Welcome to the 16th Annual Mercer County Italian-American Festival!

Fri., Sept. 25, 2015: 3 - 11 pm  
Sat., Sept. 26, 2015: noon - 11 pm  
Sun., Sept. 27, 2015: noon - 9:30 pm
As the festival draws near, my thoughts go to thanking the board of directors, committee chairs and volunteers. This dedicated, hard-working group consists of 9 board members, 25 chairs and about 125 volunteers. Each individual deserves special thanks, and I’d like to apologize to anyone who I’ve overlooked or offended. Concern over my own personal health issues, as well as the increasing demands of presenting our great event, may have resulted in some misunderstandings. I’ve often said I can’t do this alone. I am bringing Mr. Barry Chiorello aboard as an assistant chair for event management. He will work with me and with each chair to help relieve the workload.

I also wish to express my deepest sympathies to anyone who has lost a friend or loved one in the previous year. I am the last of seven brothers and one sister, and also have my own children, grandchildren and a great-grandchild. The importance of family runs deep through me and through my Italian heritage. It is through the passion I have about my heritage that the concept of the Italian-American Festival began.

I want everyone to know that this festival is a gift to you. This unique event is our vehicle for all those involved to celebrate and ensure that our heritage stays alive. In these fast-paced times, we all have our own commitments. But I would urge everyone to try to bring your family to the festival. Show that you are proud of your heritage through your support and set an example for the generations that follow. We have a huge festival that people in all 13 Mercer County municipalities can be proud of. Come out and enjoy everything we have to offer.

Bring your family to enjoy all the food, amusements, exhibits and performances. There are over 40 vendors located throughout the festival grounds, with even more vendors and cultural activities located inside the Cultural Pavilion (the skating rink). Enjoy all the entertainment from a long list of talented performers.

Take part in our celebration of our Sunday Mass and procession of the Madonna. It will surely bring back memories of our religious customs and traditions.

Visit our tribute to all branches of the military, particularly the Italian war veterans. Come see the displays of military memorabilia, also located in the Cultural Pavilion.

Know that the Mercer County Italian-American Festival is a true display of our love of family, God and country.

Thank you, and God bless all of you.

Cav. John Scarpati, MCIAFA President

Above photo, the Scarpati family, before the arrival of John Scarpati. At right, Private First Class Michael Scarpati, 69th Infantry Division, U.S. Army, who received the distinguished Service and Purple Heart Medals. Michael died March 17, 1945.
Mercer County
Italian-American Festival Association
Membership Update

Big opportunities lie ahead for members of the Mercer County Italian-American Festival Association.

We have listened to your suggestions and have plans for future activities and events, starting in January with a $20 membership fee. Look for more information in the next issue of our newsletter.

Play bocce!

Play individually or bring a team, join a tournament or play for fun, or just come and learn the game.
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Entertainment: Carl Carabelli, Chair; Ann Lennon, Co-Chair; Nina VanDeLeur, Asst. Co-Chair; Al Hutchins, MC
Facebook: Barry Chiorello
Festival 50/50: Gino Melone, Chair; Marion Bolton, Karen Coate, Co-Chairs; Rita Capone, Mgr.
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Festival Photographers: Paul Donini, Bill Plank
Festival Signs: Joe Passalacqua, Chair; Co-Chairs — Vacant; Ed DiPolvere, Advisor
Fireworks: Cav. John Scarpati, Sr., Chair
Food Vendors: Joe DiPaolo, Chair; Joan Burkholz, Admin. Asst.; Rocco Riccio, Dave Tallone
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Honorary Festival Consultant: Anthony Massi
Information Tent: Sally Van Fleet, Chair; Frieda Santillo, Co-Chair
Mass: Msgr. Innocenzi; Cathy DiCostanzo, Chair; Joe Pica, Ben Gioe, Co-Chairs
Memorabilia: Sam Naro, Chair; Co-Chair — Vacant
Merchandising — Sally Van Fleet, Chair
Military & Veterans/Special Events: Kathi Adie, Chair; John Adie, Co-Chair
Military Medal of Honor: Dennis Bush, Chair
Off Site 50/50 Business Sales: Gino Melone, Chair
Parking: Wayne DeAngelo, Chair; Joe Povio, Co-Chair

Petting Zoo: Cav. John Scarpati, Sr., Chair
Photographers - In-House: Nina VanDeleur, Bill Plank, Barry Chiorello
Pony Rides: Cav. John Scarpati, Sr., Chair
Puppet Show: Carl Carabelli, Chair
Security: Joe Russo, Chair; John Devlin, Co-Chair; Jeff Zimmer, Lou Dorio
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Sponsorship & Marketing: Barry Chiorello, Chair
Tables, Tents & Chairs: Cav. John Scarpati Sr., Chair
Website Design: Mike Aregano; Sally Van Fleet, Nina VanDeleur, Barry Chiorello, Editors

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Super 50/50
The Super 50/50 drawing for the 2014 festival yielded over $40,000, with the winner receiving over $20,000! With the support of all festival members and associates, the festival hopes to surpass last year’s amount, but we need your help. To be part of this effort, please contact one of our 50/50 committee members:

Gino Melone: (609) 396-3412
General 50/50 information and Bulk Sales

Marion Bolton: (609) 396-2944
Selling 50/50’s at the festival

Special thanks to New Jersey State Assemblyman Wayne DeAngelo, the sponsor of our 50/50 tickets.

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Outdoor Food and Novelty Piazza
Main Festival Grounds

**Buzzetta’s Festival Foods** - Hamilton, NJ
Sausage, peppers, onions, Philly cheesesteak, hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken fingers, Italian hot dogs, pork roll

**Carnival Concessions** - Belleville, NJ
Zeppoles, calzones and pizza

**Chip Stix** - Ocean, NJ
Chip Stix potatoes, fresh-squeezed lemonade

**Crespella’s** - Hamilton, NJ
Crepes and zeppoles

**Cure’s BBQ** - Toms River, NJ
Sliced prime rib sandwiches, BBQ beef brisket, sliced BBQ chicken, broccoli rabe with garlic and oil

**Dellano Foods** - Long Valley, NJ
Zeppole fried dough, fried Oreo cookies, calzones, torrone candy

**Dellano’s II** - Long Valley, NJ
Torone candy, nuts, novelty

**Festival Foods** - Stockton, NJ
Roasted corn in roaster, cold drinks

**Fred’s Kitchen** - Hamilton, NJ
Italian hotdogs, Trenton dogs, Philly dogs, Coney Island dogs

**G&L Gyro** - Bethpage, NY
Gyro, chicken pita, shish kebob, spinach pie, French fries

**Gaetano’s** - Red Bank, NJ
Fried calamari, zeppoles, shrimp scampi, fried shrimp

**The Gingered Peach** - Lawrenceville, NJ
Cupcakes, brownies, cinnamon rolls, Italian olive cake, banana pudding

**Gyros To Go** - Manalapan, NJ
Grilled chicken pitas, chicken quesadilla, grilled veggie pita, spinach pie with Greek salad, Greek or Caesar salad, chicken-on-a-stick, salad with chicken

**Italian People’s Bakery** - Trenton, NJ
Cannoli, pasticciotti, mini stick breads, turnovers and éclairs, tiramisu, donuts and cupcakes

**J&J Specialties** - Highstown, NJ
Vodka rigatoni, eggplant parn, tripe, sausage, pepper and onion sandwiches, Italian hot dogs

**Jersey Devil Barbeque, LLC** - Moorestown, NJ
Barbeque samples, ribs, brisket, pork, loaded fries, sausage, peppers and onions, beans and corn, cole slaw, mac and cheese

**Knockout Funnel Cakes & Lemonade** - Lakewood, NJ
Funnel cake, fried Oreos, fresh lemonade, water

**Kona Ice** - Hamilton, NJ
Shaved ice

**Ma & Pa’s Tex-Mex BBQ** - Hamilton, NJ
Grilled braciole, roast pork, sirloin, ribs, burgers

**Maddalena’s Cheesecakes** - Ringoes, NJ
Frozen cheesecake-on-a-stick, apple Pie-Over, cheesecake cupcakes, brownies, cookies, fresh popcorn

**Malvafilla’s Restaurant** - Hamilton, NJ
Tripe, Italian spring rolls, rice balls, Sunday gravy with meatballs and sausage, Italian roast beef with peppers, onions and horse radish, Italian roast pork provolone with broccoli rabe

**Mamma Rosa’s** - Mercerville, NJ
Tomato pies, veal and peppers, eggplant parm, meatballs, braciole, tomato salad, sausage, peppers and onions

**MCIAFA’s Pinocchio’s Restaurant** - Hamilton, NJ
Meatballs, sausage, peppers and onion sandwiches, and Scarpy dogs (hot dogs with potatoes and onions), soda and water

**Passarelli’s** - Jackson, NJ
Rib-eye steak sandwiches, Italian sausage sandwiches, Italian hotdogs, fresh-cut potatoes

**Pennsylvania Dutch Funnel Cakes** - Robbinsville, NJ
Funnel cakes, fried oreos

**Pete’s Steakhouse** - Hamilton, NJ
Steak sandwiches, sausage sandwiches, roast pork, hot dogs, French fries

**Pino Gelato** - North Brunswick, NJ
Single-, double– and triple-scoop gelato, gelato & sorbetto frizzantes (soda/gelato/sorbetto with whipped cream topping)

**Pizza Wagon** - Philadelphia, PA
Pizza variety

**Prince Catering & Events** - Conshohocken, PA
Chicken parm sandwiches, sausage parm sandwiches, Italian jam-balaya, meatball sliders, roast pork sandwiches

**Rita’s Water Ice** - Bordentown, NJ
Custard, regular cones, kids’ cones/cups

**Scala’s Bakery** - North Brunswick, NJ
Italian pastries, cannoli, chocolate cannoli, specialty pastries, cupcakes, cookies

**Smoothie King** - Hamilton, NJ
Smoothies

**Soda City** - Monroe Twp., NJ
Soda, black cherry, vanilla, orange, root beer, birch beer, seltzer water, fresh water

**Station One Seafood** - Atlantic Highlands, NJ
Flounder sandwiches, calamari rings, butterfly coconut shrimp, crab nuggets, shrimp and crab salad

**Uncle Louie G’s** - South Plainfield, NJ

*For more vendors, please see page 10*
Headliner Louis Prima Jr. returns to bring us his spectacular show for this year’s festival.
# Entertainment Schedule

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<td>Jersey City Pizza Bosses - featuring Michael Testa</td>
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## Cultural Programs *(located in the Ice Skating Rink)*

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<td>New Jersey Italian and Italian-American Heritage Commission (NJIIAHC) Overview and Display&lt;br&gt;Robert DiBiase, Chair, NJIIAHC&lt;br&gt;Cav. Gilda Rorro Baldassari, Ed.D.</td>
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<td>Learn about the exciting new statewide activities scheduled by the NJIIAHC.&lt;br&gt;Robert DiBiase, Chair, NJIIAHC</td>
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<td>Frank Sinatra: A Champion for Civil Rights&lt;br&gt;Dr. Michael Riccards, Hall Institute</td>
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<td>Ricotta Made Easy&lt;br&gt;Maria Verzilli</td>
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<td>Could you be under a spell? Learn how to break the “Evil Eye.”&lt;br&gt;Rose Feterick, Overseer to the Garibaldi/Meucci Museum, Staten Island</td>
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<td>4-5 pm</td>
<td>“The Best Pizzelle.” Learn to make and enjoy this Italian culinary favorite.&lt;br&gt;Catherine DiCostanzo, Mercer County Superintendent of Elections</td>
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![Mount Rushmore](image1.png)  ![Ricotta](image2.png)  ![Frank Sinatra](image3.png)  ![Pizzelles](image4.png)
Italian Heritage Pavilion
(located in the Ice Skating Center Ice Rink)

Assemblyman Wayne DeAngelo - Trenton, NJ
Information on services and programs

Ella’s Crafts - Browns Mills, NJ
Soft sculpture, children’s fabric books, sachet scarves

Ewing Church Cemetary - Ewing, NJ
Community awareness of the importance of “Pre-Planning Cemetery Arrangements” in advance of need

Gemstone Jewelry - Yardville, NJ
Jewelry, Italian chains, Italian goldstone jewelry, Murano glass jewelry, Italian cameos

Gene Swider - Lafayette Hill, PA
Recycled bottles made into plates and accessories

Gordon Carlon - Jackson, NJ
Veterans hats, veterans license frames, licensed Wounded Warrior Shirts, and complete bullshit about what I did while I was in the Navy.

Home Base Sports Collectibles - Bordentown, NJ
Sports photos and memorabilia, team apparel, including many players of Italian-American descent

L&B Crafts - Hillsborough, NJ
Doll furniture, bird houses, bird feeders, planters

Mercer County Clerk’s Office - Trenton, NJ
Promotional materials such as vote by mail brochures, passport applications, voter registrations, notary applications.

Mercer County Superintendent of Elections -Trenton, NJ
Promotion of voter registration

Mercer County Surrogate - Trenton, NJ
Materials referencing the subject matter provided by the Surrogate’s Office

Origami Owl - Hamilton, NJ
Customized living lockets and jewelry

Plank Art Designs - Lawrenceville, NJ
Original artwork, related gift items, hand-knit, crocheted and jewelry items

San Felese Lodge - Hamilton, NJ
Lodge artifacts and memorabilia

Slip Stitch Avenue - Westhampton, NJ
Knitted and crocheted clothing, accessories and home goods. All items hand crafted

Tastefully Simple - Toms River, NJ
Food products

Teresa’s Precious Beads - Cherry Hill, NJ
Teresa’s selections of beads, jewelry, necklaces, earrings,

Umbrella House - Robbinsville, NJ
Umbrellas of all types

Window D’Cor and More
Night lights with bling, leather jewelry

Windsor Press and Publishing - Freehold, NJ
Selling book, “Inside Out: 50 Years Behind the Walls of Trenton State Prison” by Harry Camisa & Jim Franklin

Italian Market Tent

Andiamo Enterprises - Hamilton, NJ
Suncatchers, night lights, Italian novelties, fashion jewelry, sterling silver cell phone cases

Flashcopter - Jackson, NJ
Flashcopter novelty toy, just launch it in the sky anywhere.

Gifique International - Suffern, NY
One of a kind semi-precious stones from around the world are set mostly in sterling silver pendants and earrings. Adjustable sterling silver chains are also available.

Lu Café – Nutley, NJ
Italian jerseys, jackets, souvenirs

Marovato Italian Imports - Brooklyn, NY
Imported olive oil, balsamic vinegars, pugliese taralli and cookies, pugliese pasta, Italian jarred vegetables, all from Italy

Maryann Mosko - Lebanon, NJ
Religious articles, rosaries, angel pins, statues, prayer cards

Princeton Pettoranello - Italian organization

Scentocopia - Robbinsville, NJ
Honey products, honey straws, handmade hats and scarves, evil eye items, Italian items and assorted jewelry items

Selections - Allentown, NJ
Italian sterling silver rings, scarves, crystal necklaces, bead-ed bracelets, handmade bows

Sunix - East Brunswick, NJ
Marionettes, Furry Animals, Die-cast Cars

Team 85 Fitness & Wellness - Bordentown, NJ
Fitness and wellness
Outdoor Food Vendors
(continued from page 5)

Flavored cannoli, spumoni, lemon cotton candy, chocolate jelly rainbow cookies, Italian ice - small and large

Zinna’s Bistro - Cranbury, NJ
Tacos, roasted rib eye, burgers, the JerZey beef, the JerZey burger, homemade BBQ pulled pork, kielbasa and back kraut

Any food vendors and cultural court vendors not listed can be found on our website.

Military Exhibit

Make a point to visit a very special display in honor of all our war veterans. The exhibit, which is located in the Cultural Pavilion, features military memorabilia highlighting all 5 branches of military service. This year we expanded our display, thanks to Mr. Len Enourato, military collector and historian, of My Military Toys.

Special Events

Shown above, Michael Testa is the youngest pizza spinner in the U.S. and will be appearing with his family as part of this year’s Jersey City Pizza Bosses. For more, please see the Entertainment Schedule, page 7.

The Marine Corps, shown above, will be returning to this year’s festival. The photo above shows members of the Marine display with Military Co-Chair John Adie.

Cavalier Society Establishes Meeting Site at Heritage Center

The Italian-American Heritage Center of MCIAFA is now the official meeting site for the Cavalier Society of Mercer County. Cav. John Scarpati is happy to host this group to share the facility as a meeting place, not only for the Cavalier Society, but extends that invitation to other local Italian and Italian-American organizations.
Scholarships to Local Italian Organizations

At recent meetings, scholarships were awarded to local organizations promoting students of Italian descent. At top left, Cav. John Scarpati, President of the Mercer County Italian-American Festival Association presented Richard Prunetti, President of the West Trenton Italian-American Club, with a check for their scholarship foundation. This year’s recipient is Lauren Colanduoni, who graduated from Hopewell Valley Central High School and will be attending the University of Alabama majoring in communications/public relations. Pictured from left to right, are Richard Prunetti, Cav. John Scarpati, Lauren Colanduoni, and John Prunetti.

At left, Cav. John Scarpati, President of the Mercer County Italian-American Festival Association, presented a scholarship check to Cav. Eleanor Pinelli, President of the Princeton/Pettoranello Foundation, Inc. The festival association is committed to organizations that promote the Italian and Italian-American heritage.

Cav. John Scarpati presented scholarship checks to 2 local organizations. From left, Cav. Carl Carabelli, President of the Italian-American National Hall of Fame, Elisa Coccia, President of the Coccia Foundation, Elda Coccia, Founder of the Coccia Foundation, and

Congratulations to this year’s MCIAFA scholarship recipients are: Viviana Bossi, Hamilton West.; Maria Braghelli, Steinert; Jenamarie Carella, Notre Dame; Frank Cuomo, Princeton; Stephanie Retana, Nottingham; Frank Stewart, Steinert; and Nicole Walter, Robbinsville.
2015 Columbus Gala
Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015

Honoring
The Honorable Gino Melone
and
Mr. Richard Tonti

Nottingham Ballroom
200 Mercer Street
Hamilton Square, NJ 08690

$65.00 per person
6 pm cocktail hour
Dinner immediately following

Food will be provided
by Rosa’s Catering

Limited seating available
Black tie optional

For more information,
call Frank Bruno at 609-588-9546
e-mail: pbruno02@gmail.com

You are invited to attend the annual
Italian Flag Raising Ceremony
Friday, Oct. 2, 2015 at 12:00 noon

at Hamilton Township Municipal Building
2090 Greenwood Ave., Hamilton, NJ 08609

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