

IACL Newsletter March-April 2024



# Italian American Club of Livonia



### **Dear Fellow Members**

The old saying goes, March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb. Well not this year. Spring has sprung early this year after a short mild winter. But let's not fool ourselves, there still time for winter to remind us that we still live in Michigan. So don't be surprised if March goes out like a lion.

As we start 2024, the IACL continues to prosper. Our prosperity comes from you, our members. There is such a great vibe that fills our Club every night. Our membership levels have reached a record high with new members joining each and every day. With this increase in membership, comes increased challenges for our staff. One of

the biggest challenges we face is trying to accommodate reservations for larger groups in our club level. It is just becoming more and more difficult to find the room for everyone. Therefore, starting in April we are forced to limit reservations in our Club level to 20 people maximum per reservation.

With limiting reservations, the Board felt it was important to provide additional opportunities for you to enjoy our Club. That is why starting in April, we will be opening the Club level on Monday evenings. We will begin March 11 with a limited menu (*pizza and full bar*) and add items as Monday's become more and more popular.

As you will see later in this newsletter, there is a lot of great events planned for 2024. Please join us for these events as we celebrate our Italian heritage throughout the year. We ask that you please make reservations with our Club office early. We are seeing that many of these events sell out quickly.

It's also that time of the year when we ask that you consider our beautiful Banquet Center when planning your next family celebration. It is a beautiful venue for creating cherished memories that will last a lifetime. Please contact our sales office to inquire about the various discounts available to you as members.

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

I would also like to wish you and your families a blessed Easter season. Buona Pasqua!

Frank Luscri IACL President



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# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB OF LIVONIA** 2024 – 2025 Board of Directors

### IACL Officers

Frank Luscri Tony Rotondo Angela Soave Kelley Alice Rotondo Nino Ruggirello Piero DiStefano Jerry Ruggirello Fr Enzo Addari

President Vice President Treasurer Recording Secretary Corresponding Secretary Sergeant-at-Arms Past President Chaplain

### **IACL Directors**

David Bongero Jo Anne Capaldi **Roberto Carta** Marco DeLuca Anthony DiPaolo Jr

**Building Committee Cultural Committee Finance Committee** Good and Welfare Membership Committee

**Dave Bongero** Alice Rotondo Dante Cerroni Sondra Soave Helene LaRussa

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Helene LaRussa

Shannen Rotondo

Mark Merucci

Sondra Soave

### **IACL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION** 2024 – 2025 Board of Directors

### IACL Charitable Foundation Officers

Nino Ruggirello Mary Fleury Frank Luscri Andrew Kelleher President Vice President Treasurer Secretary

### **IACL Charitable Foundation Directors**

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

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

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

Club House Hours Monday through Friday 5:00pm to 11:00pm Sunday: 9:00-Noon



Kitchen closes at 9:00pm – Mon-Pizza Only- Sun-Bar Service Only

# **Italian American Club of Livonia**

### **RICOTTA PIE**

Submitted by Gerryanna Luscri

### Ingredients

1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cups graham cracker crumbs 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup granulated sugar 6 tbs unsalted butter melted 4 cups ricotta cheese, drained 4 large eggs 1 tsp vanilla extract zest of 1 lemon 2 tbs flour

### Directions

Preheat oven to 350.

In a mixing bowl, combine graham cracker crumbs, 1/4 cup sugar and melted butter for the crust. Mix until the crumbs are evenly coated with the butter. Press the crumb mixture into the bottom and slightly up the sides of a 9-inch pan to create the crust.

In another bowl, beat the ricotta cheese until it is smooth and creamy before adding the sugar and flour to combine well.

Beat in the eggs, one at a time, and then stir in the vanilla extract and citrus zest.

Pour the ricotta filling into the pan of the prepared crust.

Bake in the preheated oven for about 60-75 minutes or until the edges are set and the center is slightly jiggly. Turn off the ove and leave the pie inside with the oven door slightly ajar for about an hour to prevent cracking as it cools. Remove the pie from the oven and let it cool before refrigerating for several hours or overnight. Once chilled and set, carefully remove the pie from the pan to serve.

Enjoy!



\*\*If you would like to have **YOUR** recipe featured in our newsletter, please submit recipe to loredana@iacl.us



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### **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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

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# **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

# Italian American Club of Livonia

# WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

**WAYNE & ANN COMBS** Sponsored By: Vincent Peruchietti

**DOMENIC DEMARCO** Sponsored By: Anthony & Josie DeMarco

**ARIELLE DIVITA** Sponsored By: Antonio & Betty Paglione

**KRISTYN FALVO** Sponsored By: Caroline Falvo

LUIGI GUARASCIO & CHRISTINA DOBRIK Sponsored By: Danielle Scachetti Perpetuini

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**DARRYLE & BONNIE LEVANDOWSKI** Sponsored By: John & Lina DelSignore

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**GRANT MAYER & DEANNA LAURETO** Sponsored By: James & Loredana O'Neil

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**STEPHEN & KARA NACARATO** Sponsored By: Marilyn Filip

JULIUS & GAIL PASSERI Sponsored By: Francesca Hale

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**ANTHONY & DONNA SIMARI** Sponsored By: Michael & Susan Ferrell

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JAN SMITH Sponsored By: James & Loredana O'Neil

**BRYAN & KRISTINE VALENTINI** Sponsored By: Stephanie Valentini

**EDWARD VALENTINI** Sponsored By: Stephanie Valentini

MICHAEL & NATALIE VORAN Sponsored By: Joseph & Shannen Rotondo

JAMES & MARLENE WOJTOWICZ Sponsored By: Frank & Nancy Mastroianni

Our Club is always growing, but we still encourage YOU to share our Club with family and friends. Together WE continue to stay over 1000 families. Congratulations on being the largest Italian Club in Michigan!

Annual	550
Lifetime	688
<b>Honorary</b>	<u>16</u>
Current Member	ship 1254

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**



### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024 IACL GENERAL MEETING

With a Complimentary Dinner 5:30pm Doors Open 6:00pm Dinner 7:00pm General Meeting

**RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!** Please call 734-953-1106 option 1 (*pasta line*) <u>BY NOON, TUESDAY, April 16, 2024</u>

### IACL MEMBERS ONLY NO CHILDREN PLEASE

THE CLUB LEVEL WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL MEETING IS ADJOURNED



Columbus Day Dinner Dance presented by the IACL Saturday, October 19, 2024

# Italian American Club of Livonia



# IT'S FRIDAY

We have a good problem at the IACL but...

Friday Nights are packed with reservations which have been getting difficult to accommodate. Therefore beginning April 1st reservations will be limited to 20 people.

Unfortunately we will not be able to accommodate larger groups. For groups over 20, please call the Banquet Center at 734-953-9724 to book your party upstairs

Club House Reservations 734-953-1106 x2 loredana@iacl.us



Do you have a graduate in either High School or College in 2024? If yes, send an email with the following information and a photo to <u>loredana@iacl.us</u> We can share the news with the membership and the Italian Tribune

Name of Graduate School of Graduate Parents of Graduate Grandparents of Graduate

Hometown of Graduate Awards Clubs/Organizations Future/Career Plans

 Pasta Rustica Served Every Thursday Night

 RESERVATIONS A MUST BY NOON WEDNESDAY

 Call 734-953-1106 x1 or email 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

 Casta Buffet: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

 Members: \$15.00 / \$17.00 Band

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

### March-April 2024

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

# **Italian American Club of Livonia**

The BOCCE LEAGUE just wrapped up their fall season. It was a grueling season with everyone trying their best to win as many games as possible. There were 36 teams which meant the Club House was rocking on Tuesdays Wednesdays and even Thursdays. The team with the best record went to Noi Siamo Vecchio; Enrico Vecchio, Enrico Rosati, Tony Paglione, Stefano Vecchio; second place was Gli Originale: Clara DeLuca, Roger DeLuca, Giuseppe D'Emilio, Cosimo Valente, Jeff Middleton; while the third-place team was I Quattro Lupi: Massimo D'Agostino, Mario DiGiandomenico, Tony Salice, Benito Zagaroli; fourth place was Verbocce: Michael Rotondo, Ryan Matey, David Sisson, Alex Tyburski; and rounding up the top five was Breaking Bocce: Jim O'Neil, Marc Hedrick, Jason Tarlo, Jason Treece.

# LIVEVLOVE **BOCCE BALL**



We ended the season with a bocce banquet held on February 13th where we played a single game elimination tournament. The honors and bragging rights went to 1st Place team Veni Vidi Bocce: Tony Curvey, Tony Kraska, Juan Pucheta, Steve Valli. They beat out the Bocce Ballers: Kevin MacDonald, Alex Gonzalez, Ken Masiarczyk, Dino Santori. Rounding out the final four were Bocce CartAttack: Roberto Carta, Antonio Carta, Justin Metropoulos, Eojin Jeong and Roman Villagers: Patrick Rugiero Jerry Ruggirello, Joe Ruggirello, Evan Connolly, Mike Stein We also had a "March Madness" Format where anyone could fill out a bracket - The top three winners were Kevin MacDonald, Dino Santori and Denise Danti A huge shout out goes to League Commissioner, Roberto Carta for continuing to organize the Bocce League. The spring season will begin in mid-March.





2023 FALL BOCCE SEASON STANDINGS FINAL

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YEP, we did it again -- Another Tri-Club Bocce Tournament was held. This time at Club Venetian in Madison Heights on February 18th. Congratulations to the IACL for bringing the trophy back to Livonia! Team Azzurri: Dio DeLuca, Angelo D'Orazio, Marco DeLuca, Angelo Lanava showcased their skills and clinched the top spot, with Team Quattro Lupi: Gaetano Fortuna, Enrico Rosati, Nando Russo, Benito Zagaroli: and Noi Siamo Vecchio: Tony DeMarco, Cosimo Valente, Enrico Vecchio, Stefano Vecchio following closely behind in 2nd and 3rd place respectively. It's impressive to see such strong representation from the IACL with Bocce Mio Culo: Roberto Carta, Justin Metropoulos, James O'Neil, Joe Rotondo and The Real Housewives of Bocce: Lisa Alello, Angela Soave Kelley, Loredana O'Neil, Alice Rotondo also participating and adding to the excitement of the tournament. Overall, it was another successful event with plenty of competitive spirit and camaraderie. Well done to all the winners and participants



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It was a great day at Stevenson High School. MARISSA RUSHLOW, daughter of CLAUDIA RUSHLOW! Signing a letter of intent to play lacrosse at Madonna University while pursuing studies in Criminal Justice is truly commendable. It's a testament to her hard work, dedication and talent. Congratulations on this significant milestone and best wishes for a successful and fulfilling journey at Madonna University!



It's truly inspiring to see the next generation stepping up to contribute to their community! MARC ROTONDO's appointment to the zoning board at such a young age is a testament to his commitment and leadership. With fresh perspectives and energy, Marc can play a vital role in shaping the future of Livonia. Congratulations on your significant achievement and here's to a bright future ahead!





Vice President of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Farm Middle School in Hartland – Christos Kinney, grandson of proud Club members JERRY & KATHY JONES – recently spoke at his National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony

"Character is the force within each individual which distinguishes that person from others. It gives each one individuality. It is that without which no one can respect oneself, nor hope to attain the respect of others. It is this force of character which guides one through life and when once developed, grows steadily. Character is achieved and not received. It is the product of constant action and self-control. We must be in reality what we wish to appear to others. By demonstrating such qualities in reliability, honesty and sincerity we hope to prove by example that we value character."

If this is the future of our world, we should have nothing to worry about! Take notice of his lapel pin representing his Italian American Heritage. Many congratulations to Christos on a speech well written!



As we are heading into spring? We're almost there. We would like to share the fruits of ENRICO VECCHIO'S love from last summer which gives you incentive to start planting YOUR own garden... A Dearborn Heights native, he is often referred to as "King of Tomatoes" Nearing 90 years of age, Enrico takes great pride in his HUGE garden, spending several hours daily tending to it. During harvest time, Enrico is the hit of his neighborhood where he shares much of his crop with family and friends. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK ENRICO and thank you for your generosity!



We would like to take this opportunity to say a **HUGE THANK YOU, to Lucian Nevodar**. He worked in the banquet center for many years and then later in the Club Level Kitchen and Pizza Making. His food was one of the best! His hard work and dedication definitely did not go unnoticed. He is retiring and moving back home to his beloved Romania. He will be missed by many!



Ace Muradian, Lucian Nevodar, Craig Siebert, Gabe Zieman, Brandon Mark Nandi Zegja, Robert DeLaura, Maria Domanico



Lucian Nevodar, Kathy Jones, Loredana O'Neil, Gino Fortuna

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS



# Happily Ever After Does Exist...

Good things always happen at the IACL.... Back on February 7, 1997 DAN ORLANDI proposed to NANCY SILVESTRI in front of 500 people during the first ever Las Vegas night at our very own IACL. They celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on August 29, 2023. Needless to say, it was the start of a wonderful marriage. They now have three beautiful children, Anastasia (19) who is a junior studying human biology at MSU; Salvatore (17) a senior in high school and Isabella (15) a sophomore in high school. Dan and Nancy continue to stay busy as both younger kids play travel soccer and are also on the high school soccer team. Wishing them many more years of love and



happiness... Auguri!!!



Fifty years ago on October 27, 1973 FRANK and CARMELA PIRAINE said "I DO" in front of their family and friends at St Linus



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Catholic Church in Dearborn Heights. They continued a magnificent celebration at Roma Hall in Livonia. The place to go in the 1970s was

Niagara Falls and yes, that was their honeymoon. The union of these two lovebirds produced 3 beautiful children, Caterina (John Cicantelli), Leana (Justin Parker), and Salvatore (Kristen) which in turn gave them 5 gorgeous grandchildren, Theresa, Ava, Nicholas, Francesca and Giovanni. The secret to their success is always being respectful, thoughtful and kind to each other. Wishing you many more years of joy and happiness!

### 🔊 Dreams are coming true

IACL President FRANK LUSCRI and his wife, GERRYANNA (ladipaolo) announce the wedding engagement of their son FRANCESCO and his lovely longtime girlfriend JENNA FISHER. Jenna is the daughter of IACL Members, JAY and NANCY FISHER of Livonia. The proposal took place on a beautiful trip to Charleston South Carolina. Our very best wishes to the happy couple and their wedding plans for May 2025. Tanti Auguri alla Bellissima Coppia!





#engaged Kate Good said YES! She is all set to marry HER person, Michael Dolunt. Michael set up a magical day at The Monarch Club in Detroit. His family and friends knew all about the grand proposal that was about to happen, including Michael's parents, Board of Director BILL and BETH DOLUNT. They all were in the back anxiously awaiting the time to come out and congratulate the happy couple. A few days after this wonderful proposal, Kate and Michael were headed to Italy. A first time for both of them. When they came back, the wedding preparations began in full force and they are set to be married in May 2024 at the top of the Renaissance Building. It sure to be a good time with the union of these two beautiful

families ... Many blessings to all!



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Club Members, CAROL SILVI (PIERLUIGI) and Anthony Caprara (Denise) are overjoyed to announce their daughter, Alexandra Caprara's dream came true on September 16<sup>th</sup>. She married her best friend, Ryan Gouine and celebrated with all the people she loves the most. The details put into this magical day were unbelievable, right down to the replica of her grandparents' wedding cake from September 1959. To make the ceremony very personable, Allie chose her Godfather, Dennis Silvi, to be the officiant for the wedding. The wedding venue selected for this special day was Brentwood



Golf and Country Club. The love, laughter, smiles and even happy tears throughout the day were unforgettable. Ryan and Allie are all settled in their cozy home in Waterford as husband and wife. She has opened her own salon suite, Modern Mane in Farmington Hills while Ryan is working at ICEE. We wish the Gouine's many bright, silly, and joyous days ahead!

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Club Member, ANGELO LANAVA married his long-time crush SHANNON KAUS at a beautiful ceremony on July 7, 2023 at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit. The ceremony was followed by a gorgeous reception with family and friends at Detroit's Historic Masonic Temple, where a wonderful time was had by all. Fellow members and parents of the groom, ANGELO and ENZA LANAVA are overjoyed for this stunning couple!!! We wish them the best!





A match made in heaven right down here on earth! Lifetime Club Member, GINO PULICE married his elementary school mate JACKIE SERBAY. They started out as good friends in elementary school but then realized they had a lot of love for each other in high school. The engagement happened on April 23rd at Gino's Nonni's house (SILVIO & GEORGIA SCAPPATICCI). Jackie had no idea what was going to happen. She thought she was meeting everyone there to go see a show at the Detroit Opera House. Little did she know that Gino had other plans. The room was set up beautifully and everyone close to the happy couple were in attendance including Gino's parents, Club Members GENE & SANDY PULICE, and sister MARIA. The engagement lasted a short time before they actually tied the knot on July 29th at their church, Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth. The party continued at the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation where it was hopping until it was time to go home. The newlyweds now reside in Northville. Here's to a lifetime of laughter, love and happiness.

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It was definitely love at first sight for Gina Giordano and Zach Greenman. They were engaged at Belle Isle with all their family and friends nearby waiting for her to say YES! - with the wedding to follow in July 2023 at The Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit where Zach and Gina promised to begin their life together as husband and wife in front of God. Her parents, SAL and MONIQUE along with her papa, YVON REA were very emotional at the ceremony since she is the FIRST child to marry in her generation. They all felt Gina Rea's presence as she watched over them from heaven. The guests then followed the bride and groom to The Henry, Autograph Collection in Dearborn to continue celebrating their love. Gina and Zach wrote out special notes to each guest on how they impacted their lives, which were found in their seats. The dance floor was never empty all night as the DJ really catered to the crowd to keep them jamming all night. What a beautiful fairytale for Gina and Zach. God blessed them once again with a baby arriving in June 2024. Tantissimi Auguri to the much in love couple!





Alyssa Spolsky married her long-time love, Brendon Sokoloski on October 14th Alyssa dreamt of this day for 29 years and it could not have been more perfect. The ceremony was at St Kenneth and the IABC for their fantastic reception! The church was a full house with their dear family and friends. The priest told them a story about a beautiful Waterford candy dish to fill with love and to share love with others; then he gave them an empty Waterford box as a symbol only to present them with the real Waterford candy dish at the end of the ceremony. They danced the night away and celebrated their love -Brendon surprised Alyssa with their honeymoon plans. The destination was an all-inclusive resort on the beautiful island of Jamaica. A great getaway in the month of December... Now onto reality - As Alyssa is finishing up her nursing degree (masters), Brendon was recently promoted to Lieutenant at the Toledo Police Dept. The proud parents are Lifetime Members, SUSAN and ART SPOLSKY and they are looking forward to having a lot of mini-Alyssa's & Brendan's in the near future. Club Members ALEXIS SOAVE was honored to serve as their Maid of Honor and ISABELLA SOAVE as a bridesmaid. Can't wait to see what the future holds for them!

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She did it! Lexie Rea, granddaughter of Lifetime Club Members MARIA and PASQUALE REA, became a "MRS" on June 24<sup>th</sup>, she married Luke Salazar at Detroit Masonic Temple. The day was just PERFECT according to the bride and groom. The room was filled with love and romance. She wanted her Nonno Pasquale to be an integral part of the wedding, so she asked him if he would play the accordion for the daddy daughter dance. He was very proud to play the traditional "Lauretta" song while he watched his son, David (Kristin) and granddaughter dance the night away. Lexie's great grandmother Loreta Marcuccilli who turned 106 in January was also in attendance and she danced more than some of the other guests. As they begin this new chapter of love together, Lexie and Luke chose to stay close to home and purchased a home in Livonia. Let's wish them a lifetime of bliss, laughter and endless moments filled with love.







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SHERI and TONY ROTONDO have had a very busy couple of years. Last year was no different. They are growing their legacy with the help of their children.



ELIJAH BRIAN ROTONDO was born to JOHN and CHRISTY ROTONDO on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Eli came out very strong and healthy just like his parents. He weighed in at 8lbs 1oz and was 21 inches long. The two busy doctors, John and Christy, are so in love with their son and love spending every single free moment they have with Eli.

Not only did Tony and Sheri add another grandchild to their brood but they also gained a beautiful daughter-in-law in December. LAUREN PLAVE married her prince charming, MICHAEL ROTONDO on December 9<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Good

Counsel in Plymouth. The music, the service, the people just made it picture perfect while they professed their love in front of God. Mother Nature was even on her best behavior. The day was warmer than most days, so it was great to take photos outside in December. The family and friends joined Michael and Lauren at the IABC to dance the night away and share in all their love. They left on their honeymoon just days

after to the Maldives where they were able to just rest and bask in the sunshine the island has to offer. They are making their home in Canton. We wish them the very best. Lauren's chose to wear her mom's headpiece to the rehearsal dinner as a sneak peek of her bridal attire is such a touching and sentimental gesture, creating a beautiful memory and keepsake for the family!

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What is twice the fun? Meeting two beautiful princesses born on October 11th. Ava Christina and Alessandra Lucia joined big sister Giuliana Joan. The proud parents are Lifetime Club Members BRANDON and MARIA KAPUT. The identical twin princesses were born at the same exact time at 9:20am because there were 2 doctors in the delivery room. Alessandra was just a bit bigger than Ava. 6lbs 6oz compared to 5lbs 13oz; and Ava was 18.75 inches long while Alessandra was 19 inches long. They were both baptized at St Gerald's Church just like Giuliana was on Superbowl Sunday.

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Keeping with tradition, the luncheon was held at the IACL. Nonni to this happy trio are Lifetime Members, JOE and ALICE ROTONDO. The Rotondo Family could not be more overjoyed to introduce them to the entire membership.





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JOSEPHINE ROTONDO is smiling from ear to ear with all the additions to the ROTONDO Family. The latest one to arrive came in the form of great grandson, KARSTON SOLANUS PAUL WOOD. His proud parents are AARON and TERESA. Karston joins his siblings George, Josephine and Robert as well as his cousins Vincent and Sabrina Battista and Michael and Elena Bohannon All eight of them together are sure to make their grandparents KAREN and MIKE extremely tired but super happy! Wishing the Rotondo Family the very best.







Club Member LINDA DIDOMENICO has wonderful news to share, her son John Luca and Natalie welcomed HER first grandchild. It is fitting to say that they chose the name FRANCO EDWARD after his Nonno who passed away in 2012. Franco is just PERFECT and we are sure he is capturing the hearts of everyone around him with his undeniable cuteness. May his arrival bring endless joy and cherished memories to everyone he meets. *Auguroni to the DiDomenico Family*.





**RITA RUGIERO** is blessed! She is excited to announce the birth of her 14<sup>th</sup> grandchild, **VIVIAN RUGIERO** who was born to **ROBERT** and **CHRISTINA** on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Vivian has 2 beautiful role models that she gets to call sisters, **Liliana** and **Amelia**. They are there to teach Vivian

everything she will need to know as she grows up! *Many* 







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OLIVER and ALMERINDA DELUCA are just beaming with pride

from heaven. Their family keeps on growing. Hudson Matthew Phillips entered this world on October 7<sup>th</sup>. He is the grandson of Oliver and Almerinda's daughter, Club Members PAM and DAVE FEDRIGO. Hudson calls mommy and daddy to Kayla and Matthew. This makes the Fedrigo's Nonni for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time. Ford and Finley are super happy to gain a cousin.









Not only was Hudson born into the Deluca Family, but he is also joined by CALEB JOHN MATSON. Caleb was born on November 19<sup>th</sup> to Mallory and Chase. Mallory is the daughter of Pierre and Kelly DeLuca. This is Pierre and Kelly's first grandchild, and they could not be more elated. Many congratulations to the ever growing DeLuca Family!

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JOE LARUSSA is the new Mayor of Farmington. The Farmington City Council selected Joe LaRussa as the 24<sup>th</sup> Mayor of Farmington at its November 27<sup>th</sup> Organizational Meeting. LaRussa who has served 4 years as the Mayor Pro Tem and 6 total on City Council, express his gratitude and readiness to serve:

"Farmington has a lot of positive momentum, with transformational projects happening in the Downtown and major investments in infrastructure and parks as well. I'm thrilled and humbled by my colleagues' confidence in my leadership, and I see a bright future ahead for our city." LaRussa's term as Mayor will be 2 years, effective November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.



What an honor it was for the IABC to hold a fundraiser for **ROBERT F KENNEDY JR** in early February. It was truly a momentous occasion and we were very proud to be chosen for such an important event. Being entrusted to hold a campaign for someone as prominent as Robert Kennedy Jr, *an independent candidate for the Presidencyt of the United States,* speaks volumes about the reputation and quality of service provided by the IABC. It's wonderful to hear that the Kennedy Campaign expressed their gratitude for a job well done, further highlighting the professionalism and dedication of the staff. Events like these definitely showcase the capabilities of the Banquet Center. Here's to many more successful events in the future for the IABC and IACL.





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Lifetime Club Members **ROSSANA** and **TONY RUGGIRELLO** have some bragging to do. They are first time NONNI, thanks to their son, **TONY** and daughter-in-law, **ANDRIANA**. On July 7<sup>th</sup> **ANTONINO JOSEPH RUGGIRELLO IV** entered the world. He has already brought immeasurable joy and love to the entire family. It's heartwarming to hear how little "Tonino" has captured the hearts of everyone around him with his contagious smiles and amazing personality. Additional congratulations to **Tony** and **Roseanne Russo** on becoming grandparents for the first time too. His arrival marks the beginning of many cherished memories and moments together!





Also Congratulations to proud Bisnonna SILVANA CARTA as well as all the aunts, uncles and cousins. His arrival marks the beginning of many cherished memories and moments to be shared together





"Some people leave without saying goodbye, Italians say goodbye but don't leave"



When Club Member, JULIANA RUGGIRELLO, was super young and was asked is she going to get married, her answer was always the same – I want a horse! She is now living her life-long dream! Her Jethro, (RD Beyonni), is what makes her the happiest at this moment. She has been riding for the past three years and is excelling. She has competed at the regional level where she has earned three first place championships and one national top ten placement. Her mantra is "I believed, I could, so I did!" Way to go Juliana!





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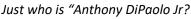
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# Columbus Day Court

Julia Tull Junior Queen Valentina Morelli Junior Queen Jacqueline Caruso Junior Queen Sofia LaRussa Columbus Queen Enzo Mastroianni Columbus King Maximiliano Fritz Junior King Annalia Paciocco Qarana Junior Queen Gabriela Paciocco Qarana Queen Isabella Elisa Fritz Queen Isabella Marina Tozer Little Miss Isabella Gemma Paciocco Farah Little Miss Isabella Isla Dowhan Queen Isabella



# Outstanding Italian of the Year 2023 Anthony DiPaolo Jr



Anthony DiPaolo is a mere 32 years old. He is accomplishing a lot in his young age and is on the right track on leaving his mark in the world. He graduated from Dearborn Divine Child High School in 2010 where he played baseball for 4 years. He continued at Northwood University before graduating in 2014 with a degree in Management and Finance. He met his beautiful wife, Alexandra, at Northwood and they enjoy spending time at the Club with their daughter Carmela (4) and son Anthony (Vinny) (1). He works in Dearborn as a Business Development Manager for 'The Oakwood Group', a global automotive supplier, where he manages a book of business that exceeds \$140 million in annual revenue.

He has been serving on the Board of Directors at the IACL for the past two terms and is continuing as a Board of Director for this term. 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 as well as his parents, Anthony and Sharon DiPaolo ~ He is honored to be representing their legacy as the Club continues on... Congratulations to you Anthony!

### Italian American Club of Livonia

### Good and Welfare representing the well-being of the IACL General Membership

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 <u>ssoave66@gmail.com</u> or Club Coordinator Loredana O'Neil <u>loredana@iacl.us</u>. Thank you!

We also ask that you let us know when a loved one passes away as we are pleased to announce another way that we will be honoring deceased members. The Italian flag at the Club will be lowered on either the day of the funeral luncheon if it's held at the Club or on the Thursday Pasta Rustica of that week.



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.



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# IACL Lifetime Member JACQUELINE DICICCO

JUNE 25, 1943 – AUGUST 16, 2023

Jacqueline "Jackie" Joyce DiCicco, of Livonia, passed away on August 16, 2023, at 80 years old. Jackie was born to parents Louis and Irene Schulz. Proud wife of **BENEDETTO**; cherished mother of **MARISA (TIM) HERMANN**, Lisa (Kevin), Mark (Lisa), and Tina; Adored grandmother of Drake (Kaela), Ashley, Shelby (Ken), Max (McKenna), Chase, Jacob, and Jesse; Devoted great-grandmother of Jasmine, Victor, and Abel. Jackie will be remembered for her love of gambling; her favorite casino was Greektown Casino in Detroit. She also loved shopping and taking care of the neighborhood animals. Jackie was a devoted grandmother who loved spending every moment possible taking care of her grandkids. Jackie was loved by many and will be truly missed.



# IACL Member ALFREDO BALDASSARRA

JULY 18, 1933 - NOVEMBER 15, 2023

Alfredo Baldassarra of Livonia passed away November 15, 2023 at the age of 90. He was born in Sora, Italy to Sante and Emilia Baldassarra. Beloved husband of the *late* Teresa. Loving father of the late Giancarlo Baldassarra, Gianpiero (Debra) Baldassarra, Dargisio (Jeannette) Baldassarra, and Crescenzo (Lucy) Baldassarra. Dear father-in-law of Donna Baldassarra. Cherished grandfather of Giancarlo (Cathy) Baldassarra Jr., Lisa (Chris) Todescini, Michael Baldassarra, Angela (Wade) Brancheau, Adriana (Stephen) Lisiski, Christopher Baldassarra, Carly (Michael) Shamoun, William Dent, Colt Eisenhardt, and Chase Eisenhardt. Great-grandfather of Madelyn, Giancarlo, Enoch, Gabriella, Agustus, Alivia, Harper, Jaxon,

Roland, Leo, Amelia, Dominic, Vincent, and Giovanni. Dear brother of Rita (Tony) Guliani, Mary (the late Alberto) Parente, Yole (Joe) Prinzo, and Marcello Baldassarra. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews and leaves behind a beautiful legacy.

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# IACL Lifetime Member MARY IDA TONARELLI

AUGUST 8, 1933 – NOVEMBER 23, 2023

Mary was born to the late John and Gladys (Graham) Fraleigh. She graduated from Marlette High School and moved to Dearborn to pursue a career at Ford Motor Company spanning 38 years. While in Dearborn, she lived with her aunt and uncle, Jean and Bill Roberts, and became the honorary older sister of Drew (Beverly) Roberts, Janet (Robert) Albert, and Gayle (Charlie) Sell (and was well known for her haircutting ability). She met the love of her life, Frank Tonarelli, on a blind date 18 months in the making. They married in November of 1959 and enjoyed 48 years together until Frank's passing in 2008. Mary enjoyed traveling with her family and spent much of her spare time camping with her

husband and family. They traveled the country with their travel trailer and motorhome for many years and took vacations to Europe and the Caribbean among other far-reaching destinations. Mary was happiest when she was "on her way" to the many activities that occupied her time. She was happiest spending time with friends and family, playing cards, fussing in the garden, or cooking up something delicious in the kitchen. Mary held a special place in her heart for baking and always had something sweet on hand. Of all her activities, her absolute favorite was any opportunity to support her three grandchildren; you would see her at all the concerts, horse shows, sporting events, and award banquets to clap and cheer them on. Mary is survived by her daughter **ANN (GINO) RIMANELLI**, grandchildren Gino Rimanelli, Marianna Rimanelli and Natalia Rimanelli, sister Mavis Wilcox, sisters-in-law Zina Cardella and Grace Fraleigh, and many nieces and nephews.



### **IACL Lifetime Member**

### ALEX FEDRIGO

### SEPTEMBER 10, 1923 – DECEMBER 10, 2023 AGE 100

Age 100, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on December 10, 2023. Beloved husband of Gwen for 77 wonderful years. Loving father of LARRY (KAREN), Judy, Tom (Niedja), Jane, and CAROL (JACK); cherished grandfather of 12; dearest Nono to 12 and brother of FRED (SHIRLEY). Alex leaves behind many other loving family members and friends.

Alex completed an incredible journey of 100 years. Most notably was the 77 years that he shared with Gwen. He never forgot her birthday or their anniversary. From the time he was young, he was always interested in how things worked. His inventive spirit carried throughout his life. After he retired, he began

to live his dream of building buildings. He was devoted to his family and passed that value onto his children along with working hard to achieve success. During his life time, the world saw a tremendous amount of technology and change from automobiles to household appliances and computers. Alex embraced the change and was eager to try new things. In his 90's he used his laptop to communicate via email. We are fortunate that he was healthy and active for so many years, that he was ready to leave this world and that he did so peacefully with a smile on his face.

**100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration note from Alex's daughter Carol Lee:** We celebrated my dad's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at the IACL with over 100 friends and family. Family came in from all over the country. It was great! Here's a photo with his five children and wife Gwen (they celebrated 77 years of marriage on Sept 21<sup>st</sup>). What an amazing life! He was one of



the founding members of the Club and a past president. He loved to watch the stock market daily and credits his wife's home cooking as key to his longevity. Personally, I credit the companionship of their happy marriage. We are a very blessed family!





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# IACL Lifetime Member MARIA AURORA CAPICCHIONI HARRIS

MAY 23, 1942 - FEBRUARY 3, 2024

Maria passed away on February 3, 2024 surrounded by the love of her family. She was 81 years old and was born in the Republic of San Marino in Italy. She was the loving mother of Grace Jonna (Albert); cherished grandmother of Niko, Alanna Denha (Julian) and Alexa and great-grandmother of Drake Denha.

Maria was very a very active member on both the IACL Charitable Foundation and on the IACL Cultural Committee. In 2020 she was honored to be selected as the IACL Outstanding Italian of the Year. Maria immigrated to the United States from Italy with her parents and brother at a very young age. In her new country, she learned that education was vitally important and began to develop her knowledge, skills

and capabilities. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting at Detroit College of Business now known as Davenport University, a Masters Degree in Taxation and Studies in International Finance from Walsh College. The degrees allowed her to teach accounting classes at college level. Her career expanded to working in the fields of accounting and financial management, holding management positions with companies in the automotive design, engineering services, residential building industries in the USA, and special assignment in German for an American corporation. She worked as an accountant and tax specialist with public accounting firms and as a consult with an Italian company with operations in USA. Maria has always believed to give back to society the support and help she received in the years in USA by being active with academic, professional, youth and immigration non-profit organizations. For several years Maria has been extensively involved in promoting Italian language and culture in southeast Michigan by serving on the boards of numerous nonprofit organizations - the most known: AMIT, Italian American Cultural Society, Verdi Opera Theatre, NOI Foundation, and Dante Alighieri Society. In 2000 Maria joined the IACL and was appointed as a director on the Club Board. In 2010 she served on the Finance Committee. In 2012 she was nominated vice president of the IACL Charitable Foundation and became president in 2015 and continued to serve in that role until she became treasurer. Maria remained passionate about partnering with other non-profit organizations to advance Italian culture and sponsoring worthy causes and programs in the community. She emphasized the importance of offering generous college scholarship to students of Italian descent for an advanced education for building a successful future. Maria was optimistic and believed if we give the deserved recognition and guidance to our next generation, they will be enthusiastic and join us in the endeavors of carrying on our mission in the future. In 1994 Mara was honored with the title of "Cavaliere" from the Italian Republic and in subsequent years she was the recipient of the Dante Distinctive Citizen Award, a Special Tribute from the State of Michigan, and the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Detroit College of Business.

Maria was a pioneer and a staunch advocate for women's rights. She fought long and hard against what she believed to be an unfair and patriarchal rule by the San Marino Club prohibiting independent membership to women. Her battle - and by extension the battle of many other women who will come after her - was won when the Club posthumously accepted Maria to be the first woman ever to be a member of the club.



### IACL Lifetime Member **ADOLFO SCOPONE** SEPTEMBER 20, 1936 – FEBRUARY 16, 2024



Adolfo Camillo Scopone, age 87, of Livonia passed away on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Adolfo was born in Pianagrande Ari, la province de Chieti, Abruzzo, Italy to Nicola and Genoveffa Scopone. Beloved husband of 62 years to **NANCY**. Loving father of Diana Scopone and Club members **FRANK (BEATRICE) SCOPONE**. Proud nonno of Nicholas, Dominic, Andre'a, and Gabriella. Dear brother of the *late* Salvatore "Sandro" (CAROLYN), ARMANDO (*late* Edith), and **ROSINA "MARIA" (TONY) SALICE**. Adolfo will also be deeply missed by many cousins, nieces, and nephews, including Club members **GINA (JAIME) GARCIA**.

Adolfo immigrated to the United States in February 1958. Despite the hardships he faced at first, such as having to learn a new language, he managed to create a legacy for himself and future generations. He began working in the construction industry, retiring from the Wayne County forestry division. Following that, he developed a successful landscape contracting business with his son Frank – Scopone Landscaping Inc. In his later years, he and Nancy enjoyed spending winters at their second home in Naples, Florida. He was also passionate about gardening, lovingly known as a "master gardener" by family and friends, constantly sharing the fruits of his labor. He was a lifetime member of the IACL, where he enjoyed socializing, spending time playing cards and bocce. Adolfo was extremely proud of his family and his Italian heritage. He never lost sight of his roots. He will be remembered for his determination and never let anything stand in his way.

# **Italian American Club of Livonia**

### 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.

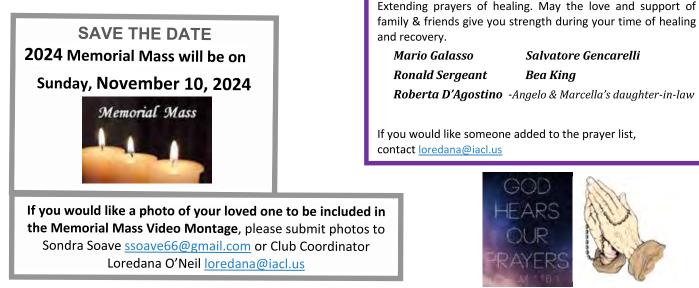
- Club Members MARIA & ARTHUR CARINCI for the loss of Maria's siter Angela Gray on September 20<sup>th</sup> and her brother ÷ Francesco DiCicco on February 26<sup>th</sup>
- Lifetime Member ADRIANA & NAZZARENO TROIANI for the passing of her sister Annuziata Tullio on November 27<sup>th</sup> in Italy at t the age of 89
- Club Members MICHAEL & LISA PALLOZZI for the passing of Michael's beloved mother, Jeannette Luther on December 21st ÷
- Lifetime Members GENE and SANDY PULICE for the passing of Gene's dear mother, Barbara Pulice, on December 28<sup>th</sup>. Barbara t will be missed by many including her cherished grandchildren, GINO (JACKIE) and MARIA (John)
- Club Members EGNAZIO "SAL" and GLORIA SALIS for the passing of Sal's brother Simone Salis of West Palm Beach Florida on ÷ January 29<sup>th</sup> at the age of 91
- Club Members LOUIS and DENISE MATTEOCCI for the passing of Lou's father, Luigi Matteocci, on December 29<sup>th</sup> t
- Lifetime Members JERRY and KATHY JONES for the passing of Jerry's beloved mother, Donna Geistert, on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at the t age of 86. Donna was also a dear grandma to WAYNE & KELLIE, JERAD & KELLY and FRANK & JOANA. Great grandma to Arianna, Christos, Emerson, Stella, Emma, Sienna. Donna's grandchildren and great grandchildren filled her heart with incredible joy and will be missed every day. She always treated everyone with kindness and love and she is now at peace reunited with the love of her life to enjoy eternal sunsets together.



Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard but always nearby. Still loved, still missed and forever dear.

In Case of Emergency contact information, please notify IACL Club Coordinator, Loredana O'Neil 734-953-1137 x1 loredana@iacl.us

If you would like to be added to our "Notice of Death" notification emails, please submit your email address to loredana@iacl.us





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On a beautiful sunny day in early January ten ladies met at the Lower-Level Club House. They all continued to work on their projects either by knitting, crocheting or labeling. Over twenty projects were turned in just that day. This is the beginning of their items that they will donate at the next Christmas season to local charities and hospitals.

If you are interested in joining the knitting group, they meet once a month on the first Tuesday at 1:00 – 3:00PM in the Club House. Extra needles and yarn are available. Hope to see you there! *Connie 734-464-2521 or Claudia 734-751-0646* 

Pictured: Pat Tynan, Connie Vassallo, Rosemary Blaszkiewicz, Rosa Paulus, Claudia Rozum Carrie Calomeni, Karen Millard, Angelina Colone, Loreta Rea, Valentina Rea



THE THREE PILLARS OF LENT—*prayer, fasting and almsgiving* serve as guideposts on this 40-day journey. Prayer, in particular, holds a special place in this season of repentance and renewal. Whether you are new to praying or seeking a deeper prayer life, Lent offers a perfect invitation to begin wherever you are. Help us now, Lord, in our feeble attempts to make up for past sin. Bless our efforts with the rich blessing

### of Your grace. **LENTEN PRAYER**

Almighty and Everlasting God, You have given the human race Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility. He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man And giving His life on the Cross. Help us to bear witness to You by following His example of suffering and make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.

### Please join us for MAY CROWNING on Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 @ 6:30 pm in the Clubhouse

### All our welcome to attend!

We especially encourage First Communicants wearing their first communion attire along with the IACL Columbus Day Queens & Court, the Rosary Group, and our IACL Community to participate in the procession.







If you've been to the Club House lately, surely you noticed "The Nativity". The Nativity was created and built by F.lli Capuano in Italy. It was sent via Delta Airlines directly to the United States in one piece to the family of Rosario Criscuolo of Brighton, Michigan by his family in Napoli, Italy. The Criscuolo family commissioned Wood Tailor Company, JOHN (MARY) MINNI to build the cabinet it currently sits in. Mr. Criscuolo passed away in 2022. His wife, Donna, was moving and needed a home for "The Nativity" so she contacted John Minni for his assistance. John graciously donated the piece on behalf of Donna and Rosario Criscuolo to the IACL where it lives now in the Club House. If you haven't seen it, be sure to check it out. It is quite impressive. FYI - F.Ili Capuano is still in business today fratellicapuanodal1840.com



# 2024/2025 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 <u>2024</u>, have at least a <u>B average</u> in all classes. Due to Michigan's regulations regarding the option to opt out of the ACT and SAT exams, 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 May 1, 2024, of the candidate's junior year in high school. The completed application must be received by October 31, 2024.

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

# IACL MENU PIZZA

Cheese	\$ 8.00			
Bianca	\$ 8.00			
Olive Oil, Mozzarella				
Margherita	\$ 9.00			
Sauce, Basil, Tomato, Mozzarella				
Rustica	\$10.00			
Sauce, Pepperoni, Mushroom, Onion, Mozz	zarella			
Puttanesca	\$11.00			
Sauce, Anchovies, Olives, Capers, Mozzare	lla			
Meat Lovers	\$12.00			
Sauce, Pepperoni, Ham, Bacon, Sausage, C	heese			
Additional Toppings	\$ 1.50			
Anchovies, Bacon, Banana Pepper, Basil, Blo	ack Olive,			
Caper, Garlic, Green Pepper, Ham, Italian Sausage,				
Mushroom, Onion, Pepperoni, Tomato				

## **CICCHETTI**

Breadsticks Garlic	\$ 3.00
Bruschetta	\$ 5.00
Tomato, Garlic, Basil, Olive Oil	
Arancini	\$ 5.00
(6) Arborio Rice Balls	
Calamari Fried	\$ 8.00
Italian Sausage & Peppers with Sweet Peppers and Onions	\$ 7.00 <b>/</b> \$24*
Chicken Wings (6) Garlic Parmesan Butter	\$ 8.00
French Fries	\$ 3.00

### **SALAD** Ranch or Italian Dressing

Garden Salad	\$4.00 <b>/\$12</b> *
Mixed Green, Cucumber, Tomato	
Antipasto Salad	\$7.00/\$24*
Capicola, Salami, Tomato, Black Olive,	
Cece Bean, Pepperoncini, Provolone	
Add Chicken	\$ 4.00
Chicken Caesar Salad	\$9.00
Romaine, Chicken, Parmesan	

### PASTA

Pasta Pomodoro	\$6.00 <mark>/\$20</mark> *
Pasta alla Vodka w/Sausage	\$7.00 <mark>/\$2</mark> 4*
Pasta Aglio and Olio	\$6.00 <mark>/\$20</mark> *

### **SPECIALITIES**

Fish and Chips	\$11.00
(2) Beer Battered Cod with Fries or Side Sal	lad
Chicken Tenders and Fries	\$ 8.00
Chicken Strips with Fries	
Italian Chicken Sandwich	\$ 6.00
Grilled Chicken with Pesto Mayonnaise,	
Provolone Cheese, Pepperonata	
Soup and Salad Thursday Only	\$ 9.00
Soup when available (Thursday-Friday)	\$ 5.00

### DOLCE

Cannoli (1)	\$ 2.25
Cannoli (5)	\$10.00
Pane Fritto	\$ 6.00
Pillows of Fried Dough w/Cinnamon Sugar	
Nutella Pizza	\$ 8.00
Round Pizza Crust with Nutella Topping	
Ice Cream	\$ 2.00
Two Scoops of Vanilla or Spumoni	



\*Family Style for 4 Pricing

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Menu

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PASTA		¢or
Vegetarian Lasagna		\$95 ¢425
Meat Lasagna	<b>.</b>	\$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
CHICKEN		•••••
Oven Roasted Chicken*	\$50	\$95
Chicken Piccata*	\$65	\$125
Chicken Marsala*	\$65	\$125
*Add. Chicken Breasts: \$2.50 e	ea.	
MEATS		
Roasted Italian Sausage	\$55	\$95
With Onions & Peppe	rs	
Strip Loin with Gravy	\$90	\$150
Mini Meat Balls	\$45	\$80
<b>POTATOES &amp; VEGETABLES</b>		
Oven Roasted Potatoes	\$35	\$60
Green Bean Almandine	\$35	\$60
Mashed Potatoes		-
Mashed Potatoes	\$40	\$70

SALADS	HALF PAN SERVES 8-12	FULL PAN SERVES 25-30
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	

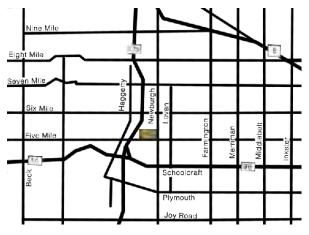
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All New Members of the Italian American Club of Livonia MONDAY March 25, 2024 **6:30pm** 

Come find out all the great things the Club can offer and how you can get involved Dinner will be available

Kindly RSVP by March 20, 2024 loredana@iacl.us or 734-953-1106 x2

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# CENA DI PESCE 2024

Good Friday ONLY, March 29, 2024

IACL Club House Doors Open at 5:00pm Buffet 5:30-6:30pm

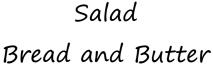
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 5-12 YEARS OLD\$
 8.00

Cash Bar Available



\*\*Please note, the Club House will be open during Good Friday after the buffet is served (6:30pm). All menu items will be available -- except Fish and Chips. Come and enjoy the buffet

Reservations are a <u>must</u> before <u>Thursday, March 28 NOON PLEASE</u> call **734-953-1106 x1-***Pasta Line/* **x2-***Direct or loredana@iacl.us* 



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# Tables of 10

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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 APRIL 5

# SPACE IS LIMITED



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Please RSVP to Terri Krugel at 586-268-3200 or tkrugel@andiamoitalia.com by March 18.

If you cannot attend and would like to make a donation, please send to the address below. Checks should be made payable to the St. Louis Center and can be mailed to Andiamo Warren, 7096 East 14 Mile Rd., Warren, MI 48092. Credit card payments can be made over the phone at 586-268-3200.

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Each golfer receives a gift Raffle prizes

10:00am Shotgun start

Golf • Lunch on the turn • Dinner at the IACL • Cash Bar • Hole Sponsor \$100

\*Please Print or Type LEGIBLY - Include Each Golfer's Name & Info\* If you are hosting golfers, include your COMPANY NAME

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TOTAL	\$

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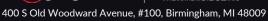
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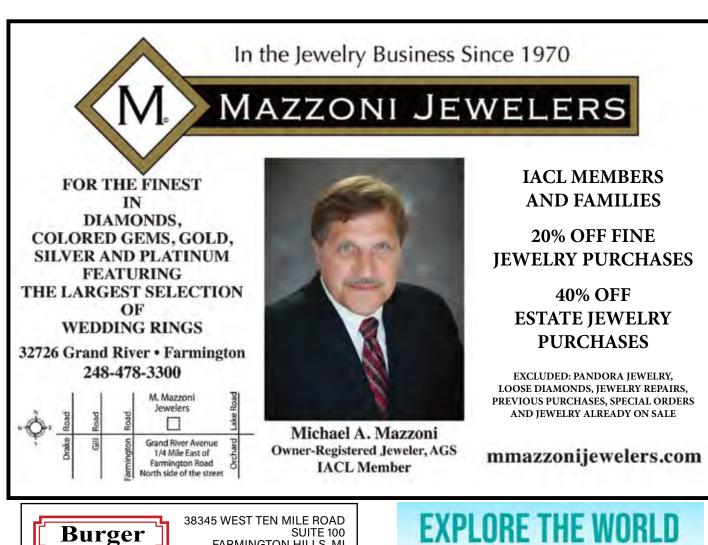


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