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LATEST & GREATEST...

★ THANK YOU, RAO'S HOMEMADE! ★

★ 1ST GALA SPONSOR! ★

The Arizona Italian American Chamber of Commerce is honored to recognize Rao's Homemade as a **GOLD SPONSOR** of our **2027 Arizona Italian American Gala**.



Their generous sponsorship plays an important role in helping us create an unforgettable evening celebrating our Italian heritage, honoring community leaders, and supporting the Chamber's mission to foster business growth and cultural appreciation throughout Arizona.

We are deeply grateful for Rao's Homemade's confidence in our mission and their commitment to making the 2027 Gala a tremendous success. We encourage our members and friends to support the businesses that invest in our community.

**Grazie mille, Rao's Homemade,
for your generosity and
continued partnership.**

Check-out Rao's

ingredients...

GOOD STUFF!



7 - 21 - 26 CIGAR NIGHT

Staying Connected!



We invite our members, partners, and friends to stay connected throughout the year as we continue to host networking events, cultural celebrations, educational programs, and business opportunities that strengthen Arizona's Italian American community.



It's been thrilling to see more and more of our members supporting each other and patronizing each other's businesses at various levels.

A nice shot of **Lou Giardino (Crescita Management)** and **Giustino Stalteri**. This is from our get together (pizza in the corner of the pic). Two Rochester, NY guys!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

LATEST CRAZE PRODUCTIONS

THEIR EXPERTISE INCLUDES:

- ✓ LED Walls
- ✓ Intelligent Lighting
- ✓ Stage Design
- ✓ Precision Lighting
- ✓ Scenic Design
- ✓ Projection & More

Jeremy Martorano and his team at Latest Craze Productions have been amazing to work with. We highly recommend them and we had many compliments regarding their services. Aside from our Italian Chamber Gala...they've been a part of many events in the greater Phoenix area.

LEARN MORE: LATESTCRAZEPRODUCTIONS.COM

Renewing Members

**Thank You to The Girl Scouts–
Arizona Cactus-Pine Council!**



We extend our sincere appreciation to the Girl Scouts– **Arizona Cactus-Pine Council** for their continued commitment to developing courageous, confident, and compassionate young leaders. Their dedication to empowering girls through leadership, service, and community engagement reflects values that inspire us all.

We are grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with an organization that invests so deeply in the future of our communities. Thank you for your partnership and for making a positive difference across Arizona. girlscoutsaz.org

★ Thank You to Valentino Signature Services! ★

A heartfelt thank you goes to **Valentino Signature Services** for their outstanding support of the Arizona Italian American Chamber of Commerce. Your professionalism, generosity, and commitment to excellence have helped strengthen our organization and the events that bring our community together.



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We truly appreciate your partnership and look forward to many more opportunities to work together in celebrating **Italian culture, commerce, and community.**

Both of these great companies are easy to find on our Chamber website.

Upcoming Italian American Events

Chamber Events in green

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 JUNE

Revenue - \$1,426

Expenses - \$128

Cash - \$15,274

Debt - **Zero**

* The AZ Italian American Chamber receives no public funding.

* All Chamber personnel are 100% volunteers



CEO's Message...

There's been a lot of conversation recently regarding Little Italy not being included on an immigrant map in NYC. Though we're many miles away, there is an overarching conversation regarding whether the Italian American community is being intentionally or unintendedly erased. Or at a minimum, ignored. For the most part, the Italian American community has not been very vocal with regard to our long history in the USA. We have not been a "victim" culture either. For some, this conversation doesn't appear to be important. For others, there is a feeling that not only have Italian Americans been taken for granted but also perhaps having our contributions ignored or forgotten. My advice is to educate yourself on our true history and experiences. This is a best way to understand our shared heritage and story. We have a lot to be proud of and continue to support the promise of America.



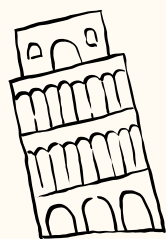
Sincerely,
Pete

CORPORATE MEMBERS

The Maggiore Group (Restaurant, Food, & Beverage)
BMW Chapman (Professional & Business Services)
GCON (Professional & Business Services)
First International Bank and Trust (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

Sal Guagliardo (Individual Member)
Grand Canyon Valuations – Frank Ugenti (Professional & Business Services)
Corporate Insurance Solutions – John Mustacci (Professional & Business Services)
Rizzo Financial Group (Professional & Business Services)
Latest Craze Productions (Professional & Business Services)
Aristocrat Architectural Facade Systems (Home Services & Supplies)
Crescita Management Group, Inc. (Professional & Business Services)
Arizona Roofing Systems (Home Services & Supplies)
Ryan Austin & Associates, LLC (Professional & Business Services)
Creations in Catering (Restaurant, Food, & Beverage)
Pasta Rea (Restaurant, Food, & Beverage)
Optimum Vision and Eye Care (Healthcare & Healthy Lifestyle)
Paragon Contracting, LLC (Professional & Business Services)
Dahir Tax and Accounting Firm (Professional & Business Services)
Anchor Funding (Mortgage Lending)
Arizona Real Estate Investors Association (Professional & Business Services)
Deaf Protection (Professional & Business Services)
Mario Licciardi (Real Estate Sales)
Vincente (Vince) Guarino, CFP® Financial Advisor (Professional & Business Services)
Marco's Tankless LLC (Home Services & Supplies)
AEC Electric (Professional & Business Services)
Greenlink Human Capital Management (Professional & Business Services)
The Fiorini Agency (Professional & Business Services)
Tutti Santi (Restaurant, Food, & Beverage)
Prime Mechanical Solutions – A Caruso Company (FULL-Service air conditioning and refrigeration company)



Comfort Bears in a Catastrophe (Community Organizations & Non-Profits)

D-MAK Productions (Business & Professional Services)

Valentino Signature Services – Investigations & Consulting
(Professional & Business Services)

Soto Law Firm -Sheala De Martini (Professional & Business Services)

Universal Strategies Limited (Professional & Business Services)

Desert Dimensions (Real Estate Sales & Rental)

Always This Good (Professional & Business Services)

Comparion Insurance Agency (Professional & Business Services)

Virtu Honest Craft / Pizzeria Virtu (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)

Gustavo Dalotto (Individual Member)

Sanctuary Tactical (Attractions, Recreations, & Sports)

Remember The Name (Advertising Specialties)

Total Gavone Clothing – (Arts, Culture, & Entertainment)

Italian Harmony [Bakery, Cucina, & Deli] – (Specialty, Food, & Beverage)

Arizona Pain and Posture (Healthcare & Healthy Lifestyle)

Affronti & Sons (Real Estate Sales & Rental)

Fantastica Italia – Customized Vacations (Tours and Vacation Service)

The Italian Daughter (Restaurant, Food, & Beverage)

Magnum's Cigar, Wine, & Liquor (Specialty Food & Beverage)

ExtraVirgin Properties (Real Estate Sales & Rental)



Non-Profit Members

Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America, Phoenix Lodge #3017

(Community Organizations & Non-Profits)

Girls Scouts Arizona Cactus-Pine (Community Organizations & Non-Profits)

Italian American Club of Las Vegas (Community Organizations & Non-Profits)

Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, Leonardo DaVinci Lodge #2992,

West Phoenix, subordinate Lodge of OSDIA – (Community Organizations & Non-Profits)

The Founders – EMERITUS – (Community Organizations & Non-Profits)

French American Chamber of Commerce – Rocky Mountain – AZ Chapter
(Community Organizations & Non-Profits)

Collaborating Organizations

National Italian American Foundation

Italian American Leadership Forum

Italy America Chamber of Commerce

Unico National

Italian Trade Agency

Columbus Citizens Foundation

Italian American Civil Rights League

Italian Enclaves Historical Society

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)

The Founders - Arizona Italian Business Group

Italian American Business Association of Colorado

Italian American Museum of Los Angeles

Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America

Italian American Baseball Foundation

Phoenix Sister Cities - Catania

Italian Association of Arizona

San Francisco Italian Athletic Club

Italian Chamber of Commerce of Northern California

Little Italy San Jose

Little Italy of Los Angeles Association

Il Circolo - Italian Cultural Society

Casa Belvedere - 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

Italian Portland

Council of Presidents of Major Italian American Orgs.

Italian American Future Leaders

Canadian Italian Business Association

Italian American Museum - NYC

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