

ARIZONA ITALIAN AMERICAN



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Our NIAF License Plate has gone live!

It's taken a little longer than expected, but the specialty plate is now officially available on the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) website!!! This has been accomplished through NIAF, our AZ Italian Chamber and State Representative Leo Biasiucci. We hope you take part in supporting the community. Two important aspects of this license plate are:

This is the first license plate of its kind in the United States. We are the first state to offer this.

\$17 of every license plate is donated directly to the National Italian American Foundation & AZ Italian American Chamber of Commerce.

www.azmvdnow.gov/plates



Above – Italian American Heritage License Plate

Columbus Day – Pizzicata in Glendale on October 12th!!! Come out...

The Chamber will be gathering together and would love to have you...feel free to invite anyone you like. Whether you're a member, a friend, or just interested in good food and conversation; you're welcome to join. Chef Viola's food is incredible!!! It's "pay as you go", so order whatever you like See you there...



Below – Pizzicata Glendale

Welcome to our new members!

Italian Dual Citizenship is an industry leader in Italian dual citizenship services. They're based in Los Angeles, CA...close to the Italian Consulate. You can feel free to contact them for a free eligibility assessment and

they'll help you explore possibilities and options. They have registered Italian attorney's on-staff, alongside a Translator, Genealogy Specialist and other professionals to assist with your journey.

www.italiandualcitizenship.net
info@italiandualcitizenship.net
(213) 277-8705

Matteo Bellesi is a 10 year old aspiring soccer player from Italy, now living in AZ! We're honored to have him join our Chamber we'd love to see our community support him in his his present and future goals to become a professional soccer player. He's a great kid with a lot of talent and we're fortunate to have him. He's also a Dual-Citizenship Italian American. Here's his biography: Born: Esine, Italy 2016 (Mother Italian, Father Dual citizenship American Italian) Moved with his family to Arizona from Niardo, Italy in 2017 when he was 18 months old He's fluent in both Italian and English, he has dual citizenship

Started playing soccer and Baseball at 3 yrs old. Has been playing nonstop ever since. He has a dream of one day playing professional soccer. Good student at Elite performance academy in Chandler. Matteo currently trains twice a day every day. Two hours after school at the McGhee academy (cactus yards) which is part of the EPA school program, then he comes home, does homework and then goes to train another 2 hrs. with his Club team.

He is currently playing for the Juventus Academy Phoenix U11 team. He has always played at high levels for his age. He gets to back to Italy a couple of times per year to see family and friends and when he's there, he trains with a local 2015 team A.S. Breno. We also get to go see Juventus games at the Stadium in Turin. Soccer has become a huge part of his life now, MB10 Sports was created to help him pursue his dream of playing soccer. It helps offset some of the costs with local sponsorships, donations etc. Club soccer and all the extra training sessions have become expensive here in the Arizona.

Hobbies: In his free time, he enjoys collecting sports cards, mainly soccer and baseball, big F1 fan he loves cars.

Below – IDC Logo



Below – Matteo Bellesi Logo



Chamber Renewals:

We are always inspired when members renew. We take it as an affirmation of our hard work and vote of confidence that we are representing the Italian American business community in a positive and successful manner.

Italian Harmony (Small Business membership) – This true home-based bakery is owned and operated by a couple that has come to AZ from Italy. They are beautiful people operating a small business. You can catch them at some of the local farmer's markets and fairs...or contact them at:

italianharmony@hotmail.com
(480) 324-6113

Below – Italian Harmony



The Italian American Club of Southern Nevada

(Small Business membership) – What more can we say...the Las Vegas Italian Club is among the purest examples of genuine, old-school Italian American culture. From the minute you turn into the parking lot, to entering the lobby (greeting Mark, the Door Man), walking around looking at the pictures on the walls (that are now artifacts) and joining the amazing locals for a dinner or live show...Angelo Cassaro, Ben Spano and Jimmy Girard created and maintain this organization. They've been together for decades. Their organizational skill, business acumen and passion for our community makes this club a stronghold for all of us. I would also like to highlight their philanthropic activity, which has also been a staple of their mission.

www.iacvegas.com

“Phishing” – Quick note...

Unfortunately, we've had some pathetic individuals that have targeted some of our members and friends with fraudulent emails. Typically, they'll ask to send money or buy gift cards. They may falsely claim that our members or leadership requested these actions.

We assure you that Chamber Leadership would never request you to send money to an unfamiliar entity or buy gift cards to send. We cannot stop these “phishing” emails

Below – Las Vegas Italian Club



but can do our best to communicate with you, as this newsletter is doing right now. If you ever receive a suspect communication, we'd be happy to review its legitimacy for you.

Danny Marianino is working on another Children's book!

Chamber member Danny Marianino has officially launched his follow-up to the 2024 kids' book Night of the GabaGhoul with an all-new Christmas adventure, Feast of the GabaGhoul: An Italian-American Christmas Story. The book is available exclusively for preorder through Kickstarter, a crowdfunding platform that allows artists, creators, and inventors to bring their projects to life while backers receive unique, limited-edition items in return. If you'd like to help fund it...the campaign runs for 30 days only, beginning August 25th. If the preorder goal isn't met, the book cannot be produced. It's a fun, family-focused children's book for this Christmas, one that celebrates Italian-American traditions like The Feast of the Seven Fishes with the humor only Danny Marianino can deliver. www.kickstarter.com/projects/dannymarianino/feast-of-the-gabaghoul-an-italian-american-christmas-story

Below – Cover of the Feast of the GabaGhoul



Gala Updates!!!

Frank DiMaggio is our incredible Honoree for 2027!!!

His biography is on the Chamber website...he's an amazing person to know.

Chamber Member Creations in Cuisine is again catering the event. Everyone went crazy over their food last year and the menu for 2027 is tremendous.

We have 3 additional sponsors in 1st International Bank & Trust, Crescita Management and State Representative Leo Biasiucci. Please spread the word...great sponsors are always welcome.

Arizona Italian American Chamber of Commerce		
Gala Dinner 2027		
Antipasti - Hand Passed		
Provided by Creations in Cuisine Catering		
Cucchiato Caprese V, GF Whipped Burrata, Cured Tomatoes, Micro Basil & Balsamic Pearls	Filetto di Manzo e Insalata di Granchio Garlic Toast, Horseradish Cream & Chives	Fichi e Noci Tostate V Whipped Chèvre, Figs, Toasted Walnuts, Honey & Mint, Brioche Crostini
Dinner Menu - Seated		
Provided by Creations in Cuisine Catering		
First Course		
Il Cestino del Pane V Artisan Bread Service Rosemary Garlic Focaccia, Garlic Knots & Italian Peasant Loaf Olive Oil & Whipped Butter		
Insalata di Radicchio Griglia V, GF Grilled Radicchio & Baby Romaine, Shaved Romano, Castelvetrano Olives, Pickled Onion Honey-Lemon Vinaigrette		
Plato Course		
Cacio e Pepe Cannelloni V Whipped Burrata, Ricotta, Black Pepper & Grana Padano Mushroom Florentine Ragù Gluten-Free Available by Request		
Entrée Selections		
Vitello, Carciofo e Rosmarino GF Veal Scallopini, Sage, Cipollini Onions, Mushrooms & White Wine Butter Sauce Lemon-Pepper Asparagus Spears		
Melanzane, Carciofo e Rosmarino V, GF Eggplant Scallopini, Sage, Cipollini Onions, Mushrooms & White Wine Butter Sauce Lemon-Pepper Asparagus Spears		
Dessert - Station		
Provided by Magliore Group Angelo del Dado		
V - Vegetarian GF - Gluten-Free		

Financials for July:

\$228 revenue / \$331 expenses

\$15,596 cash / **Zero debt**

* *The AZ Italian American Chamber receives no public funding.*

* *All Chamber personnel are 100% volunteers*



Upcoming Italian American Events

(Chamber event dates are highlighted)

SEPTEMBER 18TH

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

[Arizona Diamondbacks vs Yankees – Italian Heritage Celebration](#)

SEPTEMBER 18TH

8:00 PM – 11:00

[Andrea Bocelli “Romanza – 30th Anniversary World Tour](#)

SEPTEMBER 19TH

12:00 PM – 5:00 ASD

[100 Year Anniversary of SanGennaro Festival – Flagstaff](#)

OCTOBER 12TH

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

[Come Celebrate Columbus Day at Pizzicata Glendale](#)

FEBRUARY 6TH

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

[2027 Arizona Italian American Gala](#)

Corporate Members

- [The Maggiore Group](#) (Restaurant, Food, & Beverage)
- [BMW Chapman](#) (Professional & Business Services)
- [GCON](#) (Professional & Business Services)
- [First International Bank & Trust](#) - (Professional & Business Services)
- [Riot Hospitality Group](#) (Restaurant, Food, & Beverage)
- [ICAP Italian Citizenship Assistance Program](#) (Professional & Business Services)
- [Greco & Sons](#) (Restaurant, Food, & Beverage)
- [Riot Hospitality Group](#) (Restaurant, Food, & Beverage)
- [WIPFLI](#) (Professional & Business Services)

Small Business / Non-Profit Members

- [DiMaggio's](#) - Frank DiMaggio (Restaurant, Food, & Beverage)
- [MDF Development](#) - Frank DiMaggio (Professional & Business Services)
- [The Agency](#) - Frank DiMaggio (Professional & Business Services)
- [Go Media](#) - Gregg Ostro (Professional & Business Services)
- [Workplace Integrity Institute](#) - Gregg Ostro (Professional & Business Services)
- [Pizzicata](#) - Federico Venturini (Restaurant, Food, & Beverage)
- [Matteo Bellesi](#) - Juventus Academy Prospect (Individual Member)
- [Italian Dual Citizenship](#) - Marco Permunion (Professional & Business Services)
- [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)
- [Marco's Tankless LLC](#) (Home Services & Supplies)
- [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)
- [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)
- [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)

Here are some the many Italian American organizations in the national community that we support and collaborate with...*let us know if you need any help with introductions or would like to recommend others:*

NIAF	National Italian American Foundation
IALF	Italian American Leadership Forum
IACC	Italy America Chamber of Commerce
UNICO	Unico National
ITA	Italian Trade Agency
CCF	Columbus Citizens Foundation
IACRL	Italian American Civil Rights League
IEHS	Italian Enclaves Historical Society
HCIA	Honorary Consulate of Italy in Arizona
CCCIAC	Carefree & Cave Creek Italian American Club
FHIIG	Fountain Hills Italian Interest Group
IACSN	Italian American Club of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas)
The Founders	Arizona Italian Business Group
IABA Colorado	Italian American Business Association of Colorado
IAMLA	Italian American Museum of Los Angeles
OSDIA	Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America
IABF	Italian American Baseball Foundation
Phoenix Sister Cities	Catania
IAOA	Italian Association of Arizona
SFIAC	San Francisco Italian Athletic Club
ICOCNC	Italian Chamber of Commerce of Northern California
LISJ	Little Italy San Jose
LILAA	Little Italy of Los Angeles Association
Il Circolo	Italian Cultural Society
Casa Belvedere	The Italian Cultural Foundation
IIA	Italic Institute of America
NOIAW	National Organization of Italian American Women
ASILM	American Society of Italian Legions of Merit
ICSS	Italian Cultural Society of Sacramento
IP	Italian Portland
COPOMIAO	Council of Presidents of Major Italian American Orgs.
IAFL	Italian American Future Leaders

CEO's Message...

We receive a lot of questions regarding Italian Dual-Citizenship. "Hey, how does the whole thing work?". We have Italian, Italian American and Italian-supporting people throughout our network. I can tell you that the laws and processes are somewhat complicated and they also change from time to time. We have a couple of member companies that provide services that assist with this for a fee. As a note, in Arizona, Roberta-Gentili Purcell is our Honorary Consulate. The Consulate for our area sits in Los Angeles, CA. Her name is Raffaella Valentini (conslosangeles.esteri.it/en) right now. If you choose to pursue Italian citizenship, I also recommend speaking with a person that has begun, is in the middle of, or has completed the journey.

Some of you may discover that while it sounds great to get citizenship, if you are planning to visit Italy from time to time, citizenship may not bring you value. However, if you are more involved or plan to be so in the future, yes; there may be stronger reasons to pursue it. Regardless, good luck and please feel free to contact our members and community regarding advice.

Sincerely,

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