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↔ GRAND GALA ↔

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## TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6:30 P.M.

**INTRODUCTION**  
JIM SANO, IACC PRESIDENT

**AMERICAN NATIONAL ANTHEM**

**ITALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**BENEDICTION**  
JIM SANO, IACC FOUNDATION  
PRESIDENT/CLUB CHAPLAIN.

7:00 P.M.

**DINNER**

**AWARDS**

**JOE ALLEGRETTI**  
PRESIDENT'S AWARD

**SERGIO PANUNZIO**  
**JEFFREY HUNT**  
**DONATELLA ROTOLI**  
**CHRIS BARTON (POSTHUMOUSLY)**  
PASQUALE TIRINO SERVICE AWARD

**DAN WALL, ESQ**  
IACC ITALIAN SPIRIT AWARD

**DOMINIC MAINELLA**  
IACC ITALIAN AMERICAN OF THE YEAR

8:00 P.M.

**DANCE: DJ CHAS GIKNIS**

10:30 P.M.

**SILENT AUCTION ENDS**

**DUO at the  
DUNES**

**MILLE GRAZIE TO THE  
SHEA FAMILY  
FOR ANOTHER GREAT  
COLUMBUS DAY GRAND GALA!**



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As we celebrate Columbus Day, we reflect on how we got here. We remember our ancestors who left their homeland searching for a brighter future in a new world. They left behind everything they knew, including their families, culture, and traditions. They endured long and arduous journeys across the Atlantic, arriving in a land that was unfamiliar in many ways. Despite the hardships they faced, they demonstrated resilience, resourcefulness, and a strong work ethic that contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of the United States.

The story of our Italian American immigrant ancestors is a testament to the power of the human spirit and the importance of diversity in shaping our nation. Their experiences remind us of the values of hard work, family, and the pursuit of opportunity that continue to define the American dream.

Today, as we celebrate our Italian American heritage, let us remember and honor the sacrifices and contributions of our immigrant ancestors and let their legacy inspire us to continue building a more diverse and vibrant nation.

On behalf of the Italian American Community Center, I wish to welcome you to our 2025 Columbus Day Grand Gala. Enjoy the evening!

Ciao,

*Jim Sano*

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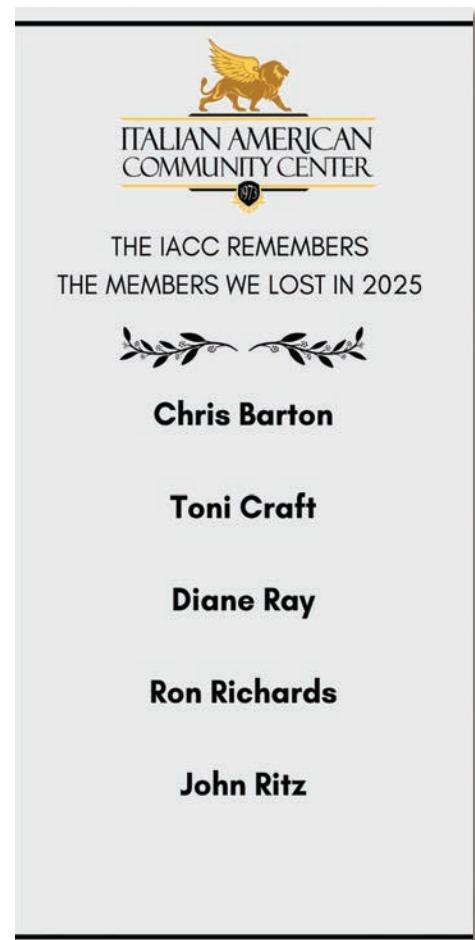
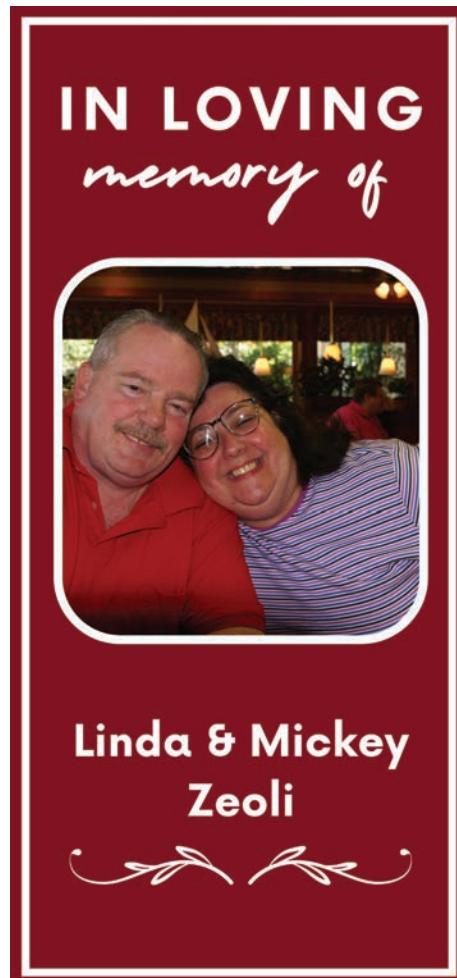
## I.A.C.C. FOUNDATION

The Italian American Community Center established a non-profit 501c3 foundation with a mission to advance, celebrate and preserve the Italian culture and heritage while helping families rediscover the great strength to be found in these traditions.

The Foundation holds many annual cultural programs and events. Our goal is to connect a new generation of Italian Americans with traditions and an ethnicity which has been all but lost in today's world. With your ongoing support we hope to continue this good work for generations to come.

**Baskets are subject to change. Additional items may be added.**

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**Congratulations on  
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## Celebrating the IACC and the 2025 Honorees

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Donatella Rotoli, Jeffrey Hunt & Chris Barton**

*Tanti Auguri*

**Peter Crumme  
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# SALUTI!

I Dedicate My Award Tonight to my  
Father & Mother for their  
Unwavering Love & Support.



John & Phylis Mainella



**CONGRATULATIONS**

**TO ALL OF TONIGHT'S, HONOREES!**

**AND, I JOIN THE IACC IN  
CELEBRATING ITALIAN  
AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH.**

**Darius Shahinfar**  
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**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO TONIGHT'S  
HONOREES**



**RACHEL BARRANCA POWELL**  
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**BEST WISHES &  
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TO DOMINIC MAINELLA  
DAN WALL, JOE ALLEGRETTI,  
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HUNT, DONATELLA ROTOLI  
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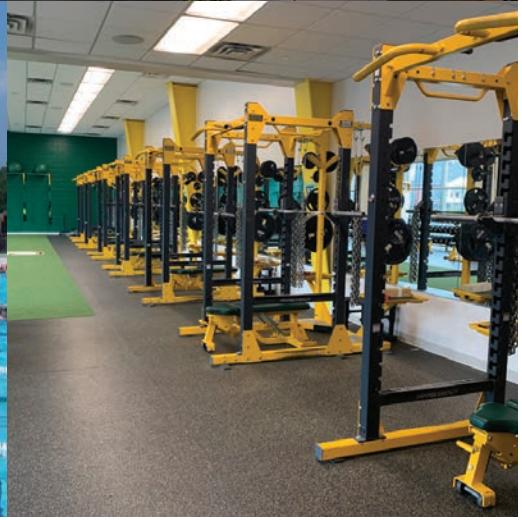
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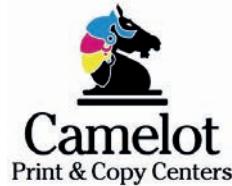
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**Congratulations to all  
of tonight's honorees!**

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this celebration of our  
Italian Heritage.**



BEST WISHES &  
CONGRATULATIONS!

Dominic Mainella & Dan Wall

*and all of tonight's honorees on  
receiving your prestigious awards.*

*Hon. Jack Flynn*

8th Ward

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*" I join the members of the  
IACC in celebrating  
Italian American Heritage  
Month & I Congratulate all of  
tonight's honorees"*

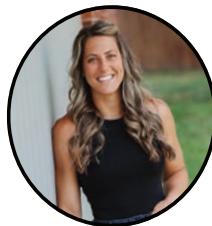
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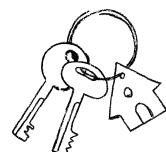
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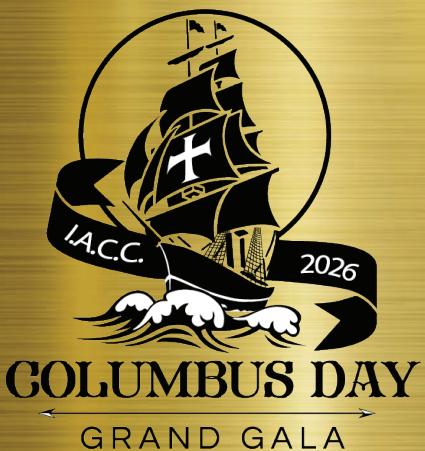
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# HONOREES' BIOS

## DOMINIC MAINELLA ITALIAN AMERICAN OF THE YEAR

**Dominic Mainella** carries on a proud family legacy that began over a century ago in the small town of Acquaviva in Italy's Molise region. His grandfather, also named Dominic, came to America in 1922, seeking opportunities and a new beginning. After several trips between Italy and the United States, he eventually settled in Troy, New York, where he worked for the Department of Public Works and built a life rooted in hard work and family.

Dominic's father, John V. Mainella, followed that same spirit of determination and entrepreneurship. Upon arriving in America, John began working at Royal Bakery on Jefferson Street in Troy, where he mastered the bakery trade. In 1957, he took a bold step and, with his wife Phylis, opened their own business—**Bella Napoli Italian Bakery**—in an empty storefront at the corner of Hutton Street and River Street in Troy, NY. The bakery initially focused on bread, rolls, and pizza dough, quickly becoming a neighborhood favorite.

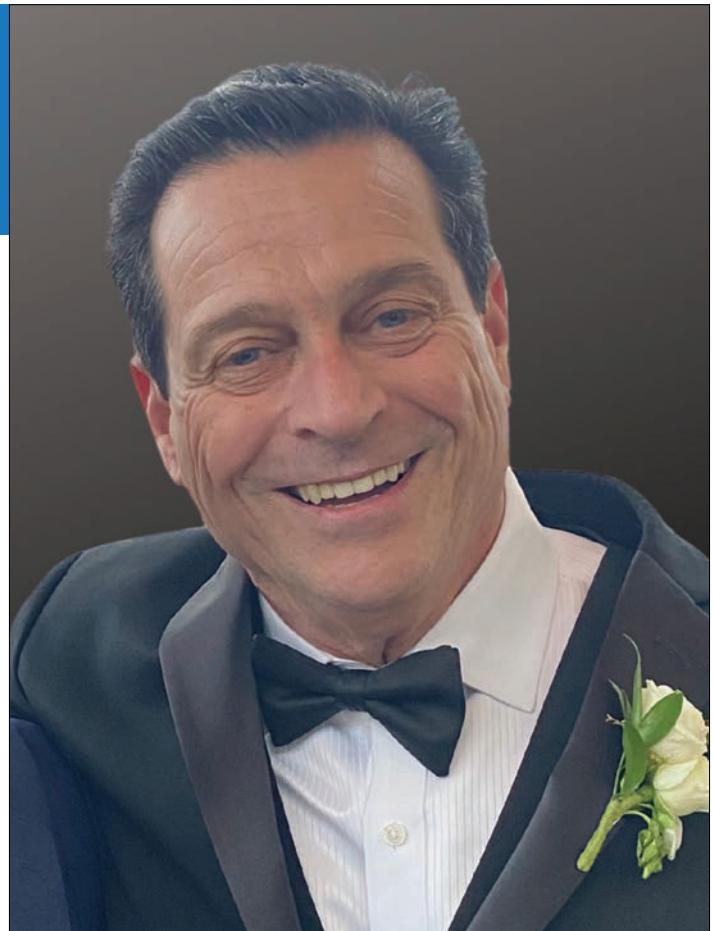
In 1961, the bakery moved to its current location on River Street in Troy. At that time, John expanded the bakery's offerings to include pastries, cakes, cookies, and more.

John and Phyllis raised four children, with their eldest named Dominic after his grandfather. Growing up surrounded by the sweet aroma of freshly baked goods, Dominic spent weekends and holidays working in the bakery. After attending Troy High School and Hudson Valley Community College, he joined the family business full-time, determined to build upon his father's foundation.

In 1982, Dominic realized his dream of expansion by opening a second location—**Bella Napoli in Latham**—at 672 New Loudon Road. Over time, he continued offering cookies, cakes, and Italian pastries.

By 1994, the bakery added a caf. Already known for its baked goods, the new additions were subs, breakfast sandwiches, fresh coffee, and much more.

Over the years, Dominic has continually enhanced the business's operations, investing in the latest equipment and machinery to ensure the production of the finest baked goods. He developed the unique flavor profile that distinguishes Bella Napoli pastries as the best in the region. His unwavering commitment to using only the highest quality ingredients has been instrumental in creating the most delicious pastries, cookies, and cakes in the area.



Today, Bella Napoli remains a true family-run business, operated by Dominic alongside his brothers, Gino and Mario, his sister, Victoria, his sister-in-law, Maureen, and his wife, Darleen. Even his mom, Phylis, at 91, continues to have a presence in the bakery. Dominic is blessed and forever grateful to be supported by long-time employees who have become like family and contribute to the continued success of the bakery. The bakery continues to thrive on the values passed down through generations—quality, family, and community.

In May 1982, Dominic married Darleen, the love of his life. Together, they have three children—Jonathan and his wife Hannah, Michele and her husband Christopher, and Michael and his wife Kayla—and a beloved granddaughter, Anna, who has already brought new joy to the family.

Dominic takes great pride in his Italian heritage and credits his success to the courage and perseverance of his grandfather, whose journey to America made everything possible. Every loaf, pastry, and smiling customer at **Bella Napoli** is a tribute to that legacy—a legacy **Dominic is honored to carry forward**.

In recognition of his unwavering dedication, outstanding support, and lasting contributions to our club and the Italian American community, the Italian American Community Center is proud to name **Dominic Mainella** as our **2025 Italian American of the Year**.

# HONOREES' BIOS

## DAN WALL ITALIAN SPIRIT AWARD

**Dan Wall** is a distinguished executive and business leader with a storied career spanning public service, corporate leadership, and advocacy. He presently serves as Senior Vice President and Counsel to Currier, McCabe and Associates, the Capital Region's Largest Privately Owned IT Company.

Dan formerly served our State, as President of the New York State Civil Service Commission and the New York State Health Insurance Plan – leading its transformation into a modern and award-winning Agency.

An honors graduate of St John's School of Law, accomplished author, and former member of the IACC Board of Directors, he has been recognized with numerous honors for his services, including awards from the Capital Region YMCA, SUNY Empire State College, Disabled American Veterans, National Association of Governors, and the Industries for the Blind of New York State.

A dedicated family man and former rodeo clown, he and his beloved wife, Suzanne, will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary next month. They are the proud parents of two adult daughters, Nicole and Lindsay.

**The Italian American Community Center** is proud to present the **Italian Spirit Award** to **Dan Wall** in recognition of his unwavering dedication, outstanding support, and lasting contributions to our club and the Italian community.



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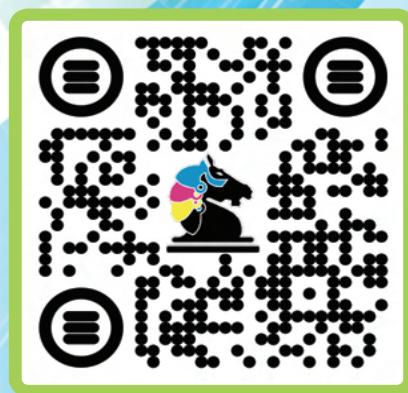
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**Dominic Mainella**  
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# JOE ALLEGRETTI

## IACC PRESIDENT'S AWARD

# SERGIO PANUNZIO

## PASQUALE TIRINO SERVICE AWARD

Joe was born in Albany, NY on May 17, 1925, the only child of the late Florence and Vincent Allegretti.

He grew up in downtown Albany near the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Joe attended Albany Public Schools, graduated from the Christian Brothers Academy in June 1943 and was drafted into the army in August 1943. He was eventually assigned to the 104th Infantry (Timberwolf) Division. It was the first infantry division to be trained to fight at night.

In 1944 and 1945 the Timberwolf Division fought through Holland, France, Belgium into Germany. Joe was a Platoon Sergeant. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Medal for close combat with the Germans, two Purple Heart Medals for injuries in combat, the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service during the Rhineland Campaign as well as other service medals. Later in life, in December 2020, Joe was awarded the French Legion of Honor Medal (Knight) for his contribution to the liberation of France during WW11.

Joe was discharged from the Army in January 1946. He married Janet Kajano on July 10, 1949 in the former St. Anthony's Church. She was his loving companion for over 71 years until her death in January 2021. They have four married children, five married grandsons and nine great grandchildren.

Joe graduated from Siena College and worked for the Federal and NYS governments for over 30 years. He retired from the NYS Thruway Authority in November 1986 as the Director of Accounting.

He still lives in Albany.

In recognition of a lifetime of sacrifice and service to our country, our state, and our Italian community—and for his dedication, outstanding support, and lasting contributions to our club—the **Italian American Community Center** is proud to present the **President's Award to Joe Allegretti**.

Sergio Panunzio was born in Cagliari, the capital of Sardinia, Italy. In 1979, he immigrated to New Jersey with his family in pursuit of the American dream. His parents worked in a coat factory while Sergio and his sister attended school. At the age of 13, Sergio began working summers at a local restaurant and pizzeria—earning \$25 for a 50-hour week. Driven and eager to learn every aspect of the business, he convinced his parents 1982 to purchase the restaurant, allowing them to leave factory work and build something of their own.

Motivated by a lifelong commitment to helping others, Sergio volunteered as an EMT with his local ambulance corps, later serving as its director, all while helping at the family restaurant. After more than a decade in the restaurant industry following his father's passing, Sergio transitioned into the public service field, which would define his career. For over 30 years, Sergio has served in public service in many different roles, with dedication, integrity, and leadership. As Commissioner of DGS, he continues to mentor others, modernize city operations, and uphold the department's mission of service to the community.

Beyond his official duties, Sergio remains deeply involved in the Italian American community. He volunteers at the Italian American Community Center of Albany, which he affectionately calls his "extended family," promoting Italian culture and heritage through civic and cultural engagement.

**The Italian American Community Center** is proud to award **Sergio Panunzio** the **Pasquale Tirino Service Award** in recognition of his lifelong commitment to the Italian community.

# JEFF HUNT JR.

## PASQUALE TIRINO SERVICE AWARD

**Jeff Hunt Jr.** was born on March 23, 1979, to Kathleen and Jeff Hunt Sr. He was primarily raised by his mother, who was his number one in life—and he, the apple of her eye. Unfortunately, at just fifteen years old, Jeff lost his beloved mother unexpectedly, leaving him to navigate the world on his own.

Jeff attended Bishop Maginn High School, where he built the foundation of his education before entering the workforce. After graduation, he worked in several food establishments, where he developed a love for cooking, especially for making pizzas.

Eventually, Jeff joined the **City of Albany's Department of General Services**, beginning his career in the Parks Division. After a few years, he transitioned to the blacktop crew, where he learned every aspect of paving, sealing, and repairing roads. Through hard work, dedication, and a desire to continuously learn, Jeff rose through the ranks and became the **Division Supervisor of Streets and Roads**. Jeff's leadership qualities and natural ability to connect with others led him to become active in the **CSEA union**, first serving as Vice President and now as **President of the local union in the City of Albany**. Recently, his peers elected him **Vice President of the regional union**, a testament to the respect and trust he's earned throughout his career.

Known to many as everyone's friend and "big brother," Jeff is the person people turn to for advice, training, and a listening ear. His heart of gold and compassion for others define both his personal and professional life.

It wasn't until Jeff met **Maggie Zeoli**, a proud Italian American, that he truly discovered the meaning of family and tradition. Maggie changed his life—introducing him to her heritage and, eventually, to the **Italian American Community Center**, which became his home away from home. As a proud member, Maggie insisted that Jeff join as well—and even made sure they celebrated their marriage at the Club itself.

Jeff continues his service here at the **Italian American Community Center**, where he can be found every Friday night during the summer making pizza in the pavilion. He never misses a week and takes great pride in ensuring the quality of every pizza served. Although not Italian American by heritage, Jeff has wholeheartedly embraced the culture as his own—often seen wearing his favorite T-shirt that reads, "Pray for me, my wife is Italian." We are proud to honor **Jeff Hunt Jr.** with the **Pasquale Tirino Award**, recognizing his dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to our Italian community.

# DONATELLA ROTOLI

## PASQUALE TIRINO SERVICE AWARD

Donatella Rotoli was born on July 2, 1974, in Capua, a historic town in southern Italy. She is the second of three sisters and, from a young age, showed a deep sensitivity toward others, a curiosity for the world, and a strong devotion to her family.

She has been married for 29 years to her husband, Salvatore, and together they've built a beautiful family with four children: three daughters and one son – Michelle, Sharon, Alex, and Ashley – who are the heart of her life and the reason behind many of her choices.

In 2016, Donatella made a courageous decision: to move to the United States with her family in search of a better future for her children. Starting a new life in a foreign country, with a different language, and culture, was a major challenge. But through the support of close family friends, determination, and incredible resilience, she and her family managed to integrate seamlessly into their new environment.

Like many immigrants, she started from the bottom, working part-time jobs while studying to improve her English. As she gained confidence in the language, she was able to access more fulfilling and better-paid opportunities. After completing her studies, she earned a certification as a teacher's assistant. Three years ago, she began working in an elementary school with kindergarteners, first, and second-grade students. The job is far from easy, but her ability to speak several languages allows her to help children who, like her own kids once did, struggle to adapt to a new language and environment. Being able to guide them through this transition is deeply rewarding and gives her a strong sense of purpose.

Donatella has many passions. She loves learning languages and practices them daily. She is an avid reader, particularly drawn to historical fiction, fantasy, mythology, and philosophy. She enjoys writing, being in nature – especially the beach, her favorite place – and has a deep appreciation for art and music. She loves to sing, even if her children joke that when she does so with headphones on, it sounds like she's trying to torture them.

She also enjoys watching action movies, TV series, and Asian dramas, and finds joy and creativity in cooking and baking for her loved ones. Shopping with her kids is one of her favorite pastimes – not just for the fashion or fun, but for the precious time spent together.

Donatella's most treasured moments are those spent around the table with her family, sharing their day and offering one another advice.

# CHRIS BARTON (POSTHUMOUSLY) PASQUALE TIRINO SERVICE AWARD

These conversations are filled with warmth and mutual support, as each person helps the other navigate challenges, always with the goal of turning frustration into encouragement – reminding one another that “You can do it.”

Adding even more love to their home is Kira, the family dog, who is much more than just a pet – she is truly like a fifth child, bringing joy, comfort, and loyalty to each member of the household.

A devoted animal lover, Donatella doesn’t eat meat out of respect for animals. One of her dreams is to travel more in the future – not only to see the world but also to finally put into practice everything she’s learned over the years.

Her greatest wish, like many parents, is to see her children healthy and fulfilled – whatever that may mean for each of them. If Michelle, Sharon, Alex, and Ashley are happy, then so is she.

It's with great honor that we award the **Pasquale Tirino Service Award** to **Donatella**.

**Christopher Barton** was born on June 27, 1975, in Albany, New York, to Joseph and Laura Valenti Barton. He was a lifelong resident of the Capital Region, living in Albany, Berne, and most recently, Niskayuna.

A proud graduate of Christian Brothers Academy, Class of 1993, Chris carried the values of loyalty, service, and brotherhood throughout his life. He built a successful career in the wine and spirits industry, working as a sales representative for Empire Merchants North, and previously at DeCrescente Distributing. Yet for many, their first memories of Chris were formed at Casa Mia's Italian Specialties—his family's beloved business in Berne—where he could often be found behind the counter, spinning dough and mastering the art of the perfect pizza.

Chris had an undeniable passion for food and hospitality. Known for his creative cooking—like his famous teriyaki garlic parmesan wing sauce—and for hosting unforgettable gatherings, Chris was never far from a grill, a kitchen, or a crowd of happy guests. One of his proudest culinary accomplishments was perfecting a marinara sauce that finally earned his father's seal of approval.

To know Chris was to know kindness, charisma, and warmth. He had an infectious smile, unforgettable baby blue eyes, and gave hugs that truly meant something. He was a people pleaser in the best way, always striving to bring joy to those around him.

But above all, **Chris's greatest joy in life was being a father to his daughter, Blake**. Their bond was unbreakable. From bike rides and movie nights to swim meets and summers at the IACC pool, Chris was devoted to creating special memories with his daughter. He was her biggest cheerleader, her teacher in the kitchen, her protector, and her best friend. For Chris, Blake was his number one, his proudest accomplishment and the center of his world.

Chris also enjoyed vacations to Ocean City, Maryland, and Clearwater, Florida, where he could relax by the beach or pool. He loved cruising in his car with the music loud—classic rock or old-school rap—and passionately supported his favorite teams: the Chicago Bears, Cubs, and Bulls. At the IACC (Italian American Community Center), Chris found community and purpose, regularly volunteering to make pizzas our Friday night at the Pavilion gatherings and always lending a helping hand.

In honor of his selfless service and unwavering dedication to his community, the **Pasquale Tirino Service Award** is being posthumously awarded to **Chris Barton**. Though we lost him far too soon, his spirit continues to inspire, uplift, and unite those who had the privilege of knowing him.



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**Chris Barton**

*We are deeply saddened by the loss of our dear friend and fellow member of the Italian American Community Center.*

*Taken from us too soon, his warmth, generosity, and love for our heritage touched everyone he met.*

*Rest in peace, dear friend – you will always remain part of our IACC family.*



# From the Mayor and Deputy Mayor

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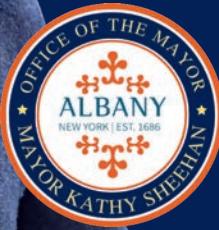
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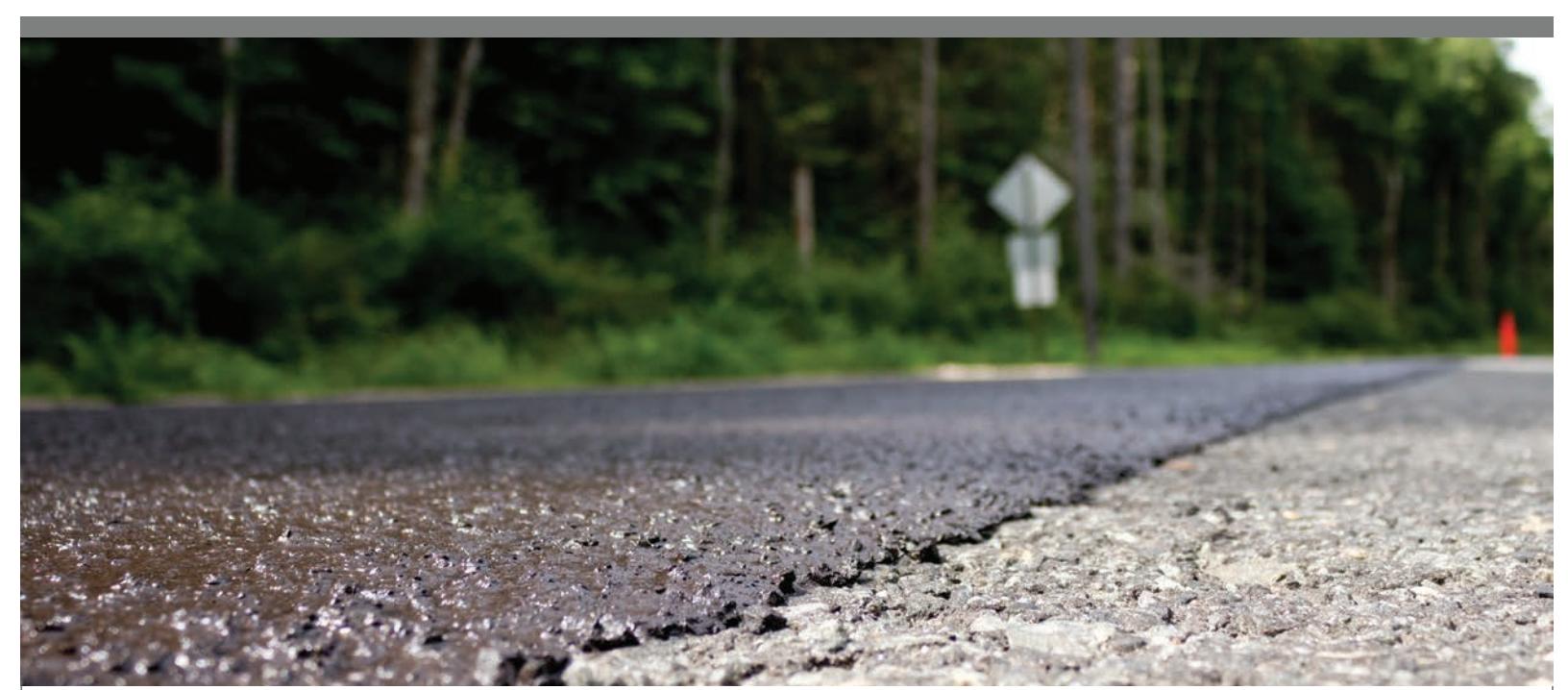


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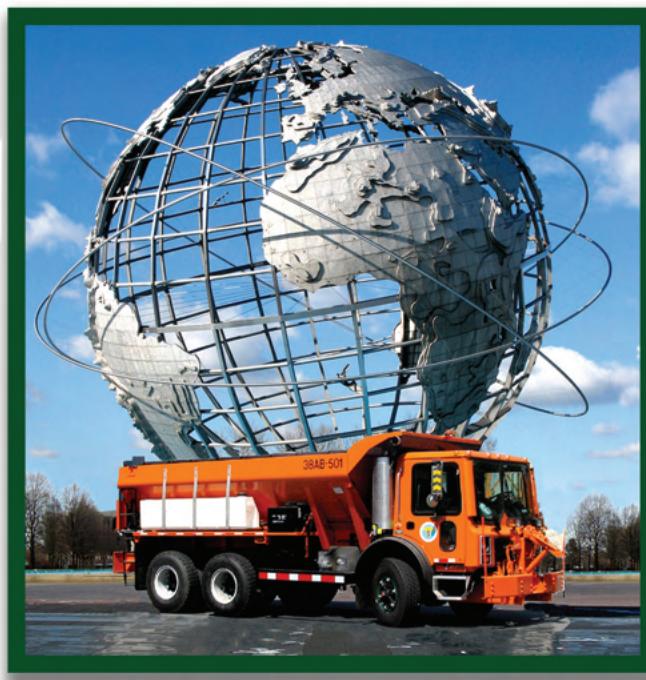
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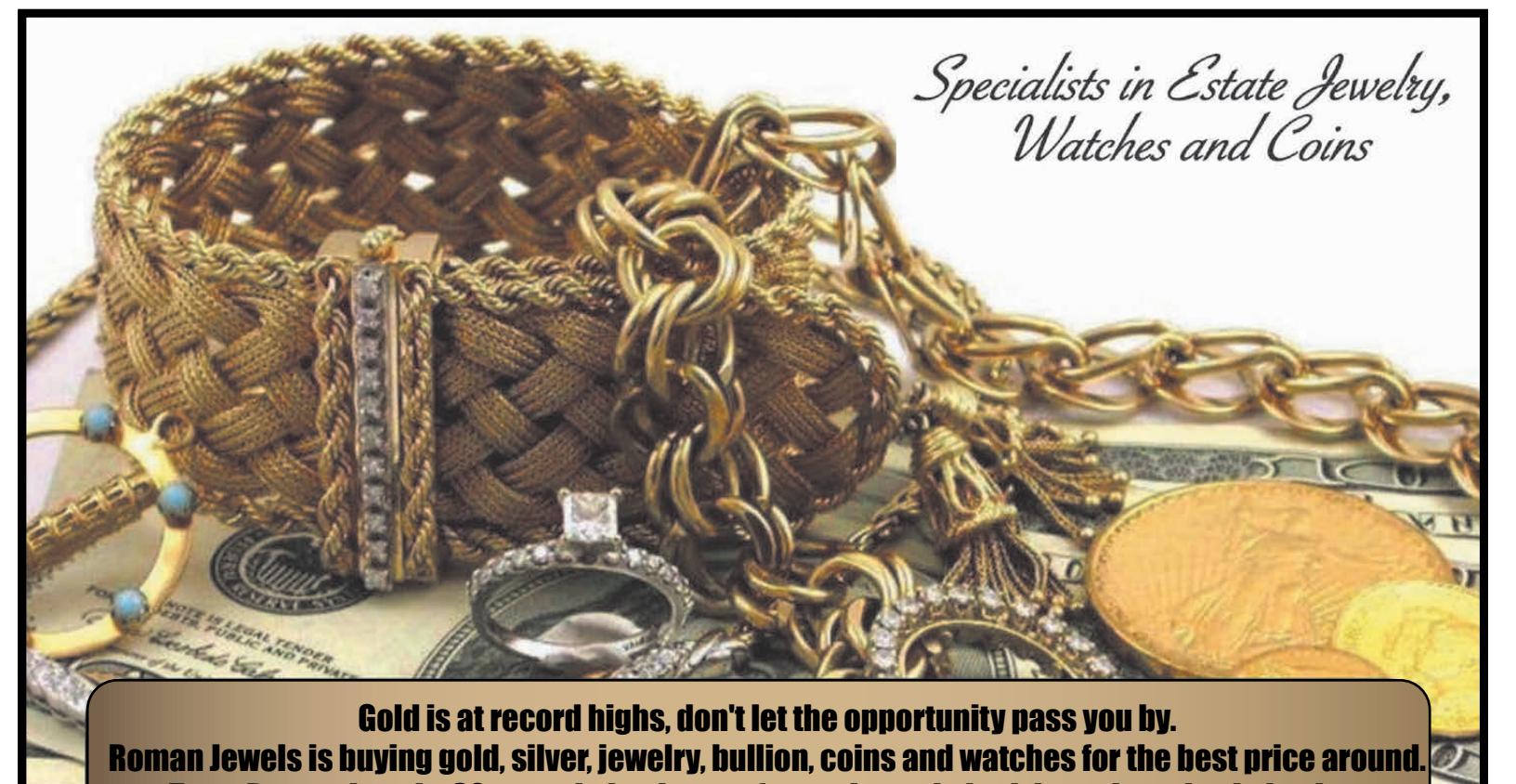
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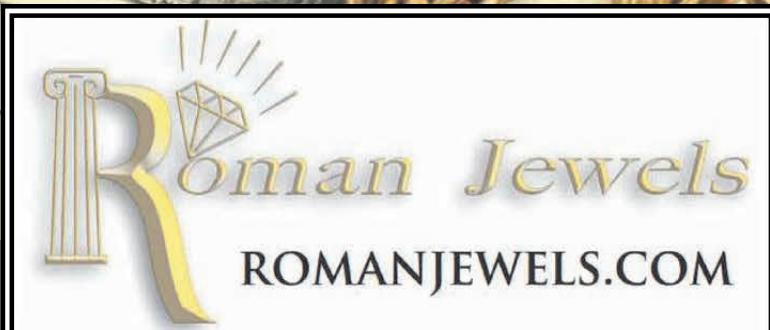
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