

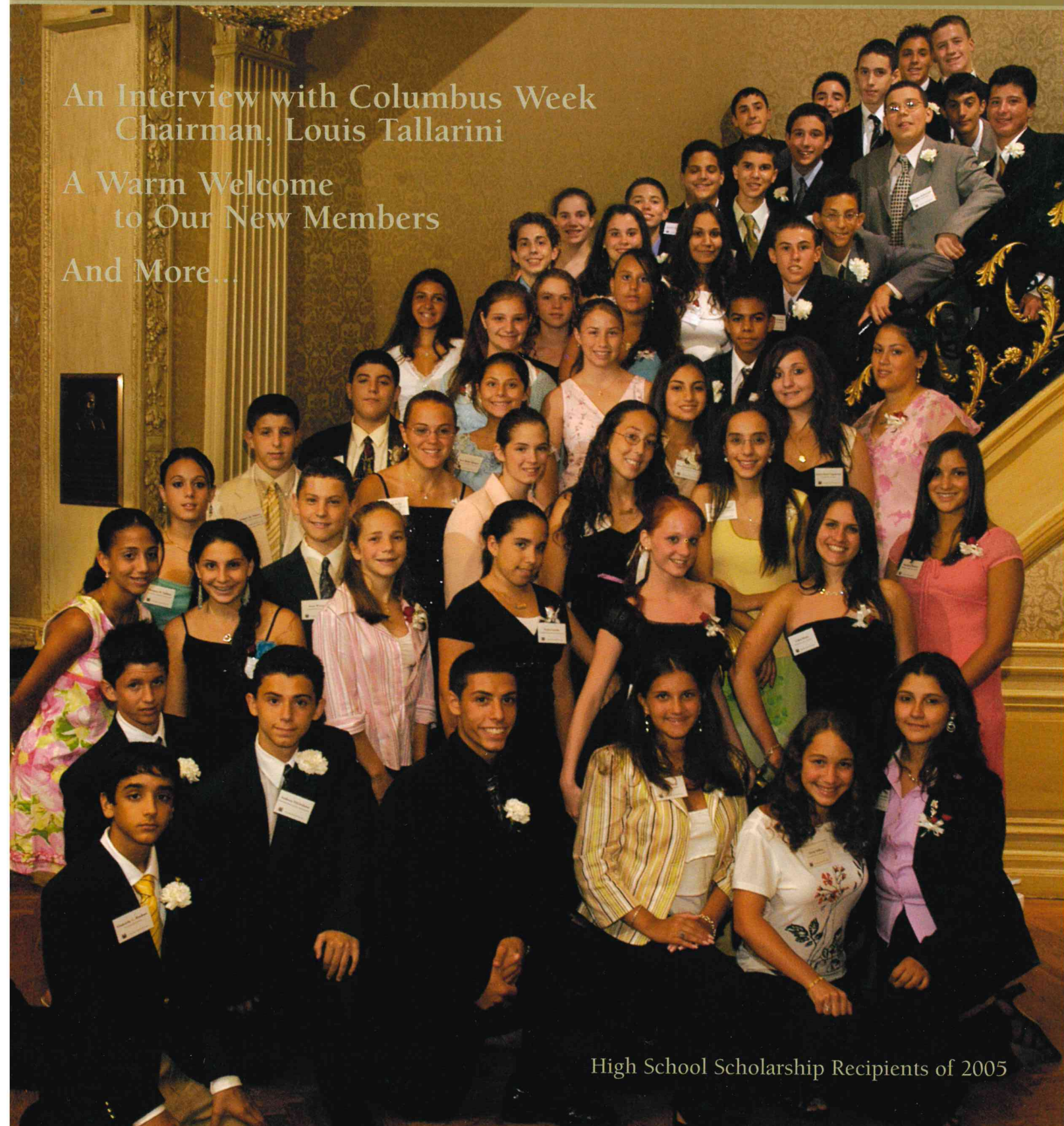


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An Interview with Columbus Week
Chairman, Louis Tallarini

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to Our New Members

And More...



High School Scholarship Recipients of 2005

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Since its founding in 1929, the Foundation has organized New York City's Columbus Day Parade.

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President's Message

Last fall, following our tremendous success with the Columbus Week Celebrations, I received a letter from His Eminence Edward Cardinal Egan in which he resolutely addressed an important matter. Cardinal Egan was aware that we had helped focus nationwide attention on the negative stereotyping of Italian-Americans in a movie for children, "Shark Tale." Cardinal Egan wrote, "The recent efforts of you, the Columbus Citizens Foundation, and many other individuals and organizations to uphold the dignity of Italian-American people and culture are most commendable. Please allow me to express my appreciation for what you have been able to accomplish, along with my support and encouragement of the work still to be done." He continued, "We must always remember that when one group is attacked, all are attacked. The work that you have been doing is important and needed."



Cardinal Egan's letter should make each of us proud of our efforts to promote the heritage and culture of Italian-Americans and to support those in our community who have few advantages in life. Our successes are based on the generosity of our Members, and this newsletter brings everyone up to date on our efforts to fulfill our goals and mission.

The Foundation's Membership continues to grow strongly. In the past year, 33 men and women, many of them young, have joined the Foundation under the guidance of John Cioffi, Chairman of our Membership Committee. Our Members continue to consider carefully and propose leaders in a number of fields – law, medicine, business and education – who will support the Foundation's activities. Please make these new Members feel welcome by introducing yourselves when you see them at the Foundation.

Cultural events continue to be a large part of our calendar. This year, Dr. Frank Celenza hosted three Opera Nights at the Foundation, the 63rd, 64th and 65th such events he has held in the Townhouse. This year, he focused on the shift in Italian opera to the style of *verismo*, which celebrates the passions and struggles of the common man.

Another educational event took place on February 25th, when Karen Lemmey Orpianesi, the 2003 Franco Zeffirelli Scholarship for the Arts recipient, reported on her studies in Florence. She revealed that American sculptors of the 19th century often found inspiration in Italy. On their return to America, they incorporated Italian classical ideals in works that can now be seen in New York City and Washington, D.C. It was a pleasure to learn in a new forum about the cultural exchanges that have long taken place between Italy and America and to contribute to that rich tradition.

Our fund-raising efforts continue to grow dramatically. Kathryn Licata, President of the Ladies Auxiliary, reports on the success of their events of the past year, and Frank Zimbaro, President of the Young Adults Auxiliary, reports on their activities, which introduced the Foundation to hundreds of people.

This year, our scholarship and grant programs will distribute approximately \$2.1 million to 608 students from elementary school through college. This represents a three-fold increase over our scholarship programs of five years ago and a 17-fold increase over our giving of 10 years ago. This expansion includes our Elementary School Grant Program, now in its second year, which is helping to make a critical difference in the education of nearly 100 young Italian-American students. Our community is indebted to Frank Fusaro, Chairman of our Philanthropic Committee, John A. Loconsolo, Chairman of the College Scholarship Committee; Vincent M. Toscano, Chairman of the High School Scholarship Committee and Richard J. Naclerio, Chairman of the Elementary School Grant Committee.

Louis Tallarini, General Chairman of the Columbus Week Celebrations, is hard at work organizing this year's Events. He has secured Joe Piscopo as co-anchor with Maria Bartiromo for the WNBC broadcast of the Columbus Day Parade and as a guest and

Q&A with Louis Tallarini, Chairman, Columbus Week Celebrations



Louis Tallarini at the Andretti press conference, 2004

Louis Tallarini is currently at work organizing the Foundation's Columbus Week Celebrations for the sixth time. Since becoming Chairman, the Columbus Weekend has grown from a two-day event to a full week of celebrations. We sat down with him recently to talk about the Columbus Week Celebrations.

When did you become a Member of the Foundation?

It was in 1979, when I was 32 years old and extremely proud of my Italian heritage. My grandparents immigrated to America in the 1890s, from Rome and Bergamo on my father's side and from Calitri and Lacedonia, in Campania, on my mother's side. The Foundation was an opportunity for me to become involved in Italian-American affairs and to meet and socialize with many other successful Italian-Americans.

How did you become what was then Weekend Chairman and has recently become Columbus Week Chairman?

I had gotten more and more involved in the Foundation. I'd sponsored about 10 people for Membership and had served on the Cultural Committee. In 1999, John Loconsolo recommended me as Weekend Chairman to then Foundation President, Ambassador Charles Gargano. I was Weekend Chairman in 1999 and 2000 and from 2002 through today.

Was becoming Weekend Chairman what you expected?

My initial impression was that we weren't really taking advantage of the importance of the Columbus Weekend, and especially the Parade, which is one of New York's great cultural events. We needed to rethink how we were promoting it. Fortunately we had a lot to work with thanks to the efforts of my predecessors. When I came on board, Frank Fusaro was Parade Chairman, and he was already working to bring it to another level – it received an Emmy nomination! We needed to bring the entire Weekend up to that level. I organized the Weekend into a business venture by putting in place reporting procedures with the Chairmen of the Weekend Committees and the Foundation staff. We also set goals and budgets for all of the vital areas.

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performer at our Gala Dinner at the Waldorf Astoria. (This is Maria's 10th year anchoring the Parade, and she is co-chairman of this year's Dinner with Angelo Vivolo.) Louis has also secured Salvatore Licitra, the most exciting new tenor of the Metropolitan Opera House, to sing the national anthems at the Gala and to perform at our Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral the morning of the Parade. Please attend the Mass, but you must obtain tickets in advance through the Foundation office.

In this issue, Louis Tallarini brings us up to date on the Foundation's growth through the Columbus Week Celebrations and discusses our mission and goals. Take a minute to read Louis's insightful observations about our activities as we gear up for another highly successful week that celebrates Italian-American achievement and culture.

I am pleased to report that Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia has accepted our invitation to be Grand Marshal of the 2005 Columbus Day Parade. Justice Scalia is the first Italian-American to sit on the Supreme Court and the highest ranking Italian-American in our government. He is widely considered to be the best legal mind on the Supreme Court by people across the political spectrum.

Our Honorees for this year's Columbus Week Celebrations reflect our concerns about freedom, justice and security. Our Special

Honored Guest from Italy is Franco Frattini, Vice-President of the European Union and its Commissioner responsible for Justice, Freedom and Security. Previously, President Frattini served as Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Italy. Honoree Pasquale J. D'Amuro has been at the forefront of America's war on terror. Since April 2005, Mr. D'Amuro has been Chief Executive Officer of Giuliani Security and Safety LLC. Previously he was Assistant Director in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in New York and Executive Assistant Director for Counterintelligence and Counterterrorism.

We are also honoring our own Frank G. Fusaro, who has been an enthusiastic and dynamic supporter of the Foundation. He is currently Vice-President and has served as Treasurer and as Chairman of the Columbus Day Parade. Perhaps most importantly, Frank conceived and implemented the Adopt-A-Scholar Program, which has raised nearly \$5 million in scholarship funds in the past four years.

I hope you enjoyed a restful and productive summer, and I look forward to reporting on what will be a series of outstanding 2005 Columbus Week Celebrations in the fall.

Lawrence E. Auriana, President

Q&A with Louis Tallarini, continued

We also created a formal marketing program to develop data and presentations to potential sponsors, which included creating a marketing brochure and promotional DVDs. In terms of print media, we initiated the insert we now have in the *New York Post* the week before the Parade, which includes several articles about the Foundation's work, scholarship recipients, Italy and – every year – an article about pizza, which the *Post's* editors love.

I delegated the responsibility of various aspects of the Weekend to the individual Weekend Committee Chairmen, and they came back with great ideas and we implemented them.

How did it become the Columbus Week Celebrations?

By being aggressive in pursuing sponsorships and expanding our cultural offerings, we grew. We've always had commercial Italian sponsors, like Barilla, which is in the Parade this year, but in the past few years we've really pursued sponsorships from Italy. The Italian regional and local governments realized that sponsorship was worthwhile because of the platform we can offer them. We developed a series of events that promoted our sponsors and at the same time gave the Foundation recognition. These events were also self-funding and raised funds for our scholarship programs. For instance, in 2002, we premiered Franco Zeffirelli's film, "Callas Forever" in the Ziegfeld Theater, and proceeds from the event endowed the Foundation's Franco Zeffirelli Scholarship for the Arts. In 2003, we produced two art exhibitions and hosted a concert by the Italian Navy Band aboard the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum. In 2004, we produced "Mario Andretti" and "Lombardy," exhibitions at Grand Central Terminal's Vanderbilt Hall and musical and dance performances at Rockefeller Center that were seen by millions of people. And because of the support we have received from WNBC, there's been greater interest in our events and the Parade itself.

Columbus Week Celebrations 2005 Committee Chairmen

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Marketing Chairman

Why do we have so many Italian sponsors these days?

There's a universe of mutual friendship, good will and recognition between Italy and the Italian-American community in the United States. It's also important for the Foundation to operate on an international level so that our contributions are recognized both here at home and abroad. More importantly, Italy is the home of our ancestors and the source of our heritage. We celebrate this and instill its importance in our children. Not to mention that Italian contributions to the Foundation further our cultural and philanthropic goals.

How do you get Italian sponsorships when they are an entire ocean away?

These are relationships we have to cultivate, and one of the pleasures of being Columbus Week Chairman is going to Italy with the Foundation's President and Italian Affairs Chairman to meet with potential sponsors. These face-to-face visits are essential to forging successful relationships, even though the trips are costly for us individually: we have an official policy that Members must pay for all their own travel and travel-related expenses while conducting business on behalf of the Foundation.

How important is Columbus Week to the Foundation's goals?

It's critical. The Columbus Week Celebrations are the heart and soul of this Foundation. It's the platform through which we express our Italian heritage in New York and around the world and remind people of our great culture. It is also crucial to our fund raising efforts. Without Columbus Week, we would have been absent well over \$1 million in scholarship funds during each of the past four years. We wouldn't be able to accomplish what we do. To look at it another way, Columbus Week earnings provide over half of the funding for our scholarship programs, which means that this year well over 100 four-year scholarships can be attributed to the Columbus Week Celebrations. The scholarships are for young Italian-American students who otherwise would be unable to attend a school of their choosing and for which they are qualified.

Our growth has been dramatic. In 1999, my first year as Weekend Chairman, we awarded 39 scholarships in the amount of \$440,000. This year, we awarded 224 new scholarships that total \$2.4 million – which is more than a five-fold increase.

What is your vision for the Foundation?

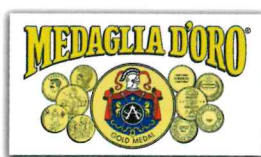
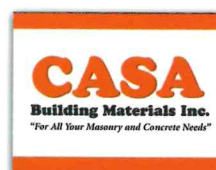
We need more cultural events at the Foundation, as well as more social events and more Membership participation. Our Members have a great deal to offer each other, and we need to build platforms where exchanges can happen.

At the same time, we have very strong leadership. In the past 10 years, our Membership has doubled in spite of the normal five to seven percent rate of attrition. In addition, the average age of our Membership has decreased dramatically. We have been able to reach out to younger people who want to stay in touch with their heritage and are attracted to our philanthropic and cultural initiatives.

What is so rewarding about all the effort is that we are winning recognition for Italian-American culture and heritage on behalf of all Italian-Americans. In the process, we are building a future for our scholarship recipients. Vincent Toscano, the head of our High School Scholarship Committee, is an alumnus of our College Scholarship Program, and he is back with us helping the next generation. Recently, Richard Greco, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, became a Member of the Foundation. As a high school student, Secretary Greco participated in one of the Foundation's mentoring programs.

There is a dire need for our work to support financially disadvantaged Italian-Americans who have nowhere else to turn for assistance. We are building futures. ♣

2004 Columbus Celebration Sponsors



The Membership Committee Welcomes Our 33 New Members



John V. Cioffi
Chairman,
Membership
Committee

It's been another remarkable year for the Foundation, and it is my pleasure to introduce 33 new Members. These successful men and women are important contributors to their communities and are committed to helping others. Among them are many young people who will add to our vitality and strength. As a group, they will enrich the Foundation and help us achieve our goals. As always I ask that you extend a warm welcome and make them feel at home.

I would like to thank the Committee Members who have contributed so much of their time and judgment, the staff for their tireless efforts and those Members who have participated in this process by sponsoring candidates for membership.

Finally, I encourage all Members to join us in sponsoring friends and colleagues who share our Italian-American heritage and the desire to support our philanthropic and cultural initiatives. Please direct your recommendations to Lisa LoRusso or Millie Aponte, who are working with the Membership Committee.

Membership Committee

Lawrence Auriana	Anthony Mallardi
Alfred T. De Maria	Marian U. Pardo
Sam Giarrusso	Angelo Vivolo
Anthony F. Giordano	Amb. Joseph Zappala

Please join us in congratulating and welcoming our new Members.

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Louis Di Francesco

Sponsors: Lawrence Auriana
Louis Tallarini



Mr. Di Francesco is a Partner in Sales at A&A Maintenance. His grandparents were born in Salerno and immigrated to the the US. Mr. Di Francesco is President of the Scarsdale Fire Department and Vice President of the Eastchester Italian-American Club. His past involvement in charitable work includes the Children's Hospital of Westchester Fundraiser. He looks forward to helping the Foundation raise money for its Scholarship Programs.

Steven Napolitano

Sponsors: Amb. Charles Gargano
Sam Giarrusso



Mr. Napolitano is Senior Vice President of First American Title Insurance Company of New York. Both his paternal and maternal sides immigrated from the area around Naples, and his mother also had ancestors from Sicily. Mr. Napolitano has made generous contributions to Schneider's Children's Hospital, the National Jewish Medical and Research Center, and the Columbus Citizens Foundation. Known to many Members, Mr. Napolitano looks forward to contributing energy and resources to achieve the Foundation's goals.

Joseph M. Pizza

Sponsors: Vincent Durante
Ron Mannino



Mr. Pizza is the President and CEO of Interchem Corp. His grandparents were born in Naples and Sicily. Mr. Pizza serves on the Board of the Forum's Children's Foundation as well as the GPHA, a professional society. He has received a number of awards, including the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, the FDU Pinnacle Award, and the CIAA Business Man of the Year Award. Mr. Pizza has a strong desire to give back to others and looks forward to participating in the Foundation's efforts.

Antonio Nino Vendome

Sponsors: John Celauro
Lawrence Caputo



Mr. Vendome is the Owner and Chairman of the Vendome Group, a company involved in real estate development. He was born in Naples and immigrated to the US in 1952. As the Owner of Nino's American Kitchen, an organization which fed rescue and relief workers 24 hours a day at Ground Zero, Mr. Vendome has won numerous awards, including the 2000 Italian-American Achievement Award and the Brave Heart Award. Mr. Vendome wishes to join the Foundation in its charitable and philanthropic efforts.

Desiree Cilmi Vitali

Sponsors: Gail Guy
Frances Monte



Ms. Cilmi Vitali is Associate Vice President of Enrollment at Pace University. Her grandparents hailed from Vizzini, Sicily, and her husband, Robert, is a first generation Italian-American with deep-rooted Northern Italian heritage. Ms. Cilmi Vitali was recognized by Pace University with the Quality Management Award, is a Voting Member of the College Board and is a Board Member of Lainies Angels. As a professional who embraces the history and culture of her ancestry and the importance and value of a college education, she admires the mission and achievements of the Foundation.

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Salvatore J. Acquista

Sponsors: John Amicucci
Lawrence Auriana



Mr. Acquista just received his Law Degree. Both of his parents were born in southern Italy. As a former scholarship recipient, Mr. Acquista is very grateful for the financial aid he received from the Foundation and hopes to be able to help other Italian-Americans as well. Through the Foundation, he hopes to help preserve Italian values, traditions and heritage.

Judith Amato

Sponsors: Matt Sabatine
Anthony Dolce



Ms. Amato is the Vice President of JP Morgan Chase, a financial services corporation. Both of Ms. Amato's grandparents were born in Italy. Ms. Amato has received various awards through JP Morgan Chase, the Leadership Club and the Investment Award of Excellence. Ms. Amato is interested in the Foundation's Philanthropic Committee and in supporting the Foundation's mission in preserving the Italian-American heritage.

Anthony Ardizzone

Sponsors: Kenneth Savio
Lawrence Auriana



Mr. Ardizzone is the Senior Managing Director of Bear Stearns, a brokerage and trading company. His father was born in Palermo, Sicily. Mr. Ardizzone is on the Board of Directors of the Jimmy Martello Foundation and involved in other philanthropic organizations. He is grateful to his parents for teaching him family values and the importance of honesty and hard work, which through the Foundation, he can pass along to other Italian-Americans.

Perry Barb

Sponsors: Robert Cutro
John Amore



Mr. Barb is the Senior Vice President and Managing Director of Legg Mason, a brokerage firm. He derives his Italian heritage from his parents who arrived at Ellis Island in the early 1900's. Mr. Barb is a member of the New York Stock Exchange and of the Jumping Brook Golf Club. He raises funds for Cooley's Anemia and looks forward to contributing to the Foundation's scholarship programs.

Giuliana Ridolfi Cardillo

Sponsors: Lawrence Auriana
Louis Tallarini



Mrs. Cardillo is the Press and Italian-American Community Relations Officer of the Italian Cultural Institute of New York, which is an office of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She was born and raised in Italy. Mrs. Cardillo is Chair for Public Relations of the Italian Heritage & Culture Month and affiliated with the Italian Welfare League, NIAF and Associazione Toscani nel Mondo. For the past several years, Mrs. Cardillo has been instrumental in developing Italian sponsors for the Columbus Week Celebrations. She was recently appointed the Foundation's Chairman of Italian Affairs.

Robert Composto

Sponsors: Kenneth Savio
Lawrence Auriana



Mr. Composto is the Senior Managing Director of Bear Stearns, a brokerage and trading company. Both of his parents are from Naples, Italy. Mr. Composto is affiliated with the Jimmy Martello and the Boomer Esiason Foundations and is a fund-raiser for the Circle of Life Camp for Juvenile Diabetes. He is very proud of his Italian heritage and looks forward to involving individuals at various trading houses in the Parade Committee activities.

Alexander A. Conti

Sponsors: Joseph Pizza
William Fugazy



Mr. Conti is the Financial Representative of Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, an insurance and financial services company. His mother was born in Salerno and his father is second generation Italian-American. Mr. Conti is affiliated with many charitable organizations, including The Peace Angels Project, and is a recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor Award among other awards.

Dominic F. D'Adamo

Sponsors: Frank Fusaro
Frank Borelli



Mr. D'Adamo is the Senior Vice President of HIP Health Plan of New York, a managed care provider. His grandparents were born in Italy. Mr. D'Adamo is the former President of the New York City Chapter of Financial Executives International. He is also affiliated with the American Institute of CPAs and is a member of the Rockland Country Club.

Charles Dangelo

Sponsors: Thomas Tizzio
Nicholas Creatore



Mr. Dangelo is the President of AIG Global Risk Management, an insurance company. His paternal grandparents were born in Termini, Italy. Mr. Dangelo is a member of The Olympia Fields Country Club, which hosted the US Open in 2003. Mr. Dangelo would like to give back to Italian-Americans through the Scholarship Committee because he feels these young people are our future.

Joseph E. Decilveo, Jr.

Sponsors: Frank Fusaro
Louis Salvatore



Mr. Decilveo is a Group Managing Director of Huron Consulting Group, a financial consulting firm. His paternal grandparents are from Abruzzo and Calabria. He is on the Advisory Board of the Make-A-Wish Foundation and was awarded the David Rockefeller Fellow Award in 1992 and 1993. Mr. Decilveo strongly supports the Foundation's mission to assist Italian-American children in furthering their academic studies.

Thomas A. Donovan

Sponsors: Nicholas Giannuzzi
Richard Sabatini



Mr. Donovan is a Partner at Massey Knakal Realty Service, a commercial real estate company. His maternal grandparents were born in Italy. Mr. Donovan is affiliated with several organizations, including the William H. Casey Foundation, Real Estate Board of New York, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Catholic War Veterans. Mr. Donovan looks forward to working with the Foundation to promote a positive attitude towards Italian-Americans and also to assisting the less fortunate within our community.

Joseph A. Dussich

Sponsors: George Bellini
Frank Fusaro



Mr. Dussich is the President and CEO of JAD, a building maintenance supply company. Both his paternal and maternal grandparents were born in Italy. He is affiliated with various organizations such as the Catholic Charities, the Boomer Esiason Foundation and Boys Town of Italy. He looks forward to being involved with the Foundation's fund-raising activities.

Louis Esposito

Sponsors: Joseph Monticciolo
Joseph Curcio



Mr. Esposito is the Senior Vice President of HRH Construction LLC, a construction industry. Both his paternal and maternal grandparents were born in Italy. Mr. Esposito is former Council of Regent Member of Saint Francis College and he is also a current Board Member of the Italian Board of Guardians. He looks forward to introducing those in the construction management industry to the Foundation's causes.

John F. Ferraro

Sponsors: Nicolette Repaci
John Cioffi



Mr. Ferraro is the Vice Chairman of Ernst & Young, an accounting firm. His grandparents were born in Avellino. Mr. Ferraro is affiliated with BC High (Co-Chair of Corporate Giving), Marquette University (Dean's Council), Oakley Golf Club, and Conway Farms. He is very proud to be an Italian-American and would like to help the Foundation with its scholarship programs.

Maria T. Fosco

Sponsors: Lawrence Auriana
John Cioffi



Ms. Fosco is the Director of Administration and Community Programs for the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute/CUNY. Both of her parents were born in Italy, and Ms. Fosco has dual citizenship. Ms. Fosco has devoted her professional life to the service of the Italian-American community and is affiliated with many organizations, including the National Italian American Legal Defense and the Italian American Museum.

Alessandro P. Garbuio

Sponsors: Ken Savio
Chris Alaimo



Mr. Garbuio is the Senior Managing Director of Bear Stearns, a banking and securities trading and brokerage firm. His mother and father are from Bari and Toribio. Mr. Garbuio is affiliated with the Robin Hood Foundation and A Touch of Comfort Foundation Committee. He believes that by working with the Foundation, he can make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

Roberto Giammarco

Sponsors: Nicola Volpi
Francis Tricamo



Mr. Giammarco is the Managing Director of the Bank of America, an investment bank. Both parents were born in Italy and moved to Canada in the late 1950s. His family instilled in him the value of his Italian heritage through hard work, integrity and having compassion for others. Mr. Giammarco's objective is to be able to share his proud heritage with others and help those less fortunate achieve a life filled with opportunities.

Richard Guarasci, Ph.D.

Sponsors: Al Palladino
Lawrence Auriana



Dr. Guarasci is the President of Wagner College. His grandparents immigrated to the United States in the early 1900s. Dr. Guarasci is on the Board of the American Association of Colleges and Universities and on the Board of the Institute for Experimental Learning and is involved with Project Hospitality. Dr. Guarasci looks forward to helping the Foundation in promoting higher education for Italian-Americans and positive images of Italian-Americans.

Alan C. Guarino

Sponsors: Jude Barbera
Vincent Nasso



Mr. Guarino, a first generation Italian-American, is the CEO of Cornell International, an executive recruiting firm. His mother's family is from Sicily and his father's family is from Salerno. Mr. Guarino was the past President of The West Point Society of New York and is the Vice President of Unico National, Marlboro, New York Chapter. He looks forward to contributing to the Adopt-A-Scholar Program and assisting various Weekend Committees.

Lori Ann Hall

Sponsors: Richard Grace
William D. Fugazy

Mrs. Hall is a philanthropist and fundraiser. Her great-grandparents were born in Tresana. Mrs. Hall is the assistant to the founder of The Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation and serves on its Advisory Board. She has already contributed to the Foundation's Scholarship program and looks forward to assisting the Foundation through fundraising initiatives, contributions and resources.

**Scott Lenzi**

Sponsors: Louis Romano
Mauro Romita

Mr. Lenzi is the president of OCS Chemical Engineering, an industrial water treatment engineering company. His grandparents were born in Calabria. Mr. Lenzi is affiliated with The Christian Children's Help Association, is a certified ski instructor and is Chief Instructor of Shorei-Kan Karate for the Americas and Assistant Chief Instructor for Shorei-Kan Karate in Italy. He is very proud of his Italian heritage and hopes to be of some help to the Foundation through his company.

**Patricia Manzo, Esq.**

Sponsors: Alfred Catalanotto
Anthony Giordano

Mrs. Manzo is an attorney-at-law who owns her own private practice. Both of her parents emigrated from Italy. She is an officer of the Confederation of Columbian Lawyers, belongs to the Suffolk County Coalition against domestic violence and is a member of the National Italian-American Bar Association. Mrs. Manzo pledges to support the Foundation's philanthropic activities.

**Aldo Parcesepe**

Sponsors: Kenneth Savio
Lawrence Auriana

Mr. Parcesepe is the Senior Managing Director of Bear Stearns, a banking and securities trading and brokerage firm. He was born in Italy and migrated to the United States in 1956. Mr. Parcesepe is on the Board of Directors of Boomer Esiason Foundation and Friends and Families of Cystic Fibrosis. He was awarded Man of the Year by the Esiason Foundation and was also awarded the Man of the Year by Friends and Families of Cystic Fibrosis.

**Frank J. Petrilli**

Sponsors: Mario Gabelli
Lawrence Auriana

Mr. Petrilli is the President and CEO of TD Waterhouse, a stock brokerage and financial service company. His grandparents immigrated from Italy at the turn of the century. Mr. Petrilli is affiliated with Fordham University-Health Care Chaplaincy, Big Brother & Big Sister of NYC and the National Italian-American Foundation. He believes that by joining the Foundation and supporting its goals, he can help enhance the Italian-American community for future generations.

**Leandro Rizzuto, Jr.**

Sponsors: Lawrence Auriana
Antonio Cardillo

Mr. Rizzuto is Senior Vice President of Conair Corporation, a professional hair care and beauty industry. His grandparents were born in Italy. Mr. Rizzuto is affiliated with Boys' Town of Italy and is the President of the World Trade Center Charity Fund. Mr. Rizzuto had the honor of being named Minister of Italians Abroad. He is interested in preserving Italian tradition and helping to provide support for the future of Italians both culturally and economically.

**Richard Saitta, M.D.**

Sponsors: Richard Naclerio
John Cioffi

Dr. Saitta is the Chief of Nephrology of Sound Shore Medical Center. His parents are from Genoa and Palermo, and he studied in Italy for five years and speaks the language fluently. Dr. Saitta is a member of the American Society of Nephrology and Internal Medicine. He will participate in the Foundation's charitable efforts and recommend suitable candidates for membership from among a wide array of notable and professional acquaintances.

**Arthur J. Saladino**

Sponsors: Joseph Monti
Robert Aiello

Mr. Saladino is the Vice President of Crest Hollow Country Club, a catering business. He derives his Italian heritage from his grandparents who were born in Italy in the 1800's. Mr. Saladino is affiliated with many organizations and in 1972 founded the Don Monti Memorial Research Foundation at North Shore University Hospital. He looks forward to being part of the Dinner, Parade, Philanthropic, Journal and Marketing Committees.

**Peter Speziale**

Sponsors: Matthew Classi
Nick Donovan

Mr. Speziale is the Vice President of Operations of Cybersette, Inc., a legal and insurance corporation. His grandparents emigrated from Calabria. Mr. Speziale belongs to the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and New York State Trial Lawyers Association. Mr. Speziale is looking forward to contributing his time and efforts to the Foundation's goals.



In Memorium

Adele Aiello

Member since 2003, widow of the late John Aiello and mother of Robert Aiello

John L. Tatta

Member since 1980

Richard P. Awn

Husband of Loretta Berardi

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Brother of Richard J. Naclerio

Vivian Giordano-La Greca

Daughter of James and Gina Giordano

Dominic Saia

Brother of John Saia

Salvatore Livolsi

Father of Bartley Livolsi

Josephine Valenti

Mother of Frank Fusaro

Frances Rose Monte

Widow of the late Sebastian Monte

Verismo Celebrated in Opera Nights



Dr. Frank V. Celenza
Chairman, House Committee

Three exceptional productions lit up the Townhouse this past year. The November 12th production of “La Boheme,” by Giacomo Puccini, featured Jose Carreras and Teresa Stratas with the Metropolitan Opera under the direction of James Levine. On February 18th, I presented the Franco Zeffirelli production of “Cavalleria Rusticana,” by Pietro Mascagni, featuring Placido Domingo and Elena Obraztsova in performances conducted by Georges Pretre. The season ended on June 10th with Placido Domingo, Juan Pons and Teresa Stratas in Zeffirelli’s production of “Pagliacci,” by Ruggero Leoncavallo, also conducted by Georges Pretre. The June 10th event marked our 65th Opera Night at the Foundation.

These three operas represent the beginning of change in opera construction and style known as *verismo*, which

emerged during the 1890s. The word itself translates as “realism” or, more tellingly, “true to life.” Previous Italian operas told the stories of myths and well-known figures from literature or history, such as “Otello” and “Falstaff.” These works, however, tell the stories of the lives of far less exalted characters yet still find poignancy and beauty in their commonplace struggles.

Keeping with a tradition I started in the days when opera nights were informal affairs held in my home, the events began with champagne and hors d’oeuvres, and courses from the evenings’ gourmet dinners were served between acts. The spirit of the Foundation’s Opera Nights was captured on the sold-out evening of June 10th, when Member Licia Albanese – an outstanding soprano – led a rendition of Happy Anniversary in honor of Members Cesar and Theresa Taormina, who were celebrating 50 wonderful years of marriage. ♣

American Sculptors in Italy Brought Old World Beauty to New World Art

Lecture Reveals Italian Inspiration in American Monuments

Everyone knows that Italy has inspired artists throughout the ages. Few people realize that several noteworthy American landmarks and works of art took shape because of the sculptors’ experiences while living and studying there.

The subject of Italian influence on the work of American artists who lived in Italy was explored in “19th Century American Sculptors in Florence,” a lecture given by Karen Lemmey Orpianesi at the Townhouse on the evening of Friday, February 25th.

Throughout her presentation, Ms. Lemmey Orpianesi illustrated the link between Italy and American sculpture, which she explained reflects the post-Revolutionary War American dream to emulate the art and architecture of ancient Rome. American expatriates of the 19th century returned from Florence and Italy inspired by Classical ideals of proportion and symmetry. Ms. Lemmey Orpianesi presented slides of the doors of the United States Capitol building’s rotunda, which were created by Randolph Rogers and depict Columbus’s life and the founding of America. She also illustrated the startling resemblance between one of the first bronze monuments fashioned in America – George Washington, by Henry Kirk Brown, in New York City’s Union Square – and the ancient statue Marcus Aurelius found in Michelangelo’s Piazza del Campidoglio. Other works of art presented by Ms. Lemmey Orpianesi illustrated the pervasive influence of Italy’s rich history and abundant material resources on American sculpture.

Ms. Lemmey Orpianesi, a doctoral candidate at the City University of New York Graduate Center, was the recipient of



Lawrence Auriana with Zeffirelli Scholarship for the Arts recipient, Karen Lemmey Orpianesi

the Foundation’s 2004 Franco Zeffirelli Scholarship for the Arts, which enabled her to pursue her studies at the British Institute of Florence. Of her own experience in Florence, Ms. Lemmey Orpianesi stated, “You don’t need to look for art – it surrounds you.”

In comments before the lecture, Foundation President Lawrence Auriana said, “The Foundation is proud to support the students of the arts, who are often overlooked and may have the most difficult time finding the financial resources to meet their goals.”

In a statement read at the event, Mr. Zeffirelli said, “You cannot imagine how much joy and pride I feel at the news that a wonderful [scholar] has gloriously used my contribution to her education.” ♣

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Fashion and Cuisine Spur Success For Ladies Auxiliary



By Kathryn Licata
President, Ladies Auxiliary

A fashion show featuring the drop-dead gorgeous designs of TSE Cashmere, a luncheon and book signing with restaurateur and author Lidia Matticchio Bastianich and a chance to be Santa's helpers were highlights of a highly successful year for the Ladies Auxiliary.

On December 7th, we hosted our annual Christmas Luncheon and Boutique and were honored by the presence of Ms. Bastianich, owner of the restaurant Felidia and author of Lidia's Family Table. In addition to conducting a book signing, Ms. Bastianich talked about kitchen tips and proved, once again, that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach: the luncheon was the first Ladies Auxiliary event attended by men. Overall attendance was 206 people (regrets to those who were wait-listed and unable to attend), a figure slightly surpassed during the 29th Annual Children's Christmas Party, which brought 209 people to the event, each family bearing a gift for an underprivileged child.

On May 3rd, at the Spring Luncheon Boutique and Fashion Show, Auxiliary members were treated to a fashion show compliments of TSE Cashmere, which is known for incorporating luxurious cashmere in elegant,

pure modern designs. (They are featured at TSE's boutique at 827 Madison Avenue on 69th Street). The wonderful show was arranged by Connie Cioffi.

The Mother's Day event also featured the Spring Mega Buck 50/50 Drawing, which netted \$9,000 for charities and two prizes of \$4,500 each for entrants. The tickets were drawn by John Boden, House Manager, and Lisa LoRusso, Controller.

Through this year's Ladies Auxiliary Events, \$20,000 was raised for our intended second Adopt-A-Scholar scholarship. Additional proceeds will be distributed to charities that benefit women and children, including St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the American Ballet Company and others.

It has been enormously gratifying, in my first year as President of the Auxiliary, to experience the sheer fun and sense of camaraderie created by our members. Our goals are the same as the Foundation's – to celebrate Italian-American culture and heritage and provide support for those who need and deserve our help. It is a pleasure to serve the Foundation in such worthy causes. ♣

Wine Tasting and Casino Night Show Strength of Young Adults Auxiliary

By Frank A. Zimbaro
President, Young Adults Auxiliary

Building on our past successes, the Young Adults Auxiliary notched fund-raising records in the past year. In keeping with our tradition and the goals of the Foundation, the proceeds will go to our Adopt-A-Scholar recipients.

The Auxiliary's Eighth Annual Wine Tasting, "The Art of Wine," was an oenophile's delight as it presented wines from a range of Italy's regions, including Veneto, Sicily, Piedmont, Lazio and Tuscany. Over 200 guests attended the event, which was held on November 19th and raised just over \$9,000.

Our Annual Casino Night was held on April 8th and was our most successful event, raising nearly \$20,000. We would like to thank all of our generous sponsors and donors, as well as our many guests, for helping make our event a huge success.

The Young Adults Auxiliary consists of past scholarship recipients, Italian-Americans, Members of the Foundation and their family members who are between the ages of 21 and 35 and who share the Foundation's goals. If you know of anyone who might be a suitable candidate for membership in the Auxiliary, please have them contact me at: fzimbaro@weissfinancial.org.

The Auxiliary has new officers this year: Michele Pecora (Vice-President), Mark Alberici (Treasurer) and Val Verelli (Secretary). I look forward to working with them throughout the year and am honored to serve as the Auxiliary's first president.

We encourage everyone to visit our redesigned pages on the Foundation's website (www.columbuscitizensfd.org). The section helps keep members of the Auxiliary and Foundation current with our events and activities.

Our thanks, also, to Foundation President Lawrence Auriana, who hosted a picnic for our members on May 14th. Working to support the Foundation's cultural and philanthropic mission is an inspiring reminder of our good fortune and of the many Italian-Americans whose opportunities for success are limited without the Foundation's help. Events such as the picnic, which included games of bocce, remind us of something else, namely the pleasures found in enjoying traditions and events that are related to our great heritage. ♣



Young Adult Members at Lawrence Auriana's home in Greenwich, CT.



Ambassador Joseph Zappala and his wife, Isabel, with their guest Renata Nufer, at left.

The 2005 *Ballo Romantico*

The revived *Ballo Romantico* was once again the social highlight of the Foundation's spring, bringing out nearly 200 Members and guests for a superb evening of excellent food, companionship and nearly non-stop dancing.

Held on April 23rd in Rockefeller Center's sublimely elegant Rainbow Room, the evening kicked off with a festive reception in the Rainbow and Stars Pavillion, where the black-tie attendees whetted their appetites with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and delicacies.

The dinner, organized by our own Angelo Vivolo, featured chiantis and pinot grigios to complement a menu of cold poached lobster, risotto with mushroom and speck, rack of lamb, chocolate soufflé and Baked Alaska.

The evening's entertainment was provided by the 14-piece Hank Lane Orchestra, which was accompanied by three singers. The orchestra waltzed, fox-trotted, tangoed and rocked its way through decades of standards from Italy and America, including classic Italian refrains.

"It was just a great night," commented Mr. Vivolo. "The Members do a tremendous amount of work on behalf of our scholarship programs and for the Columbus Week Celebrations, so it was a pleasure to have a pure social evening of nothing but excellent food, wine, company and dancing." ❀



Dance Floor at the *Ballo*



Nancy and Peter Cuttita



Maria Theresa Fauci and Frank Lo Re

Members in the News

Tallarini Honored By The Italian American Museum - **Louis Tallarini**, in honor of his commitment and service to the Italian-American community, received the Italian American Museum's "La Bellissima America Award" – a bonded bronze relief by sculptor Patrick Morelli – at the Museum's fourth annual gala at the Plaza Hotel on April 15th. The event



Team Fratelli-Auriana's 1952 Cisitalia
Driven by Admiral Giovanni Vitaloni in the
2005 Mille Miglia in Italy

raised funds for a permanent home for the museum and honored Italian-American leaders who have contributed to the museum and the community at large. As reported by Vincent P. Cuccia in the *America & Italia Review*, Lawrence Auriana presented Mr. Tallarini with the award, saying, "For me Louis is a pillar of stability, strength, loyalty and integrity, and I mean each and every one of those words... stability, strength, loyalty and integrity... What more can we ask?"...

Lawrence Auriana's Fratelli Auriana racecar team entered two major events in Italy this spring. In an Italy-America collaboration, Team Fratelli Auriana provided a rare 1952 Cisitalia 202 D coupe to the Italian Navy Team for the May 19 – May 21 Mille Miglia classic. Driving the car was Admiral Giovanni Vitaloni, Vice Commander of the Italian Navy and the former Military Attaché to the Italian Mission to the United Nations. On June 18th, Fratelli Auriana entered its 1953 Alfa Romeo 6C 3000 CM in the 2005 Le Mans Legend car race, a one-hour event that features vintage race cars from 1935 to 1955 and which precedes the

grueling 24 Hours of Le Mans. Behind the wheel for Fratelli Auriana was Derek Hill, son of the legendary race car driver and 1961 Formula One World Champion, Phil Hill, and Joe Colasacco, who won the 2004 Grand Prix Historique in Monaco... The family of **Dr. Frank Celenza, Sr.** has made a generous gift to New York University's College

of Dentistry. The gift to the college's Jonathan and Maxine Ferencz Advanced Education Program in Prosthodontics kicked off a campaign to name a laboratory at the college in honor of the Celenza family. Known to Members for his passion for opera, Dr. Celenza is a prosthodontist and international authority on occlusion. The Academy of Esthetic Dentistry in July named **Dr. Celenza** the 2005 recipient of the Charles L. Pincus Award in recognition of his accomplishments in the field and his commitment to the academy...

Delbarton, a college preparatory day school in Morristown, New Jersey, presented the Michael Cerasia Award to Delbarton sophomore Thomas Fleming last year. The award is dedicated to the memory of the late Michael C. Cerasia, son of **Robert L. Cerasia**, who attended with his wife, Carole, to present the award...

Frank Comerford, General Manager of NBC 4, was Principal-for-a-Day at Our Lady of Angels, in Bay Ridge Brooklyn, his alma mater. "Seeing the wonderful operation at OLA was a great experience," Mr. Comerford said. "The dedicated staff has really made great changes in the curriculum and classroom structure that enhance the education they provide..."

Thomas Donovan, executive managing director and partner of Massey Knakal Realty Services Inc., was written up in *Crain's New York Business's Special Report, 40 Under 40*. *Crain's* noted that in the past five years Mr. Donovan



Dr. Vincent Celenza, Dr. Frank Celenza, Dean Michael Alfano
(of NYU's College of Dentistry), Dr. Frank Celenza, Jr.



John Loconsolo with children he sponsored through the Futures in Education Foundation

has closed "65 deals valued at \$200 million." . . .

John Loconsolo, a member of the Foundation's Board of Governors and Chairman of the College Scholarship Committee, is also a Founder and Board Member of the Futures in Education Foundation of the Brooklyn Diocese. Last spring, he sponsored 25 children – virtually an entire classroom through the Diocese's Angel Foundation. . . .

Philip J. Lombardo, founder and chief executive officer of the Bronxville, New York-based Citadel

Communications, was unanimously elected Joint Board Chairman of the National Association of Broadcasters' Board of Directors in the fall of 2003. Citadel Communications owns five local broadcast channels in the Midwest. . . .

Father Michael Moynihan was an Honoree at the SUNY Maritime College's 2005 Admiral's Scholarship Dinner, held on May 6th. On hand to celebrate were several Foundation Members (see photo caption for details). . . .

Eugene Nardelli, son of **Justice Eugene Nardelli**, of the New York State Court of Appeals, completed his first year at Yale Law School and has become a Member of the Foundation, following in the footsteps of his father and his uncle, Vito. . . . *New York* magazine's eighth annual selection of New York's best doctors named **John F. Romano, MD** among the city's most distinguished practitioners in his field. Dr. Romano is a dermatologist. . . . Dr. Marc Sabatine of the Harvard Medical School and the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston was the recipient of the Young Investigator Award at the



Dr. Joseph Scelsa, Maria Fosco, John Loconsolo, Giuliana Ridolfi Cardillo, Louis Tallarini, Father Michael Moynihan, Lawrence Auriana, Frank Fusaro and Richard Naclerio.

Annual Meeting of the American College of Cardiology last March. He was the lead author of an international study in which a new drug strategy proved to be the first major advance in heart attack care in more than a decade. The study was published in the March 24th issue of *The New England Journal of Medicine*, and the findings were reported in most major U.S. and international newspapers. Dr. Sabatine is the son of Foundation Secretary, **Matt Sabatine**, and his wife, Lee. . . .

Joseph T. Tacopina, of the Law Offices of Joseph Tacopina, P.C., was honored last November by the New York State Greater Capital Chapter of the National Italian American Bar Association for his distinguished service in the field of law. . . .

Frederick J. Vagnini, M.D. has authored two books that have been published this year: "30 Minutes a Day to a Healthy Heart: One Simple Plan to Conquer All Six Major Threats to Your Heart," with co-author Selene Yeager, and "The Side Effects Bible: Break Your Carbo-Insulin Connection to Heart Disease," with co-author Barry Fox. Dr. Vagnini is director of the Cardiovascular Centers in Westbury and Manhattan. . . .

Staff News - Eric J. Raicovich, the son of Foundation bartender Gene Raicovich and his wife Candace, was named to the Merit List of Kenyon College for the first semester of the 2004-2005 academic year. . . . Michelle Perna, Scholarship Coordinator, graduated magna cum laude from Barnard College in May 2004 with degrees in English and Creative Writing. . . . ♣

Save the Dates

Columbus Week Celebrations 2005

Exhibitions at Grand Central Terminal

"Lombardia: The Lake Region"
"History of the United States Supreme Court"

Vanderbilt Hall, 42nd Street and Park Avenue
October 3rd through 10th, 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM

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Vanderbilt Hall, 42nd Street and Park Avenue
October 7th, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Concert by Italy's *Banda della Polizia di Stato* and Lamborghini Gallardo Raffle

Grand Central Terminal's Main Concourse
October 7th, Concert at 9:00 PM
Raffle Drawing at Approximately 9:30 PM

61st Annual Gala Dinner

The Waldorf-Astoria Grand Ballroom
Park Avenue at 49th Street
October 8th, 6:30 PM

Concert by Italy's *Banda della Polizia di Stato*

Columbus Circle, Broadway and 59th Street
October 9th, 8:00 AM

The Annual Columbus Day Mass

St. Patrick's Cathedral
50th Street and Fifth Avenue
October 10th, 9:30 AM

Tickets are required.

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requesting the number of tickets needed and the names of those attending
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Fifth Avenue from 44th to 79th Streets
October 10th, 11:45 AM to 3:30 PM



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