# Italian American Club of Livonia

## Good and Welfare

### representing the well-being of IACL general membership

All news of family announcements, death notices, healing prayer intentions, member news, or any photos that you would like shared in the Good & Welfare section of the Newsletter, please contact Sondra Soave [ssoave66@gmail.com](mailto:ssoave66@gmail.com) or Club Coordinator Loredana O'Neil [loredana@iacl.us](mailto:loredana@iacl.us)

It is customary to honor the loss of IACL members by displaying our Club's flag during the funeral home visitation. If possible, please give a 2-day notice and notify Sondra Soave 248-345-6182 [ssoave66@gmail.com](mailto:ssoave66@gmail.com) or Club Coordinator Loredana O'Neil [loredana@iacl.us](mailto:loredana@iacl.us)

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**2023 Memorial Mass will be on**  
**Sunday November 12, 2023**



To provide **In Case of Emergency contact information**, please notify IACL Club Coordinator, Loredana O'Neil at [loredana@iacl.us](mailto:loredana@iacl.us) or 734-953-1137 x1

If you would like a photo of your loved one to be included in the Memorial Mass Video Montage, please submit photos to Sondra Soave [ssoave66@gmail.com](mailto:ssoave66@gmail.com) or Club Coordinator Loredana O'Neil [loredana@iacl.us](mailto:loredana@iacl.us)

If you would like to be added to our **"Notice of Death" Notifications**, please submit your email address to [loredana@iacl.us](mailto:loredana@iacl.us)

Extending prayers of healing for our members. May the love and support of family & friends give you strength during your time of healing and recovery.

**Roberta D'Agostino** -Angelo & Marcella's daughter-in-law

**Mary & Mario Galasso**

**Salvatore Gencarelli**

**Bea King**

**Ronald Sergeant**

**Carol Zago**

If you would like your name added to the prayer list, please contact [loredana@iacl.us](mailto:loredana@iacl.us)

*God of Love, ever caring, ever strong, stand by us in our time of need. Watch over our fellow member friends who are sick, look after them, grant them your grace, comfort and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen*



**Our Rosary prayer group has resumed on Wednesdays**

**@ 7:30pm**

**in the lower level**

*All are welcome to pray the rosary together in Italian.*



**GOOD AND WELFARE****Italian American Club of Livonia**

*Prayers and heartfelt sympathy and peace are extended to  
IACL members and families for their loss.*

*May love and comfort surround our IACL families as they  
grieve their loss and may peace strengthen their hearts.*

*Many members have been enduring a time of patience, healing, grieving and  
mourning while they overcome challenges in life, health and death. We continue to  
pray for our members who are recovering.*

*May they find strength in the love and support of family and friends.*



IACL Annual Member

**PIETRO "Peter" PERPETUINI**

NOVEMBER 20, 1963 – JULY 12, 2023

Pietro passed away on July 12, 2023 at the age of 59. Beloved husband of **DANIELLA**. Dear father of **CHIARA** and **SOFIA**. Cherished son of the late Pasquale and Carmela. Loving brother of Domenick (Nunzia), Roseanne, and Ralph (Cristina). Pietro will be dearly missed by many especially the IACL community. He fought hard against cancer but God had a different plan. Sofia and Chiara along with their mom, Daniella will miss him terribly; but they now have this beautiful guardian angel on their shoulder and precious memories to cherish

forever as God gives them strength during this difficult time.



IACL Lifetime Member

**GRACE MARILYN SPEEN**

MAY 12, 1939 – AUGUST 10, 2023

Grace Marilyn Speen, age 84, of Livonia, Michigan passed away on Thursday, August 10, 2023. She is soaring with angels now and may she rest in peace.



IACL Annual Member

**VICTOR RIZZO**

DECEMBER 1, 1932 – JULY 3, 2023

Victor Rizzo, beloved husband of **RUTH PAYNE RIZZO** passed away on July 3rd at the age of 90. Loving father of Robert (Patricia) Rizzo, Robyn Rizzo and David (Mary Beth) Payne. Cherished grandfather of Jeremy Rittenhouse, Steven (Vanessa) Rizzo, Sam Rizzo, Sarina Rizzo, Laura (Johnny) Lekan, Michelle (Andrew) Wynne, Sarah (Taylor) Graham, John (Chloe) Payne and Katelyn Weber. Adored great grandfather of 7. He was very dearly loved and will be deeply missed.

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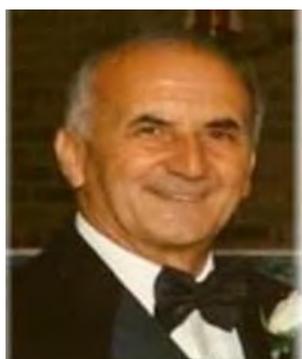
IACL Lifetime Member

**CHRISTINA JOSEPHINE DEMARCO COLETTA**

SEPTEMBER 12, 1947 – JULY 8, 2023

CHRISTINA JOSEPHINE DEMARCO COLETTA, 75, of Dearborn Michigan passed away peacefully on July 8, 2023 after a brave battle with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy. Christina lived a life rooted in love for her family and fueled by faith and knowledge. Christina was born in Detroit, Michigan on September 12, 1947 to the late Paul and Lena DeMarco. She was the oldest of four preceded in death by her two brothers Anthony and John. She is survived by her sister Marie (Ken) Nacci. Christina married the late Vincent in 1968. She is survived by her three children: Michael (Collette), Teresa (David), and Melissa (Jack). She was most proud of her children and seven grandchildren: Don, Angela, Jacob, Julia, Joshua, Antonia, and Christian.

Christina was a caretaker long before starting her own family. Christina had grit. She never gave up as shown by her long list of degrees: High school diploma from Fordson in 1965, Associates of Arts from Henry Ford Community College in 1967, Bachelors of Arts from the University of Michigan in 1969, Masters in Reading from Eastern in 1993, Masters in Education from Western in April 1999, Graduate Certificate in Education Administration from Oakland University in 2003, and an Education Specialist degree from Oakland University in 2003. With those degrees, she worked as a teacher and a Reading Recovery Specialist. She even earned a Beauty Culture Diploma in 1976 and opened her own beauty salon in the early 80s as a cosmetologist. Then worked with her father at Paul's Barber Shop. Christina's love for learning and reading brought her back to teaching until she retired in 2013. Christina will be deeply missed by all who knew her. She will be remembered for her beautiful smile, her strong faith, and her love of learning. She would often say, "I'm still learning", which she continued to do throughout her life.



IACL Annual Member

**AGOSTINO "TINO" FABBRI**

OCTOBER 2, 1942 – JULY 12, 2023

Agostino Fabbri, age 80 of Brownston, Michigan and San Marino, Italy, passed away peacefully on July 12, 2023 surrounded by his family. He was the beloved husband to his wife, **DELIA**. Loving father to Mark (Kelli), Robert (Kathy), Josephine (Dino), and Domenico. Devoted nonno to Eric, Alex, Sal, Amelia, Aria, Giovanni, Alesandro, Luca, and Sabrina. Loving brother to late Gulio (Vicki), Alvaro (Raffaella), Sergio (Patricia), and Rita (Doriano). He was well loved by many friends and family members and at the Club we'll miss his Thursday Night smiles and his coming in late saying "do you have room for one more?"



IACL Annual Member

**CARLA JEAN DABIERO**

JANUARY 13, 1948 – AUGUST 25, 2023

Carla Jean Dabiero, 75, died peacefully on August 25, 2023, after a lengthy battle with cancer surrounded by her loving family. As a matter of fact, Carla was given one year to live six years ago, and she defied the odds! After graduating high school in Donora, Pennsylvania, Carla moved to Michigan with her parents and two younger brothers where she was initially introduced to the electronics industry. She was lucky to be on the cutting edge of technology, first working in the stock room and climbing the company ladder to sales. Along with starting her career she met her husband, Ralph whom she was married to for 35 years. They shared

many loves but one of their favorites was taking their boat on many adventures through Lake Michigan. She eventually started her own very successful company, Calder Electronics. Carla had an amazing work ethic, was incredibly supportive and dedicated to all aspects of the military including the war dogs, loved sports especially football, (both college and professional), and she never gave up on her Detroit Lions. She was generous to a fault and donated to many organizations particularly those having to do with children and animals. Carla was also famous for her many Italian dishes including pasta fagioli, wedding soup, giant rigatonis, macaroni and cheese, and grandma's cream pies. She could play cards into the wee hours of the morning and dance to all of her Motown favorites until the sun came up. I guess we can just say if there was a party, well Carla was there! We're pretty sure there is a party in heaven where she was reunited with her loving husband, Ralph, her mother Carolyn, father Ralph and her two beloved dogs Sunny and Chip. Carla sadly leaves behind her brothers **MARK (BARBARA)** Ralph (Kelly), Jim, and Angelo (Pat). She is a proud aunt to Mark Jr, Angela, Andrea, Carla Jr, Ralph Jr, Phyllis, Jim Jr, Angelo, Kim, Lori, and Juli. Carla is a great aunt to her many nieces and nephews and she also leaves behind dear friends who will greatly miss her.

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IACL Lifetime Member

**LINA FORTUNA**

FEBRUARY 22, 1951 – AUGUST 8, 2023

Lina Fortuna passed away on August 8th surrounded by her beloved husband **GAETANO FORTUNA** and their loving family. She was born in Pacentro, Italy, a small historic medieval village in the province of L'Aquila in the Abruzzo region of central Italy. Lina was the fourth and youngest child born to Lorenzo Sanzio and Cecilia Cercone, and enjoyed growing up with her older siblings Tonino and Maria. Lina was named after her older sister that sadly passed away at the age of 3. Lina worked alongside her parents on their family farm in Pacentro, and

grew up with many farm animals, including her favorite donkey, Prizzicella, who she often told stories about to her children and grandchildren. She grew up in extremely humble beginnings, which led her to appreciate and value all the small things in life. After Tonino emigrated to Venezuela in the 1950s and Maria left for America after marrying Attilio Silvestri, Lina came to the United States with her mother and father in 1969 in search for a better life. After being in America for only a year, her parents decided that they wanted to return to Italy, and Lina returned with them.

In 1971, a young man named Gaetano Fortuna was working for a food distribution company, delivering supplies to Villa Bakery, which was opened by Attilio and his brothers. Attilio and Gaetano became very good friends, so much that Attilio played matchmaker and told Gaetano that his wife had a sister in Italy, who he thought would be a perfect fit for him. Attilio suggested that Gaetano write a letter and include a picture of himself and send it to Lina in Italy to see if she would be interested in him, which she was. After a few months of correspondence, Lina came to the United States to meet Gaetano accompanied by her parents. They stayed with Attilio and her sister Maria in Dearborn Heights. Lina liked the United States and wanted to stay here. Her parents returned to Pacentro, and Lina continued to live with Attilio and Maria while dating Gaetano. Coming from a very old-fashioned family, they always had a chaperone on every date, which most of the time was her niece, Concetta, Attilio and Maria's daughter. After only 9 months, Gaetano and Lina were married on October 28, 1972 at St. Clement Parish in Dearborn, Michigan. Lina and Gaetano first lived with Gaetano's parents, Marco and Maria Fortuna, and with hard work and perseverance they saved up enough money to purchase their first home in Westland, Michigan. In 1974, they welcomed their first child, Roberto. Two years later, in 1976, they welcomed their second son, Ezio. One of the proudest moments in Lina's life was becoming an American Citizen in 1979. In 1981, they welcomed their last child, Cecilia, who was named after Lina's mother, who passed away while Lina was pregnant. In 1983, under the guidance of Attilio, Gaetano and Lina opened Country Market Party Store/Pizzeria in Plymouth, Michigan. Lina enjoyed working side by side with her husband in making homemade sauce, bread, pizza, cookies, etc. Lina always said that talking with the customers helped improved her ability understand the English language.

In 1995, she achieved another one of her dreams by building her own home in Farmington Hills, Michigan. Lina was extremely grateful for all of the opportunities that America provided her. It would sometimes be hard for her to believe that she was able to build her own home in America coming from her humble beginnings in Pacentro, where the family had barely enough to get by. Lina's family prospered in America, and when her youngest, Cecilia, was old enough, Lina found work at the Felician Sisters Convent in Livonia, Michigan, working with a group of other Italian women. Lina formed many friendships with this tight group of women and with the Felician Sisters, and valued their friendship for the remainder of her life. Lina retired from the Felician Sisters in 2020 after 27 dedicated years of service.

The thing that Lina valued the most in her life was her family. Even with the number of hours she worked, she was extremely dedicated to her family and provided them everything that they needed in being a beloved wife, caring mother, and her greatest joy ever, being a nonna to her 7 grandchildren. Lina and Gaetano were lifetime members of the Italian American Club of Livonia, which gave her the opportunity to enjoy many of the things that she loved, which was interacting with her friends, playing cards, and her devotion to the Rosary, which she prayed with her friend at the Italian Club every Wednesday night. Lina was a devout Catholic and was devoted to the Holy Family and to her Madonna in which she wore on a pendent around her neck, which she was rarely seen without. Lina leaving us was extremely sudden and unexpected. She died peacefully and gracefully surrounded by her family on August 8, 2023. Lina's absence has left a tremendous void in the hearts of her family, but we know that she is reunited with her parents, grandparents, and siblings in Heaven that preceded her in death. We know that Lina will continue to watch over her family as she did in life, and we will always feel her presence. We look forward to the day that we can once again be reunited together again. Lina was preceded in death by her parents, Lorenzo Sanzio and Cecilia Cercone Sanzio, her brother, Tonino Sanzio, and her sister Lina Sanzio. She was the beloved and devoted wife of Gaetano Fortuna of over 50 years. She was a loving and caring mother of **ROBERTO (ANNA) FORTUNA**, **EZIO (KIM) FORTUNA**, and **CECILIA (JOSEPH) MORELLI**. She was the beloved nonna of her seven grandchildren, **Xavier, Aiden, Dario, Dante, Valentina, Giuliana** and **Enrico** who were the center of her life. Lina also leaves behind her sister, **MARIA (the late ATTILIO) SILVESTRI** in whom she talked to every day, was her best friend, and was with her for her entire life. May God rest and protect her soul forever.



*A special prayer to IACL Members for the loss of their loved ones.  
May they rest in peace and for their families to find comfort during this difficult time.*



Annual Member **ANDREW SZEWC** for the loss of his beloved grandpa, Andrew Szewc on August 15, 2023

Lifetime Members **NATALINA ROMANO & MARIA IACOBELLI** for the loss of their beloved sister, Anna Maria Ianni on August 12, 2023

Lifetime Members **CAROL (LOUIS) BEAFORE** for the loss of her beloved brother, Gary Williams on August 2, 2023

Annual Members **PIERO (ANNETTE) BOCCAROSSA** for the loss of their beloved mother, Simplicia Boccarossa on August 14, 2023

*Those we love don't go away. They will walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard but always nearby.*

*Still loved, still missed and forever dear.*



# Menu

We are here to help you host and Celebrate!

Our carry out menu is available for pick up only.

Please call IABC sales office to help design the perfect menu for you and your guests.

Allow 1-2 weeks for ordering.  
Minimum order of \$200.00

	HALF PAN SERVES 8-12	FULL PAN SERVES 25-30
<b>SALADS</b>		
Garden Salad	\$30	\$50
Greek Salad	\$40	\$60

## HORS D'OEUVRES:

Vegetable Crudités with Dip	\$2.00 per person
Cheese and Crackers	\$2.50 per person
*Upgrade to Imported cheeses: \$5.50 ea.	
Italian Antipasti with Fresh Bread	\$5.00 per person
Chicken Tenders	\$2.50 per piece
With Dipping Sauces	
Buffalo Wings	\$2.50 per piece

\*Minimum of 50 Pieces

## Pick Up Service

Must add 6% sales tax  
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<b>PASTA</b>		
Vegetarian Lasagna		\$95
Meat Lasagna		\$125
Cheese Tortellini	\$50	\$75
Penne with Marinara	\$40	\$65
Penne with Meat Sauce	\$50	\$85
Fettuccine Alfredo		\$90

### Additional sauce :

Marinara Sauce \$8.00pint    Meat Sauce \$10.00pint

<b>CHICKEN</b>		
Oven Roasted Chicken*	\$50	\$95
Chicken Piccata*	\$65	\$125
Chicken Marsala*	\$65	\$125

\*Add. Chicken Breasts: \$2.50 ea.

<b>MEATS</b>		
Roasted Italian Sausage	\$55	\$95
With Onions & Peppers		
Strip Loin with Gravy	\$90	\$150
Mini Meat Balls	\$45	\$80

## POTATOES & VEGETABLES

Oven Roasted Potatoes	\$35	\$60
Green Bean Almandine	\$35	\$60
Mashed Potatoes	\$40	\$70



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**Election for  
2024-2025 Term**



# MEET THE CANDIDATES

Monday, October 9, 2023 - 6:30pm

Each Candidate will give a briefing as to their  
background and thoughts on how to benefit the Club  
Question and Answer period to follow

Food Available, Bar Open

Candidates and Bio's are posted in  
the Lower Level Club House

Election Day is Wednesday, October 18th

Online Voting open October 13th - October 17th

In person polls open 11:30am - 7:00pm

Results announced at Annual Meeting

One vote per membership - Member must be in good standing

**Reservations Required by October 6 - Noon**

**FOR RESERVATIONS AND MORE INFORMATION**

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**Dinner Dance**

**FRIDAY  
OCTOBER**

**13**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM**

**COCKTAIL ATTIRE**

**ENTERTAINMENT BY FRANK RICCI**

**Appetizers**

**Stracciatella Soup**

**Arugula Salad**

**Fettucine w/Palomino**

**Shrimp Scampi**

**Beef Tenderloin**

**Potatoes, Rapini**

**Dessert**

**Premium Bar**

**\$85.00 Members**

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Friday, October 27, 2023

Kid's Menu  
Pizza and Veggies  
\$5.00 - 13 and under  
Free - 2 and under

Doors open  
at 6:00pm

Featuring  
Rock Out  
Entertainment

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and Adults are  
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To insure proper seating, reservations are a **MUST**  
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# VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION



**Thursday, November 9, 2023**

**IACL Club House 39200 Five Mile Livonia**

**RECOGNIZING ALL VETS**

**Reservations required by November 8 NOON**

**Name, Branch of Service, Rank, Period of History,**

**Where Served and How Many Guests to**

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**Veteran Members No Charge**

**Veteran Non-Members \$10.00**

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**Non-Members \$22.00**

**Children 5-12 \$8.00**

**Under 5 - No Charge**

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IACL Member Memorial Mass,  
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**Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 10:30am**

*Memorial Mass - Fr. Enzo Addari, Celebrant  
In loving Memory Member Dedication proceeding Mass  
at The Italian American Club of Livonia Club Level  
Luncheon Immediately following  
at The Italian American Banquet Center of Livonia*

For further reservation information please contact  
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**RESERVATION DEADLINE NOVEMBER 7, 2022**

*All reservations must be reserved and paid for in advance – no seating at door*

**\$19.00 Adults - \$9.00 Children 5-12 years old - No Charge Under 5**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

*Name of your deceased family member*

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children (5-12) \_\_\_\_\_ Under 5 \_\_\_\_\_  
\$19.00 \$9.00 Free

Total Seats \_\_\_\_\_

Check Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_



**Checks Payable to IACL Memorial Mass  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Total number attending Mass only (no charge)

\_\_\_\_\_ Total number attending Mass & Brunch

*Please mark appropriately*

# The Italian American Club of Livonia

## Cultural Committee Presents

### Santa Claus is Coming to Town

### Sunday, December 3, 2023

Doors open at 11:00am

39200 Five Mile Road Livonia MI 48154



### Buffet Style

- Scrambled Eggs
- Sausage and Bacon
- French Toast
- Garden Salad
- Penne with Palomino Sauce
- Oven Roasted Chicken
- Chicken Tenders & Fries
- Green Beans Almondine
- Fresh Fruit
- Ice Cream
- Coffee, Juice and Soft Drinks
- Cash Bar

**Reservations AND Payment must be made by NOVEMBER 22**

*We cannot accept payment at check-in on date of event.  
No Refunds*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Boys / Ages	How many	Girls / Ages	How many
0-2 years	_____	0-2 years	_____
3-4 years	_____	3-4 years	_____
5-7 years	_____	5-7 years	_____
8-10 years	_____	8-10 years	_____
11-13 years	_____	11-13 years	_____

17yrs and Up                      \$28.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

11yrs – 16yrs                     \$13.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

5yrs – 10 yrs                     \$ 8.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

4yrs and under                    \$ 0.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Guests    Amount**

**GRAND TOTAL**                    \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to IACL*

*For seating and check-in purposes, you MUST list the first and last names of ALL attendees. Tables are filled as reservations are received. Also, please let us know if you wish to be seated with someone in particular.*

Mail completed form with payment to

**IACL-Santa Brunch 39200 Five Mile Road Livonia MI 48154**

Questions please call 734-953-1106 x2 or loredana@iacl.us



# CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 12:00pm

Bring your friends, family  
and business colleagues to  
celebrate Christmas with  
us at the Club House

**\$40.00 per person**

Reservations Required by December 9

Loredana 734-953-1106 x2 or [loredana@iacl.us](mailto:loredana@iacl.us)

Menu-Family Style  
Chicken Pastina Soup  
Orecchiette w/Rapini  
Garden Salad  
Beef Tenderloin  
Chef Cut Vegetable  
Red Skin Potatoes  
Spumoni Ice Cream

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# FAMILY FEUD

**\$25.00**

**PER PLAYER**

Includes Buffet Dinner  
Cash Bar

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19 - 6:00PM**

## Tables of 10

Fill out and return form w/full payment to the Club. You do not have to have a full table to participate. Do not miss out on the fun, mail registration form today

Main Contact E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Main Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Name #6 \_\_\_\_\_

Name #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Name #7 \_\_\_\_\_

Name #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Name #8 \_\_\_\_\_

Name #4 \_\_\_\_\_ Name #9 \_\_\_\_\_

Name #5 \_\_\_\_\_ Name #10 \_\_\_\_\_

**RESERVATIONS  
AND PAYMENT  
ARE REQUIRED BY  
JANUARY 9**

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