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Maria Bartiromo
Grand Marshal

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With my election as President of our Foundation last January, I follow two individuals of great character and commitment – Lawrence Auriana and Louis Tallarini – who have taken our Foundation to a new level. I hope to build on their efforts and would like to thank our Members for the trust they have placed in me.

Our Foundation is in excellent shape. Others may speak about pride and working toward a greater good, but we are acting upon our mission. While we join the entire Italian-American community in rightfully fighting the negative stereotyping in the repugnant *Jersey Shore*, we also help educate thousands of Italian American children. It is through their future success that we will elevate our ethnicity. In providing this assistance, we are both preparing and charging them with continuing our mission. I am also extremely proud of the leadership role we have assumed in the reinstatement of the Advanced Placement Program in Italian Language and Culture. Working closely with the Italian government, we have committed \$500,000 to ensure that the Italian language and culture will be taught in high schools across the nation.

However, no matter how far we've come as an organization, we will either continue to grow or we will contract; there is no standing still. Although we are strong at approximately 600 Members, I have set a goal to increase our Membership. To this end, we are introducing people to the Foundation through monthly dinners for prospective new Members. I urge you to identify men and women who share our goals and invite them to these dinners. An increased Membership will benefit us all.

I have also taken steps to make the Foundation more meaningful to our Members in several ways. We have a new series of events designed to appeal to all segments of our Membership, as reflected on the back cover of this issue of *Il Giornale*. We have also created a Medical Advisory Committee, whose members are ready to provide expertise when needed. Our website is being redesigned to provide more content and information to Members and non-members alike.



Frank Fusaro

This year marks the 66th annual Columbus Celebration. I'm gratified by the strong and very positive response to what is proving to be one of our greatest selections as Grand Marshal, Maria Bartiromo. Ms. Bartiromo's many professional accomplishments are well documented. Having worked closely with her on the Parade for over a decade, I can share with you that she is the epitome of what is the best in Italian Americans. Having reached the top of her profession she remains close to her family and steadfastly committed to her values. She is a role model for all of us. I would also like to thank two incredible Honorees, Frank Bisignano and Jason Trennert. As you will read later in these pages, they embody the best of our community: they are men of great accomplishment who remain true to their heritage.

I would like to thank both the Members who serve as committee chairs and the Foundation staff who have worked tirelessly to produce our Columbus Celebration.

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As we head into our 66th Annual Columbus Celebration, I look forward to seeing many of you at our events in a demonstration of pride in our shared heritage.

Frank G. Fusaro, President

On the Cover: Grand Marshal Maria Bartiromo photographed by Monica Rich Kosann

Columbus Citizens Foundation Mission Statement

Recognizing the incredible impact that our Italian heritage has had on our lives and its contribution to our individual successes, we the members of the Columbus Citizens Foundation dedicate ourselves to preserving and enhancing the culture, traditions and values we were so blessed to receive. Furthermore, we will commit to honor those that came before us by ensuring that their love of country, family and tireless work ethic are passed to our children and all future generations. We firmly commit to raise and distribute financial aid to educate children in need and pledge to extend ourselves in perpetuating the philanthropic work that has been synonymous with our Foundation.

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The Battle for Italian Language Education

Pledge of \$500,000 Brings Foundation into Partnership with Republic of Italy and Italian Language Advocates

By **Louis Tallarini**

Last winter, the Foundation embarked on a major campaign to strengthen Italian language and culture studies in the United States and around the world. We are joined in this effort by the Republic of Italy, the National Italian American Foundation, and private donors and foundations in Italy and the United States.

The immediate goal is the reinstatement of the Advanced Placement Program in Italian Language and Culture, or AP Italian, as it is known to parents and the high school students who take advanced placement classes. When it was launched in 2005, AP Italian was the first new foreign language AP program introduced in 50 years. The program is administered by The College Board, a non-profit organization that runs the SAT exams and advanced placement programs for high school-level students in the United States and abroad. The tireless visionaries who championed the program were Matilda Cuomo, former First Lady of New York State, and Margaret I. Cuomo, M.D., Mrs. Cuomo's daughter and an impassioned advocate of Italian who is now also the President of the non-profit Italian Language Foundation. (I serve as its Chairman.)



Howard S. Maier, Margaret Cuomo Maier, Matilda Raffa Cuomo, and Governor Mario Cuomo at the Foundation's 2008 Gala.

Following the Cuomos' lead were several organizations and the Republic of Italy, which contributed funds so The College Board could research, create standards for, and develop the AP Italian program and exam.

In 2008, just three years after AP Italian was inaugurated, over 2,000 students took the exam, a remarkable number considering the years of study required for successful completion of the test. The 2008 figure marked an increase of 23% over the 2007 participation.

Students who passed learned the language and culture of Columbus, Dante, Michelangelo, Galileo, Garibaldi, Puccini and Marconi as well as the endless contributions of Italian philosophers, scientists, artists, and writers who have helped to shape Western culture. AP Italian, for the first time, gave high school students a chance to study the language and culture and at the same time demonstrate to college admissions officers their discipline and success in academics. Additionally, they qualified for college credit that saved their parents thousands of dollars in tuition fees and helped shorten the length of their college careers.

In many classrooms, the majority of students had no Italian ancestry: they simply came to love the language and the culture with no trace of the taint presented by Hollywood studios and inane "reality" television programming.

In AP classes around the country, students mounted plays in Italian, conducted essay contests and organized trips that sent hundreds of students to Italy – which is second only to England as the foreign country visited most by American students.



Louis Tallarini

Despite the many benefits of the program and its substantial growth, student participation did not meet early, overly optimistic projections, and The College Board suspended the program following the 2008-2009 school year.

The fight to build interest in and support for Italian language studies, and to reinstate AP Italian, has been underway ever since. The Foundation stepped up by changing its scholarship programs' criteria to favor students who are taking Italian language classes. Dr. Cuomo and I held numerous meetings with The College Board and successfully negotiated a reduction in the amount of funding required to revive the program, while The College Board, itself, found efficiencies that would reduce its losses. Additionally, Dr. Cuomo and I have traveled repeatedly and at our own expense to Italy, where we met with members of the highest level of the Italian government.

In November 2009, Gianni Letta, Undersecretary to the Prime Minister of Italy, acting on behalf of Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, committed to a multi-year pledge to help fund the reinstatement AP Italian. The government's pledge required matching donations from within the United States of \$1.5 million.

Once again, the Foundation stepped up, and it pledged \$500,000, as did the National Italian American Foundation. Our Foundation's commitment continues our long tradition of supporting education and other worthwhile initiatives. In 1946, under our Founding President, Generoso Pope, the Foundation provided scholarships to New York students about to enter college. Since then we have made six-figure contributions to benefit earthquake victims in Italy and Turkey, to the City of New York for the restoration of the Columbus Monument at Columbus Circle, and to families of American servicemen and women slain in the first and second Gulf Wars. And following 9/11, we donated \$1 million to help complete the construction of the Millennium High School in Lower Manhattan near Ground Zero to help revitalize the area.

As Chairman of the Columbus Citizens Foundation, I am extremely proud of our proactive and substantial contribution to a critical effort in support of Italian language education. It speaks loudly and clearly to our mission of supporting education and Italian culture and heritage. And there is no question that the pledge, when AP Italian is reinstated, will provide dividends for decades to come as more and more American students experience the beauty and wealth of our Italian heritage and develop ties that reach fruition in trans-national ventures.

Maria Bartiromo: 2010 Grand Marshal

Maria Bartiromo is among the preeminent financial journalists of our time, the best-known financial reporter on television, a champion of Italian-American culture and heritage, and, come October 11, 2010, Grand Marshal of the Columbus Day Parade.

"We are honored that Ms. Bartiromo, a Member of the Board of Governors and dear friend of the Columbus Citizens Foundation, has agreed to be Grand Marshal of the 66th Annual Columbus Day Parade on Fifth Avenue," said Foundation President, Frank Fusaro. "Ms. Bartiromo embodies professionalism and excellence in her career and steadfastness in her support of the Italian-American community. Even as she has become increasingly successful, she remains true to her heritage and ancestry. We are delighted that she will lead the Parade, which is a source of inspiration and celebration for millions of Americans of all backgrounds."

"I feel very proud to be Grand Marshal of the Columbus Day Parade," said Ms. Bartiromo. "I grew up in an Italian-American home with a very traditional Italian culture of hard work, love of family, and respect for others. Members of the Italian-American community, like those of the many ethnic groups that have helped build America, have given so much to building our city and country that it is a great honor for me to represent the Italian American community as Grand Marshal."

This year, Ms. Bartiromo celebrated the 15th anniversary of her history-making live broadcast from the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Until then, no reporter had broadcast live on a daily basis from the floor of the exchange.

Since then, she has interviewed most of the Chairmen or CEOs of the world's leading companies, won numerous awards, including a 2008 Gracie Award® in the category of Outstanding Documentary for her documentary "Greenspan: Power, Money & the American Dream" and a 2008 News and Documentary Emmy for her "Bail-out Talks Collapse" coverage, and broken dozens of stories. She



Maria Bartiromo

pioneered on-the-spot financial reporting and made history when she became the first person to broadcast live from the floor of the New York Stock Exchange in 1995. She commands audiences of millions as the anchor of CNBC's "Closing Bell with Maria Bartiromo" and host and managing editor of the nationally syndicated "The Wall Street Journal Report with Maria Bartiromo," which was also recently rated the most watched financial news program in America. This year, she was elected to the Cable Hall of Fame and is starting a new column for *USA Today*.

The *Financial Times* described her as "One of the 50 people who shaped the last decade," and *Vanity Fair* noted, "She has interviewed just about everyone who's anyone in finance and politics, from presidents and Federal Reserve chairmen to Middle Eastern sheikhs. Today, there are few, if any, CEOs in America who do not return her calls and fewer still who turn down a chance to be interviewed by her."

Perhaps most strikingly, she has reached a rarified level of success and trust among her viewers without resorting to "gotcha" reporting tactics. Make no mistake: she asks the tough questions and can be unrelenting. But her strategy is to discover the truth behind the numbers and canned, corporate answers. Her approach probes for solid information while respecting both her subjects and the intelligence of her audiences.

Ms. Bartiromo, who recently celebrated her 11th wedding anniversary with husband Jonathan Steinberg, Chief Executive Officer and founder of Wisdom Tree, an asset management company, has always been hard working. Her first job was as a coat check girl at her grandfather's restaurant, the *Rex Manor*, in Brooklyn, where her family lived. "My grandfather Carmine came to this country on a ship, the *Rex*, from Naples," Ms. Bartiromo said. "For him, and for our family, America was the promised land. He left his home and

From left: With her mother. At her uncle's house, age 5. With her family at her father's restaurant, age 4-1/2.



family and friends to build a better life – that is courage.”

“What my parents showed me – and this isn’t about what they said, but what I witnessed – was that in order to achieve something, to accomplish something, you have to work hard,” said Ms. Bartiromo. “These are the images that are instilled in me. My father working hard his entire life, my mother behind the counter of a smoke-filled Off Track Betting office or carrying so many bags of groceries down the street.”

She entered New York University intending to be a business major but wound up a journalism major with a minor in business. After working at a radio station, she joined CNN Business News as a writer and reporter and in 1993 moved to CNBC. Her big break came 15 years ago, when she broadcast live from the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on CNBC, giving a feel of the immediacy and action on the trading floor.

“I’m dealing in breaking news and you’ve got to react to situations as they’re happening,” said Ms. Bartiromo. “It’s definitely stressful. You have to know your subject and know your content. I need to ask the right questions and study up – I spend 75% of my day preparing for interviews and studying up. My mom always told me to love what I do, and if you don’t, then do something else. I definitely love what I do.”

Ms. Bartiromo’s latest book, *The Weekend that Changed Wall Street*, just came out. Among comments from early reviews, CNBC Senior Editor Gloria McDonough-Taub described the book as “a thrilling behind-the-scenes play-by-play of the crash and an explanation of how the entire global financial system unraveled.” And Carrie Coolidge, writing on Daily Finance, stated, “*The Weekend that Changed Wall Street* is more than just a riveting read -- it’s an important one.”

In addition to serving on the Foundation’s Board of Governors, Ms. Bartiromo is active with a number of other philanthropic organizations. She serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of New York University and serves on the Board of Directors of the New York City Ballet, the Girl Scout Council of Greater New York, and PENCIL (Public Education Needs Civic Involvement and Leadership), a non-profit group focusing on improving New York high schools. She is also a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum and a member of The Council on Foreign Relations and The Economic Club of New York.

Despite her many and great successes, Ms. Bartiromo remains very down to earth. “I feel humble to have risen to a leadership position of financial journalism, one of the most interesting fields there is,” she said. “One thing I’ve learned from my years of reporting is that everything is temporary, everything is fragile.”

“I feel that my upbringing and culture and values that I’ve learned and lived are the reasons that I have had my success in business – an ethic of hard work, doing the right thing, loving what you do,” Ms. Bartiromo said. “I feel so honored to know Larry Auriana, Angelo Vivolo, Louis Tallarini, Frank Fusaro and everyone at the Columbus Citizens Foundation because they are so down to earth and hard working. They took me in and included me in the Foundation’s work long before I’d had any great success. Nothing is more special to me than to be honored by my community.”

From top: Maria in 2010 with her dog, Ella Bella. With Italy’s Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi after introducing him at an Intrepid Foundation Gala in 2006 when Minister Berlusconi was presented with the 2006 Salute To Freedom award. With then-senator Senator Barack Obama prior to an interview on the campaign trail in March 2008. With Tony Bennett. 2003



Honoree Frank Bisignano

A few years ago, Frank Bisignano went with his teenage daughters back to his grandfather's childhood home in Bitetto, Bari. They met, for the first time, cousins and people whose ancestors had been friends and neighbors of his grandfather. "It was incredible," Mr. Bisignano said. "The warmth of the people, the attention they showered on Morgan and Alexa. It was as if we'd known them our entire lives. We ate in what had been my grandfather's back yard, had olive oil from the groves my grandfather had worked, and visited the church where my grandparents were married."

The experience reinforced what Mr. Bisignano had learned from his mother and father, both of whom are of Italian descent. What's important in life, they taught, is "family," Mr. Bisignano said. "Family first, and after that, helping people."

Mr. Bisignano is the Chief Administrative Officer and an Operating Committee Member of JP Morgan Chase, the largest financial institution in the world. He oversees technology, real estate, operations, human resources, procurement and general services for all of JPMorgan Chase's businesses in over 60 countries and over 100,000 of its employees.

It's a big job and a good livelihood, but the takeaway for Mr. Bisignano is that at the end of the day, he knows he has helped improve lives. "I like making things better and helping people," said Mr. Bisignano. "We help them build homes, we help their families, we help their communities. It's a platform to be able to help others."

One example of his leadership and ability to find solutions that help others was the conception and creation of the JPMorgan Chase Technology Center at Syracuse University, which opened in the fall of 2009. The on-campus facility gives students and faculty the opportunity to work alongside bank employees conducting research and running the bank's global technology operations. In addition, the project brought technology jobs to the region.



Tracy and Frank Bisignano with Syracuse University Chancellor and President Nancy Cantor as she awarded the school's Chancellor's Medal Award in 2010.

At the opening of the center in Syracuse a year ago, Mr. Bisignano said, "This is an investment in the university, in the upstate New York community and in our bank. We are conducting cutting edge research and working side-by-side with the University to change the way technology and business students are trained, making them well prepared to enter the workforce after graduation."

Mr. Bisignano, who lives in Watchung, NJ with his wife, Tracy, their one-year old son, Henry, and Alexa (Morgan is off at college), grew up in the Mill Basin section of Brooklyn. His late mother, Anna, was a homemaker who "ran the house on a budget system that was a bunch

of envelopes. She understood how to make something out of nothing," Mr. Bisignano said. Once he and his older sister, Elvira, were enrolled in high school, Mrs. Bisignano took a job as a secretary at MJ Rudolph, a stevedoring company, and applied her budgeting and organizational skills until she wound up helping to run the company.

Mr. Bisignano's late father, Albert, was a Customs Agent, and Mr. Bisignano recalls seeing his father go off to work in a shirt bearing the Treasury Department's official seal. A few years ago, Mr. Bisignano recalled, "I went down to Washington for a meeting, and on entering the Treasury building, received a name badge bearing that same seal.

"My grandfather had left Bari to create opportunities for himself and his family, and my mother and father sacrificed every day – they always put us first," said Mr. Bisignano. "So there I was, sitting in the Treasury Department in Washington, about to work on a major issue, wearing a name badge that had the Treasury Department seal that my father wore every day when he went to work. For a moment, the only thing I could think about was my family and what they had sacrificed for their family. For me, that's what it means to be Italian."

Mr. Bisignano with father Albert, sister, Elvira, and mother, Anna, at their home in Brooklyn in 1964. Mr. Bisignano with children, from left, Morgan, Henry, and Alexa in New Jersey in 2010.



Honoree Jason DeSena Trennert

Jason DeSena Trennert, a partner at Strategas Research Partners, LLC, a leading institutional research boutique and broker-dealer that he co-founded in 2006, enjoys reading. Among the writers and thinkers he admires is the economist John Kenneth Galbraith, who once said that there are two types of economic forecasters. “The only difference,” Mr. Galbraith said, “is between those who know they don’t know and those who don’t know they don’t know.”

With a small laugh, Mr. Trennert said, “I’m one of the former. One of the guiding principles at Strategas is humility. That’s so important in the financial markets today because we’ve seen that the world can change very quickly.”

Mr. Trennert became interested in economics while he was at Georgetown University. He’d planned a career in the foreign service. But during the summer following his junior year, he got a job at a brokerage firm, experienced “love at first sight,” he said, and switched to an international economics major. “The financial markets are one of the most intellectually stimulating fields,” he said. “Virtually everything that happens in the world has an economic implication.”



Dominic celebrates his 4th birthday in Lido di Camaiore: Jason and wife, Bevin, in their beloved Italy

Mr. Trennert grew up in Smithtown, New York. Both of his parents taught high school English, and his mother taught Italian, as well. He took Italian classes in school from seventh grade through his senior year in college and continues with lessons to maintain his fluency – a hobby that is also a practical matter, since he travels to Italy to meet with institutional clients in Lugano, Milan and Rome.

He’s also traveled to Italy with Bevin, his wife of 11 years, and they

go there frequently with their children, eight-year old Dominic, and Marie, who is one and a half. Dominic has a head start on the Italian language. He attends La Scuola d’Italia, the only K-12 bi-lingual Italian school in the country. Mr. Trennert is not just a father at the school; he also sits on its Board of Trustees.

Mr. Trennert is an avid reader. His tastes run to 20th century journalists and essayists – Damon Runyon, H. L. Mencken, A.J. Liebling, Grantland Rice, who in a famous 1924 article dubbed Notre Dame’s great backfield the “Four Horsemen.”

“Outlined against a blue-gray October sky the Four Horsemen rode again. In dramatic lore they are known as famine, pestilence, destruction and death. These are only aliases. Their real names are: Stuhldreher, Miller, Crowley and Layden.”

The writers’ atmospheric pungency inflects Mr. Trennert’s own writing for clients and, to a lesser degree, op-eds he writes for *The Wall Street Journal*. In an essay entitled “East of Eden” that appeared in the *Strategas Investment Strategy Viewpoint* in April 2008, as Wall Street was lumbering towards disaster, Mr. Trennert set up his comments on the collapse of Bear Stearns and its implications for the financial world by distinguishing two restaurants on 54th Street and the East Side:

But what makes this boulevard important as far as Wall Street is concerned are two restaurants that sit across the street from each other, San Pietro, an elite Italian bistro on the south side of the street and Rothmann’s, a steakhouse, on the north side. While their prices aren’t all that different, that is to say they cater to those who don’t pay their bills with their own money, the 75 feet of asphalt that separates them might as well be the difference between Athens and Marathon. San Pietro caters to the market’s chess masters, Rothmann’s its well polished pawns.

A love of reading and a deft hand at writing aren’t surprises in a son of two English teachers. What is surprising, in today’s culture, is how his father’s family treated his ancestry. Mr. Trennert’s mother (née Filomena DeSena) grew up in Brooklyn with seven brothers and sisters (one of whom still lives in the same modest house), and their father, Fiore, didn’t speak English. Mr. Trennert’s father grew up thinking his family came only from Germany. But when he was 15, he learned that he was half Italian, his mother’s maiden name being Ciccione.

“It was a different period, in the ‘40s and ‘50s,” Mr. Trennert said. “The perception in those days was that there was some prejudice against Italians, and there was an emphasis on assimilation.”

“When my father was growing up, people weren’t as intent on celebrating their heritage,” Mr. Trennert said. “With me it’s gone full circle. Not only does my son have a decidedly Italian first name, but he’s almost bi-cultural.”



Jason Trennert

Foundation Scholarships 2010

In a series of touching and rewarding evenings at the Townhouse, parents and grandparents radiated pride as they accompanied their children and grandchildren to receive Foundation scholarship certificates. The diploma-like certificates attest to the students' hard work and to their families' commitment to education.

"The Foundation is making a difference in the lives of our scholarship recipients and their families," said Frank Fusaro, President of the Foundation and a member of its Philanthropic Committee. "Our investment will pay off in the years ahead as these boys and girls go on to achieve great things and give back to our community. We need to keep in mind that not only are we improving the lives of their families right now and providing the students with better opportunities in the years to come, but we are also charging them with the responsibility of continuing our mission. Their future success will elevate our ethnicity, and they are worthy of our support."

This year's crop of College Scholarship recipients were accepted at a wide range of schools that share one trait in common: excellence. From the best SUNY colleges to universities known for academic rigor like Fordham and Seton Hall, and Ivy League schools such as Brown and Columbia Universities, the well-qualified students are now going to schools that, without the Foundation's help, would have been beyond their families' means.

Among the college level recipients this year is Paul Celentano, who will be attending Tufts University. Mr. Celentano is one of four children in his family who are of or near college age, including a pair of twins currently in college. Mr. Celentano's mother is an educator, and his father works for the Department of Homeland Security. "Both are wonderful and important jobs," said Gail R. Guy, Chair of the College Scholarship Committee, "but they are not in high paying fields. The Foundation's scholarship is a blessing to the family, and it would be hard to think of anyone who is more deserving."

High schools throughout the New York area – notably St. Joseph by the Sea in Staten Island, where five recipients are now going, St. Edmund Preparatory School, Cardinal Spellman High School, and



Ambassador Joseph and Isabella Zappala accepting their Perpetual Scholarship Award with their Adopt-A-Scholar students, Mary Frangella and Caterina Andreano, who are attending New York University.

Xavier High School, with four scholarship recipients each – were the top choices for scholarship recipients.

And among local elementary schools, 75 children will be entering kindergarten, thanks to the Foundation's generosity.

All told, 163 newly matriculating students are attending better schools than their families would otherwise have been able to afford. Including the students who became recipients over the past three years, the Foundation is now supporting the education of 515 students with scholarships and grants totaling \$1.6 million in the 2010-2011 school year.

On June 18, 2010, the Foundation also held its annual Adopt-A-Scholar Dinner, at which Adopt-A-Scholar donors meet the students whose education they are funding. The program, instituted under the oversight of Frank Fusaro in 2001 and one of the Foundation's great success stories, has received donations approaching \$8 million to date and is currently helping to underwrite the education of 84 students in high school and college.

With her husband, Cleveland, Ms. Guy has made both a four-year Annual Adopt-A-Scholar gift and a Perpetual Scholar donation, which provides a new four-year scholarship for deserving students in perpetuity. "We decided what better way to preserve the family name than by helping students," said Ms. Guy. "Like so many people at the Foundation, we view education as the best way to improve the future of our community. It's hard work to be part of a scholarship committee, but the rewards are endless."



Members of the Foundation's College Scholarship Committee joined some of the newly matriculating college scholarship recipients at the Townhouse on June 30, 2010.

Scholarship Funding

The Columbus Citizens Foundation administers funds that support each of our scholarship programs: the Elementary School Grant Program, the High School Scholarship Program, the College Scholarship Program, and the Franco Zeffirelli Scholarship for the Arts.

A cornerstone of our scholarship funding is our Adopt-A-Scholar Program, which has received commitments approaching \$8 million from our Members and from friends of the Foundation since the Program was established in 2001.

The Adopt-A-Scholar Program enables a Member or friend of the Foundation to create a scholarship, which may be named in honor or memory of a loved one or may be anonymously funded and awarded. If the donor wishes, the scholarship may be directed to the school of his or her choice, such as his or her alma mater. Scholarship recipients for all programs are chosen by the members of one of our scholarship committees, which are made up of Foundation members who review the applications of hundreds of deserving students annually.

The Adopt-A-Scholar Fund receives contributions at two levels. Perpetual Scholarships help fund the education of a new student every four years in perpetuity. Annual Scholarships are awarded to one student and expire when he or she has completed his or her four-year studies.

Donations to either program may be made in one lump sum, or pledged and paid over a four-year term, depending on the planning needs of the benefactor. All contributions are tax deductible.

Equally important to the Foundation are gifts to our general Scholarship Fund. These donations, which are also tax deductible, are unrestricted. The general Scholarship Fund receives the proceeds of our Columbus Week Celebration sponsorships as well as donations made by individuals, corporations and other entities.

An emerging component of our charitable work is the Foundation's Partnership in Education Program. Through this initiative, the Foundation offers an educational institution one-third of the cost of a scholarship. The institution is required to contribute an additional third from its own scholarship funds and to find a benefactor for the remainder. The net effect is to triple the effective giving dollars offered by each partner in the program.

Qualification Process

The Columbus Citizens Foundation is highly selective in awarding scholarships. To qualify, students and their families must submit certified financial documents to an independent financial review service, the Private School Aid Service. Only after PSAS has determined that the applicant has demonstrated financial need do we consider the application. Applications are reviewed based on several factors. In addition to documenting financial need and Italian heritage, applicants at the high school and college levels must submit school transcripts that reflect a consistent record of academic success. Other school records that reflect the student's extra-curricular activities are also required. High school and college students must also document community service activities through letters of reference, which are verified by the Foundation. Since each of the programs involves multi-year commitments, the Foundation also contacts the schools that the students are attending to verify that the recipients are maintaining a record of solid academic performance.



Frank Fusaro with Robert and Lyn-Miriam Ingenito and Adopt-A-Scholar student Nicholas Macrina, who is enrolled at Northeastern University. Mr. and Mrs. Ingenito were receiving their Adopt-A-Scholar Annual Scholarship Award.

Philanthropic and Scholarship Committees

The Foundation's scholarship programs start with the Philanthropic Committee, which oversees the use of the Foundation's resources, and they are driven by the generosity of its Members and sponsors and the ceaseless hours the scholarship committee members put in throughout the winter and spring of each year. In recognition of their exceptional efforts, we are proud to list the members of these committees, who do so much for so many.

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The Foundation's scholarship programs are supported by Members and friends of the Foundation, including its sponsors. This year, Maserati USA has given the Foundation the opportunity to raffle off a masterpiece of Italian design: a Granturismo convertible. The high performance sports car will be raffled on October 15, 2010. Tickets are limited to just 400, at \$1,000.00 each. All proceeds go to the Foundation's scholarship funds.

Spotlight: Thomas P. Sculco, M.D.

In mid-August, an American orthopaedic company announced the recall of 93,000 devices used in hip replacements and currently installed in patients.

The news was of interest to Foundation Member Thomas P. Sculco, M.D. Dr. Sculco is Surgeon-in-Chief and Korein-Wilson Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Hospital for Special Surgery. He is also Chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at New York-Presbyterian Hospital and a Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Weill Cornell Medical College and Chairman of Orthopaedic Surgery.

The Hospital for Special Surgery was largely unaffected by the recall. The hospital performs over 4,000 hip replacements a year and has performed them for decades. "Those devices involved in the recall were metal-on-metal devices," said Dr. Sculco. "You move your hip 1.5 million cycles a year, so there's going to be microscopic debris. In some people the body doesn't tolerate metal debris well."

The Hospital for Special Surgery, he noted, most often uses replacements made of

ceramic and polyethylene: materials the body handles better. "We have a 97 percent success rate over 10 years and a 92 percent success rate over 20 years," Dr. Sculco said. "I can't justify changing devices. You never want to stifle innovation, but you've got to do it in a very controlled fashion."

Dr. Sculco and the hospital have a long standing reputation for excellence. This year, *US News & World Report* once again ranked the Hospital for Special Surgery the top hospital in the U.S. for orthopaedic surgery. The hospital has the lowest infection rate in the world, of just 0.1%. And the hospital tracks its patients utilizing a registry that collects information about patients' outcomes. The registry costs hundreds of thousands of dollars a year to maintain but is critical to the hospital's research activities.

Dr. Sculco is one of a number of physicians

and health care providers who are bringing their expertise to the Foundation in the newly announced Medical Advisory

Committee [see article on page 12]. Despite his burdensome obligations, he offers his knowledge and expertise because he feels so strongly about the Foundation's "exemplary" mission, as he put it – providing scholarship assistance to students who would otherwise get a lesser education, and promoting Italian culture and heritage. "My grandfather, a stone



Thomas P. Sculco, M.D.

mason who came over from Italy, had little formal education, yet half of his children went to college, and of course everyone in the next generation went. Education is a large part of my Italian heritage – we were always told it's okay to enjoy sports, but put the time and effort into your education, care for your family, and work hard."

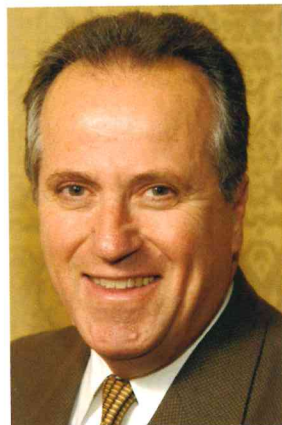
Spotlight: Angelo V. Vivolo

If Angelo Vivolo's bat had been a bit faster, his throw from behind the plate to second a little crisper, he might have ended his baseball career with the New York Yankees instead of with Long Island University in the 1968 College World Series. But come to think of it, why would Mr. Vivolo have wanted to be a backup catcher, even for Thurman Munson?

Mr. Vivolo has gone on to a remarkable career in the New York restaurant business, an interest he came by honestly. His grandfather was a restaurateur and chef, as was his father, who was born in Bruscianno, outside Naples. "I was raised in Brooklyn above my grandfather's restaurant," Mr. Vivolo said. "Because it was my family's restaurant I worked from dishwasher on up and learned every facet of the restaurant business"

After attending Long Island University (unfortunately, the baseball team did not win the 1968 series), Mr. Vivolo worked as

a physical education teacher and coached baseball until he got bitten by the restaurant bug and opened his own in 1975. Today, he owns the traditional, elegant Vivolo;



Angelo V. Vivolo

Cucina Vivolo, the gourmet Italian café; the dynamic Bar Vetro; and, the intimate Bruschetteria. Combined, the eateries present a panoramic overview of the various types of dining experiences found in Italy.

Mr. Vivolo joined the Foundation in 1986. "Living in Manhattan with three children, I wanted them to have an experience of the Italian culture, which we've had through the Foundation," he said, and over the years, he's achieved legendary status as the Foundation's go-to man. He has served on the Board of Governors and as Chair of the Dinner, Columbus Celebration, Ballo Romantico, and House Committees more than once. And his wife of 33 years, Denise, was just elected President of the Ladies Auxiliary.

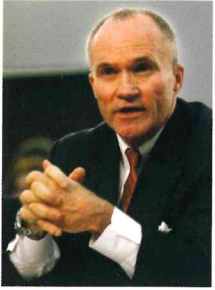
Mr. Vivolo's pro bono activities extend beyond the Foundation. During the past year, he has been consulting with New York Presbyterian Hospital with his good friend Lidia Bastianich to improve its food services operations. "The goal is to change the mind set and culture of food service at the hospital," Mr. Vivolo said. "More and more, people are recognizing the importance of nutrition and food that tastes better, looks better and is served well as an integral part of total patient care."

Why does he devote so much of his time to volunteer work? "I feel a great sense of fulfillment when volunteering, when people put their faith in my hands to get something done."

The highlight of his volunteer activities came in 2008, when he was the escort for Pope Benedict XVI and worked with Ms. Bastianich in preparing meals for His Holiness during a visit to New York. "Being with the pope was a great blessing," Mr. Vivolo recalled. "Aside from my wedding and the birth of my children, it was the most incredible experience of my life."

Speakers Bureau Initiative Takes Hold

Through an initiative to make Membership more meaningful, the Foundation has launched a Speakers Bureau, and recent highlights were newsworthy. Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly presented observations on crime in New York and having officers embedded with the U.S. Army in Afghanistan. Fire Department Commissioner Salvatore Cassano spoke movingly on the loss of fire fighters on 9/11. Mary Higgins Clark discussed her latest novel. U.S. Senate candidate



Raymond Kelly

Joseph DiGuardi talked about spendthrift Washington, his bid for the Senate seat, and being the father of one of the hottest songwriters of our time.

“The Foundation’s Members are among the most sophisticated people in New York, with wide-ranging interests and a sharp ear for useful information,” said Frank Fusaro, who pushed for enriched speakers programming. “They’re entitled to hear directly from the people behind today’s events what is going on in our world to remain a step ahead of the game.”

The evenings taken together provide a panoramic view of today’s world, from authors on the world of finance, Italian history and mystery novels to political leaders and opera aficionados who present highlights of some of the world’s masterpieces.

In February, Fire Department Commissioner Cassano recalled heading down to

the site of the Twin Towers on 9/11, faced with an unprecedented horror, only to watch it become more tragic. That day, Cassano had raced to the site of the terrorist attack with five colleagues. He was ordered to remain outside as five of New York’s bravest – five of his friends – went into the building, where they died. He recalled the selfless bravery of the city’s civil servants in the face of the unprecedented, heinous attack.



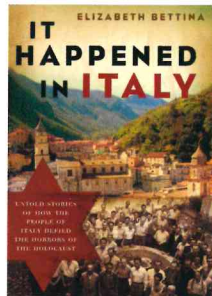
Commissioner Cassano

Police Commissioner Kelly, who in June appointed Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Daddario to the position of Deputy Commissioner for Counterterrorism, discussed the Police Department’s role in fighting terrorism in New York. The department now has 1,000 officers devoted full time to the effort. Commissioner Kelly also revealed that the city has nearly 100 officers embedded with U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.



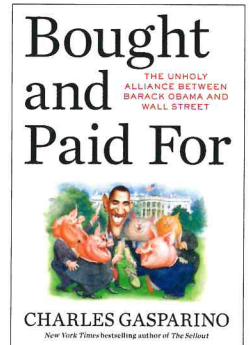
Mary Higgins Clark

In March, author Elizabeth Bettina shared the little known story of how over 30,000 Jewish people survived the Holocaust in Italy thanks to the goodness of many Italian people. Ms. Bettina’s recently published book, *It Happened in Italy: Untold Stories of How the People of Italy Defied the Horrors of the Holocaust*, is a story of revelation. On a visit to her grandparent’s



small village in southern Italy, she learned that the town had housed an internment camp for Jews during the Holocaust, and that it was far from the only one. In *It Happened in Italy*, Ms. Bettina comes to learn of survivors and their stories of gratitude to Italy and its people, including members of the Catholic Church who assisted and helped shelter Jews in Italy during World War II and Giovanni Palatucci [see sidebar below].

And in June, authors Mary Higgins Clark and Carol Higgins Clark came to the Foundation for a discussion and book signing of the latter’s *Wrecked*, which rose to No. 8 on the *New York Times* Best Seller List and was released when Mary Higgins Clark’s *The Shadow of Your Smile* was No. 1.



This fall, the speakers program continues with book signings by our own Anthony Scaramucci and Maria Bartiromo, as well as financial writer Charles Gasparino, each of whom looks at a different aspect of the world of finance. Please refer to the back cover of this issue of *Il Giornale* for details.

Giovanni Palatucci

Called by many the Oskar Schindler of Italy, Giovanni Palatucci helped save thousands of Italian Jews from Nazi death camps and paid with his own life as a result.

In *It Happened in Italy*, Ms. Bettina recounts the story of Mr. Palatucci, an Italian police official from Montella, province of Avellino, who beginning in 1940 was chief of the Foreigners’ Office. In that capacity, he was responsible for the fate of refugees, including Jews. Rather than “deport” them to German concentration camps, he sent many to Campagna. There, his uncle, Giuseppe Maria Palatucci, was bishop and managed to destroy the records of thousands of refugees living in the town and provide them with false papers.

Mr. Palatucci’s efforts were discovered in 1944, and he was arrested and sent to Dachau, where he died just weeks before the concentration camp was liberated by Allied forces.

Since his death, Mr. Palatucci’s heroism has been noted from Italy to Israel. In 1953, the Israeli city Ramat Gan named a street after him and planted it with 36 trees, one for each year of Mr. Palatucci’s life. Two years later, the Group of Italian Jewish Communities posthumously awarded Palatucci with a gold medal, and in 2005, he was honored as a Righteous Among the Nations at Yad Vashem, Israel’s Holocaust Martyrs’ and Heroes’ Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem.

Foundation Launches Medical Advisory Committee

The complicated, time-consuming process of finding a physician has become simpler for Columbus Citizens Foundation Members through a new program that adds value to Membership. This summer, the Foundation launched a Medical Advisory Committee made up of physicians who are Foundation Members. The physicians are available to respond to Member inquiries and offer their counsel or provide referral suggestions whether for a primary care physician or a specialist for treatment or to offer a second opinion.

The Medical Advisory Committee's Chair, Thomas P. Sculco, M.D., is Surgeon-in-Chief and Korein-Wilson Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Hospital for Special Surgery. He is also Chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at New York-Presbyterian Hospital and a Professor of Orthopaedic

Surgery at Weill Cornell Medical College and Chairman of Orthopaedic Surgery [see article on p. 10]. He explained, "The committee is the idea of Frank Fusaro and developed because the Foundation often receives calls from people within the organization who would like advice about finding a physician. The Foundation's Membership includes a number of highly-qualified physicians, so I polled them and asked if they would be willing to offer guidance to Members, and many of them are."

Dr. Sculco noted that the physicians serving on the committee tend to have full practices but are willing to extend themselves for Foundation Members either for treatment or to provide referrals. "It is always better to get advice from someone on the inside who can make the best referral to a member of the organization," Dr. Sculco noted.

The service, which the committee members are providing pro bono, is available only to Foundation Members. Since the Foundation is a charitable non-profit organization, it is providing the service as an informational resource. It's not rendering an opinion on the professional capabilities of the committee members or assuming responsibility for the results that follow from a consultation. Foundation Members who elect to consult with a Medical Advisory Committee member are advised to use their own best judgment regarding the professional qualifications of the physician for the specific medical condition for which a consultation is requested, just as they would do in seeking to consult with any other medical professional who is not a committee member.

For any questions or additional information, please contact David Iommarini, the Foundation's Executive Director.

Greg Wyatt Exhibition at the Townhouse

The Foundation will hold an exhibition at the Townhouse late this fall of one of America's leading representational sculptors.

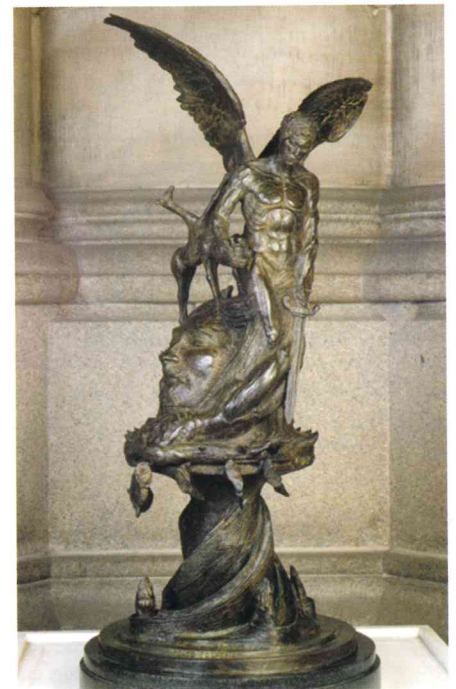
The artist, Greg Wyatt, is sculptor-in-residence at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in Manhattan and at the Newington-Cropsey Foundation in upstate New York. Mr. Wyatt, who works most frequently with bronze, has placed numerous public commissions around the world. They include *The Price of Freedom* (2003) at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier,

Arlington National Cemetery, *Soaring American Eagle* (2000) in the courtyard of the State Department in Washington, D.C., *The Tempest* (1999), *Hamlet* (2000), *King Lear* (2001), *Julius Caesar* (2002), *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (2005), *Falstaff/Henry IV* (2006), *Macbeth* (2007) and *The Winter's Tale* (2008) at the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust in Stratford-upon-Avon, England.

Closer to home, in New York City, Mr. Wyatt's works include *Fantasy Fountain* (1983) in Gramercy Park, *Peace Fountain* (1985) at the Cathedral of Saint

John the Divine, New York City, and *Scholar's Lion* (2004) at Columbia University.

In addition to his work as a sculptor, Mr. Wyatt frequently works with students. He oversaw the development and completion of 120 bronze works, created by NYC-Metro school children, that became a permanent part of the "Peace Fountain" and has



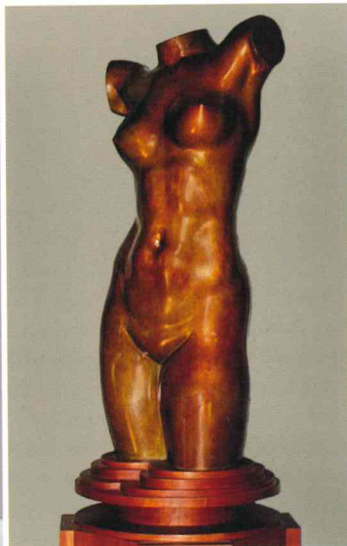
"Peace Fountain" (bronze model), 1985. Bronze, H. 32

worked with recipients of the Franco Zeffirelli Scholarship of the Arts, which he is doing again now.

This fall, Mr. Wyatt is working with scholarship recipients Silvia Riccucci, of Florence, and Rebecca Giomaro, of Rome, both of whom are students at the Academy of Fine Arts, of Florence; the Academy is Mr. Zeffirelli's alma mater.



"Liminality", 2004, bronze, H. 31 in.



"Athena", 1975, bronze, H. 38 in.

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DONOR OF THE DAY | By Mary Pilon

\$500,000 for AP Italian

The battle to preserve the Italian language scored another victory Tuesday.

The Columbus Citizens Foundation pledged \$500,000 to help bring back an Advanced Placement Italian language and culture program.

The AP Italian exam was discontinued starting this month due to low numbers of testers and financial losses, according to a January 2009 announcement by the College Board, the nonprofit that administers the exam.

High scores on AP exams allow high school students to earn college credit. Currently, language exams offered include Spanish, French, German, Latin, Japanese and Chinese.

Since the news of the exam's cancellation, the Italian community has scrambled to raise the necessary \$3 million endowment to reinstate the exam. The effort is spearheaded by Dr. Margaret Cuomo, president of the Italian Language Foundation, and her mother, Matilda, former first lady of New York. Dr. Cuomo is also sister to Andrew Cuomo, who announced his bid for New York governor over the weekend.

"Language is a part of our



Margaret Cuomo

culture," says Frank Fusaro, president of the Columbus Citizens Foundation, a New York-based nonprofit organization focused on the preservation of Italian-American heritage and culture.

"When the great Italian immigration happened in America, [that generation] was focused on assimilation. They wanted their kids to speak English. A lot of the language was lost in that transition."

The Columbus Citizens Foundation gives an additional \$2 million annually in scholar-

ships to more than 700 Italian-American students, kindergarten to university levels. The group also funds approximately 100 Italian-American students to study in a summer immersion program in Italian at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., each year. Its Franco Zeffirelli Scholarship Fund for the Arts allows Italian students to study in New York, as well.

However, the Foundation is probably best known to New Yorkers for its fall Columbus Day Parade along Fifth Avenue, which began in 1929.

So far, with the Columbus Citizens donation, \$1 million has been raised, with additional funds pledged from the Italian government. The government's donation totals \$1.5 million, with \$500,000 distributed over three years, contingent that other Italian organizations match the funds.

Essentially, the exam is one-third funded now, with logistic hoops, including teacher recruitment, still ahead. It's still unclear when the exam could be reinstated, but Mr. Fusaro says he's "confident" about its future.

The College Board was unable to comment.

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Ladies Auxiliary Elects New Officers

By Denise Vivolo, President

2010 brought a new slate of officers to the Ladies Auxiliary.

The outgoing officers – Nancy Cuttita, President; Carol Fusaro, Secretary; Janice Peretti, Vice President; and Angela Prestia, Treasurer – ended their terms having completed fundraising for the Auxiliary's first Perpetual Scholarship for the Foundation's Adopt-A-Scholar Program. The \$100,000, four-year commitment was used to help support the education of a college student. Upon her graduation from Brown University, income from the corpus will be used to provide support for a new, eager student who meets the Foundation's strict financial and academic requirements.



Ladies Auxiliary Officers, from left: Jo Anne Sylva, Secretary; Denise Vivolo, President; Maria Gardini, Treasurer; Nancy Barb, Vice President.

Last year, the Auxiliary also provided donations to other worthy causes, including a \$10,000 gift to the Elementary School Scholarship Fund.

The incoming officers who were elected at the Auxiliary's May meeting are Nancy Barb, Vice President; Joanne Sylva, Secretary; Maria Gardini, Treasurer; and myself as President. Rather than a four-year fundraising project, our goal for 2010 is to raise \$25,000 to fund an Adopt-A-Scholar donation, which will allow us to provide financial aid to a deserving college student. As in previous years, we will make additional donations to charitable ventures.

The Auxiliary's members are female Foundation Members and the wives of Members, and all are welcome to attend our monthly meetings at the Townhouse. By tradition, we hold two major fundraising initiatives each year, the Christmas Luncheon and Boutique and the Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show, which include boutique shopping and raffles of exceptional items. Please mark your calendar for our Christmas

Luncheon and Boutique, which will be held at the Townhouse on December 7, 2010 – the boutiques are a great early Christmas shopping opportunity.

NY Regents Exam Spared

Following an aggressive advocacy campaign led by the Italian Language Foundation (ILF), the New York State Board of Regents will continue to offer the Regents exam in Italian.

The proposal to end the exam was part of the New York State budgeting process. But following a letter writing campaign that involved the ILF, American Association of Teachers of Italian, American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, the National Italian American Foundation, the Order Sons of Italy in America, and UNICO, the Board of Regents received additional funding from the State Legislature.

"We are delighted that the New York State Legislature and Board of Regents recognized the importance of Italian language education," said Margaret I. Cuomo, M.D., President of the ILF. "The study of languages other than English is an integral part of the 'common core standards' adopted by many states throughout the country, and is an important element of the '21st century skills' that will prepare American students for a global society."

Italian Classes at the Foundation

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Italian language classes at the Foundation. Offered in collaboration with the Italian American Committee on Education (IACE), the program offers six levels of Italian – from beginner to advanced – during fall and spring semesters. The highly qualified teachers have experience on the college level in Italy and the United States.

The classes are offered over a span of 12 sessions at the Townhouse on Monday evenings at 6:30 PM, and they begin on October 18. For more information, please contact Josephine Belli at 212 772 6615 or jbelli5@aol.com.

On March 16, 2010, Hon. **Joseph DioGuardi** announced his candidacy for U.S. Senate in Grand Central Terminal, standing shoulder to shoulder with Foundation President **Frank Fusaro**, Chairman **Louis Tallarini**, Past President and Chairman **Lawrence Auriana**, and Board of Governors member **Angelo Vivolo**. Since then, he has become the Conservative Party nominee and Republican Party candidate on a platform that champions

fiscal responsibility, deficit reduction, and job creation. The President of the non-profit Truth In Government, Inc., Mr. DioGuardi represented the 20th Congressional district of New York in the House of Representatives, is a former partner at Arthur Andersen & Co., and has been a fierce defender of human rights as the president of the Albanian American Civic League, an organization he co-founded with his wife, Shirley Cloyes DioGuardi. He is also the father of **Kara DioGuardi**, American Idol judge, award-winning songwriter, Foundation Honoree, and new Member of the Foundation, and son John, a counselor at Phoenix House.

RoseMarie Gallina-Santangelo, wife of past President and past Chairman of the Foundation, **Bernard Santangelo**, was elevated to the distinguished rank of *Grande Ufficiale, Ordine della Stella della Solidarieta' Italiana (Grand Official in the Order of the Star of Solidarity)* of the Republic of Italy. The recognition was presented by H. E. Giulio Terzi di Sant'Agata, Ambassador of Italy to the United States, who said, "Widely recognized as one of the most active persons in the affairs of the Italians



Gr. Uff. RoseMarie Gallina-Santangelo with Italian Ambassador to the United States, Hon. Giulio Terzi di Sant'Agata.

of New York, la Dott. ssa Rosemarie Gallina Santangelo plays a key role in defending Italian traditions in the United States... Sensitive to social problems, always attentive to the ongoing initiatives promoted by the Italian institutions and the people of Italy and the United States, she plays today an invaluable role on behalf of the American Society of the Italian Legions of Merit." The presentation was made on December

4, 2009 at the 44th Annual Reception and Dinner of the American Society of the Italian Legions of Merit.

Cav. Joseph Meccariello has been elected President of the Association of Sanniti of the World. The Sanniti are the native people of Benevento in Campania. Cosimo Izzo, deputy leader of the Benevento Senate, said, "I am certain that the new president will create even more interest in the association and intensify the bonds between our land and the United States of America."

Donald J. D'Amico, M.D., Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at Weill Cornell

Medical College and Ophthalmologist-in-Chief at the New York-Presbyterian Hospital, was recently elected President of the internationally-renowned Club Jules



Donald J. D'Amico, MD with Regina Research Foundation Founder Alice MacPherson on the occasion of his election as President of the Club Jules Gonin.

Gonin. This prestigious society is named in honor of Jules Gonin, a pioneering Swiss vitreoretinal surgeon in the early 20th century who was instrumental in the development of modern retinal detachment surgery. Its membership is limited to the most distinguished retinal specialists in the world. The leadership position recognizes Dr. D'Amico's contributions to the field of vitreoretinal diseases and surgery."

Gary J. Giulietti was appointed to the Board of Directors of Iron Eagle Group, Inc., which provides construction and contracting services in both the commercial and government markets. Mr. Giulietti is currently President of the Northeast operations and a member of the Executive Committee of Lockton Companies, LLC, has one of the largest construction

brokerage practices in the world and is publicly traded on the OTCQB.

Lawrence E. Auriana received the 98th Anniversary Equality Award from the Loggia Uguaglianza No. 83 of the Bronx, the oldest Order Sons of Italy in America local lodge. The ceremony took place at a gala reception held at the Consulate General of Italy in Manhattan on October 4, 2009.

Salvatore P. Caruana was named to the Overlook Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees. Mr. Caruana is the president and director of Foster Capital Corporation, an investment management company in New York City, and has been a member of the Columbus Citizens Foundation since 1984.

John M. Desiderio received *The Italian Tribune's* Best Of New York Award of Excellence on being elected "among the most distinguished Americans of Italian Descent." The certificate and plaque awarded to Mr. Desiderio noted that he has "honored our Italian American heritage, culture, and traditions" through his "outstanding reputation as a man whose



Lawrence Auriana (second from left) receiving the Loggia Uguaglianza No. 83 98th Anniversary Equality Award from Hon. Dominic R. Massaro at the OSIA lodge's gala reception. Also pictured, from center, are George Diakakis and Lorraine Corsa, Esq., event chairs, and Joseph Di Trapani, OSIA National President.

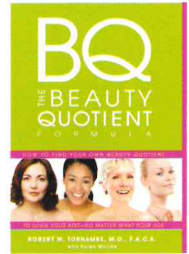
word is his bond, and whose handshake is more trusted than a signed contract." Mr. Desiderio serves as a member of the Foundation's Board of Governors.

New York City plastic surgeon **Robert Tornambe's** book *The Beauty Quotient Formula*, was released on April 1, 2010. The book empowers women to identify and embrace their own beauty and increase their Beauty Quotient without plastic surgery. Its 75-question quiz helps the reader

determine her beauty quotient and guides her in its further development.

Steve and Carole Acunto are proud grandparents of a new grandson, Ludovico, born in Rome, Italy on May 31, 2010, at 2:33 a.m., weighing 6.9 pounds.

In a Q&A in the *New York Times* on April 18, 2010, the highly respected, Emmy Award-winning reporter Gabe Pressman recalled meeting his wife, Vera, at the 1967 Columbus Day Parade, which he was covering.



In Memoriam

Patricia Cirillo, daughter of **Nancy Cirillo**, passed away on August 27, 2010. Ms. Cirillo is survived by her mother, Nancy; sister Maria, sister Joan and her husband Roger Cooke, and two nieces. She was predeceased by her father, Peter and sister Diana.

Anthony Cugini passed away on Thursday, August 26, 2010. He is survived by his wife, Vera Cugini, a past officer and member of the Ladies Auxiliary, two daughters, one son, nine grandchildren, and by his sister, **Maria Theresa Fauci**.

Rocco J. DeSimone, M.D., passed away on November 6, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, children Joseph, Nino, and Cristina, brother Vincent, and sisters Antoinette Mele and Lee Ferriola, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Alice Quadre Giffuni, passed away on April

1, 2010. Mrs. Giffuni, who was 92, was predeceased by her husband Andrew L. Giffuni. She is survived by her son Vincent and daughter Nini, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Marie F. Boffa, 95, mother of **Eugene A. Boffa, Jr.** passed away on April 16, 2010. She was predeceased by her husband, Eugene R. Boffa, Sr., and is survived by her sons Eugene R. Boffa Jr. and Robert G. Boffa, Sr., her sister Eleanor Paula, eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Bernadette Cugini, sister of **Maria Theresa Fauci** and **Anthony Cugini**, passed away on Thursday, January 21, 2010.

Beverly A. D'Angelo, wife of **Dominic D'Angelo**, passed away on November 5, 2009. She is survived by her husband, Dominic, children Joseph and Dominique, and granddaughter, Sofia.

Angelina Martino, mother of **Hon. Michael J. Martino**, passed away on March 22, 2010. Mrs. Martino, a longtime resident of Riverdale,

NY, was predeceased by her husband, Samuel. She is survived by three children, Donna, Edward and Hon. Michael Martino, her sister, Lucy, and six grandchildren.

Rose Marie Pascucci, mother of **Robert M. Pascucci**, passed away on September 17, 2010. Mrs. Pascucci, who was 85 years old, is survived by her children, Joseph E., Robert M., Rosemary, and Ronald M. Pascucci, as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Michael C. Ricatto, father of **Michael P. Ricatto**, passed away on July 23, 2010.

Louis J. Toscano, father of **Vincent M. Toscano**, passed away on January 10, 2010. He was born in Rionero di Vulture, Potenza, Italy and served as a New York City firefighter for 32 years. Mr. Toscano is survived by his wife, Concetta, four children and six grandchildren.

Angelina Correra, sister of **Anthony Correra**, passed away on September 7, 2010. Ms. Correra, who was a teacher, is survived by her mother, two brothers and one sister.

New Members: A Passion for Education and Heritage



John V. Cioffi
Chairman,
Membership
Committee

The recent activity of the Membership Committee has led to an increase of the Foundation's greatest resource – its Members. We are joined by a notable group of people, including past Grand Marshal Kenneth G. Langone and past Honoree Joseph Moglia, as well as one of the most prominent and talented songwriters in America, Kara DioGuardi, who is also the daughter of Member and U.S. Senate candidate, Hon. Joseph DioGuardi. While Mr. Langone, Mr. Moglia, and Ms. DioGuardi are well known, each of the new Members brings to the Foundation a love of our shared Italian American culture and heritage and the desire to improve the lives of students whose families have yet to achieve the American dream. Once again, it is particularly gratifying that we continue to attract quite a few younger men and women to the Foundation.

As Chair of the Membership Committee, I would like to thank the committee's members, whose help has been indispensable, and our fellow Members who have reached out to friends and colleagues and proposed accomplished and exceptional candidates for Membership.

If you would like to recommend someone for Membership, please contact Millie Aponte or Lisa F. LoRusso for assistance at 212.249.9923.

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Ralph Vincent Balzano

Mr. Balzano is a Managing Director at Morgan Stanley in Westchester. His father's side of the family is from Avellino and Naples, and his mother's family is from Milan and Potenza. Mr. Balzano is involved in philanthropic organizations, including the National Italian American Foundation and the Knights of Columbus, and he sits on the board of Stamford Hospital. He is interested in raising money for the Foundation's scholarship programs.

Make-a-Wish Foundation of New Jersey and has served on the boards of Partnership for the Homeless and Gilda's Club. Mr. Berardo is very proud of his heritage and even prouder of his ancestors. He is deeply impressed by the Foundation's scholarship programs and would like to support that effort.



Rick Borelli

A Partner at Deloitte & Touche, Mr. Borelli provides audit, risk management, and financial services. His Italian heritage stretches back through his family to his great grandparents, and members of his family have been part of the Foundation for a number of years. Mr. Borelli is an active member of The National Multiple Sclerosis Society and serves on the Nyack Hospital Technology Board, and he is a member at Dellwood Country Club. He believes that he can play a strong role as a leader or project manager due to his extensive background as project manager.

be involved in either the Dinner or Parade Committees and involved with the Adopt-A-Scholar Program.



Rosaria Carnevale

Ms. Carnevale is Branch Manager Vice President at M&T Bank. She was born in Bari and is a naturalized US citizen, having come to the United States in 1979. The mother of two grown children, she looks forward to becoming involved in Foundation activities, including the Weekend or Journal Committees, which would be good matches for her business skill set. She is interested in pursuing support from her employer in the form of a contribution or the use of the M&T Bank's banquet facilities.



Janice M. Galli Becker

Mrs. Becker's mother's family is from Siena, and her paternal great-grandfather was a judge in the Amalfi Coast. She is a board member of both the Career Transition for Dancers Organization and the Pediatric Cancer Research Fund at the Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of Columbia Presbyterian, a current member of the Knights of St. John, and a former board member of the Juvenile Diabetes Fund.

Dr. Louis Brusco, Jr.



Dr. Brusco holds three titles at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital center. He is an Associate Medical Director, President of the Medical Board, and Director of Critical Care Anesthesia. His father was born in Paola, Calabria. He went to medical school at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Brusco has extensive experience working on and leading on committees and would like to



Vincent Carrao DDS MD

Dr. Carrao is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon at Palisades Oral Surgery in Fort Lee, NJ. He is of second generation Sicilian and Abruzzese ancestry. He has performed Surgical Repairs of Cleft Lip and Palate, pro bono, for the Healing the Children's Medical Mission. Dr. Carrao knows that The Columbus Citizens Foundation provides the opportunity for Italian Americans with outstanding potential to succeed, and would like to help promote Italian heritage through business and other endeavors.

Joseph Berardo



Mr. Berardo is President and CEO of Magna Care Regional Health Plan. His lineage traces back to the Province of Campobasso. Mr. Berardo currently serves on the board of the



Dr. Vincent Celenza

Dr. Celenza is self-employed as a dentist specializing in prosthodontics and worked with his late father, Foundation Member Dr. Frank Celenza. His grandfather was born in Vasto, Abruzzi, and the Foundation has long been part of his life: he was married at the Townhouse 25 years ago. He is very proud of his Italian heritage and would like to further and intensify his relationship with the Foundation.



Dr. Donald A. Chiappetta

Dr. Chiappetta is the Director of DAC Medical, where he practices chiropractic medicine. He traces his Italian heritage to Sicily and Calabria. Dr. Chiappetta is affiliated with the Cooley's Anemia Foundation as well as the International Chiropractic Association and the American Chiropractic Association. Dr. Chiappetta takes pride in giving back to his community both in service and financially, and he looks forward to being a part of a great group for a great cause.



Ralph Della Cava

Mr. Della Cava is the Executive Vice President of R.A. Cohen & Associates, Inc., a real estate firm located in Manhattan. His parents are Italian descendents and his wife's mother was born in Italy. Mr. Della Cava received a B.S. in Business Economics from Oneonta State University and is an Executive member of Maroon & White (treasurer) and the Scarsdale Historical Society.



David M. Di Domenico

Mr. Di Domenico is the Managing Director and Portfolio Manager at New Mountain Capital. His family comes from different areas of Italy, including Torino and Basilicata. Mr. Di Domenico served as a mentor at the Teak Fellowship. He is a firm believer in education and has donated his time and resources to educational organizations and looks forward to participating in the Foundation's mission.

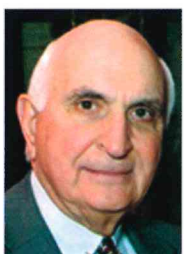


Kara DioGuardi

Ms. DioGuardi is a songwriter, music producer, artist and repertoire executive, American Idol judge, and owner of Arthouse Entertainment. Both of her parents are of Italian heritage. She is a member of the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences, Broadcast Music Inc., Screen Actors Guild, and the American Federation of Television & Radio Arts. She also is an active member of Phoenix House, a non-profit substance abuse service organization, for which she has built recording studios in Los Angeles, New York, Austin, and Ocala. She believes it is important to help students receive a solid education to improve their future opportunities in life.

Michael A. Gaudino

Mr. Gaudino is the former President and CEO of GE Corporate Finance. Both of his parents were from Italy, his father from Genoa. He serves on the board of Norwalk Community College and the Stamford YMCA. Mr. Gaudino was introduced to the Foundation by Mr. Frederic Salerno and Ms. Helen McGrath. He would like to join the Foundation to meet others of similar backgrounds with common interests and looks forward to giving back to the community.



Kenneth G. Langone

Mr. Langone, our most recent Grand Marshal, is a venture capitalist and philanthropist. He is the founder of investment bank Invemed Associates, Inc. He grew up in a home of modest means on Long Island to become one of the United State's most successful businessmen as co-founder of Home Depot. Mr. Langone has donated hundreds of millions of dollars to universities, hospitals, and foundations. He knows firsthand how important an education is since his family needed to mortgage their home in order for him to attend Bucknell University. Mr. Langone said, "I am honored to represent the men and women from Italy who came to the United States before me and who helped make America the greatest nation on earth."

Michael Louis Liotti

Mr. Liotti is Managing Director and institutional trader at International Strategy, a macro economics firm. Both sets of his grandparents were born in Naples. Mr. Liotti is affiliated with the Loughlin Society and the Tuesday's Children, which benefits children of families of 9/11 victims. As a grandchild of immigrants, he wants



to keep the Italian heritage and culture alive for the future generations. Due to skills and knowledge acquired through life experiences and his finance and advertising, Mr. Liotti believes that he will be an asset to the Foundation in keeping its spirit and endowment alive.



Louis D. Magnan

Mr. Magnan is a Certified Public Accountant and works for Magnan Graizzaro & Associates CPAs, LLC, which specializes in forensic accounting. His parents are from the region of Friuli. Mr. Magnan graduated from Bernard Baruch College with a degree in Business Administration. He belongs to the National Italian American Foundation and the Famee Furlane Club. Mr. Magnan is interested in working with the Journal Committee during the Columbus Weekend and being involved with the Adopt-A-Scholar Program.

Thomas V. Milana, Jr.

Mr. Milana is the founder of Trak America. His father's family is from Sicily, and his mother's family is from Naples. Mr. Milana is the past president of the La Salle Military Academy Alumni Association and an Advisory Board member of the De La Salle School in Freeport, NY. He is also a benefactor of the North Shore/LIJ Health System Foundation. Mr. Milana is interested in the Foundation and serving its mission of helping put Italian American children through school.



Joseph Moglia

Mr. Moglia, a past Honoree of the Foundation, is Chairman of the Board for TD Ameritrade a financial, investment and brokerage firm. His Italian heritage comes from his father, who was born in the village of Pesola, which is located in the mountains near the city of Parma, three hours north of Florence. Mr. Moglia serves on the boards of the National Italian American Foundation, Boy Scouts of America, and Fordham Preparatory School. He is a huge fan of football, having coached for many years with great success, and believes he can translate these ideals over to some of our projects to help them be more successful.

Donato Nicolo

Mr. Nicolo is President of Meadowbrook Financial and former President of Allstate Home Equities Corp. Both of his parents were born in Naples. He believes the foundation is a great way to further his Italian heritage. Mr. Nicolo wishes to serve on the Parade Committee and believes that joining the Foundation would be a great way to help his fellow Italian-Americans gain an education and learn about their heritage.



Anthony Orlando

Dr. Orlando is a podiatrist with his own practice, Anthony Orlando, DPM, PC. All of his grandparents were born in Sicily and immigrated to the United States in the

early twentieth century. Mr. Orlando earned his B.A. at Queens College and graduated from New York College of Podiatric Medicine in 1987. He is a board member of the Forest Hills Little League-Girls Softball and has received a Senate Proclamation from Senator Serphin R. Maltese. Mr. Orlando looks forward to aiding other Italians in achieving the opportunities he was fortunate enough to realize.

Jonathan Pataki

Mr. Pataki is a Financial Advisor at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, a finance and asset management firm. His Italian roots come from his paternal grandmother, who was from Reggio Calabria. Mr. Pataki is involved in Kiwanis International and has volunteered his time for other organizations and helped them raise funding for many causes, including scholarships. He looks forward to being involved in the Foundation's efforts in promoting the Italian culture and helping the Foundation meet its goals for raising money to support all of its great philanthropic programs.



Robert Petrocine

Mr. Petrocine is Senior Vice President at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. His mother's father came from Calabria, and his father's family came from Naples.

Mr. Petrocine serves on the membership committee of the Glenridge Country Club, the Financial Services Committee of Manhattan College, and the Fordham Prep Alumni Association. He is also a member of UNICO, Sons of Italy, and the American Cancer Society. Mr. Petrocine believes in helping people less fortunate and helping Italians achieve their dreams. He presently mentors a student at Manhattan College,

and would look to direct other Italian-American students as they enter a very important stage in their lives.



Joseph P. Pizzurro, M.D.

Dr. Pizzurro is a physician with the Ridgewood Orthopedic Group. His father was born in Sicily, and his mother is of Calabrese descent. Dr. Pizzurro served on

the Foundation Board of the Valley Hospital for twelve years, and was a chairman of the Parents' Fundraising Conference at Carnegie Mellon University for eight years. He is a great believer in education and helping those who are less fortunate.

Neil Postighone

Mr. Postighone is a construction consultant at Specialty Management Company, Inc. His maternal grandparents are from Teora, and his paternal grandfather is from Naples. Mr. Postighone is on the board of Columbus Hospital in Newark, NJ and a Facility Resource of the Montclair YMCA. Now at the stage in life where would like to give back to the community, he looks forward to serving and supporting the Foundation's goals.



Lawrence A. Raia

Mr. Raia is the owner of Raia Properties, a real estate development and management company, which is located in Ramsey, NJ. He has engaged in many philanthropic

endeavors, including, most recently, being Membership Chairman of the Valley Hospital Auxiliary Saddle River Branch and, previously, Co-Chairman of the Philanthropic Committee of the Columbians of New Jersey, where he was responsible for many scholarship and hardship grants.



Donna Collura Rapaccioli

Mrs. Rapaccioli is the Dean of the College of Business Administration at Fordham University. Both sets of her grandparents came to

the U.S. from Naples and Sicily. She is an active mother of three and is the director and coach of the local CYO Basketball team. Mrs. Rapaccioli is the president of Villa Maria Academy Mother's Guild. She also belongs to the American Accounting Association, and American Management Association. As a Professor and higher

Education Administrator, she would like to offer her services to help advance the Foundation's scholarship programs.



Edward J. Rappa

Mr. Rappa is the Chairman and CEO of R.W. Pressprich & Company, Inc., which is located in New York City. His father is from Sferracavallo, Sicily, and his mother is from

Capaci, Sicily. Mr. Rappa is also the former Senior Managing Director and a Member of the Board of Directors at Bear Sterns & Company, Inc. He is President of the Board of Trustees for The Boy's Club of New York, Chairman of New York City Health & Hospitals Corporation Foundation, and Vice Chairman of New York City Health & Hospitals Corporation. Mr. Rappa looks forward to using his business skills and experience to help further the Foundation's goals.



Cathy Cataldi Strzalkowski Rosen

Mrs. Rosen is an equity trader for a hedge fund run out of Zweig Dimenna located in New York City. Her great-grandparents came from Bari. Mrs.

Rosen has been Co-Chair of the Wall Street Committee for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for over 15 years and Co-Chair of Wings Over Wall Street. She is interested in being part of the Dinner Committee, and thinks she can play a vital role since she has served on many other committees in the past.



Giuseppe Salzarulo

Mr. Salzarulo is President and Owner of Lioni Latticini Inc., which manufactures fresh mozzarella. He was born and raised in Lioni, Avellino. Mr. Salzarulo is active in

the March of Dimes and donates annually to their dinner dance. He has been active as a non-member of the Columbus Citizens Foundation by making contributions and attending various functions. Mr. Salzarulo expresses a desire to give back to others and make life better for those who are in need.

Michael A. Santo

Mr. Santo is an attorney at Duffy & Duffy. His father's parents were born in Italy. He is affiliated with the Order Sons of Italy in America, the New York State Executive Board Foundation, where he is General Counsel, and the Commission for Social

Justice. Mr. Santo is also a member of Help Eliminate Violence Now, a group dedicated to eradicating gangs in impoverished communities, and the Special Counsel to New York State Magistrates Association.



Adrina Silva Sartor

Ms. Sartor is President and CEO of Elettrotec. She is an Italian citizen, and resides in Milan. She is a Rotarian, a member of the International Women's Forum, and a member of the International World Travelers' Club. Ms. Sartor is a sponsor of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and the Teatro La Scala in Milan. She is active in Confindustria, an association of Italian Entrepreneurs. She was awarded the Premio Sciacca from the Vatican and Best Entrepreneur from the Milanese Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Sartor would like to become a sort of liaison between Italy and the United States, and she considers membership in the Foundation a great opportunity to that end.

Anthony Scaramucci

Mr. Scaramucci is Managing Partner at money management firm Skybridge Capital. His grandfather is from Perugia and his grandmother is from Avellino. Mr.



Scaramucci received his BA in Economics from Tufts University, and a JD from Harvard Law School. He is a board member of the Brain Tumor Foundation and of the Lymphoma Foundation. A returning Foundation

Member, he is interested in serving on the Parade Committee.



Carole Di Giorgio Scherer

Mrs. Scherer is a homemaker and her husband is a stock broker at Merrill Lynch. Her mother's family is from Cefalu, Sicily and her father's family is from Florence. Mrs. Scherer attended Marymount College where she received an associate's degree in merchandising. She belongs to the charitable organizations Hospice L.I., helping raise money, and Lead the Way, which supports the families of Army Rangers overseas. She would like to aid in our goal of promoting education through scholarships and looks forward to participating in cultural activities.



Stephen J. Squeri

Mr. Squeri is Chief Information Officer and Global Services Group President at the American Express Company. His father is of Parmensi descent. Mr. Squeri is involved with many charitable organizations, including the Valerie Fund Golf Tournament, of which he is chairman, and on the board of the Harlem Children's Zone Board of Trustees. He is also on the Board of Governors for both Monsignor McClancy Memorial High School and New York Downtown Hospital. Mr. Squeri also received the Monsignor McClancy Cor Jesu Award for Leadership and Community Service in 2009.



Joseph Michael Tantillo, Jr.

Mr. Tantillo is the owner and president of Coverage's Unlimited Inc. in Melville, New York. His father is of Neapolitan descent, and his mother's family is from Monte Corvino, Salerno. Mr. Tantillo is involved with Cooley's Anemia Foundation and Contractors for Kids and looks forward to supporting the Foundation's fundraising efforts.

Prospective Member Dinners



As part of the Foundation's effort to find qualified and enthusiastic new Members, we are now hosting complimentary dinners for prospective new members and their potential sponsors. The dinners are informal, though jacket and tie are required, and are designed to provide information regarding the Foundation's mission and activities and the responsibilities of Members – not to mention providing a taste of one of the great benefits of Membership.

It is not necessary for prospective Member to attend these dinners, but the evenings are an enjoyable experience that affords them the opportunity to better understand who we

are and how well our mission fits their lifestyle.

Since our membership level is just under 600 and growing, our goal is to admit men and women who will find the Foundation a positive experience and become active in our programs. The next scheduled date is October 14, 2010. The dinners begin with cocktails at 6:15 PM, followed by dinner and an open discussion beginning at 7:00 PM.

If you have anyone in mind whom you feel would embrace our mission and enjoy the benefits of Membership, please contact Cathy Adiatori at the Foundation at 212.249.9923.

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Upcoming Events

September

Golf Outing

Sands Point Golf Club, Sands Point, NY, September 27, 2010

Noted golf course architect A. W. Tillinghast's superb design will be the site of a Foundation Member event for golfers, non-golfers and cigar lovers. Tournament, premium cigars, a cocktail reception and dinner are part of the event.

Book Signing: Maria Bartiromo

Townhouse, September 29, 2010

CNBC Anchor, Columnist and Author and this year's Grand Marshal, will present a lecture and book signing. In her new book, *The Weekend That Changed Wall Street*, Maria Bartiromo gives her unique perspective on the white-knuckle weekend that brought the financial world to its knees.

October

Columbus Celebration Sponsor and Media Reception

Townhouse, October 8, 2010

Welcome the 2010 Columbus Celebration sponsors in our weekend kick-off event.

Annual Gala Dinner

Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, October 9, 2010, 6:30 PM on

A glamorous Black Tie event with fine dining, dancing, and a Silent Auction of phenomenal items.

Wreath Laying

Columbus Circle, October 10, 2010, 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Annual event in commemoration of Christopher Columbus and the civil servants whose tireless efforts keep New York City great.

Columbus Day Mass

St. Patrick's Cathedral, October 11, 2010, 9:30 AM – 10:45 AM

The Annual Columbus Day Mass to be celebrated by His Excellency Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan at 9:30AM at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

66th Annual Columbus Day Parade

Fifth Ave., 47th – 72nd Streets, October 11, 2010, 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Leading the Parade along Fifth Avenue from 47th Street to 72nd Street will be the Grand Marshal, Maria Bartiromo, anchor of CNBC's "Closing Bell" and host and Managing Editor of the nationally syndicated "Wall Street Journal Report with Maria Bartiromo." The Parade will be broadcast live in HD on WNBC from 12:00pm – 3:00pm.

Prospective Member Dinner

Townhouse, October 14, 2010

We encourage you to reach out to friends and colleagues who may be interested in becoming a member of CCF. You may accompany your guests for a dinner meeting where they will meet Frank Fusaro, President and other members of the Foundation to learn more about our events and accomplishments.

Anthony Scaramucci: Book Signing

Townhouse, October 19, 2010

Foundation Member Anthony Scaramucci will conduct a lecture and book signing. *Goodbye Gordon Gekko: How to Find Your Fortune Without Losing Your Soul* "describes how a better understanding of people, capital, and culture can be used to enrich one's life, financially as well as spiritually."

Regional Dinner, Tuscany

Townhouse, October 21, 2010

Experience the birthplace of the Italian Renaissance, Tuscany, with a cuisine which is appreciated the world over for its fine natural and flavorful ingredients and is a typical expression of the Mediterranean diet. General Manager, John Boden will prepare a repast that will delight you.

Opera Night: Tosca

Townhouse, October 29, 2010

Torture, murder and suicide are depicted in highlights from one of Puccini's best-known lyrical and dramatic operas, *Tosca* – evening includes cocktails and dinner.

November

Book Signing: Charles Gasparino

Townhouse, November 4, 2010

Critically acclaimed investigative journalist and CNBC reporter and commentator Charles Gasparino discusses his new book, *Bought and Paid For: The Unholy Alliance Between Barack Obama and Wall Street*, which is "both an exposé and a wake-up call to all Americans to strike back against the people and policies that are ruining our country."

Young Adult's Wine Tasting

Townhouse, November 12, 2010

The Young Adult's Auxiliary's annual Wine Tasting/Food Pairing evening – buffet dinner, wine, music and dancing with all proceeds supporting the Adopt-A-Scholar Program.

Prospective Members Dinner

Townhouse, November 16, 2010

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and colleagues who may be interested in becoming a member of CCF. You may accompany your guests for a dinner meeting where they will meet Frank Fusaro, President and other members of the Foundation to learn more about our events and accomplishments.

Concert: Michael Amante

Townhouse, November 17, 2010

An evening of melodic delight as the Foundation Townhouse welcomes Michael Amante, affectionately known as "The People's Tenor." Listen to this wonderful singer display his brilliant artistry and vocal technique.

Dinner Dance: '50s Night

Townhouse, November 19, 2010

Dinner dance open to Members and their guests – an evening of oldies but goodies, rock and roll, dice, poodle skirts, Elvis and '50s Sock Hop.

December

Children's Christmas Party

Townhouse, December 5, 2010

The Executive House Committee's annual Children's Christmas Party for children and grandchildren of Members with the opportunity to have photographs taken with Santa Claus – a wonderful way to initiate the Holiday Season.

Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Luncheon

Townhouse, December 7, 2010

Annual Christmas Luncheon, Boutique and Fashion Show hosted by the Columbus Citizens Foundation's Ladies Auxiliary.

Member's Christmas Party

Townhouse, December 11, 2010

The Executive House Committee requests the pleasure of your company at our Traditional Italian Christmas Dinner to be held at the Columbus Townhouse for Members and their guests.

New Year's Eve Party

Townhouse, December 31, 2010

Come celebrate with your family, friends and fellow Members for a very elegant evening with the finest food, wine, champagne and music.

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