

A framed oil painting of a man in a suit and tie, identified as Genoroso Pope. The painting is set within a gold-colored frame on a wall with patterned wallpaper. A large, stylized orange 'S' graphic is overlaid on the portrait.

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COLUMBUS CITIZENS FOUNDATION

GENOROSO POPE
1891 - 1950

*Celebrating 88 Years of
New York City's Columbus Day Parade*

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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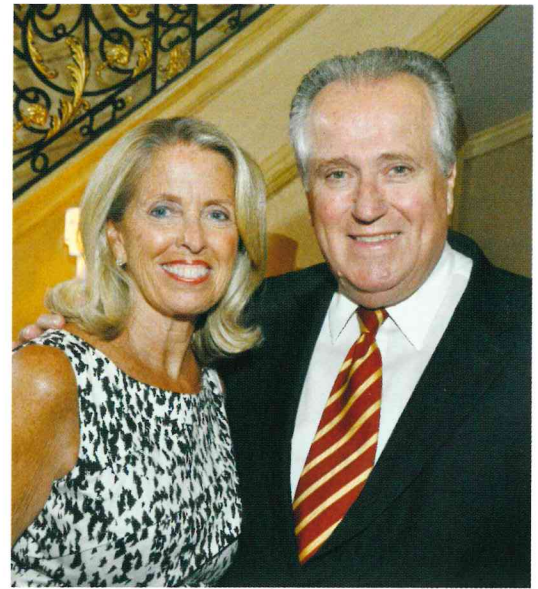
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PRESIDENT'S 2017 MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

For the past four years I have been privileged to represent you and the Columbus Citizens Foundation. I am thankful for the support that I received from the Board of Governors and from our Membership.

During my final year, in addition to the daily responsibilities of the Presidency, I found myself involved in the current issues that are confronting the Italian-American community as a whole.

This summer we were faced with the possibility of the removal of the Monument at Columbus Circle. Since the Monument debate began, I have been fortunate enough to bring together the leaders of over 50 Italian-American organizations to speak out for the statue's preservation and remain a vocal opposition to any future challenges to Columbus's legacy or the celebration of the Columbus Day holiday. Together, Italian-American organizations across the country have

now launched a new lobbying group — The Columbus Heritage Coalition — in which I will be taking a leadership role.

The Columbus Heritage Coalition was created to allow multiple groups to join together in an effort to preserve not only monuments of Columbus, but to protect the legacy of the Christopher Columbus and the holiday of Columbus Day. This new organization, with over 40 thousand members, will have the ability to lobby on behalf of our community and our beliefs. Finally, Italian Americans are speaking with one clear voice so that we will be heard. The recent decision by the Mayor to preserve Columbus Circle with plaques that will represent Christopher Columbus in a negative light is totally unacceptable and the new Coalition will do whatever it is in its power to prevent this from happening.

The Columbus Heritage Coalition will soon be launching a dedicated website

that will also serve as a fundraising platform, and this is just one part of much more that we have planned to prevent our Italian-American culture and heritage from being marginalized.

Our national celebration of Columbus Day, as you know, has been challenged, and unfortunately, in many parts of the country, it is not celebrated. In too many states, cities, and towns, Columbus Day has been replaced with Indigenous Peoples' Day. We support Indigenous Peoples' Day — but not as a replacement of Columbus Day. This has been a development that we have been keenly aware of over the past few years. Through the help of friends, we are supporting the new digital app Emojitalia. The app is now accessible to Italian Americans across the country. Emojitalia will enable users to have their voices heard. This will be a long term effort and I am happy to say that everyone is committed to working

together to preserve Columbus Day.

In issues specific to the Foundation, I have been fortunate to have your support over the past four years, allowing us to accomplish much in the best interest of the CCF mission and for our Members.

There are changes that we made to make our Foundation more fraternal and inclusive. We now benefit greatly from the dedication and talent of spouses of Members as valuable contributors to many of our committees.

We were able to adjust the way Members could use their minimum House charges. I am happy that so many of you have taken advantage of the ability to use your minimum over the course of a year for dining in the Taverna, or towards a party at the Townhouse.

Our family barbecue raised funds for children in need through our friends at the Italian Welfare League. Our annual coat drive provided warm coats to people in need. These events brought joy to the people who we were able to help through our donations.

We created a capital budget for much needed maintenance to our aging magnificent townhouse. Stay tuned to more improvements going forward.

The Board of Governors has brought a

new level of communication and support for standing committees and their activities. I know this is work that will continue under our next President.

We have worked together to make changes in our bylaws that effect many important areas. Our new category of Junior Members is an outstanding way to give an opportunity to young people who will be the future of the Foundation. To date we have nearly 20 young adults as Junior Members of the CCF.

We have also expanded the ability of a young person to join our YAA by expanding the application base, and are no longer limiting YAA membership to children of Members or former scholarship recipients.

We developed a formal set of scholarship guidelines for all committees to follow. Our scholarship policies are now protected in our bylaws to prevent any change without full approval by a vote from our Board of Governors.

In the last four years we raised the most money ever in the history of the CCF through our Columbus Celebrations. It was the result of the incredible Grand Marshals and Honorees along with our Membership that we were able to accomplish this. I want to thank all our Member volunteers and especially the staff of

the CCF who were so instrumental in the execution of every aspect of the Columbus Celebration. It also must be said that Lady Gaga, Il Volo, Tony Bennett and Barry Manilow were all top class Gala acts and all added tremendously to our weekend's fundraising records over the past four years.

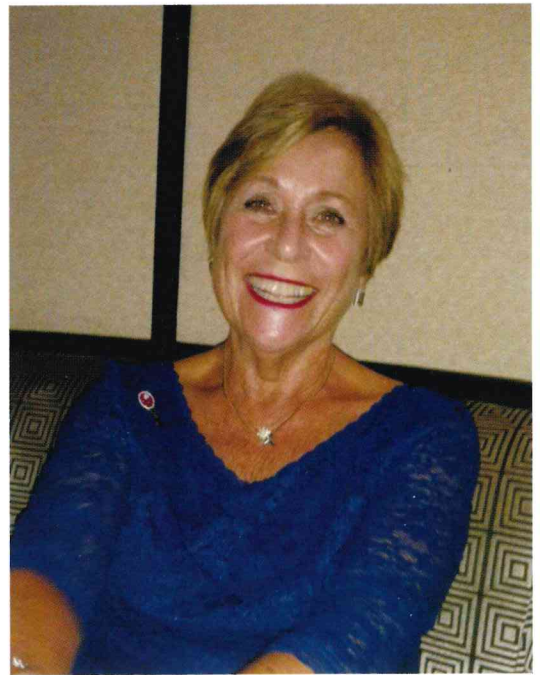
For me personally, if I can point to one of my most thrilling nights at the CCF — it was when Andrea Bocelli performed in early December of 2017. It was a magical evening. Stay tuned for a future performance and who knows, perhaps even at a future Celebration Gala...

My term is over and I am proud to support our new President, Marian Pardo. She has been an incredible partner during my Presidency and I know great things lie ahead for the Foundation under her upcoming term.

Finally, I want to thank all of you for having confidence in me and supporting my Presidency. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. ■ ■



Angelo Vivolo
President



GETTING TO KNOW THE 15TH PRESIDENT OF THE COLUMBUS CITIZENS FOUNDATION: MARIAN PARDO

Marian Pardo has been a member of the Columbus Citizens Foundation since 1994, and is well-known to the Board of Governors and our General Membership as an incredibly active and dedicated CCF Member. She has played an active role in Scholarship; House; and Membership Committees — and recently completed two years as Vice President of the Board.

In her life outside of the Foundation, Marian currently serves as a Trustee and Board Member of the Trusts for the J.P. Morgan Mutual Funds. She is retired from a successful career in institutional investment management where she was responsible for several billion dollar mutual funds. Marian has been married for 38 years to Michael Toonkel. They reside in Manhattan and Fire Island, New York.

We sat down with Marian Pardo to learn something of what we can expect during her Presidency, and encourage the Membership to welcome Marian into her new role.

What made you first become a Member at the Columbus Citizens Foundation?

Initially, I was drawn to the idea that the Foundation was a membership club in Manhattan that would allow me to preserve the Italian traditions I cherished and meet other Italian

Americans with a shared background. At the same time, I really loved the fact that the charitable side of the Foundation would allow me to give back to the larger Italian-American community in the same manner that I was helped as a young woman, when I was the recipient of a college

scholarship from OSIA (now OSDIA). That scholarship helped finance my tuition at Barnard, which I would otherwise have never been able to afford.

What do you think the Foundation does the best?

I truly believe the Foundation delivers

on its mission statement to celebrate heritage and create opportunity. On a social level, it is wonderful to be able to celebrate the holidays in the traditional way with my fellow Members in ways we all remember from our childhoods. The scholarship program — for which we should all be proud — is truly something that we all contribute to one way or another as Members. It is no exaggeration to say that it changes lives.

What are some of your priorities as the incoming President?

I think there are two areas that deserve attention and focus that I look forward to working on with the Board. Firstly, I want to develop more ways in which Members can be made aware of all that we do — and how they can get more involved. Secondly, through new Members, Young Adults and increased participation of current Members, I really feel strongly that the Foundation must proactively nurture the next

generation of leadership that will be needed to move the CCF forward. It is a major priority for me to identify and develop the next generations of CCF leadership.

I also want to ensure that we are preserving the Foundation's history for generations to come. We are at a crossroads, where fewer and fewer of those who "were there at the beginning" of the Townhouse's opening are here to tell their stories. It will be so important for all of us to work together to record an accurate history and create materials that tell the CCF's history and preserve it well. It is, after all, also the history of Italian Americans in New York.

But as we commemorate our history, we also need to look ahead to maintain our relevance in a changing world. We need to keep up with and embrace the new technologies that will help our Membership and staff do the best jobs

possible: internally and externally; fund-raising and administering...and having some fun along the way.

Lastly, you are making Foundation history and will be the first female President that the CCF has had in its 50 year history. Do you have any thoughts on being at the center of this milestone?

Having spent my career in the financial arena, I'm proud to have accomplished some "firsts" along the way. As it relates to the position of Foundation President, I honestly don't consider it too deeply. I think we are all here because of a shared cultural background and a combined desire to help out the next generation — this is true for a male or female President. I will say this though — I will be delighted if my election encourages more women to join as Members and participate in the great organization nurtured by my predecessors. ■■



*Left to right:
Marian grew up in a two-family home shared with her paternal grandparents, Mariano and Elisabetta Pardo, pictured here.*

Marian and her husband Michael Toonkel enjoying a past Columbus Day Parade.



THE COLUMBUS
CITIZENS FOUNDATION
2017 HIGHLIGHTS



Members enjoy wine, music and food at the annual Feast of San Giuseppe.



A couple enjoying the ambiance of the Young Adults Auxiliary's Great Gatsby evening.



Bishop Nicholas Anthony DiMarzio; CCF President Angelo Vivolo; 2017 Award Recipient Bobby Valentine and Monsignor Jamie Gigantiello at the Joe DiMaggio Award Dinner held by the CCF and Futures in Education.

January 4: Winter Coat Drive Each year the Columbus Citizens Foundation provides coats for those in need within the local community. We have collectively donated hundreds of coats and winter accessories to adults and children through The Church of St. Francis of Assisi in Manhattan.

January 18: Mario Gabelli Lecture Mario J. Gabelli, CFA, graduate of Fordham University with an MBA from Columbia University Graduate School of Business, CCF Member, and 2012 Columbus Day Parade Grand Marshal, was invited to speak to the Membership. The topic of his lecture was "Capitalism — Two Days Before the Transition", set right before the inauguration of President Donald Trump.

January 24: Anthony Scaramucci Book Signing In his most recent book, *Hopping Over the Rabbit Hole: How Entrepreneurs Turn Failure Into Success*, CCF Member, frequent guest speaker, and 2012 Columbus Day Celebration Honoree Anthony Scaramucci provided Members a firsthand account of embracing inevitable failures and turning them into potential successes.

February 7: "My Italian Secret" Presented by author Elizabeth Bettina and CCF Member and 2013 Grand Marshal Joseph Perella, this unique documentary described the little known history of how individual Italians saved 80% of the Jews in Italy during the Holocaust. Mr. Perella became involved in producing the documentary after reading Ms.

Bettina's book, *It Happened in Italy: The Untold Story of How the People of Italy Defied the Horrors of the Holocaust*. A panel discussion followed with Vincent Marmorale, President of the Italy and the Holocaust Foundation, Laura Lofaro Freeman, whose mother rescued Jews in Rome, and Daniela Goldman, whose father and many other family members and friends were rescued by priests who hid them and procured fake documents that saved their lives. The film was written and directed by Oren Jacoby, narrated by Isabella Rossellini and is available on Netflix.

February 14: Valentine's Day An elegant four-course gourmet dinner in a beautiful romantic atmosphere with dancing and live music, complimentary Prosecco, and homemade chocolate truffles.

March 17: The Feast of San Giuseppe A traditional feast honoring Saint Joseph, the Patron Saint of Sicily.

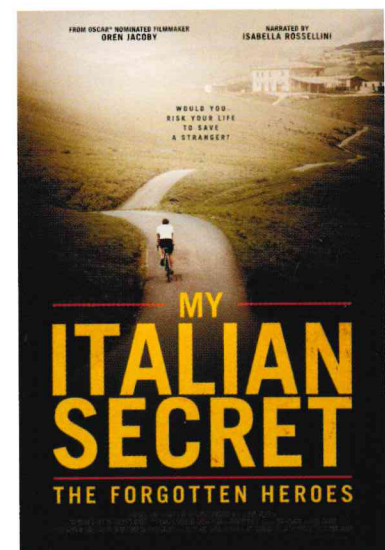
March 23: Young Adults Auxiliary Primavera Social The Young Adults Auxiliary (YAA) is a subcommittee of the Columbus Citizens Foundation formed in 1995 by adults between the ages of 21 and 30. It formed as a way to begin philanthropic endeavors that are in line with those of the Foundation. This complimentary cocktail reception welcomed potential new members into the group.

April 5: Joe DiMaggio Award Dinner Honoring Bobby Valentine With the permission of the Trustees of the Joe DiMaggio Estate, 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. This year's event honored Stamford native and philanthropist, Bobby Valentine, a sports legend who is best known as the manager for the Texas Rangers and New York Mets.

April 16: Easter Dinner Members and their families celebrated a traditional Easter dinner.

April 21: The Young Adults Auxiliary Present: The Great Gatsby A 1920's *Great Gatsby*-themed fundraising dinner party! All net proceeds benefited the Columbus Citizens Foundation high school and college scholarships in the YAA's name.



Movie poster for "My Italian Secret", which members enjoyed an exclusive screening of in February 2017.



Left to right:
 The Ladies Auxiliary gathers on the Townhouse's grand staircase at the annual Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show.
 House staff prepares to serve Members a feast of shellfish at the annual Shore Dinner.

April 24: Cigar Night at the Grand Havana Room A casual evening of fine dining and cigars at the famous Grand Havana Room on Fifth Avenue. Members enjoyed cocktails and cigars with a four-course dinner and open bar all night.

May 9: Ladies Auxiliary "Giorno Delle Donne" The annual spring fashion show and boutique luncheon fundraiser held by the Columbus Citizens Foundation's Ladies Auxiliary organization. The fashion show was presented by La Petite Robe, with all net proceeds and twenty percent of all vendor sales benefitting the Columbus Citizens Foundation scholarships in the Ladies Auxiliary's name.

May 10: A Musical Journey Through Italy International recording artist and Italian singing sensation, Franco Corso, known as "The Voice of Romance", presented a dinner concert at the Foundation townhouse. The tenor performed classics from Bocelli, Caruso, Pavarotti, Mario Lanza, and other beloved Italian favorites with live piano accompaniment.

May 14: Mother's Day Dinner A Sunday dinner with a specialty menu at the townhouse to honor the mothers in our lives.

May 24: Investing in New York City Real Estate A real estate lecture series organized and presented by Member Greg Calabro, with guests including Leo Parmegiani, James Wacht, Joseph Murphy, and more. Moderated by Member and Real Estate Broker, Mary Ann Fusco.

June 2: Katherine Wilson Book Signing Guest author Katherine Wilson presented her memoir, *Only in Naples: Lessons in Food and Famiglia from my Italian Mother-in-Law*. Full of lighthearted humor, sumptuous food, and the wisdom of an Italian mother-in-law, this warm and witty memoir follows American-born Katherine Wilson on her adventures abroad.

June 6: Nonne Roundtable For centuries, grandparents have passed down the secrets of fine cuisine in any number of cultures. *Cooking with Nonna's* Rossella Sciddurlo, Nonna Romana and other Nonne formed a "Nonne Roundtable" and book signing for this wonderful presentation. Several of the Nonne are part of the *Cooking with Nonna Cookbook*, and they spoke about their experience in being a part of the book.

June 8: Golf Outing Members teed up for the Annual CCF Golf Outing at Sands Point Golf Club. Events of the day included breakfast, BBQ lunch on the course, putting contest, cocktail reception, dinner, and bocce.

June 24: Townhouse BBQ Over the summer, CCF held its annual Family BBQ in the Townhouse patio backyard. The event is an occasion for CCF to collect monetary donations to help a local family in need. This year, we were delighted to host celebrity chef and restaurateur, Lidia Bastianich! Ms. Bastianich provided a special recipe for the event, and CCF provided free chef's hats and children's books, authored by Ms. Bastianich, to all the children in attendance. Donations from the event helped purchase a therapy swing to

help fight the loss of motor function in a teen with a rare genetic disorder.

June 27: Film Night Members gathered to enjoy home-made popcorn at the Townhouse while watching *Mia Madre*, winner of the Ecumenical Jury Prize at the Cannes Film Festival. The film stars Margherita Buy, Giulia Lazzarini, and John Turturro.

July 13: Shore Dinner A sold-out Italian Shore Dinner featured shrimp, lobster, spaghetti with crab sauce, live musical entertainment, and more!

July 19: Anthony Scaramucci Lecture CCF Member and 2012 Columbus Day Celebration Honoree Anthony Scaramucci returned to discuss equity markets, the economy, and Washington DC.

September 15: Regional Dinner Night A special four-course menu and wine pairing from the region of Naples. The evening featured live music by Neapolitan singer, Antonio Gurman!

September 26: Sam Stovall Lecture Chief Investment Strategist of CFRA and author of *The Seven Rules of Wall Street*, Sam Stovall, spoke to the Membership about CFRA's investment outlook for 2018.

October 3: Columbus Celebration Kickoff Hosted at Eataly NYC Downtown, the Foundation kicked off its Columbus Day Celebration with a reception for our Grand Marshal and Honorees as well as special guests Lidia Bastianich, Maria Bartiromo, and Governor Andrew Cuomo.

October 28: Halloween! A Night of Magic A first-time Halloween dinner party with the captivating magician, mentalist, and sleight-of-hand artist, Ryan Oakes.

November 10: The Young Adults Auxiliary Casino Night A casino night fundraiser and dinner party! All net proceeds benefitted the Columbus Citizens Foundation high school and college scholarships in the YAA's name.

November 17: Franco Corso Christmas Dinner Concert Returning for the Christmas Season, Columbus Day Parade performer Franco Corso gave a stunning Christmas performance with songs from Bocelli, Caruso, and Pavarotti. Franco also sang songs from his Holiday release, "My Italian Christmas" in both Italian and English.

December 3: Children's Christmas Party The Foundation's annual Children's Christmas party with food, games, and pictures with Santa.

December 5: Ladies Auxiliary "Auguri Di Buon Natale" The annual Christmas fashion show and boutique luncheon fundraiser held by the Columbus Citizens Foundation's Ladies Auxiliary organization. The fashion show was presented by Bloomingdale's with holiday make-up tips from Charlotte Tilbury. Bloomingdale's donated ten percent of all purchases to the Columbus Citizens Foundation. All net proceeds benefitted the Columbus Citizens Foundation scholarships in the Ladies Auxiliary's name.

December 5: Winter Coat Drive Kickoff The Fifth Annual Winter Coat Drive began earlier with a free cocktail reception to kickoff the collection of coats and winter accessories for adults and children in need. The drive continued through the Epiphany on January 6, 2018.

December 9: Members' Christmas Party The Foundation's annual Christmas party and dinner.

December 11: Andrea Bocelli Foundation Holiday Dinner Fundraiser A night of elegant fun and festivities while learning about the Andrea Bocelli Foundation's humanitarian efforts in Haiti. The evening included special guests: Maestro Eugene Kohn, Maestro Andrea Bocelli, Heather Headley, Larisa Martinez, Caroline Campbell, and Matteo Bocelli.

December 31: New Year's Eve Party The Foundation rang in the new year with style at this annual black-tie party. ■ ■



Top to bottom:

Party goers placing their bets at the Young Adults Auxiliary's annual Casino Night — with all proceeds benefiting CCF's scholarship program.

Attendees at the Children's Christmas Party enjoy seasonally themed face painting as part of the holiday fun.

New Foundation President Marian Pardo enjoying the 2017 Members' Christmas Party.

Maestro Andrea Bocelli welcomes guests to the Andrea Bocelli Foundation fundraiser held at the Townhouse in December.



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 2017, through the support of many of our Members, we were able to give 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 recipients, who are often cobbling together a variety of loans, grants and scholarships to pay for higher education, receive vital assistance to attend highly regarded colleges and universities throughout the country.

Above:

2017's College Scholarship Recipients gather at the Foundation townhouse for our Award Ceremony.

Opposite, clockwise from top left:

Official program for the College Scholarship Awards Ceremony displayed in the foyer.

2017 Recipients of our Adopt-A-Scholar Program attend a Townhouse dinner in their honor.

Scholarship Director Antonella Recchia addresses parents and scholarship recipients.



In addition to the general Scholarship Program, the Foundation is committed to the exploration and development of specialized opportunities for scholars with specific interests. We offer the Zeffirelli Scholarship annually, which is designed to nurture students with passion and talent in the arts. The Foundation also has a longstanding relationship with John Cabot University in Rome which allows us to send students to study abroad in Italy on an annual basis. We also now offer future chefs and restaurateurs the finest training available through a Scholarship Program at the American Culinary Institute.

We can all be proud of the following 2017 Scholarship Program achievements:

- For the **third year in a row**, we have committed **over \$2 million in multi-year scholarships**;
- We have **increased the total number of scholarships awarded by 5%** from 2016's numbers

In these changing times, receiving a quality education has never 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 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 be one of the most rewarding experiences of your life.

In addition to scholarships at all levels of education, the Foundation continues to develop ways in which we can create opportunities for success in today's intense job market. Our educational workshops made available throughout the year continue to offer up real world skills to those entering the work force, and 2017 marked the official launch of our summer internship program for CCF college scholarship recipients. Our internship program has received tremendous support from the Internship Committee, our Chairperson Phyllis Perillo, and the Members who made internships available to former scholarship recipients.

For more information on the Scholarship Department, please contact Director of Scholarship and Opportunities, Antonella Recchia at arecchia@columbuscitizens.org.



HEAR FROM SOME OF THE FOUNDATION'S CURRENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

ELEMENTARY

Tell us about your school Jack — how do you like going there?

I like my school because I get good grades and I have lots of friends. My teacher is Ms. Fragoso and she likes telling jokes. My friends' names are Malcolm, Leonard, Dylan and Leo. For Christmas I am in a show and I am going to sing "Go Tell It on the Mountain."

LORRAINE LEONE, MOTHER OF JACK LEONE

How has Jack's education improved by receiving the Foundation scholarship?

Jack's education exists only because of the Columbus Citizens Foundation scholarship. He gets to go to a good Catholic School instead of the public school system in our area. He had many hardships as a young child and now has



JACK LEONE

*Elementary School Scholarship Recipient
Third Grader, Our Lady of Perpetual Help*

become a young man with values. His teacher says he's a wonderful student who participates and brings enthusiasm to his classroom. His grades are fantastic — one of the smartest in his class. He loves being part of the Columbus Citizens Foundation. He brags about it to all his friends about how important it is to him. He also loves being Italian.

Without the CCF Scholarship, what worries would you have for your child's welfare and education?

Without the CCF Scholarship, Jack would have to go to public school. Where we

reside, the schools are bad. He would not make it in a public school in our area — education wise or safety wise.

How does the Scholarship improve Jack's future opportunities?

The CCF Scholarship has improved Jack's chances in getting into better schools. From now until College, I hope. The CCF has become our family and part of my child's life. They are helping me raise my child by giving him a good foundation and education. How great is that? ■■

HIGH SCHOOL



GINA DONADIO

High School Scholarship Recipient

Freshman, Kennedy Catholic High School

Gina, how does your school compare with the alternatives in your neighborhood?

The only public high school in my neighborhood is huge and there are so many students. Kennedy Catholic has smaller classes and stricter rules. We wear uniforms so no one has to compete with designer clothes. Our Principal, Fr. Vaillancourt, brings our Catholic faith to the forefront.

What activities or subjects are you enjoying that you wouldn't have access to if you weren't at your current school?

The activities and subjects that I'm enjoying that I wouldn't have access to if I went to the public school are my religious studies. It is a continuation from elementary school and I feel glad it's still part of my education.

In what ways do you think the CCF scholarship has increased the opportunities for you further down the road?

I think the CCF scholarship has increased the opportunities for me in the future because I'm making my studies a priority knowing that I have to keep a certain average. This will help me to excel in my subjects and get into top colleges. The CCF Scholarship has also opened many doors for me because I am able to continue my dance classes and participate in cheerleading. What the CCF Scholarship has done for me and my family is truly a blessing and I am so thankful.

ELISA DONADIO, MOTHER OF GINA DONADIO

What worries were alleviated for you as a parent when Gina received her scholarship?

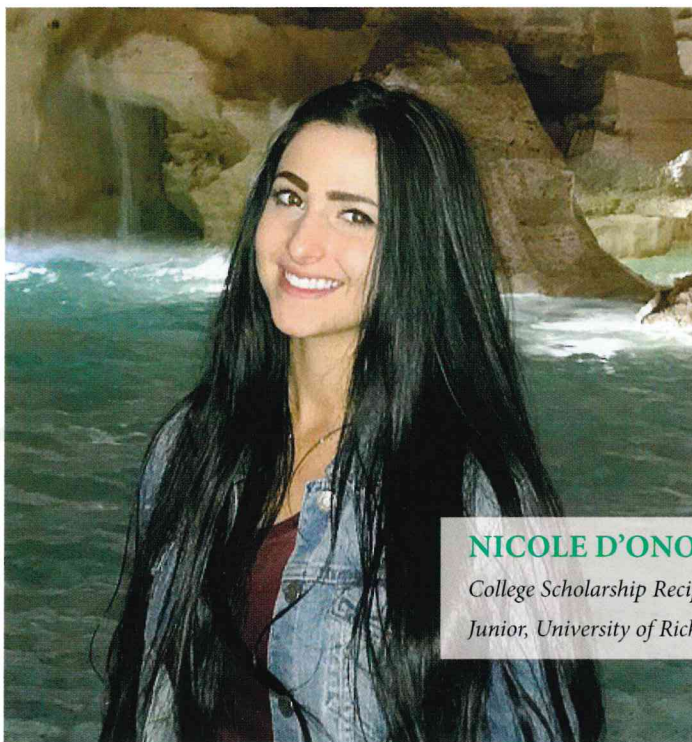
There were several worries as well as heavy burdens lifted from me when we received the letter stating Gina was a recipient of the Adopt-a-Scholar. The financial situation my family is going through would have not allowed Gina the opportunity to attend a Catholic High School and

continue her Catholic education. Kennedy Catholic High School is known for its wonderful education, discipline and caring for each and every student to push them to do their best and be the best they can be. This also will ultimately give them the confidence they need in all aspects of their future development.

How much of an impact has the CCF scholarship had on your daughter's life?

Gina has a wonderful attitude toward school, she never complains about getting up early, homework or after school help. The education she is receiving at Kennedy Catholic has an extremely focused and top notch curriculum. They will push their students in order to challenge and guide them to achieve the best of their ability. The Catholic faith is present and is a very big part of the learnings they instill upon each and every student. I feel that this is just as important as academics for young adults in this world today. ■■

COLLEGE



NICOLE D'ONOFRIO

*College Scholarship Recipient
Junior, University of Richmond*

How has the Foundation's College Scholarship helped with the college education you are currently receiving?

Applying for college was a very overwhelming experience for me. I felt like I was always trying to balance getting into the best college with affording the costs. Fortunately, though, just as college decisions were released, I found out that I had received the Columbus Citizens Foundation College Scholarship. At that point, I knew I could choose to attend any college I wanted.

I chose a private education at the University of Richmond, and I have been able to celebrate my Italian heritage every day through my double major with Italian Studies. My life completely changed when I began college and I am very grateful to the CCF that I could choose the college that was right for me.

In what ways has working with the Columbus Citizens Foundation connected you more closely to your Italian heritage?

After receiving the CCF College Scholarship, I was encouraged to take my first Italian class. I picked up the language very quickly and felt so connected to the culture. Taking this class helped me to realize, even further, how much of my family's traditions and values were based on my Italian background. After two semesters, I became an Italian TA and Vice President of PSI Foreign Language Honor Society at the University of Richmond.

This past fall semester, I took the biggest step in my Italian studies pursuit. I left the country for the first time in my life and ventured to Milan, Italy for four months to study at Bocconi University. Three years ago, the CCF scholarship application prompted me to do some research on my Italian heritage, so I decided to pick up my research where I left off. I extensively mapped out my family history and began traveling to the regions my ancestors were from. The experience was eye-opening. I took photographs and videos, which are posted on my study abroad website, and I kept a journal documenting the places I

traveled to and the family connections I found.

What other opportunities has the CCF scholarship helped create for you?

One of the greatest resources the Columbus Citizens Foundation provides is the new CCF Internship Program. As a sophomore, my connections and resources were limited, so I was thankful to be able to turn to the CCF to support me in finding a business internship last summer. After submitting an application and interviewing with members of the Foundation, I was selected to continue interviewing at EisnerAmper LLP in New York City. I joined the EisnerAmper Summer Internship Program as an International Tax Intern in the Financial Services division, so that I could learn more about financial firms, global tax structures, and gain experience working for international clients. I was trusted with a great deal of work and responsibility throughout the internship, but felt very confident by the end of the summer when I completed my project. ■■



COLUMBUS CELEBRATION KICKOFF EVENT – HOSTED AT EATALY NYC DOWNTOWN

On Tuesday, October 3, the Columbus Citizens Foundation was thrilled to host its official kickoff event and sashing ceremony at Eataly NYC Downtown in the heart of the financial district and World Trade Center.

Eataly 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 (and CCF Board Member) Maria Bartiromo was on hand to introduce our Honorary Celebration Chairman, Governor Andrew Cuomo. Governor Cuomo spoke of the importance that Columbus Day and the Columbus

monument continue to hold in the Italian-American community — and he spoke of the significance of Columbus not just to Italian Americans, but to America, as a symbol of all immigrants.

Honorees Dr. Laura Forese and Thomas Iovino offered brief remarks and were officially sashed as 2017 Honorees.

As a closing to the ceremony, the 2017 Grand Marshal Leonard Riggio took to the stage and paid tribute to the 100 Italian-American authors that would be marching with him as he led the Parade up Fifth Avenue. He also told the gathered crowd how appropriate and timely it was that the company he founded — Barnes & Noble — would be distributing 50,000 copies of the

*Clockwise from top left:
MC Maria Bartiromo; CCF President Angelo Vivolo;
Honoree Dr. Laura Forese; Grand Marshal Leonard Riggio; Honoree Thomas Iovino; New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo and Lidia Bastianich.
Executive Director David Iommarini; Vice-President Marian Pardo and CCF Member Monsignor Jamie Gigantiello.
Authors Gay Talese; Adriana Trigiani and Lorenzo Carcaterra gather with Grand Marshal and Barnes & Noble Founder Leonard Riggio.
New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo addresses guests.*

U.S. Constitution and Declaration of Independence during the 2017 Parade.

The evening ended with a reminder to the crowds at Eataly NYC Downtown to attend both the Wreath Laying on Sunday, October 8 and the Parade on Monday, October 9. ■ ■



COLUMBUS CELEBRATION 73RD ANNUAL GALA BENEFIT

The Columbus Citizens Foundation's 73rd Annual Gala was held on Saturday, October 7. The 2017 Gala was the first to be held at the Hilton Midtown Hotel and the venue did not disappoint: with plenty of room for classic and modern Alfa Romeo automobiles on display; dancing enjoyed by all; a jazz band from Italy who performed during cocktails; a tremendous silent auction; and a

dinner dance featuring entertainment by award-winning Barry Manilow that entranced Members, Honorees and guests alike.

In addition to honoring our 2017 Grand Marshal Leonard Riggio, Chairman and Founder of Barnes & Noble, the evening also paid tribute to our two Honorees: Dr. Laura Forese and Mr. Thomas Iovino.

The Gala was hosted by CCF Board Member and acclaimed journalist Maria Bartiromo, who opened the evening's entertainment program in the Hilton's Grand Ballroom. She spoke of how proud she was to have been hosting the Foundation's Gala for over twenty years. In addition to welcoming all guests, she spoke of how, while "change is good", some things never change — including



Opposite, Clockwise from top left:

Grand Marshal Leonard Riggio waves at the guests.

Maria Bartiromo proudly serves as MC for the annual event.

From left: Governor Andrew Cuomo; Dr. Robert Downey; Honoree Dr. Laura Forese; Grand Marshal Leonard Riggio; Louise Riggio; CCF Board Member and MC Maria Bartiromo and CCF President Angelo Vivolo.

Above:

Guests fill the new venue of the New York Hilton Hotel.

Below:

Award-winning musical sensation Barry Manilow was the Gala's Featured Performer.



“what [the Celebration] represents... pride in our culture.”

Following Bartiromo’s opening remarks, President Angelo Vivolo took to the podium and delivered an overview on the Foundation’s mission of “giving back to others.” He was happy to report to all that he had “never seen such resolve and commitment” within the Italian-American community as he had in the lead up to this year’s Celebration.

The Gala was honored to have a special guest and speaker in our Honorary Celebration Chairman, Governor Andrew Cuomo. The Governor thanked President Vivolo for his leadership to the community during a difficult year and reminded all that we still need “to tell the true story of Italian Americans in this country.” Cuomo got the crowd to their feet in applause, as he stated clearly and emphatically that as long as

he is Governor of New York, the monument to Christopher Columbus will remain in New York City.

His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York delivered the Invocation, and thanked the Heavenly Father for “the gifts of faith, family, friendship and fun” as well as paying tribute to “towering heroes” such as Christopher Columbus.

Honoree Dr. Laura Forese spoke of the pride she had for her Italian roots, and emphasized “the value of family.” She also spoke of how many first generation Italian Americans came “in search of a better life” and were welcomed and helped by other Italians who came before them. She urged listeners to embrace those Italian-American values in the present day.

The emphasis on values and giving back to others was reflected in

Right:

Governor Andrew Cuomo delivers a powerful message to the assembled guests.

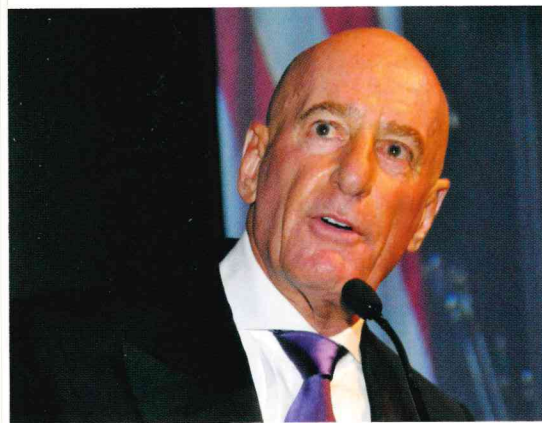
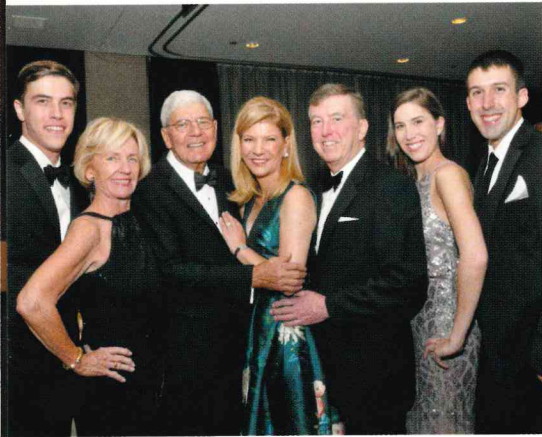
Authors Gay Talese, Mary Carlomagno and Gina Barreca attending the Gala to support our Grand Marshal Riggio.

Below:

2017 Honoree Dr. Laura Forese celebrates with her family.

Our 2017 Honoree Thomas Iovino takes to the podium.

Guests enjoying the dancefloor.



Honoree Thomas Iovino's speech as well. Iovino told guests stories of growing up the oldest of five in a crowded home — and how his life was “truly... the American dream.”

Gala attendees were given an advance preview of the video segment on the Foundation's scholarship program that aired during the Columbus Day Parade broadcast on WABC-7.

Bartirromo reminded all attending that the creation of opportunity is at the heart of the CCF's mission, and that our goal is to “set Italian Americans on the right path.”

When the time came for our 2017 Grand Marshal Leonard Riggio to take to the podium, he was introduced as a man who represents so many of the Italian-American community's values; hard work, integrity and love of family. Riggio referenced the writers that he was sharing the honor of Grand Marshal with, and told them that they “bring honor to all Italian Americans.”

Riggio spoke of giving away 50,000 copies of the Constitution on the parade route, stating that this document “enabled our forefathers to become citizens of equal standing in America.” He also spoke of living his life with a balance between a “drive to excel and a sense of humility” — shaped in part from his father who told him to “aim for the stars” and his mother who warned him “not to get too big for [his] britches.” In the video segment that preceded his speech, he emphasized his constant desire of “being better, not to be richer, but to be better”.

The Gala was packed with exclusive live entertainment through the evening. As guests arrived for the cocktail hour they were wowed by the swing group who travelled from Italy to perform, Rudy Valentino ei Baileras. During the dinner, the always popular Infernos performed a selection of popular standards that had guests on the dancefloor in between courses.

The entertainment closed with our featured Gala Performer, the award-winning Barry Manilow. Manilow's performance came courtesy of our Grand Marshal Leonard Riggio, who presented the singer with an Honorary Italian American award in the middle

of his set, joking that he would just need to lose the "w" at the end of his name. Manilow sang some of his most beloved songs including: "Looks Like We Made It;" "Can't Smile Without You;" and "Copacabana" to a delighted crowd.

Overall, the Gala was a huge success, generating revenue from ticket sales, sponsorship packages and the successful Silent Auction and Alfa Romeo raffle. All net proceeds from the Gala go directly to the Foundation's scholarship fund. ■



Clockwise from top left:

Maria Bartiromo and Angelo Vivolo award 2017 Grand Marshal Riggio with his commemorative Columbus bust. 1968 Alfa Romeo Tipo 33/2 Stradale on display for Gala attendees.

Leonard Riggio presents performer Barry Manilow with his "Honorary Italian American" award.

Guests browsing the Silent Auction items.

Italian swing band Rudy Valentino ei Bailerias perform standards during the cocktail hour.

The 58th annual Wreath Laying ceremony took place on Sunday, October 8. It was the largest crowd seen in many years as civil servants from America and Italy gathered in Columbus Circle to commemorate the Columbus Day holiday, and pay tribute to the 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, and it was wonderful to see so many of our Foundation Members out in the misty and windy weather to support the work these groups do for the city of New York.

As tradition dictates, the ceremony opened with performances of the Italian and American national anthems, which were followed by an Invocation from Monsignor Hillary Franco.

Joseph Guagliardo, President of the National Council of Columbia Associations of Civil Service, delivered opening comments, introducing speeches by Italian Consul General for New York, Francesco Genuardi and Columbus Citizens Foundation President Angelo Vivolo. We were also honored to have our 2017 Grand Marshal Leonard Riggio address the assembled crowd in Columbus Circle about the importance of the Columbus Day Celebration.

All four 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. ■



Top to bottom:

Columbia Association, Department of Sanitation gathers on the steps of the Columbus monument.

CCF Members were well-represented in the crowd of spectators.

Grand Marshal Leonard Riggio was introduced to the podium by CCF President Angelo Vivolo.



COLUMBUS CELEBRATION MASS

2017 marked the 40th annual Columbus Day Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. 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 Timothy Cardinal Dolan as our Celebrant and His Excellency Dominick Lagonegro, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, 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 Mass.

Bishop Lagonegro made use of the Homily to offer this valuable piece of advice; "Our country is not perfect, but I love her because of the good that she accomplishes. We must work to make the country better, not by tearing her down but working to build her up."

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

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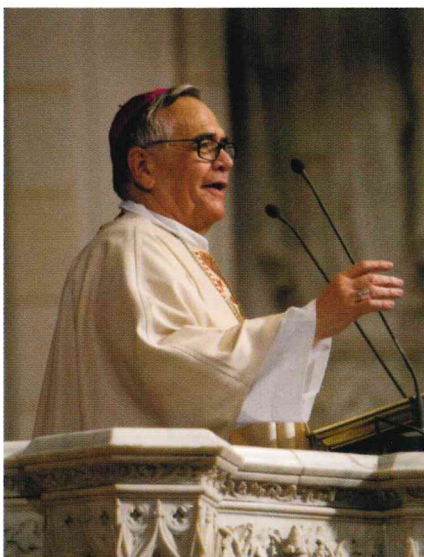
His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan proceeds down the center aisle of St. Patrick's Cathedral as the service begins.

Grand Marshal Leonard Riggio, Louise Riggio, Judy Iovino and Honoree Thomas Iovino in attendance.

Right, left to right:

His Excellency Dominick Lagonegro delivers the Homily.

2017 Honoree Dr. Laura Forese attended the Mass with her parents and husband.



The Columbus Citizens Foundation thanks
the hard work of the 2017 Columbus Celebration Chairmen
for their tireless efforts to make the 2017 Columbus Celebration an extraordinary success.

2017 COLUMBUS CELEBRATION CHAIRMEN



Angelo Vivolo
President / Weekend Chairman



Lawrence E. Auriana
Italian Affairs Chairman



Janice Galli Becker
Silent Auction Chairman



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Mass Chairman



Aldo Verrelli
Parade Chairman

RECOGNIZING OUR HONOREES

The Columbus Citizens Foundation was honored to have Leonard Riggio serve as the 2017 Grand Marshal. Mr. Riggio is the Founder and Chairman of Barnes & Noble Inc. The Foundation also paid tribute to its Honorees, Executive Vice President & COO of NewYork-Presbyterian, Dr. Laura Forese and Founder of Judlau Contracting Inc., Thomas Iovino. ■■

Grand Marshal

LEONARD RIGGIO

*Founder & Chairman
Barnes & Noble Inc.*

Honoree

DR. LAURA FORESE

*Executive Vice President & COO
NewYork-Presbyterian*

Honoree

THOMAS IOVINO

*Founder, Judlau Contracting Inc.
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LEONARD RIGGIO
CHAIRMAN

December 11, 2017

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

Dear Angelo,

Being Grand Marshal of the Columbus Day Parade was the experience of a lifetime. Marching together with my family and lifelong friends could not have been more heartwarming. We will never forget praying together in the majestic St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Sitting in the first row at the Mass, tears came to my eyes as my mind drifted to my parents Lena and Steve Riggio. How I wished they could have been there with me. My thoughts also turned to my wonderful grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins, and the very special people who lived in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, USA. They were, and are, the music of my life.

Like all Italian-Americans, my heritage is important to me. It's not just a matter of where we came from, but who we are. Our forebearers did not have a walk in the park, and their genius was seldom recognized. Yet, they never wavered in their love for their adopted country, and never failed to answer the call to be good citizens. We walk boldly in their footsteps.

As you may know, this year's parade celebrated a group of Italian-Americans whose contributions to our society are enormous: Italian-American authors. Although most do not share the celebrity status of sports stars, entertainers, and business and political leaders, their important work is woven deeply into the fabric of American society. More than 100 authors marched in the parade this year, and many helped pass out free copies of a leather-bound edition of *The United States Constitution*. I couldn't have been more proud.

It is the Constitution which made noble the dreams and aspirations of our parents and grandparents, and it is this document to which our future generations will be indebted.

May God bless our Italian-American heritage.

Sincerely,



Leonard Riggio



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October 16, 2017

Mr. Angelo Vivolo
President
Columbus Citizens Foundation
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New York, NY 10021

Dear Angelo,

I am writing to express my sincerest gratitude to the Columbus Citizens Foundation for selecting me as an Honoree for the 2017 Columbus Day Parade. What an absolutely delightful weekend! It was such a memorable experience to participate in all the festivities. Thank you for bestowing me with the honor of representing our Italian-American culture and heritage.

I have never been prouder of my heritage than I was this weekend. My family originally came to the United States with only the dream of a better life and were so fortunate to be helped by others. I know they all marched with us in spirit on Columbus Day!

I would also like to thank you and the entire team at the Columbus Citizens Foundation for your tireless efforts, passion and enthusiasm in giving back to our community, and thank you, personally, for the magnificent work you do with the Foundation.

Sincerely,

Laura L. Forese, MD

Thomas Iovino
1115 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10128

October 25, 2017

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

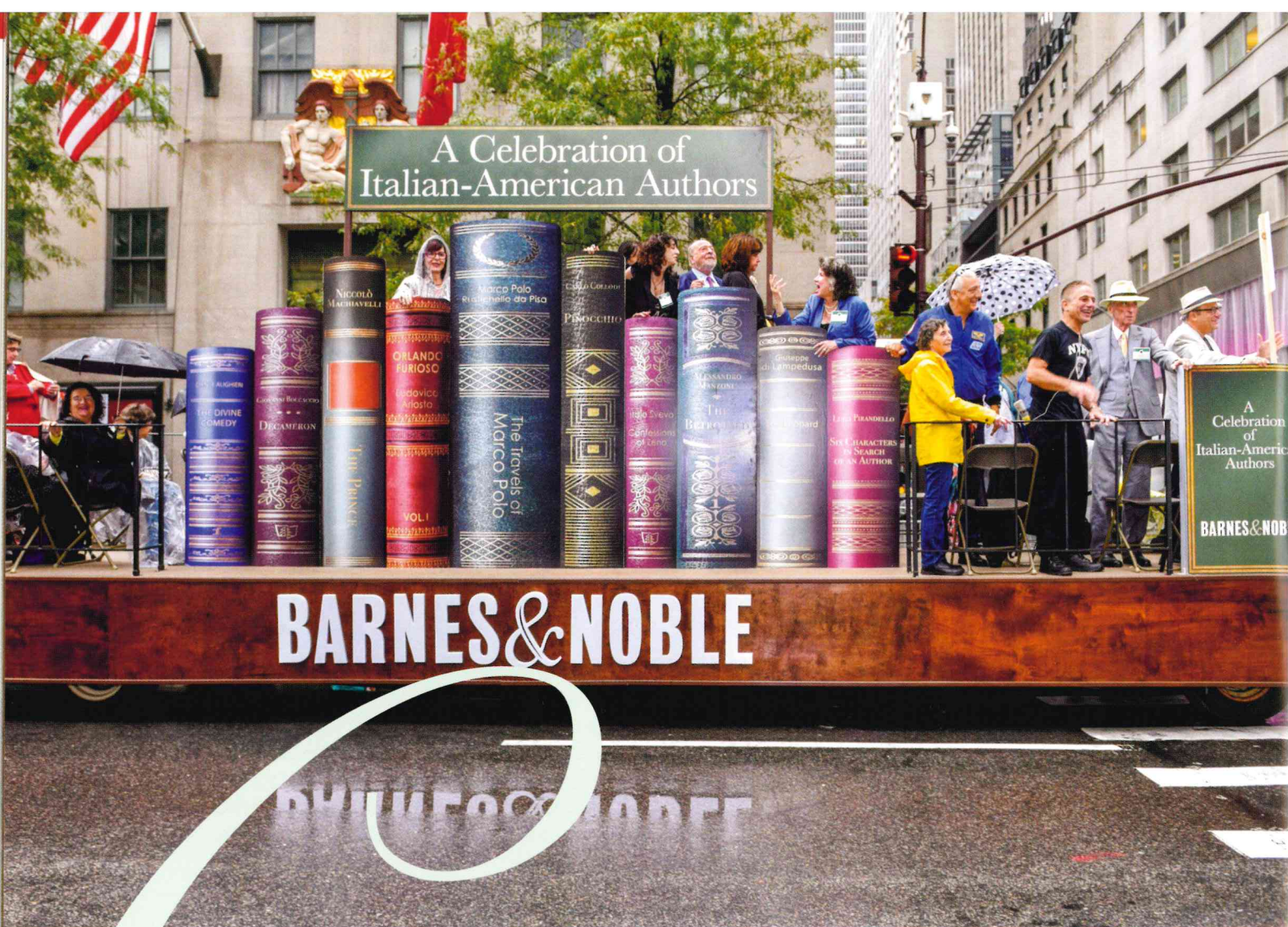
Angelo,

I wanted to express my sincerest thanks to you and the Foundation for a truly rewarding Columbus week experience. My family truly enjoyed every aspect of it from Eataly to the dinner and dancing Saturday night, Barry Manilow, the laying of the wreath Sunday and parade Monday. Although raining, it was an experience I will treasure forever. I want to make sure you realize just how comfortable the entire staff made me, my wife and family feel. They were there every step of the way, facilitating all our movements, keeping us comfortable in difficult weather and making us feel truly special.

And Angelo, special thanks to you. You are indeed a sincere, thoughtful and genuine human being. The Foundation is blessed to have you at the helm especially given the controversy of the statue in Columbus Circle this year. You touched my heart this special week and I will never forget you for it.

Warmest Regards,

Thomas Iovino



COLUMBUS DAY PARADE MARCHES UP FIFTH AVENUE

Rain clouds overhead, political debate regarding statues, warnings of a tropical storm — nothing could dampen the enthusiasm of the more than 25,000 marchers, 100 Italian-American authors, a fleet of Alfa Romeos and over 15 parade floats as they made their way up Fifth Avenue on Monday, October 9 for the 73rd Annual Columbus Day Parade.

Led by Grand Marshal Leonard Riggio, Founder and Chairman of Barnes & Noble Inc., the Foundation's parade celebrated Italian-American achievements and was themed around "A Celebration of Italian-American Authors."

In keeping with the parade's theme, 100 Italian-American authors (including Gay Talese; Danny Aiello; Nelson DeMille and Adrianna Trigiani) marched right behind our 2017 Grand Marshal, and they were followed by a magnificent Barnes & Noble float that wowed the crowds along Fifth Avenue. A second Barnes & Noble float appeared later in the line of march and distributed 50,000 copies of a special edition of the US Constitution of the United States and the Declaration of Independence — a fittingly patriotic gift from Leonard Riggio to all 2017 Parade spectators!

Our major sponsor Alfa Romeo provided a cavalcade of cars that transported our Grand Marshal's family and our two Honorees. Alfas both contemporary and classic were a thrill to see driving up the parade route, including: a 1933 Alfa Romeo 8C-2300 Monza; a 1966 Romeo Service Van; a 1972 Alfa Romeo A12 Car Transporter and several 2018 Alfa Romeo Stevio All Sports. In addition, two Alfa Romeos (a 1984 Alfa Romeo Dallara 384 Formula 3 and a 2018 Alfa Romeo Stelvio All Sport) were featured on an elevated float for all to see.



Opposite:

Barnes & Noble leads the Parade with a stunning float featuring some of the over 100 Italian-American authors marching in the Parade.

Clockwise, from left:

The Board of Governors leading the Columbus Citizens Foundation marching group.

“The Italian Fairy” Simona Rodano performs “Pinocchio Pop” with young dancers and actors.

A classic Alfa Romeo automobile makes its way up Fifth Avenue to the delight of onlookers.



Many other sponsors took to Fifth Avenue in colorful and creative floats and vehicles, including the Daily News; Casa Building; Gabrielli Trucking; Generoso Pope Foundation; New York Community Bancorp; WCBS FM; Gabelli Funds; Country Bank; L'Arte Del Gelato; Wagner College and Formaggio.

The parade was broadcast live on WABC-7, and once again renowned broadcast journalist Maria Bartiromo and actor/radio personality Joe Piscopo served as hosts. **The broadcast was enjoyed by over 602,500 viewers, representing a 10% increase from last year.** This steady growth of ratings from

2014 to 2017 in a world where viewership is becoming more and more fragmented is truly cause for celebration — and is indicative of the support the New York market has for the celebration of Columbus Day.

Angelo Vivolo, 2017 President of the Columbus Citizens Foundation, said of this year's event: “Even the weather could not stop us from celebrating our heritage this Columbus Day. We are so grateful for the incredible theme our Grand Marshal Len Riggio implemented for this year's parade — and we are thankful for his inspiration and participation. It was truly wonderful to see how many

marching groups and spectators braved the weather conditions to share their pride as Italian Americans.”

Our 2017 Grand Marshal Leonard Riggio is the Founder and Chairman of Barnes & Noble, the world's largest bookseller. He is a prominent Italian-American business leader who has dedicated much of his life outside the workplace to contributions to philanthropy and community service. He has also been a Member of the Columbus Citizens Foundation since 1991.

Mr. Riggio commented on being 2017 Grand Marshal of the Columbus Day Parade, “I am honored and pleased to



carry on this important tradition and join the ranks of distinguished Italian Americans who have served in this role before me. At the same time, I am thrilled to use this opportunity to recognize the achievements of Italian-American writers and their enormous contributions to the literary fabric of America.”

The 2017 Parade spoke to the vitality and importance of Italian Americans in the city of New York with the participation of renowned contractor Thomas Iovino, responsible for the 2016 completion of the Second Avenue Subway and groundbreaking VP and COO of NewYork-Presbyterian Dr. Laura Forese as Honorees of the 2017 Columbus Day Parade.

The parade’s 2017 red carpet sponsor was the new app Emojitalia, a unique digital keyboard that also helps users sign petitions and contact their elected officials in support of Columbus Day. Emojitalia enjoyed full branding on a stage that was packed with entertainment. 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 “The Flag Still Flies High.”

The following acts included Italian sensation and winner of “The Voice Italy” Sister Cristina; acclaimed Italian Broadway vocalist Francesca Capetta and renowned classical cross-over artist Franco Corso. “The Italian Fairy” Simona Rodano provided family fun, and viewers were given a sneak peak of the off-Broadway show “This One’s For The Girls” when cast members performed a medley of 60’s hits. Other performances included: fan favorite Angelo Venuto; the girl group The Sirens; new pop artist LysXOXO and the 2017 semi-finalist from “America’s Got Talent”, Christian Guardino.

The impact of Italy was felt throughout the parade, as the Line of March included the Polizia Stato (Italian National Police), a musical marching band from Castiellammare del Golfo and an absolutely stunning procession from the Umbria region of Foglino’s Joust of Quintana. Italian dignitaries marched with the Italian Consulate General, including visitors from Frosinone; Tuscany and Abruzzo — as well as the Associazione Nazionale Carabinieri. Spectators also felt the culture and traditions of Italy come alive with actor/director Massimiliano Finazzer Flory in costume as renowned Italian composer Giuseppe Verdi.

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. Mayoral candidates Nicole Malliotakis and Bo Dietl also joined the parade. Other politicians marching included: New York Congressman Tom Suozzi; NYS Comptroller Tom DiNapoli; Public Advocate Leticia James and New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer.

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.

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. ■ ■



Angelo Vivolo
 President
 Columbus Citizens Foundation
 8 East 69th Street
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October 13, 2017

Dear Angelo,

When you said "we're marching- rain or shine" – you really meant it!

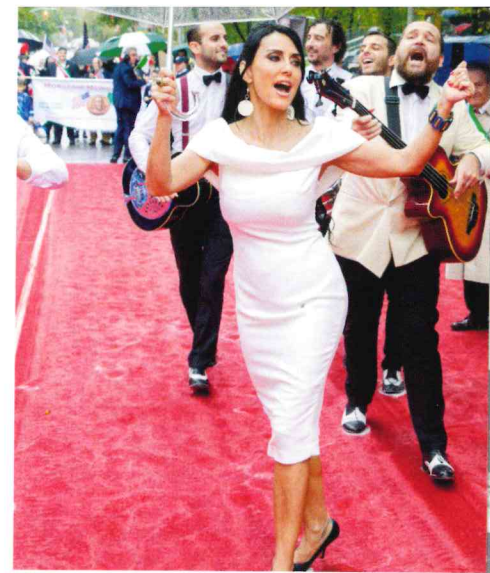
Congratulations to the Foundation on another Columbus Day Parade, and if it makes you feel any better about the wet weather, 602,560 people saw the parade on Channel 7, 10% more than last year.

We share your mission to make the parade a celebration of Italian culture, and the positive influence it can be on future generations.

Keep up the good work!

Thanks,

Dave Davies
 President & General Manager



Opposite, left to right:
 Cohost Joe Piscopo leads the crowd in "New York, New York" at the end of the broadcast.
 Authors Tony Danza; Gay Talese and Lorenzo Carcatarra on the official Barnes & Noble float.
 Grand Marshal Leonard Riggio and wife Louise staying dry while marching.
Clockwise from above:
 Letter of congratulations from WABC-TV on another record-breaking year of viewer ratings for the Parade.
 Television personality Francesca Alderisi dances across the red carpet with Italian swing band Rudy Valentino ei Balleras.
 RC Diocese of Brooklyn's float makes its way through the parade.
 Waves from a fire engine, as the Columbia Association FDNY cruises up Fifth Avenue.
 The NYPD motorcycle police start off the Parade.
 The wet weather did not deter the Young Adults Auxiliary from proudly marching with their banner.



LADIES AUXILIARY CONTINUES TO SHINE

As membership of the Ladies Auxiliary continues to grow, Auxiliary President Janice Becker was happy to report, “The Ladies Auxiliary is committed through our annual events to maintaining a perpetual scholarship. The women in the Auxiliary are always giving of their time and effort to help provide opportunities for the younger generation of Italian Americans.”

The 2017 Spring Luncheon was held in May and showcased the work of acclaimed Italian designer Chiara Boni. Also present at the Spring Luncheon were Saks Fifth Avenue, who ran a pop-up boutique at the Foundation and sold \$30,000 of merchandise in just two hours — ten percent of which went straight to the Auxiliary’s Scholarship Fund.

The 2017 annual Christmas Luncheon was held on December 5, surpassing all fundraising records from years past. With fashions displayed by Bloomingdale’s, and an exclusive arrangement with the hottest name in make-up, Charlotte Tilbury, the event was a luxurious afternoon none of the members will soon forget.

The Ladies Auxiliary welcomes any potential new members. Please contact Janice Becker for details on how to become involved. ■■

Place cards await guests of the 2017 Christmas Luncheon.



Above, left to right:

Ladies Auxiliary President Janice Becker speaking to the Ladies during their Christmas event.

Pop-up boutique at the Foundation during the 2017 Spring Luncheon.

Models showcasing exclusive Chiara Boni designs at the May event.

THE HISTORY OF THE COLUMBUS MONUMENT



Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

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ROSE HARVEY
Commissioner

RESOURCE EVALUATION

DATE: November 9, 2017

STAFF: Kathy Howe

PROPERTY: Columbus Monument

MCD: Manhattan

ADDRESS: Columbus Circle

COUNTY: New York

USN: 06101.019547

- I. Property is individually listed on SR/NR:
name of listing:
- Property is a contributing component of a SR/NR district:
name of district:
- II. Property meets eligibility criteria.
- Property contributes to a district which appears to meet eligibility criteria.

Criteria for Inclusion in the National Register:

- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history;
- B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;
- C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction; or represents the work of a master; or possess high artistic values; or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction;
- D. Have yielded, or may be likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Summary

The Columbus Monument, located in the center of Columbus Circle, at the intersection of West 59th Street (Central Park South), Broadway, Eighth Avenue and Central Park West in Manhattan, is a significant example of late nineteenth-century public sculpture. Rising 76 feet, the monument is a rostral column capped with a 12 foot, nine-inch figure of Christopher Columbus, the Italian-born explorer credited with the discovery of America in 1492. Designed by Sicilian sculptor Gaetano Russo, it was dedicated on 12 October 1892, and according to a contemporary report in *Scientific American*, "there will be no more beautiful and completely representational monument erected to the great discoverer on the four hundredth anniversary of his landing in the new world than the splendid gift of the Italians of New York to that city." The monument was the idea of

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Clockwise, from right:

Columbus Monument, 1905 (Credit: Library of Congress)

Birdseye view of Columbus Monument, ca. 1990

Columbus Monument, 1895 (Credit: Museum of the City of New York)

Columbus statue, 2017 (Credit: Glen Umberger)

Columbus Monument looking north, 2017 (Credit: Glen Umberger)

Carlo Barsotti (1850-1927), newspaper publisher of *Il Progresso Italo-Americano*, who solicited funds primarily from working class Italian immigrants to fund the project.

The monument is significant under National Register Criterion C in the area of art as an outstanding example of late nineteenth century public sculpture in New York City. Located in the center of a recently redesigned circular public park, the monument serves as the focal point of a busy traffic circle. Russo's design incorporates figurative and classical motifs in a monumental Neoclassical composition of high quality materials and craftsmanship. The form and content of this work, which celebrates Italian nationalism, embody several ideas about civic pride, patriotism, nationalism and ethnic identity that represents American culture in this period, as well as the conflicting loyalties of one of America's largest immigrant populations of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. In this regard, the monument is also significant under NR criterion A in ethnic and social history as a tangible manifestation of the presence of a large Italian-American community in New York City and of the dynamics of assimilation and ethnicity that characterized these new citizens' lives.

Setting

The concept for a circle with a sculptural focus at this location was born from Frederick Law Olmsted's overall design intent for Central Park, which included four transition points, one at each of the four corner entrances to the park. At the time the statue was installed, it was set on a simple circular base and horses and carriage circulated around it. In 1905, a traffic rotary at this location was designed by William Eno, a noted traffic engineer, and is the first documented traffic circle in the country. The circle's traffic design and the park setting at the base of the monument have been reimagined and redesigned many times since. At some time in the twentieth century, Eno's rotary was converted to a non-circular road pattern and a ring of fountains was installed at the base of the monument in 1965. In conjunction with the adjacent development of the Time Warner Center, several city agencies, including City Planning, Transportation, and City Parks, collaborated on an interim design for Columbus Circle in 1998 which returned the roadway to a circular traffic plan and improved pedestrian walkways. More recently, in 2005, Columbus Circle underwent a dramatic \$20 million redesign by the Philadelphia firm of Olin Partnership. The redesign, with the monument at its center, consists of a series of concentric rings that buffer the traffic; a broad, gently raised area of planting; and a series of fountains, paving, benches and lights. While the traffic rotary and the circular park have been changed over the years, these features provide a dignified setting for the monument and reflect the original spirit or design intent of both Olmsted's concept and Eno's traffic design.

Description of the Monument

Rising a total of 76 feet, the monument consists of a 13' high Carrara marble figure of Christopher Columbus atop a 35' high granite rostral column, on a 28' high granite pedestal/base. The base features two bas-reliefs in bronze on the north and south sides: the north panel is entitled "*the Niña, the Pinta, and the Santa María sailing from Spain,*" while the south one labelled "*Columbus putting ashore and giving thanks to God while natives peer from behind foliage.*" Above the north panel is a bronze eagle

Columbus Monument – SHPO Resource Evaluation

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holding in its claws the shields of the United States and Genoa; the pedestal features a marble allegorical figure, "*the Genius*"

The following inscription is carved into the west elevation of the monument:
[top, Italian inscription] A CRISTOFORO COLOMBO / G
RESIDENTI IN AMERICA / IRRISO PRIMA / MINACCIATO
VIAGGIO / INCATENATO DOPO / SAPENDO ESSER
QUANTO OPPRESSO / DONAVA UN MONDO AL MOI

[middle, Italian inscription] LA GIOIA E LA GLORIA / NC
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ISOLA AMERICANA / TERRA! TERRA! /
NEL 12 OTTOBRE 1892 / QUARTO CENTENARIO / D
D'AMERICA / A IMPERITURA MEMORIA /
[bottom, Italian inscription] PER INIZIATIVA
DEL PROGRESSO ITALO AMERICANO
IL PRIMO GIORNALE ITALIANO QUOTIDIANO
NECIT STATI UNITI,
CAV. CARLO BARSOTTI EDITORE E PROPRIETAR

The east elevation of the pedestal and base features the English inscription:
[top, English inscription] TO CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS
RESIDENT IN AMERICA, / SCOFFED AT BEFORE, / I
VOYAGE, MENACED, / AFTER IT, CHAINED, / AS HE
OPPRESSED, / TO THE WORLD HE GAVE A WORLD

[bottom, English inscription] JOY AND GLORY / NEVER
THRILLING CALL / THAT WHICH RESOUNDED / FROM
CONQUERED OCEAN / IN SIGHT OF THE FIRST AMERICAN
/LAND! LAND! /
ON THE XII OF OCTOBER MDCCCXCII / THE FOURTH
THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA / IN IMPERISHABLE

The pedestal is crowned with a bronze cornice of acroteria. It is supported by four bronze anchors, three tiers of projecting bronze rostra (beams), and a bronze inscription. The Columbus figure stands on the pedestal facing south.

Historic Context/Significance

Italians were numerous among the waves of southern European immigrants who arrived in the United States around the turn of the century. Among the immigrants who arrived in America, their participation in American culture, and their endeavors. For Italians, in particular, the thematic content of the monument related to "Risorgimento," the movement for a free and united Italy, and Italian political and cultural activity during the nineteenth century.

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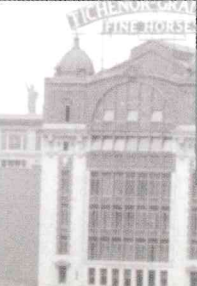
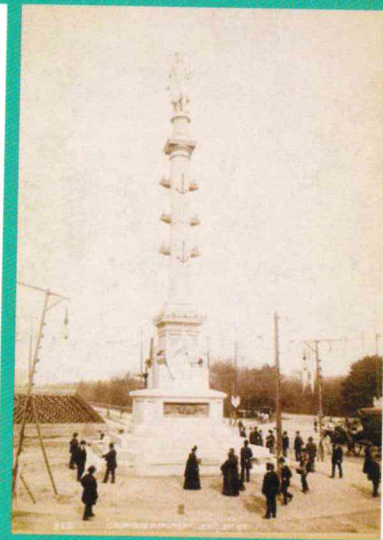
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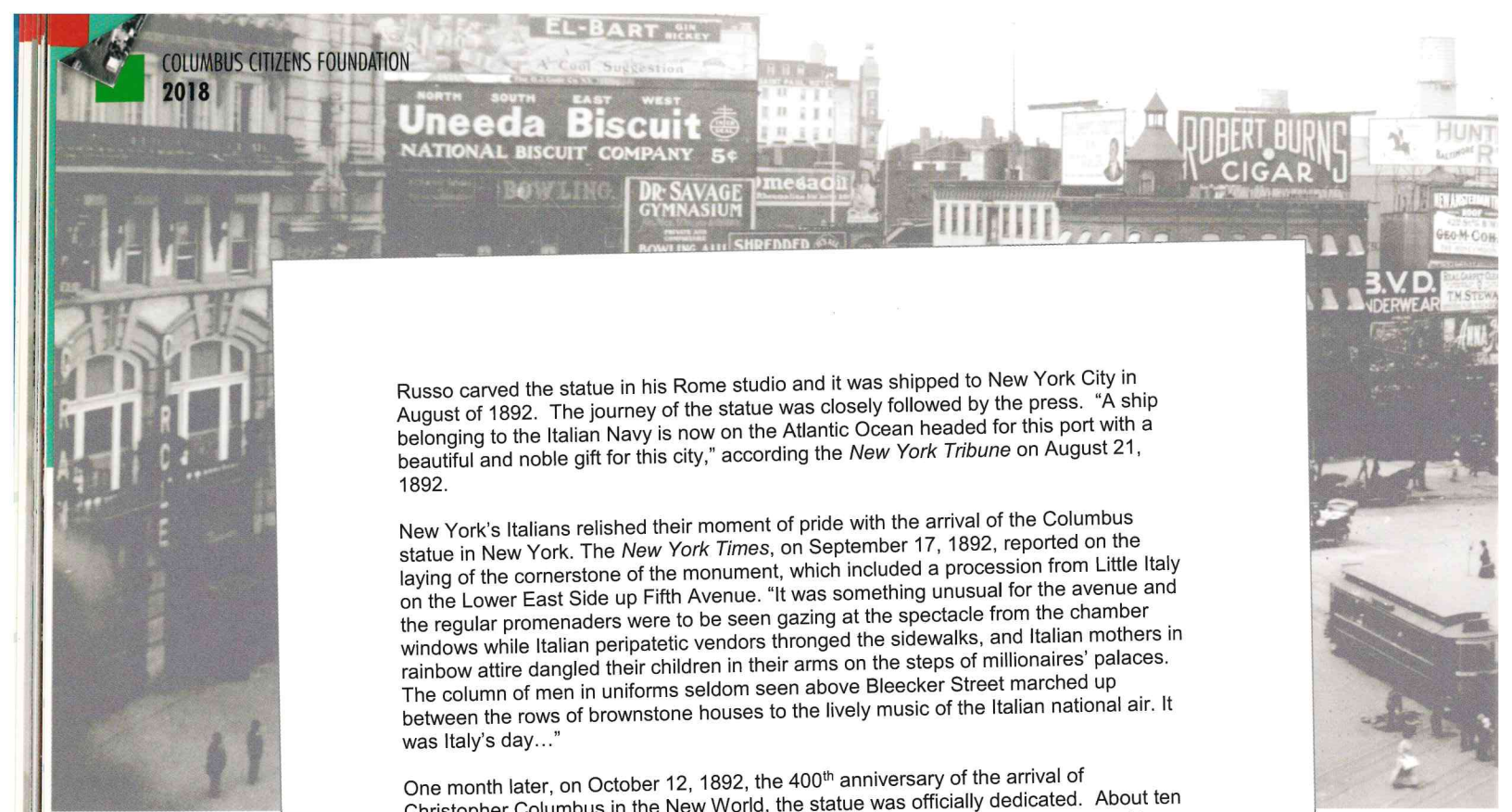
the Sons of Italy in America inherited the small Staten Island residence in which Giuseppe Garibaldi, the revered Italian liberator, had sought refuge between 1850-1851, the group began to transform the small cottage to serve as a symbol of Italian culture in America. By 1907, the centennial of Garibaldi's birth, the once picturesque house had been engulfed by four massive classical pediments, one on each elevation, and was rededicated as a tangible expression of Italian patriotism and Italian-American pride (Garibaldi Memorial, NR listed 4/17/1980).

According to scholars Laura E. Ruberto and Joseph Sciorra, "In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, Italian immigrants saw the American idolization of Columbus as a way to deflect the onslaught of xenophobic and racial prejudice and violence they encountered, and for which they were relatively unprepared, as new arrivals in the United States. They bought into and contributed to a specific Italian reading of Columbus in relationship to their brutal experiences of bigotry. Italian Americans built their emerging identity as provisional whites out of this hagiography. The connections between Columbus and Italian Americans developed in great part through the work of Italian immigrant *prominenti*, ethnic leaders who served as intermediaries between WASP elites and the working poor and who supported an upper-class notion of Italian national identity" (Ruberto and Sciorra 2017).

Carlo Barsotti, originally from Northern Italy, was one of the *prominenti* who sought to promote a unified Italian-American community through his successful campaign to finance a series of Italian-themed public sculptures in New York City. Editor of the Italian language newspaper *Il Progresso Italo-Americano*, Barsotti used his newspaper to conduct fundraising campaigns among New York's Italian community for five monuments. In addition to the Columbus Monument (1892) at Columbus Circle, Barsotti also commissioned commemorative monuments in Manhattan honoring Giuseppe Verdi (1906; National Register listed) in Verdi Square Park at Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue, Garibaldi (ca. 1888) in Washington Square (National Register listed as part of the Greenwich Village Historic District), Giovanni da Verrazzano (1909) for Battery Park, and Dante (1912-21) for Dante Square, a small public park at Broadway and West 65th Street.

Barsotti proposed the idea for a Columbus monument in 1889 and began soliciting subscriptions to it through his newspaper. While much of the funding came from the Italian immigrants of New York City, the Italian government also provided support. A competition was held in Rome and a number of models were submitted by sculptors and exhibited in the Palace of the Exposition of Arts on December 10, 1890. According to *Harper's Weekly*, a committee of fifteen men "in the foremost ranks of art and literature," appointed by the Italian government, selected the design of "Professor Gaetano, an Italian artist residing in Rome" (*Harper's Weekly*, August 20, 1892). A sculptor of allegorical figures in marble and of commemorative monuments, Gaetano Russo was born in Messina, Sicily and was a student in Rome of the *Accademia del Belle Arti*. We also learn from *Harper's Weekly* that the work on the foundation for the monument was "directed gratuitously by the architect V. Del Genovese and Italian laborers" (*Harper's Weekly*, August 20, 1892).





Russo carved the statue in his Rome studio and it was shipped to New York City in August of 1892. The journey of the statue was closely followed by the press. "A ship belonging to the Italian Navy is now on the Atlantic Ocean headed for this port with a beautiful and noble gift for this city," according to the *New York Tribune* on August 21, 1892.

New York's Italians relished their moment of pride with the arrival of the Columbus statue in New York. The *New York Times*, on September 17, 1892, reported on the laying of the cornerstone of the monument, which included a procession from Little Italy on the Lower East Side up Fifth Avenue. "It was something unusual for the avenue and the regular promenaders were to be seen gazing at the spectacle from the chamber windows while Italian peripatetic vendors thronged the sidewalks, and Italian mothers in rainbow attire dangled their children in their arms on the steps of millionaires' palaces. The column of men in uniforms seldom seen above Bleeker Street marched up between the rows of brownstone houses to the lively music of the Italian national air. It was Italy's day..."

One month later, on October 12, 1892, the 400th anniversary of the arrival of Christopher Columbus in the New World, the statue was officially dedicated. About ten thousand people—including Italian, Spanish, and American dignitaries—gathered in Columbus Circle for the event.

Gen. L.P. di Cesnola, the director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, spoke at the event, reminding the audience that the great explorer's "true monument is this great land, its institutions, its prosperity, its blessing, its lessons of advance for all humanity" (quoted in New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, "Central Park: Columbus Circle"). Prominent guests included the vice president of the United States, Levi P. Morton, the archbishop of New York, Michael Corrigan, and the mayor Brooklyn (New York Mayor Hugh Grant was not in attendance due to his wife's illness).

The Columbus Monument has been a prominent visual feature of the Central Park environs for 125 years retaining a high degree of integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. It stands as a tangible symbol of its time.

NOTE

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Rocco A. Carriero



Regina Ciarleglio



Kenneth Colao



NEW MEMBERS

Anthony J. Balsamo is an Orthopedic Trauma Surgeon and Director of the Geriatric Fracture Care Program at Geisinger Health System. His father, who was born in Sicily, immigrated to New York at the age of two. Dr. Balsamo is the Founder and Board Member of the International Geriatric Fracture Society, as well as a member of ABOS (American Board of Orthopedics), ATA (American Trauma Association), AANA (Arthroscopy Association of North America), AOSSM (American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine) and is the recipient of the Hahnemann Medical School Teaching Award. As a physician, retired educator and one who is proud of his Italian heritage, he applauds the efforts of the Foundation and hopes to involve himself with scholarship and mentoring endeavors.

David Bonifacic is a Managing Principal and CEO of WB Engineers+Consultants. Both parents were born in Italy - his mother in Colle di Arba Friuli and his father from the Iстриan region. He serves on the Stevens Athletics Advisory Board, Allendale New Jersey Planning Board and is a member of the Board of Governors at Ramapo College. Mr. Bonifacic is a Corporate Donor to the Ronald McDonald House, a Corporate Sponsor to the Boys Town New York and the National Hispanic Business Group, among others. He is also a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Association of Energy Engineers and ASHRAE, to name a few. His reasons for joining are twofold. First, being proud of his heritage, the Foundation would give him the opportunity to actively participate in the Italian community. Second, he is passionate about working with a

philanthropic organization that aims to promote the education of students, instilling them with the same traditions and values that have helped him succeed.

Heather K. Calvano is an Equity Partner at Mendes & Mount, LLP, an insurance coverage defense law firm. Her paternal grandmother and great-grandparents were from Calabria, while her maternal great-grandparents were from Naples. She is a member of the New York County Bar Association and the Association for Professional Insurance Women. Ms. Calvano is intrigued by the idea of being connected to a community of individuals of a similar heritage and mindset and is very enthusiastic about participating in philanthropic efforts which will serve to benefit and assist younger people in achieving their educational goals. She wishes to carry out and honor her late father's legacy by actively demonstrating the same generosity and support for others as he did and believes the Foundation provides an excellent avenue for accomplishing this.

Rocco A. Carriero is a Private Wealth Advisor at Ameriprise. Both parents were born in Montescaglioso, province of Matera, Basilicata. He is the Vice President of the Integrated Medical Foundation, Treasurer of the East End Hospice, and Auction Chairperson of the American Heart Association East End Gala. He is affiliated with the Southampton Business Alliance and is a recipient of the Registered Rep Magazine for the Advisor with Heart Award, as well as the Southampton Business Alliance Business Person of the Year Award. Mr. Carriero wishes to be part of an amazing group of

people who share similar values of family, hard work, helping others, and personal growth through education.

Regina Ciarleglio is the Director of Retail Development at Worthy, Inc., a premier online jewelry auction house. Her maternal grandmother and grandfather are from Castellammare di Stabia in Campania and Crotona in Calabria while her paternal grandmother and grandfather are from Cosenza, Calabria and San Lorenzello, Campania, respectively. She serves on the Board of Directors and is Fundraising Chair for the Women's Jewelry Association, serves on the Board of Directors and is Marketing Chair for the Jewelers Vigilance Committee and is a member of the Women's National Republican Club. As an Italian American who is grateful for the challenges and sacrifices of her ancestors, Ms. Ciarleglio wishes to honor them by keeping our culture and heritage alive and helping those who are seeking to improve their lives through hard work and education.

Kenneth Colao is President, Chief Executive Officer and Founder of CNY Group LLC, a construction and development company. His paternal grandparents were born in Pentone, province of Catanzaro, Calabria while his maternal grandparents came from Naples. He is affiliated with YPO Big Apple Gold, R.E.N.T, previous Board Member of YPO Metro Gold and serves on the NJIT Board of Advisors. Mr. Colao contributes time and financial support to numerous charitable organizations including Autism Speaks, American Cancer Society and the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation.

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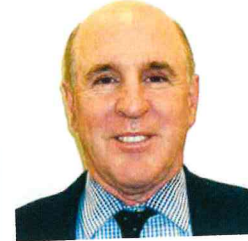
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Michele Galofaro



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Being proud of his Italian heritage, he has been searching for an organization that not only shares his values but recognizes Italian culture and promotes its traditions to include individual members and their families as well.

Massimo F. D'Angelo is a Partner at Adam Leitman Bailey, P.C. Both parents were born in Benevento in the Campania region. He is a member of the Columbian Lawyers Association of the First Judicial Department, The Lexington Democratic Club, and the New York and New Jersey State Bar Associations. He has been voted Super Lawyer for the 2015 and 2016 calendar years and is affiliated with the Association of Italian-American Educators (AIAE), where he has performed various pro bono work. Mr. D'Angelo has strong ties to his Italian heritage and visits his extended family in Italy at least once a year. Fluent in Italian, he hopes to pass the customs and traditions of his heritage to his children. He wishes to support the Foundation in raising and distributing financial aid to Italian-American students.

Steven J. DeLorenz is a Managing Partner at the Law Firm of Talisman & DeLorenz PC. His maternal grandfather immigrated to New York in 1912 from Bronte, Sicily while his maternal grandmother emigrated from Acireale, Sicily. His paternal great-grandparents also emigrated from Italy in the late 1800's. He serves on the Board of Visitors at Pepperdine University School of Law, is a Board Member of the Darryl Strawberry Autism Foundation and the Vice President of the Board of the South Shore Christian School. He is a member of the United States Supreme Court Bar, the New York State Bar Association and the NYS Trial Lawyers Association. He was the recipient of the

Giuseppe Garibaldi Award in January 1983 and the Golden Lion Award in April 2007. His desire to further Italian influence and assist others in their educational and aspirational endeavors is evident by his past active involvement in the business and legal community. Mr. DeLorenz welcomes the opportunity to lend his skills to support the Columbus Day Parade and its celebratory events.

John P. Esposito is a Managing Director at J Morgan Stanley whose paternal grandparents are from Sorrento. He is on the Board of Trustees at the Stanwich School in Greenwich, CT, having served as the Chair of the Finance Committee from 2011-2015, was the Vice President of the Greenwich Blues Hockey Association from 2014-2015 and is a Member of the Burning Tree Country Club. Mr. Esposito believes there is no better equalizer for children than access to a first class education, which has always been a priority in his charitable giving. He is attracted to the Foundation for giving him the opportunity to be part of an organization that focuses on his Italian heritage and provides scholarships to deserving Italian-American children. He looks forward to volunteering and providing resources to help the Foundation advance in its mission.

Anthony Friscia, who is currently working on his next opportunity, is the former President and CEO of Eduventures, a research and consulting company for institutions of higher education. His paternal grandparents were from Sciacca and his maternal grandparents were from Cinisi, Sicily. He serves on the Board of Trustees at Vassar College and is the Chair of NY Stage and Film and 21st Century Fund. He is also a member

of The Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts and The West Hills Country Club in Middletown, New York. Mr. Friscia is very proud of his Italian heritage and is committed to education. Having benefitted from scholarships, he applauds the work of the Foundation and believes in giving back.

Michele Galofaro is a Catering Manager at Milano Market and Property Manager at Liberty Avenue Corp. As a second generation Italian American, her maternal grandmother migrated from Sicily while her paternal grandfather migrated from Genoa. She is a member of NOIAW and has served as a past Parent Association Board Member of Notre Dame High School and St. Joseph Hill Academy and is affiliated with Breast Cancer fundraising events at Notre Dame H.S., St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Grace Foundation and an On Your Mark contributor for Autism Awareness. Her Italian heritage has been a tremendous part of her life, raising her children with the values of her culture and feels that she now has the time to devote and the finances to give to those less fortunate. Ms. Galofaro would like to become involved in the college scholarship committee.

Anthony Graci is a CPA and Partner at A Grodsky Caporino Kaufman CPAs, whose paternal grandparents were born in Sicily. He is the Director of the Children's Friends for Life-Aids Foundation NYC and a donor for the Center for Disabilities. He is affiliated with Life Center and the Pro Life Organization and sits on the Finance Advisory Board of Minority Media in Communications, as well as on the Advisory Board of the Emma Bowen Foundation. He is a member of the NYS Society of CPAs and the

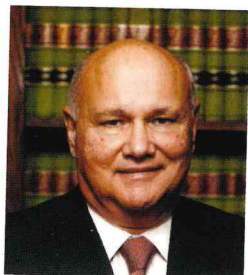
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American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, as well as the recipient of the Achievement Award for the Children's Friends for Life-Aids Foundation. Mr. Graci's reason for joining is to celebrate his Italian heritage, honor his ancestry and preserve the importance of faith, family, and education.

Alice Gross is a retired Hospital Administrator whose maternal grandfather, born in Salerno, Italy, immigrated to America at the age of eight. She established a Lecture Series for physicians in the Department of Neurosurgery at NYU Langone Medical Center and continues to fund it on a yearly basis. She is a member of the Glen Oaks Club in Old Westbury, NY, the Delaire Country Club in Delray Beach, Florida and the Boca Raton Resort and Club. In 2005 both she and her husband were honored by the Anti-Defamation League in Florida. As the Catholic education she received has been a major influence in her life, she would like to help others obtain the same guidance, hopefully enabling them to "pay it forward." Ms. Gross looks forward to meeting other members and conjunctively celebrating her Italian culture and heritage.

James Juliano is President and Owner of JLI IV Enterprises, Inc., a general contracting company doing infrastructure work for New York City. All four grandparents came from Naples. Having attended numerous Parades, events and having friends who are Foundation Members, he would like to take part in the celebration of the culture and traditions of which he is proud. Preserving, educating and instilling a sense of pride in these traditions to the next generation are important to him, as is providing opportunities to prosper. Mr. Juliano would

like to help the Foundation in its philanthropic initiatives by volunteering in the scholarship program.

Joseph S. Lombardi is a Licensed Real Estate Broker, Partner and Consultant at Masserano Real Estate and Consulting, LLC, a real estate and project management company specializing in medical and dental facilities. His paternal grandmother and grandfather were born in Avellino and Campolieto respectively. He is a member of the New York Road Runners and recently ran in the 2017 New York City half marathon raising money for Team for Kids which acquires funds for NYRR's Youth and Community Services programs. He has been designated a Certified Leasing Specialist by the International Council of Shopping Centers. Mr. Lombardi wishes to become a Member to celebrate and support his Italian heritage, while networking with like-minded professionals. As an entrepreneur, cultivating his personal and professional resources, he believes he would be an asset to the Foundation, contributing to its philanthropic and cultural initiatives.

Michael F. Lombardi is Senior Partner at Lombardi & Lombardi, PA, a personal injury law firm. His father was born in Campolieto in the region of Molise and his mother in Grottaminarda, province of Avellino. He is a legal advisor for the Italian-American Club in New Jersey, trustee of Edison First, member of the American Bar Association and the New Jersey State Bar Association to name a few and is the recipient of the Middlesex County Trial Lawyers Association's Herman Breitkopf Award. As Mr. Lombardi is approaching retirement and very proud of his Italian heritage, he would

like to devote time to cultural and philanthropic causes and participate in an organization that promotes the accomplishments of Columbus and the contributions of Italians to America and the world.

Lorraine Russo Lorenc is the Executive Director of Z. Paul Lorenc MD, FACS, an Aesthetic Plastic Surgery and MediSpa facility. Her maternal grandparents were from a small mountaintop town called Castel Frentano, in the Abruzzo region while her paternal grandparents were from Naples. As a Board Member and Co-Chair of the American Friends of Jamaica, her fundraising efforts raised money for indigent families focusing on education, job training, hospitals, and providing books for school children. She is a member of the Southampton Peconic Beach and Tennis Club. Mrs. Lorenc is at a point in her life where she can devote her time and expertise to the Foundation, bringing enthusiasm, significant fundraising skills, knowledge of Italian traditions and a passion for helping others.

Barbara Marino is the Chief Financial Officer at Century 21 Construction, a construction and real estate firm. Both parents are 100% Italian with ancestors from Naples and Sicily. She has co-chaired many St. Jude events and is on the fundraising committee of the Little Baby Face Foundation. Ms. Marino is a member of the New York Athletic Club, SHRM, CFMA, a WBE business owner, as well as a "Women of Distinction" Honoree from Newark Academy, October 2014. She has attended many Foundation events and countless family celebrations with her father, Foundation Member Anthony J. Marino. Proud of her

William Mascetta



Santo Petrocelli



Anthony E. Puleo



Linda S. Romita



Carlo A. Scissura, Esq.



Vincent F. Signorile



John Tramutola, Jr.

heritage which lends itself to love, family, food, God and togetherness, Ms. Marino wishes to support and encourage fellow Italians by contributing to the Foundation's philanthropic goals and sharing in its values and traditions.

William Mascetta is President of Transit Construction Corp., a heavy/highway construction company. His paternal family is from Palena, Abruzzo and his maternal family is from Acri Cosenza, Calabria. Mr. Mascetta is Trustee and Officer of the Hudson River Museum; Founder of the Westchester Bank; Chairman of the Workforce Investment Board; Chairman of the Construction Industry Council - Happi Scholarship Committee, and a holder of various organizational memberships. He has received numerous honors including Chairman of the Year from the Associated General Contractors of NYS. Mr. Mascetta has been active throughout his entire adult life and professional career giving back through support and service to community, church, industry and students.

Santo Petrocelli is President of Allan Briteway Electrical Contractors. His paternal grandparents were from Acquaviva, province of Campobasso and his maternal great-grandfather was from Palermo while his maternal great-great-grandmother was from Genoa. He has served on the Millburn Board of Education PTO since 2007 and is a member of the TORCH Foundation, NIAF and NECA (National Electrical Contractors Association). He is affiliated with Interfaith Hospitality Network and Chairs the Millburn Community Outreach program. Mr. Petrocelli is the recipient of the Man of the Year award for both the Eden School and the Spina Bifida Resource Network. As a parent, it

has become increasingly important to him and his wife that their children embrace their Italian heritage and work to preserve it for future generations. He hopes to collaborate with the CCF on scholarship programs and acquaint himself with other philanthropic endeavors.

Anthony E. Puleo is President of Puleo International, Inc. a seasonal importing company. He serves on the Board of Directors for Fedders Corp and Cerra Glass Co. He is also a member of the Hamilton Farms Golf Club in Bedminster, New Jersey. Proud of his Italian heritage, Mr. Puleo is interested in improving the educational needs of deserving children and hopes to utilize his business and associates in that regard.

Linda S. Romita, a former French and Spanish teacher, is now a full time homemaker who has devoted significant time to youth with special needs. Her maternal grandparents were from Avellino and her paternal grandparents were from Andretta. She is a Board Member of Table to Table of New Jersey. She is also a member of the following organizations: St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary, Sisters of Charity of New York, Bergen Family Center of New Jersey and Rockland Country Club. Embracing and continuing the traditions of her heritage is important to her and her family. She believes encouraging Italian-American youth will strengthen our culture's future. She recognizes and applauds the initiatives of the Foundation.

Carlo A. Scissura is President and CEO of New York Building Congress, an economic developing, building and construction industry. His parents, who migrated to the United States

in 1967, were born in Sicily. He is the President of the Federation of Italian-American Organizations, as well as a member of Futures in Education, Salvadori Center, Regional Economic Development Council and the New York Bar Association. Mr. Scissura has been honored numerous times over the course of his career. He is the Master of Ceremonies and organizer of the Brooklyn Columbus Day Parade and would like to assist in the Foundation's Parade. He is also active politically and civically in New York City.

Vincent F. Signorile is the Executive Vice President — Investment/Financial Consultant at Janney Montgomery Scott LLC. His paternal grandparents were born in Bitetto, Bari while his maternal grandfather and grandmother were born in Castelvetrano and Marsala, Sicily respectively. A Certified Financial Planner and member of the College of Financial Planning, he is affiliated with Project Self-Sufficiency, which provides full range services to low-income families. Mr. Signorile has pride and great respect for his Italian heritage and will use his background and experiences to promote the philanthropic and cultural initiatives of the Foundation.

John Tramutola, Jr. is Partner at A & J Produce, wholesale produce purveyors. His maternal grandparents were from Sicily, while his paternal grandparents were from Naples. He is a donor and fundraiser for the Brooklyn Queens Children's Educational Foundation and is affiliated with the Cancer Walk, Cooley's Anemia and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Mr. Tramutola is very proud of his Italian heritage and having family and many friends that belong to the Foundation, has become knowledgeable of its many philanthropic initiatives. ■

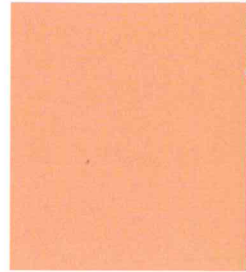
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Victoria Raffa

2017 NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS

Joseph Catalanotto is the Director of Operations and Head Chef at the retail food establishments, Central Market New York and Frankies Dogs On The Go, as well as CEO of AJ Culinary Corp. His maternal great-grandmother emigrated from Pomigliano D'Arco and maternal great-grandfather emigrated from Marsala Sicily. His paternal great-grandparents emigrated from Santa Margherita di Belice, Sicily. As a past volunteer for the Columbus Day Parade, he represents a third generation of Columbus Citizens Members. Along with his father, a current Member and Parade Chairman for many years, he hopes to continue the family's legacy by helping others understand their Italian-American heritage.

Joseph Giordano, a student and graduate of Queens College is applying for a 2017 MBA program in the Fall. Both his maternal grandparents and paternal grandparents were from Catania, Palermo, Calabria and Forchia respectively. He is a member of the Real Estate Board of NY, National Honor Society and graduated Cum Laude.

Nicole Palermo is a Licensed Real Estate Salesperson and Associate at Brown Harris Stevens, specializing in apartment and townhouse sales. She is of Sicilian, Napolitan and Barese descent, and is proud of her Italian background. As a 2007 Foundation College Scholarship recipient and a member of the Young Adults Auxiliary for the past four years, she is thrilled to further her involvement as a Junior Member and is extremely grateful for the opportunity to have given back through the YAA, by volunteering at the Gala, Mass and Parade. A Magna Cum Laude graduate of Fordham University, she is published in the field of consumer psychology and has previously worked for the New York Yankees and Harvard Business Review. Ms. Palermo is a consistent contributor to the National Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, American Lung Association, and is an active member of the Real Estate Board of New York.

Angelo J. Ponte is Head of Development and Property Management at Ponte Equities, a real estate company. He is a Member of the Association of Professional Ballplayers. His grandfather, Angelo Ponte, a member of the Foundation for over 30 years is from Acri and his grandmother is from Avellino. His other grandfather, Vincent Albano, was a founding Member.

Victoria Raffa is an Omni Assistant Buyer at Macy's Inc. Her paternal grandfather's family was from Messina and her paternal grandmother's family was from Naples. While at Sacred Heart University, Ms. Raffa was on the Board of the Marketing Club, Fashion Merchandising Club, writer of the Pioneer Magazine, as well as the fundraising chair and member of the nationally ranked Dance Team. She has also fundraised and volunteered for the March of Dimes and Make-a-Wish Foundation, to name a few and was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at the Fashion Institute of Technology. ■■

IN MEMORIAM

Americo Schiavone, father-in-law of Foundation Member, Mario Occhicone. He passed away on February 1, 2017, surrounded by his loving family. He was 101 years old and a World War II Veteran who served in North Africa and Italy.

Thomas Parissidi, a Member of the Foundation for 31 years, passed away on February 23, 2017 at the age of 79.

Margaret Lagana Pataki, mother of Foundation Member Professor Louis P. Pataki, Jr. and former Governor George E. Pataki. Mrs. Pataki lived most of her life in Peekskill on the Pataki family farm. She was 101 years old.

Former Member **Margaret A. Re, Esq.**, mother of Foundation Member Edward Re Jr. Mrs. Re passed away on April 8, 2017, at 94 years of age. She was married to the late Foundation Member Judge Edward D. Re in 1950 and remained married until his death in 2006.

Raquel B. Celenza, mother of Foundation Member Dr. Vincent Celenza. Mrs. Celenza's husband, Foundation Member Dr. Frank V. Celenza, predeceased her in May of 2008.

Nicholas L. Pitaro, father of Foundation Member Regina Pitaro and father-in-law to Foundation Member Mario Gabelli, passed away on April 18, 2017 at the age of 96. He served in military intelligence in World War II and was also called to serve in the Korean War. Nick graduated from New York University School of Law courtesy of the GI Bill, and enjoyed a successful, 27 year, legal career at Liggio & Pitaro in Manhattan. He served on the Queens County Family Court for five years, and as a Justice of the New York State Supreme Court for 14 years.

Foundation Member **Joseph M. La Motta** died on May 16, 2017. Mr. La Motta had a successful 43 year career as a Wall Street professional, leading Oppenheimer Capital for 17 of those years. During his career in the industry, he authored several articles on investment and management which appeared in Pensions and Investments, Pension World, Pension and Welfare News and various other publications. He served on the Columbus Citizens Foundation Board of Governors and as a member of its Philanthropic Committee.

Marie C. De Iorio, wife of Foundation Member Hon. Vincent A. De Iorio and mother of Foundation Member Patrick De Iorio. Marie passed away on May 19, 2017, at the Calvary Hospice, Bronx, New York.

Giovanni Lapeccerella, father of Ladies Auxiliary member Julia DiFeo and father-in-law of Foundation Member Agostino DiFeo. Mr. Lapeccerella peacefully passed away on July 19, 2017, at the age of 88.

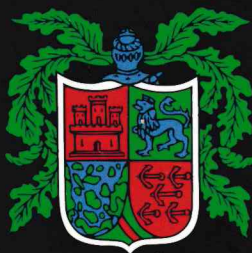
Leandro “Lee” Rizzuto, long-standing Member and supporter of the Foundation, passed peacefully on December 3rd, after a long and difficult fight with pancreatic cancer. Lee Rizzuto founded Conair with his parents in 1959. Over the last 58 years, he and his family grew the small hair appliance and haircare company into a multinational corporation. Today Conair is marketed in over 125 countries, together with its BaByliss, Cuisinart, Waring and many other world-renowned brands.

Mary Palladino, mother of Foundation Member Alfred Palladino, passed away peacefully on December 11, 2017, at Clove Lakes Nursing Home at the age of 101. She is survived by her two sons, CCF Member Alfred Palladino and Raymond Palladino and their respective families. She was a loving wife to her husband of 53 years (Fred) before he passed in 1991, a loving mother, cherished grandmother and great-grandmother.

Michael S. Puntillo, Foundation Member and loving husband of 64 years to Helen, passed away peacefully on December 12, 2017, at the age of 95. Born in Cinquefrondi, Italy, he is also survived by his children, Lisa Puntillo (Robert Pascucci, CCF Member); Kimi Puntillo; Michelle Puntillo (Alex Francesconi); and Michael F. Puntillo, CCF Member (Janet), as well as six grandchildren.

Raphael G. Riverso, father of Foundation Member Milo Riverso, passed away on December 12, 2017. He was extremely proud of his heritage and was responsible for the organization and running of the Westchester Columbus Day Parade during his tenure as President of the Antonio Meucci Lodge, Order of the Sons of Italy. He was also President of the Federation of Italian-American Organizations. Raphael was instrumental in bringing Italian as a language to many of the high schools in Westchester County and was the

recipient of many honors and accolades for his buildings and his contributions to his community. His greatest achievement was his family, children and grandchildren. Raphael is survived by six of his seven children and their spouses, Vincent (Denise), Stella, Raphael II, Maria Cameron (Robert), Milo (Michele) and Pia (Bruce Brigandi), and by seven grandchildren, Cara, John, Christopher, Michael, Anthony, Nadia and Peter Riverso. Raphael's son John predeceased him in 2015, and Raphael lost his loving wife, Nadia in 1991. ■ ■



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