

# IL GIORNALE

COLUMBUS CITIZENS FOUNDATION



2020 Edition



## COLUMBUS CITIZENS FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT

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

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends and Members,

As a Foundation, our roots go back to the first half of the 20th century. We now are entering the third decade of the 21st century.

Then, as now, we proudly pursue our mission of promoting Italian culture and heritage through fraternity and philanthropy. Then, as now, we commit ourselves to this mission and a vibrant Foundation of growth in membership, growth in philanthropic fundraising, and growth in enlightening, entertaining activities for our members, our families, and our community.

Two years ago, when you elected me your President, I pledged to safeguard the Foundation's solid cultural footing, and make our organization ever more relevant to the 21st century. I'm proud to share our annual "Giornale" which spotlights the Foundation's achievements in celebrating our fabulous heritage and supporting our philanthropic goals.

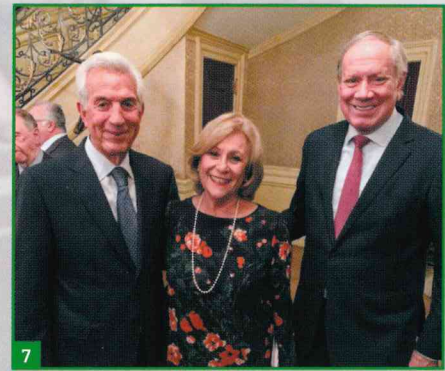
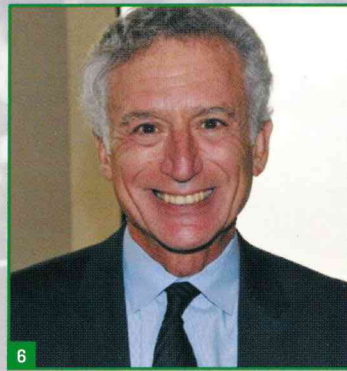
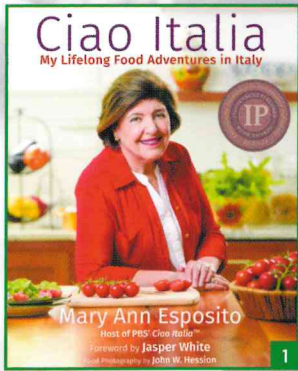
I'm confident that together in 2020 and beyond we'll do even more good, have even more fun, and be even better positioned to carry forward our founders' vision as stated in our Constitution:

*"To promote, foster and project cultural, educational and social activities, parades and programs engendering interest and a greater appreciation for the historical accomplishments and individual achievements attributable to Italian heritage; and through sponsorship of these activities, to strengthen and widen participation by the general public and all members of the community."*

With all my best wishes for 2020,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marian U. Pardo".

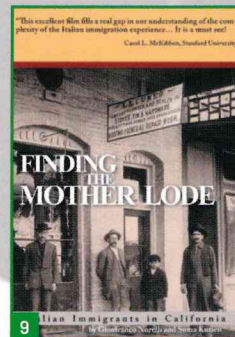
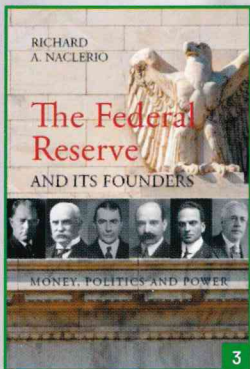
Marian U. Pardo  
President



# THE COLUMBUS CITIZENS FOUNDATION 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

2019 saw the return of familiar events such as the Christmas festivities and the Ladies Auxiliary fundraising luncheons and boutiques as well as new traditions that began to emerge, including our second Thanksgiving at the Townhouse and our first Passover Seder.

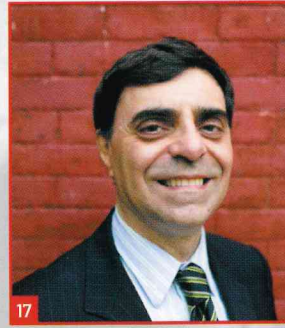
Our Foundation Townhouse is the perfect location to enjoy a themed dinner, an intimate lecture on all things Italian, or a musical performance from celebrated artists and up-and-coming talent. Be sure to book for 2020 Member events in advance!



1. **January 15 – “Ciao Italia” by Mary Ann Esposito:** Book signing and lecture by chef & TV personality Mary Ann Esposito.
2. **January 31 – “Trump: The Blue Collar President” by Anthony Scaramucci:** Lecture and intimate book signing with former White House Press Secretary (and Foundation Member) Anthony Scaramucci.
3. **February 19 – “The Federal Reserve and its Founders: Money, Politics, and Power” by Richard A. Naclerio:** Lecture and book signing with author and academic Richard A. Naclerio.
4. **March 1 – Felidia’s Classics:** An exclusive dinner prepared by Felidia’s Executive Chef Fortunato Nicotra.
5. **March 5 – NOIAW Panel Discussion:** A Women’s History Discussion Presented by the National Organization of Italian American Women.
6. **March 7 – Improving Brain Health & Reducing Dementia Risk:** A lecture by neuroscientist Howard Fillit, MD.
7. **March 12 – “From The Ground Up”:** A VIP Book Launch from Ambassador Charles A. Gargano with Special Guest Gov. George Pataki.
8. **March 15 – Regional Dinner Night:** Executive Chef John Boden grills beefsteaks for a Tuscan-themed feast.
9. **March 26 – “Finding The Mother Lode”:** A screening with filmmakers Gianfranco Norelli and Suma Kurien.
10. **March 28 – Young Adults Auxiliary Primavera Social Event:** The YAA’s annual recruitment event for new Members.



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11. **April 3 - Passover Seder:** The first annual Seder was held in the Townhouse's private dining room.
12. **April 5 - Opera Night:** "An Evening of Opera and Song" produced by Ken Benson.
13. **April 11 - "The Healing Power of the Black Madonna":** A presentation and lecture by singer, percussionist, teacher, and author Alessandra Belloni.
14. **April 26 - "Andrea Doria - Are The Passengers Saved?":** A film screening and presentation with Andrea Doria survivor Pierette Simpson shown here with Cav. Josephine Maietta.
15. **April through September - Francesco Castiglione:** Singer and keyboardist Francesco Castiglione performed in the Taverna during dinner on select dates in April and September.
16. **May 7 - Giorno Delle Donne:** A spring luncheon and boutique hosted by the Ladies Auxillary.
17. **May 9 - Political & Economic Perspectives on Brexit, the EU, and Globalization:** A lecture on Brexit by Professor Giuseppe Ammendola.
18. **May 10 - Renaissance Ball:** A Renaissance-themed fundraiser hosted by the Young Adults Auxillary.
19. **May 15 - A Presentation by the Capodimonte Museum of Naples:** A talk with the director of The Capodimonte Museum in Naples.

- 20. **June 2 – Italy Run:** YAA Vice President Michael Ippolito, NYRR CEO Michael Capiraso, Consul General of Italy to New York Francesco Genuardi, and Junior Member Jacqueline Scacco at the NYRR Italy Run Kickoff Event.
- 21. **June 6 – An Evening With Charlie Romo:** A cabaret of Sinatra and other classics from the Great American Songbook with singer (and CCF Junior Member) Charlie Romo and his 4-piece band.
- 22. **June 27 – The Four Girls of Garabandal:** A lecture and film preview on the Marian Apparitions of Garabandal.
- 23. **July 11 – Italian Shore Dinner:** CCF's annual summer celebration of everyone's favorite seafood dishes.
- 24. **July 24 – ACF Fiorentina vs. Benfica Soccer Match:** CCF Members received free tickets to this match from ACF's new owner Rocco Comisso.
- 25. **September 9 – Golf Outing:** The annual CCF golf event, benefiting the Scholarship Program, was held at Sands Point Golf Club.
- 26. **October 30 – "Columbus: An Italian Perspective":** A lecture by "We The Italians" CEO Umberto Mucci.
- 27. **November 8 – Young Adults Auxiliary Casino Night:** The YAA hosted a 'Casino Night' with all proceeds benefiting the Scholarship Program.



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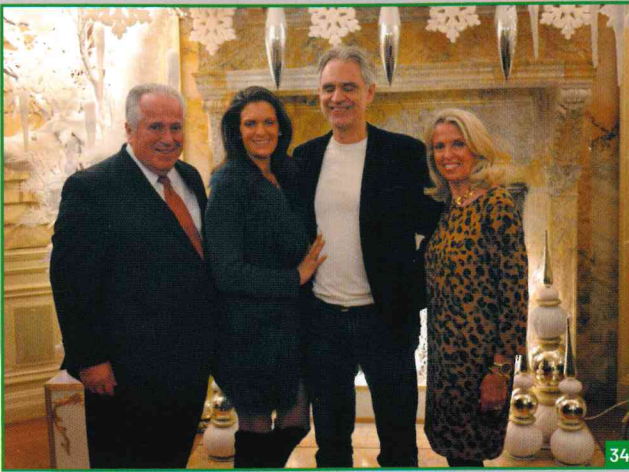
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- 28. **November 15 – Vanessa Racci Cabaret:** A 'jazzy Italian' cabaret by vocalist Vanessa Racci.
- 29. **November 26 – Annual Tree Lighting and Coat Drive:** Members donated winter coats and kicked off the holiday season with a lighting of the tree.
- 30. **November 28 – Thanksgiving at the Townhouse:** A traditional Thanksgiving Day Dinner with all the fixings for Members and their families.
- 31. **December 1 – Children's Christmas Party:** A children's party with surprises, live entertainment, and a festive luncheon.
- 32. **December 3 – Un Natale Brillante:** LAX Vice President Gina Liotti and LAX President Antonia Calabro at the annual LAX Christmas Luncheon.
- 33. **December 6 – Frick Museum Tour:** Members enjoyed a private tour of the exhibit Bertoldo di Giovanni: The Renaissance of Sculpture in Medici Florence.







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- 34. **December 16 – Andrea Bocelli Foundation Luncheon:** A luncheon with Maestro Andrea Bocelli, in benefit of his foundation.
- 35. **December 21 – Traditional Italian Christmas Dinner:** Members gathered for the festive CCF Christmas Party at the Townhouse.
- 36. **December 31 – New Year’s Eve Celebration:** Members rang in the New Year together at the Townhouse.

## OTHER 2019 EVENTS INCLUDED:

**February 14 – Valentine’s Day Dinner:** Members celebrated a romantic evening in the Townhouse with their loved ones.

**March 22 – The Feast of San Giuseppe:** Our annual Feast of St. Joseph’s Day Dinner.

**April 21 – Easter Sunday Dinner at the Townhouse:** Traditional Easter Sunday fare for Members and their families.

**May 12 – Mother’s Day Dinner:** A special Mother’s Day Celebration at the Townhouse.

**May 17 – Regional Dinner:** A special four-course menu with dishes authentic to the Amalfi Coast.

**May 21 – Living in Italian Lecture:** Healthy Eating Italian Style with dietician Fiorella DiCarlo.

**September 13 – Tenuta Torciano Wine Tasting Event:** A tasting featuring Tuscan wines from the Torciano Winery.

**September 17 – Executive Director Cocktail Reception:** A reception welcoming CCF’s new Executive Director Lisa Ackerman.

**September 20 – Opera Night:** The opening concert of the new season in opera and song.

**October 25 – Regional Dinner:** The Regional Dinner Series continued with a visit to Sicily.



# FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Columbus Citizens Foundation, more than any other Italian-American society in the country, places scholarship at the center of our philanthropic mission.



In 2019, through the support of many of our Members, we were able to offer hundreds of 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 in offsetting the costs of college and university learning.

For more information on the Scholarship Department, please contact Director of Scholarship and Opportunities, Antonella Recchia at [arecchia@columbuscitizens.org](mailto:arecchia@columbuscitizens.org).



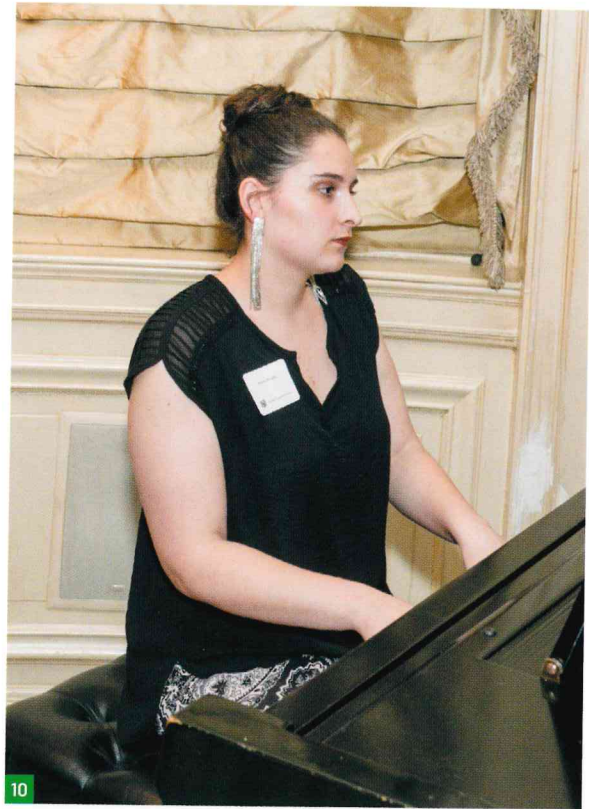
1. Fordham Prep student, and Adopt-A-Scholar, Alessandro Dominici looks at the High School ceremony program with his father, Luca.
2. College scholarship recipient Marissa LaRocca with her mother at the Townhouse.
3. Elementary Scholarship Committee Member Nancy Cuttita with 2019 scholarship recipients (and sisters!) Scarlett and Aria Stadler.
4. 2019 Elementary Scholarship Recipients.



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5. College scholar Marco Vasta (headed to Rutgers University) is awarded his certificate by College Scholarship Committee Member Dr. Joseph Scelsa.
6. Scholarship Program Director Antonella Recchia addresses the assembled parents and donors at the Elementary Ceremony.
7. Foundation Member (and Adopt-A-Scholar Donor) Stephen Caridi with College Scholar Annamaria Petrosino and Foundation President Marian Pardo.
8. Plaques await the donors of the Adopt-A-Scholar program.
9. High School and College recipients were also presented with a copy of former CCF President Ambassador Charles Gargano's book, "From The Ground Up."
10. Piano music at the Adopt-A-Scholar event was provided by Brianna Bisceglia.
11. The Errigo family at the Elementary Scholarship Ceremony.

SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR OUR

# 2020 COLUMBUS WEEKEND

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Saturday | October 10

**Columbus Celebration Gala**

Sunday | October 11

**Wreath Laying Ceremony**

Monday | October 12

**Columbus Day Mass & Parade**

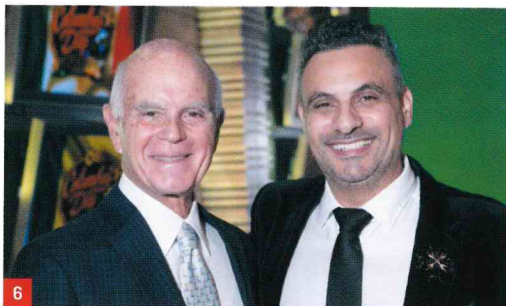
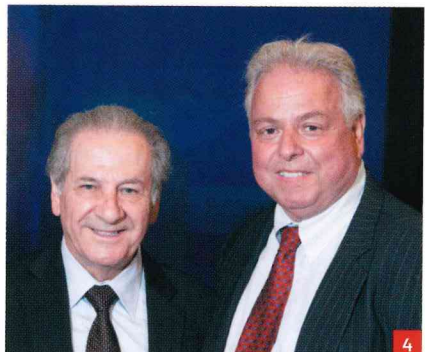


# COLUMBUS CELEBRATION KICKOFF EVENT

On Monday, October 7, our broadcast partner WABC-7 served as the hosts of the Celebration kick off event. All our Honorees and guests were thrilled to gather at the *Live With Kelly and Ryan* studio - which was filled with traditional music and festive welcome messaging.

As attendees enjoyed Aperol Spritz cocktails and passed hors d'oeuvres, talented ABC anchor (and Columbus Day Parade co-host) Ken Rosato served as the master of ceremonies and formally introduced the 2019 Grand Marshal and Honorees.

President Marian Pardo, Celebration Chair Angelo Vivolo, WABC President Debra O'Connell, and 2019 Grand Marshal Massimo Ferragamo were among the speakers at the ceremony - and the assembled crowd included many familiar faces from ABC-7's talent pool - as well as President of ABC stations nationwide - Wendy McMahon. The cocktail reception closed with an intimate performance of several songs from the talented tenor Alfio.



1. Humanitarian Award Recipient Rosanna Scotto and her husband Louis Ruggiero.
2. Assembled from left: WABC-7 Anchor Ken Rosato, CCF President Marian Pardo, President of ABC Owned Television Stations Wendy McMahon, Celebration Chair Angelo Vivolo, Honoree Giovanni Colavita, Humanitarian Award Recipient Rosanna Scotto, Grand Marshal Massimo Ferragamo, Honorees Gerardo, Giuseppe, and Cosimo Bruno, and WABC-TV President and General Manager Debra O'Connell.
3. Chairman of the Board and Celebration Chair Angelo Vivolo enjoys a lighter moment with 2019 Grand Marshal Massimo Ferragamo.
4. Parade Co-Chairs and Foundation Board Members Aldo Verrelli and Michael Sapraicone enjoying the event.
5. We were honored to have WABC-7's own Ken Rosato as the master of ceremonies for the evening.
6. Featured performer Alfio with Foundation Board Member Salvatore Salibello.

ALL FOUNDATION MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO HELP THE CELEBRATION COMMITTEES IN PREPARATION OF OUR 2020 ACTIVITIES.

Please email [celebrationcommittees@columbuscitizens.org](mailto:celebrationcommittees@columbuscitizens.org) and let us know which committee you wish to join!

**You can be a part of making the Foundation's 76<sup>th</sup> Celebration a success!**

## 2019 COLUMBUS CELEBRATION CHAIRS

The Columbus Citizens Foundation thanks the hard work of the 2019 Columbus Celebration Chairs for their tireless efforts to make the 2019 Columbus Celebration an extraordinary success.



**Angelo Vivolo**

*Columbus Celebration Chair*



**Anthony F. Giordano**

*Gala Co-Chairs*



**Jodi Pulice-Smith**



**Michael Arena**

*Marketing Co-Chairs*



**Michael F. Pedone**



**Domenick J. Schinco**

*Mass Co-Chairs*



**Lisa Tarantino**



**Leonard De Luca**

*Media Co-Chairs*



**Frank G. Fusaro**



**Michael Sapràicone**

*Parade Co-Chairs*



**Aldo Verrelli**



**Janice Galli Becker**

*Silent Auction Chair*

# RECOGNIZING OUR GRAND MARSHAL AND HONOREES

The Columbus Citizens Foundation was honored to have Massimo Ferragamo serve as the 2019 Grand Marshal. Mr. Ferragamo is the Chairman of Ferragamo USA. The Foundation also paid tribute to its Honorees: CEO & President of Colavita USA, Giovanni Colavita, and renowned New York restaurateurs, Cosimo, Gerardo, and Giuseppe Bruno. The Foundation also recognized Fox 5 host of "Good Day New York," Rosanna Scotto, with a 2019 Humanitarian Award.



GRAND MARSHAL

**MASSIMO FERRAGAMO**

Chairman  
Ferragamo USA



HONOREES

**COSIMO, GERARDO & GIUSEPPE BRUNO**

Restaurateurs



HONOREE

**GIOVANNI COLAVITA**

CEO & President  
Colavita USA



HUMANITARIAN AWARD

**ROSANNA SCOTTO**

Host  
Fox 5's "Good Day New York"

*Salvatore Ferragamo*

MASSIMO FERRAGAMO  
Chairman

February 21, 2020

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

Dear Marian and Angelo:

I wanted to thank you both immensely for the outstanding work of the Columbus Citizens Foundation on the 2019 Columbus Day Celebration. As Grand Marshal, I was honored to represent both Italy and America at the 75th anniversary of this magical weekend.

It was truly a once in a lifetime moment, and I felt so proud to serve as a spokesman for the holiday and for your Foundation. I marched in honor of my wife, my sons, my beloved mother and father - and for all Italians and Italian Americans who have a true love of the United States. Columbus Day is not only about celebrating a shared Italian heritage, but also it is - I believe - a time when we can celebrate the accomplishments that immigrants of all nationalities and ethnicities have contributed to our great country - and the most fantastic city in the world - New York!

My father left Italy with a unique set of skills and a strong belief in what he could achieve in California. My mother was there to preserve our family and my father's business when he passed away. My only regret is that they were not alongside me on Fifth Avenue - they would have loved the Parade, the Mass and the Gala, but I know they were there in spirit.

When I accepted the honor of being named Grand Marshal, one of the most beautiful discoveries was to learn how much the Columbus Foundation and its annual Celebration do to improve the lives of Italian Americans. The scholarships that the CCF provides annually, and the pride you bring to Italians and Italian Americans with the Columbus Day Parade are incredible. You gave me - and you give so many others who have found success in their lives - the opportunity to give back and help hundreds of new Italian dreams become a possibility.

It was such a pleasure working with both of you and all the staff and volunteer Members of the Foundation. You take on an incredible task every year - and I thank you once again for the honor of serving as your 2019 Grand Marshal!

Most sincerely,



Massimo Ferragamo

FERRAGAMO USA INC.  
663 FIFTH AVENUE - NEW YORK, NY 10022  
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Dear Marian and Angelo,

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity and experience of being an honoree amongst many talented Italian-Americans at this year's Columbus celebrations. It was a joyous occasion to celebrate and share common values, culture and traditions. Joining together to celebrate Italian culture in the U.S clearly stood out at this year's Gala. The goal of education and philanthropy along with the hard work of your team was admirable.

I will always remember all the events leading up to the big day, from attending Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral with my family and walking alongside such prominent leaders in our community at the Columbus Parade. The incredible highlight of the gala was knowing that the hard work and generosity of the Columbus Citizens Foundation would be appreciated by those who need it most. Together the emphasis to give, recognize and educate most truly outshined at this year's gala. Thank you again for this privilege and opportunity.

Sincerely,



Giovanni Colavita

November 12, 2019

Dear Angelo and Marian,

Thank you to the Columbus Citizens Foundation for selecting me as one of the honorees at the celebration this year. To be recognized by this wonderful organization and stand shoulder to shoulder with the other honorees and the Grand Marshal, Massimo Ferragamo, is truly one of the proudest moments of my life.

As a child growing up in Brooklyn, my parents always took me to the parade and the Columbus Club. It left me with a long-lasting impression of Italian American pride. My family and I were so thrilled to be recognized as citizens who have contributed in a small, but positive, way to our heritage.

I salute you for your commitment in emphasizing the importance of family, education and giving back to the community. As a television journalist, I understand my responsibility in sharing and fostering these values.

Thank you for this incredible honor, a week of beautiful celebrations, and an award that truly means so much to me. I support you as you continue to play a role in the progress of Italian Americans and the next generation of students who will make us proud!

Sincerely,



Rosanna Scotto  
anchor, Good Day NY



## COLUMBUS CELEBRATION 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GALA BENEFIT

The Columbus Citizens Foundation's Gala Benefit was held on Saturday, October 12, 2019. It is the Foundation's largest annual event to raise funding for our extensive scholarship program and also serves to pay tribute to the Grand Marshal and Honorees. This year's event featured dancing enjoyed by all, a four-course seated dinner, inspirational speeches, a raffle of a luxury Maserati, and a spectacular silent auction. Longtime Columbus Day Parade host and all-around great entertainer Joe Piscopo ended the night with a special musical performance.

In addition to honoring our 2019 Grand Marshal Massimo Ferragamo, Chairman of Ferragamo USA, the evening also paid tribute to our Humanitarian Award Recipient, Rosanna Scotto, and our 2019 Honorees: restaurateurs Cosimo, Gerardo and Giuseppe Bruno, and Giovanni Colavita, CEO of Colavita USA. The Gala was hosted by CCF Board Member and acclaimed journalist Maria Bartiromo, who opened up the entertainment program in the Hilton's Grand Ballroom.

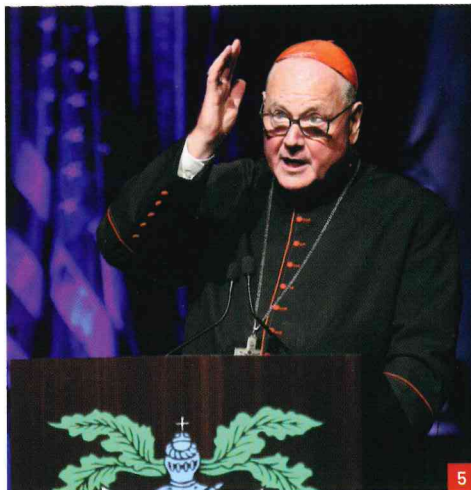


The Gala marked the first time New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo made a public announcement of his plans to fast-track a statue of Mother Cabrini, to be permanently installed in Battery Park in 2020. Other dignitaries in attendance included the Italian Ambassador to the United States, the Honorable Armando Varricchio, who spoke of reaffirming the values of Italy and the Italian-American community during the weekend of Columbus Day.

Foundation President Marian Pardo spoke of the long history of the Columbus Day Parade, along with the traditions attached to the event that remain in place to this day. President Pardo also paid tribute to Founding Members, prior Grand Marshals, and past CCF Presidents.

Rosanna Scotto, the Bruno brothers, and Giovanni Colavita all spoke of the great honor of being recognized with their respective awards – all citing the Italian and Italian-American values of family, ingenuity, and hard work as a part of their various successes.

1. Featured Entertainer, Joe Piscopo, and his backing band delight the Gala crowd.
2. Grand Marshal Massimo Ferragamo delivers a moving speech before the assembled audience.
3. Former First Lady Matilda Cuomo, Governor Andrew Cuomo and our host for the evening, CCF Board Member Maria Bartiromo.
4. An emotional speech from 'Good Day New York' anchor, Rosanna Scotto, CCF's Humanitarian of the Year.
5. His Eminence Archbishop Timothy Dolan delivers the blessing before the meal.
6. Guests fill the tables at the Hilton's Grand Ballroom.
7. Guests take to the floor for dancing with friends.





The speeches ended strongly, with a passionate story from Grand Marshal Ferragamo. Ferragamo compared his American story to his father's and emotionally described how America has become a second home to him.

Following the evening's speeches, a winner was drawn for the Maserati raffle. Then Joe Piscopo took to the stage, delighting attendees with familiar favorites as well as some new material.

Overall, the Gala was a huge success, generating revenue from ticket sales, sponsorship packages, the Maserati Raffle, and the successful Silent Auction and live pledges. All net proceeds from the Gala directly benefit the Foundation's scholarship fund.



8. A speech celebrating the 75th Annual Columbus Day Weekend by CCF President Marian Pardo.
9. A speech by 2019 Honoree Giovanni Colavita, CEO & President of Colavita USA.
10. A view of Gala attendees at the black tie event.
11. Governor Andrew Cuomo with Honorees Cosimo, Gerardo and Giuseppe Bruno.
12. Entertainer Joe Piscopo and Humanitarian Rosanna Scotto connect for an impromptu duet.
13. Gala attendees submit bids on luxury items at the silent auction.
14. Grand Marshal Massimo Ferragamo is presented with his commemorative Columbus bust by CCF President and CCF Board Chairman.
15. Guests enjoying the cocktail hour before the seated dinner.
16. The evening's excitement included a live raffle drawing for a luxury Maserati.
17. A beautiful rendition of the Italian National Anthem from singer and actor Francesca Capetta.
18. Opening remarks by Board Chairman Angelo Vivolo before the Gala crowd.





## COLUMBUS CIRCLE WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

1. Speakers from the event gather with uniformed civil servants at the Columbus Monument.
2. Honorable Armando Varricchio, Ambassador to the United States from Italy, addresses the crowd.
3. Grand Marshal Massimo Ferragamo praising the qualities of two incredible countries, Italy and America.
4. CCF President Marian Pardo with Honoree Giovanni Colavita.

The 60th Annual Wreath Laying ceremony took place on Sunday, October 13, 2019. A large crowd gathered in Columbus Circle alongside civil servants from America and Italy to commemorate the Columbus Day holiday. The event, held jointly every year by the National Council of Columbia Associations of Civil Service and the Columbus Citizens Foundation, also paid tribute to the achievements of Italian American uniformed service men and women who have served their country and their city with honor.



Foundation President Marian Pardo, who shared the history behind the ceremony and the long tradition of Italian American civil service, was one of the speakers. We were honored to be joined by the Honorable Ambassador to the United States from Italy, Armando Varricchio. The Ambassador spoke of all the great Italian Americans that have contributed so greatly to the growth of the United States. The event ended with final remarks by our Grand Marshal Massimo Ferragamo, who praised the special qualities of Italy and the United States of America.



# COLUMBUS CELEBRATION MASS

On Monday, October 14, 2019, St. Patrick's Cathedral held its 42nd annual Columbus Day Mass. His Eminence Archbishop of New York Timothy Cardinal Dolan was the principal celebrant presiding over the Mass and watched the ensuing parade from the Cathedral steps as floats and marching groups traveled up Fifth Avenue.

His Eminence Monsignor Thomas Sandi of Holy Trinity in Manhattan delivered the homily. The packed Cathedral was well attended by CCF Members, our Grand Marshal, Honorees, and their families, and included a Mass Reading from a Foundation scholarship recipient, Marisa Garvin.



1. Attendees at St. Patrick's included men and women in uniform - including the Italian National Police.
2. At the end of the service, Humanitarian Award Recipient Rosanna Scotto awaits the start of the big parade.
3. Former CCF President Louis Tallarini chats with Grand Marshal Massimo Ferragamo and his wife, Chiara.
4. Foundation Members including Board Member Phyllis Perillo await the start of the Columbus Day service.
5. Consul General from Italy to New York Francesco Genuardi is greeted by His Eminence Archbishop Timothy Cardinal Dolan at the Mass.





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## COLUMBUS DAY PARADE CELEBRATES A TRIUMPHANT 75<sup>TH</sup> YEAR

Every Columbus Day, CCF is proud to claim the world's largest celebration of Italian-American culture in the world. Grand Marshal Massimo Ferragamo, Chairman of Ferragamo USA, led the 75th Annual Parade on October 14, 2019 – with a lineup that included more than 100 marching groups; 24 parade floats, 35 vehicles, and more than 20 marching bands. The mood was exuberant, and the weather could not have been better as Fifth Avenue became an embodiment of Italian and Italian American excellence.

1. Proud Italian American and longtime LAX Member Nancy Cuttita enjoying the beautiful weather.
2. A quick high five for Grand Marshal Massimo Ferragamo.
3. Longtime sponsor Casa Building makes their way up the Parade route.
4. The superb North Hunterton High School Golden Lions Marching Band.
5. Humanitarian Rosanna Scotto poses for a photo with a member of the NYPD.
6. Parade telecast ends as tradition dictates, with a group singalong of 'New York, New York.'
7. Members of the CCF Board are at the front of the Parade every year.
8. Honoree Giovanni Colavita with son.
9. Several floats in the Parade are dedicated to current scholarship recipients of the Foundation.
10. Francesca Capetta performing "Don't Rain On My Parade" with the Caravan of Angels

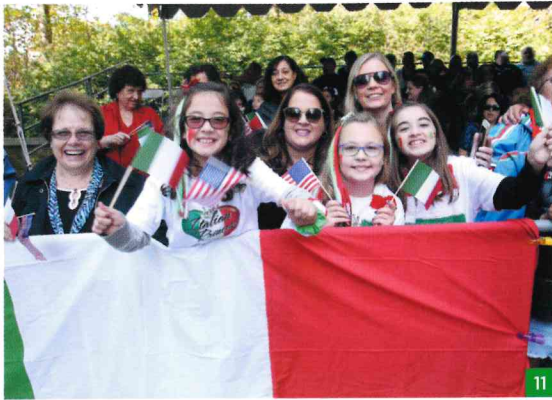




Grand Marshal Ferragamo was joined by 2019 Honorees Giovanni Colavita, CEO & President of Colavita, and Cosimo, Gerardo, and Giuseppe Bruno, renowned New York restaurateurs. Also at the front of the parade was television's Rosanna Scotto – host of Fox 5's "Good Day New York" and recipient of the Foundation's 2019 Humanitarian Award.

The Parade was broadcast live on WABC-7, with ABC reporter Ken Rosato, renowned media personality Maria Bartiromo, and actor and radio host Joe Piscopo hosting the three-hour telecast – jointly serving as Masters of Ceremonies for the largest Columbus Day Parade held in the United States. Also nearby to lend coverage support were ABC-7's Lauren Glassberg and Sandra Bookman. We were honored to have Valerie Smaldone cover the red carpet entertainment. All of these seasoned reporters helped bring the stories of the Parade marchers, live spectators and performers come to life for our television audience.





Among the Parade participants, the Foundation was so grateful to have sponsors taking to Fifth Avenue in colorful and creative floats and vehicles, including Casa Building, New York Community Bancorp, WCBS FM, Gabelli Funds, Country Bank, Lemoncocco, and our new sponsor, Newsday Media Group.

Spectators in the grandstand and viewers of the live broadcast on WABC-TV were treated to red carpet entertainment that began with the West Point Academy's Military Band, performing "The Flag Still Flies High."

Additional performances included: Carnegie Hall performer Anthony Nunziata; world-renowned classical tenor Alfio; and Broadway performer Francesca Capetta with an unforgettable version of "Don't Rain On My Parade." The red carpet also featured a special performance by cast members from Disney's Broadway show "Aladdin" — as Clinton Greenspan and Arielle Jacobs delighted the crowds and the TV audience with the classic song "A Whole New World" from that hit musical.

The impact of Italy was felt throughout the parade, as the Grand Marshal and Honorees traveled up Fifth Avenue in Maserati vehicles. The Parade also included Italian delegations from Bergamo, Sicily, Genoa and Milan, as well as a number of visiting Italian dignitaries.

The parade was attended by a wide array of New York's politicians and dignitaries. Governor Andrew Cuomo marched toward the front of the Parade, and Mayor Bill de Blasio marched alongside the FDNY. Other politicians marching included: New York Congressman Tom Suozzi; NYS Comptroller Tom DiNapoli; State Attorney General Letitia James and New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer.

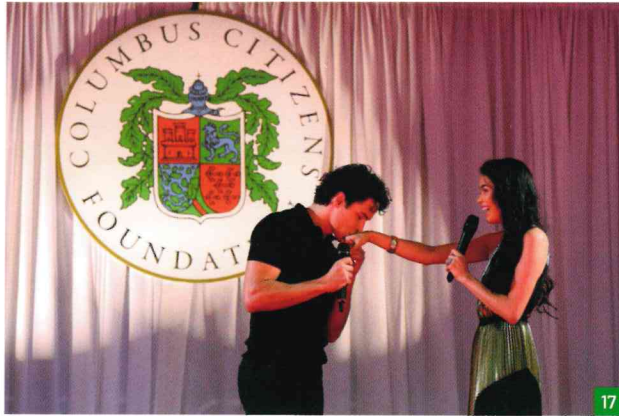
This year's Columbus Day Parade will take place on Monday, October 12, 2020 — and we hope you will join us!



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11. Spectators of all ages had their Italian pride on display!
12. Massimo and Chiara Ferragamo in the embrace of Cardinal Dolan outside of St. Patrick's Cathedral.
13. The Gabelli Funds float displaying their Italian pride.
14. The Fanfara Bersaglieri Scattini are always a crowd favorite.
15. A Maserati leads Grand Marshal Massimo Ferragamo and his wife, Chiara, along the Parade route in style.
16. New Yorkers flock to Fifth Avenue in Manhattan for the best view of all the Parade fun.
17. A special red carpet performance of "A Whole New World" by cast members Clinton Greenspan and Arielle Jacobs from Disney's hit Broadway show "Aladdin."
18. Country Bank, longtime Columbus Day Parade partners, cruise up Fifth Avenue.
19. Famed tenor, Alfio, serenades the Parade crowd gathered in the Grandstand alongside 2019 Honorees, the Bruno brothers.
20. Frequent Parade participants, the Sacred Heart University Marching Band, performing American and Italian favorites.
21. New York Governor Andrew Cuomo joins co-hosts Ken Rosato, Maria Bartiromo, and Joe Piscopo in the ABC-7 Parade booth.
22. Mounted members of the NYPD trotting up the Columbus Day Parade route.



# LADIES AUXILIARY CONTINUES TO DAZZLE AT SPECTACULAR EVENTS & FUNDRAISING



The Ladies Auxiliary's Board of Directors (President Antonia Calabro; Vice President Gina Liotti; Secretary Eileen Tarantino; and Treasurer Mayy Scotto) offered their members magical events in 2019 and continued the LAX's long tradition of fundraising for our scholarship program.

The 2019 Spring Luncheon was held on May 7, where LAX members and their guests enjoyed shopping at the boutique. Celebrating "Fifty Years Strong," the Ladies Auxiliary recognized past Presidents of the LAX, presenting each one with an inscribed Waterford frame and three yellow roses—representing the past, the present and the future—and also honored the Foundation's first female President, Marian Pardo.



At this year's Columbus Day Parade, the Ladies Auxiliary marched together up Fifth Avenue - with a marching band leading the way. Many of the ladies even knew the band's choreography before too long - and it was a great showcase for the size and strength of the LAX.

The 2019 annual Christmas Luncheon was held on December 3, with the theme of "Un Natale Brillante", and the event certainly sparkled for all those lucky enough to attend. Arlette Roxburgh, an incredibly talented young singer, provided additional entertainment to the luncheon attendees with a selection of Italian songs - including the Italian national anthem.



The Ladies Auxiliary welcomes any potential new Members; please email [ccf@columbuscitizens.org](mailto:ccf@columbuscitizens.org) for details on how to become involved.

1. Officers and members of the Ladies Auxiliary march up Fifth Avenue at the Columbus Day Parade.
2. The beautifully intricate, spring-themed centerpiece at the Spring Luncheon.
3. Antonia Calabro, President, Ladies Auxiliary delivers a speech thanking all of the women who have helped grow the LAX over the past 50 years.
4. Members of the LAX gather on the Townhouse steps by the Christmas Tree at Un Natale Brillante luncheon.
5. Prior Ladies Auxiliary Presidents were recognized and applauded for their years of service at the 2019 Spring Luncheon.

# YOUNG ADULTS AUXILIARY: THE FIRST STEP TO FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP

The Young Adults Auxiliary is open to: children and grandchildren of existing Foundation Members; CCF scholarship recipients; and young adults nominated by two current Members. YAA Members must be between ages 21 and 30.

The YAA holds two annual scholarship fundraising events, in the spring and the fall, and its members meet monthly to plan these events. The 2019 events were a Renaissance Ball held in May, and a Casino Night held in November. Both events helped raise over \$15,000 for a scholarship in the Auxiliary's name.

In addition to their two annual events, the YAA is active in other aspects of CCF activities, including lending their support to the Annual Gala, volunteering as ushers for the Columbus Day Mass, marching in the Columbus Day Parade, participating in the Italy Run in Central Park, and encouraging YAA members who "age out" to consider Junior and General membership at the Foundation. They also hold an annual "Primavera" cocktail party, which serves as a recruitment event for new YAA members.

The current board of the Young Adults Auxiliary consists of: Anthony Zampolin, President; Michael Ippolito, Vice-President; Joseph Cavera, Secretary; and Stephen Dardis, Treasurer.

For more information on the YAA, please email: [yaacolumbus@gmail.com](mailto:yaacolumbus@gmail.com)



1. The YAA host the Primavera social event with a cocktail reception to welcome potential new members.
2. A YAA member attending the Renaissance Ball places a bid at the silent auction. All net proceeds support the CCF Scholarship Program.
3. The YAA officers at Casino Night: Treasurer Stephen Dardis, Vice President Michael Ippolito, President Anthony Zampolin, and Secretary Joseph Cavera.
4. YAA Treasurer Stephen Dardis, Junior Member Teresa Alessandro, and YAA member Kristen Memoli in Central Park at the NYRR Italy Run.
5. A group shot of YAA members, past and present, at the 2019 Columbus Day Gala.

# NEW MEMBERS

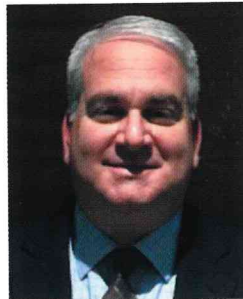


**Joseph J. Angeletti, Jr.** is the President of The Angeletti Group, a consulting firm to nonprofits. His paternal grandfather came from Ancona, while his paternal grandmother came from Cusano Mutri near Benevento. He is an advisor to many educational and healthcare organizations, as well as an alumnus of The Choate School and Lake Forest College. He is a Board Member of L.I.M. Education Foundation, a member of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, A.H.P. (Association for Healthcare Philanthropy) and A.F.P. (Association of Fundraising Professionals). Mr. Angeletti wishes to honor and affirm the importance of his family heritage and to participate in advancing Italian-American initiatives.



**Raniero D'Aversa, Jr., Esq.** is Partner and Chair of the Restructuring Group at Orrick Herrington, an international law firm. His ancestry stems from both parents who were born in or around the city of Frosinone in Lazio and who emigrated from Italy in the early 1960s. He serves on the New York University Law School Alumni Board, is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute, the Turnaround Management Association, and is a past member of the Italian-American Citizens Club of Oyster Bay. Mr. D'Aversa has also participated in

numerous fundraising activities, such as the Tom Liu Memorial Endowment Fund at the University of Michigan Cancer Center, Catholic Renewal, and the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. The intense regard for his Italian heritage, which instilled in him a work ethic, devotion to family and pride of country and nationality, has led to great personal, professional and familial satisfaction, which he hopes to impart to his daughters and to the new generation of Italian Americans.



**Joseph DiMartino** is the Executive Director, Head of Repo Trading at MUFG Securities, a banking and finance company. His ancestry stems from both parents, who were born and raised in Sicily. They married in 1963 and immigrated to New York; his father in 1966 followed by his mother in 1970. He is a former Board Member and Fundraising Director of the Bellmore Little League, as well as a member of the Order of Sons of Italy. Being very proud of his Italian heritage and interested in the preservation of its culture, Mr. DiMartino would like to further educate society on the accomplishments of the Italian-American community.



**Anthony Nunzio LaBruna, MD** is a Physician and a Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon at Anthony LaBruna, MD PLLC. His father and grandfather were born in Regalbuto, while his maternal great-grandparents were born in Santa Margherita di Belice, Italy. He has served on the Weill Cornell Medical Alumni Board for the past four years. He is a Dean's Circle Member and supporter for scholarships to Cornell Medical College, a volunteer in numerous organizations, and is a member of the American Society of Plastic Surgery and The American Medical Association, to name a few. Dr. LaBruna is also the recipient of the Teacher of the Year award from Weill Cornell Medical Center, Department of Plastic Surgery and is listed as one of America's Top Surgeons by Consumer Research Council of America from 2005 to the present. Having been raised to embrace his Italian heritage, of which he is very proud, and having been afforded the opportunity of a well-rounded education, he wishes to continue the tradition of helping others through scholarship and educational opportunities.



**Dennis J. Loiacono, II** is an Associate at the law firm of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP. His ancestry stems from both sides of his family. His maternal great-grandparents were born in Altavilla Silentina and his paternal

great-grandparents were born in Eboli, Camaldoli and Monreale. As a past President and Treasurer of the Foundation's Young Adults Auxiliary and through his father, longtime member Dennis Loiacono, he knows the Foundation well and is ready to serve the organization that has provided him with great friendships and support through the years.



**Charles Marino** has been a licensed Professional Engineer for over forty years. He is the president of AMCC Corporation, which designs and builds public projects such as schools and transportation facilities and has completed nearly \$2 billion dollars in construction projects. AMCC has been named a Top New York Design-Builder, a Top Educational Facilities Contractor, and a Top Green Contractor. He is a NYC licensed site safety manager and a member of various engineering organizations including the National Society of Professional Engineers and the Municipal Engineers of the City of New York. He is a Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers and is a Certified Accredited Professional for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. He has served on various New York City School committees and on the Board of Trustees of the Loyola School NYC. His parents, Linda and Anthony Marino, were Founding Members of the Columbus Citizens Foundation. Charles and his wife Helen are the parents of Julia and John Marino. As a family, they are eager to participate in the Foundation's mission of advancing Italian heritage and culture.



**Marco V. Masotti** is a Partner at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP law firm. His father was born in Fornaci di Barga in Tuscany. Mr. Masotti has many affiliations which include Friends of the Legal Resources Center and Chess for Change. He is a Board Member of Make a Difference and is a member of the New York City Bar and International Bar Association. He has been named one of "The 100 Most Influential of the Decade" by Private Equity International and one of New York's top corporate lawyers by the *New York Observer*, to name a few. Mr. Masotti would like to join the Foundation to support its philanthropic mission and connect with his Italian heritage.



**Nicholas J. Netta** is President of Netta Architects. In 1906, his father's family emigrated from Vallata, a small town in Naples while his mother's family emigrated from Sorrento. He is the current President of the Codogno Center in Mountainside, New Jersey, an organization established to further the charitable work of St. Frances Cabrini. He is also a member of the American Institute of Architects and the Boca Country Club and has received Design Awards from the American Institute of Architects. Mr. Netta is proud of his Italian heritage and understands that the goals of the Foundation are to foster an appreciation of the accomplishments we, as

Italians and Italian-Americans, have made and continue to make to this country. As an avid visitor to Italy, he believes that not only can he assist the Foundation philanthropically, but culturally, as well.



**Raymond Angelo Pacia, Jr.** is Director, Corporate Strategies and Business Development at Sirius XM. His great-grandparents emigrated from the following Provinces in Italy: Avellino, Caserta, Foggia, Caltanissetta and Messina. Since 2012, he has been a Director (Board Member) of the Crichton Foundation. Mr. Pacia has received scholarships from the National Italian American Foundation, the Order Sons of Italy in American, as well as numerous other monetary awards and recognitions for his academic achievements. He is also the recipient of The Suisman Prize for Outstanding Achievements in Campus Journalism for the Yale Daily News. His Italian-American heritage is a fundamental part of his identity. Being fluent in Italian and having traveled extensively throughout Italy, Mr. Pacia wishes to join the Foundation to enable enthusiasm and appreciation of Italy and the Italian-American community to grow even stronger for the next generation. He would also like to participate in the scholarship committee.

# NEW MEMBERS



**Dr. Andrew L. Pecora, MD** is the Chief Executive Officer at Outcomes Matter Innovations (OMI). His maternal grandfather was from Naples and his maternal grandmother was from Abruzzo. Both came to America via Ellis Island. He is the Associate Dean of Technology and Innovation at the School of Medicine at Seton Hall University and Professor of Medicine and Oncology at Georgetown University. Dr. Pecora has held numerous professional positions including Founder and Executive Chairman of COTA and is a member of numerous societies including the American Society of Bone Marrow Transplant. His awards and honors include the Dr. Sol J. Barer Award for Vision, Innovation and Leadership in 2018 and Americas' Top Doctors for Cancer 2006-2018. As a proud and accomplished Italian American, Dr. Pecora plans to donate his time and capital to the advancement of the Foundation's initiatives. He would like to honor his ancestors, who worked hard and diligently to enable him and his siblings to go to college and beyond, by giving back to the Italian American community.



**Michael A. Pisano** is a Managing Director at Protiviti, a management consulting firm. His paternal great-grandparents were from Naples and Calabria, while his maternal great-grandparents were from towns near Naples.

He is a past Board Member of Junior Achievement of New Jersey and past Secretary of the Emerging Leadership Council of Boys Hope Girls Hope of New York, raising money and supporting the organizations in achieving their missions. Mr. Pisano would like to share his Italian culture with his two children through the opportunities the Foundation offers, expand and communicate Italian heritage, and provide philanthropic and scholarship opportunities to other Italian Americans.



**Victor R. Pizzolato** is Vice President of Sales at GroundControl Solutions, a software sales company. His maternal great-grandparents were from Torre Del Greco and Avellino in Naples. His organizational affiliations include Princeton Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts of America, AOPA (Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association), ELKS and New Jersey Realtors Association. He is affiliated with Chaithanya Mahila Mandali Orphanage and Coach/Manager for Cranbury Soccer Club of which he was on the Board of Directors. He is also an award recipient for coaching and managing soccer teams. Given his heritage and Italian/Sicilian background, family and upbringing, Mr. Pizzolato wishes to foster and assist other Italians on both a personal and business level, as well as maintain the culture and educate others on the value and importance of Italian heritage – past, present and future.



**Nicholas C. Rubino** is Vice Chairman and CAO of Daiwa Capital Markets America Inc., a securities industry. Both grandparents were born in Sicily in the Province of Ragusa. Mr. Rubino is affiliated with SIFMA (Securities Industry and Financial Markets America) and is the President of the Mill River Country Club. He appreciates the fact that the Foundation, through its mission, is keeping the Italian tradition alive, as well as contributing to society through its donations to a number of worthwhile causes. Given his experience as President of the Mill River Country Club, Mr. Rubino feels he can be an asset to the Foundation by donating not only his time and money, but also promoting further awareness of the positive contributions Italians have made to make this country great.



**Michael Joseph Smith** is President and CEO at Safeguard CCS, a HUD approved housing counseling agency. His maternal grandfather and grandmother are from Maranola and Tivio respectively. Both towns are located in the Lazio region, north of Forma. He is Founder and Board Member of the Carleigh Mac Foundation, which provides funding for congenital heart defects in children. He is also a member of the Indian Hills Country Club. Mr. Smith wishes to join the Foundation not only to celebrate his Italian heritage but to volunteer his time and energy, as he feels he would be an asset to the Scholarship Committee.





**Beatrice A. "Bea" Spinelli, MD** is a Physician and Psychiatrist at Beatrice A. Spinelli, MD. Her paternal grandparents and father were born in Palermo, while her maternal grandfather and grandmother were from Salerno and Naples respectively. She is a member of Accademia della Cucina Italiana, Society for Integrated Medicine, American Medical Association, American Psychiatry Association and the Bologna Medical Association, to name a few. Her charitable affiliations include the JSDD (Jewish Services for Developmentally Disabled), Ronald McDonald House, Wounded Warriors Foundation and Memorial Sloan Kettering. Dr. Spinelli would like to join the Foundation to assist in furthering its mission. Having benefitted from the sacrifices of her parents, she would like to participate in the fundraising events providing scholarships to students of Italian ancestry.



**Hernan A. Stigliano** is a Partner at KPMG LLP. His paternal great-grandmother and great-grandfather came from Calabria and Potenza respectively, while his maternal great-grandparents came from Vignola, located in Modena. He is a member of the AICPA and has served as a one-term Chairman of the Benedictine Academy Advisory Board. He was also Vice President of the Codogno Education Center, Inc., which was formed to spread the knowledge about the life and works of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, "Mother Cabrini". Mr. Stigliano cherishes helping children, particularly those with economic barriers, achieve their academic goals. He envisions joining the Foundation as being an excellent opportunity to assist children sharing in the same Italian heritage which enriched and benefitted him throughout his life.

# JUNIOR MEMBERS



**Lauren Bruno** is an Associate in the Healthcare Public Finance, Investment Banking at Citi. Six of her eight great-grandparents were born in Naples while her other two great-grandparents raised her paternal grandfather in Bari. While at Villanova University, she was on the Dean's list every semester and was affiliated with Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, serving as the Vice President of Public Relations and leading her chapter with philanthropic events to raise money. Currently, she is a member of the Young Professionals, NY chapter, The Wing, a women's social club and IVY Social University. Ms. Bruno chose a career in public finance to make a difference in the world and to give back to the community. She believes that joining the Foundation will provide her the opportunity to continue with her personal aspirations of having a positive influence on our society, while embracing her Italian culture.



**Anthony Joseph D'Amelio** is an Associate at Cushman & Wakefield, a commercial real estate company. His paternal grandparents were born in Foggia, while his maternal grandparents were born in Salerno. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Alpha Lambda Delta, ICSC, Real Estate Aspiring Leaders and Cushman and Wakefield Future Leaders. Mr. D'Amelio is the recipient of the

UConn Real Estate Center Undergraduate of the Year, 2014-2017 New England Scholar and the John Hart Real Estate Undergraduate Scholarship just to name a few. Growing up celebrating his Italian heritage and given his love and passion for the Italian culture along with his strong work ethic will help him to perpetuate the Foundation's mission of scholarship and philanthropy.



**Alessandra Henry** is a Risk and Financial Advisory Consultant at Deloitte & Touche LLP. Her grandmother and her grandmother's family emigrated from the small southern town of Roccella Ionica. Ms. Henry learned to speak Italian before she learned English and visits her Nonna's hometown in Calabria every summer. She is a member of 100 Women in Finance Next Gen New York, which empowers women in financial services through education and networking. She is also a Young Alumni member of the University of Notre Dame Sorin Society and a member of the University of Notre Dame Club of NYC. Her goals of carrying out the rich traditions set forth by our ancestors, and ensuring that they are valued for generations to come, align with the Foundation's mission.



**Steven B. Indelicato** is an Optician and Vice President of Indelicato Opticians. His Italian ancestry stems from his paternal grandparents, who came from Sicily and his maternal grandparents, who came from Bari, all of whom immigrated to the United States in the 1950's. His affiliations include The American Board of Opticianry, the National Federation of Opticianry Schools, the New York State Society of Opticians and CUNY NYC College of Technology, where he serves as adjunct lecturer. Mr. Indelicato is also listed in Vision Monday Magazine's "Opticians Best in Class." He is excited to have this opportunity to share in the great fellowship and tradition of the Foundation and knows that he will thrive in a community of fellow Italian Americans. Mr. Indelicato would love to assist with the Parade and social events, among other initiatives.



**Brittany Marie Netta** is a Designer at Fiserv. Her parents' families' ancestors migrated from southern Italy, through Ellis Island to Elizabeth, NJ. Both grandparents' families descended from Sorrento and Vallata in the Campagna region. For the past year, Ms. Netta has been a mentor for Built by Girls, which connects young women with female powerhouses in the tech industry, is the founder of the organization, Art is Smart, created to empower children through art to

cultivate and improve academic performance. Her involvement in the philanthropic activities that promote women's empowerment, her commitment to the importance of arts and being able to share the same goals, culture and values as a Foundation member, she feels will be incredible.



**Pietro Pecora** is Manager at Teams Management LLC, a real estate management, ownership and development firm. His father is from Borgetto, Sicily while his mother's paternal grandparents were from Messina, Sicily. He is happy to join the Foundation in order to promote Italian-American ideals, celebrate his heritage and be a part of a great Foundation.



**Charles "Charlie Romo" Poveromo** is a professional entertainer and President of DBA - Charlie Romo. His maternal great-grandparents and maternal grandfather were from Palermo, and Pozzallo, Sicily respectively, while his paternal great-great-grandparents were from Naples and Bari. He is a member of the Friars Club, (the youngest member ever inducted), the Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society and is a fundraising participant for USO, St. Jude Children's Hospital and the Find Your Light Foundation. Mr. Poveromo is the recipient of the Staten Island Borough President's Community Service Award and

Broadway World's Best Debut Artist. As a former Columbus Citizens Foundation DaVinci Society College Scholarship recipient, he would like to pay it forward by raising funds for future recipients, develop personal and professional relationships with Members, while keeping his Italian culture and values alive.



**Jacqueline Marie Scacco** is a Sales Associate at The Chefs' Warehouse, a specialty food purveyor. Her Italian ancestry stems from both her maternal and paternal sides with her maternal grandparents coming from Sturmo, province of Avellino. Her paternal grandparents came from Caccamo, Sicily. Ms. Scacco was a member of the Foundation's Young Adults Auxiliary and is a member of Omicron Delta Epsilon, an International Honor Society for Economics. She is affiliated with The Inn, helping in the soup kitchen, the Parker Jewish Institute and Fordham University's Dance Marathon, raising money for the B+ Foundation. She elected to become a Member of the Foundation in order to honor her Nonni who did so much for their family by leaving everything in Italy and coming to America. Feeling very blessed, Ms. Scacco believes that it is her duty to help others and will pour all her efforts into the philanthropic and cultural initiatives of the Foundation.



**Anthony A. Serafino** is an Executive with Exp. Group LLC, a Produce, Real Estate and Logistics company. His father was born in Castellammare del Golfo, Sicily. He is affiliated with the HeartShare Human Services of New York, which each year holds an Annual Education Services Dinner Dance fundraiser. Mr. Serafino feels it is a tremendous honor to be a member of the Foundation especially its Young Adults Auxiliary. Moreover, he is very enthusiastic about being involved with scholarship and Italian initiatives, especially Columbus Day.



**Gianna Vigliotti** is an Administrative Assistant at Lincoln Land Services, a Real Estate - Title Insurance company. Her father's family is originally from Genoa and Naples while her mother's family is from Naples and Sicily. She is affiliated with the ASPCA Humane Society, City Harvest, A Walk on Water and the Adaptive Sports Foundation, as well as being a member of the Mill River Club. As a third-generation Italian-American, Ms. Vigliotti feels a strong connection to her heritage. She is eager to be part of a community that understands and shares similar values and beliefs and feels that the CCF will be the perfect place to fulfill this desire and afford her the opportunity to participate, especially in the philanthropic initiatives for which the Foundation is known.



# PREVIOUS GRAND MARSHALS OF THE COLUMBUS DAY PARADE

The role of Grand Marshal has always been a critical piece of the Columbus Day Parade. At CCF, much thought and effort go into their selection, and we have been blessed over the years by the luminaries, philanthropists and role models that have answered our request to lead the way up Fifth Avenue.

These distinguished men and women have included record breakers and absolute headliners in the worlds of business, entertainment, sports, politics and so much more. The Grand Marshal of the Columbus Day Parade continues to show Italian Americans the limitless possibility of what our community can achieve. We are grateful to have had all those listed below as beacons of hope throughout the many years of the Columbus Celebration - and we salute them all!



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| 2019 - Massimo Ferragamo                                   | 1994 - Susan Lucci             |
| 2018 - Guy Chiarello                                       | 1993 - Regis Philbin           |
| 2017 - Leonard Riggio                                      | 1992 - Past Grand Marshals     |
| 2016 - Robert LaPenta                                      | 1991 - Joe Di Maggio           |
| 2015 - Alberto Cribiore                                    | 1990 - Tommy Lasorda           |
| 2014 - Frank Bisignano                                     | 1989 - Danny Aiello            |
| 2013 - Joseph R. Perella                                   | 1988 - Vincent Gardenia        |
| 2012 - Mario J. Gabelli                                    | 1987 - Rudolph Giuliani        |
| 2011 - Joseph J. Plumeri                                   | 1986 - Hon. Alfonse D'Amato    |
| 2010 - Maria Bartiromo                                     | 1986 - Hon. Mario Cuomo        |
| 2009 - Kenneth G. Langone                                  | 1985 - Henry Mancini           |
| 2008 - Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., US Navy (Ret.) | 1984 - Sophia Loren            |
| 2007 - Lidia Matticchio Bastianich                         | 1983 - No Parade*              |
| 2006 - General Peter Pace                                  | 1982 - Lee Iacocca             |
| 2005 - Justice Antonin Scalia                              | 1981 - Tony Bennett            |
| 2004 - Mario Andretti                                      | 1980 - Luciano Pavarotti       |
| 2003 - Roberto Cavalli                                     | 1979 - Frank Sinatra           |
| 2002 - Franco Zeffirelli                                   | 1978 - Bob & Delores Hope      |
| 2001 - Bobby Valentine                                     | 1977 - Vincent J. Peters       |
| 2000 - Dan Marino  | 1976 - Sergio Franchi          |
| 1999 - Piero Ferrari                                       | 1975 - Yogi Berra              |
| 1998 - Richard A. Grasso                                   | 1974 - Frank Capra             |
| 1997 - Paul Sorvino  | 1973 - Hon. S. Samuel Di Falco |
| 1996 - Hon. George E. Pataki                               | 1972 - Amb. John A. Volpe      |
| 1995 - Louis J. Freeh                                      | 1969-71 - Fortune Pope         |

\*Due to the passing of His Eminence, Terence Cardinal Cooke

# IN MEMORIAM: GRAND MARSHALS

2019 saw the loss of three of the Foundation's uniquely gifted Grand Marshals of Parades gone by. We join the whole world in mourning the loss of a brilliantly artistic filmmaker; a larger than life personality that redefined the auto industry and the world of business; and a talented character actor beloved by the masses.



## Franco Zeffirelli (2002 Grand Marshal)

**February 12, 1923 - June 15, 2019**

Though his countless contributions to the worlds of art and culture will live on, this pioneer will be missed. With films that ranged from "Romeo and Juliet" in 1968 to "Tea With Mussolini" in 1999, he leaves behind a canon of cinema treasures. He was equally renowned for his stunning work in the world of opera, where his accomplishments included a legendary 1964 Royal Opera House production of "Tosca" with Maria Callas and Tito Gobbi.



## Lee Iacocca (1982 Grand Marshal)

**October 15, 1924 - July 2, 2019**

Lido Anthony "Lee" Iacocca was a visionary American automobile executive, best known for the development of Ford Mustang and Pinto cars when working at Ford Motor Company in the 1960s and for reviving the Chrysler Corporation as its CEO during the 1980s. He was also a best-selling author and one of the few executives to preside over the operations of two of the "Big Three" automakers. Under the appointment of President Ronald Reagan, Iacocca was instrumental in the restoration of the Statue of Liberty and the renovation of Ellis Island.



## Danny Aiello (1989 Grand Marshal)

**June 20, 1933 - December 12, 2019**

The Oscar-nominated Danny Aiello led our Columbus Day Parade in 1989, and more recently he returned to ride Leonard Riggio's Barnes & Noble float for Italian-American authors in our 2017 Parade. Aiello served in the military and worked as a union leader before he became known as a talented character actor. His portfolio helped to solidify his reputation as a true New Yorker, playing pivotal roles in the iconic movies, "Do The Right Thing" and "Moonstruck."

IN MEMORIAM

# Anthony N. Correra

**December 27, 1937 - December 2, 2019**



The Foundation was saddened to learn of the passing of Anthony Correra, one of our most active and passionate Members, on Monday, December 2, 2019. Anthony had been a Foundation Member since 1987, served as a Board Member, and was well-known to many of us as the always passionate and enthusiastic Chair of the Executive House Committee. He passed away peacefully at his home on Staten Island, New York. He was 81 years old.

Anthony was born on December 27, 1937 in Maddaloni, Italy to Luisa (née Falco) and Anthony Correra. The oldest of five siblings, Anthony learned the art of being a masterful and kind-hearted care giver at a very early age. He carried with him this loving and caring nature all the days of his life. He graduated from New York University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1962. He proudly served in the U.S. Army from 1963 until his honorable discharge as a Major.

Mr. Correra's entire 53 year career was spent in the financial services industry. He began in 1966 at Hirsch and Company, eventually moving to Smith Barney Harris Upham and Co in 1973. He spent the last 46 years at that firm, which subsequently became Morgan Stanley, as a trusted and highly respected financial advisor.

With all his achievements throughout his life, his proudest accomplishment was his family. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle. His greatest joy came from spending time with his two granddaughters. He will fondly be remembered as a doting, loving grandfather who always came bearing gifts and Italian pastries.

He is survived by his wife, Maria Stanzione Correra, of Staten Island; his son Michael Correra and partner Ann Fortugno of Brooklyn; his son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Lisa Correra of Rumson, New Jersey; his granddaughters Ava and Lia; his brother and sister-in-law, Nicholas and Maria Correra of Staten Island; his sister and brother-in-law, Teresa and Salvatore Santelli of Homestead, Florida and his stepson, John Stanzione of Staten Island as well as many nieces and nephews.

# IN MEMORIAM 2019

## HON. JOSEPH N. GIAMBOI

Hon. Joseph Giamboi, former New York State Supreme Court Justice and one of the early founders of the Columbian Lawyers Association, passed away on Sept. 27, 2018. Giamboi, who was born in 1925, went to New York Law School prior to being admitted to the NYS Bar in 1955. He served as a Supreme Court judge from 1995 until 2004 and had a private practice for 40 years prior to joining the bench. He was a Founding Member of the Foundation.

## JULIA JOAN TRICAMO

Julia Joan Tricamo, mother of Foundation member Frank Tricamo, passed away on January 2, 2019.

## SAM R. BRUNO

Sam Bruno lost his battle with Alzheimer's disease on January 9, 2018, at the age of 93, surrounded by the love of his family. He was born in New York to Italian immigrant parents, Angelina and Antonio Bruno. He was an army veteran of WWII and served as a New York City Police Officer when he was in his 20's. Sam was a very successful businessman, but it was his catering business, Bruno's on the Boulevard in Jackson Heights, that became his pride and joy. He was very proud to be an Italian American, never missing an opportunity to tell anyone not of Italian descent what they were missing out on. His family takes comfort in knowing he has been reunited with his Gina, and that Sam R. Bruno knows who Sam R. Bruno is again. He will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure and privilege of knowing him. He joined the Foundation in 1984.

## DOMENICK P. COLANGELO

Domenick P. Colangelo, father of Foundation Member, Hon. John P. Colangelo, passed away peacefully on February 9, 2019 at his home in Boonton, New Jersey. He is survived by his wife of more than 70 years, Marie (LaRosa); his sister Beatrice Rende; his four children Joan Praiss, NY St. Sup. Ct. Justice John P. Colangelo, Janis Hoehn and Ruth Anne Seifert; five grandchildren, Cristine,

Michael, Nichole, Scott and John; and three great-grandchildren, Collin, Ethan and Brennan. A proud veteran of World War II, Domenick served under General George Patton and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. After his military service and with the assistance of the GI Bill of Rights, he worked his way through Pace University, earning an accounting degree. He began working for Foster Wheeler Corporation and rose to the position of Controller and Financial Vice President before his retirement in 1983. An avid albeit challenged golfer, Domenick also enjoyed baseball and other sports, but particularly loved being with and around his family. He was 97 years old.

## WILLIAM JOHN SCARPA, MD

Dr. William John Scarpa, a Foundation Member since 1993, died peacefully in West Palm Beach on April 29, 2019. He was a graduate of Brooklyn Polytech HS, Holy Cross University, and SUNY Downstate University Medical School. Born in Brooklyn, he was the only child of Anthony Scarpa and Lillian Deleao. After graduating from Downstate Medical School, he completed his internship, residency and fellowship at Long Island College Hospital (LICH) in Brooklyn. He went on to become Chief of Cardiology at LICH and full Professor at Downstate University Medical School Department of Cardiology. Dr. Scarpa is survived by his wife, Virginia Ann Scarpa; two children; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was laid to rest at his request in Greenwich, Connecticut.

## FRANCESCA OSSO

Francesca Osso, mother of Foundation Member Roxann Romano, passed away in June 2019.

## LEONARD LEGOTTE

Leonard Legotte, father of Foundation Member Karen Legotte, passed away on August 13, 2019. He served in the Army during the Korean War and upon his return in 1954 he married Phyllis Giurdanella. They settled in Brooklyn and had three children; Karen Legotte Langdon, Thomas Legotte and Lenny Ligotti. Sadly, Phyllis, his beloved wife, died

from cancer in 1983. Leo later married Helen Fitzgerald who passed away in 2016. He is survived by his children, as well as daughters in-law Angelina Legotte and Paula Ligotti, and his grandchildren, Thomas Jr, Phillip, Anthony, Billy Langdon, Gavin and Brendan Ligotti.

## EILEEN DALY

Eileen Daly, mother of Hon. Eileen C. Daly-Sapraicone and mother-in-law of Foundation Member Michael Sapraicone, passed away peacefully at the age of 78, on the morning of August 29, 2019.

## JOYCE TESE

Joyce Tese, wife of Foundation Member and former President, Vincent Tese, passed away on September 5, 2019, after a long battle with cancer. She passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family. She was 75 years old. Joyce leaves behind her beloved husband, Vincent; two daughters, Lauren and Andrea; three granddaughters, Eleonore, Madeleine and Isabel; and her son-in-law Matthew Warwick.

## JOSEPH F. NAPORANO

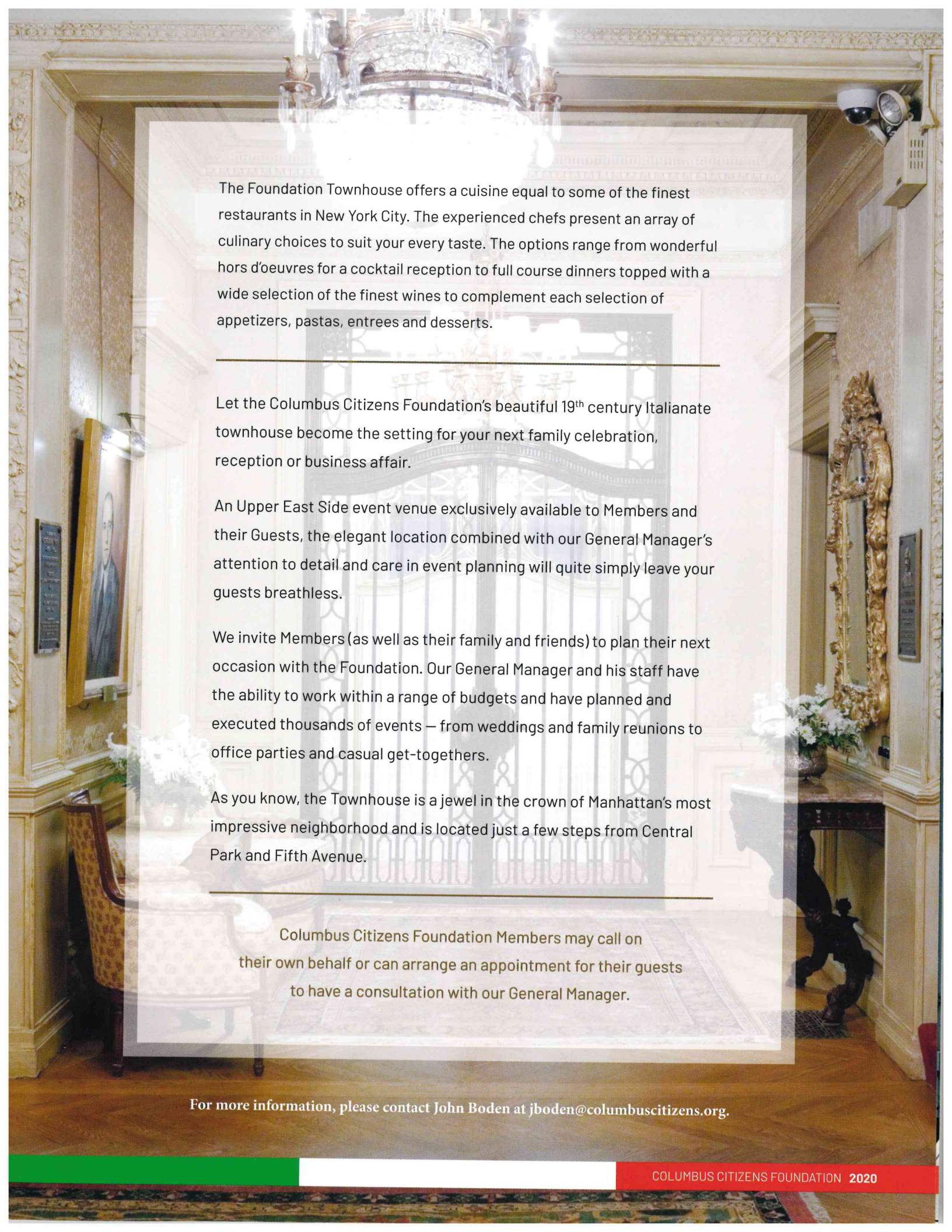
Joseph F. Naporano, 78, of Essex Fells, New Jersey passed away on December 10, 2019. Born in Newark, to Andrew J. and Beatrice M. (née Abbate) Naporano, Joseph was a longtime resident of Essex Fells. Formerly president of Naporano Iron and Metal Company, NIMCO Shredding Co., and Janx Partners, LP, Joseph was a graduate of Columbia University (MBA) and Colorado School of Mines (BS). He was an avid motorcycle rider and Jersey Shore insider. Family was his proudest accomplishment, and Joseph is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Marcia Naporano; cherished children, John Naporano (Elizabeth), Michele Reiner (James), Laura Coraci (James) and Thomas Naporano; treasured grandchildren, Taylor, Cody, Austin, Cassandra, Francesca, Jacqueline and Vivian; caring siblings, Andrew Naporano, Jr. (Sharon) and Patricia Katchen (William); and many loving nieces and nephews. He joined the Foundation in 1979.



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For more information, please contact John Boden at [jboden@columbuscitizens.org](mailto:jboden@columbuscitizens.org).

# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Cari Amici,

Just as we were about to go to press with this year's edition of Il Giornale, we closed the office believing we would be back in a few days. Once New York State officially went on pause, we held back printing until we had a clearer sense of when we could send the publication to you. And we've made a few adjustments to reflect the changes we've needed to make in scheduling events for 2020.

Despite this disruption, I'm as excited today as when I started at CCF just a few months ago. Less than two months after my first day in the office, we celebrated the 2019 Columbus Weekend. I don't think there are sufficient words to express the thrill of being part of the Gala, Wreath-Laying Ceremony, Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, and the Parade. The admiration I have for everyone involved in planning these events is boundless. Now I am in the exhilarating position of working closely with the Board, staff, and Members to make 2020 an equally exciting suite of events.

Similarly, the knowledge I've gained about the Scholarship program has been equally instructive and inspiring. As we go to press, we are nearing the conclusion of the selection process for 2020 Scholarship recipients. The dedication exhibited by Committee Chairs and Members is impressive.

As the staff and I look ahead, we have many unknowns about 2020 in terms of what social distancing rules may be in place once businesses reopen, what protocols may be required for holding events, and whether the Columbus Celebration Weekend has to take a slightly different form. These will be challenges to address. What is certain is that the Townhouse will reopen and we will have many reasons to continue to build upon the strengths of the organization.

The greatest joy has come from getting to know Members over the last several months, hearing Members' ideas about future programming, and of course working together to turn these thoughts into accomplishments.

Columbus Citizens Foundation's success is a reflection of the hard work of many over the decades. Looking forward to moving forward together,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Ackerman". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Lisa Ackerman  
Executive Director



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