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LATEST & GREATEST...

The NIAF Arizona License Plate is coming!

ARIZONA

YEAR



Thanks to funding from the National Italian American Foundation and consult with State Representative Leo Biasiucci...the AZ Department of Transportation will have its own Italian American license plate option for your vehicle.

We'd like to point out that this is the first of it's kind in the United States. The Chamber will assist others who would like to pursue this for the other 49 states.

We're also proud to share that \$17 of every license plate purchase will be donated to NIAF and the AZ Italian American Chamber of Commerce.

We thank the Foundation, Representative Biasiucci and the AZDOT for all of the hard work and collaboration in this success.

ITALIAN - AMERICAN HERITAGE

New Members!

We've gained some great new members for the Chamber. Please join us in welcoming them and assisting them in connecting to our friends and network.

1st International Bank & Trust – [Chris Cuffaro](#)



CORPORATE
INSURANCE SOLUTIONS

Corporate Insurance Solutions – [John Mustacci](#)

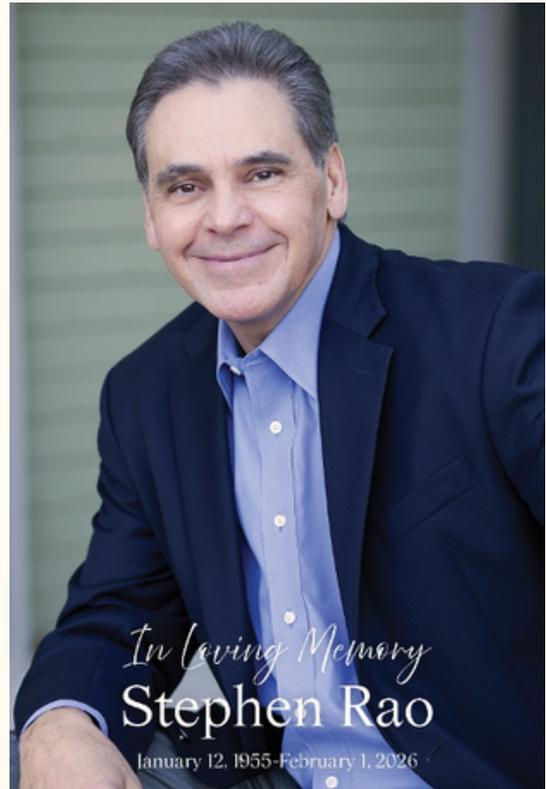
Order Sons of Italy Lodge #3017 – [Mike Farrar](#)



Feel free to access their contact information on our website. They look forward to hearing from you.

Passing of Steve Rao

We are devastated to share that Steve Rao passed away just two weeks ago. Steve was a tremendous member of our community. Originally from New York, he moved to the valley and went on to lead one of the most successful architectural firms in the valley. He was also a devoted family-man, a very proud Italian American (a lover of pizza) and a very revered and respected human being. He will be missed dearly.



RELIEF CAMPAIGN FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY CYCLONE HARRY IN ITALY

NIAF is leading a relief effort for those affected by the cyclone. Over the years, they have assisted on various occasions. If you have seen on the news, this has been a very destructive event that has severely impacted the lives of many. If you would like to contribute to this cause, we

recommend visiting:
italianamericanrelief.org

Thank you to our renewing members!

We highlight new members...but we also always remember those renewing members that have sustained us and shown a long-term commitment to the Chamber's progress. Those members are critical to our existence, and we cannot thank you enough.

The Fiorini Agency – Geremie Fiorini

Always This Good – Jen Maggiore

Desert Dimensions Properties – Joe Maggiore

Casa Dolci – Chris Santo & Stan Orford II



Upcoming Italian American Events

Chamber Events in green

MARCH 19TH @ 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Festa di San Guiseppe at All Saints Church in Mesa, Arizona

SEPTEMBER 18th 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Arizona Diamondbacks - Italian Heritage Celebration

FINANCIALS FOR JANUARY

Revenue - \$22,412

Expenses - \$23,439

Cash -\$17,176

Debt - **\$0**

* The AZ Italian American Chamber receives no public funding.

* All Chamber personnel are 100% volunteers



2026 Chamber Gala Pictures





CORPORATE MEMBERS

The Maggiore Group (Restaurant, Food, & Beverage)
BMW Chapman (Professional & Business Services)
Greco & Sons (Food Distributor)
ICAP Italian Citizenship Assistance Program (Professional & Business Services)
Riot Hospitality Group (Restaurant, Food, & Beverage)
WIPFLI (Professional & Business Services)

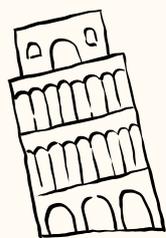
SMALL BUSINESS MEMBERS

Professional & Business Services

AEC Electric
Always This Good
Anchor Funding
Arizona Real Estate Investors Association
Arizona Roofing Systems
Comparion Insurance Agency
Corporate Insurance Solutions
Crescuta Management Group
D-MAK Productions
Dahir Tax and Accounting Firm
Deaf Protection
1st International Bank and Trust
Greenlink Human Capital Management
Laundry Wheel
Latest Craze Productions
Paragon Contracting, LLC
Prime Mechanical Solutions – A Caruso Company
Rizzo Financial Group
Ryan Austin & Associates, LLC
Soto Law Firm - Sheala De Martini
The Fiorini Agency
Universal Strategies Limited
Valentino Signature Services – Investigations & Consulting
Vincente (Vince) Guarino, CFP® Financial Advisor
WestPac Wealth Partners

Healthcare & Healthy Lifestyle

Arizona Pain and Posture
Optimum Vision and Eye Care
Our Hearts Enter





Real Estate Sales, Rentals, & Services

Affronti & Sons
Desert Dimensions
ExtraVirgin Properties
Mario Licciardi
Phoenician Properties Realty LLC



Home & Building Services / Supplies

Marco's Tankless LLC
Aristocrat Architectural Services



Home & Garden

Canyon State Landscape Co



Restaurant, Food, & Beverage

The Italian Daughter
Tutti Santi
Virtu Honest Craft / Pizzeria Virtu
Creations in Catering
Pasta Rea



Specialty Food & Beverage

Casa Dolci
Dolce Vita
Italian Harmony [Bakery, Cucina, & Deli]
Magnum's Cigar, Wine, & Liquor



Community Organizations

Comfort Bears in a Catastrophe
Italian Association of Arizona



Arts, Culture, & Entertainment

Total Gavone Publishing



Advertising Specialties

Remember The Name



Attractions, Recreation, & Sports

Sanctuary Tactical



Tours & Vacation Services

Fantastica Italia - Customized Vacations



Individual Member

Gustavo Dalotto

Non-Profit Members

French American Chamber of Commerce - Rocky Mountain - AZ Chapter

Girls Scouts Arizona Cactus-Pine

Italian American Club of Las Vegas

Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, Lodge #3017, Phoenix, subordinate Lodge of OSDIA

Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, Leonardo DaVinci Lodge #2992, West Phoenix, subordinate Lodge of OSDIA

The Founders - EMERITUS

Collaborating Organizations

American Society of Italian Legions of Merit
Carefree & Cave Creek Italian American Club
Casa Belvedere – The Italian Cultural Foundation
Columbus Citizens Foundation
Colorado Italian American Business Association of Colorado
Council of Presidents of Major Italian American Orgs.
Fountain Hills Italian Interest Group
Honorary Consulate of Italy in Arizona
Italian American Future Leaders
Italian American Baseball Foundation
Italy America Chamber of Commerce
Italian American Civil Rights League
Italian American Club of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas)
Italian American Leadership Forum
Italian American Museum of Los Angeles
Italian Association of Arizona
Italian Chamber of Commerce of Northern California
Italian Cultural Society of Sacramento
Italian Enclaves Historical Society
Italic Institute of America
Il Circolo - Italian Cultural Society
Italian Portland
Italian Trade Agency
Little Italy of Los Angeles Association
Little Italy San Jose
National Italian American Foundation
National Organization of Italian American Women
Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America
Phoenix Sister Cities – Catania
San Francisco Italian Athletic Club
The Founders – Arizona Italian Business Group
Unico National

**Let us know if you need any
help with introductions or would like to recommend other groups**

CEO's Message...

The gala has come and gone... amazing memories created. If you couldn't make it, we hope to see you next year. We're planning more events for this year. I've checked in with our Board members and we're ready to go. This year, we'll have a bit more money to get things done. We've already spoken to the Diamondbacks about Italian Heritage night at the ballpark. The Yankees are the visitors for that game!!!

Sincerely,
Pete