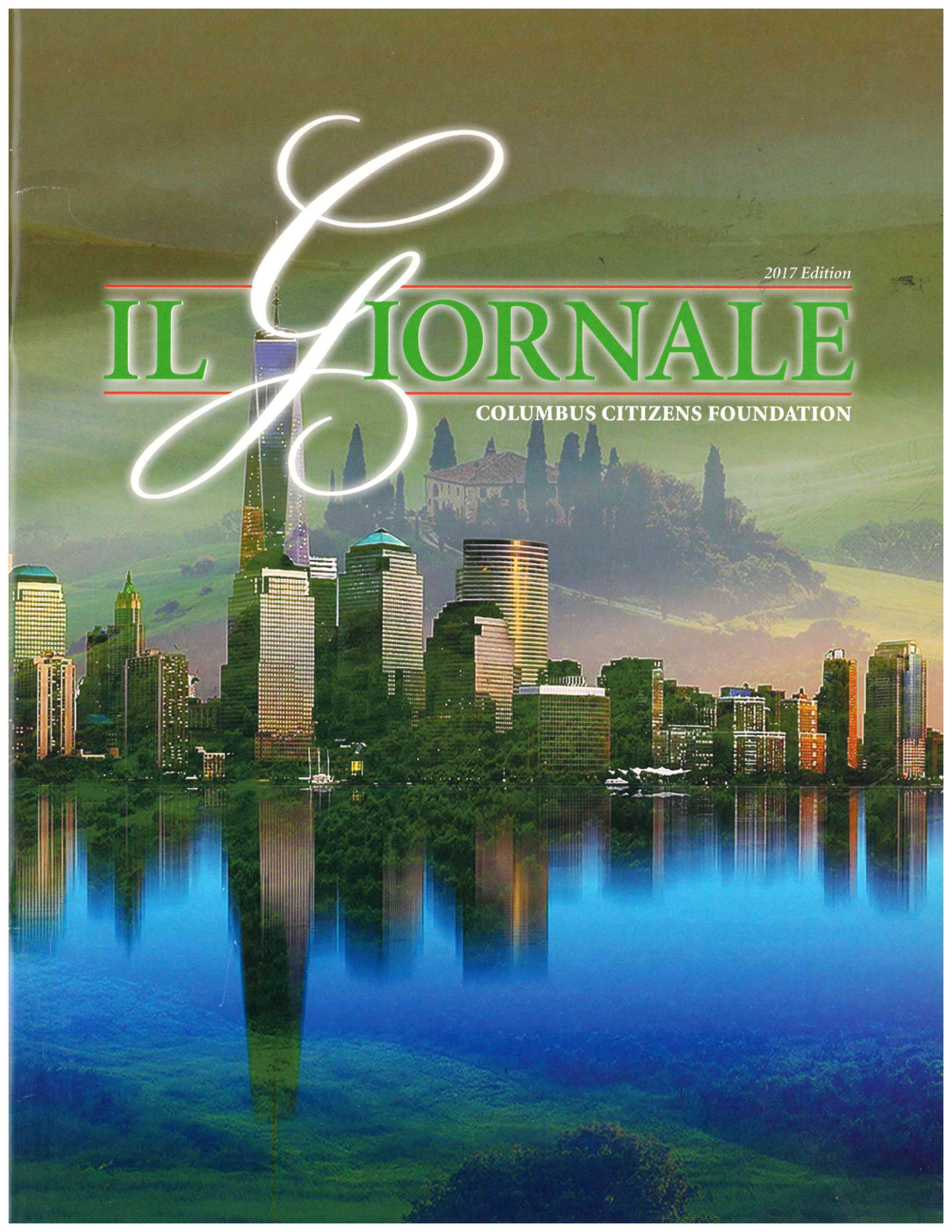


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COLUMBUS CITIZENS FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT



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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

I am sure that many of you joined the Columbus Citizens Foundation with the desire to embrace your Italian culture and pass along to your children the great heritage of which they are a part. This was certainly my introduction to CCF thirty years ago, when I found myself with three young children, no longer living in an Italian neighborhood with relatives nearby. The desire to keep our Italian heritage alive in my own family is what led me to apply for Membership. Needless to say it has been a wonderful experience for me personally, for my wife, my children and now my grandchildren who are also able to celebrate their culture and heritage through my Membership. I hope that you have had the same experience and your family is enjoying your Membership as well.

I have had the honor of representing you for these past three years and I am grateful for the confidence and constant support that you have placed in me. We have accomplished much

together and I am so pleased to report on the continued progress that we have made in 2016.

In 2016, your Board of Governors took a leadership role, and stepped up as advocates for the various standing Committees. Board Members assisted the Committees and were able to work with them to achieve the best result for the mission of their Committees and CCF. I am so appreciative of the active role that many Board Members have played in this endeavor. My thanks to the following Board Members for their work in these vital areas of continued development: Phyllis Frankfort Perillo (*Scholarship Committees*); Domenick Schinco (*Building Committee*); Anthony Giordano (*Membership Committee*); Anthony Corraera (*House Committee*); Janice Becker & Michael Pedone (*Membership Welcome & Development Committee*); Matt Classi (*YAA Advocate*); Christopher Loiacono, Jason Trennert & Lawrence Auriana (*Finance, Audit Advocates*).

It has always been my goal to encourage a more fraternal environment and give Members an opportunity to enjoy the great Townhouse that we are so fortunate to call our home. I hope that through our new policy of annual rather than quarterly minimums, you are taking full advantage of our dining and banquets facilities. I am sure you are aware that your minimum can be used towards any private party that you have at CCF. In addition, we removed a room charge for Members when entertaining a party in the Private Dining Room (the dining room in the rear of the Taverna). We are continuing to review new initiatives to make our Foundation a friendly and more welcoming environment for our Members and their guests.

I hope that you have noticed the new magnificent parquet flooring on the entire first level of the Townhouse. Our Building Committee led by Frank Fortino has taken a meticulous look at

the needs of maintaining our magnificent Townhouse. The Board of Governors have approved a capital budget that will provide funding to restore and maintain infrastructure of the CCF Townhouse while paying close attention to keeping the original interior details and beauty that we all enjoy.

I am so pleased by our new policy that allows the participation of Members' spouses on various CCF Committees. The Committees are fortunate for the additional help and more vibrant with the extra participation. It is so gratifying to know how many spouses have told me how much they enjoy this opportunity and are so delighted to be active Members of the various CCF Committees.

In the past three years our Columbus Celebration grossed nearly \$12 million, with a net total of \$8.3 million. In no small way could this great accomplishment ever have been achieved if it were not for the commitment of our Grand Marshals

and Honorees of the past three years. Grand Marshals Frank Bisignano; Alberto Cribiore and Robert LaPenta and Honorees Richard and Barbara Naclerio; Frank D'Amelio; Guy Chiarello; Aldo Verrelli; Mario Batali and Federica Marchionni are responsible for this great success. I am also incredibly grateful for the hard work of our Member volunteers and the incredible CCF staff who contributed greatly in achieving these record breaking revenues to support our scholarship and philanthropic mission.

We have much to look forward to in 2017. With our growing Membership and our new Junior Membership category, the future is very bright. This popular new Membership category has allowed Members to continue their legacy at CCF by introducing and sponsoring their children and grandchildren over 21 years of age to CCF Membership. They are our future and I hope that many of you consider sponsoring young people in your family as Members of our great

Foundation. Through this initiative and others, we hope that you would consider sponsoring friends and associates of yours that you think would be worthy of Membership to our Foundation and its mission.

Let us continue to demonstrate in 2017 through our words and deeds that we Italian Americans are compassionate people who believe in an inclusive society with opportunities for all and we place our faith in God, family and our wonderful United States of America.

I hope you are all as proud as I am to be involved with our Foundation that creates such opportunities for our young people, promotes positive cultural representation and celebrates our rich history as Italian Americans. God bless you and thank you. ■■



Angelo V. Vivolo
President



THE COLUMBUS
CITIZENS FOUNDATION
2016 HIGHLIGHTS

Winter Coat Drive: Thank you to all our Members who attended the January 5th Annual Coat Drive! Once again the Foundation was able to donate nearly 100 coats to the Church of St. Francis of Assisi in Manhattan, where they were distributed to the less fortunate.

Msgr. Hilary C. Franco Book Signing: On January 20th, Msgr. Franco, the author of *Bishop Sheen, Mentor and Friend* talked about his time as the right hand to renowned Bishop Fulton J. Sheen in the latter's worldwide evangelization efforts and in his work at Vatican Council II.

Valentine's Day Dinner at the Townhouse: Members cuddled up to their sweethearts at the Townhouse's Special Valentine's Evening on Saturday, February 13th. The evening featured an elegant four-course menu and homemade chocolate truffles, dancing and live music, complimentary Prosecco, and red roses for the ladies.

Opera Night Live: Hosted by Steve De Maio, this February 26th dinner featured live performances by Amber Daniel, Soprano; Alasdair Kent, Tenor; Andre Courville, Bass Baritone; and pianist Mary Pinto, as well as a video tribute to Luciano Pavarotti.

John Romano, M.D. Dermatology Lecture: Presented by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Columbus Citizens Foundation, this March 10th lecture by Foundation Member and Medical Advisory Committee Member Dr. John Romano presented new techniques in dermatology.

Anthony Scaramucci Lecture: On March 16th the Foundation welcomed back long-time Member and recurring guest speaker, Anthony Scaramucci. Mr. Scaramucci was the 2012 Columbus Celebration Honoree and is the Founder of SkyBridge Capital. He is the host of "Wall Street Week," and a frequent commentator, speaker, and author of *The Little Book of Hedge Funds: What You Need to Know About Hedge Funds but the Managers Won't Tell You* (Wiley: May 2012) and *Goodbye Gordon Gekko: How to Find Your Fortune Without Losing Your Soul* (Wiley: May 2010). He is a regular contributor to Fox Business Network and Fox News Channel.

The Feast of San Giuseppe: Foundation Members gathered together on March 18th for the annual tradition of great food and live musical entertainment in honor of St. Joseph.

Members of the YAA have a fun evening and raise funds for Adopt-A-Scholar at the 2016 Young Adults Auxiliary Masquerade.

Easter Dinner: Members and their families celebrated the Easter holiday on March 27th by coming together and enjoying a traditional menu by Chef John Boden and his staff.

The Future of Residential Real Estate in NYC: On April 19th the Foundation welcomed a panel of guest speakers to discuss the future of residential real estate in New York City. The panel included Jeffrey Appel, Vice President, Bank of America.

Italian Food & Wine Pairing: The Foundation presented a unique dining experience to our Membership featuring food and wines from and around the region of Lazio, on the western coast of Central Italy. This special April 22nd dinner featured wines by winemaker Guillaume Gelly.

Young Adults Auxiliary Masquerade: Young Adult Auxiliary Members, scholarship recipient alumni, and Foundation Members and their relatives were all invited to help support the YAA's April 29th Masquerade Party. The net proceeds from the group's fundraiser went toward the Adopt-A-Scholar fund in the YAA's name.





Ladies Auxiliary Spring Luncheon: May 3rd was the annual Ladies Auxiliary Spring Luncheon, including boutique sales, raffles, and a fashion show by La Petite Robe. The luncheon is a keystone in the LAX's philanthropic efforts, each year raising sizeable contributions.

Joe DiMaggio Award Dinner Honoring Mariano Rivera: The Joe DiMaggio Award was established in 1999 in memory of baseball legend, and Hall of Famer, the "Yankee Clipper," Joe DiMaggio, due to his support of educational needs of students with learning disabilities. On May 5th, the award was given to Mariano Rivera, at a dinner ceremony at the Metropolitan Club. The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Ed Randall, host of Talking Baseball. The event was jointly hosted by the Columbus Citizens Foundation and Futures in Education, and raises funds for the Joe DiMaggio Scholarship.

Mother's Day Dinner: At the Foundation's annual Mother's Day Dinner at the Townhouse families gathered to honor and show their appreciation for the women who shape their lives every day.

Italian Dual Citizenship Lecture: A special guest lecture from the New York Consulate General of Italy to go over the process of becoming a dual citizen of Italy.

Townhouse BBQ: In May the Foundation hosted another complimentary backyard BBQ with the option of donating to a local family in need selected by our friends at the Italian Welfare League (IWL). We are always happy to come together to support families in our community and appreciate the great work of the IWL.

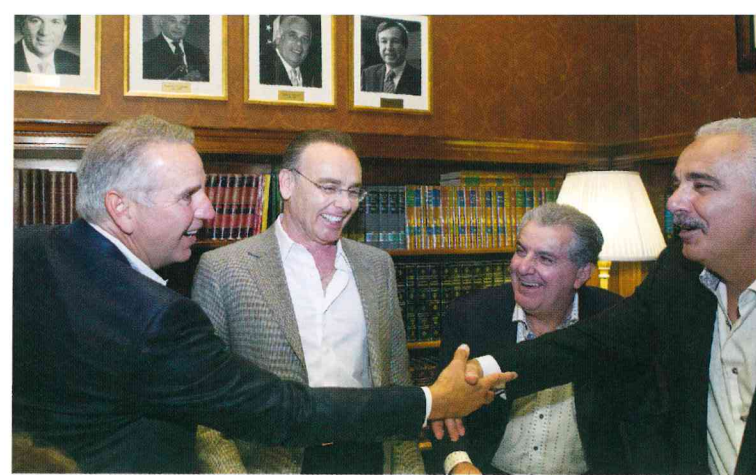
Cigar Night: A casual evening of cocktails, osso bucco steak dinner and cigars was held on May 23rd.

Golf Outing: Members and their guests teed up for the annual Golf Outing on June 13th at Sands Point Golf Club. This Member-sponsored event featured cigars, BBQ lunch, cocktails and dinner, as well as a bocce tournament.

Shore Dinner: Summer wouldn't be summer without our Italian Shore Dinner on July 14th! This annual event is a seafood bonanza that remains popular with the Members and their guests year after year.

Frank Bisignano Lecture: A lecture and discussion with Foundation Member and 2014 Columbus Celebration Grand Marshal, Frank Bisignano! A returning guest speaker and business expert, Mr. Bisignano is the CEO and Chairman of the Board of global payment technology solutions company, First Data Corporation.

The Da Vinci Code and the Real Leonardo: Guest speaker Virginia Bonito, doctorate in Art History from the Institute of Fine Arts, NYU and noted authority on Italian Renaissance art and Conservation discussed the fascinating Leonardo Da Vinci and his flawed characterization in the popular Dan Brown series of novels.



Columbus Celebration Kickoff at Eataly NYC Downtown: Hosted on October 5th by Foundation Member and former Grand Marshal Lidia Bastianich at her newly opened Eataly NYC Downtown, this event officially started the 2016 Columbus Day Celebrations. The parade Grand Marshal & Honorees were introduced to the public by Board Member Maria Bartiromo and Honorary Columbus Celebration Chairman, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo.

Chazz Palminteri Lecture: On October 26th, the Italian-American actor, screenwriter and producer talked about his life and work, including his famous autobiographical one-man show, *A Bronx Tale*.

Opera Night Live: Hosted by Steve De Maio of the Licia Albanese-Puccini Foundation with a special presentation by Lou Barella on October 28th. Members and guests gathered to enjoy a special dinner and evening of great opera, including the winners of the Puccini Foundation's 2016 International Vocal Competition and video collections of famous Tenor Giulio Gari and Divas Elinor Ross and Teresa Apolei.

Young Adults Auxiliary Casino Night: The second big fundraising event of the year for the Young Adults was held on November 11th. At this casino fundraiser, participants played games of chance to win raffle prizes. As with the Masquerade, the net proceeds went toward the Adopt-A-Scholar fund in the YAA's name.

Member, Ladies and Children's Christmas Parties: It wouldn't be Christmas without the Foundation's annual parties! Members were treated to Italian fare and cocktails at the Member party on December 10th and the Ladies Auxiliary hosted a luncheon and boutique with fashion show presented by Bloomingdale's on December 6th. There were plenty of games for the kids and photos with Santa at the Children's Christmas Party on December 4th. Gifts were collected at the children's party to donate to the children at St. Jude's Hospital.

New Year's Eve Celebration: The 2017 New Year was welcomed with a great sense of spirit and community as Foundation Members celebrated yet another successful year of fundraising for scholarships and heritage in our great organization.

*Top, left to right:
Members enjoy the annual Shore Dinner at the Foundation.
The Ladies Auxiliary gathers for their largest ever Christmas Luncheon.
CCF President Angelo Vivolo and his wife Denise with Mariano Rivera, the honoree of the 2016 Joe DiMaggio Award Dinner.
Gentlemen of the Foundation assemble in the Presidents Library on Cigar Night.
Right:
Rudolph entertains young visitors to the Townhouse at the 2016 Children's Christmas Party.*





FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

There is nothing more valuable than a good education, and at the Columbus Citizens Foundation we believe that it is the cornerstone in advancing the next generation of Italian Americans.

In 2016, through the support of many of our Members, we were able to offer so many Italian-American elementary and high school students the

opportunity to attend some of the best Catholic, private and preparatory schools and gain a strong educational foundation. Similarly, CCF college scholarship recipients, who are often cobbling together a variety of loans, grants and scholarships to pay for higher education, received vital assistance to attend highly regarded universities throughout the country.

Clockwise from above:

Elementary Scholarship Recipients and Scholarship Committee.

Anna Romitelli is an Adopt-A-Scholar now attending Mary Help of Christians Academy.

Committee Member Domenick J. Schinco with student Jamie Halm, now attending Fontbonne Hall Academy.

Parents and Committee Members gather for remarks and presentation of certificates.

Alyssa Chiarello, now attending Quinnipiac University School of Nursing, shows her excitement at the College Scholarship reception.



We can all be proud of the following 2016 scholarship program achievements:

- For the second year in a row, we have committed over \$2 million in multi-year scholarships;
- We are funding over 700 students overall; and
- Awareness of our programs has skyrocketed! We received 565 applications during the 2016 cycle, a 63 percent increase in just two years!

Despite the many lives we have been able to help over the past year, and throughout the Foundation's history, we must continue to grow the

program. Never before has a quality education been more of a financial challenge, and there are thousands in need who are depending on our help.

Without the support of the entire Foundation, our scholarship program suffers. We have been so blessed by the generosity of so many of our Members who have championed the awarding of scholarships for so many years. If you have not taken part in our scholarship program we urge you to find out more about how you can help. It will very likely become one of the most rewarding experiences of your life. For information on how to become involved, please email

David Iommarini at diommarini@columbuscitizens.org.

In addition to offering scholarships at all levels of education, the Foundation continues to develop ways in which we can create opportunities for success. 2016 marked the launch of educational workshops and a pilot summer internship program for CCF college scholarship recipients, with tremendous support from Members who served on the internship Committee, our Chairman Phyllis Perillo, and the Members who made internships available to former scholarship recipients. ■ ■



Q&A WITH CCF SCHOLARSHIP ALUMNI



VINCENT TOSCANO

College Scholarship Alumnus

*Columbus Citizens Foundation Member,
former Young Adults Co-Chair, former head
of High School Scholarship Committee,
Former Board Member*

President, Toscano Financial Group

How did you first come into contact with the Columbus Citizens Foundation? What made becoming involved with the Foundation such a special experience?

Although I had received a partial academic scholarship from Hofstra University, it was the additional scholarship from CCF that afforded me the financial opportunity to attend. As my first exposure to the Foundation, it was a wonderful and unexpected eye opener. It really exposed me to a diverse group of highly successful and dedicated Italian Americans. Through

this introduction and interaction, it was reinforced that with enough hard work, anything is possible. Receiving the scholarship further instilled confidence in me, and coming from such an influential Italian-American organization made it even more special.

You became involved as a Young Adult and then a Member of the Foundation at a young age. Why was that so important to you?

My first encounter with CCF through the scholarship interview process was such a formative experience — I can vividly recall many of the questions (and my answers!) to this day. Upon graduating from college and embarking upon my career, I wanted to continue my relationship with this incredible group of accomplished business leaders by becoming a part of the inaugural Young Adults Auxiliary. My father had a strong work ethic which he instilled in me; so even at a young age, while developing my firm, and not yet a Foundation Member, I asked to become a "Special Member" of the Foundation's High School Scholarship Committee. Being able to participate in the scholarship process was remarkable and humbling. It was at this juncture that I realized I was ready to become a full-fledged Member, so that I

could formally participate in the scholarship program, enabling me to positively impact the lives of our future recipients.

Why is your work within the Foundation something you are so proud of?

To me, the CCF scholarship I received was so much more than a check; it represented the beginning of a bond between me and the Foundation. It was now my time to play a small role and repay this debt of gratitude. Over the years, it truly has been an honor and a privilege to have worked alongside my fellow Members of the Young Adults Auxiliary, the High School Scholarship Committee and ultimately the Board of Governors. Helping these young students and their families through the scholarship program made me feel so proud. Being able to meet them, interview them and hopefully change their lives for the better, is one of my most rewarding and proudest experiences. It's really the most fulfilling part of what the Foundation does. I'm proud to correct anyone who calls CCF a club — it's not a club, it's a Foundation. And at the Foundation's heart is the scholarship program and the work we do to create opportunities for the next generation.



ANTHONY MASSARO

College Scholarship Alumnus

Columbus Citizens Foundation Young Adults Auxiliary (YAA) President

Partner, Pershing Square Capital Management

How did your college education help define your professional career?

The ability to attend The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania was instrumental in shaping my career in finance. It allowed me to study business and forge connections with some of the brightest people of my generation, through which I gained awareness of career opportunities in the financial services industry that I eventually pursued, including investment banking, private equity, and public markets investing. Wharton truly was the bedrock from which I launched my career.

You are President of the Young Adults. Tell us how you came to that position within the Foundation.

When I was interviewed for my scholarship, I promised the Committee that if I was ever in a position to give back to the Foundation I would. Two years after graduating from Wharton, I was invited to a YAA recruitment night at the Foundation, which I thoroughly enjoyed. Shortly thereafter, I attended my first YAA meeting, which didn't feel like a meeting at all – it felt like a gathering of friends and family. The YAA has provided me with both an opportunity to give back as well as a whole new set of close friends in New York. It's been an honor and a privilege to serve on the YAA Board for the past four years, first as Treasurer and then as President.

You are both a scholarship recipient and now a scholarship donor – how does it feel to give back to the Foundation?

I always viewed the scholarship that I received as an investment in my future by the Foundation rather than an outright grant. I believe that every scholarship recipient has a duty to earn the Foundation an attractive return on their investment, whether financially by giving back to future scholarship recipients or by striving to promote the Foundation's ideals and mission in some other way. If you're in a position to help future generations, it's a really beautiful thing. Founding a perpetual scholarship in my grandparents' name really represents coming full circle – to me it's the classic culmination of the American dream.

Why is college sponsorship more important now than ever?

The amount of financial aid that colleges and universities offer students can vary wildly from year to year. The ability to have a firm commitment from the Foundation for a set amount of scholarship funds in all four years is critical for families and students planning their futures. College scholarships are also a fantastic way for the Foundation to plant seeds for future Membership.



PRISCILLA CONSOLO

College Scholarship Alumna

NYU Law School First Year Student

Tell us about your background, and how the college scholarship from CCF helped with your education goals.

I grew up in South-West Brooklyn and

went to public school for most of my life. I knew I wanted to attend Fordham University because I was interested in a Jesuit education, but I knew that I would have to find a way of funding my own education. So while I received financial aid from Fordham, there was a huge gap between what I received in financial aid, and what the tuition costs were. If it wasn't for Columbus Citizens Foundation, I would not have been able to go to Fordham. It was a huge deal because I was the first generation of my family to graduate from college. It was a really big deal for me to walk across the stage and get my diploma that day.

What was it about Fordham that helped you develop? What made the college experience there so special?

What I loved about Fordham is that I received individualized attention from professors that was very difficult to receive at the larger public high school I attended. I was able to have an adviser who helped me throughout my four year experience.

You recently had your pick of law schools – congratulations! Where did you end up going, and how did your college education help prepare you?

I've wanted to attend law school since I was a little girl, so to be accepted at over 30 law schools was thrilling. NYU Law School was my top choice, so I was thrilled to receive an AnBryce Scholarship. I started at NYU Law this past September and though the workload is heavy, I am thrilled to be there and feel so fortunate.

What advice would you give to young Italian Americans struggling to fulfill their true potential?

It's important to have people who give you advice and guidance, who can serve as your mentor. For many first-generation college applicants, there's a real need for advice and guidance. Drive and work ethic are vital, but you have to be willing to stand up to adversity and understand that there will be setbacks, but you have to keep pushing forward. ■ ■

THANKS FROM A SCHOLARSHIP PARENT

To all of our Friends at CCF

I have been meaning to send these pictures of Michael and Gia from their first day of school. Michael started first grade and Gia started kindergarten at St. Theresa School in the Bronx. They are both enjoying school a lot so far this year and are back in the swing of things.

I also wanted to get another chance and truly thank you for the generosity you have shown both Michael and Gia. I get overwhelmed with emotion when I think about the kind, helpful and inspirational people we have met since last year at CCF. I learned about the Foundation shortly after we very suddenly and tragically lost my husband Michael. I couldn't think very far ahead at that point. I had and still have a lot of worries ahead of me and school was only one of them. But through the generosity of great people at CCF I can say that my worry about school has been alleviated in a big way and I am so grateful. I can promise that I will do my part guiding them through their education and reminding them how there are wonderful people in this world doing great things for others that they don't even know that well. I hope one day they can be in the position that many of you are in and will be able to "pay it forward" to someone in need. I feel we have been blessed with some positivity during this extremely difficult time in our lives. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for extending your generosity into our lives especially with something that meant so much to my husband and I — a Catholic school education.

You and your families are in our prayers that health and happiness will find you always. May you continue to do the great things that you are doing for so many families.

All the best,
Maria Rocco





COLUMBUS CELEBRATION KICKOFF EVENT – HOSTED AT EATALY NYC DOWNTOWN

On Wednesday, October 5, the Columbus Citizens Foundation was thrilled to host its official kickoff event and sashing ceremony at the latest addition to the Eataly family of stores and restaurants – Eataly NYC Downtown in the heart of the revitalized financial district and World Trade Center.

Eataly creator and owner Oscar Farinetti along with business partner (and CCF Member) Lidia Bastianich welcomed Foundation Members to the ceremony, where guests enjoyed food and wine with stunning views of downtown Manhattan.

Anchor and Global Markets Editor for FOX Business Maria Bartiromo was on hand to introduce our Honorary Celebration Chairman, Governor Andrew Cuomo. Governor Cuomo spoke of the values his mother and father instilled in him at a young age, and he spoke of the importance of the Foundation's scholarship program and New York's celebration of Columbus Day.

Honoree Federica Marchionni also offered brief remarks on the excitement of the upcoming Columbus Day celebrations and was officially sashed as a 2016 Honoree.

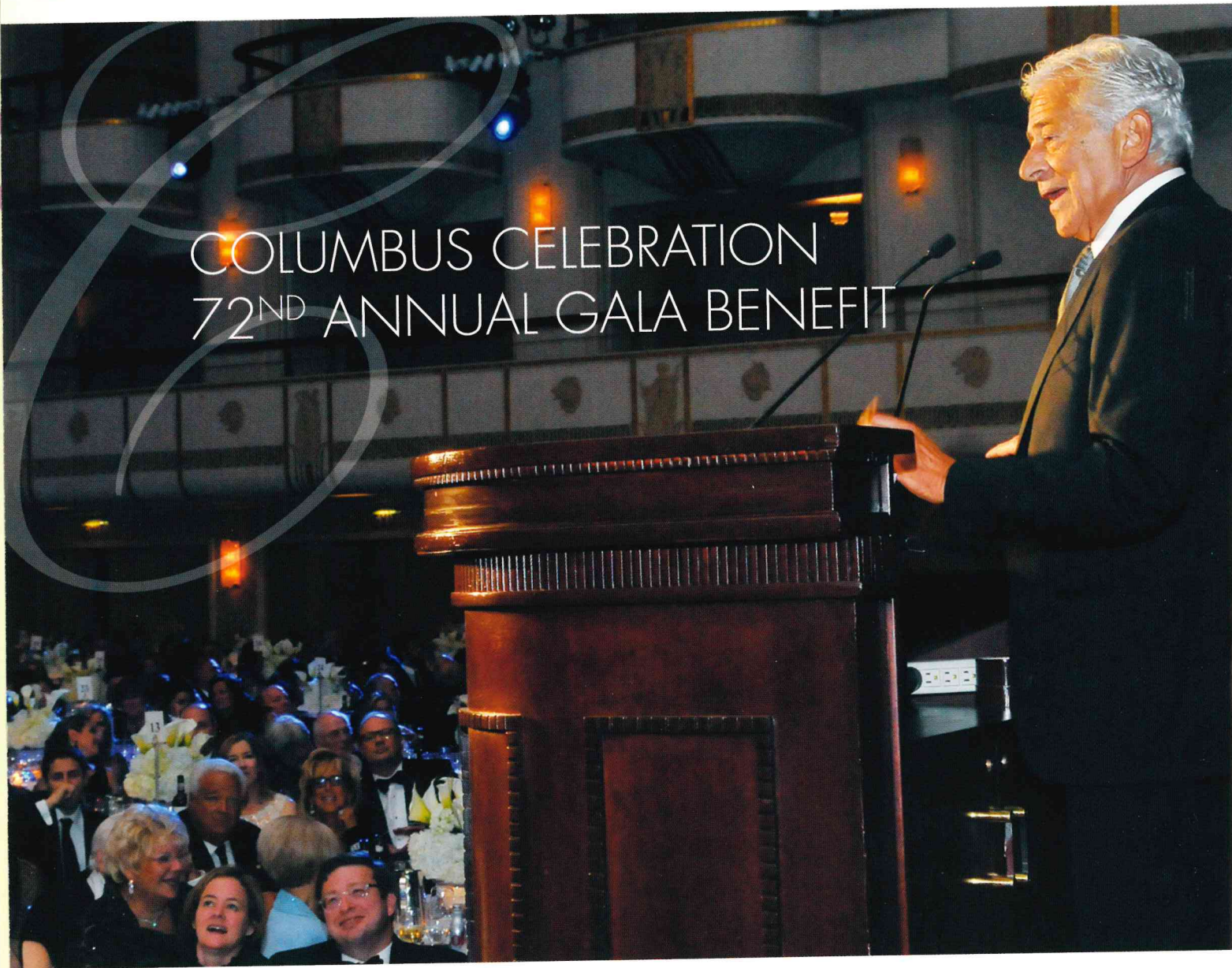
Clockwise from left:
 CCF Member and Eataly partner Lidia Bastianich; 2016 Honoree Federica Marchionni; Governor Andrew Cuomo; 2016 Grand Marshal Robert LaPenta; CCF President Angelo Vivolo; CCF Board Member and MC Maria Bartiromo and Eataly creator and owner Oscar Farinetti.

The brand-new Eataly NYC Downtown was the setting for the 2016 Celebration kickoff event.

Governor Andrew Cuomo served as the Foundation's 2016 Honorary Celebration Chairman and addressed the gathered crowds at Eataly.

As a closing to the ceremony, the 2016 Grand Marshal Robert LaPenta took to the stage and was overcome with emotion as he told the crowds how proud he was to follow in the footsteps of DiMaggio, Sinatra, Mario Cuomo and all previous Grand Marshals.

The evening ended with a reminder to the crowds at Eataly NYC Downtown to attend the parade on Monday, October 10. ■■



COLUMBUS CELEBRATION 72ND ANNUAL GALA BENEFIT

The Columbus Citizens Foundation's 72nd Annual Gala Benefit was held on Saturday, October 8 at the Waldorf Astoria. It was a festive event where CCF Members and friends came together to celebrate the achievements of the Celebration's Grand Marshal Robert LaPenta and the work of the Foundation itself. The ballroom at the Waldorf Astoria glittered as guests enjoyed an elegant evening with live

entertainment and dinner and drinks with friends old and new.

The Gala was hosted by CCF Member and acclaimed journalist Maria Bartiromo, who opened the evening by stating that "in times of uncertainty [Italian Americans can] rely on the values and beliefs we hold so dear... hard work; family; love and support; faith and values."



Clockwise from left:

2016 Grand Marshal Robert LaPenta delivers a speech to the assembled guests.

The ballroom at the Waldorf Astoria was packed with Members and their friends.

Renowned Italian singer Arianna Bergamaschi delivered a thrilling performance.



In addition to Grand Marshal LaPenta, the event paid tribute to the 2016 Honorees Mario Batali and Federica Marchionni. Additional special guests that evening included Italian Consul General Francesco Genuardi and Governor Andrew Cuomo. Governor Cuomo gave a private reception to our Grand Marshal and Honorees, presenting them all with an official proclamation before the evening's events kicked off.

Consul General Genuardi spoke as part of the evening's stage program and said he was honored to be present, referencing the "fantastic community" of Italian Americans in New York, without whom he said "Italy would not be the same."

Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio of the Brooklyn Archdiocese delivered the

Invocation prior to the meal, and attendees stood for performances of the Italian and American national anthems.

When CCF President Angelo Vivolo took to the stage, he spoke of how the evening represents "a great opportunity, [one that is] dedicated to the belief that helping young people get a good education will help preserve the values that are so important to us." Mr. Vivolo also remarked on how the Grand Marshal and Honorees represented the best of Italy and Italian Americans — with the three special guests reflecting the long tradition of Italian excellence in food, fashion and business.

Honoree Federica Marchionni reflected in her comments that she was proud to build a bridge between Italy

Right:

Grand Marshal LaPenta giving the thumbs up to his image on event signage.

Below:

Board Member Matthew Classi and family enjoying the evening.

Guests enjoying the live music and dancing.

The Brian Newman Quintet close out the evening in style.



**HONOREE
MARIO BATALI**
Mario Batali counts 26 restaurants, ten cookbooks, numerous television shows and three Italian marketplaces among his ever-expanding empire of deliciousness. In February of this year, Mr. Batali opened La Sirena Ristorante, a lively yet elegant trattoria on the plaza level of New York City's Maritime Hotel in Chelsea. This is Mr. Batali and Joe Bastianich's first restaurant to serve breakfast, brunch, lunch and dinner.

**GRAND MARSHAL
ROBERT LAPENTA**
Robert V. LaPenta has more than 40 years of executive management experience and has generated billions of dollars of shareholder wealth throughout his professional career. He is Founding General Partner of Aston Capital Partners, a newly formed private investment company specializing in military intelligence and homeland security companies and companies involved in green technology. Until August 2011, Mr. LaPenta was Chairman, CEO and President of L-1 Identity Solutions, which he co-founded in June 2005 with a \$100 million investment in the biometric authentication and credentialing company Vissage. In five years, Mr. LaPenta built the firm into the largest biometric identity solution company in the world. It was acquired in



and America. America, she said, was a place where dreams can come true, "but dreams only come true with... hard work and planning."

The focus on the dedication needed to succeed resonated in Honoree Mario Batali's speech as well. Batali said that "hard work pays off" and thanked his parents, who attended the Gala, for instilling a strong sense of culture and shared experience at the dining table when he was growing up.

Attendees of the Gala were the first to see a new video for the Foundation that featured Maria Rocco. Rocco is a widowed mother of two scholarship recipients, who was filmed reading a thank you letter she wrote to the Foundation just days before the Gala.

Anthony Massaro, President of the Foundation's Young Adults Auxiliary, is a former scholarship recipient who

has gone on to gift an endowed perpetual scholarship in honor of his grandparents. In a speech from the stage, he said anything was possible with three things: "[a]relentless work ethic... personal responsibility... [and] unbridled optimism."

Grand Marshal Robert LaPenta was the last speaker of the evening, and he gave a passionate and personal speech, in which he made it clear how thrilled he was to represent the Italian-American community. He remembered seeing men wearing suits and ties in a diner with his father when he was a young boy and being told that they were business people. He said at the time to his father, "I want to do that." Mr. LaPenta praised the evening and the work of the Foundation, as he explained to the attendees that "every dollar goes to provide capable students the ability to go to a high school or college of their dreams."

The Gala was packed with exclusive live entertainment. Italian singer, stage actress, TV personality and musical theater performer, Arianna Martina Bergamaschi performed a combination of her own songs with Italian classics and had the audience

on their feet. The evening was capped off perfectly by the incredible Brian Newman Quintet, who delivered a wonderful set of jazz standards.

Overall, the Gala was a huge success, generating revenue from ticket sales,

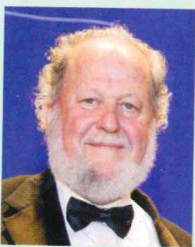
sponsorship packages and the successful Silent Auction and Maserati Raffle. All net proceeds from the Gala go directly to the Foundation's scholarship fund. ■■



President Vivolo; Maria Bartiromo and Celebration Chairmen Louis Tallarini and Ralph Balzano award Grand Marshal LaPenta with his honorary statuette.



Governor Andrew Cuomo presents Mario Batali and wife Susie with a Proclamation prior to the festivities.



Greg Wyatt

Internationally acclaimed sculptor Greg Wyatt has been a longtime friend to the Foundation, and is the artist in residence at St. John the Divine, the Newton Cropsey Foundation and the Columbus Citizens Foundation. In 2014 his gift of the sculpture "Luna" (far right) sold for \$100,000. The proceeds for the sale of "Luna" benefitted the Foundation's Franco Zeffirelli Scholarship. Mr. Wyatt has made available for sale the spectacular "Baryshnikov in Flight" (right). Wyatt's work is installed in many museums, public spaces and private collections throughout the world. For more information on purchasing "Baryshnikov in Flight", please email David Iommarini at diommarini@columbuscitizens.org. ■■



Baryshnikov in Flight



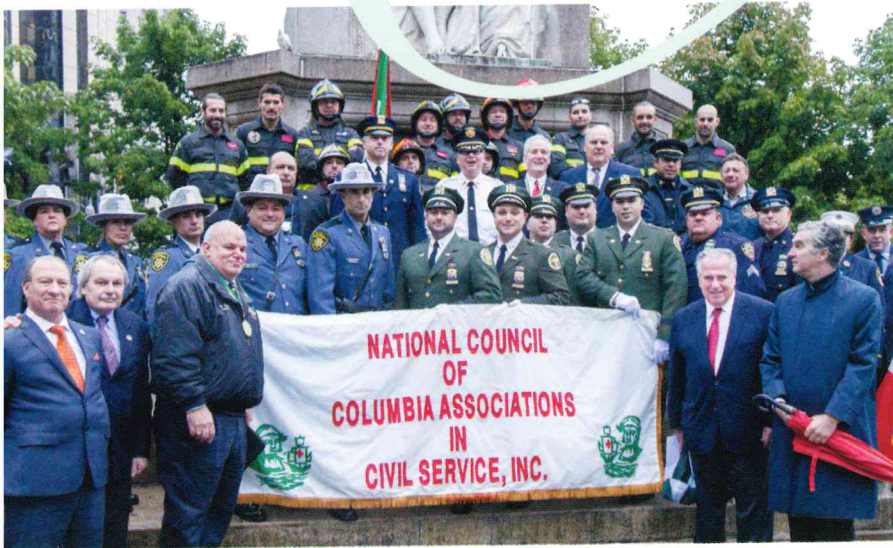
Luna

The 57th annual wreath laying ceremony took place on Sunday, October 9. Despite the rainy weather, civil servants from America and Italy gathered in Columbus Circle to commemorate the Columbus Day holiday, and the many achievements of Italian-American uniformed service men and women who have served their country and their city with honor.

COLUMBUS CIRCLE WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

The event is held jointly every year by the National Council of Columbia Associations of Civil Service and the Columbus Citizens Foundation. Civil servants from all Columbia Associations were represented, as were a brigade of fire fighters from Milan who were visiting New York City for the celebratory weekend.

As tradition dictates, the ceremony opened with performances of the Italian and American national anthems. Following the anthems, Joseph Guagliardo, President of the National Council of Columbia Associations of Civil Service, delivered opening comments, with speeches by Columbus Citizens Foundation President Angelo Vivolo and Italian Consul General for New York, Francesco Genuardi. All three speakers gave thanks to the servicemen and women for their tireless work protecting and preserving the city of New York, and spoke of the dedication of Italians and Italian Americans to civic duty. Following the speeches a wreath was laid at the base of the Columbus Circle monument. ■■



Above:

National Council of Columbia Associations President Joseph Guagliardo, CCF President Angelo Vivolo and Italian Consul General Francesco Genuardi flank the men and women of the city's Columbian Associations in Civil Service at Columbus Circle.

Right:

NYPD officers in attendance pay tribute to Christopher Columbus and the Italian Americans who have served their country and city with honor.



COLUMBUS CELEBRATION MASS

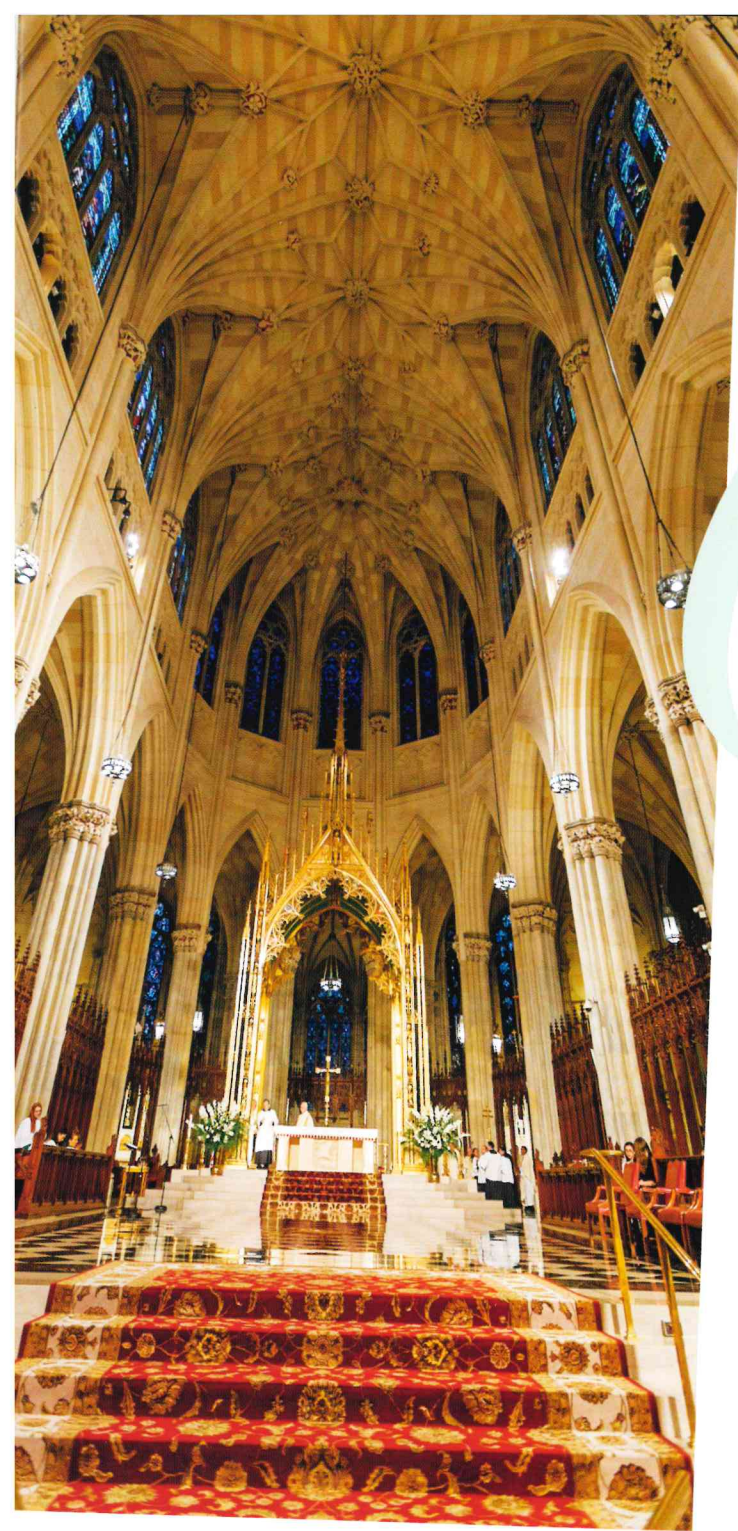
2016 marked the 39th annual Columbus Day Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The Cathedral is now fully refurbished and is breathtaking in its newly restored glory. The morning of gratitude and prayer was, as always, a truly special way to give thanks to Christopher Columbus and the Italian-American community in the United States.

We were honored to have His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Dolan as our Celebrant and Monsignor Peter Vaghi from Washington DC as our Homilist.

The importance of giving back to the next generation of Italian Americans was made clear as two former Columbus Citizens Foundation scholarship recipients were selected to give readings during the service.

Monsignor Vaghi made use of the sermon to offer praise to Columbus, a brave and courageous man of Catholic faith. He also referred to Italian Americans in the United States as "children of Columbus" and spoke of their devotion to family.

The Mass was well attended by CCF Members, our Grand Marshal, Honorees and their families and many of the Foundation's scholarship recipients. ■■



Above:

St. Patrick's Cathedral is more stunning than ever following its recent renovations.

Right:

Former scholarship recipient and Silent Auction intern Madeline Tibaldi delivers one of the service's readings in Italian.

His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Dolan greets CCF President Angelo Vivolo.



The Columbus Citizens Foundation thanks
the hard work of the 2016 Columbus Celebration Chairmen
for their tireless efforts to make the 2016 Columbus Celebration an extraordinary success.

2016 COLUMBUS CELEBRATION CHAIRMEN



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Parade Chairman

RECOGNIZING OUR HONOREES

The Columbus Citizens Foundation was honored to have Robert LaPenta serve as the 2016 Grand Marshal. Mr. LaPenta is the Founding General Partner of Aston Capital Partners. The Foundation also paid tribute to its Honorees: chef, author and philanthropist, Mario Batali and visionary business leader, Federica Marchionni. ■■

Grand Marshal

ROBERT LAPENTA

*Founding General Partner
Aston Capital Partners*

Honoree

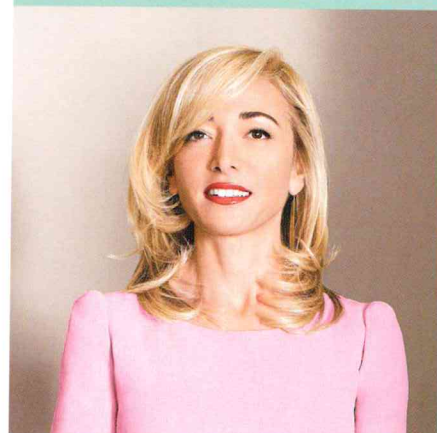
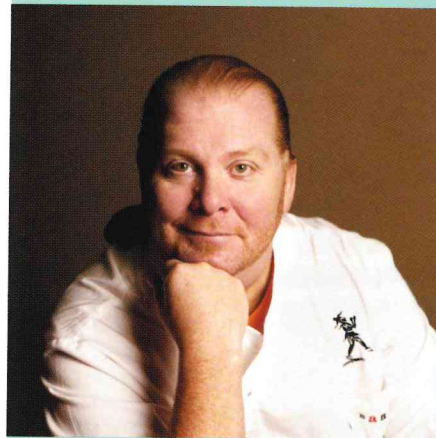
MARIO BATALI

Chef, Author and Philanthropist

Honoree

FEDERICA MARCHIONNI

Visionary Business Leader





COLUMBUS FOUNDATION



November 26, 2016

Angelo Vivolo
President
Columbus Citizens Foundation
8 East 69th Street
New York, NY 10021

Dear Angelo,

I am writing to express my sincerest gratefulness to you and to the entire staff of the Columbus Citizens Foundation for giving me the opportunity to serve as an Honoree for the 2016 Columbus Festivities.

It was such a memorable and unique experience that brought us closer not only to our own roots but also to all the values we want to proudly convey to the next generations.

Indeed, it was quite extraordinary participating to the celebrations with my son. He was very interested in learning that the Columbus Citizen Foundation was helping less privileged kids, awarding scholarships to students of Italian heritage and in financial need, and this made me feel even more proud to be the Honoree.

I was also delighted by the great results of the fund raising and by all the work that everyone put to make these celebrations memorable.

Thank you again for these unforgettable memories we gained in celebrating the Columbus Festivities, from the press conference to the Gala to the Parade, enriched by an admirable cause, the education.

Sincerely,

Federica Marchionni



November 8, 2016

Angelo Vivolo
President
Columbus Citizens Foundation
8 East 69th Street
New York, NY 10021

Dear Angelo,

Thank you and the Columbus Citizens Foundation for being the Marshal of the 72nd Columbus Day Parade. The parade is an incredible celebration of Italian-Americans and Italian-Americans is proud to have you.

Your hard work and that of the Foundation over the years has made events ever and I am proud to have contributed to the fund for deserving Italian-American children. Providing children with the ability to learn and one of the many reasons I am so proud to be part of the Foundation.

Congratulations on a tremendous success and thank you for providing me to support the Foundation and the community.

Sincerely,

Robert V. LaPenta



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Robert V. LaPenta
Chairman, CEO and Founder



November 30, 2016

Angelo Vivolo
President
Columbus Citizens Foundation
8 East 69th Street
New York, NY 10021

Dear Angelo,

I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to you and The Columbus Citizens Foundation for selecting me as an honoree for the 2016 Columbus Day Parade. This was such a memorable experience that I will undoubtedly cherish forever, as will my wife and parents, with whom I was able to share the joy of this incredible day. The honor of representing Italian-Americans while we paraded up Fifth Avenue is truly a milestone, and I can't think of a better way to celebrate our passionate, intelligent and creative culture.

In addition to the fantastically executed parade that attracts nearly one million spectators, I'm proud to have contributed to the Columbus Citizens Foundation's scholarship programs. As I have focused much of my own philanthropic efforts on children's education, I am a strong believer that providing education to deserving students is one of the best and most significant ways to positively affect our nation's future.

Thank you again for allowing me to take part in such a powerful and inspiring experience. The Columbus Citizens Foundation is truly a treasure for New York City, and extend my many thanks to the dedication required for the parade and most importantly, the celebration of Italian-Americans in the United States.

Sincerely,

Mario Batali

Mario Batali
45 East 20th Street, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10003

...providing me with the Honor of being the Grand
my family's name included on a list of such
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72 YEARS OF THE COLUMBUS DAY PARADE

On Monday, October 10, the Columbus Citizens Foundation produced the 72nd annual Columbus Day Parade with over 35,000 participants and over one million spectators. Led by Grand Marshal Robert LaPenta, the Foundation's parade celebrated Italian-American achievements as it marched up Fifth Avenue from 47th Street to 72nd Street. Once again renowned broadcast journalist Maria Bartiromo and actor/radio host Joe Piscopo served as our hosts.

In addition to the crowds lining Fifth Avenue, the parade was broadcast live on WABC-7, and once again was **number one in its time period** gaining television ratings that were a **26% increase** over the 2015 viewers, as the parade continues to grow its television audience.

The annual New York City event is the largest Columbus Day Parade held in the United States, with all preparation and planning undertaken by the

Columbus Citizens Foundation. The parade's 2016 title sponsor was Conair Corporation, who took that honor for the third year in a row, and enjoyed full branding on our red carpet stage that was packed with entertainment. Other sponsors included Maserati, who provided a cavalcade of cars that transported our Grand Marshal, and Formaggio, who used the parade to celebrate their 25th anniversary. Many other sponsors took to Fifth Avenue in colorful and creative floats and vehicles,



*Clockwise from far left:
 Many parade goers gathered to watch the festivities near St. Patrick's Cathedral.
 Governor Andrew Cuomo kicked off the 2016 Parade marching with the Columbus Citizens Foundation.
 President and Mrs. Vivolo with 2016 Honoree Federica Marchionni.
 Grand Marshal Robert LaPenta was thrilled to share the experience of the parade with his family.*



including Casa Building; Gabrielli Trucking; Generoso Pope Foundation; New York Community Bancorp; WCBS FM; Gabelli Funds; Country Bank; Iona College; L'Arte Del Gelato; and Wagner College.

Angelo Vivolo, President of the Columbus Citizens Foundation, said of this year's event: "Every year the parade seems to grow larger and become more celebratory. We hope the city of New York enjoys all the work that CCF puts into the event, and

that our parade can serve as a symbol for the many great accomplishments of Italians and Italian Americans and offers an event that all Americans can enjoy."

As Grand Marshal, Robert LaPenta led over 115 marching groups, 25 parade floats, 35 vehicles and over 15 marching bands up Fifth Avenue. Mr. LaPenta, Founding General Partner of Aston Capital Partners, is a driven and successful executive and philanthropist renowned for his leadership

experience in the aerospace, defense and electronics industries. He has been an active and proud Member of the Columbus Citizens Foundation since 1994, and was previously an Honoree at the Foundation's 2011 Columbus Day Celebrations.

Mr. LaPenta said: "It is a true honor to be named Grand Marshal of a parade that celebrates Italian-American achievement. I cannot wait to lead the march up Fifth Avenue with my family."



The 2016 Parade spoke to the vitality and importance of Italians and Italian Americans in the fields of food, fashion and business with the participation of culinary trailblazer Mario Batali and visionary business leader Federica Marchionni as honorees of the 2016 Columbus Day Parade.

Spectators in the grandstand and viewers of the live broadcast on WABC-TV were treated to red carpet entertainment that began in traditional fashion with West Point Academy's Military Band and a poignant rendition of "America the Beautiful." The following acts included Italian sensation Arianna Bergamaschi; acclaimed pianist and musician Peter Cincotti and renowned jazz performer and frequent Lady Gaga collaborator, Brian Newman. "The Italian Fairy" Simona Rodano provided family fun for viewers, and in a more sobering moment of the performances, classical tenor Elio Scaccio dedicated "Con Te Partiro" to the victims of the Amatrice earthquake. Other performances included: pop acts Chetti and Sabrina

Salice; vocal performer Alyssa Lynn; The Nick Tangorra Band and choreography by Fadi Khoury's company FJK Dance.

The impact of Italy was felt throughout the parade, as the Line of March included the ANPS (National Association of Italian Police) accompanied by a Lamborghini police car flown in from Italy for the parade. Italian dignitaries marched with the Italian Consulate General, accompanied by the Corrazzieri Reggimento and two Motoguzzi (police motorcycles) also transported to New York City specifically for the day's event. Spectators also felt the culture and traditions of Italy come alive on Fifth Avenue as they watched Italian marching band Musicale Citta de Andretta performing traditional Italian songs and actor/director Massimiliano Finazzer Flory in costume as innovative Italian Leonardo da Vinci.

The parade was attended by a wide array of American and Italian politicians and dignitaries. Governor

Andrew Cuomo marched with the Foundation to kick off the Parade, and Mayor Bill DeBlasio marched alongside the FDNY with the marching band from Bishop Kearney High School nearby. Other politicians marching included Senator Chuck Schumer; Comptroller Tom DiNapoli; Public Advocate Leticia James and Congressional candidate Tom Suozzi. Many Italian dignitaries also joined in the parade including: New York Consul General Francesco Genuardi; Vice President of Chamber of Deputies Simone Baldelli and Mayor Fiorenza Pascucci of Bitetto in Puglia.

The Columbus Day Parade dates back to 1929 when New York City businessman and Italian immigrant Generoso Pope led a parade from East Harlem down to Columbus Circle. Today, the vibrant parade is planned and executed by the Columbus Citizens Foundation with the help of staff, Foundation Members and the assistance of more than twenty city agencies to deliver a safe and successful parade to New York City. ■ ■



WABC-TV

Dave Davis
President & General Manager

October 21, 2016

Angelo Vivolo
President
Columbus Citizens Foundation
8 East 69th Street
New York, NY 10021

Dear Angelo,

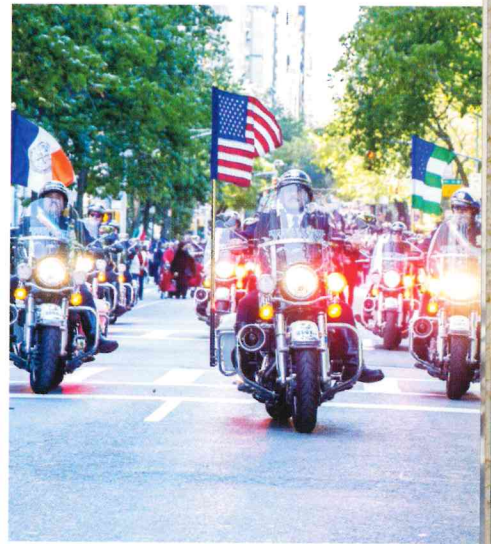
It was great to see you on a glorious Columbus Day on 5th Avenue and celebrate Italian pride with thousands of your closest friends!

The annual Columbus Day Parade is a sparkling tribute to the best of Italian culture, and to the Foundation's hard work all year round. WABC believes in your goal of greater educational opportunity and positive cultural programs.

Congratulations on another great parade. I am pleased to tell you that more than 547,000 people watched at least part of the broadcast between Noon and 3pm on Channel 7- that's 12% more than last year, despite the beautiful weather.

We look forward to working with you and the Foundation to make the 2017 Parade bigger and even better.

Thanks,



Clockwise from far left:

2016 Honoree Mario Batali (with wife Susie) takes the parade route in style in a 2017 Maserati GranTurismo Convertible Sport.

Parade hosts Joe Piscopo and Maria Bartiromo close the television broadcast as Piscopo leads the crowd in a rendition of "New York, New York".

A veteran reflects on the parade.

Red carpet performer Simona Rodano – best known as "The Italian Fairy" – entertains families watching in the grandstands and on television.

Police take to the parade route on motorcycle.

Acclaimed pianist Peter Cincotti performed his latest single "Palermo" to the crowds.

2016 Sponsor Gabelli Funds took to the parade route with a float designed by the CCF.

Young people gather to share in the excitement of the Parade.



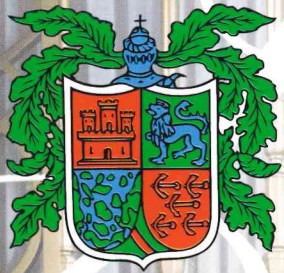
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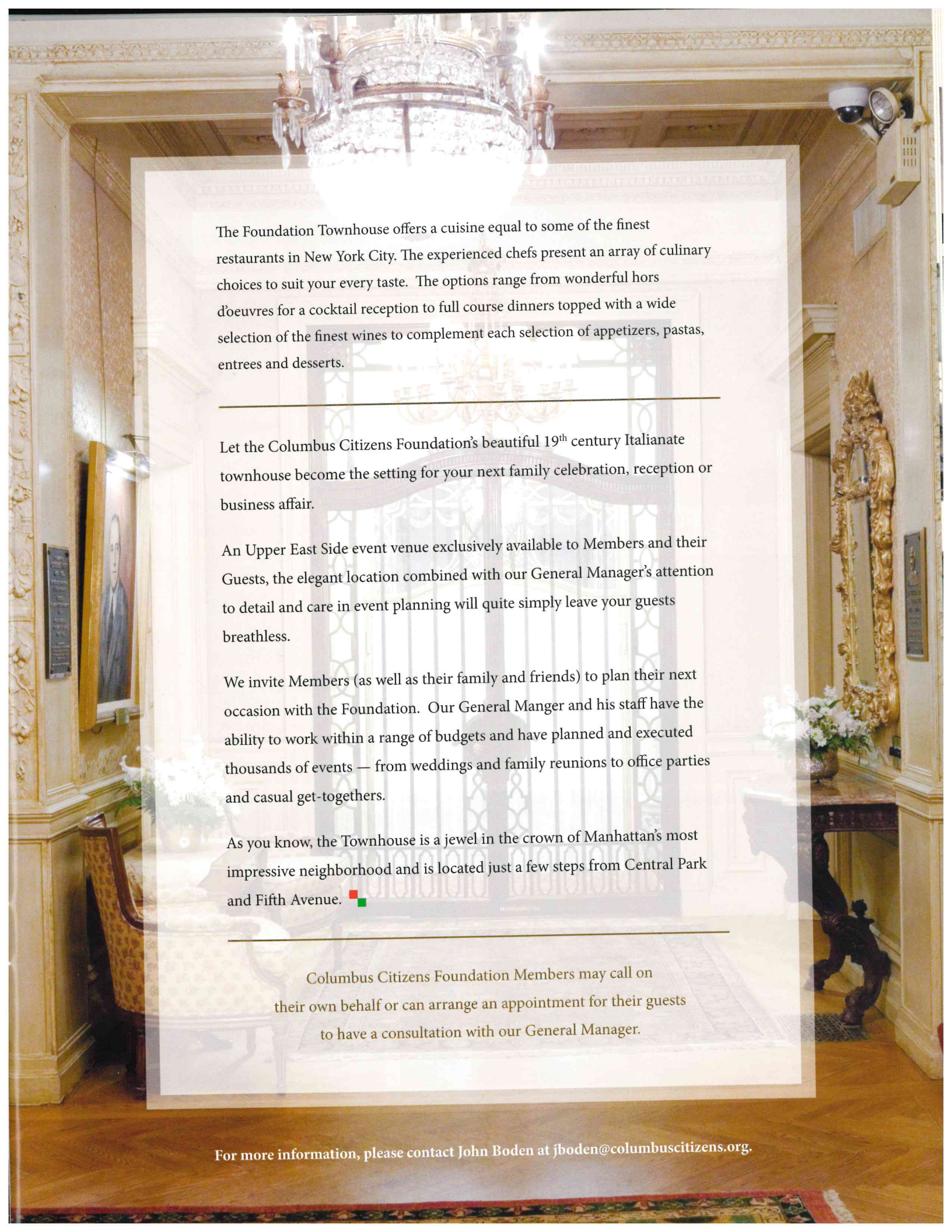
VIEW OF COLUMBUS DAY



For a different view on the parade, the Foundation gave full access to photographer and new Junior Member Nico Schinco. He really captured all the goings on of the big day, as well as the enthusiasm and pride of all involved. For more information on Nico's photography, please visit www.endlessexploration.com.



PRIVATE PARTIES,
CELEBRATIONS &
SPECIAL EVENTS



The Foundation Townhouse offers a cuisine equal to some of the finest restaurants in New York City. The experienced chefs present an array of culinary choices to suit your every taste. The options range from wonderful hors d'oeuvres for a cocktail reception to full course dinners topped with a wide selection of the finest wines to complement each selection of appetizers, pastas, entrees and desserts.

Let the Columbus Citizens Foundation's beautiful 19th century Italianate townhouse become the setting for your next family celebration, reception or business affair.

An Upper East Side event venue exclusively available to Members and their Guests, the elegant location combined with our General Manager's attention to detail and care in event planning will quite simply leave your guests breathless.

We invite Members (as well as their family and friends) to plan their next occasion with the Foundation. Our General Manager and his staff have the ability to work within a range of budgets and have planned and executed thousands of events — from weddings and family reunions to office parties and casual get-togethers.

As you know, the Townhouse is a jewel in the crown of Manhattan's most impressive neighborhood and is located just a few steps from Central Park and Fifth Avenue. ■ ■

Columbus Citizens Foundation Members may call on their own behalf or can arrange an appointment for their guests to have a consultation with our General Manager.

For more information, please contact John Boden at jboden@columbuscitizens.org.

LADIES AUXILIARY GROWS TO NEW LEVELS

The Ladies Auxiliary continued to grow in 2016. In fact, Membership has doubled in size, going from 20 to 40 active Members. President of the Auxillary Janice Becker commented, “The women in the Ladies Auxiliary are so happy to be participating in many different ways to help the Foundation meet its overall goals. We’re hard workers, and nothing makes these ladies happier than raising money for CCF’s scholarship efforts.”

As a result of three luncheons and fashion shows, the Ladies Auxiliary has contributed \$75,000, completing a perpetual scholarship that will allow many students in the years ahead the chance to attend the college or university of their choice. Said Mrs. Becker, “This is what it is all about, allowing the children of the next generation the chance to succeed and excel.”

The 2016 annual Christmas luncheon was held on December 6 and featured an exclusive fashion show by Bloomingdale’s. The event was the most popular to date, with over 210 attendees – a record number for the Auxiliary.

Looking ahead to 2017, the traditional Spring Fashion show and Ladies’ Luncheon promise to be a high point on the calendar, and you can be sure of a large crowd for all of the Auxiliary events! ■■



Table setting at the Spring Luncheon.



Models from Bloomingdale's were on hand for an exclusive fashion show at the 2016 Christmas Luncheon.



Mrs. Kristine Occhicone and Ladies Auxiliary President Mrs. Janice Becker enjoy the 2016 Spring Luncheon.

CCF INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

“I am so grateful for CCF’s scholarship,” said college scholarship recipient Marissa Masi, “and now for this work experience as well.”

Since June, Marissa has been interning at EisnerAmper’s midtown office thanks to CCF Board Treasurer and Co-Chair of the High School Scholarship Committee, Christopher Loiacono. He noted, “I strongly believe that CCF is providing a wonderful opportunity for our young people and am pleased that my firm can give a hand to one of our talented college scholarship recipients.”

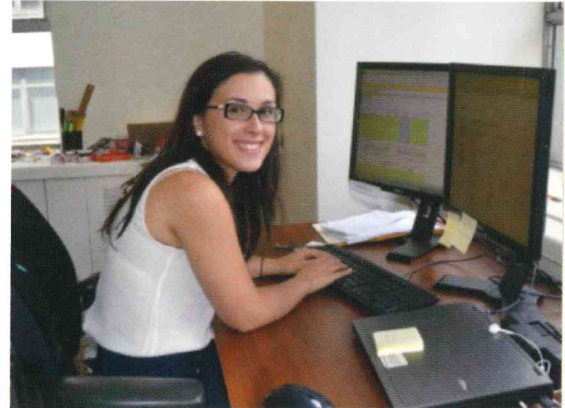
Marissa is one of five CCF college scholarship recipients placed this summer as part of our pilot internship program.

CCF Internship Program Chairman

and Board Member Phyllis Perillo is proud to be part of this new initiative, remarking: “Internships are an opportunity to test drive a career interest, develop critical workplace skills, confidence and be exposed to role models and mentors.” Perillo is also President & CEO of an educational nonprofit dedicated to financial literacy and readiness for college and the workplace.

“They’re investing in us and they believe in us,” Marissa said of CCF Members, “so that shows me that I should believe in me, too.”

Please consider providing an internship opportunity for summer 2017. For information on how to become involved, please email David Iommarini at diommarini@columbuscitizens.org.



Marissa Masi is interning at EisnerAmper thanks to CCF Member Christopher Loiacono.



Patrick Benasillo at CCF Member Stuart Becker's office.



Intern Nick Lynaugh at his Warburg Realty internship with CCF Member Mary Anne Fusco.

IN MEMORIAM

William D. Fugazy, former Foundation Member and father of Member, John Fugazy, passed away peacefully at his home on December 31, 2015, at the age of 91.

Justice **Marie L. Garibaldi**, passed away on January 15. Among her many accomplishments, she was the first woman to ever serve on the New Jersey Supreme Court as well as being a former Executive Vice President of the American Society of the Italian Legions of Merit.

Foundation Member, **Peter Piscitelli**, passed away on January 30 at the age of 85. He was a devoted husband and father, and a highly-respected public servant as a lawyer and lobbyist.

Foundation Member, **Rosemarie D'Alessandro**, passed away on February 2 at the age of 85. She worked for several years at Hearst Magazine in the Public Relations Department before becoming a full-time homemaker after her children were born.

Joseph P. Squeri, father of Foundation Member Stephen J. Squeri, on February 15, 2016 at the age of 86.

Patria Mercedes Orlando, wife of Foundation Member, Michael Orlando, on February 15.

Mark L. Auriana, brother of Foundation and Board Member, Lawrence Auriana, who passed away peacefully at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Hospital on March 5.

Angelina Mackron, mother of Foundation Member, MaryAnn Tricamo, and mother-in-law of Francis Tricamo passed away in May of 2016.

Foundation Member, **Dr. Joseph P. Pizzurro** passed away on May 30 at the age of 78.

Michael Cilmi, father of Foundation Member, Desiree Cilmi-Vitali, passed away on July 2 at the age of 95. Mr. Cilmi was an attorney, World War II veteran, and lifetime Republican Party leader on Staten Island.

Doris L. Manzo, mother of Foundation Member, Patricia Manzo, passed away in August of 2016. She is predeceased by her husband, Leonard Manzo.

Gino T. Nepola, one of the Founding Members of the Columbus Citizens Foundation, passed away at 98 years old in August 2016. He was the father of Foundation Member John Nepola.

Robert Rosario Quinta II, son of Sunda Marie Quinta and the late Robert R. Quinta passed away on September 14. He grew up with the Foundation, having watched his father and mother participate as prominent Members for over 40 years. ■■



SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ANTONIN SCALIA (MARCH 11, 1936 – FEBRUARY 12, 2016)

Justice Scalia was the first Italian American to be appointed to the Supreme Court in 1986. He was appointed by President Ronald Reagan and was confirmed by a unanimous vote. His majority and dissenting opinions commanded admiration and respect for their intellectual rigor among people from all sides of the political spectrum. He came to be universally revered by Italian Americans as a source of inspiration and pride.

Coming from humble beginnings, Justice Scalia was born in Trenton, New Jersey, on March 11, 1936. He was the only child of Salvatore Eugene Scalia and Catherine Panaro Scalia. His father, who was born in Sicily and immigrated to the U.S. as a teenager, received a Ph.D. from Columbia University and was a professor of

Romance languages at Brooklyn College. His mother, the daughter of Italian immigrants, was an elementary schoolteacher.

Justice Scalia attended Public School 13 in Queens, and Xavier High School in Manhattan, where he rose to be lieutenant colonel in command of the school's marching band. He often carried his French horn to and from school on crowded rush hour trains, and he marched in many parades up Fifth Avenue.

The Columbus Citizens Foundation remains deeply honored that Justice Scalia served as Grand Marshal of the 61st Columbus Day Parade in 2005, a year when the Parade's themes were justice and human rights. At the time Justice Scalia noted, "This is the top of the hill, to be Grand Marshal in your

hometown. I marched down Fifth Avenue many times as part of Xavier High School's Regiment. For an Italian kid from Queens, there could be no greater thrill than to march one last time, as Grand Marshal of the Columbus Day Parade."

Angelo Vivolo, President of the Columbus Citizens Foundation, commented: "The loss of Justice Scalia is immeasurable. He was a man of undisputed integrity. He demonstrated to the Italian-American community how to live a life committed to faith, family, and country. His tireless work ethic and dedication to excellence are now passed on to all of our children and future generations of Italian Americans. We owe a monumental debt to Justice Scalia." ■ ■

SAVE THE DATE IN 2017!

January 4: Coat Drive

Please join the CCF at this cocktail reception where the cost of admission is simply the donation of a warm coat. Additional winter accessories are also welcome. All donations will go to a local charity in need to help better the lives of those less fortunate during the cold winter.

February 14: Valentine's Day Dinner

Celebrate your loved one next February at the Townhouse with our special romantic dinner and live music designed to spark romance and love.

March: Feast of San Giuseppe

Join us as we gather for a celebratory feast and live music to honor St. Joseph.

April 16: Easter Dinner

Chef John Boden is whipping up an extra special Easter dinner for CCF families and friends. Join us as we celebrate our faith and our loved ones during this joyous dinner.

May: LAX Spring Luncheon & Boutique

The Ladies Auxiliary is hosting their yearly spring luncheon with food, music, shopping, and a fashion show. Take part in all the festivities and help raise money for a good cause.

May 14: Mother's Day Dinner

Our mothers are so important to us; they anchor, support, and provide unconditional love to their families. We will make their day extra special with our annual Mother's Day dinner!

June: Townhouse BBQ

Come and enjoy our annual backyard BBQ at the Townhouse! This is a great way to kick off the summer with lots of laughs and great food. Any monetary donations made at this free event go toward a deserving family in need selected by our friends at the Italian Welfare League.

July 13: Shore Dinner

For many, the Italian Shore Dinner is the highlight of their summer. This seafood feast is perfect for those who love cracking shells and a good time!

October 7: Columbus Celebration Annual Gala

The Columbus Celebration Gala is our annual premiere event that celebrates our Italian-American heritage with an evening of great entertainment, food and art, while highlighting some of the brightest working in our community.

October 9: Columbus Day Parade

Please help us celebrate Italian Americans. Line up along Fifth Avenue or come to our Red Carpet at 69th & Fifth Avenue to enjoy the largest celebration of Italian-American heritage!

December: Christmas Celebrations

December is the month to celebrate with our Member Christmas Dinner, Children's Party, and our annual Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Luncheon.

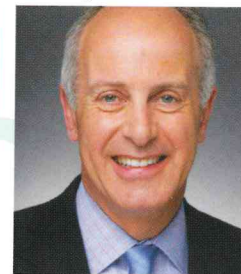
December 31: New Year's Eve Party

Bring in the New Year right! Gather with other CCF Members as we look back on our year and celebrate our accomplishments together.

Louis M. Aidala



Joseph P. Benincasa



Anthony F. Caporrino



NEW MEMBERS



Vincent S. Andrews, Jr.



William J. Bologna



Stephen J. Caridi

Louis M. Aidala is President of Allied Wealth Partners' New York Metro Division. His maternal grandparents were from Bagheria while his paternal grandparents were from Catania. Mr. Aidala is a Member of the Friars Club, Fordham Alumni Association, Gridiron Club, Club Macanudo, Grand Havana Room, GAMA, NAIFA and AALU, to name a few. He is also the recipient of Sales Achievements, Chairman's Trophy and President's Trophy. Being familiar with the organization's goals of supporting worthy causes, as well as providing needed financial support to students of Italian descent, he too, would like to partake in the Foundation's philanthropic goals, while interacting with fellow Italians.

Vincent S. Andrews, Jr. is the President and Managing Director at Private Capital Advisors, Inc. His maternal grandparents were born in Bari while his paternal grandparents were born in Potenza. He is a Member of the University Club, Bedford Golf and Tennis, Millbrook Hunt Club, Tamarack Preserve and the Mayacoo Lakes Country Club in West Palm Beach, Florida. Both he and his father have many friends who were past and present Members. Mr. Andrews has tried to instill in his children the importance of their Italian heritage and believes that all children should have access to the best education possible. He is a founding trustee of the Baker Scholar program at Georgetown University, the most successful scholarship program at the school.

Joseph P. Benincasa is President and CEO of The Actors Fund, a Human Services organization that helps performing arts and entertainment professionals. His mother was born in Messina, Sicily and his father's family migrated from Tuscany. He serves on the Board of several organizations, including Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, Learning Ally and the Human Services Council. He has served as Chair of the NY Society of Association Executives and as Secretary/Treasurer of the MusiCares Foundation. He has been the recipient of several awards and honors, including the Tony Honors Award, New Jersey Legislature Excellence in Arts Award, Made in New York Award and the Actors Fund Medal of Honor. Mr. Benincasa has enormous respect for the Foundation's good works and is proud of his Italian heritage and wants to celebrate it. As a leader in the performing arts and entertainment community, he would like to help engage colleagues in an awareness of Italian heritage.

William J. Bologna is the Lead Director at Viramal, a Pharmaceutical company. His maternal family comes from Montefalcone nel Sannio in the province of Campobasso while his paternal family is from Castelgrande in the province of Potenza. Mr. Bologna brings a unique perspective to the Foundation in that he has lived abroad for 20 years and has done business in over 60 countries. His personal objectives coincide with the Foundation's goals of supporting both cultural and educational activities.

Anthony F. Caporrino is Managing Director at Alvarez & Marsal, a mergers, acquisitions and consulting company. His father, who is a Foundation Member, was born in Mt. San Giacomo and his mother's grandparents were also born in Italy. Mr. Caporrino is a past Board Member of the Bloomingdale Family Program, Donor to the Alan T. Brown Foundation and Chaminade High School, as well as a Member of the AICPA (American Institute of Certified Accountants), and NYSSCPA (New York State Society of CPAs). Having attended many events at the Foundation with his parents, he is proud of his Italian heritage and would like to support an organization that promotes the same.

Stephen J. Caridi is a Regional Sales Manager at Aquila Group of Funds. While his paternal grandparents were from Reggio-Calabria, his maternal grandfather's family was from San Fele and Basilicata and his maternal grandmother was born in San Fele. Mr. Caridi is a Member of the FPA (Financial Planning Association), CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) of Providence, RI as well as a Member of the University Club. He believes in the Foundation's mission and would like to expand on its philanthropic efforts by contributing both his time and financial support.

Mark A. Cirelli

Carlo DiMaggio

Stephen E. Gallucci



Robert B. Catell



Kenneth Cubelli, M.D.



Giulia Iacobelli-Milano

Robert B. Catell is retired Chairman and CEO of National Grid (formerly KeySpan Corporation and KeySpan Energy Delivery, the former Brooklyn Union Gas). His paternal grandparents were from a small town near Naples. He currently serves as Chairman of the Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center (AERTC) at Stony Brook University and the New York State Smart Grid Consortium, to name a few. Mr. Catell serves on many Boards, including the NYS Economic Development Power Allocation Board (EDPAB) and is a former Chairman of the American Gas Association, Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, Member of the Association of Energy Engineers, CUNY Business Leadership Council and the National Society of Professional Engineers, among others. He has also received Honorary Doctorate degrees from St. John's and Adelphi University. Mr. Catell has many friends and business associates who are Members of the Foundation and having attended the club on many occasions, considers it to be an excellent venue to perpetuate his Italian heritage.

Mark A. Cirelli is President of North Shore Wealth Management Advisors, Inc. His paternal great grandparents were from Petruo, province of Avellino in the Campagna region, while his maternal great grandparents emigrated from southern Italy. He is on the school Board of Sts. Phillip and James RC School, President and Board Member of the Suffolk Chapter of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants, affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, Alternatives for Children, and Coach for the Suffolk County PAL. He is also a Member of AICPA, New York State Society of CPAs, the Financial Service Institute, as well as Member at Large of OSIA. Mr. Cirelli is extremely proud of his

heritage, reflecting the risks, struggles, and achievements that his forbearers had encountered. He wishes to participate in promoting Italian-American culture and to helping others of Italian ancestry succeed in their dreams for a better future.

Kenneth Cubelli, M.D. is an Orthopedic Surgeon and President of Advocare Morris County Orthopedic. His parents were born in Calitri (Avellino) and came to America in 1949. He is a sponsor of Rose House and ECLC, organizations for the mentally handicapped. He is a Member of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons and the Eastern Orthopedic Association, and has also been inducted into the Essex Catholic High School Hall of Fame. Dr. Cubelli is very interested in helping other Italians and preserving the Italian culture.

Carlo DiMaggio is the CEO of DiMaggio Realty Management LLC. He was born in Torretta, province of Palermo, Italy. Mr. DiMaggio is the President of Radio Maria USA and recipient of its Lifetime Achievement Award both in 2003 and 2008. He is also the recipient of the Humanitarian Award. Mr. DiMaggio would like to become a Member of the Foundation in order to perpetuate the preservation of Italian traditions and help young Italian Americans better themselves through education.

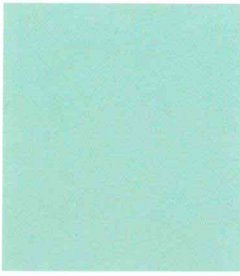
Stephen E. Gallucci is the New York Managing Partner at Deloitte & Touche LLP. His paternal grandparents were raised in the province of Potenza. He is a Board Member of the Madison Square Boys & Girls

Club and AmeriCares, a Member of the AICPA (American Institute of Certified Public Accountants), Economic Club of NY, the Wykagyl Country Club and the New York Athletic Club. As a past Member, Mr. Gallucci is very impressed with the work of the Foundation, as well as the character of its Membership. He hopes to help advance its mission and enjoy its fellowship.

Giulia Iacobelli-Milano, a Certified Public Accountant and President of the Giulia Iacobelli-Milano CPA PC, was born in Rome. Her ancestors, Senator Errico Amante and his son, Bruto, her great-great grandfather, were important figures in the Italian resurgence, having received the Knight of the Crown Orders of Italy in 1868 and the Commander and Officer of the St. Maurice and St. Lazarus Order in 1868 and 1877. Ms. Iacobelli-Milano has been part of the Rotary International Club of New York since 2000 and is its past and present Treasurer, as well as a Member of the National Association of Professional Women. She knows the Foundation through past events she has attended and being a very socially active person, is eager to contribute, infusing her joy of life and Catholic spirit.

Joseph G. Lattarulo is the Executive Vice President of Fragrance Resources, a fragrance and flavor industry. His grandparents were born in Bari with his grandfather immigrating to the United States and becoming a physician on Lexington Avenue. He is a Member of the National Association of Realtors, Fragrance Foundation, St. John's Academy Parent Teacher Organization, St. John's Academy

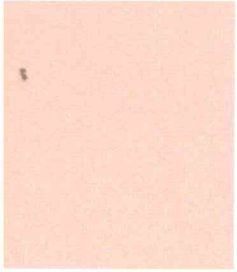
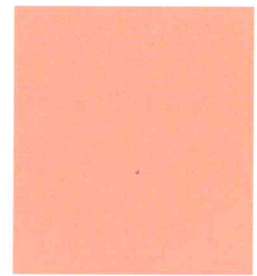
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Anthony Marraccini

Sports Association and the Washington Township Recreational Program, as well as the Hackensack Golf Club. Mr. Lattarulo is very proud of his Italian heritage and believes in the importance of preserving it, as well as feeling excited and honored to be part of a philanthropic organization, contributing to those less fortunate.

Christopher J. Leone is President of Jericho Terrace, a catering reception venue. His mother was born in Calabria while his father was born in Bari. He is a Board Member of the Bayhawk Foundation which provides scholarships for St. Dominic School, Member of the Sands Point Golf Club and has received honors for his work in fundraising for the Children's Brain Tumor Foundation. It is Mr. Leone's goal to assist other Italian Americans achieve success through scholarship support and mentoring. As a first generation Italian American, he understands the importance of strengthening the already strong culture of family and tradition through education. He looks forward to being an active Committee Member and exposing his children to the humanitarian efforts of the Foundation and the importance of giving back.

Joseph Lombardi, M.D. is an Orthopaedic Surgeon and Senior Partner at Edison-Metuchen Orthopaedic Group. His father was born in Campolieto and his mother in Avellino, both immigrating to the United States in the early 1900s. Dr. Lombardi is a Member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgery, the American Medical Association, New Jersey Medical Society and

the New Jersey Orthopaedic Society, to name a few and is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. He has been the recipient of the honor, Top Doctors New York Metro Area, several times and has also been named one of the five (5) top Orthopaedic Surgeons in New Jersey. As children of immigrant parents, both he and his wife are most anxious to cultivate an appreciation of the Italian language and culture, while promoting a positive image of Italian Americans.

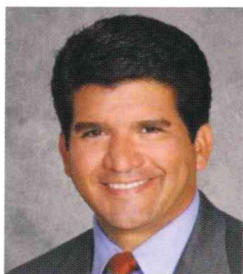
Ronald T. Lo Russo is President of the NY Tri-State Region at Cushman & Wakefield. His grandfather was born in Altamura in Apulia while his grandmother was born in Naples. Mr. Lo Russo is a Member of the YMWREA (Young Men's /Women's Real Estate Association), REBNY (Real Estate Board of NY), the New York Athletic Club and is affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America and Tomorrow's Hope Foundation. In October of this year he was honored by the Police Athletic League as an inspirational role model for the community and honored by the Andrew Glover Youth Program for his work with youths. Through friends and colleagues at his company and in the industry, Mr. Lo Russo has become acquainted with the Foundation where he would like to honor his heritage by becoming a Member.

Robert J. Manzo is Owner of RJM, LLC, a personal investing company. Both sets of grandparents were born in Italy, with his maternal grandparents having come from Rome and Naples. He is on the Board of

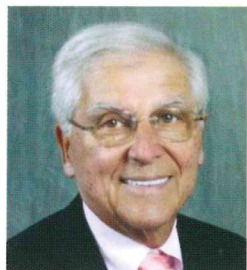
Trustees of the Ocean Reef Club, President of Metedeconk National Golf Club, and serves on the Board of Directors of Visteon Corp. He is also a Cornell University, Brooklyn Jesuit School, Waldwick High School and Ocean Reef Medical Center Donor, as well as a past Member of the New Jersey Society of CPAs. Mr. Manzo and his wife believe in helping children achieve their educational goals and dreams and have actively participated in numerous endeavors to sponsor children in need. They hope to continue the Foundation's mission in this regard.

Anthony Marraccini is Chief of Police of the Harrison Police Department. His mother's family is from Caccamo, a town outside of Palermo and his father's family is from Santo Stefano Quisquina near Agrigento. He is a Member of the Westchester County Chiefs of Police Association, the New York State Chief of Police/International Chief of Police, served as rank of Captain in the Town of Harrison Volunteer Fire Department and Vice President of the Ambulance Corp. He is associated with the Mack Goldner Memorial Foundation, the Pediatric Cancer Foundation and is the recipient of numerous Town of Harrison awards, including life-saving awards. Chief Marraccini's dedication to his heritage and traditions motivate him on a daily basis in raising his family, helping those less fortunate and teaching his children the importance of their Italian-American heritage. He believes in justice and that people need to use their power to help others.

Peter N. Nieves



William Seidita



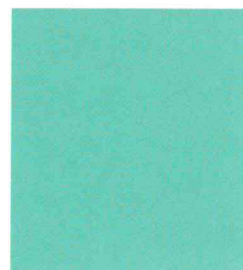
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Robert Peracchia, DDS



Peter A. Ragone, Esq.



Sheryl A. Slonim, DNP

Daniel N. Mezzalingua, whose parents were born in Italy, is retired Chairman of the Board at P.P.C. Inc., a family company. He developed, as well as managed, a Syracuse-based family business that manufactured coaxial cable connectors for the cable TV industry and previously formed Octagon-Scientific, Inc., which developed one of the first convertors for cable TV use. He then sold the business to Regency Electronics and licensed the patents to the major TV manufacturers throughout the world. Mr. Mezzalingua is a Trustee of the Ave Maria University and the Naples Community Hospital, as well as a Member of numerous clubs and the recipient of the Citizen of the Year award in Syracuse. He committed to rebuilding and merging two Catholic schools in St. Kitts, West Indies which were started by his daughter, Laurie. Being involved with a number of philanthropic organizations that help young adults and children reach their potential through education, he hopes to contribute and do the same for Italian-American students.

Peter N. Nieves is Senior Vice President, Executive Director-Employer Market for OPTUM, a health services company. He is third generation Italian on his mother's side whose family came from Sardinia and Naples. He is on the Westchester/Fairfield Board of the American Heart Association and belongs to the Meadow Brook and River Oaks Country Clubs. Having a cousin who is a Member, Mr. Nieves is aware of the Foundation's mission of helping children and other worthwhile causes. This is of particular interest to him having been raised by Italian grandparents who were so giving to neighbors and foster children.

Robert Peracchia, DDS is a Pediatric Dentist and Owner of Central Park West Pediatric Dentistry. Both his parents were born in Abruzzo, his father in Atri and his mother in Casoli di Teramo. He is a Member of American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry to name a few. Dr. Peracchia is an Assistant Clinical Professor with the Division of Pediatric Dentistry at Columbia University College of Dental Medicine, a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and is the recipient of various academic awards. He is affiliated with the NYU Global Student Outreach, Columbia University 1852 Society, and New York County Dental Society: Give Kids a Smile. Being friends with Foundation Members has exposed him to what the organization has to offer. Both he and his wife are very involved in education and teaching at the University level. Dr. Peracchia hopes he can bring some of that experience and enthusiasm to the organization as well as furthering his children's exposure to their heritage and culture.

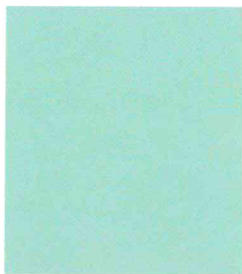
Peter A. Ragone, Esq. is Partner at Rosner Nocera & Ragone, LLP, an Insurance and Banking litigation law firm. He is a Member of the American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, ABA Fidelity & Surety Law Section, ABA Business Law Section and was designated as a "Super Lawyer" in Metro New York for 2015 and 2016 and published in the NY University Law School Journal of International Law and Politics. As a Trustee for several years and Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee and Executive Board Member of the Holy Rosary R.C. Church, Mr. Ragone has spent much time and effort participating as an attorney for his parish, as well as assisting and participating in the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation and the

National MS Society, among others. Given his background, he hopes to be an asset in perpetuating the philanthropic goals of the Foundation.

William Seidita is President of Twenty Four 7 Contracting, an office furniture delivery and installation company. He is a donator to the Terry Fox Foundation, Alzheimer's Foundation of America, and lead fundraiser for his Alma Mater, raising monies for underprivileged children playing sports. Mr. Seidita has reached a point in his career where he would like to give back to his community by assisting with scholarships while embracing his Italian heritage.

Sheryl A. Slonim, DNP is the Executive Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer at Holy Name Medical Center. Her grandfather was from Palermo while her grandmother was from Sciara, Sicily. She has held officer positions on the Board of Directors, serving as president of the Organization of Nurse Executives of NJ, as well as the Middlesex County Heart Association. She is a Member of various organizations such as, the American Nurses Association and has served as a mission representative and contributor to the CRUDEM Foundation, Hôpital Sacré Coeur, Milot, Haiti. Dr. Slonim has been the recipient of numerous awards, among them, the Benemerenti Award from the Vatican in 2006. Raised with a tradition steeped in the values and culture of her Italian heritage, she is motivated to help in any way she can to preserve it. As a leader in her industry, she is well aware of the requirements and commitment needed to contribute to the goals and ultimate success of an organization.

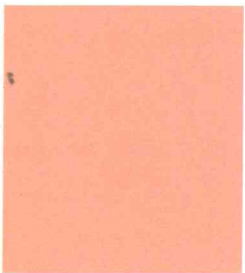
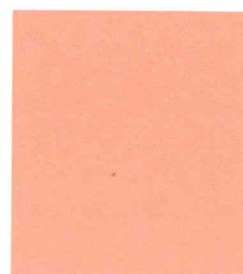
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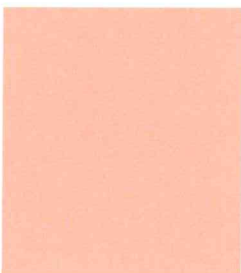
Anthony J. Tamburri, Ph.D.



Antonella Tommasi



Costantino P. Suriano



Vincent C. Tizzio



Anthony Williams, Esq.



Thomas Spinelli is CEO of NAME Energy Group and President of MHT Lighting. His paternal ancestry stems from Naples and his maternal from Genoa. He is a licensed New York State certified Public Accountant, Member of the NYS Bar Association, Staten Island Economic Development Council and the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce, as well as a past Member of AICPA, Society of Public Accountants and International Association of Financial Planners. Mr. Spinelli's motivation is to perpetuate Italian culture in New York City and enhance Italian standards in our society, to serve as an example to others.

Costantino P. Suriano is Owner and Partner of Mound Cotton Wollan & Greengrass LLP. His parents immigrated to New York City in 1948 from Belmonte Calabro, province of Cosenza in Calabria. He is a Member of New York County Lawyer's Association, Bergen County New Jersey Bar Association and Consultant to the Loss Executives Association's Board of Directors, to name a few. Mr. Suriano contributes to his church and various charities, and is an author, co-author, speaker, presenter and lecturer. He has been recognized in Super Lawyers several times and is the recipient of the 5th annual Stephen P. Cronin, Jr. Memorial Award. As a guest to several functions and dinners at the Foundation, Mr. Suriano feels he has reached a point in life where he hopes to contribute to sharing his Italian culture and language with others, as well as to help Italian-American youth understand the cultural beauty of their common ancestry.

Anthony Julian Tamburri, Ph.D. is the Dean of the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute and Distinguished Professor of European Languages and Literatures. His grandparents were born and raised in Italy, with his paternal family from Settefrati (FR), Lazio and maternal family from Faeto (FO), Puglia. He is the past President of the American Association of Teachers of Italian and the American Italian Historical Association, co-founder of Bordighera, Inc. and Executive Producer of Italics (CUNY-TV). He has been the recipient of numerous awards and Honors including being nominated and accepted into the Order of Merit of Savoy as Cavaliere, authored many books, both in Italian and English, has written more than 100 Journal Articles, and has conducted and written more than 200 lectures and papers. Dr. Tamburri believes that his scholarly work and publications on Italian and Italian-American culture and history can contribute to the Foundation's cultural initiatives, philosophy of scholarship and philanthropy, especially in the arenas of the promotion of Italian and Italian-American culture and history.

Vincent C. Tizzio is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Navigators Management Company, Inc. His grandparents were born in Italy. He is actively involved with several community organizations, including Freedom House Board of Trustees, is an advocate for the war on hunger and devotes his time and energy to Live Belly Farm, an organization dedicated to raising awareness and resources to combat hunger, particularly among children. He is a Member of Navesink Country Club, Chicago Business Club, and has been awarded the Outstanding Alumnus of Adelphi University,

as well as the Outstanding Citizen Freedom House award. Having been a previous Member and relocating back from Chicago, Mr. Tizzio would like to, once again, take part and resume Foundation experiences enjoyed in the past.

Antonella Tommasi is Owner and Treasurer of Interior Metals. She was born in Lentini Siracusa, Sicily and migrated to the United States at the age of two. She is a Member of the Richmond Country Club and Casa Belvedere, an Italian American cultural center to which she has donated funds and materials to renovate the facility. As a long-time friend of a Foundation Member, she has attended numerous Columbus Day parades, fundraising events, lectures and dinners. As a Member, Ms. Tommasi would like to further an understanding of the values of Italian Americans and offer assistance to the same by participating in the Scholarship Committee.

Anthony Williams, Esq. is Senior Partner at Dentons US LLP, a law firm specializing in mergers, acquisitions and commercial transactions. He is a Member of the New York State Bar Association, California Bar Association, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Vice Chairman of the Board of HELP USA, Inc., Chairman of the International Foundation for Art Research and Director of numerous Foundations and Organizations. Mr. Williams received an Honorable Discharge from the United States Army for his service from 1968-1970. As a past Member, he knows the Foundation well and hopes to frequently participate in its many events involving his Italian heritage.

2016 NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS

In late 2015, the Foundation revised the criterion and structure of the Foundation's Junior Members, and this area of new Membership continues to be a source of growth. We spend time and effort in the recruitment of Junior Members because they quite simply represent the future of the CCF. We're so happy to see the next generation of Italian Americans join our family here at the Foundation. If you know of a young person you wish to recommend for Junior Membership, please contact Jo Riordan at jriordan@columbuscitizens.org.

Robert C. Amato is a Senior Analyst at Hudson Advisors, a private equity and finance company. His paternal grandfather's family came from Termini Imerese, Sicily, while his maternal grandmother hailed from Pescasseroli, in southern Abruzzo. Mr. Amato is a Member of the Apawamis Golf Club and is participating in the Breast Cancer Alliance Golf Outing. In High School he received the school's award for exemplary character, as well as the Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from the US House of Representatives for his Academic excellence, extracurricular involvement and leadership potential. Having been exposed to the Foundation through his grandfather, a past Member, he wishes to join in order to continue a legacy of pride in his Italian heritage and to meet like-minded individuals. With his success, he finds it imperative to give back and help others reach their dreams.

Alexa F. Bisignano is Owner of ASB LLC (Pretzables) a chocolate pretzel business. Her paternal grandparents are

both Italian with her grandmother being from Bitetto, Bari and her grandfather from Bisignano, Calabria. She knows the Foundation well through her father, Frank Bisignano, a Member as well as the 2014 Grand Marshal. Ms. Bisignano is also involved in the Alzheimer's Association.

Luca Infantino is the Chief Financial Officer at Kiton Corporation, a men's and women's apparel company. He was born in Benevento and has lived in Italy for 26 years. He is a Member of NIAF (The National Italian American Foundation) and on the Board of Directors for the Italy-America Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Infantino is interested in promoting and preserving his Italian heritage and getting involved with the cultural initiatives of the Foundation, as well as becoming an active participant in its philanthropic programs.

Morgan J. Lituchy is an Associate Manager at LOFT, a women's clothing apparel company. Ms. Lituchy's Italian lineage comes from her paternal

grandparents. She is familiar with the Foundation through her father, Frank Bisignano, a Member as well as the 2014 Grand Marshal.

Carl M. Losito is a Valuations Analyst at the private equity and real estate firm, Blackstone. His paternal grandparents came from Molfetta, Bari and his maternal grandparents came from Palermo and Molfetta, Bari as well. In terms of volunteerism, Mr. Losito most recently was involved with the non-profit organization, buildOn. This Foundation focuses on providing literacy and building schools for underprivileged children in third world countries. In this regard, he helped fundraise and participated in building two primary schools in Burkina Faso, Africa. Mr. Losito wishes to join an elite, family-oriented group of people who recognize the importance of giving back to their community. Living in a city and country that continues to diversify, he wants to be part of something bigger that strives to preserve the Italian heritage and unites Members of similar backgrounds.

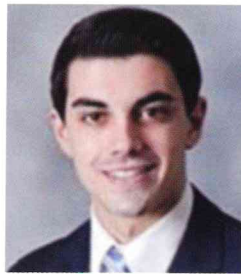
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Christopher J. Minio is a Managing Partner at Minio Holdings LLC, a property and asset management company. His paternal grandparents were natives of Sicily, while his maternal grandfather is Neapolitan. He is affiliated with the Babies Heart Fund at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center where his father, a Foundation Member, is a current Board Co-Chair and he himself will be a Board Member in 2017. Mr. Minio's love of his Italian ancestry was instilled in him by his parents and his grandparents. As a Member, he will have the ability to introduce and invite colleagues of Italian descent to the Foundation.

John Minio, Jr. is a Managing Partner at Minio Holdings LLC, a property and asset management company. His paternal grandparents were natives of Sicily, while his maternal grandfather is Neapolitan. Mr. Minio is affiliated with the Babies Heart Fund at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, where his father, a Foundation Member, serves on the Board. The organization raises money and hosts fundraising and charity events. His grandparents and parents taught him the importance of his heritage and culture and placed an extreme emphasis on family values. As a Member, his goal is to utilize all the Foundation has to offer, passing onto his wife and future children the same values instilled in him.

Laura Salibello is Assistant Vice President at Brown Brothers Harriman, a Private Bank. Her paternal grandmother was born in Palermo and her paternal grandfather's family came from Gaeta. She received her BA from Boston College and MBA from Columbia Business School. She is a Member of the Alzheimer's Association Rita Hayworth Gala Young Leadership Committee, Nightingale Bamford School Young Alumni Committee, and Boston College GOLD Leadership Council. Having her father as a Member since the 1970's, has exposed her to the Foundation's goals and mission. By being an active participant, Ms. Salibello would like to see the Scholarship program and cultural activities continue to grow, thereby perpetuating the expansion of her traditions.

Joseph Schinco is the Associate Director of Real Estate at HelloFresh, an e-commerce and food delivery company. His maternal grandparents were from Sicily while his paternal grandparents hailed from Bari. He is currently associated with Slow Food NYC and City Harvest. While at the University of Pennsylvania, he was President of the Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity and a Member of the Italian Club. With his father as a Member, he is aware of the Foundation's mission and believes it is a wonderful opportunity to connect with like-minded Italian Americans and to give back to a community that helped him become what he is today.

Nickolos Vincent Pio Schinco is a Marketing Associate at HelloFresh, an e-commerce and food delivery company. His maternal grandparents were from Sicily and his paternal grandparents were from Bari. He was on the Dean's list at Fordham University. Through his father, who is a Member, he knows the Foundation well and is interested in associating with other young adults to further the efforts of the Foundation to the best of his ability.

Pat A. Zinnanti is a Financial Advisor at Merrill Lynch. His father was born in Partanna, Sicily while his maternal grandparents migrated from Ribera, Sicily. He is associated with JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) and NYFAC (New York Families for Autistic Children). Mr. Zinnanti enjoys travel, golf and attending sporting events. He hopes to successfully pass on the Italian-American traditions and culture to the next generation.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

As 2016 closes, I would like to thank all the Members who supported the Foundation this past year. Our Membership contributed in so many ways, including:

- Volunteer work on the Columbus Celebration;
- Gala attendance with their friends and family;
- Participation in the Silent Auction and Maserati raffle;
- Use of the house and its facilities;
- And ongoing support of our Adopt-A-Scholar Program.

The generosity of our Membership is the life blood of the Foundation, and we must always applaud those who continue to give of their time, money and resources to help us fulfill our overall mission of allowing the next generation of Italian Americans to fulfill their true potential.

Our 2016 Gala was spectacular! Attendees enjoyed dinner and dancing in the elegant Waldorf Astoria's Grand Ballroom where they were treated to performances by Arianna Bergamaschi, The Infernos and the Brian Newman Quintet. The Celebration also grew with new corporate sponsors including Iona College and Rosenthal/Sambonet and

increased participation of former sponsors Formaggio and Gabrelli Truck Sales.


Our Columbus Celebration activities combined to gross over \$3.5 million, allowing the Foundation to continue funding approximately \$2.5 million in scholarships along with additional philanthropic activities through 2017. The success of the Columbus Celebration goes a long way in the form of scholarships from the Foundation. However, we also are hugely indebted to our Members who have committed to support our Adopt-A-Scholar program in 2016. As of print time, this list includes:

- Bob Zampolin
- Larry Gulotta
- Steve Squeri
- Alessandra Tocco
- Denis Hughes
- Arthur Saladino
- Robert Alger
- John Frezza
- Anthony Massaro
- Ali Namvar
- Dr. Tom Sculco
- Frank Fortino
- Ron Iervolino
- Charles Alaimo
- Vincent Tizzio
- Charles Rinaldi

I offer my sincere thanks to the individuals listed above, whose generous gifts will total over \$625,000 that will be spent against 2017's Adopt-A-Scholar campaign.

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Wishing all of our Membership a happy and healthy 2017! 



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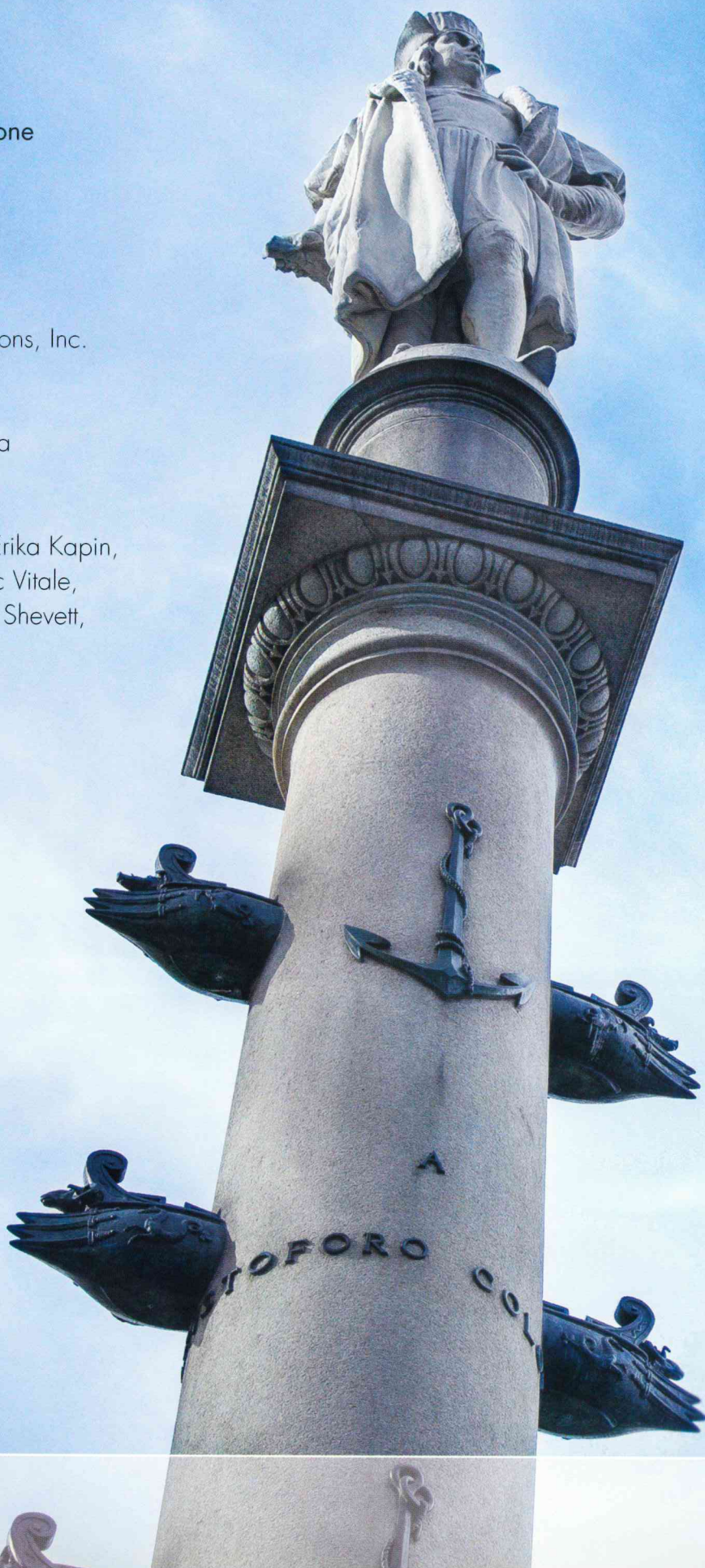
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