

April Newsletter

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LATEST & GREATEST...

THE ASU ITALIAN LIBRARY REINAUGURATION

The Italian Program at ASU celebrates had a re-inauguration of the Pier Raimondo Baldini Italian Library. It was a great ribbon cutting. They are honoring the legacy of Professor Baldini. The Consul General of Italy in Los Angeles Raffaella Valentini, and the Honorary Consulate of Italy in Arizona Roberta Gentili-Purcel were present for the event, as was our Chamber.

Thank you to our Chamber Young Professional Board Leader Robb Olivieri and Young Professional Committeeman Anthony Terranova for serving as our valued liaison to the university. We look forward to helping students and graduates with their professions and careers.



The Chamber continues to support the NIAF NYC Gala and we are thrilled to deepen our relationship with the Canadian Italian Business & Professional Association (CIBPA)

As proud NIAF affiliates...we welcome the opportunity to be invited to and share in the NYC gala. This is always a spectacular event and a who's who in our community. We also attended a business roundtable focused on the region of Lombardia. We also took the opportunity to visit Little Italy while there.

Pic below – Cipriani / Deb DiMaggio, NIAF President & CEO Robert Allegrini, Pete & Gianluigi di Lorenzo / The CIBPA – CIBPA.com



Advisory Board Member Danny Marianino in Sicily...



We all love Danny...how can you not? He and his wife traveled to Sicily this month.

He's spreading our Chamber message across the pond...and of course, I'm sure he's eating a lot of great food as well. Not quite sure what he has on that plate...

Thank you Danny, for all of your support abroad.

Lunch with the Founders

A meeting of the minds this month with The Founders, Joey Maggiore and other business members and friends. The Italiano is a great spot for lunch, dinner or just to drop by the bar and have a few drinks. Joey rolls out the red carpet for us...thanks, Chef!



Las Vegas Italian Club Scholarship Luncheon is coming up...May 9th 2026!

If you'd like to join us...feel free to visit their website at IACVegas.com – one caution is that it may already be sold-out. The Vegas Club has been a longtime friend and a member of our Chamber here in AZ. We share a special “desert” relationship in the southwest.

Please read this message from their club President, Angelo Cassaro: *“I need to start this message with this important announcement pertaining to our annual scholarship luncheon. This year we received the most applications in the history of our scholarship program. As of this message, we will award \$75,000.00 to the highest number of deserving students we have ever awarded. With this good news comes some bad news. The number of recipients, their families, and all our generous donors will fill the room. This will leave little or no extra seating for members that would have liked to attend. I realize this may upset some that have already sent rsvp requests to attend, but I hope you understand. We will contact those that rsvp'd if we can accommodate more after receiving the final head count from the recipients and donors.”*



Upcoming Italian American Events

Chamber Events in green

APRIL 29TH 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Spring Party at Tutti Santi

APRIL 30th 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

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

MAY 7th 7:30 PM

Tara Cannistraci 'The Bronx Barbie' Stand Up

MAY 17th 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

10th Anniversary Celebration - The Leonardo Da Vinci Lodge
#2992

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

Arizona Diamondbacks vs Yankees - Italian Heritage
Celebration

SEPTEMBER 18th 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Andrea Bocelli "Romanza - 30th Anniversary World Tour"

FINANCIALS FOR APRIL

Revenue - \$2,387

Expenses - \$1,089

Cash - \$15,347

Debt - **Zero**

* The AZ Italian American Chamber receives no public funding.

* All Chamber personnel are 100% volunteers



CORPORATE MEMBERS

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

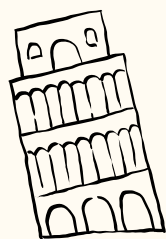
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Paragon Contracting, LLC
Prime Mechanical Solutions – A Caruso Company
Rizzo Financial Group
Ryan Austin & Associates, LLC
Soto Law Firm - Sheala De Martini
The Fiorini Agency
Universal Strategies Limited
Valentino Signature Services – Investigations & 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

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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...

We've had a nice couple of months with some low-key events. Our party on 4/29/26 appears to likely to have roughly 60-80 people. Our new friends at CIBPA are amazing people. We may see them at our gala down the road. We have our share of Canadians in Arizona. Please share any ideas, let us know if you need anything and we'll continue supporting your business. We've also seen growing interest from the political community. We are non-partisan but certainly consider our Italian Americans committed to public service. There are a number of great people looking to our community for support. More are attending our events than ever and are great people. I hope you had a great Easter...and as always, let us know any ideas to further our mission.



Sincerely,
Pete