

ARIZONA ITALIAN AMERICAN



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Columbus Day at Pizzicata on 10/12/26!!!

We're getting closer to the event...Freddie and Viola are excited to have you there in a first time event at their new location in Glendale. The restaurant is very large...so, room for everyone.

This evening we will also celebrate the announcement of their Tomaso Maggiore Culinary Excellence Award. This award will be presented to them on-stage at our AZ Italian American Gala in February 2027.

The evening is "pay as you go", so feel free to come for a drink, have a family dinner or just pick on appetizers.



Above – Freddie with his beautiful family

Phoenix Children's Foundation – Our charity for the gala...

We're excited to have Phoenix Children's agree to be our charity for the evening. The hospital is renowned and their foundation is strong. They have done so much great work and are often consider among the top hospitals on the nation for children, particularly those with significant health situations. Thank you to the Phoenix Children's Ambassadors for connecting us deeper with the organization. Phoenixchildrensfoundation.org



Phoenix Children's®
Foundation

The Yankees were in town for Italian Heritage Night, playing the DBacks.

The Yanks won 1 of 3 against the Diamondbacks during their series. The Chamber was there sharing gifts and



supporting the DBacks organization (though there were many Yankee fans in attendance). There were other Italian American organizations also supporting the evening, including **Steve Baggio** and The Fountain Hills Italian Interest Group. The pic below is of Chamber Ambassador Super Mario Licciardi (love the NIAF cape!), Luca and President Massimo Sommacampagna. We gave out our signature bracelets...

5 New members joining the Chamber!!!

We thank all of them for the vote of confidence and trust in our organization!

Frank DiMaggio has a number of successful ventures. Among them are 3 of our newest additions:

MDF Development At MDF Development, they're not just about building homes – they're sculpting living spaces that resonate with exceptional quality and timeless allure, uniquely tailored to capture the essence of each client's dreams and lifestyle. Mdfdev.com

The Agency represents a portfolio of luxury real estate, homes and properties for sale across the world's prime markets and celebrated destinations. Theagencyre.com

DiMaggio's Italian Restaurants The best old-school Italian restaurant in Scottsdale - a hidden gem that transports you straight to New York. Dimly lit with cozy booths, white tablecloths, and vintage Italia decor, it exudes a warm, nostalgic charm. Family-owned staff treats you like family, providing attentive service with a smile. [Dimaggios restaurant.com](http://Dimaggiosrestaurant.com)

Below – MDF Development Logo



Below – The Agency Logo



Below – Di Maggio's Logo



Gregg Ostro and his team are amazing and doing important work!

Below – Go Media Logo



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Below – Workplace Integrity Logo



Workplace Integrity Institute The Workplace Integrity Institute Empowers the C-Suite, HR, Legal, Risk, Sales, and Entire Work Force. Integrity Workplaces are happier...they are more successful, attract-retain the best people. When you are known for integrity, the rewards come forward. Integritytiger.com

Chamber Renewals:

Of course...our renewing members are a backbone of our organization:

Below – WIPFLI Logo



WIPFLI - Thank you to this valued corporate member. Mike Vaccarella and his team are extraordinary. Wipfli brings audit, tax, technology, outsourcing and consulting expertise to whatever your business is running into, delivered by people who take it as personally as you do. Wipfli.com

Below – Optimum Vision Logo



Optimum Vision At Optimum Vision and Eye Care, Dr. Manisha Geiger offers patients a pioneering and

groundbreaking approach to vision care that combines the latest advancements in neuro-optometric rehabilitation with compassionate and personalized care. Truly amazing work. Optimumvisionaz.com

Our gala sponsor list is growing!

KS State Bank has committed to sponsor the gala!

We'd like to thank KS State Bank for their commitment and return to sponsor the February gala. It's this kind of support that strengthens and sustains the Chamber. Check them out - Ksstate.bank

Below –KS State Bank Logo



Chef Joey...trip to NYC :

We were happy to see our resident Celebrity Chef checking-out some of the amazing spots in NYC. As you know...not many do more than Joey in supporting us and the community. We'll get him to Brooklyn one day!



Above – Chef Joey Logo

Financials for August:

\$6,713 revenue / \$9,460 expenses

\$10,199 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)

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](#)

FEBRUARY 20TH

5:00PM – 10:00PM

[Leonardo DaVinci Lodge 2992 – CARNEVALE DI VENEZIA 2027](#)

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...

This month, I wanted to focus on something we mention a lot and explain why we are so proud of those words, as well as why they are so important:

“The Chamber receives no public funding” – In a nutshell, nobody owns us and we are not controlled by any public entity. By receiving no public funding, our revenue does not come from anyone's taxes. Our funding primarily comes from our dues and sponsors. These are voluntary decisions by our members and supporters.



“The Chamber personnel are 100% volunteers” –

This refers to the fact that no one on our team or on our Board of Directors receives any payments for what they do. It is all a labor of love and motivation to support something we believe in. If anything, it has cost many of us significant personal time and dollars. That's ok...we're happy to do it.

“The Chamber has zero debt” – Again, this communicates that we do not owe any money to any organization. We operate 100% in the positive and have never taken any loans in the past.

The reasons these items are important is because they allow us to do what is best for our members and community. Should we grow to a point where it makes sense to change course, we would require a very compelling reason. The current structure is very honest, clean and is applauded by people that we respect highly.

Thanks, and if you would like to share anything on this topic, please let us know.

*Sincerely,
Pete*