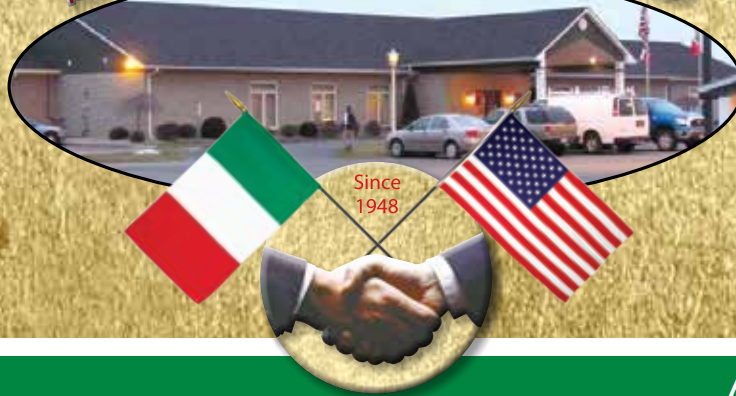




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**The flowering trees create a suggestive and idyllic view of Piazza del Gesù, in the heart of the Etruscan and medieval city of Viterbo, in central Italy. Located about 100 kilometers north of Rome along the current route of the Via Cassia, Viterbo is also known as the “*Città dei Papi*” (City of the Popes), because in the 13th century it was the Papal See for 24 years.**



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## FAMOUS QUOTES



*"I know of no better life purpose than to perish in attempting the great and the impossible."*

**Friedrich Nietzsche**  
(German Philosopher)



*"Monsters exist, but they are too few in number to be truly dangerous. More dangerous are the common men, the functionaries, ready to believe and to act without asking questions."*

**Primo Levi**  
(Italian Author, "Survival in Auschwitz")



*"If some nuclear properties of the heavy elements had been a little different from what they turned out to be, it might have been impossible to build the atomic bomb."*

**Emilio Segrè**  
(Nobel Prize, Italian Nuclear Physicist)



*"If you want total security, go to prison. There you're fed, clothed, given medical care and so on. The only thing lacking... is freedom."*

**Dwight D. Eisenhower**  
(*"Ike,"* Allied Supreme Commander WWII, 34th President of USA)

## FOR DOG LOVERS



*I know I am only a dog, but if you feel sad, I will be your smile. If you cry, I will be your comfort. And if someone breaks your heart, we can use mine to live. I will always be at your side.*

# Message from the President

*"If people did not love one another, I really don't see what use there would be in having any spring."*

*-Victor Hugo*

The snow is melting, the temperatures are rising, the birds are chirping, and the sounds of children at play are filling the air. Springtime is right around the corner, and with it, the hopes and plans of many. Spirits rise in spring.

On February 10, we held the annual Valentine celebration. It was very successful. We thank all the volunteers that made it possible.

On April 13, the Annual "Home-Made Wine Tasting Contest" (*Festa di Bacco*) will be held at the club. This will be the 24th year. If you make the best wine you will have "bragging rights" for a whole year. Claudio Battisti and his volunteers make it a wonderful yearly club event.

On April 20, we will hold the annual "Hope Hall Taste of Italy." This has been our contribution since 2006. The IASC pays for all expenses and Hope Hall gets all the revenue raised. Please support this good cause.

On May 18 we will hold the "Spring Dance." This is a good way to start the soon to follow summer time activities. We are sure it will be a good one. Stay tuned.

On Sunday, June 2nd, we will host at noon the "*Festa della Repubblica*." It will be very meaningful with our very own Enzo Scollo, the Italian Honorary Consul. There will be flags, hymns, and, as usual, good food for the celebration. Look in this Newsletter for additional information.



This year we will again award the Domenic Santilli and the Frank Carichio Memorial Scholarships to two worthy students. Please see the information on how to apply in this Newsletter.

In May we will start our sports activities. Since 1948 the Italian American Sport Club has been involved in soccer. In 1963 our team won the USA Amateur Cup, and later became the foundation for the first professional soccer team in Rochester known as the Lancers. We are continuing in that tradition by sponsoring 5 soccer teams from Travel Team to Premier.

As always, on the first Friday of the month is the General Membership Dinner Meeting, and every other Thursday at noon are the club lunches. Members and guests are always welcome. Please check the calendar in this Newsletter.

We continue to look for new ideas on how to improve the way we function. If you have any ideas that you would like to share with us you can call me at 585-760-3420.

For the good of the club,

Fino Pavone, *President*

## Fincantieri CEO talks US frigates, vision for Europe's naval sector.

*Source: Defense News | Edited by Joe Larizza*

The building of new U.S. Navy frigates in Wisconsin is about to get more efficient thanks to the introduction of techniques used to make luxury cruise ships in Italy.

The Italian company Fincantieri, which is constructing Constellation-class guided-missile frigates at its stateside Marinette Marine yard, plans to implement processes it perfected building cruise ships on tight deadlines at its Monfalcone yard in Italy, CEO Pierroberto Folgiero told *Defense News*.

"We aim to use more preconstruction on land at Marinette, which means building modules before adding them to the vessel, meaning less work in the dock and more work on land — which is much more efficient," he said. "It is the model we use for our cruise ships at Monfalcone and other merchant shipyards in the group. We are

transferring the technique to our naval yards in Italy, and we have carried out a study to make changes at Marinette. We have sent a team and plan to put the changes into effect in 2023."

Eight months after he was named head of the state-controlled company, Folgiero, 50, is focusing on the 2020 contract from the U.S. Navy for three frigates — of an expected total order of 20 — based on the FREMM vessels Fincantieri built for the Italian Navy. Work is already underway at Marinette, which Fincantieri purchased in 2008 and where it already builds Freedom-class littoral combat ships for the U.S. Navy.

"We've invested more than \$300 million in our Wisconsin shipyards to meet the Navy's requirement of two frigates a year, and it's important we continue to improve productivity," Folgiero said, adding that the move to producing more modules on land will require additional covered areas and cranes to transfer the modules. The challenge also is finding the employees to make it happen, he noted.

Fincantieri's unusual blend of work on defense platforms — which accounted for 29% of its 2021 work — and cruise ships has produced

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synergies before, with lessons on comfortable quarters learned in cruise ship construction passed onto military vessels; conversely, cruise ships have benefited from naval tricks to make them more silent.

Folgiere also told *Defense News* that he is plotting tighter cooperation with another Italian defense giant. Leonardo, which builds systems for Fincantieri vessels destined for the Italian Navy, is already partnered with Fincantieri in the joint venture Orizzonte Sistemi Navali.

He also said Naviris, Fincantieri's joint venture with France's Naval Group, is the "perfect" springboard to usher in a more integrated European defense industry. "Naviris can help Europe align requirements and make industry cooperate."

*(What is the difference between a destroyer and a frigate? In general, a Destroyer is heavier, carries more firepower, and is slightly faster than a Frigate. Frigates also tend to have more of a focus on anti-submarine missions. However, both classes are frequently multi-mission capable.)*

## Wrong Predictions

Arthur Summerfield was U.S. Postmaster General under President Dwight D. Eisenhower. He is perhaps best known for a prediction he made in 1959. "Before man reaches the moon," he said, "your mail will be delivered within hours from New York to Australia by guided missiles. We stand on the threshold of rocket mail."



## ITALIAN AMERICAN SPORT CLUB

# 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dinners are at 6:30pm • Lunches at 12:00 Noon

### APRIL

- 1-Board of Directors Meeting
- 4-Thursdays Club Luncheon
- 5-General Meeting with Guests
- 13-Wine Tasting
- 18-Thursdays Club Luncheon
- 20-Hope Hall Taste of Italy
- 29-Board of Directors Meeting

### MAY

- 2-Thursdays Club Luncheon
- 3-General Meeting with Guests
- 16-Thursdays Club Luncheon
- 18-Spring Dance
- 30-Thursdays Club Luncheon

### JUNE

- 2-Festa Della Repubblica
- 3-Board of Directors Meeting
- 7-General Meeting with Guests (Caricchio Scholarship)
- 13-Thursdays Club Luncheon
- 27-Thursdays Club Luncheon

### JULY

- 1-Board of Directors Meeting
- 11-Thursdays Club Luncheon
- 12-General Meeting with Guests (Santilli Scholarship)
- 14-Annual Picnic 12 Noon to 5:00pm
- 25-Thursdays Club Luncheon
- 29-Board of Directors Meeting

### AUGUST

- 2-General Meeting with Guests (I.A. Student Scholarship)
- 8-Thursdays Club Luncheon
- 12-16-Hope Hall Soccer Camp
- 22-Thursdays Club Luncheon

### SEPTEMBER

- 4-(Wed) Board of Directors Meeting
- 5-Thursdays Club Luncheon
- 6-General Meeting with Guests
- 10-Annual Golf Tournament
- 13-Seafood Dinner
- 19-Thursdays Club Luncheon
- 30-Board of Directors Meeting

### OCTOBER

- 3-Thursdays Club Luncheon
- 4-General Meeting with Guests
- 17-Thursdays Club Luncheon
- 28-Board of Directors Meeting
- 31-Thursdays Club Luncheon

### NOVEMBER

- 1-General Meeting with Guests
- 14-Thursdays Club Luncheon
- 21-Thursdays Club Luncheon

### DECEMBER

- 1-Christmas Concert 4:00 to 6:00pm
- 2-Board of Directors Meeting
- 5-Thursdays Club Luncheon
- 6-General Meeting (Election, No Spouses, No Guests)
- 14-IASC Christmas Gala
- 19-Thursdays Club Luncheon
- 22-Christmas with Santa (Kids) 1:00 to 4:00pm
- 31-New Year's Eve Gala

*We can't wait to see you there!*



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# Domenic Santilli Memorial Soccer Scholarship

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- The scholarship will consist of a check for \$1,000.
- The recipient of the scholarship must be a member or a relative of a member of the IASC. (*Relative: son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, great-grandson, great-granddaughter, nephew, niece, brother, sister.*)
- He or she **must be a High School Senior** (graduating in June 2024) **going on to higher education or current undergraduate college student.**

- He or she must excel in soccer and academics.
- He or she **must provide** to the IASC Charity Committee a **copy of High School or College transcript, and a list of accomplishments by June 15, 2024.**
- The prize will be awarded at the regular **IASC General Membership meeting of July 12, 2024.**
- **Recipient of the award MUST be present to receive award. No show, no prize!**
- Recipient and immediate family will be invited to dinner at no cost.
- Check for \$1,000 shall be made out in September 2024 to the college bursar.
- No repeat winners for same scholarship.

The IASC Charity Committee shall make the final decision who will be the recipient of the award. Any member of the IASC wishing to have one of their relatives considered for the above scholarship needs to get in touch with and provide the necessary information by the above date to:

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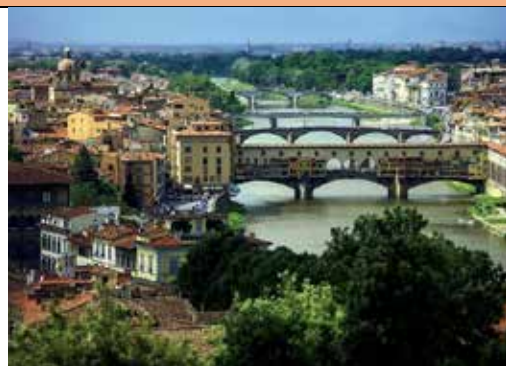
(Fino Pavone, Chairman Charity Committee, at 760-3420, or Joe Larizza, Vice Chairman, at 872-6342)



## New Members

Frank Borrelli, Anthony Muscarella, Guy Galisano, Lydia Palmer, Anthony Giuliano, Salvatore Giuliano, Mary Felice Tochelli, William Magar, Sam Zalacca, Lloyd Ruffle and Ed Shortino

## Kudos



Flornce, Ponte Vecchio

Italy Ranks No. 1 in Cultural Influence and Heritage Categories in the World: *U.S. News & World Report*. The rich history of genius, fashion, style, the country's historical cities, world-renowned cuisine, attractions, accessibility, and geographic beauty— put it in the top.

*U.S. News & World Report* gathered data from a survey of 20,000 people across the globe. Italy came in at number 1 when we consider cultural influence and heritage on a global scale. The *Bel Paese*, the Boot. Italy beat out France, which came in at number 2, and the United States that squeezed into the number 3 spot.

This boot-shaped European country sees more than 40 million tourists each year — and for good reason! It has ancient history, active volcanoes, pebble beaches, top-quality shopping, and the best cuisine in the world. Not to mention some of the most beautiful people on Earth. When you're not drooling over its scrumptious cuisine, you can visit one of its many of UNESCO world heritage sites. It has more than any other country.

The nation is home to Mount Etna, Europe's tallest and most active volcano, and houses two countries within its borders — the Vatican and San Marino. Not to mention some of the highest peaks in the Alps, where intrepid skiers can challenge themselves.

Italy's history started with the Etruscans thousands of years ago, an ancient civilization that was eventually supplanted by the Romans in the third century B.C. Later, Italy's city-states gave birth to the Renaissance, when it became the cultural leader of the Western world—and never stopped.



# One of The Most Fearsome Military Units of All Time

Joe Larizza | This story was originally featured on "War History Online"



**Arditi** (from the Italian verb *ardire*, lit. "to dare", and translates as "The Daring Ones") was the name adopted by a Royal Italian Army elite special force of World War I. They were the first modern shock troops, and they have been called "the most feared corps by opposing armies."

*Reparti d'assalto* (Assault Units) were formed in the summer of 1917 by Colonel Bassi, and were assigned the tactical role of shock troops, breaching enemy defenses in order to prepare the way for a broad infantry advance. The *Arditi* were not units within infantry divisions, but were considered a separate combat arm.

The *Arditi* are without a doubt one of the most fearsome military units from the First World War - and it's not just because they had a reputation for being "the most feared corps" by the armies they fought against. This elite group of Italians were selected for their fierce nature and bravery in battle. They were tasked with invading enemy trenches, to prepare the path for an infantry advance. Trained in fencing and hand-to-hand combat, they would often kill enemy soldiers with daggers and hand grenades, and won a number of engagements during the three years they operated. Typically, the last thing their opponents saw was a dagger clenched between the *Arditi's* teeth, ready to be plunged into them.

The *Reparti d'assalto* were successful in bringing in a degree of movement to what had previously been a war of entrenched positions. They won numerous engagements armed mainly with daggers and hand grenades, which proved very effective in the confined space of a trench. Their exploits on the battlefield were exemplary and they gained an illustrious place in Italian military history.

Of all the offensives the *Arditi* participated in, their biggest success came during the Battle of Vittorio Veneto, where they broke through the river Piave and allowed for a final victory against the Austrian forces. The unit was disbanded in 1920, but today's frogmen are seen as their successors.

The name *Arditi* was later used in 1920 by the Italian occupiers of Fiume who were led by Gabriele D'Annunzio, most of whom had been members of the Royal Italian Army. Their use of a uniform with black ties, insignia and fez was later taken up by Benito Mussolini's paramilitary forces, *Le Camicie Nere* (the Blackshirts). In 1942, during the Second World War, the 10th *Arditi* Regiment was created, inspired by the assault units of the Great War.

From 1 October 1975 the flag of X *Arditi* Regiment was adopted by the 9th Paratroopers Assault Regiment "Col Moschin." To this day, operatives of Col Moschin and Italian commando frogmen are known as "*Arditi Incursori*" and are viewed as the heirs of the *Arditi*.



COMSUBIN (*Comando Raggruppamento Subacquei e Incursori "Teseo Tesei"*); Divers and Raiders Group Command "Teseo Tesei" is the Italian Navy's special operations unit.

Italy was the first nation to use frogmen and human torpedoes. The Royal Italian Navy's Naval Assault Divisions are considered to be the precursor of modern Naval Special Forces. Their record can be traced back to World War I and the operation against the Austrian-Hungarian Battleship *Viribus Unitis* in Pola Harbor in 1918. In World War II, famous operations include Suda Bay, Alexandria, Gibraltar, and Malta.

Italy's frogman group originated in 1938 as the *1a Flottiglia Mezzi d'Assalto* (1st Flotilla Assault Vehicles), which was reformed in 1940 as the *Decima Flottiglia MAS* (10th Flotilla Assault Vehicles, X MAS).



Gabriele D'Annunzio with *Arditi* in Fiume 1919



*Arditi's* Flag

# Two of the Oldest Persons Die in Italy

Source: Firenze Repubblica | By Joe Lariza



## Italy's Oldest Man Dies at age 111

Tripoli Giannini, known as Italy's oldest man, passed away at the age of 111. He attributed his longevity to "light meals and lack of stress."

Giannini died in his home in Cecina, near Livorno, Tuscany, on New Year's Eve. He was the second oldest man in Europe, following André Ludwig, a Frenchman who is 75 days older.

Giannini's son, Romano, shared the following: "He thought he was immortal... but at 9:30 on San Silvestro (New Year's Eve), my father Tripoli Giannini passed away. He was 111 years and 133 days old - a record! He joins his wife, Tosca, my mother, who has been waiting for him for over 40 years."

Giannini was among Italy's centenarians. According to Istat, the national statistics agency, there were 22,000 people over 100 years old in 2023 - the highest number ever recorded, with the majority being women.

A veteran of the Italian infantry, Giannini was born in Cecina in 1912 and lived through two World Wars and two pandemics.

During his 111th birthday celebration in August, he revealed that his secrets to longevity were light meals - always accompanied by wine, no smoking, lack of stress, and treating each day as a gift.

The Italian Island of Sardinia is identified as one of the five regions in the world with a high concentration of centenarians, while the Italian city with the most people over 100 years old is Genoa in Liguria. The Mediterranean diet is long considered a key ingredient in Italians' longevity.

However, Italy's aging population poses a challenge for Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni's government, especially as it coincides with a declining birth rate, putting pressure on pension and health systems.

In 2022, births in Italy reached a record low of 393,000, according to Istat. Meloni stated in December that reversing the birth rate trend is among her government's priorities for 2024, with 2.5 billion euros allocated in the budget to address this issue.

## Oldest Person in Italy Dies at age 113

Domenica Ercolani-Cristoforo was an Italian supercentenarian whose age is validated by the Gerontology Research Group (GRG). She was the oldest living person in Italy at time of her death.

Biography:

Domenica Ercolani was born in Urbino, Marche, Italy on 3 July 1910. She married Cristoforo, a station manager. Being a housewife, she took care of her children, but she also liked gardening (she had a vegetable garden and flowers). Her husband died in 1986. Her son Sisto, a doctor, died of a tumor in 1994.

On July 2020, Ercolani celebrated her 110th birthday and became a supercentenarian. On 30 March 2021, Ercolani received her first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, making her one of the oldest known people to receive it. At the time, she was reported to live with her daughter, Alessandra (born 1936).

Ercolani became the oldest known living person in Italy after the death of 112-year-old Angela Tiraboschi on 7 May 2022. She later became the oldest known living Italian-born person after the death of 112-year-old Delio Venturotti of Brazil on 1 June 2022.

On 3 July 2023, Ercolani celebrated her 113th birthday, becoming the first supercentenarian in Italy to do so since 22 March 2019, Anna Benericetti's 113th birthday. She was cared for by her daughter, Alessandra, with the help of her grandchildren, Marco, and Luca.

Ercolani died from natural causes in Pesaro, Marche, Italy at the age of 113 years, 137 days. Following her death, then 113-year-old Claudia Baccarini became the oldest living person in Italy.



**The Honorary Consul of Italy, Vincenzo Scollo, in conjunction with the IASC, invite you to attend the “Festa della Repubblica” Sunday, June 2, 2024, at the IASC, 11:30 am “Raising of the Flags,” singing of the US and Italian National Anthems, address by dignitaries, followed by a free lunch.**

Italy’s National Day, the *Festa della Repubblica* (Republic Day), is celebrated on June 2nd each year, with the main celebration taking place in Rome, and commemorates the birth of the Italian Republic in 1946.

The ceremony of the event organized in Rome includes the deposition of a laurel wreath as a tribute to the Italian Unknown Soldier at the *Altare della Patria* by the President of the Italian Republic.

Troops and military vehicles will make their way from the area around

the Baths of Caracalla towards the Colosseum, *Via dei Fori Imperiali*, *Piazza Venezia*, and the Circus Maximus. The solemn ceremony is followed with a fly-past over Rome by the *Frecce Tricolori* jets.

The *Festa della Repubblica* is one of the national symbols of Italy. This year Italy will mark the 78th edition commemorating the day in 1946 when Italians voted in favor of a republic and against the monarchy which had been discredited during World War II. The Italian Consulates throughout the world hold ceremonies.

**“Ciao” forever Gigi Riva:  
Cagliari mourns, and the Italian National Team mourns.  
A natural left-footed player, averaging almost one goal per game.**

*Joe Larizza*

One of the strongest Italian footballers of all time. On the field he had two great loves: Cagliari and the Italian National Team (*Azzurri*). Gigi Riva, the most famous Sardinian (by adoption) in the world, whose heart could no longer take it, left us January 22, 2024.

Born in 1944, a native of Leggiano, a municipality in the Varese area with less than four thousand souls, “*Rombo di tuono*” (Thunderclap), as Gianni Brera nicknamed him, has always preferred facts to chatter, dragging Scopigno’s Cagliari to the historic “*Scudetto*” with 21 goals during the 1969-1970 season and contributing decisively to the victory of the 1968 European Championships by the national team, with whose shirt it still holds the record (difficult to beat in modern times) of 35 goals in 42 official matches.

One hundred and eighty centimeters tall and 78 kilograms, power combined with class for a unique blend, Riva occupied the 74th position in the special ranking of the best footballers of the 20th century drawn up by the magazine “*World Soccer*.” He owed much of its fame to the red and blue colors of Cagliari, to whom he was so attached. He also assumed the presidency of the club for a few months, in the 1986-1987 season, and was then appointed honorary president at the end of 2019.

Natural left footed, number 11 printed on his skin like a tattoo, left front winger who later adapted himself to the center forward position.

Riva began his journey as a champion in the youth teams of Laveno Mombello (1960) and then moved to Legnano (1962), with which he made his debut basically in the football that matters. The leap, obviously, to Cagliari, with whom he played from 1963 to 1976, an entire footballing life, carrying the flag of a people so geographically distant from his homeland but very similar to his qualities of tenacity and self-sacrifice.

Perhaps Riva had only one regret. Certainly not second place (behind Rivera) and third place (behind Muller and Moore) in the 1969 and 1970 editions of the *Ballon d’Or*, nor having only dreamed of Bologna and Inter, the battleships of the time, before arriving in Sardinia, which he did not want to leave even with the lure of Boniperti’s Juventus, but perhaps that place of honor at the 1970 World Cup in Mexico. And not only for the final lost against Brazil, but also for those two valid goals in the match against Israel that a distracted linesman took away from him. Perhaps giving him the right anger for two goals in the quarterfinals and one goal in that historic semi-final against Germany, that monumental 3-2. Some of the many feats of a life always on the front line.

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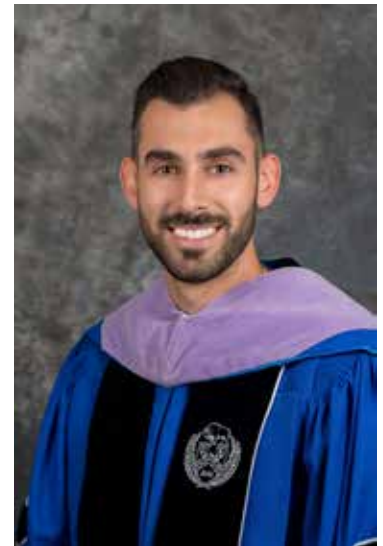
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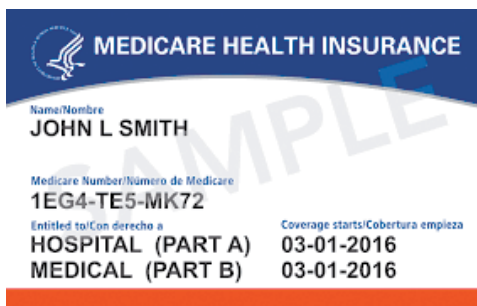


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# In Loving Memory

## Joanne Santilli



Joanne Santilli, 80, of Webster, New York, died peacefully on December 28, 2023.

She was born in Florence in 1943 to Angelo and Ada Locci, and immigrated to Rochester, New York with her mother when she was 11 years old. After high school, Joanne joined her mother at the Fashion Park garment factory as a seamstress. She made lifelong friends there and eventually, she met her future husband, Domenic.

Family was at the center of Joanne's world. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Angela Santilli-Sullivan; her beloved husband of 47 years, Domenic; brothers, Antonio (Anna) and Andrea, Ivo, Bernardo and Emanuele.

She found joy in tending to her garden, bird watching, traveling, cooking and baking for others. Joanne will always be remembered for her skills as a seamstress and exceptional Italian cook. She created beautiful gowns, costumes, clothing and would generously tailor clothes for family and friends. We'll always remember her kindness, beautiful smile and sassy sense of humor. We will miss Joanne every day. Her memory will live on in the hearts of all those who loved her.

Joanne leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories. She is survived by her children, Vincent Santilli, Julia Brongo, and Michelle Santilli-Kulik; son-in-law, Matthew Sullivan; grandchildren, RJ, Jordan and Gabriella Brongo, and Max Santilli-Kulik; brother, Gabriele Palazzo and sister, Franca Cianchi. Joanne is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and great-great nieces across the United States and Italy.

Calling hours were January 3, 2024 at New Comer Cremations & Funerals. The funeral service was January 4, 2024 also at New Comer with interment following at Webster Union Cemetery.

To the Santilli family, especially to Julia, Michelle, and Vincent, the IASC extends its deepest condolences. May Joanne rest in peace.

## Antoinette "Toni" Vito (Vetere)

Sunday, December 24, 2023, at age 90. Predeceased by her husband, Ralph "Grumpy" Vito; son, Frank Vito; brother, John Vetere. She is survived by her children, Ralph (Rita) Vito, Maritrese (Mark) Palumbo; grandchildren, Joseph and Nicholas Vito, Alyssa (Tyler) Wolfanger, Michael Monti; sister-in-law, Carol Ann Stafford; special nephew, John (Terry) Dell'Anno; many nieces and nephews. Toni was a member of St. Lucy's Auxiliary and a retiree of the City of Rochester.

Friends called January 3, 2024, at the DiPonzio Funeral Home. Funeral services and interment were private.

To the Vito family, the IASC extends its deepest condolences. May Toni rest in peace.



## Martine LePore

January 22, 1964 - December 30, 2023

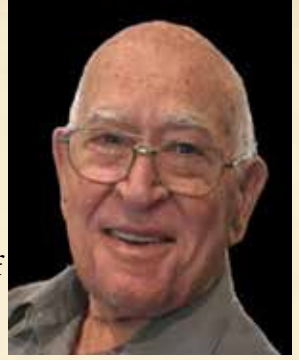
Rochester: December 30, 2023. She is predeceased by her mother, Ersilia. Martine is survived by father, Rudolph LePore; brother, Phil LePore; brother, Peter LePore; her fiancé, Michael Lanzillo; niece, nephew and many cousins.

Friends called January 5, 2024 at the funeral chapel (2305 Monroe Ave.). The funeral service was held Saturday, January 6, 2024, at Anthony Funeral Chapel, Brighton. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

To the LePore family, especially to Rudy, long time member and Honorary Board Member of the IASC, the IASC extends its deepest condolences. May Martine rest in peace.

## *Pasquale Russo*

Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at age 90. Predeceased by his loving wife, Carmela (Suero) Russo; father and mother, Carmine and Marianna Russo; sisters-in-law and brother-in-law, Pasqualina Suero, Maria and Andrew Insogna, Isabella Suero, Carol Suero. He is survived by his daughter, Mary Ann (Tim) Whitehair; grandchildren, Andrea (Lloyd) Ruffle, Christopher Whitehair (fiancée, Lisa Zou), Gina Whitehair (fiancé, Garrett Rhone); great-grandchildren, Bryce, Ryan, Avery, Gavyn, Aubry, Greyson, Gabriella and Olivia; brother, Antonio (Antonietta) Russo of Italy; brothers-in-law, Clemente Suero and Anthony Suero; many nieces and nephews. Mr. Russo was a longtime member of the Italian American Sport Club.



Friends called at the DiPonzio Funeral Home. On January 9, 2024, all were invited to attend his funeral services at the funeral home. Entombment, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Following the burial the life of Pasquale was celebrated at the IASC.

To the Russo family, the IASC extends its deepest condolences. May Pasquale rest in peace.



## *Antonio Micali*

Passed away peacefully on January 6, 2024, at age 87. Predeceased by his son, Pat Micali. Survived by his loving wife, Lilla; children, Joe (Julie) and Diane (Tom) Gibson; grandchildren, David, Anthony, and Alyssa Gibson, Nicholas and Ryan Micali; sister, Lena (Larry) Buyck; nieces, nephews and dear family and friends.

Calling hours were held on January 10 at Falvo Funeral Home Webster, NY. His Funeral Mass was held at Christ the King, 445 Kings Highway. Entombment, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

To the Micali family, the IASC extends its deepest condolences. May Antonio rest in peace.

## *Anthony "Tony" Perrotta*

On January 12, 2024 at age 92. Predeceased by parents, Anacleto & Liberata Perrotta; sisters, Eda LaVilla & Ada Meli; sisters-in-law, Barbara Reitano, Delphine D' Ambrosia, Sandra Visconte, Gloria Taft & Rosalee Zicari; brothers-in-law, Matteo La Villa, Joseph Meli, Joseph, Paul, James & Anthony Zicari, Joe Ventrillo & Phil Ronzo; nephew, David LaVilla.

Survived by his loving wife, Jacqueline Zicari Perrotta; children, Fay (Richard) Gilmore & Carol (Tim Statt) Hulsizer; grandchildren, Christopher Gilmore, Marina (Keith) Willis, Michael Hulsizer & Carlee Jo (Anthony) Emiliano; great-grandchildren, Aryan Hulsizer, Isabella & Zina Willis & Dario Emiliano; step-children, Patrick (Maggie Brandt) DiCraсто, Kevin DiCraсто & Marlo DiCraсто; step-grandchildren, Nicholas & Marissa DiCraсто; sisters-in-law, Rose Ventrillo, Linda Ronzo, Elvira Zicari & Eva Zicari; brothers-in-law, Robert, Joseph, Ronald (Josie), David & Richard Zicari, Rocco Reitano & Richard D'Ambrosia; nephews, Stephen LaVilla & John & Robert Meli; over 150 nieces, nephews & cousins, as well as relatives in Celano, Italy.

Tony was founder of Toper Construction, Spar Realty, Spot Realty, Dot/Big Dot Realty and developed and built more than 5,000 homes and buildings in Rochester, NY and Las Vegas.

Tony loved God, family, auctions, driving around, looking at land, country music, cowboy hats, line dancing, ice cream, Rice Krispies, Tim Horton Triple Tripel, speaking Abbruzzese dialect, playing Soduko, Sunday macaroni, hosting picnics, playing pool, Italian meatballs, Coca Cola, peanut butter, building things, beer, and Jackie.

Family & Friends called on Thursday, January 18 from 3-7 PM at James R. Gray Funeral Home, 1530 Buffalo Rd. Funeral Mass will be held Friday, January 19 at 11 AM at Parish of the Holy Family, 4100 Lyell Rd.

Entombment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery was private.

To the Perrotta family, especially to Jackie, an active member of our club, the IASC extends its deepest condolences. May Tony rest in peace.

Editor Note: I had the pleasure of having Tony in my Italian classes at the club. I called him "Buttaro" (Italian Cowboys of the Maremma Toscana). Tony, you were the best.







## Rosa (Maddalena) Fusco

“Went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, December 9, 2023, 9 days shy of her 78th birthday. Born in Melfi, Italy on December 18, 1945, she came to America in 1962, at age 16, and worked at Fashion Park, Hickey Freeman and retired from Kodak in 1997. Survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Vitaliano; children, Carmela (Paul) Dalba, Monica (Ryan) Brisco and Salvatore; grandchildren, Paul (Olivia), Valentina, Alyia, Ryan and Elyssa; grandpup, Fendi; 2 brothers; 2 sisters; and many friends.

Family and friends called on December 13, 2023 at the Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home. Interment, Grove Place Cemetery.

To the Fusco family, especially to Vito, the IASC extends its deepest condolences. May Rosa rest in peace.

## Luigi DiFilippo

Luigi DiFilippo passed away on January 16, 2024. He is predeceased by his parents, Nicolo and Elelia DiFilippo; his sister, Antonietta; his sister-in-law, Barbara DiFilippo; and his long-time partner, Mary Sahrle. He is survived by his brothers, Gennaro “Jerry” DiFilippo, Anthony “Bruno” DiFilippo, and Frank (Deborah) DiFilippo; his nieces and nephews, Dawn (Nancy) DiGennaro-Case, Franca (Matthew) DiFilippo-Girard, Jeremy (Becky) DiFilippo, Antonio “Tony” DiFilippo, Antoinette DiFilippo, Sarah (Michael) Fico; his great-nieces and great-nephews, Dominic DiGennaro, Katie DiGennaro, Edward Case, Rosaline (Aaron Yount) DiFilippo, Reilly Girard, Elelia Girard, Cecelia DiFilippo, Cristian DiFilippo, Michael Fico, & Shilah DiFilippo.

He was an active member of several Italian-American clubs including the Sons and Daughters of Italy and the Gates Amita Club.

Luigi’s life story was shared during his visitation, on January 19, 2024, at the funeral home. Luigi’s funeral mass was celebrated at Parish of the Holy Family. Luigi was be laid to rest in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

To the DiFilippo family, the IASC extends its deepest condolences. May Luigi rest in peace.



## Rusty Nail: The 2-Ingredient Cocktail that Frank Sinatra loved.

Joe Larizza

While elaborate, multi-ingredient cocktails are delicious, there’s a special synergy in two-ingredient drinks. Sometimes, the mixture of two components can provide a wondrous result with a more complex taste than you’d expect. Such is the case with the Rusty Nail, a sling that mixes Scotch with Drambuie, a whiskey liqueur flavored with herbs and honey.

Likely invented at a trade show in the 1930s, the drink was a hit in the 1960s and 70s, served at trendy locales in New Orleans and New York City. One included P.J. Clarke’s, a bar in the Big Apple where Frank Sinatra hung out. In fact, the singer was an avid whiskey drinker as well as a home mixologist — and alongside other members of the influential Rat Pack, Sinatra helped popularize the Rusty Nail as the drink of choice for the sophisticated imbiber.

However, after some years in the spotlight, the cocktail fell out of fashion and disappeared. Today, it remains an obscure choice, and not all bars stock Drambuie, so the Rusty Nail may not be available at your local watering hole. But that’s not to say it’s not worth crafting. If you’re looking for something elegant and easily customizable, it’s simple enough to whip up at home.

### The Rusty Nail Combines Varying Parts of Scotch and Drambuie

As a two-ingredient drink, the Rusty Nail is straightforward to make. However, the precise proportions of ingredients vary, which



significantly impacts its character. Many recipes recommend three parts whiskey to one part liqueur for a more booze-leaning rendition with a balanced sweetness. Others make a Rusty Nail with equal parts of each, assembling a version that boasts a brighter honey and herbal character with more sweetness. But most agree on the lemon peel garnish: In addition to being aesthetically pleasing, it adds a fresh, tart aroma to balance the sweetness.

Why does the resultant elegant drink have such an off-putting name? Legend has it that bartenders used to stir these cocktails with an actual rusty nail, but it’s much more likely that the name is a reference to the drink’s color. So, the next time you’re craving an after-dinner cocktail, consider looking past the Rusty Nail’s neglected reputation and stir up this easy-drinking yet boozy delight.

*This story was originally featured on “Tasting Table.”*

# 2023 Golf Tournament Charity Donations

by Joe Larizza | Photo by Rick Pavia



On February 2, 2024, the IASC donated a total of \$19,000 to nine local organizations thanks to Fino Pavone, our president, and his 2023 Annual Charity Golf Tournament Committee.

The organizations receiving the donations were: Wilmot Cancer Institute; Hope Hall School; R Community Bikes; Open Door Mission; Out of Darkness; Homestead for Hope; 13Thirty Cancer Connect; JACK Adults Caring for Kids; and C.U.R.E. Childhood Cancer Association.

Society and governments aren't set up to help everyone in need. That's why donations fill the gaps and provide dedicated resources to help the most vulnerable. Charity donations are the compassionate act of giving to the needy in order to alleviate distress or to ease discomfort.

We at the IASC believe that giving to local charities builds and strengthens our community.



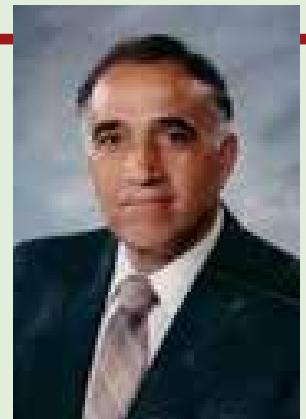
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- The prize will be awarded at the regular **IASC General Membership meeting June 7, 2024.**
- **Recipient of the award MUST be present to receive award. No show, no prize!**
- Recipient and immediate family will be invited to dinner at no cost.
- Check for \$1,000 shall be made out in September 2024 to the college bursar.
- No repeat winners for the same scholarship.

- The IASC Charity Committee shall make the final decision who will be the recipient of the award.

Any member of the IASC wishing to have one of their relatives considered for the scholarship needs to get in touch with and provide the necessary information by the above date to:



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I hope to see you all there to share in the festive occasion.

Regards,  
Claudio

# Forbes Billionaire List • Ron Corio | \$1.1 B

Source: *Forbes*, and *The Albuquerque Journal* | by Joe Larizza

The solar entrepreneur and longtime Albuquerque resident has been listed as a billionaire on *Forbes'* 2023 annual list of the richest people in the world.

Ron Corio, 59, was listed at No. 2,524, becoming New Mexico's 1st billionaire. *Forbes* reported that Corio had a net worth of \$1.1 billion, he is one of 2,755 global billionaires, and one of 724 in the U.S. included in the 2023 list.

Corio was born in New Jersey, completed high school in 1979 and followed his elder brother into college, wherein he enrolled in engineering. Ron dropped out of college moved to New Mexico in 1979 and joined HDI, a startup company.

He was recruited by the Wattsun Corp. Albuquerque in 1985. Wattsun Corp was a small firm in the then-nascent solar energy category. Corio developed, or rather came across, the idea of solar trackers during his experience at Wattsun Corp.

In 1989, he launched Array Technologies, Inc. at the age of 28. The company makes tracking systems for solar arrays that tilt and turn the panels to follow the sun. Array Technologies now controls 30% of the U.S. solar-tracker market.

Corio earned the nickname, 'Godfather of Solar' since he jumped on this opportunity back when the utility solar energy industry was just taking off. According to *Forbes*, the only target consumers for solar trackers early on were environmental activists or rich hippies (naturalists).

Corio's company went public in October 2022, on Nasdaq Stock Market,



raising more than \$1.2 billion and pushing the firm's valuation at that time to about \$3 billion.

Array Technologies reported about \$830 million in revenue in 2022. Corio stepped down before the company went public, but remains on the Board of Directors and retains an 11% stake in the company.

"I always lived under the radar, I kept my head down and worked hard. I had some serendipity in my life and it happened, but it took a lifetime to get there."

Array Technologies owns a 43,000-square-foot manufacturing facility in Albuquerque, plus 26,000 square feet of office and warehousing space. It employed nearly 350 people as of last June.

"The big thing is to find something you believe in and persevere at it," Corio said. "That's what it comes down to, to get this kind of success — believe in what you do and stick with it."

Ron Corio and his father Phil Corio were featured in an *The Albuquerque Journal* story May 2020, after each contracted COVID-19. Phil Corio, then aged 108, was identified as possibly the oldest person in the world to have survived COVID-19.

Phil Corio was born on 22 February 1912 and grew up in Jersey City, New Jersey. As a teenager, he played pool at a local club with Frank Sinatra, who grew up in nearby Hoboken. He died in Albuquerque, on 31 March 2022 at the age of 110 years, 37 days.

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**Submitted by Mike Buda**

My ability to remember song lyrics from the '80s far exceeds my ability to remember why I walked into the kitchen.

As I watched the dog chasing his tail, I thought dogs are easily amused.

Then I realized I was watching the dog chase his tail.

Sometimes, I shock myself with the smart stuff I say and do.

Other times, I try to get out of the car with my safety belt on.

Q: Perks of being my friend?

A: You'll be the normal one!

I do all my own stunts, but never intentionally.

The main function of the little toe on your foot is to make sure that all the furniture in the house is in place.

Practical Advice: If all the toilets in your house are occupied and you are waiting for one to be free, switch off the Wi-Fi.

Things that used to hurt my back:

Jumping off garages, crashing my bike, falling from a tree, and contact sports.

Things that hurt my back now:

Sneezing, tying my shoes, brushing my teeth, and rolling over in bed.

Why is it after I push number "1" on the phone for English, I still can't understand the person on the other end?

My wife asked if she could have a little peace and quiet while she cooked dinner ... so, I took the battery out of the smoke alarm!

Q: Are you sweating while putting gasoline in your car and feeling sick when paying for it?

A: You have got the CAROWNERVIRUS!

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