The NIAF gala was a success!
A lot of work comes to an end as we closed this year’s NIAF AZ Regional Gala. A lot of thanks to all involved. The Chamber is the NIAF affiliate in Arizona and we certainly enjoy supporting the cause. A few pics are on later pages of the newsletter, as well as our social media. We would also like to thank the many that donated auction items, including KEFA watches and Molina Fine Jewelers.

Chamber member **OSDIA DaVinci Lodge** had a wonderful Carnevale event!
Over 100 people gathered to celebrate. Marie Chiaramonte and her team worked very hard, and it was a great night. Fun to see so many in their Carnevale costumes!

The Chamber is in collaboration with the **Italian Association**!
You may know them from the Italian Festival, but they also offer Italian language classes and host some great wine-tastings and Happy Hours. We are actively working to coordinate efforts in our great State to strengthen the Italian and Italian American community. You can check them out at www.ItalianAssociation.org

Record breaking - 5 new Chamber members in one month!!!
We have never had so many new companies join our Chamber over a one-month span! Also, one of our longtime members has again renewed. We have their logos shown to the right and as always, you can click on
their links on our website to learn more:

- [https://desertdimensions.com/](https://desertdimensions.com/) (Local Real Estate Brokerage!)
- [https://www.optimumvisionaz.com/](https://www.optimumvisionaz.com/) (Eyecare!)
- [https://casadolcille.com/](https://casadolcille.com/) (Italian Bakery on Wheels!)
- [https://vitasanacenter.com/](https://vitasanacenter.com/) (Personalized Naturopathic Medicine!)

**Two Italian American movies this Spring!**

Both “Io Capitano” and “Cabrini” are coming to theaters soon. **Io Capitano** is a film by Matteo Garrone and opens on 2/23/24.

**Io Capitano** narrates the epic journey of a teenage boy and his cousin as they decide to leave Dakar in Senegal for the promise of Europe. Throughout this compelling odyssey, the young man confronts a myriad of challenges, from the harsh realities of the desert to the harrowing experiences in Libyan detention centers and the risks of the open sea. You can enter a giveaway for 2 free tickets on our website – [https://azitalianchamber.org/](https://azitalianchamber.org/)

**Cabrini** has been brought to us by Angel Studios. It debuts on 3/8/24. Cabrini charts the rise of a poor audacious woman who became one of the great entrepreneurs of the 19th Century - Through her willpower, courage and business skill, overcame sexism and violent anti-Italian bigotry in 19th century New York.
NIAF AZ Regional Gala Pics!

Above – Al & Renae Molina  
Below – NIAF President Robert Allegrini &  
Scottsdale Mayor David Ortega

Above – Joey & Christina Maggiore  
Below – Honoree Paul Penzone and  
Mrs. Penzone
Left – Gala Co-Chairs Mike Farrar, Pete Melucci And Massimo Sommacampagna

Left – Gooch’s Big Band did a great job with our music.

Left – Honorary Consulate of Italy in Arizona Roberta Gentili-Purecell

Below – Award recipient Chef Gio Osso & son
Upcoming Italian-American events in the region:

**FEBRUARY 23RD, 2024**
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

**ACADEMY AWARD-NOMINATED IO CAPITANO – PHOENIX-AREA THEATRICAL RELEASE!**

**MARCH 8TH, 2024**
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

**CABRINI – PHOENIX-AREA THEATRICAL RELEASE!**

**MARCH 21ST, 2024**
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**REMEMBER THE NAME PROMOTIONS OPEN HOUSE!**

**AUGUST 15TH, 2024**
7:30 PM – 10:00 PM

**SEBASTIAN MANISCALCO: IT AIN'T RIGHT TOUR – PHOENIX**

*Remember* – This newsletter is free for anyone to subscribe to...and our members are always welcome to ask us to be included in an issue of the newsletter. Also, please follow and support the Chamber on our social media. This helps gain exposure for all of our members and supporters.

In support of our Chamber members - feel free to contact any of them!

- Vita Sana Medical Center (Healthcare & Healthy Lifestyle)
- Casa Dolci (Specialty Food & Beverage)
- Desert Dimensions (Real Estate Sales & Rental)
- Optimum Vision and Eye Care (Healthcare & Healthy Lifestyle)
- Always This Good (Professional & Business Services)
- Compairion Insurance Agency (Professional & Business Services)
- Italian Association of Arizona (Community Organizations & Non-Profits)
- Tango Commercial Real Estate (Real Estate Sales & Rental)
- Virtu Honest Craft / Pizzeria Virtu (Restaurant, Food, & Beverage)
- Riot Hospitality Group (Restaurant, Food, & Beverage)
- Laundry Wheel (Professional & Business Services)
- Dolce Vita (Specialty Food & Beverage)
- Phoenician Properties Realty LLC (Real Estate Sales & Rental)
- WestPac Wealth Partners (Business and Professional Services)
- Canyon State Landscape Co (Home & Garden)
- Bianchi & Brandt (Business and Professional Services)
- Sanctuary Tactical ( Attractions, Recreations, & Sports)
- Remember The Name (Advertising Specialties)
- Total Gavone Clothing – (Arts, Culture, & Entertainment)
- Italian Harmony [Bakery, Cucina, & Deli] – (Specialty, Food, & Beverage)
- The Founders – EMERITUS – (Community Organizations & Non-Profits)
Here are the many organizations in the community that we support and collaborate with...let us know if you need any help with introductions:

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IABA Colorado
IAMA
OSDIA
IABF
Phoenix Sister Cities
SFIAC
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Casa Belvedere
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National Italian American Foundation
Italian American Leadership Forum
Italy America Chamber of Commerce
Italian Association of Arizona
Italian Trade Agency
Council of Presidents of Major Italian American Organizations
Columbus Citizens Foundation
Honorary Consulate of Italy in Arizona
Carefree & Cave Creek Italian American Club
Fountain Hills Italian Interest Group
Italian American Club of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas)
Arizona Italian Business Group
Italian American Business Association of Colorado
Italian American Museum of Los Angeles
DaVinci Lodge #2992
Italian American Baseball Foundation
Catania
San Francisco Italian Athletic Club
Little Italy San Jose
Italian Cultural Society
The Italian Cultural Foundation
Italic Institute of America
National Organization of Italian American Women
American Society of Italian Legions of Merit
Italian Cultural Society of Sacramento