



IACL Newsletter

December - February  
2025/2026



## Italian American Club of Livonia



Dear Fellow Members

The Christmas season is a special time of year when we have the opportunity to slow down and truly appreciate the Italian traditions of faith and family that are so dear to us. It's a time to reflect on the many blessings we have received throughout the year and to gather with our loved ones to celebrate these joys. As we come together, it's also important to remember those who are less fortunate and find ways to extend our help and support to them.

I am honored to have served as your president for the past six years. Reflecting on this time, I am proud of the significant milestones we achieved together with three exceptional boards. We successfully renovated our beautiful banquet facilities, navigated the challenges of the COVID pandemic, and increased our membership to a record high of 1,454 member families, up from 900 in late 2020. Additionally, we achieved record sales in our lower level and banquet center. These accomplishments are a testament to the collective dedication and hard work of our board members, committee members, volunteers, employees, and you, our members. Your participation in our many events and daily utilization of our Club made these successes possible.

As I write my final President's message, I want to express my gratitude to all of you for entrusting me to lead our great organization. I gladly took the baton from our Past President, Jerry Ruggirello, and built upon his many accomplishments during his tenure. Now, I will pass the baton to our new President, Tony Rotondo, with confidence that he will lead our Club to even greater achievements.

In closing, I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a healthy, prosperous New Year. I look forward to seeing you at the Club and serving as your Past President as we continue to pass on our Italian traditions to the next generation.

Buon Natale e Buon Anno!







Frank Luscri

IACL President






# Dicembre 2025

# Italian American Club of Livonia

Domenica	Lunedì	Martedì	Mercoledì	Giovedì	Venerdì	Sabato
<b>CLUB HOUSE HOURS</b> Mon-Fri 5:00-11:00 Saturday-Closed Sun-9:00-Noon <b>734-953-1137 x2</b> <a href="http://www.iacl.us">www.iacl.us</a> <a href="mailto:iam@iacl.us">iam@iacl.us</a>	<b>1</b> Bocce Games 6:00pm Club House Open Pizza & Salad Only	<b>2</b> Knitting Club 1:00-3:00 Bocce Games 6:00pm	<b>3</b> Bocce Games 6:00pm Rosary Group 7:00pm	<b>4</b> Pasta Rustica 5:00pm Beef Stroganoff Musically Yours Conversation 5:30pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Club House Closed
 <b>BREAKFAST with Santa</b> Club House Open 9:00am-Noon No Bar Service	<b>8</b> Bocce Games 6:00pm Club House Open Pizza & Salad Only	<b>9</b>  Christmas Luncheon Bocce Games 6:00pm	<b>10</b> Bocce Games 6:00pm Rosary Group 7:00pm	<b>11</b> Pasta Rustica 5:00pm Oven Roasted Chicken Take Two Band	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Club House Closed
<b>14</b> Club House Open 9:00am-Noon No Bar Service	<b>15</b> Bocce Games 6:00pm Club House Open Pizza & Salad Only	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Bocce Games 6:00pm Rosary Group 7:00pm	<b>18</b> Club House Open No Pasta Rustica	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Club House Closed
<b>21</b> Club House Open 9:00am-Noon No Bar Service	<b>22</b> Club House Open	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Christmas Eve Club House Closed	<b>25</b>  BUON NATALE Club House Closed	<b>26</b> Club House Open	<b>27</b> Club House Closed
<b>28</b> Club House Open 9:00am-Noon No Bar Service	<b>29</b> Club House Open	<b>30</b> Club House Open	<b>31</b>  New Years Eve Club House Closed	 Happy New Year 2026	 TANTI AUGURI A TUTTI CELEBRANTI DI DICEMBRE	 CIAO! CIAO!





# Gennaio 2026

# Italian American Club of Livonia

Domenica	Lunedì	Martedì	Mercoledì	Giovedì	Venerdì	Sabato
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<b>4</b> Club House Open 9:00am-Noon No Bar Service	<b>5</b> Bocce Games 6:00pm Club House Open Pizza and Bar Service	<b>6</b> Knitting Club 1:00-4:00 Bocce Games 6:00pm	<b>7</b> Bocce Games 6:00pm Rosary Group 7:30pm	<b>8</b> Pasta Rustica 5:00pm La Befana Oven Roasted Chicken Primavera Band Italian Classes 5:30-7:00	<b>9</b> Italian Classes 5:00-6:00	<b>10</b> Club House Closed
<b>11</b> Club House Open 9:00am-Noon No Bar Service	<b>12</b> Italian Classes 4:30-6:00 Bocce Games 6:00pm Club House Open Pizza and Bar Service	<b>13</b> Italian Classes 5:00-6:30 Bocce Games 6:00pm	<b>14</b> Italian Classes 4:30-7:30 Bocce Games 6:00pm Rosary Group 7:30pm	<b>15</b> Pasta Rustica 5:00pm Beef Stroganoff Mike & Andrea Italian Classes 5:30-7:00	<b>16</b> Italian Classes 5:00-6:00	<b>17</b> Italian Classes 9:00-12:00 Italian Classes 2:00-5:00 Club House Closed
<b>18</b> Club House Open 9:00am-Noon No Bar Service	<b>19</b> Italian Classes 4:30-6:00 Bocce Games 6:00pm Club House Open Pizza and Bar Service	<b>20</b> Italian Classes 5:00-6:30 Bocce Games 6:00pm	<b>21</b> Dinner 6:00pm General Meeting 7:00pm Club House Closed until meeting is adjourned	<b>22</b> Pasta Rustica 5:00pm Chicken Parmesan Musically Yours Italian Classes 5:30-7:00	<b>23</b> Italian Classes 5:00-6:00	<b>24</b> Italian Classes 9:00-12:00 Italian Classes 2:00-5:00 Club House Closed
<b>25</b> Club House Open 9:00am-Noon No Bar Service	<b>26</b> Italian Classes 4:30-6:00 Bocce Games 6:00pm Club House Open Pizza and Bar Service	<b>27</b> Italian Classes 5:00-6:30 Bocce Games 6:00pm	<b>28</b> Italian Classes 4:30-7:30 Bocce Games 6:00pm Rosary Group 7:30pm	<b>29</b> Pasta Rustica 5:00pm Oven Roasted Chicken Take Two Band Italian Classes 5:30-7:00	 <b>30</b> SOLD OUT Club House Closed	<b>31</b> Italian Classes 9:00-12:00 Italian Classes 2:00-5:00 Club House Closed

# Febbraio 2026

# Italian American Club of Livonia

Domenica	Lunedì	Martedì	Mercoledì	Giovedì	Venerdì	Sabato	
1 Club House Open 9:00am-Noon No Bar Service	2 Italian Classes 4:30-6:00 Bocce Games 6:00pm Club House Open Pizza and Bar Service	3 Knitting Club 1:00-2:00 Italian Classes 6:00-8:30 Bocce Games 6:00pm	4 Italian Classes 4:30-7:30 Bocce Games 6:00pm Rosary Group 7:30pm	5 Pasta Rustica 5:00pm Roast Beef Mike & Andrea Italian Classes 5:30-7:00	6 Italian Classes 5:00-6:00	7 <i>President's</i> <b>GALA</b> Club House Closed	
8  Club House Open 9:00am-Noon	9 Italian Classes 4:30-6:00 Bocce Games 6:00pm Club House Open Pizza and Bar Service	10 Italian Classes 5:00-8:30 Bocce Games 6:00pm	11 Italian Classes 4:30-7:30 Bocce Games 6:00pm Rosary Group 7:30pm	12 Pasta Rustica 5:00pm Oven Roasted Chicken Take Two Band Italian Classes 5:30-7:00	13 Italian Classes 5:00-6:00	14 <i>Happy</i> <b>Valentine's Day</b> Italian Classes 9:00-12:00 Italian Classes 2:00-3:00 Club House Closed	
15 Club House Open 9:00am-Noon No Bar Service	16 Italian Classes 4:30-6:00 Bocce Games 6:00pm Club House Open Pizza and Bar Service	17 Italian Classes 5:00-8:30 Bocce Games 6:00pm	18 Italian Classes 4:30-7:30 Bocce Games 6:00pm Board Meeting 7:00 Rosary Group 7:30pm	19 Pasta Rustica 5:00pm Eggplant Parmesan Musically Yours Italian Classes 5:30-7:00	20 Italian Classes 5:00-6:00	21 Italian Classes 9:00-12:00 Italian Classes 2:00-3:00 Club House Closed	
22 Club House Open 9:00am-Noon No Bar Service	23 Italian Classes 4:30-6:00 Club House Open Pizza and Bar Service	24 Italian Classes 5:00-8:30	25 Italian Classes 5:00-8:30 Rosary Group 7:30pm	26 Pasta Rustica 5:00pm Chicken Cacciatore Take Two Band Italian Classes 5:30-7:00	27 Italian Classes 5:00-6:00	28 Italian Classes 9:00-12:00 Italian Classes 2:00-3:00 Club House Closed	
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# 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 \_\_\_\_\_ *mm/dd/yy* Italian Yes / No

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*

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****THOMAS & BRIANNA ALBERTY***Sponsored By: Geoff & Angela Bauer***DOMINICK & SARAH ALBANO***Sponsored By: Gerardo & Michele Pecchia***BLAISE & SHELBY BARTOLOMUCCI***Sponsored By: Vincent & Cynthia Bartolomucci***GREGORY & DIANA BERNABEI***Sponsored By: Anthony & Sheila Menna***EMMA BERNABEI***Sponsored By: Anthony & Sheila Menna***MARY LOU BOYD***Sponsored By: Clara DeMay***PASQUALE BRUNO***Sponsored By: Frank & Elizabeth Audia***TIMOTHY CASEY***Sponsored By: Charles & Claudia Rozum***FRANCESCO BUNGARO &****NICOLE ANDERSON***Sponsored By: James & Loredana O'Neil***FRANK & MONICA CRUPI***Sponsored By: William Hardin***ANTONINO D'ARRIGO &  
NATALIE GRIFFITH***Sponsored By: Remo & Eileen Gabriele***JOHN & SHARON DEMATTIA***Sponsored By: Thomas Templin***FRED & TRACY DIACOVO***Sponsored By: Felice & Christina Menna***THOMAS & RENEE DIPONIO***Sponsored By: Frank & Elizabeth Audia***LINDA DIVETO***Sponsored By: Claudia Watt***PATRICIA EVERITT***Sponsored By: Rose Wood***LISA FERRARI***Sponsored By: James & Loredana O'Neil***MARIA FRANGIONE***Sponsored By: Carmela Piraine***RONALD FUNKE***Sponsored By: Thomas Funke***GUY GANE***Sponsored By: Donato & Raffaella Naurato***GINO & JACQUELINE GAUDINO***Sponsored By: Donato & Raffaella Naurato***ROBERT & NANCY GRIFFITH***Sponsored By: Anthony & Laura Martell***TIM & PAMELA HAASE***Sponsored By: Joseph & Helene LaRussa***FRANK & CYNTHIA HICKS***Sponsored By: Dennis & Sharon DeLuca***LISA HOFMAN***Sponsored By: John Urbani***JAMES HOPKINS***Sponsored By: Donald & Gina McIntosh III***MICHAEL & ISABEL HORODNICKI***Sponsored By: Lynda Horodnicki***TIMOTHY & KIMBERLY JARZEMBOWSKI***Sponsored By: Pasquale & Helen Mancini***SALVATORE & HEATHER LACARIA***Sponsored By: Giuseppe & Giovanna LaCaria***ANTHONY LEOPARDI***Sponsored By: Adriano & Christie Paciocco***THOMAS & SUSAN MCMULLEN***Sponsored By: John & Lisa Heraghty***JOSEPH & JANINE MOLLOY***Sponsored By: Andrew & Gabriella Duhn***ADRIAN & OLIVIA MOTTA***Sponsored By: Mark & Valerie Palmieri*

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**Italian American Club of Livonia**

**KRISTINA NATOLI & JENNIFER KING**

*Sponsored By: David & Kimberly Tozer*

**KEITH & SHELLEY PULICE**

*Sponsored By: Loraine Connelly*

**WILLIAM & RHONDA RUNCO**

*Sponsored By: Anthony & Sabrina Rugiero*

**ALESSIO & ALEXA SABIRY**

*Sponsored By: Brandon & Maria Kaput*

**MICHAEL & CAROL SENEKER**

*Sponsored By: Andrew & Gabriella Duhn*

**JOSEPH & JULIE SHERMAN**

*Sponsored By: Claudia Rushlow*

**MARK & JOANN SOPKO**

*Sponsored By: Denise Jenksins*

**JOHN & MARIA SZEWC**

*Sponsored By: John Urbani*

**TROY VARCOE**

*Sponsored By: Clara DeLuca*

**ANDREW & NOY VULTAGGIO**

*Sponsored By: Remo & Eileen Gabriele*

**CLAUDIA WATT**

*Sponsored By: James & Loredana O'Neil*

**ROSE WOOD**

*Sponsored By: James & Antonetta Marano*

**PETER & JACQUELYN WOJCIK**

*Sponsored By: Joseph & Sandra Lollo*

**JUDY YAQUINTO**

*Sponsored By: Donald & Charlene Yaquinto*

*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 American Club in Michigan!*

<b>Annual</b>	<b>756</b>
<b>Lifetime</b>	<b>681</b>
<b>Honorary</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Current Membership</b>	<b>1452</b>

*INSIEME Siamo una Famiglia*



**WEDNESDAY  
JANUARY 21, 2026  
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)  
**BY NOON, TUESDAY JANUARY 20**

**IACL MEMBERS ONLY  
NO CHILDREN PLEASE**

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

**Building Committee  
News**

- o Currently receiving bids for a new sound system for the Banquet Center
- o The light in the Rosary Room has been repaired
- o The exterior fall cleanup has been completed
- o Working on the cost budget for the Lower-Level Renovation

*Dave Bongero*

**IACL GOLF OUTING**  
at Western Golf and Country Club  
GOLF FOOD AND DRINK  
RAFFLES Monday, July 27, 2026  
DETAILS TO FOLLOW

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**Italian American Club of Livonia**

**ALI H BASHIR**



**School:** Livonia Stevenson High School  
**Parents:** Sam & Margherita  
**Grandparents:** Piero & Lisa DiStefano  
**Hometown:** Livonia  
**Region:** Lazio  
**Clubs/Organizations:** Tennis Club  
**Awards:** Academic Honors Cum Laude  
**Future Plans:** Northwestern Tech HVAC Technician

**BLAKE OLENZEK**



**School:** Livonia Stevenson  
**Parents:** Rob & Jane  
**Grandparents:** Janet and the late Ray Conway  
**Hometown:** Livonia  
**Region:** Lazio  
**Clubs/Organizations:** Global Education  
**Future Plans:** Western Michigan University

**STEPHEN CLEM TORTORA**



**School:** Bishop Foley High School  
**Parents:** Patrick & Kimberly  
**Grandparents:** Chuck & Carol Cassie; Mary Catherine a& the late Clem Tortora  
**Hometown:** Northville  
**Region:** Basilicata; Calabria  
**Clubs/Organizations:** Italian American Club of Livonia; Class Vice President; Varsity

Football, Co-Captain; Varsity Baseball; Homecoming Court; IACL Columbus Day King  
**Future Plans:** UofD Jesuit, College of Business, MBA Program – Academic Scholarship

**LILY CONWAY**



**School:** Northwestern University, Boston  
**Parents:** Joe & Hilary  
**Grandparents:** Janet and the late Ray Conway  
**Hometown:** Portland  
**Region:** Lazio  
**Clubs/Organizations:** Kappa Delta Sorority  
**Future Plans:** 2026 Law School

*Still celebrating the accomplishments of the Italian Americans Class of 2025  
The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.....  
The Italian American Club of Livonia would like to wish*

***“Tanti Auguri to the Class of 2025”***



**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**Italian American Club of Livonia**



The story began in the hallways of St Alphonus School in Dearborn where they first met as students ~ though the romance didn't spark until their twenties. On October 4, 1975, **JOE and PAT RASHID** said "I DO" at St Alphonus kicking off a lifetime of laughter, partnership and perfectly shared TV remotes. They spent 14 years in Livonia before settling in Northville where they've enjoyed 36 years of community, memories and probably a few home improvement adventures. While they don't have any children, they've happily claimed the title of "favorite aunt and uncle" among their many nieces and nephews. As they celebrate **50 golden years**, we toast a couple who proves that the best love stories grow from friendship, humor and a whole lot of heart. **CONGRATULATIONS RASHIDS....**



We are delighted to recognize a special couple in our Club as they celebrated their **50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**. **RAY and PATTY ROZELL** married on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 1975. They have spent five decades building a life filled with love, commitment and countless shared moments. Reaching this golden milestone speaks volumes about their partnership and the strength of the bond they share. Please join us in congratulating them on 50 wonderful years and wishing them continued happiness ahead....



This year is truly special marking both lasting love and exciting new beginnings.... We celebrate **RAFFAELA and ELIO GIOVANNONE** who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in October. – A testament to enduring love and a lifetime of shared memories. Their story reminds us that true love stands the test of time and continues to inspire all who know them. In the same joyful year their legacy of love is mirrored in a new chapter as their granddaughter **Rebekah Holbrook** married **Jake Rajeswki** on August 23rd. This couple began their happily ever after and will carry forward the spirit of love into the next generation. It's a wonderful reminder that love, whether decades in the making or just beginning, is what binds families together and creates lasting memories. **MUCH LOVE AND HAPPINESS TO ALL...** Here's to a love that lasts a lifetime...



**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**Italian American Club of Livonia**



Love was definitely in the air on July 26th when **MR JOHN LAKO** and **DR MARIA PULICE** tied the knot! The stunning ceremony at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit set the perfect stage, and the party didn't stop there ~ family and friends kept the celebration going at the iconic Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, filled with laughter, dancing, and plenty of love. Maria, daughter of **GENE** and **SANDY PULICE** and granddaughter of **SILVIO** and **GEORGIA SCAPPATICCI**, had her loved ones cheering every

step of the way. Tantissimi Auguri to this gorgeous couple—may your love be as timeless and fabulous as your wedding day!



On September 21<sup>st</sup> love was definitely in the air at the charming Inn at St John where **ROBERT RUSSO** (son of **ANTONIO** and **ROSEANNE**, grandson of **ANTOINETTE LOMBARDO & ASSUNTA RUSSO**) asked **ADRIANNA RUGIERO** (daughter of **ANTHONY** and **SABRINA**, granddaughter of **RITA RUGIERO, MARCELLA CORONA & VINCENZO CELANI**) to be his forever. The proposal was as romantic as it was unexpected – Adrianna thought she was attending a birthday party for Robert's grandmother, only to be swept into a magical moment she—and everyone present – will never forget. With

two very Italian families coming together, both deeply rooted in tradition and family values, it was clear from the start that this couple was destined to be together. Laughter, love and a shared appreciation for life's most meaningful moments marked the day, reminding everyone that true love is often written in the stars. And they don't want to wait long to start this next chapter, an October 2026 wedding is already in the works, promising even more joy, celebration and happily-ever-after for this perfect pair.



love

What began as a planned trip to Italy turned into the adventure of a lifetime for **BILL HARDIN** and **TIFFANY KELLY** Tiffany thought she was in for sightseeing, gondolas, and maybe a little gelato—but Bill had a secret plan, and it wasn't easy hiding the sparkling engagement ring. He popped the question in the heart of San Marco Square, completely catching Tiffany off guard.

With the canals as their backdrop and the magic of Venice in the air, Tiffany said **YES**, marking the start of the next chapter in their love story. This couple truly knows how to make romance an adventure!

Here's to Bill and Tiffany—may your love be as adventurous, joyful, and unforgettable as your Venetian proposal.



Ti Amo



**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**Italian American Club of Livonia**

Board Member, **SHANNEN** and her husband **JOSEPH ROTONDO** are over the moon to welcome their son, **JOSEPH ARTHUR** born on August 30! This little guy is already making history as the first boy grandchild for proud nonni, **JOE** and **ALICE**, joining a lovely clan that already includes 3 spirited granddaughters. From the moment he arrived, it was clear that Joseph Arthur



is going to be a true little adventurer, a lover of hockey and full of all the boyish charm and mischief that comes naturally with being the first son. With a family like his cheering him on, there's no doubt he'll keep everyone on their toes – and maybe even score a few goals along the way.... Here's to baby Joseph Arthur, may your days be filled with laughter,



love and all the little adventure a little prince on the rink could dream of...



The **Mike Rotondo** family are overjoyed to announce the arrival of their newest granddaughter, **BRIDGET MARY**, born on August 6<sup>th</sup>, a truly special day that also happens to be her grandmother Karen's birthday! Bridget joins her siblings, **MICHAEL** and **ELENA**, bringing even more



love, laughter, and happiness to parents **GINA** and **ADDISON BOHANNON**. Proud grandparents **MIKE** and **KAREN** are delighted to welcome this newest addition to the family and celebrate a double reason to smile this year. With a birthday shared with her grandmother and the warm embrace of a loving family surrounding her, Bridget Mary is sure to be cherished every day. Here's to a lifetime of love, joy, and family memories for this sweet little girl!

*Oh Baby*



The **Tony Rotondo** family is thrilled to welcome **ELIZABETH SHERI**, born to **JOHN** and **CHRISTY ROTONDO** as their second little miracle, joining big brother **ELUAH** in the family fun! Elizabeth is entering a family full of doctors, so it's safe to say she's already got some big shoes to fill... and who knows? She might just follow in their footsteps—or carve out her own path as a little powerhouse in her own right. Either way, one thing is certain: Elizabeth is already a star!

Proud grandparents President-Elect **TONY** and his wife **SHERI** couldn't be happier, and Bisnonna **JOSEPHINE** is now celebrating 17 great-grandchildren (*with more likely on the way!*). Here's to Elizabeth Sheri—may she grow up fearless, brilliant, and just a little sassy, ready to take on the world!



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## Italian American Club of Livonia



Club Members **PAT** and **JOE RASHID** are delighted to share that their niece Erica Hypnar married Kyle Cowden. The couple exchanged vows on September 4<sup>th</sup> in the breathtaking coastal town of Sorrento Italy – surrounded by stunning views and unforgettable moments. Erica and Kyle continued their celebration with a dreamy honeymoon throughout Italy, soaking in the beauty, culture and romance of the country. Please join us in sending the newlyweds our warmest congratulations and best wishes as they begin this new chapter together!

*i love* 



## COLUMBUS DAY GALA RECAP



On October 18<sup>th</sup> we rolled out the red carpet for our 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbus Day Gala – and let me tell you it was a night worthy of its own highlight reel! Our dynamic duo, **Marc Rotondo** and **Isabella Soave** took the stage as Master of Ceremonies and absolutely crushed it. They introduced the festivities in both English and Italian – *because why settle for one language when you can dazzle in two?* Major kudos to our fabulous young adults for keeping the energy sky-high. President **Frank Luscri** had the honor of introducing not one, but two Outstanding Italians of the Year for 2025. A huge round of applause for **Jo**



**Anne Capaldi** and **Roberto Carta**. Their bios are in this newsletter and trust us, you'll want to read why these two were the stars of the night. We kept the tradition strong by belting out both the Italian and American National Anthems – *because when it comes to heritage and pride, we do it big*. Dinner? Scrumptious. Worth every single bite. And once our plates were empty and our bellies full, there was only one thing left to do: hit the dance floor! **Fantasia** kept us moving all night long—no surprise there; they're a fan favorite among all of us Italian Americans. After dinner, **Kim Tozer** took the spotlight to introduce this year's Columbus Day Court – a group that couldn't represent our Club more perfectly if they tried. And speaking of perfection we just have to share **Queen Isabella Orlandi's** speech....

*"I am so honored to be standing here tonight as this year's Columbus Day Queen. Being chosen to represent my Italian Heritage and this amazing community means so much to me. My Italian roots have always been a big part of who I am. Growing up, I learned that being Italian isn't just about where our family comes from, it's about family, tradition and love. It's about the Sunday dinners that go on forever, the sound of laughter that fills the room and the stories that get passed down from generation to generation. When I reflect on my heritage, I think of my grandparents and the sacrifices they made to create a better future for their family. Their hard work paved the way for me to be here today, and I am extremely proud of my roots and where I come from. Italians have such a special way of celebrating life, through food, faith and family and I'm so proud to carry those traditions forward and never forget where they started. During my reign, I'm looking forward to representing the Italian American Club with pride and sharing our culture with others, especially younger generations. I want them to see how special it is to be part of such an amazing community. I hope to continue the traditions that have been passed down and create new memories that honor our heritage. I want to celebrate not just what it means to be Italian, but what it means to feel Italian, to live with pride, compassion and joy every single day. I promise to wear this crown with pride, love and dedication, to honor the generations before me while inspiring the next ones to carry our traditions forward. Thank you all for giving me this incredible opportunity and trusting me to represent our beautiful heritage. I hope to make my family, my community and all of you proud."*



What a night! From start to finish the energy was off the charts and the memories made were pure magic. And if our 48th celebration dazzled like this.... Just imagine what our 49th Columbus Day event in 2026 is cooking up.. Stay tuned, stay excited and get ready....



## The Legacy Continues: Welcoming a New Reign of Columbus Day Queens

A new year of sparkle and grace are upon us at the Italian American Club of Livonia. Our 2025-2026 Columbus Day Court have been crowned and are ready to make their mark in our history books. These ladies honor their Italian heritage, love their families, and consider the Club a home away from home. You will see them throughout the Club this year wearing their beautiful crowns donated by Orin Jewelers and the Mazzoni family.

Our ladies of the Columbus Day Court kicked off their year with a trip to Lansing to attend the Ramo Salerno Italian Heritage Luncheon where they were honored by State Representative Joe Aragona and Italian Consul Allegra Baistrocchi and presented with a certificate stating their Italian representation in our community. They also visited the State Capitol building and enjoyed a tour to witness Michigan's democracy in action.



As our tradition continues, the Columbus Day Court also participated in all the events for Columbus Day week—the Italian Flag Raising Mass and the Columbus Day Gala, where they were crowned and introduced to a crowd of Club members and proud family. Each queen was presented flowers by their family, then they danced the night away to the band, Fantasia. It truly was a night filled with Italian memories!



### 2025-2026 Columbus Day Court

Queen **Isabella Orlandi**  
 Junior Queen **Giavanna Munafa**  
 Queen Isabella **Francesca Ciccantelli**  
 Queen Isabella **Isla Dowhan**  
 Queen Isabella **Sofia Jonski**  
 Little Miss Isabella **Eva Soave**  
 Little Miss Isabella **Marina Tozer**

The Columbus Day Court will stay busy throughout their reign by taking part in the Halloween Party, Breakfast with Santa, hosting the Bake Sale during the Holiday Pasta Rustica, La Befana, and May Crowning. If you see them around, stop them and say ciao—they can't wait to meet you!



## *Outstanding Italian of the Year 2025*

### *Jo Anne Capaldi*



*Jo Anne Capaldi has been a proud member of the Italian American Club of Livonia since 1994 when she and her late husband, Philip became lifetime members. Together they raised their son, David Philip, while also raising the bar for service and dedication within the Club.*

*Her roots trace back to her father's family from a small town near Frosinone, Italy – a heritage that Jo Anne has embraced with both pride and purpose. Over the years, she's rolled up her sleeves for just about every event imaginable: Pasta Dinner check in, Columbus Day Dinner Dance, Las Vegas Night, Livonia Spree, Super Bowl Parties, Golf Outings, Halloween Bash, the Kentucky Derby, Memorial Mass and more. If there's a Club event, chances are Jo Anne has had a hand in making it happen.*

*Her resume of contributions doesn't stop there. She served on the Membership Committee, helped produce roster books in 2002 and 2006 and for 17 years has been an integral part of the IACL Charitable Foundation Scholarship Committee – helping countless of students reach their educational goals. Jo Anne also was on a Class C Liquor License as her husband's family owned Westland Bowl for over 50 years.*

*But Jo Anne's service goes beyond events and committees. A self-proclaimed "lover of by-laws", she dove deep into the Club's history reading every minute recorded since its founding in 1977 and organized them into binders to preserve for future generations. She also brought all the by-laws up to date – ensuring the IACL's history and governance remains strong and clear.*

*Currently serving her fourth year on the Board of Directors, Jo Anne is as humble as she is dedicated in her own words: "I would volunteer for anything. I do things because I want to do them, not because I'm going to get credit for them."*

*For Jo Anne Capaldi, the Italian heritage isn't just something to celebrate – it's something to serve, preserve, and pass on. And it's exactly why she shines so brightly as one of our Outstanding Italian of the Year 2025*

*Many Congratulations to Jo Anne Capaldi*

## Outstanding Italian of the Year 2025

### Roberto Mario Carta



*Roberto Carta is a proud and dedicated member of the Italian American Club of Livonia, where his deep Italian roots and strong sense of community have made a lasting impact. A longtime member of the Club, Roberto has served on the board for the past four years as a Director and will begin his term on the Executive Board as Corresponding Secretary in January 2026.*

*Among his many contributions, Roberto is best known for revitalizing the Club's bocce league. Under his leadership, the league grew from 15 to 39 teams, now boasting over 140 players—a testament to his passion and organizational skills. He also chairs two of the Club's popular events: the Cigar Dinners and the Caccia di Cucina (wild game themed dinner), both of which have become highlights for members throughout the year. Most recently,*

*Roberto launched the Club's first Cornhole Tournament, which was met with overwhelming enthusiasm and success. Beyond these, Roberto is always willing to lend a hand, assisting with numerous Club functions and initiatives.*

*Born in the United States to Silvana and the late Antonio Carta, Roberto is the first American-born member of his immediate family, who hail from Sardegna, Italy. His three sisters—Loredana (Jim) O'Neil, Rossana (Tony) Ruggirello, and Sondra (Pete) Soave—were all born in Sardegna, but his father would often say that he had to wait until he got to America to make the boy. After Roberto, his younger sister Paula was also born in the United States. Roberto brings his Sardinian heritage and Italian values into everything he does—especially through his commitment to family, tradition, and community.*

*Roberto has spent his life in and around the construction industry and currently works in sales at Hutch Paving Inc, specializing in asphalt and concrete. He has been married to his wife Lisa for over 26 years, and together they are the proud parents of three children: Antonio, Domenic, and Olivia. He also has hosted an exchange student from South Korea, Eojin Jeong for many years.*

*With his strong work ethics, deep cultural pride, and tireless service, Roberto embodies the spirit of the Italian American Club of Livonia. It is with great honor that we recognize him as one of our Outstanding Italian of the Year 2025.*

*Many Congratulations to Roberto Carta*

*This year's recipient of the Ramo Salerno Award in Lansing*



## *Georgia Scappaticci*

### *A Life of Faith, Family, and Service*

I was born in Detroit, Michigan, to devoted Catholic parents, Mable and George Schorr, who raised me with strong values rooted in faith, compassion, and service.

At just 16 years old, I met the love of my life, **Silvio Scappaticci**, a proud Italian immigrant. We married when I was 18, and from that moment, my life became deeply intertwined with Italian culture and tradition.

I didn't just live with Silvio's mother after we married—I was lovingly embraced by his large, extended Italian family. Surrounded by the food, language, traditions, and warmth that define Italian life, I was not just introduced to the culture—I became part of it. Over the years, many trips to Italy to visit Silvio's

family and experience his homeland firsthand have shaped who I am and deepened my love for all things Italian. Together, Silvio and I raised three daughters—**Gina (Vaughn)**, **Sandra (Gene)**, and **Cristina**—instilling in them our Catholic faith and the deep-rooted values of family, tradition, and service.

I have always felt called to give back. Over the years, I've volunteered at several parishes including St. Dunstan, St. Robert Bellarmine, Our Lady of Sorrows, Holy Family, and currently, Our Lady of Good Counsel. I've sung in choirs, supported Catholic school programs, and served as both a hospice and bereavement volunteer, walking with others through some of life's most sacred and difficult moments.

I have been a proud member of the Italian American Club since 1987, dedicating myself to preserving Italian heritage, building community, and supporting meaningful causes. My contributions include planning and organizing beloved cultural events such as La Befana Dinners, Regional Dinners showcasing the diverse cuisines of Italy's regions, Columbus Day Dinners in honor of Italian history, and the Santa Breakfast for Young Italians, which brings the next generation into the heart of our traditions. Each event is created with love and intention—to teach, celebrate, and support Italian culture within our community.

I currently serve on the Verdi Opera Committee, where I help shape the Club's cultural offerings and perform to preserve the treasured tradition of Italian opera.

Among all the causes dear to my heart, the most precious is the St. Louis Center, a home for individuals with special needs. Every year, I help organize a benefit dinner at the Italian American Club to raise critical funds and awareness for their mission.

Though I wasn't born Italian, I have lived over five decades as part of the Italian community—at home, in church, in travel, in service, and in celebration. Through marriage, family, and a life of cultural immersion, I have become Italian American in every way that matters.

Today, my greatest joy is seeing our family's love for Italian heritage live on through the next generations. I am the proud grandmother of five grandchildren—**Gino (Jackie)**, **Maria (John)**, **Bruno**, **Danilo**, and **Rocco**—each given strong Italian names that reflect our roots. The tradition has continued with our great-grandchild, also named **Gino**, a testament to how deeply our family cherishes and carries forward the beauty of Italian culture.

*Many Congratulations to Georgia!*

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

The Italian American Club of Livonia



IACL MEMBERS  
MEMORIAL DEDICATION MASS  
NOVEMBER 8, 2025

*Celebrating and Remembering Our Loved Ones,  
May their souls and love remain forever in our hearts.*

The **2025 Memorial Dedication Mass** was held on Sunday, November 9th, and it was a truly beautiful and meaningful event. Nearly 200 guests attended the Mass, with more than 140 joining us afterward for the luncheon. Fr. Satheesh of the St. Louis Center celebrated the Mass and offered a heartfelt tribute to our loved ones. Before Mass, we held a special candle dedication ceremony in which the names of the recently deceased were read aloud. As each name was announced, family members were invited to the altar to light a candle and receive a medallion and a flower—many of which were then placed in the vase honoring our Blessed Mother. Families also received a prayer card and a keepsake medallion in remembrance of their loved one. We welcome everyone to attend this touching and uplifting annual event. *Please mark your calendar*



*for next year's Memorial Dedication Mass which will be held on the second Sunday of November; Sunday, November 8, 2026*



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*In loving  
memory of  
beloved  
members*

O Dio ascolta la nostra preghiera  
per le anime che hai chiamato a  
te concedi il riposo eterno nella  
beata pace della tua dimora, in  
compagnia dei tuoi angeli e  
santi.

O God, hear our prayer for the  
souls you have called to yourself,  
grant them eternal rest in the  
blessed peace of your home and  
in the company of your angels  
and saints.



***Life brings tears,  
smiles, and memories.***

***The tears dry,  
the smiles fade,  
but the memories last forever***



*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 Lifetime Member**

**ORFEO CORONA**

**APRIL 4, 1932 – NOVEMBER 22, 2025**

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved father, **ORFEO CORONA**, who left us peacefully on November 22, 2025, at the age of 93. Born on April 4, 1932, in Villa Sant'Angelo (AQ), Italy, Orfeo lived a life defined by devotion to family, hard work, and generosity. He is survived by his beloved wife, **MARIA PIA**; his children, Patrizia (David) Glencer, Sabatino (Pamela), and Rita (Paolo) Di Martino; and his cherished grandchildren, Liliana Corona, Massimo, and Matteo Di Martino. He was preceded in death by his parents, Sabatino and Agata Corona, and his brothers, Domenico and Francesco. He is also survived by his sister, Angela Corona (Antonini) in Italy. Born with a strong work ethic and a generous heart, Orfeo devoted his life to being a dedicated husband, father, and

grandfather. Orfeo and Maria Pia immigrated to the United States to raise their family, and also making it possible for his parents, brothers and sister to follow. He was a builder in every sense of the word—through his years in commercial and residential construction, as an independent business owner, and later during his career at Ford Motor Company. Known for his brick-working skills, he created garden patios for friends and family and volunteered his masonry talents to his former church in Detroit. His hands were rarely still, always crafting, tending gardens, cooking creative meals, and making wine and sausage to share with loved ones. He never missed an opportunity to share a story over a glass of his homemade wine or an espresso with Sambuca. Orfeo was a social man who seemed to encounter friends wherever he went, cherishing those connections deeply. He especially enjoyed his time at the Italian American Club, where he was proud to be a lifetime member, both in Dearborn and Livonia. These communities brought him joy, friendship, and a sense of belonging that enriched his life. His love for his homeland of Italy was a constant source of happiness. For many years, he traveled each summer to Villa Sant'Angelo, where he enjoyed visiting family and reconnecting with his roots. Those journeys were among his most treasured experiences, reflecting his deep pride in his heritage and devotion to family. He will be remembered for his energy, his social spirit, and his unwavering devotion to family and community. His presence will be deeply missed, but his spirit will continue to guide us in the gardens we plant, the meals we share, and the lives we build.



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**CONCETTA "Connie" DIMARCO**

JANUARY 29, 1958 – NOVEMBER 19, 2025

**CONCETTA ADELINE DIMARCO (CURCURU)** passed away peacefully, surrounded by her beloved family on November 19, 2025. The loss of Connie leaves an unfillable void in the hearts of all who knew her. However, as a woman dedicated to her faith, we know Connie has found peace in Heaven and was greeted with open arms by the Lord and all her loved ones who passed before her. To attempt to encapsulate Connie's life and all that she meant to her friends and family in just a few short paragraphs is truly a fool's errand. She was born on January 29, 1958 as the beloved second child and first daughter of Frances and Nunzio Curcuru. She was a sister to siblings Salvatore Curcuru and Club Members: CAROL & CHARLIE

**CHRISTOPHER.** Like many Italian American households, Connie's childhood was filled with love, family and fantastic food. She brought the joy and values instilled by her parents into her own family, which she built with the love of her life, **PAUL DIMARCO.** Connie married Paul on October 30, 1982. With him, she became a mother to three children, which she would tell you was undoubtedly the greatest thing she ever did in her life. Connie was an amazing mother, dedicated to her children's happiness above all else. It became clear that Connie was always meant for motherhood. Her selflessness and devotion to the well-being of others became even more apparent as Paulie, Greg and Angela's mom. Connie tragically lost her eldest son Paul on September 19, 2010, when he was just 22 years old. This tragedy could have destroyed her, changed her faith in God and made it impossible to go on. However, Connie was no ordinary woman. She remained the devout, dedicated mother she always was to her children and carried her immense pain with such unbelievable grace. She bravely explained that "Life is for the living," as she guided her children toward health, happiness and the growth of their own families. Connie thought she could never find happiness greater than that brought by her children. That is, until she met her grandchildren. Connie became "Noni" in August 2022 when little Paulie was born to Angela and Corey Cummins. Her world tilted as this little angel boy brought her a joy she never thought she would feel again. Paulie was followed by Regina, born in April 2023 to Greg and Maureen, Carmine in June 2024 and Rosemary in October 2025. As a Noni to four "sweet babies" Connie found an unexplainable happiness. Now, with her passing, Connie's family finds comfort in the fact that she is in eternal rest with her parents and her beloved son Paulie. In her final moments, though she could not speak, Connie miraculously smiled. Whether this was a final goodbye to those she left behind, or a beautiful hello to her sweet boy she missed so much, we do not know. However, we will never forget her smile and we know that it will be eternally shining down upon us and that we are so lucky to have had her in our lives.



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**JOHN LORIA SR**

MAY 7, 1949 – OCTOBER 27, 2025

**JOHN D. LORIA, SR.,** 76, passed away peacefully on Monday, October 27th, 2025, surrounded by his family. John was a devoted husband of 38 years to his treasured wife, **DONNA** – the love of his life and his constant companion. He was a loving and selfless father to four children, Club Members: SALVATORE (BRIANA) LORIA, and **MARIA LORIA,** and John (Samantha) Loria and Teresa (Michael) O'Donohue. He was an adoring "Papa" to two grandchildren, Lilianna and Rosalia, who were his pride and joy. He had an affinity and love for animals, especially for his adored family pets, Luigi and Chewie, as well as his "granddog," Rocco. John

is survived by his dear sister, Kim (Matt) Loria Sklar; his brother-in-law, Gerry Pachla; and his cherished sisters-in-law, Rosemarie Daniel, Linda (James) Bauters, and Club Members: SUSIE (RICHARD) ROBELL. He leaves behind a legacy of love and kindness, remembered fondly by his many nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors, and friends. John was preceded in death by his parents, Salvatore and June; stepmother, Joyce; sister, Diane; his beloved parents-in-law, Mary (Domenica) and Phillip Patanis; dear brothers-in-law, Tom and Chuck; and many other loved ones who welcomed him with open arms into God's kingdom. John was endlessly generous and deeply devoted to his community, always lending a hand to anyone in need. Whether through acts of service, quiet kindness, or simple encouragement, he had a way of lifting spirits wherever he went. Proud of his Italian heritage, John carried on cherished traditions – from Sunday dinners and roasted peppers to bocce games and pinochle nights. He loved his faith, his family, and the joy of connection – and he never missed an opportunity to share a laugh, offer advice, or tell a great story.

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**OLGA IAFRATE**

JUNE 15, 1933 – OCTOBER 18, 2025

**OLGA IAFRATE**, age 92, of Livonia, passed away on October 18, 2025, in Westland, Michigan. Born on June 15, 1933, in Santopadre, Italy, Olga was the beloved daughter of Donato and Maria Zagaroli. It was in her hometown that she met the love of her life, Michele Iafrate, when they were young neighbors. They married in Italy in 1954, and built a beautiful life together, full of love and devotion to family. In 1968, Olga and Michele moved to the United States, eventually settling in Michigan, where they raised their children. Olga was a woman whose life centered around her family. She was a devoted wife, a nurturing mother, and a cherished grandmother and great-grandmother. Her love and care were felt in every home-cooked meal, every carefully canned jar from her garden, and every stitch of her beautiful crocheted and knitted creations. She was an artist in every sense; her hands always busy with crafts, and her heart always full of love. A woman of deep faith, Olga was a dedicated parishioner of St. Colette Catholic Church for over thirty years. Her faith guided her life and gave her strength through both joyful and difficult times. Olga is survived by her loving son-*Club Members*: **GIANNI (SUSAN) IAFRATE**; her devoted daughter-in-law Margaret Iafrate; 5 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and her brother-*Club Members*: **BENNY (SYLVIA) ZAGAROLI**. She is reunited in eternal peace with her beloved husband, Michele, who passed in 1998; her dear son, Alessio; her sister, Yolanda; and her parents, Donato and Maria. Olga's life was a testament to love, and dedication to family. Her warmth, wisdom, and generosity will be remembered always by all who were fortunate to know her.



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**THOMAS REA**

FEBRUARY 28, 1937 – OCTOBER 11, 2025

**THOMAS REA** - age 88 and beloved husband of **VALENTINA** for 66 wonderful years. Loving father of Robert (Sandra) REA and *Club Members*: **NORMAN (TAMI) REA**. Adored Nonno of **LILLIE AND JOSEPH**. Dear brother of the late Bruna (Gino), uncle of Carlo (Linda), Luigi, Paolo (Maureen) and *Club Members*: **GABRIELLA (BRUNO) CASTELVETERE**, and cherished great-nieces and nephews. Born in Arpino, Italy, he came to this country in the 50's with his family. He went back to marry Valentina in Arpino and brought her back to the US. He was a successful machine tool engineer who worked very hard and believed family was everything. He was especially proud of his grandchildren and loved spending time with them and celebrating their achievements and milestones. Thomas was a humble, gentle man, and was a friend to many. He enjoyed playing cards during his weekly visits to the Italian American Club of Livonia and family gatherings. He was dearly loved and will be deeply missed by all.



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**GERALD "Jerry" MANNARINO**

FEBRUARY 17, 1949 – SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

**GERALD "Jerry" MANNARINO** - this is His Legacy... Our family would like you to share time with us and say goodbye to our brilliant, loving and caring dad, husband and grandpa. Gerald "Jerry" Mannarino, born on February 17, 1949, passed away on September 27, 2025 in Vermont. He left a lasting legacy in the hearts of his family, friends and coworkers at Kenwal Steel Company, where he was Chief Metallurgist. He had over 60 years of steel making experience and was known all over the world for his knowledge about steel making (Ford Rouge Steel Co., Marty's Tool and Die welding, die formability and sales). Jerry loved to study, learn and teach others about investing their money to get dividends from his famous/favorite stock, DNP. They called him "S & S" (stocks and steel). Jerry was deeply loved by his family and friends and will be greatly missed. His Family... Jerry will be missed by his wife, **JAN MANNARINO**; his children, Gabriel (Holly Halliday) Mannarino, of Vermont, David (Kate Krasean) Mannarino, of Novi; grandchildren, Molly (13), Mindy (12) and Maya (6); and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Gabriel and Rose Mannarino; and sister, Diane Owens. In true Jerry fashion, the family asks that instead of flowers, you treat a family with children to dinner in his memory. He will be deeply missed – may he rest in peace and may his stories live on.



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### **DOLORES ORSINI**

APRIL 7, 1941 – JUNE 30, 2025

**DOLORES ANNE ORSINI** of Brandon Township, Michigan, formerly of Farmington Hills, MI and Queens, NY; born April 7, 1941 to Angelo "Charlie" and Anna Caporrino; passed away on June 30, 2025 with her family by her side at the age of 84; Wife of **CARL** for 64 years; Mother of Karen (Bob) Schmitt, Mike (Susan) Orsini, Steve (Megan) Orsini, Frank (Amea) Orsini and Vince (Lisa) Orsini; Grandmother of Brandon Schmitt, Andrea (Brandon) Wint, Zack (Linda) Orsini, Bennett (Jess) Orsini, Michael Orsini, Owen Orsini, Olivia Orsini, Vivienne Orsini, Charlotte Orsini, Valentino Orsini and Luca Orsini; Also, an expected great granddaughter; Sister of Roseann (late Phil) Orlando, Marie (late Juan) Sosa and Jack (Susan) Caporrino;

also survived by many nieces and nephews. Dolores had attended Our Lady of Sorrows, Farmington. The heart of our family, her love and devotion are shown by the everyday actions of her husband, children and grandchildren. She made the holidays memorable with food and tradition, but all family gatherings were special. Her cooking brought so many friends and family together. Her faith was strong and set an example for us. She was active with her church and generous in giving time, talent and treasure to charity. When it was time to relax, she enjoyed a good book, or bowling back in the day.



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### **ROBERTA "Robin" SARGENT**

MAY 31, 1953 – JULY 26, 2019

**ROBERTA CATHERINE "Robin" SARGENT**, a resident of Brighton, Michigan, formerly of Garden City, Michigan passed away on July 26th, 2019 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor at the age of 66. She was born on May 31, 1953 to Robert and Irene Szur in Detroit, Michigan, the oldest of three siblings, and was raised in Garden City, Michigan. Robin graduated from Garden City West High School. She worked at various customer service jobs and retired from Mascari and Associates in May of 2015. As a senior in high school, she was crowned Miss Spark after winning the Garden City Fire Department beauty pageant. Her family took great joy in talking about this accomplishment. Robin's greatest joy was

spending time with her husband of 28 years, her three children, five grandchildren and her nieces and nephew. She enjoyed fishing, trips to the casino and cheering on her favorite sports teams. She was the most gracious person you ever met unless you crossed her family, especially her nieces, nephew and grandchildren. In her retirement years, she enjoyed spending time with her beloved mother and best friend, Irene. Robin was survived-by her husband, Richard; children, Scott (Marie) Sargent, Todd (Carrie) Sargent and Beth Sargent; grandchildren, Cassidy, Benjamin, Sawyer, Connor and Nolan; her mother, Irene; brother, Bill (Loretta) Szur; sister, Kathy Szur-Deyonker; nephews, Alex Deyonker and Dave (Kim) Stange; and her nieces, Samantha (Mike) Paducha, DeAnne (Brian) Slattery and Cate Deyonker.



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### **RICHARD SARGENT**

NOVEMBER 18, 1946 – MAY 27, 2024

**RICHARD KENT SARGENT**, 77, passed away May 27, 2024. He was born on November 18, 1946, in Three Rivers, Michigan to Joseph Sargent and Beryl (Musser) Sargent. He will be remembered as a generous man with a larger-than-life personality. Richard loved to engage with people and was fun to be around. He enjoyed hosting parties and having people over. Richard's greatest passion in life was being with his wife (Robin) of nearly 30 years, and his grandchildren. He also enjoyed fishing and going to the casino. Richard will be missed by his children, Scott (Marie) Sargent, Todd (Carrie) Sargent, Bethany Sargent; siblings, Connie, Doug (Anne), Victor (Joanne), Kevin (Tacy), Penny Sigler; grandchildren, Sawyer, Connor, Nolan, Cassidy, Benjamin; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Robin.

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**BARBARA PARENTE**

AUGUST 24, 1933 – SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

**BARBARA PARENTE**, 90, of Gladwin, passed away on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. She was born on August 24, 1933, the daughter of Antonio Brugnetti and Rose Coppotelli in Chester, PA. She was united in marriage with Dr. Paul Parente on June 28, 1953, they shared many years of memories together until he preceded her in death in 2015. Barbara extremely enjoyed cooking for her family. She also played both the piano and the organ. Barbara was a skilled seamstress always making clothes for her children. Barbara and Paul travelled around the world frequently, enjoying long weekends away and beach vacations. The couple loved to dance, spending many nights dancing until they could not anymore. Barbara was always up for an adventure, whether it was going up north to the cottage or visiting family out of state she was always wanting to go. Barbara was such a loving and giving person and a great friend to many. She was survived by her daughters: Denise (Richard) Purdy, Christine (Joseph) Carnahan, and Paula (Kevin Crane) Famie; sons: Paul Anthony Parente and Stephen Parente; sister; Nancy (Chuck) Wojciehowski; 8 grandchildren: Jennifer, Ryan, Emily, Alicia, Joshua, Richard, Alyssa, and Angelina; and 1 great-grandchild: Eider. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and her sister, Francis DeAugustine.



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**PAUL PARENTE**

FEBRUARY 4, 1930 – MAY 26, 2015

**PAUL ALBERT PARENTE, D.O.** age 85, of Farmington Hills, retired Botsford and family practice physician, died May 26, 2015. Dr. Paul was born February 4, 1930, in Chester, PA, the son of Dominic and Susan Malorini. He married Barbara (Brugnetti) on June 28, 1953, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Chester, PA. He is the beloved husband of 62 years to Barbara; devoted father of Denise (Richard) Purdy, Christine (Joe) Carnahan, Paula Famie, Paul Anthony and Stephen (Renee); and grandfather of Richard Coleman, Jennifer Speer, Ryan Speer, Emily Carnahan, Alicia (fiance' Andrew McNeil) Famie, Joshua Famie, Alyssa Parente and Angelina Parente.

*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 2-day notice and notify Club Coordinator Loredana O'Neil [loredana@iacl.us](mailto:loredana@iacl.us) or Sondra Soave 248-345-6182. This can only be done if we receive notification about the death. However, sometimes we are not notified. Therefore, we ask YOU and their relatives or friends to please notify us. Grazie!*

**Also when a Club Member passes away, we honor them by lowering the Italian flag at the Club to half-mast on either the day of the funeral luncheon if it is held at the Club or on the Thursday Pasta Rustica of that week.**



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

**SAVE THE DATE****IACL MEMBERS****2026 MEMORIAL DEDICATION MASS**

will be on Sunday, November 8, 2026 @ 10:30am

Please share this day as we support family and friends to honor our deceased Club Members

If you would like a photo of your loved one included in the Memorial Video Montage, please submit photos to [loredana@iacl.us](mailto:loredana@iacl.us) | attn: Good & Welfare Committee

**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.**

- ✝ **LISA (PIERO) DISTEFANO** and **NINA RIZZO** for the loss of their dear mother and sister, **RUTH RIZZO** who died peacefully surrounded by her family on November 28, 2025. She was a beloved Nonna to nine grandchildren and Rosa was known for her wonderful sense of humor, bringing laughter and joy to all who knew her. She also shared a special bond with her beloved dog Joey. She will be dearly missed and forever remembered.
- ✝ **KRISSY (GIULIANO), AUBREY, NIKKI,** and **MCKENNA SOAVE** for the loss of their dear cousin Timothy Siedlaczek, age 55, who passed away unexpectedly on October 31, 2025. Family was always Tim's first priority. He will be remembered for his big personality, quick wit, funny stories and ability to light up any room he entered. He always had something positive, and often hilarious, to say. Beyond his humor, Tim had an enormous heart and was always ready to lend a helping hand. His circle of friends was endless, and the impact he made on their lives immeasurable. His legacy of kindness, loyalty, laughter, and love will live on in the hearts of his family and friends forever.
- ✝ **ANGELINA COLONE; ANNA (TONY) D'ORAZIO,** and **MARIO COLONE** for the loss of their adored granddaughter and great niece, Giulia Angelina Colone, age 18 who was welcomed into the Lord's embrace on October 30, 2025. Giulia will be remembered for her radiant smile, her kind and compassionate heart, and the quiet strength with which she faced every challenge. She had a natural gift for bringing people together and finding beauty in the smallest moments—whether through a shared laugh, a thoughtful word, or a simple act of kindness. One of Giulia's greatest joys was the bond she shared with her beloved canine companion, Koda. The two were inseparable, sharing countless adventures and offering one another unconditional love and comfort. Though her time with us was far too short, her spirit will live on forever in the hearts of her family and friends.
- ✝ **SHIRLEY BONA; DINO (BARBARA) BONA** and **TONY (JACQUELYN) BONA** are deeply saddened for the loss of their dear son, nephew and cousin – Martin "Marty" Christopher Bona age 65 who passed away on October 30, 2025. Marty was a devoted father, proud grandfather, and loyal friend. He played football, baseball and wrestled in his youth, loved hunting and sports, and was known for his humor, kindness, and big heart. Marty lived life to the fullest and was always there for those who needed him — he was the heart of the Bona family and turned every gathering into a party. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Marty's warmth, laughter, and love will be forever remembered.
- ✝ **GERRYANNA (FRANK); FRANCESCO (JENNA),** and **ANGELA LUSCRI** for the loss of their beloved sister and aunt, Angie Luscri, age 66 who entered into eternal rest on October 12, 2025. Angie's determination, faith, and grace throughout her illness were a testament to her incredible strength and spirit. A woman of faith, she found comfort and peace in her relationship with God. She was a woman of intelligence, generosity, and quiet strength. Family was at the center of Angie's world. Her intelligence, beauty, and kindness made a lasting impression on everyone who knew her. She will be remembered for her radiant smile, her strength, and her unwavering devotion to the people she loved. She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.
- ✝ **MARIA (PASQUALE) REA** and **SYLVIA (BENNY) ZAGAROLI** for the loss of their beloved brother, Marco Rea Sr., age 83 of Waterloo, New York who passed away peacefully on October 17, 2025. Marco built a full and generous life defined by hard work, family devotion and a deep passion for classic cars. Marco followed his love for automobiles and opened his own car dealership, where he was known for his honesty, knowledge, and warm personality. Marco's greatest pride was his family who will miss him dearly.
- ✝ **SAL (MONIQUE) GIORDANO** for the loss of their wonderful brother, Fred Giordano, age 69 who was called to God's eternal Kingdom on September 14, 2025 and now rests in everlasting grace. Over his 40+ years in the restaurant business, Fred made many friends and touched many lives. He was truly a family man through and through, always putting his family first. He had a true passion for life—especially when it came to fast cars, motorcycles, and long, easy days by the lake. These passions weren't just hobbies; they were reflections of the freedom and enthusiasm in which he approached the world. He carried with him the values of hard work, loyalty, and love for family throughout his life. He dedicated more than four decades to the service and bar industry where his incredible work ethic, sharp wit, and genuine warmth made him not only respected but truly beloved by all who knew him. He had a gift for making everyone feel welcome—turning customers into friends and friends into family – being part of Fred's world meant you were part of something special. His presence was larger than life, his heart even bigger. His legacy will live on through the countless lives he touched with his kindness, humor, and unwavering dedication to those he loved. He will be missed more than words can express but never forgotten.
- ✝ With much sadness we announce the passing of Concetta Ferrari Angeloni in Vicalvi, Italia on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Concetta is the beloved sister to **PASQUALE (MARY) FERRARI; LORETA (GABRIELLE) FERRARI** and the late Anna Igida Iadipaolo; most loved and adored aunt, great aunt and great great aunt to **KATHY (JERRY) JONES; TONY (DIANE) IADIPAULO; GERRYANNA (FRANK) LUSCRI; WAYNE (KELLIE) KINNEY; JERAD (KELLY) KINNEY; FRANCESCO (JENNA) LUSCRI; ANGELA LUSCRI** and all their families. Concetta leaves behind a beautiful legacy of love and devotion, carried on in the hearts of her cherished family and friends.

**GOOD AND WELFARE**

**Italian American Club of Livonia**

✚ **ANNA (JACK) SERGE** for the loss of her cherished mother Hazel Marie Frederick age 104 who passed away peacefully on August 31, 2025. Hazel was deeply devoted to her family and her role as a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Hazel worked for many years at Hudson's. She enjoyed assisting customers and building relationships with others, particularly during her time working at the Estee Lauder counter at Northland Mall until her retirement. Her family was the center of her life and she expressed her love through acts of kindness such as cooking, baking, crocheting, taking shopping trips, and caring for her grand-dogs. Everyone who met Marie enjoyed her conversations, laughter, and the genuine thoughtfulness she shared. She was such a strong and inspirational woman, sharing her humor and words of wisdom with her grandchildren and all who knew her. She happily celebrated her 90th & 100th birthdays surrounded by family and friends.

✚ **CONNIE and ANDREW VASSALLO** for their loss of their dear brother and uncle Jerome "Jitterbug" Jaskolski age 72 who passed away suddenly on August 12, 2025. Jerry was a proud and active member of the Forbidden Wheels Motorcycle Club cherishing every ride on his Harley. Always moving, always doing, Jerry earned his nickname "Jitterbug" because he could never sit still — a quality that reflected his boundless energy and zest for life. Above all, Jerry was a true family man. He led with a big heart, a generous spirit, and will be deeply missed, but his memory will live on in the hearts of those who loved him. Whether on the open road, around a campfire, or at home surrounded by family, "Jitterbug" lived life to the fullest and leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and adventure.

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



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

🙏 Donald Sigouin 🙏 Benny Zagaroli  
 🙏 Maria Silvestri 🙏 Maria Rea  
 🙏 Bea King 🙏 Ronald Sergeant  
 🙏 Ramayan Saries 🙏 Roger and Renato Campoli  
 🙏 Carol Forest 🙏 Roberta D'Agostino -Marcella's daughter-in-law  
 🙏 Annita Marie Mannino



Our Rosary Prayer Group meets **Wednesdays @ 7:00pm** in the Clubhouse. All are welcome to pray together in Italian

On August 27<sup>th</sup> Fr Andrew joined the Rosary Group bringing a beautiful sense of peace and devotion to their gathering. The women warmly welcomed his presence, finding it a blessed opportunity to pray the rosary together in Italian and to deepen their heartfelt spiritual connection.



Clara De Luca, Silvana Carta, Anna D'Orazio, Maria Delibera, Josie DeMarco, Antonina Buffa, Pierina D'Orazio, Loreta Rea, Valentina Rea, Fr Andrew, Gerryanna Luscri, Salvina Farrugia

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Piera Boldrin, Shirley Bona, Lisa Marchetti, Patricia Tynan, Loreta Rea, Connie Vassallo, Claudia Rozum, Valentina Rea, Doris Darga, Karen Millard, Carrie Calomeni, Angelina Colone

**The Loving Hearts & Hands  
Knit & Crochet Group**

On a spectacular September afternoon, 12 ladies met for a new season. Our group has been meeting for over 25 years! We gladly welcome any new knitters or crocheters to join our group. We will supply needles and yarn. **We meet the first Tuesday of each month @ 1:00PM-3:00PM except for July and August.** We make shawls, afghans, lap blankets, hats, scarves, and baby items and carefully store all items until the Christmas holiday and then donate them to area nursing homes and St Mary Hospital. If interested stop by and visit our group.

Connie Vassallo 734-464-2521 Claudia Rozum 734-751-0646

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2026 DATES**

**January 6 ▲ February 3 ▲ March 3 ▲ April 7  
▲ May 5 ▲ June 2 Summer Luncheon  
September 2 ▲ October 6 ▲ November 3  
▲ December 1 Christmas Luncheon**

**ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB OF LIVONIA – IN MEMORY OF**

**1978**

Nick Canzano  
Eugene Pulice

**1979**

Euclid Bertini

**1981**

Mike Celani

**1982**

Benedetto Celani  
Rudy Tome

Vine Panackia

**1983**

Vito Castiglione  
Grace Bargagna  
Margaret Pulice

**1984**

Tina Marie Polidori

**1985**

Mary DiPonio  
Mrs Redus Barra  
John Bastianelli

**1986**

Lucia Paparelli  
Anthony Tata  
Charles Marino  
Bruno Scacchitti  
Richard M D'Adamo

**1987**

James Tringali  
Dolores Amato  
Claire Cognato  
Dora Lou Fedrigo

**1988**

Angelo DiPonio  
Simone Mariani  
Romeo Bastianelli

**1989**

Angeline Bonadeo  
Maria E Venuto  
Rachel Marie Sapienza

**1990**

Romeo Cairo  
Harry Venuto  
James Duganne  
Marilyn Nestico

**1991**

Bill Campagna  
Mary Mattioli  
Lillian Girolamo  
Thomas Settecerri

**1992**

Joseph Bargagna  
Leo Buffa  
Thomas Panackia

**1993**

Marco Fortuna  
Louis Mancinelli  
Ralph Leone Sr

**1994**

Barbara Panackia Work  
Maria Vecchio  
Thomas Reck  
Domenico Pinchera  
Raggio Ray Tonarelli  
Ronald Roger Salvatore

**1995**

Americo Ciccarelli  
Richard Lindsay  
Evelyn Tonarelli  
Raymond J Nagle  
Piero Glorio  
Americo Cerroni  
Ugo Toppi

**1996**

Giuliano Soave  
Sam DeGrande  
Basil Malone  
Camillo Tom Mariotti  
Lou Piscopo  
Tommaso Pittiglio

**1997**

Charles Sperry  
Domenica DeCia  
Carolyn Spaccarotelli

**1998**

Michele Iafrate  
Mauro DeCicco  
Phillip E Greco  
Nancy Fama Kriegler  
Panfilo Sciore  
Gilda Maffezzoli  
Robert Mazag  
Anthony Leopardi

**1999**

Geraldine Ferraiuolo  
Daisy Bommarito  
Paul Pagnani  
Marie Barbati Fontichiaro  
Susan Siradas  
Rose Carabott  
Joseph Polisano  
Barbara Feenstra  
Baldovino Baiocco  
Veto Pacetti

**2000**

Orlando Glen Bruni  
Josephine Butucel  
Neboll Appicelli

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Joseph Panackia  
Enzo Paparelli  
Francis Walter Stella

**2001**

Orin Mazzoni Sr  
Verino DeCerchio  
Paolo D'Orazio  
Alfonso Bommarito  
Gerardo Jerry Iadipaolo  
Venicio Bruno Visocchi  
Mike Navetta  
Maria Gabriele  
Natale Bucciarelli

**2002**

Mary Campagna  
Michele Zangheri  
Marino Ambrosi  
Joseph Mannino  
Salvatore Mennillo  
Patricia Nardone  
Gino Rimaneli  
Marco Pesce  
Carlo Pesce  
Sabrina Pesce  
Melissa Pesce

**2003**

Anthony Jacoboni  
Mary Mazzoni  
Jerry Costanza  
Lucille Chimento  
Charles Tangora  
Vincent D'Amrosio  
Florence Basil  
James Siradas  
Peter Basile  
Calogero Comito  
Dominic Persichini

**2004**

Angela Fantuzzi  
Adelia Lombardi  
Dorothy Zancanaro  
Janine Josette Greco  
Vincenza Mennillo  
Viola Dina Paterra  
Edith Scopone  
Adriana Furnare

**2005**

Peter Ventura

Harry Zerbo  
Rose LoDuca  
Angela Persicone  
Rose D'Ambrosio  
Louis Cingolani  
Elizabeth Monendo  
Rocco Pesce  
Augusto Tartaglia  
Maria Fortuna  
Anthony Martella  
Carmelo Stranges

**2006**

Antonino Diferedico  
Gina Marcolina  
Patrick N Cari  
Marta Ravenna  
Robert Abramson  
Veto Pacetti  
Marilyn Albanelli  
Edward Pulishes  
Alberto Iafrate  
Anna Iafano  
Joan Bianchi  
Antonio Costantini  
Philip Capaldi  
Delores Marone

**2007**

Aldo Andreassi  
Antonio Maceratini  
Luigi Sicilia  
John Fratto  
Carl Francavilla  
Santo Gabriele  
Vincenzo Marcuccilli  
Domenic Cervi  
Patrick Tavolacci  
Daniel Sheehy  
George Martucci  
Silvio DeLibero  
Americo Favot  
Dominick Orlando

**2008**

Alessandro Marinelli  
Michael Boggio  
Daniel DelDuco Jr  
Rose Amicangelo  
Angelo Forest  
Anna Greco

Joseph Armando Leone  
Frank Tonarelli  
Donna Cari  
**2009**  
Evelina Sciore  
Giovanni DeSantis  
Remo Caringi  
Gabriele DeFlaviis  
James S Bonadeo  
Giovanni Manzo  
Richard Bertola  
Gracian Schimizzi  
John Colucci  
Helen Frayer  
Ruth Ann Sardo  
Frank Farrugia  
Ronald Mardiros  
Rocco Barra  
Emilio Conti  
Wally Dubriwny  
Frank Marotta

**2010**

Antonio DiVito  
Angelo D'Orazio  
Sergio Nascimbeni  
Mary Jane Marchio  
Gino Novelli  
Mario Ledda  
Mario Marchelletta  
Ernie Thomas  
Patricia Grammatico  
Vinci Palmieri  
Tino Bosio  
Diamond Ferraiuolo  
Orlando Trolani  
Anthony Spaccarotelli  
Paul Nunzio DiMarco  
Giovanni Paterra  
Gino Toppi  
Costantino DelSignore  
Iolanda Giovannone  
Luigi Zancanaro  
Rose Duganne  
**2011**  
Giuseppe Duronio  
Lidia Veri  
Francesco Minolli  
Giuseppe Luce

Nadine Bertini  
John Bommarito  
Renzo Pizzorni  
Antonio Mennillo  
Martin Ambrose  
Elaine Ambrose  
Paolino D'Orazio  
Alessandro Silvestri  
Gideo Greco  
Albert Albanelli  
Dino Bencivenga  
James Urso  
Ottavio Iacobelli

**2012**

Almerico Roberto Filangi  
Maria Domanico  
Keith Phillips  
Renaldo Maffezzoli  
Luigi DiStefano  
Evelyn Ferrazza  
Gasper Valenti  
Roseann Chase  
Berta Greco  
Raymond Conway  
Ado Louis Campana  
Alice D'Adamo  
Rudolph Sbroglia  
Frank L Bottaro  
Franco DiDomenico  
Kenneth Frayer  
Lona Oliverio  
Lina Soave

**2013**

Adelia Corsi  
Alberto Vincenti  
Jacqueline Fay  
Anthony Pernicano  
Muzio Accettura  
Joan Spagnoli  
Vincent James Coletta  
Nina Salvagi  
Delano Valenti  
Anthony Manfredini  
Joseph Bye  
Alexander Chetcuti  
Anna Lee Lindsay  
Fiore Panepucci  
Mario Prezioso

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

Gaetano Ciavattone

**2014**

Gail Francis LaRiche

Nunzio Curcuru

Frank Pinazza

Fernon Feenstra

Mary Ann Maiorana

Paul Coen

Teresa Naccarato

William Bartolomeo

Anteline Caringi

Jack Falvo

Adeline Gimmarro

David Ponzi

Baldo Bonadeo

Shirley Oberti

Angela Troiani

Lawrence Reaume

Henry Bona

Florence Reaume

George Griggs

Frank Settecerri

**2015**

Rocco Grimaldi

Joseph Andreassi

Annette Kovalcheck

Feliciano Pegoraro

Cynthia Peterson

Bernadine Lazette

Imola Novelli

Gail lafrate

Anthony Russo

Teresa Nascimbene

Paul Parente

Elizabeth DeSimone

Yolanda Gilbertson

Martha Leone

Aldo Gabriele

Richard Fatyma

David Castelli

Iolanda Vecchio

Edward Boccomino

Gian Romano Sr

Dominic Lucca

Thomas Rinna

Claudio Colone

Joseph Maiorana

Deborah Paglia

John Quoziente

Bernardino Fontichiaro

Marcello Scappaticci

Marianne Zaki

**2016**

Rosemary Juroch

Sandra Spiteri

Rosemarie Settecerri

Frank Calzaretta

Lawrence Oberti

Joanne O'Bryan

Frank Tata

Rochelle Radecke

Ada Andreassi

Antonina Nancy Vitale

Marino Soave

Amelia Robertson

Ferdinando DelPizzo

James Malzone

Ernest lafrate

Denise Cassani

Joseph Durso

Shirley Pivetta

Gaetano Greco

John Nardone

Constance Quoziente

Mark Stankevich

**2017**

Pietro Mucci

Robert Catanzarite

Siro Costantini

Giovanni Piasentin

Wanda Pizzorni

Sondro Scopone

Angeline D'Amore

Michael Magliocco

Anthony Coppola

Elizabeth Becky Tavarozzi

Francesco Corona

Helen Martella

Ronald Caramagno

Lucia D'Aguanno

Maria Vespa

Richard Miesowicz

James Hoomaian

Irene Kazarosian

Lucille Baldori

Barbara Tangora

Fernando Melonio

George Viscomi

Tony Marone

Filippa Casey

Velia lafrate

**2018**

Richard Przywara

Anna Marie Minolli

Angelo John D'Arca

Carlton Hahn

Loretta Boccomino

Leonardo Manno

Joseph Vassallo

Gabriele R Paciocco

Gina Marie Rea

Charles Smith

Earline Bonadeo

Roger Calo

Popkin Robert Mooradian

Giovanna Gianna Prokop

Nella DiPonio

Bruna Rea

Daniel Arnold

Mary Lynn Pagnani

Vito lafrate

Charles Lazette

Antonio Stenta

Jami Radom Pistor

William King

**2019**

Edward Pugliesi

Betty Sicilia

Walter Melonio

Anna Igida Iadipaolo

Deno Taddei

Rosalie Maceratini

Alice Susan lafrate

Serafino Giovannone

Antonio Vecchio

Natalina Marchesotti

Domenico Pelle

Gino Rea

Teresa Peruchietti

Antonino Ruggirello

Luisetta D'Emilio

Roberta Robin Sargent

Gerardo D'Adamo

Eglantina Aggie Valente

Luigi Gino Petrucci

Oliviero De Luca

Phyllis Mooradian

Earl LaFave

Nellie Ann Speen

Giovanni Amato

Frank Capoccia

**2020**

Luigi Colone

Archbishop Alex Brunett

Rocco Corsi

Rocco Giancarlo

William Minore

Maria Martin

Roberta Bettie Pacetti

Vincenzo Campo

Michael O'Bryan

Dale Devitt

Raymond Blaskiewicz

Pietronilla Manno

Anthony Calabrese

Maria Teresa DiVito

Almerinda DeLuca

Antonio Toto Ruggirello

Rosina DiStefano

Mary Calo

Philip DiPonio

Cynthia Cipolla

Walter Jenkins

Ann Grace Tavolacci

Antonette Jones

Rose Mary Comito

Heather Pinto

Pauline Mocerri

Iolanda Marinelli

Armando DiPonio

Thomas Walling

Carlo Chimienti

Elizabeth Jacoboni

Nancy Cacciola

Maria Pegoraro

Carmela Sgroi

Joseph Taddia

Richard Siepierski

Liborio Padula

Dorothea Siedlik

Amerigo Palarchio

Rose Catalo

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Marian Minore

**2021**

Bernardo Greco

John Italo Vincenti

Nicolina Elliott

Beverly Accettura

Richard Besh

Americo Rico Bianchi

Daniel Pellegrini

Giovanni Zago

Olimpia Detoma

Dr Bruno Borin

John Baldori

Giuseppe Greco

Concetta Morelli

Louis Cascardo

Attilio Silvestri

Quirino Mastroianni

Lois Panackia

Gerald Nyland

Cynthia Rimanelli

Daniel DiComo

Renzo Gorga

Dr Aloise Utecht

Walter D'Aloisio

Mary Beth Palmer

Consolina Szluk

Margherita Mucci

Hurley Fields

Vincent Mocerì

Antonio Benivegna

Anna Greco

Vincenzo Candela

Enrico Henry Morrone

Joseph Darkangelo

**2022**

Guido Lombardi

Catherine Bodak

Gregory Stawara

James Jabara

John Provagna

Nancy Scappaticci

Edward DeGeeter

Antonio Scappaticci

Michael Stefani

Mary Panackia

Donald Pinto

Louis LaRiche

Jerrold Jung

Joan Capocchia

Pietro Mauti

Paul Speen

John Conder

Guido Tartaglia

Edward Szluk

Benito Tome

Amerigo Marcolina

Rosa Delibero

Carolyn DiComo

Frank Guidobono

Pio Marzolo

Linda Padula

John Carlesimo

**2023**

Sandra Sandy Diponio

Jean Martucci

Rocco Oliverio

Virginio Gino Persiconi

Constance DeCerchio

Roselyn Rho Blanchard

Barbara Parente

Claire Clara Aiello

Irene D'Orazio

Dr Joseph Pinto

Louis Catallo

Roy Pistor

Steven Demay

Angela Melonio

Nancy Abramson

Celestino Martin

Victor Rizzo

Marie Paparelli

Christina Coletta

Agostino Fabbri

Pietro Perpetuini

Lina Fortuna

Grace Marilyn Speen

Jacqueline DiCicco

Carla Jean Dabiero

Jamilla Oliverio

Alfredo Nenciarini

Mary Galasso

Genesio Masciulli

Carol Zago

Alfredo Baldassarra

Mary Ida Tonarelli

Alex Fedrigo

Anthony Farchione

**2024**

Maria Capicchioni Harris

Adolfo Scopone

Joseph Ricci

Mark Sur

Paolina Ricci

Donato Veri

Peggy Tacchella

Gaspere Campo

Doro Vitella

Mario Leopardi

Rita Marie Maltese

Caroline Falvo

Anna Chimienti

Richard Sargent

Angelo D'Agostino

Francesco Piraine

Egidio Pomponio

Amello Fred Fedrigo

Giuseppina Gabriella

Medoro

Eugene Blanchard

Charles Wiegel

Loreta Bruni

Charles Anzalone

Luigi Broccardo

Carmine Delibero

Marilyn Sigouin

Mario Cervi

Stefano Vecchio

Adele Bagnasco

Pietro Bravo

Thomas Nappo

**2025**

Italo Cris Tacchella

Vita Spano

Giorgina Cascardo

Roger DeLuca

Salvatore LaMacchia

Julia Bastianelli

Gloria Salis

Joan Greco

Don Alan Vogt

Domonic Bruce

Mario Galasso

Michele Detoma

Sylvia Taddei

Dolores Sinacola

Judith Provagna

Rose Marie Templin

Patricia Battista

Gina Naurato

Angelo Spagnoli

Ralph Lacorato

Dolores Orsini

Carol Ann Albanelli

Michael Ceriotti

Donald DiComo

Maria DeFlaviis

Vincenzo Gigliotti

Gerald Mannarino

Thomas Rea

Olga Iafrate

John Loria

Concetta DiMarco

Orfeo Corona

**All Souls**

*Loving God, we remember now in prayer our  
dearly departed. May they rest in peace with  
you and experience the eternal joy of heaven.  
Heal our grief, merciful Lord, strengthen our  
hope that we too, will one day share in the  
Resurrection of your Son*



**GENERAL INFORMATION****Italian American Club of Livonia****ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB OF LIVONIA  
2024 – 2025 Board of Directors****IACL Officers**

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Angela Soave Kelley	<i>Treasurer</i>
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Nino Ruggirello	<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>
Piero DiStefano	<i>Sergeant-at-Arms</i>
Jerry Ruggirello	<i>Past President</i>
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*To ensure prompt and efficient service, we kindly request that you call in advance if you plan to attend the Club House. We are experiencing increased demand and reservations are highly recommended.*

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**Club House Hours Tuesday through Friday**

**5:00pm to 11:00pm Sunday: 9:00-Noon**

**Kitchen closes approx 9:00pm Sun-Bar Service Only**

**Make a  
Reservation**

**DOUBLE CHOCOLATE  
ESPRESSO COOKIES****Ingredients**

2 cups flour  
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder  
1/2 teaspoon coarse salt  
1 tablespoon DeLallo Instant Espresso Coffee Powder  
2 sticks unsalted butter, softened to room temperature  
3/4 cup brown sugar  
1/4 cup granulated sugar  
1 large egg  
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract  
8 ounces high-quality dark chocolate, chopped  
1/4 cup heavy cream

**Instructions**

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line 2 large baking sheets with parchment paper. Set aside.

Combine flour, cocoa powder, salt, and espresso powder in a large bowl. Whisk to combine.

Add butter to a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, mixing for 1-2 minutes, until light & fluffy. Add both sugars and mix on medium-high speed until light & fluffy, 4-5 minutes, stopping to scrape down the sides of the bowl as needed. Add the egg and vanilla, mixing to combine.

Carefully add dry ingredient mix to wet ingredients. Mix on low speed, just until combined.

Roll the dough into uniform 1-inch balls. Place the dough balls on prepared baking sheets, 1 inch apart. Using your thumb, press down on the center of each ball.

Bake for 6-7 minutes, or until the edges are set. The cookies will spread slightly as they bake. If the center of the cookies puffs up a bit, use the back of a spoon to carefully press it back down.

Meanwhile, add the chopped chocolate & heavy cream to a medium microwave-safe bowl. Melt the chocolate by microwaving in 30-second intervals, stopping to stir the mixture thoroughly after each interval. Spoon about 1 tablespoon of the ganache filling into the center of each Thumbprint cookie.

Set aside or chill to set.



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



# Menu

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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>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
<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
<b>POTATOES &amp; VEGETABLES</b>		
Oven Roasted Potatoes	\$35	\$60
Green Bean Almandine	\$35	\$60
Mashed Potatoes	\$40	\$70

<b>EXTRA SAUCE:</b>	
Marinara Sauce	\$8.00 per pint
Meat Sauce	\$10.00 per pint

## 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

## Pick Up Service

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**Will be arriving at the Italian American Club of Livonia**

**THURSDAY, January 8, 2026**

**Doors open at 5:00pm, Buffet at 5:30pm**

Reservations are required  
**January 7, 2025 by NOON**  
[loredana@iacl.us](mailto:loredana@iacl.us) or 734-953-1106

Option 1 Pasta Line

Option 2 Direct

*\*\*please note, this will be a sold event, make reservations early*

Members	\$22.00
Non-Members	\$30.00
Children (6-12)	\$ 8.00
5 and under	No Charge

## ITALIAN

La Befana vien di notte  
con le scarpe tutte rotte,  
Col vestito alla "romana"  
Viva viva la Befana!!  
Porta cenere e carboni  
ai bambini cattivoni,  
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porta chichi e tanti doni!!



## ENGLISH

The Befana comes by night  
with her shoes all broken  
with a dress in Roman style  
so alive is the Befana!!  
She brings ashes and coal  
to bad girls and boys  
and to the nice good children  
she brings candies and many gifts!!

In Italian folklore, La Befana is the story of the three wise men who stopped at her house to ask directions on their way to Bethlehem. They invited her to join them, but she refused as she was busy cleaning. She promised that she would catch up with them when she was finished, but by that time, they were long gone. She frantically began running after them still carrying her broom with presents for baby Jesus. Magically, she began to fly on her broomstick but still could not find the wise men or Baby Jesus. Since then, in Italy on January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany, La Befana flies on her broom leaving gifts for children. She brings presents for the good and pieces of coal for the bad in a similar way as St Nicholas or Santa Claus.





# President's Ball

A Special Night of Celebration for  
Elected President Tony Rotondo

**Saturday, February 7, 2026**

**Doors open at 6:30**

## Family Style Dinner

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Calamari  
Stracciatella Soup  
Orecchiette w/Sausage & Rapini  
Caesar Salad  
Shrimp Scampi  
Beef Tenderloin w/  
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Brussel Sprouts, Potatoes  
Italian Torta and Afterglow  
Beer, Wine, Signature Drinks  
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\$80.00 - Adult  
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Reservations & Payment Required by February 1  
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# St. Patrick's Day Bash

**Italian American Club of Livonia**

**March 19, 2026**

**Doors open at 5:00pm**

**Members: \$22.00**

**Non-Members: \$30.00**

**Children 4-10: \$8.00**

**Traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage**

**Aglio Olio Pasta with Spinach**

**Red Skin Potatoes with Carrots**

**Garden Salad**

**Key Lime Pie**

**RSVP BY March 12 Noon - 734-953-1137 x2 or [loredana@iacl.us](mailto:loredana@iacl.us)**

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