

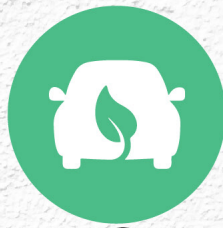


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President's Message

Hello Friends!

In this year's IHF annual yearbook publication you will see photos and highlights of our 2022 events. Wow, what a 60th anniversary year it was!

Also included are advertisements from all our generous supporters, as well as letters from our scholarship recipients.

Please save the dates listed below for our 2023 events -

Raffle Dinner - March 27th at GVC

Gala Evening - June 2nd at GVC

Golf Tournament - September 11th at Midvale CC

Celebrity Bartender Event - November 20th at Tournedos

On behalf of the entire board, we thank you for your continued support to our Italian Heritage Foundation. If you have any questions in regard to our foundation please contact our office at (585) 471-8686.

Ciao!

Marcello Battisti
President





2023 | *Board of Directors*

* Missing from the photo: John Colaruotolo, Joel DiMarco, John DiMarco, II, Shelly Eggert, Giovanni LiDestri, Bob Porretti

It's an honor to be a part of a group of ladies and gentlemen that unselfishly give of themselves to help support a worthy cause in our community. - Michael Tambe



I feel so honored to serve on the Board with such a wonderful, fun group of people. Working hard to help children get scholarships to go to school. - Shelly Winkelbauer

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I am grateful to be a part of a Foundation that supports the giving of scholarships to those in need of financial aid seeking a higher education, while attending a traditional catholic school environment. - Stephen D'Orazio



It is with great pride to serve on a board where the members have contributed significant time and money for the education of children without regard for personal public praise or recognition. We are true to our heritage of giving back to those less fortunate. - Bob Porretti

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Italian Heritage Foundation

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The logo for the Italian Heritage Foundation of Rochester features an array of cypress trees. These trees are common to Italy, grow to full height quickly and stand tall for many years. The change in position and size of the three cypresses represent those who are benefiting from some of the Foundation's objectives; the building of a positive image of the Rochester Italian-American community and its emphasis on education. The set of trees are shown growing taller, straighter and prouder due to the Foundation's efforts. The typographic portion of the logo is set in the typeface "Raleigh" for its strong and inviting qualities.



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Your donations are what made it possible for us to be able to give to the schools we support.

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- Cyruss Bell
- Giovanni Gonzalez
- Kiara Green
- Jabari Hawkins
- Savannah Hinchcliffe
- Sienna Hinchcliffe
- Annabella Muratore
- Talia Norton
- Savannah Richardson
- Emma Rosato
- Gia Rosato
- Keaghan Smith
- John Swiderski
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December 16, 2022



AQUINAS
INSTITUTE OF ROCHESTER

Dear Board Members and Friends
of the Italian Heritage Foundation,

We firmly believe a Catholic education is an investment in our children and a gift lasting a lifetime. The Christian values taught in a Catholic school provide a formidable foundation for the future leaders of our community.

The Aquinas Institute of Rochester continues to deliver a Catholic education proudly providing a strong foundation for the future leaders of the Rochester community and beyond. We remain committed to our mission to teach students goodness, discipline, and knowledge.

The fortunate recipients of the Italian Heritage Scholarship have encountered transformative experiences as Aquinas students, and your financial support helps to make it possible. The rigorous academic and spiritual foundation we provide routinely allows our graduates to excel in college, become leaders in their professions, families and community, and make us proud when they exceed expectations.

We are pleased to see the impact of the Italian Heritage Foundation Scholarship, and are grateful to the Foundation for our partnership in changing lives.

Thank you for your philanthropy in support of our shared mission.

Sincerely,

Linda M. Steinkirchner, Chief Financial Officer



When I received the Italian Heritage Scholarship, I was astonished. When I wrote the essay to receive the scholarship a few months ago, I put forth my best effort. Before I started writing my essay my mom kept pushing me to finish it as soon as possible, though I did not need the motivation. Upon receiving the scholarship, I felt triumphant. I was so grateful that I got the scholarship because, it means a great deal to both me and my family. The scholarship helped me to continue at Aquinas. This scholarship means so much to me because, it helped my family keep me enrolled at Aquinas. I want to do as much as I can to be successful in life and going to school will help me reach that goal. Attending school at The Aquinas Institute is a great privilege that I have had with financial assistance. It is not only a privilege but a blessing as well.

Cyruss Bell '23

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The Italian Heritage scholarship had played a tremendous role on my education and has allowed me the opportunity to continue attending Aquinas Institute. It has been extremely difficult for my mom as a single mother to find the money to send me to a school where I can receive a proper education so that I might be the first in our family to graduate from college. It has always been a goal for me to accomplish this and begin my career so my family could finally live a life where money and debts are no longer a burden. Without this scholarship my mother would have no longer been able to afford private school anymore and I would have to attend a city school that doesn't give me the resources that I need to reach my goals. The scholarship has lowered my tuition greatly and was a huge blessing to my mom and I. Somehow my mother has always come through to paying thousands of dollars just so I would not have to live a life that I struggle in, and all I had to do was write an essay and I could easily take a heavy load off her back. I found this astonishing and I am very grateful to have been blessed with the opportunity to apply for this scholarship. Education has always been a huge priority for me, and I owe it to my mothers sacrifice that has made me realize its importance. Through recognition of my hard work these past years, I was given the chance to receive a scholarship that will forever impact my future.

Savannah Richardson '24

Because of the generosity of the Italian Heritage Scholarship, our tuition at Aquinas Institute has been more manageable this school year. Our family has had to worry less about how to pay for the spring portion of the tuition. Both of us have been taking advantage of opportunities offered through school including playing soccer and basketball and participating in clubs such as Women's Leadership, Core Ministry, and the Yearbook committee. We are studying hard and both of us have been on St. Thomas Club for the first quarter of this year. Our family values the catholic education provided by Aquinas Institute, and we appreciate your contribution to our education.

Emma and Gia Rosato

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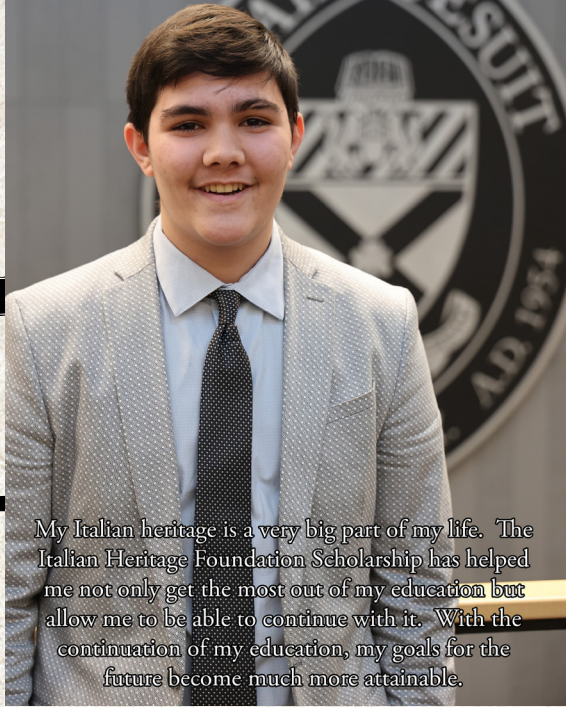
The Italian-American scholarship has had a huge impact on my life. With my mother being a single mom, sometimes it is hard to afford everything I need and want. This scholarship has helped us to do this and we are so thankful for the opportunities this scholarship gives. I love going to Aquinas and I couldn't imagine not being able to go because of financial difficulties. I want to say thank you to the school, the donors, and everyone else who had helped fund and distribute this scholarship. It is such a selfless thing to do for people and I can't wait to finish my journey at Aquinas.

Talia Norton '26

Thank You!

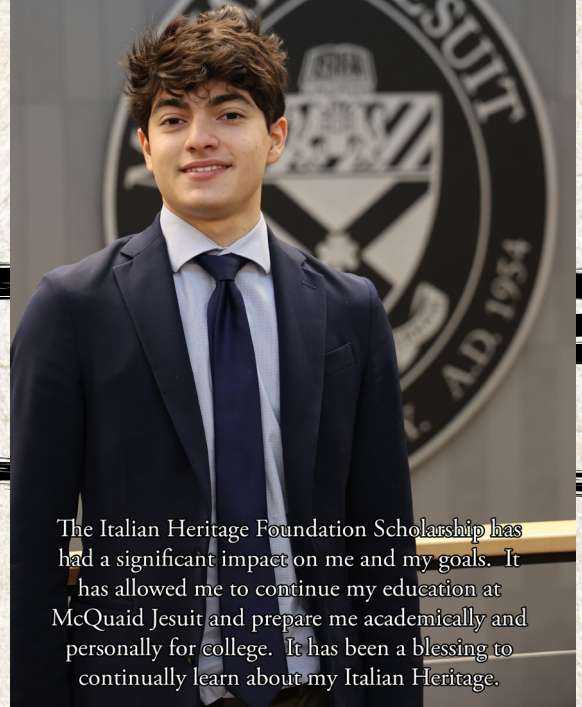


Marco Marsocci-McQuaid Jesuit



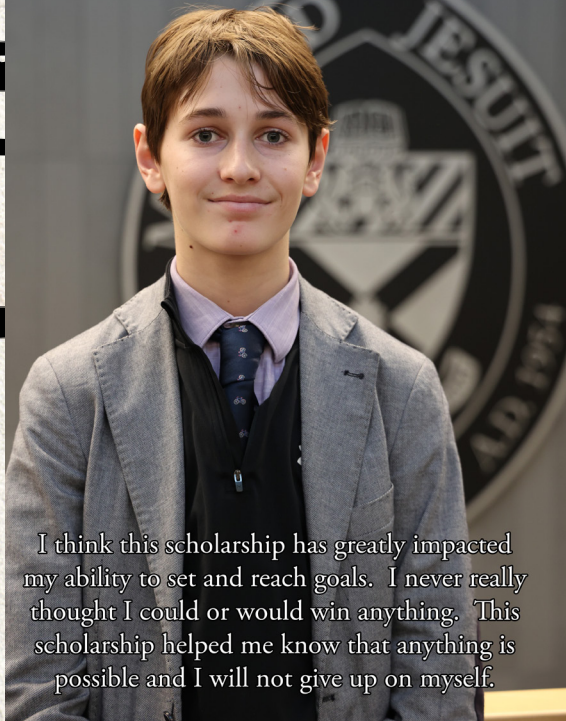
My Italian heritage is a very big part of my life. The Italian Heritage Foundation Scholarship has helped me not only get the most out of my education but allow me to be able to continue with it. With the continuation of my education, my goals for the future become much more attainable.

Luciano Pagano-McQuaid Jesuit



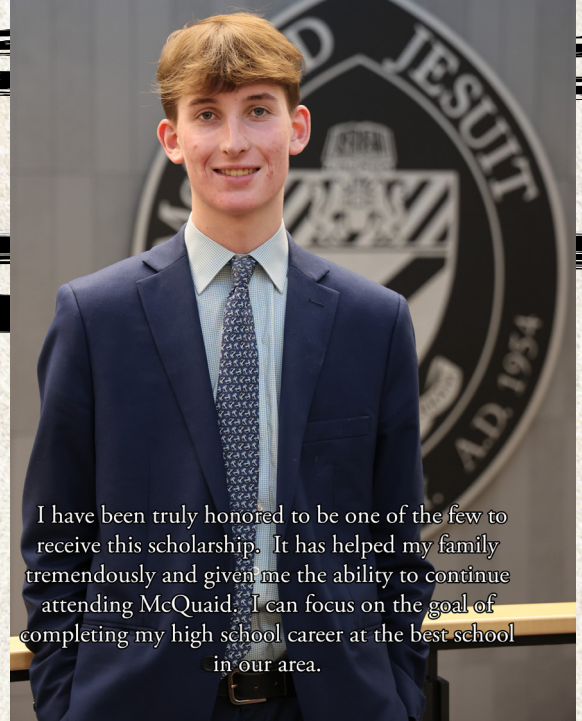
The Italian Heritage Foundation Scholarship has had a significant impact on me and my goals. It has allowed me to continue my education at McQuaid Jesuit and prepare me academically and personally for college. It has been a blessing to continually learn about my Italian Heritage.

Jackson Paladino-McQuaid Jesuit



I think this scholarship has greatly impacted my ability to set and reach goals. I never really thought I could or would win anything. This scholarship helped me know that anything is possible and I will not give up on myself.

Bryson Paladino-McQuaid Jesuit



I have been truly honored to be one of the few to receive this scholarship. It has helped my family tremendously and given me the ability to continue attending McQuaid. I can focus on the goal of completing my high school career at the best school in our area.

Brenton Paladino-McQuaid Jesuit



The Italian Heritage Foundation Scholarship gives me a special opportunity and inspires me to work harder in the classroom.

Colton Paladino-McQuaid Jesuit



I want to thank the Italian Heritage Foundation for this scholarship. I'm very grateful and honored to receive it.



December 1, 2022

Italian Heritage Foundation of Rochester
100 Meridian Center
Suite 325
Rochester, NY 14618

Dear Friends at the Italian Heritage Foundation,

On behalf of the McQuaid Jesuit Board of Trustees and the entire McQuaid community, we wholeheartedly thank you for the incredible support we have received from the Italian Heritage Foundation. Since 2007, over 55 students at McQuaid have received scholarships from your generous extended family, totaling over \$200,000.

The funds you provide to these promising students, offers life changing opportunities, and aids in the formation of both strong minds and hearts seeking to better themselves and the communities they serve.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing commitment and generous contributions that help to prepare our young men to pursue the extraordinary lives they are meant to lead.

Sincerely,


Philip G. Judge, S.J.
President


Kristie Robertson-Coyne
Vice President of Advancement

*Many thanks
for all you do!*

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Dear Trustees of the Italian Heritage Foundation –

On behalf of the students, their parents, the faculty and staff at Bishop Kearney – A Golisano Education Partner, we thank you for your unwavering support of our hard-working students. Your support of our students has been steadfast throughout the years as the Italian Heritage Foundation continues to provide hundreds of young people the opportunity to achieve an exceptional education at Bishop Kearney. It is my distinct pleasure to share with you that your support of our students has allowed them the opportunity to continue their education at institutions of higher learning. That is not the only important point. While some of the students you supported will be the first in the family to have the opportunity to attend college, others have decided to enter the workforce directly out of high school. Either way, they are prepared for their next chapter, which you helped them to write. You truly have provided a wonderful gift to so many!

In addition to the hard work our dedicated students perform in the classroom, they also make a commitment to give back in an effort to make the entire Rochester community a better place through their volunteer work. This takes on many different forms, but each allows the student to see the world through a different lens as they work to build a better community in which to live and learn. Your scholarship continues to have a massive impact on the lives of our students, both past and current, and allows our students and their families the gift of a Bishop Kearney education.

The words thank you are never enough to express my true gratitude and appreciation for all you have done and continue to do for everyone at Bishop Kearney and most importantly, our students.

With sincere gratitude,

Steve Salluzzo
President
Bishop Kearney – A Golisano Education Partner



Dear Italian Heritage Members,

This Scholarship is very meaningful to me because it helps offset the cost of tuition which is a burden for my family. I am a current senior at Bishop Kearney where I have been a student since the 6th grade. Bishop Kearney is a special place that has helped mold me into the person I am today.

Without the support of the Italian Heritage Scholarship I am not sure I would be able to continue my education at Bishop Kearney.

Sincerely,
Sara DeBot



The Italian Heritage Scholarship is a blessing to my family. I come from a large, blended family with a total of five of us who attend Catholic school. I am a current sophomore at Bishop Kearney where I have been since seventh grade. Two of my sisters also attend Bishop Kearney, while 2 of my siblings attend St. Kateri. This award helps make the tuition more affordable for my family.

Without the support of Donors like you my siblings and I would not be able to continue our education in the Catholic schools. Thank you for supporting me and my education.

Matthew Sigler

thank you



Thank you for choosing me for the Italian Heritage Scholarship. This award means a lot to me, my family comes from very little and it is a true struggle for my parents to keep me in Bishop Kearney. They are willing to sacrifice as my education is very important to them and me.

Without the support of this scholarship, I would not be able to attend Bishop Kearney. Bishop Kearney has become my home away from home allowing me many opportunities to grow not only as a student but as an athlete and a human being.

Again, thank you for your support.

Steven Chau
8th grade



Left to right: Isabella Randisi, Stephanie Curatolo, Christina Curatolo, Alana Colasurdo, Liliana DiSalvo

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Alana Colasurdo
Christina Curatolo
Stephanie Curatolo
Lilliana DiSalvo
Isabella Randisi

Life Changing

January 4, 2023

The Italian Heritage Foundation of Rochester
100 Meridian Center, Suite 325
Rochester, NY 14618

To Our Friends at The Italian Heritage Foundation of Rochester:

On behalf of the Mercy Board of Trustees and the entire Circle of Mercy, we sincerely thank you, once again, for the generous scholarship gift to Our Lady of Mercy School for Young Women! Over the past 16 years, Mercy has been fortunate to receive financial support from the Italian Heritage Foundation which has directly impacted more than 45 of our students. For that, we are so grateful!

Italian Heritage Foundation scholars have excelled at Mercy thanks to your financial commitment. These students have proven themselves in the classroom, at college, and in the community. Every cohort of scholars, which has benefited from the Foundation's generosity, has made a difference in the lives of so many. We believe Alana, Christina, Stephanie, Liliana, and Isabella will be shining examples of Mercy and the Italian Heritage Foundation's missions.

We believe, as you do, in the importance of an all-girl Catholic education – one in which invests in the young women of today who will be the leaders of tomorrow. At Mercy, we strive to ensure each and every one of our students is grounded in her faith, a healthy risk-taker, a problem-solver, an effective communicator, and demonstrates a growth mindset. We live by the wise words from the Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, Catherine McAuley, "No work of charity can be more productive of good to society than the careful instruction of women." With the ongoing support of the Italian Heritage Foundation, it is impossible for us to be anything, but successful in our mission.

We, and the recipients of your scholarship, are grateful for the opportunities you have provided and thank you for your generosity.

In Appreciation,



Sr. Patricia Prinzing, RSM '58
Mercy's Board of Trustees Chair

To my friends at the
Italian Heritage Foundation,

Thank you so much for choosing me! I am honored that you have chosen me; my family is very proud of me. I always love seeing my Italian family and having sauce and fantastic food together! I am so proud that I am Italian. I am very proud of this as well! Thank you so much again I appreciate it!

Sincerely, Stephanie Curatolo

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Dear Italian Heritage Club friends ,

I am astounded and deeply honored to have been awarded the Italian Heritage Scholarship. I do my best to include a tradition or a memory passed down from my family daily. Especially since my Nonno has passed away, I have worked twice as hard to never forget where I came from. You can count on me to keep Italian heritage alive and share it with others, making you and my family proud. Thank you so much for recognizing me for this scholarship.

Sincerely, Lilliana DiSalvo

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My Dear Friends at the
Italian Heritage Foundation,

I admire that you chose me as a winner of the Italian Heritage Scholarship. It means the world to me! I reflect on my family's heritage daily, and it plays a huge role in my life. I thank you for your generosity!

Christina Curatolo

To the incredibly generous people
of the Italian Heritage Foundation,

I am so incredibly grateful and honored to be granted the Italian Heritage Scholarship. I am so incredibly proud of my heritage as well as all of the important aspects of my life I know for a fact are a direct result of my heritage. I also share this amazing honor with my family who I know are just as grateful for this blessing as I am. To be recognized for priding myself in how I am family oriented feels great. Thank you so much for being so generous and honoring me with this scholarship.

Sincerely,
Alana Colasurdo

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I am very excited and honored to receive this scholarship. I will continue to honor my Italian heritage and I will be very proud of it. I am very thankful for this scholarship because it helped me learn about my family and the Italian heritage that I have. I hope one day I will learn more about them and my heritage and make my family proud.

Isabella Randisi



St. John Bosco Schools



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Lyrik Braden
James Farrell
Clara Finucane
Lila Finucane
Ruth McMullen
Moses McMullen
Dominic Zambito
Maria Zambito

Dear Members of the IHF Scholarship Committee,

I wanted to thank you for your generous support of our work here at St. John Bosco Schools. The financial support you provide has a great impact on the caliber of education and enrichment that we can offer our students.

The eight students who were awarded \$20,000 in scholarships are sharing in a very special part of Italian Heritage which is Catholic heritage and tradition. Your generosity directly supports the education of youth by preparing them to discover the vocation God has chosen for them in this life. **Nothing** in the world is more important than that.

Our little school is celebrating its 15th year and this would not be possible without the contributions that Italian Americans have made to the Rochester community, particularly the Bosco community. The mission of St. John Bosco Schools is to *support parents in their God-given role as the primary educators of their children*. Some say "it takes a village." We believe it takes a family. That's why we are so proud to be included in yours.

More than one hundred forty precious souls, the future of our community, are growing in faith and knowledge thanks to supporters like you!

Again, thank you very much. We will keep you in our prayers. God love you.

In Christ,

James P. Growney, Jr.
Executive Director
St. John Bosco Schools





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Sophia Contino
Tah'jai Kendrick
Julia Pittman
Leah Stuhler

Hope
Hall
SCHOOL

Connecting Children, Creating Community, Changing Lives

January, 2023

Dear Friends and Members of the Italian Heritage Foundation,

I am delighted to share with you this photo of the four wonderful girls who are able to attend Hope Hall because of the scholarship they received from your Foundation. Each one of these girls is a very kind, respectful, hard-working student and someone in whom you can take great pride.

Your great goodness and generosity, especially at this time, is a tremendous blessing for them and for their families. I can never thank the Italian Heritage Foundation enough for what you are doing to help change their lives by giving them the kind of education they need, in a school in which they can thrive, and providing them with Hope- now and for their future.

I continue to pray for each of you and your families every day. Count on those prayers.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sister Diana Dolce, SSJ".

Sister Diana Dolce, SSJ
Founder & Executive Director

Upcoming Events

Reverse Raffle Dinner | March 27, 2023

5:30 PM at the Genesee Valley Club

The Annual Reverse Raffle Dinner is the one time you want to be the last man standing! Purchase a raffle ticket from any of our board members or from our office and see if you are the lucky one to win cash prizes.

This event is currently planned as a virtual event. We will include dinner if state protocols allow it at that time.

Call the Italian Heritage Foundation office for more information (585) 471-8686.

Annual Scholarship Gala Fundraiser | June 2, 2023

5:30 PM at the Genesee Valley Club

The Annual Scholarship Gala is a wonderful way to spend an evening of music, food and friends all while helping to raise scholarship funds. We will be honoring Wayne LeChase for his outstanding dedication to our county. The band Twilight will perform after we enjoy a wonderful feast at the Genesee Valley Club. Black Tie is optional. Complimentary Valet Parking. Tickets are available through board members or by calling the Italian Heritage Foundation office at (585) 471-8686.

Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser | September 11, 2023

Midvale Country Club | Morning Tee Time is 7:45 AM | Afternoon Tee Time is 11:45 AM

The Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser raises funds, while enjoying a day on the green with friends. There is food, drinks, cigars and more delivered to you on the golf course all day long. After their morning round of golf, the morning golfers have the opportunity to head to Del Lago Casino for the afternoon via limo. Lunch is included for the afternoon golfers. Cocktails begin at 5:30 pm followed by a fabulous Midvale dinner.

There is a Live Auction with outstanding items to bid on. Silent Auction items are also available to bid on.

This event is a highlight and well known in Rochester. Sponsorships available by calling the Italian Heritage Foundation office at (585) 471-8686 or by contacting any board member.

Celebrity Bartender Event | November 20, 2023

5:00 – 7:00 PM | Tournedo's Restaurant

Join us as we have your favorite bartenders, celebrities and others make your favorite cocktail. All tips will be donated back to our scholarship program as well as any donations made this evening.

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Each of our events are well attended and publicized. We are looking for organizations, groups or individuals to sponsor each of our events. If you are interested in being the sponsor for one of the events, please give our office a call.

REVERSE RAFFLE DINNER

As always, our Raffle is a big hit in the community. You want to be the last one with the golden ticket as it's a big prize! Genesee Valley Club has provided us with a beautiful venue and fabulous food. This event is always a sellout. Make sure to get your tickets for 2023 from our office, or a board member before they are gone.



GIFT OF INSIGHT



It's not always easy to find a silver lining

Nestled in the mass media illusion.

Sometimes balance is needed

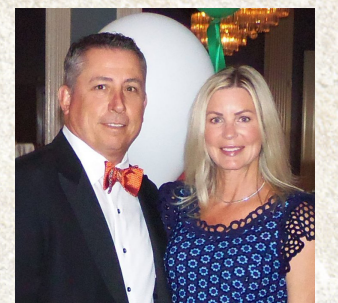
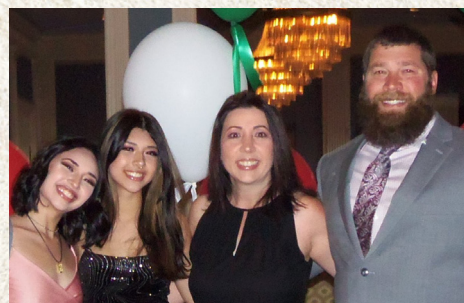
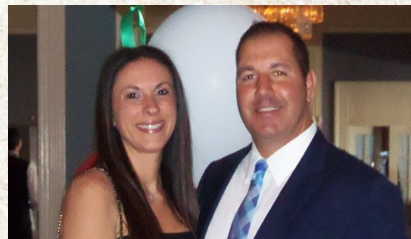
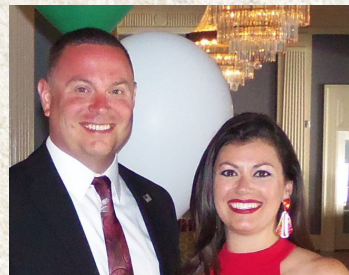
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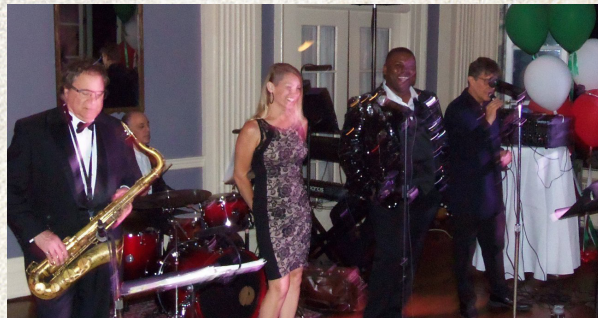
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We had the privilege of honoring Wayne LeChase at our Gala in 2022. He is a man that has integrity, kindness, dedication, community involvement and is a born leader. Wayne has been a very large part of Monroe County's growth and development. Genesee Valley Club was our venue and as always, outdid themselves. We danced until late into the evening, had an ice cream buffet and enjoyed the company of our friends.







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Annual Golf Tournament





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2022 brought us a new event, our Celebrity Bartender Event. We had Shauna, Gino & Jamie from Pasta Villa, Christina from Char and Genaro from Genesee Valley Club, bartend for us. Bill Moran from IHeart Radio made a guest appearance as well. It was a fun night of raising scholarship money. Drinks were had, food was eaten. Thank you to Rene Spallina and Pane Vino on the Avenue for hosting our event. We truly appreciate all you did for us!



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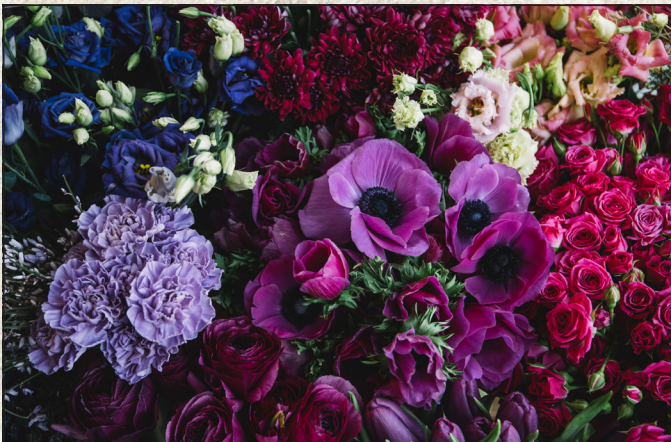
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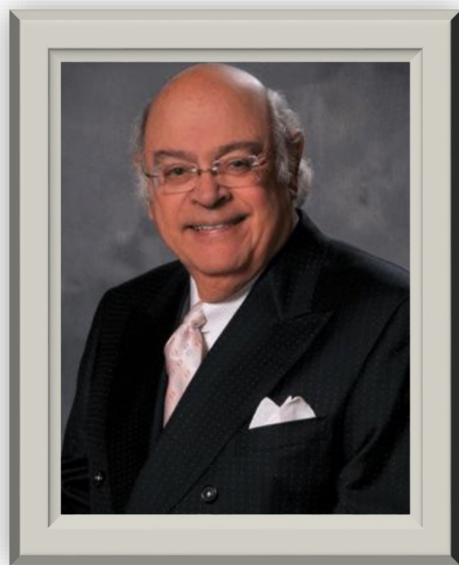
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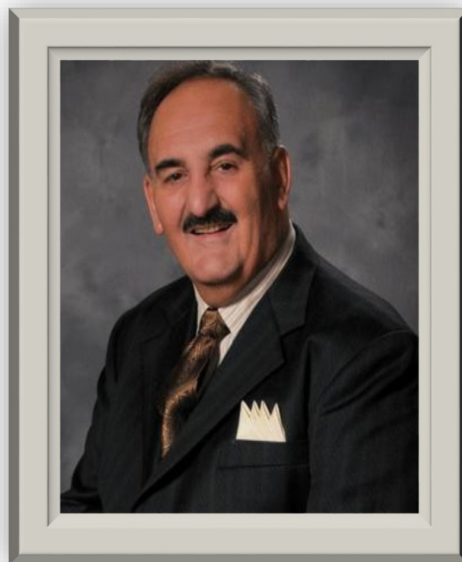
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