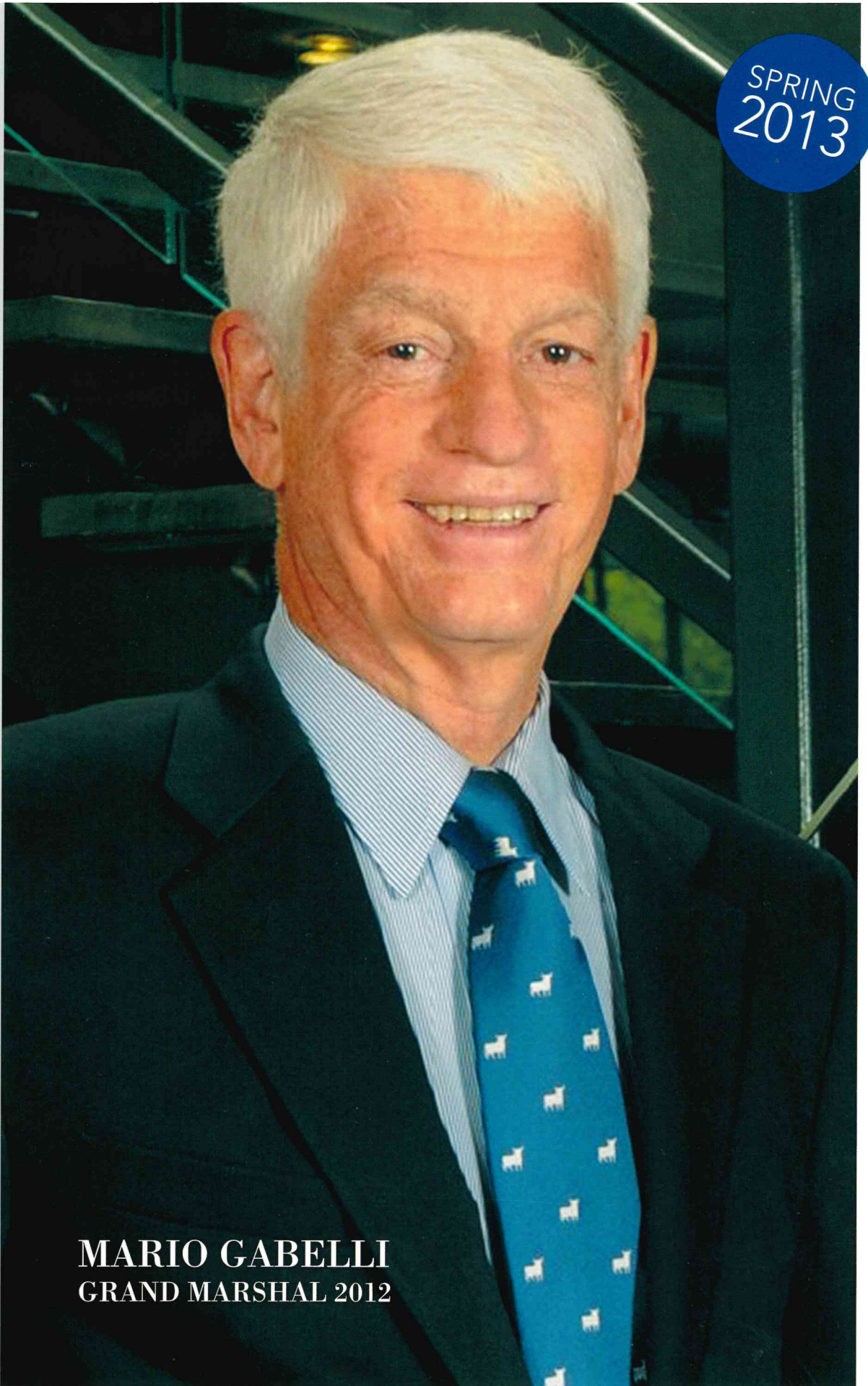


# THE GIORNALE

COLUMBUS CITIZENS FOUNDATION



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**MARIO GABELLI**  
GRAND MARSHAL 2012



I'm extremely proud to report that our 2012 Columbus Celebration was by every measure a tremendous success. Despite a tentative economy, the generosity of our outstanding Grand Marshal, Mario Gabelli, combined with the support of our three highly accomplished honorees, Anthony Scaramucci, Robert Nardelli and Army Chief of Staff General Raymond Odierno, our corporate sponsors, member volunteers and staff, resulted in a net of over two million dollars, fully earmarked for our scholarship program.

I'm extremely pleased to report that over the past three years, while annual scholarship expenditures provided nearly two million dollars per year to students in need, our scholarship corpus has grown from seven to just under twelve million dollars insuring the financial future of our educational programs.

I'm equally proud to report that in response to the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund request for support in constructing nine psychiatric centers to treat the devastating effects that waging multiple wars has had on our military, our Board unanimously approved a donation of \$250,000.00. This money will be used to provide treatment to more than 600,000 of our country's finest who are suffering from post-traumatic stress and related issues, resulting in a shocking suicide rate of one per day of those on active duty. This is the Foundation's third such grant, totaling nearly one million dollars, to provide aid to those who have given so much.

Finally, I'd like to thank all of our members who give so tirelessly of their time and provide the means to meet our philanthropic goals. We have so much to be proud of and that all stems from the generosity and commitment of our membership.

Frank G. Fusaro

## 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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Joe Piscopo is joined by Foundation members and families as he closes out the WABC-TV Columbus Day Parade broadcast with "New York, New York."

Cover photo: Grand Marshal Mario Gabelli.

## COLUMBUS MONUMENT CONSERVED



In 1889, with the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Christopher Columbus's historic voyage looming on the distant horizon, Carlo Barsotti, editor and owner of

the New York Italian-language newspaper, *Il Progresso Italo Americano*, launched a subscription to build a monument to Columbus. In consultation with artists and others in Italy, Mr. Barsotti commissioned renowned sculptor Gaetano Russo to design and create the monument, which the artist did for no fee.

The 83-foot tall monument — a 13-foot tall sculpture of Columbus made of pure white Carrera marble atop a 70-foot red granite column and base decorated with bronze reliefs — ultimately cost \$25,000. The sons and daughters of Italy in the United States heeded Mr. Barsotti's call for funding, and well over 1,000 of the paper's readers — many of whom were still scratching out a living in their new country — contributed to the

subscription at a minimum of \$10.00 per share. Other groups pitched in: on June 26, 1892, a benefit concert was held at Madison Square Garden, and Italian Prime Minister Francesco Crispi also donated 1,000 lire. Various locations for the monument were discussed, including Bowling Green and the northeast corner of Central Park, but Mr. Barsotti and his associates prevailed on the more central location now known as Columbus Circle.

On the day of its unveiling, dignitaries from Italy, Spain, France, Portugal, the United States and local leaders took their places in a 10,000-seat amphitheater constructed for the dedication.

Among the speakers was Annie Barsotti, daughter of Carlo, who said, "As a child of Italian parentage and of American birth, I can ask nothing greater than this: God bless Italy! God bless America! And may the friendship between the two peoples and the two countries endure and resist time as the marble and bronze of this great and beautiful monument."

Gen. Luigi Palma di Cesnola, the Director of the Metropolitan Museum of

Art, spoke at the event, reminding the audience that the great explorer's "true monument is this great land, its institutions, its prosperity, its blessing, its lessons of advance for all humanity."

One hundred and twenty years later, Miss Barsotti and General di Cesnola's comments still resonate and the monument still stands. The monument was conserved in 1992 thanks to funding by the Columbus Citizens Foundation, but the past 20 years have taken their toll. Columbus's cloak and face had become grimy, the surface of the Carrera marble, carved to reveal coiled rope at the feet of the admiral and the hand holding fast to the till of a rudder, were pocked.

In late 2012 and early 2013, The NYC Department of Cultural Affairs and the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation commissioned a substantial conservation of the monument, and the statue of the explorer is now refreshed and preserved for future generations to admire — see back cover for photograph.



Upper left: Columbus Monument circa 1900-1903. Below: Columbus Circle in 1908, when trolleys and horse-drawn carts were more common than cars. Parks Department planners originally proposed that the monument be placed in Bowling Green or at the northeast corner of Central Park. Italian-American leaders persisted in their demand for a more central location and won.

## HISTORIC WREATH LAYING

The annual Wreath Laying at Columbus Circle started with a historic twist on October 7, 2012. Foundation members, Honorees of the 2012 Columbus Celebration, dignitaries and civil servants climbed up six stories of scaffolding to come face-to-face with the 13-foot sculpture of Columbus for the first time. Set inside a specially designed contemporary living room, the sculpture was made part of a temporary art installation, "Tatzu Nishi: Discovering Columbus." The installation presented the historic monument in a surreal context that made visitors question anew what they knew about Columbus and contemplate how far the world has come since his explorations.

The installation was commissioned by the non-profit Public Art Fund and attracted over 100,000 visitors. In an Associated Press story that ran

throughout the country, Foundation president Frank Fusaro was quoted, "'Discovering Columbus' will give people from all over the world the opportunity to come face-to-face with a majestic work of art normally seen from afar while allowing for the restoration of the Columbus Monument." The article noted that the Columbus Citizens Foundation "in 1987 raised \$400,000 toward the renovation of the monument."

The annual wreath laying, organized by the National Council of Columbian Associations in Civil Service and the Columbus Citizens Foundation, was held



at the foot of the monument. Speaking at the event, 2012 Grand Marshal Mario Gabelli said, "Cristoforo really embodies the spirit of entrepreneurialism, the spirit of adventure and the spirit that we all like about America and about New York City."

Top: Joseph Guagliardo, president of the National Council of Columbian Associations in Civil Service, with Grand Marshal Mario Gabelli at the wreath laying. Below: Frank Fusaro with Mayor Michael Bloomberg at the Italian-American Heritage Month reception at Gracie Mansion.



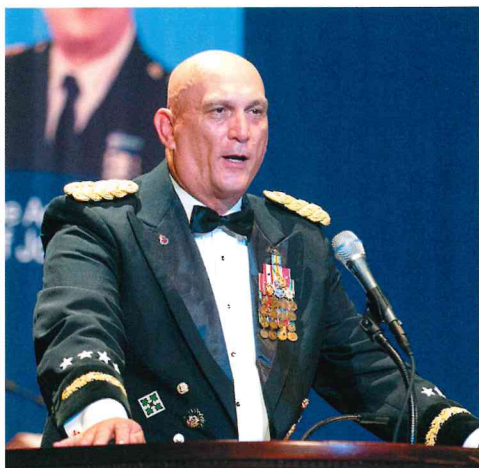
## MAYORAL RECEPTION AT GRACIE MANSION

The Columbus Citizens Foundation sponsored the Italian Heritage Month Reception, on October 2, 2012, at Gracie Mansion, an event that brought together leaders of the local Italian and Italian-American communities and friends and admirers from the United States and overseas. With Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg presiding as host, attendees paid tribute to the great city of New York and the countless ways in which the sons and daughters of Italy helped build it, make it secure and turned it into one of the financial,

intellectual and cultural capitals of the world.

Mayor Bloomberg presented Frank Fusaro with a proclamation celebrating Columbus Day and the Columbus Citizens Foundation that read, in part, "...every October, people of all backgrounds, throughout the five boroughs, gather to celebrate not only Columbus Day, but also the tremendous impact that Italian Americans have had on our city's culture."

## COLUMBUS CELEBRATION GALA



Over 1,000 leaders of the Italian-American community and the United States and Italy came together at the Waldorf=Astoria's Grand Ballroom for the 2012 Gala Dinner to celebrate five men of great stature and the values and love of family that are among the hallmarks of the Italian-American community.



Foundation President Frank Fusaro said, "This is an evening of both remembrance and pride. Remembrance that every success we enjoy, everything we accomplish in life is a product of the sacrifices of those who came before us. We must never forget their struggle to provide us with the opportunity to succeed and preserve their memory by helping others less fortunate. Pride in our Foundation for all of our good works. While others preach the need to support education, related works of philanthropy and the furtherance of our culture, our Foundation is at the forefront of providing such support."

Stepping to the podium where heads of state had appeared before him, Grand Marshal Mario Gabelli said America is "particularly special" because of "the rule of law" and the "free-market system." Most significantly, he cited the American emphasis on "meritocracy. How could I succeed as I have when my parents didn't get past the sixth grade? Their support, and education, that great leveler."

Honoree Robert L. Nardelli, a philanthropist, two-time winner of the Secretary of Defense Freedom Award, and founder of XLR-8, LLC, said, "I was blessed to grow up in an Italian family with a tremendous number of relatives...

I owe all of my success to my parents and to my wonderful family."

Speaking in the same vein, Honoree Anthony Scaramucci, founder and co-managing partner of SkyBridge Capital, addressed the audience and said, "This is really about my grandparents. It's just a miracle that they were able to take the risks that they took to come to this great country and to give us a start and the opportunity that we have."

Joseph J. Esposito, then Chief of Department, New York Police Department and the first recipient of the Columbus Citizens Foundation Public Service Lifetime Achievement Award, attributed his success to "Italian tradition – stand by the family... I accept this award in the name of all the men and women in the New York City Police Department."

General Raymond T. Odierno, 38<sup>th</sup> Chief of Staff, United States Army spoke as well about the importance of family, opportunities and education, and said, "I would ask everyone in this audience who has ever served to please stand up." As scores and scores of people rose to ever increasing applause, General Odierno said, "This is our Italian-American heritage – those who love their country enough to stand up for it and to fight for its freedoms. Thank you!"

Above, top: General Raymond T. Odierno, 38<sup>th</sup> Chief of Staff, United States Army, and New York Police Department Commissioner Ray Kelly, a guest and Joseph J. Esposito, Chief of Department, New York Police Department and the first recipient of the Columbus Citizens Foundation Public Service Lifetime Achievement Award.

Following page, clockwise from upper right: Frank and Jennifer Marzano with Connie and John Cioffi. Joseph Plumeri and Susan Edgerton with Matt Sabatine. Frank Fusaro, Maria Bartiromo, Anthony Scaramucci and Louis Tallarini. Mario Gabelli and Regina Pitaro, his wife, with Governor Mario and Matilda Cuomo.



## THRILLS AND HEARTFELT TRIBUTES AT

On October 8, 2012, a cool, autumnal Columbus Day, Fifth Avenue was ablaze with red, white and green and the roars of classic Italian designed cars, marching bands, and the swelling cheers of crowds of spectators estimated at nearly one million people strong.

Entertainment included members of the U.S. Marine Corps Band, NY Police Department bagpipers and floats, many of which carried statues of Christopher Columbus. Also on hand was the East Harlem Giglio Society, whose members transported a figure of St. Anthony up the world-famous avenue. A member of the organization, Mitch Farbman, spoke of the tradition of honoring saints when he said, "This is something that our families have done in Italy, brought from Italy, and we still do this."

New Yorkers, their fellow Americans, and visitors from several continents lined the parade route to celebrate Italian culture,

heritage, and achievement and the contributions of Italian-Americans to the development of the United States. Luca Dadon, who had flown in from Northern Italy to see the parade for his annual week-long junket, said, "We're proud to be Italian!"

New Yorker Rosie Leone said she'd partaken in some limoncello before taking a spot on Fifth Avenue with a friend. "My parents are from Italy," she told the Associated Press, "so it's a celebration of our heritage, where we come from."

The crowds were on hand to pay tribute to Grand Marshal Mario Gabelli, Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of GAMCO Investors, Inc. and Honorees General Raymond T. Odierno, 38<sup>th</sup> Chief of Staff, United States Army; Joseph J. Esposito, Chief of Department, New York Police Department and the first recipient of the Columbus Citizens



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Left: Edward Cardinal Egan with celebrants at the Columbus Day Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Right: the Columbus Citizens Foundation float was one of over 100 that dazzled nearly one million spectators during the Parade.



# 58<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COLUMBUS DAY PARADE



Top: Frank Fusaro with Honoree Joseph J. Esposito, Chief of Department, New York Police Department, Angelo Vivolo, Grand Marshal Mario Gabelli, Lawrence Auriana, Anthony Giordano, Honoree General Raymond T. Odierno, 38<sup>th</sup> Chief of Staff, United States Army, and Honoree Robert L. Nardelli, a philanthropist, two-time winner of the Secretary of Defense Freedom Award in front of the Reviewing Stand. Above, left: one of the many marching bands in the Parade. Right: Mario Gabelli with parade anchors Joe Piscopo and Maria Bartiromo.

## 68<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COLUMBUS DAY PARADE

Foundation Public Service Lifetime Achievement Award; Robert L. Nardelli, a philanthropist, two-time winner of the Secretary of Defense Freedom Award, and founder of XLR-8, LLC; and Anthony Scaramucci, Founder and Co-Managing Partner of SkyBridge Capital.

Also drawing loud cheers were past Grand Marshals Lidia Matticchio Bastianich, Susan Lucci and Paul Sorvino. And, as always, political leaders were on hand to show their support of and admiration for the Italian-American community, including New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo, New York

City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, and City Council Speaker Christine Quinn.

Foundation President Frank Fusaro stopped along the parade route to talk with NY 1 News, telling reporter Roger Clark, "We celebrate the people that came here on their own voyage in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century with little more than the clothes on their back. They came here for opportunity."

"We are from Australia, born in Italy. Beautiful day, happy Columbus Day!" one parade-goer said, while a New Yorker from Flushing said, "There's such

a patriotic feeling, being American and Italian. It's wonderful." Still another said, "I couldn't be more proud to be Italian."

Those unable to attend the Parade in person viewed the event on WABC-TV and were treated to a feast of musical samplings. Among the artists were Elise Testone, *American Idol* finalist, members of the U.S. Marine Corps Band, tenor Christopher Temporelli, and cast members of *Sette Mondi (The Seven Worlds)*.



Above, left: members of the NYPD Color Guard heading up Fifth Avenue and, at right, a band filling Fifth Avenue with joyous music. Following page: cast members of *Sette Mondi (The Seven Worlds)* above and alongside members of the Garibaldi Guard, who honored Giuseppe Garibaldi, the historic leader who helped unify Italy.



## SCHOLARSHIPS STABLE, ENDOWMENT BOOST FROM 2012 COLUMBUS CELEBRATION

The Foundation's scholarship funds hit a new high of \$12 million at the end of 2012 as new donors funded 12 Perpetual Scholarships and 18 benefactors created Annual Scholarships. And with dozens of members of the Foundation's scholarship committees working this spring to review hundreds of scholarship applications from boys and girls and young adults, come the fall the Foundation will be supporting the educational dreams of well over 100 new scholarship recipients in addition to hundreds already receiving aid.

"The growth in the Foundation's corpus is a remarkable achievement," said Foundation President Frank Fusaro. "It is a testament to the generosity of our members and their firm commitment to give back to our community. We are proud to honor these benefactors by publishing a list of their names and the scholarships they have created."

During the current school year, the Foundation is providing nearly \$2 million in scholarship funding for almost 500

students, including 178 students who are receiving assistance for the first time.

This year, 99 students have applied for four-year college scholarships, 183 for high school scholarships, and 155 for elementary school scholarships. Assistance is awarded to students based on academic achievement or potential, financial aid, understanding of their Italian ancestry and, in the cases of older students, community service.



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Aldo Verrelli



High School Scholarship Committee Co-Chair  
Christopher Loiacono



High School Scholarship Committee Co-Chair Mario Occhicone with an Elementary School Scholarship recipient

### PERPETUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Mr. & Mrs. Vincent J. Amabile  
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In Memory of Vincent Amabile Sr.

Salvatore F., Jacklyn & Andrew Calcagno  
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Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Sculco  
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The Squeri Family  
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## ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Balzano

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Peter & Marie De Luca

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Mr. & Mrs. Peter Da Puzzo

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Mr. & Mrs. James Dell'Orto

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In Memory of Rev. Peter Rinaldi SDM

Beatrice Favino

Beatrice Favino Scholarship

Lori & George Hall

Lori & George Hall Scholarship

Ladies Auxiliary

Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship

Raymond T. Odierno

Raymond T. Odierno Scholarship

Mr. & Mrs. Orazio Mattioli

Mr. & Mrs. Orazio Mattioli Scholarship

In Memory of Salvatore & Giorgina Mattioli

John & Donna Pugliese

John & Donna Pugliese Scholarship

In Memory of Andrew Pugliese and Vincent Perretti

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Rinaldi

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Rinaldi Scholarship

In Honor of Mario, Lorenzo, Christian, Giancarlo  
& Leonardo

Mauro & Libertaria Romita

Mauro & Libertaria Romita Scholarship

Mr. & Mrs. Giuseppe Salzarulo

Mr. & Mrs. Giuseppe Salzarulo Scholarship

Gene V. Tedone

Gene V. Tedone Foundation Scholarship

In Memory of Gene V. Tedone

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Valentino

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Valentino Scholarship

Aldo Verrelli

Aldo Verrelli Scholarship

Alison & Boniface Zaino

The Alison & Boniface Zaino Scholarship

## THE TRUE VALUE OF A SCHOLARSHIP

How does a four-year Foundation scholarship of \$20,000 become \$27,000 or \$30,000 or much, much more? How does it change a life?

College costs, including room and board, books, travel, various fees and indirect expenses, have a wide range. On an annual basis, they're estimated at around \$20,000 at SUNY Binghamton to \$68,482 at Fordham University. Even with financial aid packages common at many schools, education is far from cheap.

The cost is all the more reason that the Foundation's scholarship programs are critical for so many young men and women as they seek to increase their opportunities for success in life through education.

To have a chance of attending college, many of the students who apply to the Foundation for scholarships would otherwise be taking loans to make it through school, and looking at the cost of a loan reveals costs that few young men and women fully appreciate.

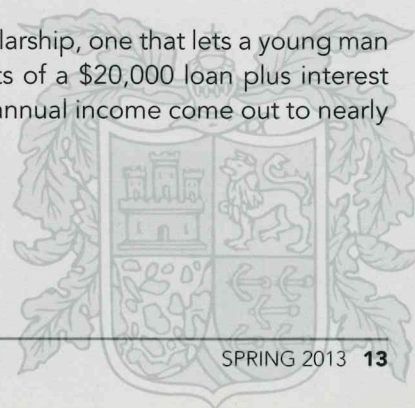
On the face of it, a scholarship of four years at \$5,000 a year saves students \$20,000. Yet the value is much greater. A 10-year, \$20,000 loan at 6.8% interest – a fairly common rate for student loans – costs the student \$7,619.31 in interest, or monthly payments of \$230.16. To be able to comfortably make those payments, the student would need to have a minimum adjusted gross income of \$34,844, a figure that is below the national average of \$48,000 but significantly above the starting salaries in many fields, including theology, elementary education and paralegal work.

And with loans that carry an interest rate of 7.9%, the costs are higher: \$10,199.73, or \$251.67 a month. More predatory loans, often with hidden fees, are far worse

If those costs don't seem high, bear in mind that in 2011, 9.1% of people who took student loans defaulted on their payments within two years of graduation – up from 8.8% the previous year.

And in addition to the costs, there are the benefits. College graduates earn \$21,900 more per year than high school graduates who didn't complete college, and the unemployment rates are stark: as of January 2013, the unemployment rate for high school graduates without a college degree was 8.1%, but only 3.7% for college graduates, according to one study. Labor Department figures for college grads were bleaker: those who were 24 and younger had a 7.7% unemployment rate in 2012.

So, what is the value of a Foundation scholarship, one that lets a young man or woman attend college? The pure costs of a \$20,000 loan plus interest over 10 years, and the \$21,900 in higher annual income come out to nearly \$250,000 over the course of ten years.



## DEAR MEMBERS OF THE COLUMBUS CITIZENS FOUNDATION...

One of the more treasured files in the Foundation is located in the Scholarship Office. It contains letters and cards from scholarship recipients and their relatives. The students talk about their hopes and dreams and how grateful they are to be attending schools that would have been out of their reach without the Foundation's financial assistance. The parents write about their children with great love and pride and give thanks to the Foundation for providing what, because of various circumstances, they are unable to provide for their children themselves.

Below are excerpts, in some cases lightly edited, from the Scholarship Office's files. Although some are addressed to individuals at the Foundation, they extend to all of our members.

*Dear Columbus Citizens Foundation Board*

*Once again, I cannot even begin to express enough gratitude for extending my scholarship. Your generosity truly makes a difference. I know I have presented a challenge for you but you have faith in me as I also have in myself. I know when I get through this challenge I will be successful and make a difference. I owe it to your constant confidence in my abilities.*

*Thank you for your support.*

*Sincerely,*

*Michael P.*

Dear Columbus Citizens Committee and Sponsors

I am very grateful to the Columbus Citizens Committee and their sponsors for awarding me this Scholarship. I dreamed of attending Fontbonne Hall since I was a kid, and upon my acceptance this scholarship enabled my dream to become a reality. I am glad to have the opportunity to thank you personally for your generosity.

My freshman year at Fontbonne Hall has been a busy one. The work is very challenging, but I take advantage of any extra help that is offered. I am excelling in my studies and have made many friends. I am very proud to say that I was also chosen to be next year's Sophomore Representative for the Student Council and have also made the cheerleading team. I am also proud to say that I have excelled in Italian and will be going into the honors program in September. I am very proud of my heritage and my goal is to speak Italian fluently.

My life would have been very different, if not for the generosity of the Columbus Citizens Scholarship. Once again, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to pursue my dreams of attending Fontbonne Hall. This scholarship has opened up many doors for me, and I am eternally grateful.

I offer my sincerest thanks for the opportunity in helping me reach my educational goals. I look forward to the time that I can give back and make a difference in someone's life. I'd like to give someone the same opportunity that you have given to me. Without scholarship sponsors, there would be many students such as myself unable to pursue the education they've dreamed of. Thanks again and God bless each and every one of you.

Sincerely,

Taylor N.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COLUMBUS CITIZENS FOUNDATION

I HAVE HAD MANY STRUGGLES THROUGHOUT MY LIFE AND IT HAS SHAPED THE PERSON THAT I AM TODAY. DO I WISH THINGS WERE DIFFERENT? NO. I AM WHO I AM. I'M PROUD TO REPRESENT THE COLUMBUS CITIZENS FOUNDATION AND MY ITALIAN HERITAGE. YOU HAVE GIVEN ME A CHANCE TO GO TO COLLEGE AND LIVE MY DREAM. I WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND A COLLEGE THAT CAN HANDLE MY LEARNING NEEDS AND PLAY DIVISION 1 FOOTBALL. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY EXCEPT THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR SEEING IN ME WHAT I BELIEVE IN MYSELF: THAT I HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO SUCCEED.

THANK YOU AGAIN,

ROCKY I.

Dear Columbus Citizens Foundation Board

First of all, I would like to thank you for renewing my scholarship. It was a wonderful surprise to find out when Mom went to the school to transfer me that my tuition was almost paid up. I cannot tell you how happy I am to stay at St. Joseph by the Sea. There are no words to tell you how much I appreciate it. It has been a very difficult period for us as a family money wise but somehow Mom manages. Your generosity helps us all around. I always give my all - at school and at home and promise to continue to do so.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! I look forward to seeing you at the Columbus Day Parade!

Sincerely,

Amanda P.

Dear Mr. Loiacono and Mr. Occhicone

I just wanted to thank you for providing the opportunity to my family and to my daughter, Gianna M., to participate in the Nastasi Family Trust Scholarship. My daughter is the sixth daughter to attend St. Anthony's High School. I currently have two girls at St. Anthony's and four girls in college, at Villanova, 2 at Johnson & Wales and Marist College, and because of financial problems incurred as a result of the death of my brother Joseph, my partner in business for 23 years, we could not afford to send Gianna to St. Anthony's High School. Your gift is a true blessing!

God bless you and the Columbus Citizens Foundation for your generosity + caring! God willing, I can give back to the Columbus Citizens Foundation one day.

John M., Helen M. + the M. Girls!

## LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Your Will can be a tribute to your heritage.

By writing your Will and keeping it up-to-date, you can determine the distribution of your assets and be sure that your family, friends and the institutions you care about will benefit in accordance with your wishes.

If you do not have a Will, your assets will be distributed in accordance with state law — and this impersonal formula may not meet your wishes. Making a Will enables you to instruct the distribution of your estate. It is the easiest and safest way to accomplish your objectives.

By making your Will you can express your wishes about:

- Beneficiaries — without a Will, some relatives and friends for whom you would like to provide may be excluded.
- A guardian for your children — without a Will, and if your spouse is not alive, the court will appoint a guardian. This may not be the person you would have selected to care for your children.

- An executor to administer your estate — without a Will, the court will appoint an administrator who may not understand your wishes and could charge an exorbitant fee.
- Avoiding or minimizing taxes, fees and expenses — without a Will, a larger portion of your assets could pass to the government and to administrators rather than your beneficiaries.

Without a Will, institutions you care about, such as the Columbus Citizens Foundation, will not be remembered.

For more information, please call our Executive Director, David Iommarini, at 212-249-9923, or email him at [diommarini@columbuscitizens.org](mailto:diommarini@columbuscitizens.org).

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## SPEAKERS BUREAU EXPANDS FOUNDATION'S HORIZONS

In a remarkable series of events, the House Committee has given our members a broad slate of offerings in the fields of culture, politics, and business.

During the past year, for the first time the Foundation had as guest speakers the governors of New York and New Jersey, Chris Christie on May 29, 2012 and Andrew Cuomo on June 28, 2012. Governors Cuomo and Christie addressed issues of concern to anyone living in the Tri-State area, and their presence at the Townhouse reflected the Foundation's prominence in the region's cultural and philanthropic arenas.

Other presentations included "The Restoration of the Leaning Tower of Pisa," an enlightening talk by the city's Vice-Mayor Paolo Ghezzi, and Professor Giovanni Padroni, who discussed the World Heritage site's restoration, nearly 1,000 years after construction began, which has stabilized one of the world's great wonders.

Speakers also included Joseph J. Plumeri, past Grand Marshal and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Willis Group Holdings Plc.; past Honoree Joseph Moglia, head football coach at Coastal Carolina University and Chairman of the Board of TD



Ameritrade; and past Honoree Jason DeSena Trennert, founder, Managing Partner, and Chief Investment Strategist of Strategas Research Partners.

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Above, top: David Iommarini, Executive Director. Bottom: Andrew Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, in the 2012 Columbus Day Parade. He also spoke at the Foundation, on June 28, 2012.



## FOUNDATION COMMITS \$250,000 TO HELPING SERVICE MEMBERS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE INTREPID FALLEN HEROES FUND

### *Matching Gift Will Benefit Those Who Suffer from Traumatic Brain Injury and Post Traumatic Stress*

Making a major commitment that will serve those who have served us, the Board of Governors of the Columbus Citizens Foundation on February 21, 2013 voted unanimously to provide a \$250,000 matching grant to the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund. The partnership will help fund the construction of treatment centers around the country for veterans and active service members who suffer from traumatic brain injury (TBI) and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), invisible wounds that have too long been overlooked.

It is estimated that as many as 625,000 returning service members are suffering from TBI or PTSD today, with over 60% failing to be properly diagnosed. Military suicide rates soared in 2012 to nearly one per day, in large part due to complications from TBI or PTSD.

The nine National Intrepid Centers of Excellence (NICoE) Satellite Centers will be located at military bases around the country to allow members of the Armed

Forces the in-house treatment most effective for recovery while allowing them to remain close to their units or families, critical components of successful care and rehabilitation.

"We are proud to continue to support the mission of Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund and its work on behalf of our wounded military heroes and their families," said Frank G. Fusaro, President of the Columbus Citizens Foundation and a United States Marine Corps veteran. "They stood up for us. Now we must stand up for them."

"We salute the amazing work of the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund on behalf of the brave men and women of our military," said Louis Tallarini, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Columbus Citizens Foundation and a United States Army veteran (4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Vietnam). "It's time for all of us to band together to give them the support they need."

In a departure from past Foundation commitments, including a 2003 donation to the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund of \$300,000, the current donation is a dollar-for-dollar matching gift. To promote the campaign, the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund has created the Make It Visible social media campaign (#MakeltVisible) to heighten public awareness of TBI and PTSD.

"We are deeply grateful for the ongoing support of the Columbus Citizens Foundation, which is a shining example of private individuals taking up the mantle of helping their fellow man and saluting our military heroes," said Rich Santulli, Chairman of the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund. "Traumatic Brain Injury and Post-Traumatic Stress are invisible wounds that so many of our men and women in uniform are suffering from as they return from service in Iraq and Afghanistan. We need to make every resource and method of treatment available to them to speed their recovery."



Left: The National Intrepid Center of Excellence, located in Bethesda, MD, opened in 2010. Right: Rendering of the National Intrepid Center of Excellence at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, NC.

## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Former Foundation President and member of the Board of Governors Hon. **Eugene Nardelli** has joined as counsel Boies, Schiller & Flexner, where he will consult on appellate work and advise on trial tactics. Previously, Justice Nardelli served as a Justice of the NY State Supreme Court for 18 years and had served as presiding justice of the Appellate Division, First Department.

On May 2, 2013, **Rosana Mazzia**, widow of the late **Valentino Mazzia**, MD, JD, was inducted into New York University's Sir Harold Acton Society, which honors generous individuals who make transformative gifts to the university. Dr. Mazzia had attended the NYU School of Medicine and served as chair of the department of anesthesiology at the NYU Medical Center. Ms. Mazzia established the Valentino D.B. Mazzia Professorship in Anesthesiology at NYU

Langone Medical Center.

Foundation Board of Governors member **Anthony Giordano** has received the Monsignor McClancy Memorial High School President's Leadership Award. On receiving the award, Mr. Giordano said, "I would like to acknowledge members of Columbus Citizens Foundation not only for their support here tonight but for many years of tutelage, as well."



Rosana Mazzia (center) with Evan Chesler, NYU Trustee and Chair of the Board's Development Committee (at left) and NYU President John Sexton.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Toni J. Elliott** passed away in the fall of 2012. She is survived by her mother, Norma Johnson.

**Robert Guinta** passed away suddenly on July 7, 2012 at age 77. Mr. Guinta had been a Foundation member since 1975 and is survived by his loving wife, Sunda Marie, son Robert and daughter Diane.

**Gaetano Scavone** passed away in the fall of 2012. Beloved husband of the late Gaetana Scavone, he is survived by son, Sam and his wife Vera Scavone, daughter Luisa and her husband Steven Formicola and cherished grandchildren Courtney, Thomas, Samantha, Kirsten and Grace.

Kenneth J. Boden, Sr., 73, father of Columbus Citizens Foundation's General Manager and Executive Chef, John Boden, passed away on January 4, 2013. He is survived by his beloved wife of 47 years Judith Lamo Boden, children John Boden, Tina Newman and husband Kenneth, Kenneth Boden, Jr., and Michael Boden and wife Heather as well as cherished grandchildren Ashley, Chelsea and Michael Newman and wife Jessica, and Michaela, Mariah and Nicholas Boden.

Eleanor Acquavella, mother of **Joseph Acquavella**, passed away in the spring of 2012. She is survived by her sister, Rose Amato, children John and Joseph Acquavella and Josephine Incampo, ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## NEW MEMBERS ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

New members of the Foundation's Board of Governors were elected at the Annual Meeting on November 15, 2012 as three members stepped down after six years of service each.

The retiring members are Anthony M. Mallardi, who has also served as Co-Chair of the Journal Committee; Vincent J. Toscano, a past Foundation scholarship recipient and past Chair of the High School Scholarship Committee; and Angelo V. Vivolo, who has also served as Co-Chair of the Gala Dinner Committee and who has been involved with numerous Foundation initiatives.

"Mr. Mallardi, Mr. Toscano and Mr. Vivolo have been tireless in their service to the Board of Governors and in their commitment to elevating the understanding of the immeasurable contributions of the Italian-American community to our great city and country," said Frank Fusaro, President of the Foundation.

Newly elected to the Board and serving terms through the end of 2015 are Ralph V. Balzano, Christopher Loiacono and Jason DeSena Trennert.

"The new additions to the Board of Governors are exceptional individuals who exemplify leadership in their communities and who are deeply committed to the Foundation's mission and goals," said Frank Fusaro, President of the Foundation. "They also bring to the Board professional expertise in a range of areas, and we welcome them gratefully."

Mr. Balzano is New York Metro Regional Director and Managing Director of global financial services firm Morgan Stanley. Mr. Loiacono is Co-Chairman, Tax Advisory Services Group of EisnerAmper, LLP, one of the largest accounting firms in the nation. Mr. Trennert is the Managing Partner and Chief Investment Strategist of Strategas Research Partners, a leading institutional brokerage company.

# TAVERNA DINING UNDER THE STARS

Elena Capano, mother of **Ronald F. Capano**, passed away on November 30, 2012, at the age of 89 in Boca Raton, FL. She is survived by sons Ronald and Jerry Capano and daughter Mariann Huntman.

Mrs. Jean Sacripanti, mother of **Peter Sacripanti**, passed away in the summer of 2012. She is survived by sons Peter and Steven Sacripanti.

Eleanora "Anyu" Simon passed away on August 23, 2012. The mother of **Eva Franchi**, she had celebrated her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday two weeks earlier.

Joyce Ann Squilla, wife of **Dennis Squilla**, passed away in the spring of 2012. She is survived by her husband, sons Michael, Jonathan and Jeremy, cherished grandchildren Aiden, Victoria and Lena; father, Henry Corts, siblings Henry, Jr., Wayne, Gary Corts, Lauren Peragine and her extended family.

Sarah Spinella, sister of **Vincent J. Esposito**, passed away in the fall of 2011. She is survived by husband Michael Spinella, children Michael Jr., Robert and Frances, parents Anthony and Dolores Esposito and her brother. Her tragic passing at such a young age will leave a great void.

Adele Zappa, mother of Marguerite, Assistant to the Foundation's Executive Director, passed away in the winter of 2013 at age 92. She is survived by her husband, Alfred Zappa, daughter, Marguerite, son and daughter-in-law Enric and Stephanie Zappa and grandchildren.

Foundation members and their guests can enjoy the Taverna's exceptional menu and service under the stars as the Courtyard is now open to diners. The *al fresco* dining offers the Taverna's full menu, tables that seat four or five, comfortable, cushioned seats and the option of smoking at one of the tables in the Townhouse's well-appointed and landscaped Courtyard that features fig trees and other flora.

Seating is limited, so when making reservations, please specify that you would prefer to dine outside.

In another sign of summer, the Foundation dress code does not require neckties, though jackets are still required.

Opening the Courtyard is also giving members access to an informal seating area for hors d'oeuvres and wine or cocktails. The area can accommodate 20 comfortably and can be reserved for receptions.



## SPRING-SUMMER CLASSIC RECIPE FROM JOHN BODEN, GENERAL MANAGER AND EXECUTIVE CHEF

### Frutti di Mare (Seafood Salad) Serves 8 to 10

- 10oz. Poached Calamari
- 10oz. Poached Shrimp (26/30 ct.)
- 10oz. Canned Scungilli
- 4oz. Diced Red & Green Bell Peppers
- 4oz. Diced Celery
- 4oz. Olives, both Green & Black
- 2oz. Small Capers
- 4oz. Chopped Italian Parsley
- 2ea. Sliced Cloves of Garlic
- 4oz. Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 2oz. Fresh Lemon Juice
- 1tsp Oregano Leaves

Salt & Pepper to Taste

Incorporate the seafood, vegetables, olives and capers in a chilled bowl. For the dressing, whisk the lemon juice into the olive oil, add the garlic, oregano and parsley and pour over the seafood. Adjust to taste with salt, pepper and maybe a little more lemon.

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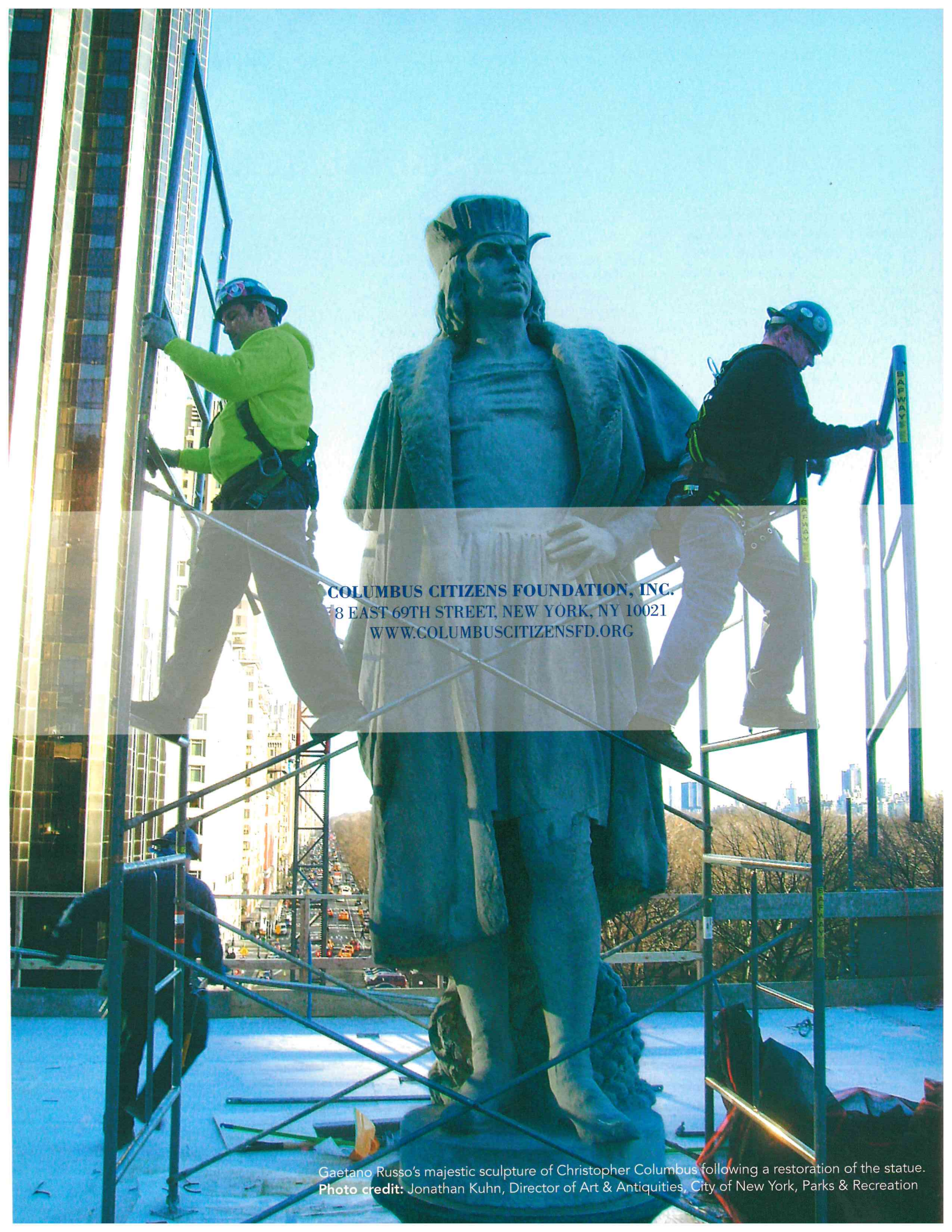
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**Men:** Jacket and Tie (Tie Optional from Memorial Day to Labor Day)

**Women:** Appropriate Attire | **Taverna Policy:** Tipping is not allowed



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Gaetano Russo's majestic sculpture of Christopher Columbus following a restoration of the statue.  
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