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Maria Bartiromo Grand Marshal 2010

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Members:

In assuming the Presidency of our Foundation in 2010 I set three goals to focus upon; first, to enhance the membership experience by offering programs designed to appeal to the wide range of member interests; second, to both increase the membership and provide new members with an understanding of our mission; and finally to expand our philanthropic assistance to both our young scholars and other deserving causes..

I am extremely pleased to report that several initiatives begun in the past year are creating a more meaningful membership experience and are contributing to the overall good health of our Foundation.

To begin, our Speakers Bureau has staged over thirty events new to the Foundation in the past fifteen months ranging from book signings, art and cultural presentations, wine tastings to sports related events, which have been well attended. These events increase Taverna revenue while providing an entertainment experience for all tastes. I strongly encourage you and your guests to join us at these presentations.

To increase our numbers, we are hosting monthly prospective new member dinners where candidates have the opportunity to learn of our background, mission and benefits in order to enable them to make an informed decision on joining the Foundation. These dinners have resulted in increased membership interest and a significant number of subsequent applications. I'm sure each of us knows outstanding individuals who would embrace our mission. I urge you to invite them to these informal dinners.

Despite our commitment of five hundred thousand dollars to reinstate the Italian language as an offering in the Advanced Placement programs in high schools across the country and an approximate \$1 million increase in our restricted scholarship funds, our 2011



Frank Fusaro

scholarship giving will grow over 2010 levels. Additionally, first quarter 2011 Adopt-A-Scholar pledges alone totaled \$275,000.

Our Medical Advisory Committee is fully operational and several members and friends of the Foundation have benefitted from the expertise of its members.

Although it is a continuous work in progress, an entirely revamped Columbus Foundation website was launched in March. It captures the essence of all that we are and do and is something of which all members should be extremely proud. We are now in the process of creating a secure area on the site where members-only information will be reflected. I strongly urge you to visit it and encourage prospective new members to review it.

Our 2011 Columbus Celebration plans are well underway with all committees in formation. At the cornerstone of the Celebration, as previously announced, we have an incredible and most deserving Grand Marshal in Joe Plumeri. He is a consummate professional and true role model for all Italian-Americans.

If you'd like to join the dedicated members who are responsible for the planning and execution of the Columbus Celebration, please contact David Iommarini, our Executive Director.

In closing, I'm proud of all of the progress we have made and the strength of our current financial position. We owe a tremendous debt to all who work tirelessly to fulfill our mission. I particularly want to thank the members of our scholarship committees – elementary, high school and college – for their diligence and commitment to assure our scholarship dollars are wisely spent.

Sincerely,

Frank G. Fusaro

Frank G. Fusaro, President

On the Cover: Grand Marshal Maria Bartiromo

Columbus Citizens Foundation Mission Statement

Recognizing the incredible impact that our Italian heritage has had on our lives and its contribution to our individual successes, we the members of the Columbus Citizens Foundation dedicate ourselves to preserving and enhancing the culture, traditions and values we were so blessed to receive. Furthermore, we will commit to honor those that came before us by ensuring that their love of country, family and tireless work ethic are passed to our children and all future generations. We firmly commit to raise and distribute financial aid to educate children in need and pledge to extend ourselves in perpetuating the philanthropic work that has been synonymous with our Foundation.

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In a rare and remarkable pair of events, the Foundation closed the trading on both of America's major exchanges on Columbus Day 2010. Chairman Louis Tallarini gaveled the New York Stock Exchange closed (see p. 10), and President Frank Fusaro rang the closing bell at NASDAQ, which prominently displayed the Foundation's logo and name on its MarketSite jumbotron at Times Square.

Honoring the Past, Creating Better Futures

In an evening of Italian-American pride and philanthropy, over 1,000 people filled the Waldorf-Astoria Grand Ballroom to celebrate heritage, culture, and the cornerstone of opportunity and success in the United States: education.

It was a night of dancing and fine dining meticulously overseen by Gala Dinner Chair Frank Marzano. The Foundation's own Bernadette Castro – both a Member and the daughter of Founding Member Bernard Castro – served as the Mistress of Ceremonies, a role typically filled by Grand Marshal Maria Bartiromo.



Maria Bartiromo with her parents.

The event also celebrated the enduring ties that bind Italy and the United States, countries that became connected over the centuries through shared goals and values. In addition to the Foundation Members, who represent leaders in all walks of life in America, the evening's guests served as a testament to the strong connection between Italy and the United States: Bishop Nicholas Anthony DiMarzio, of the Diocese of Brooklyn; Hon. John Lorenzo Grenado, Deputy Chief of the Mission of the Italian Embassy; Hon. Francesco Talò, Consul General of Italy in New York; Minister Antonio Bernardini, Deputy Representative, the Italian Permanent Mission to the United Nations; Major General Leonardo Leso, Military Advisor, Italian Permanent Mission to the United Nations; Massimo Magliaro, Chairman and CEO of RAI Corporation; Francesco Talarico, President of the Regional Council of Calabria; Paolo Romano, President of the Regional Council of Campania; Aniello Cimitile, President of the Province of Benevento; Aniello Musella, Italian Trade Commissioner; Luis Fortuño, Governor of Puerto Rico; Rob Astorino, Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino; and Ray Kelly, New York City Police Commissioner.

The tone for the evening was set by Foundation President Frank Fusaro, who said, "We sit here tonight in this beautiful building, and when we trace our story back, we find the great Italian-American story. One generation lifts the next, which in turn lifts the one that follows.

"Our Foundation fights discrimination," Mr. Fusaro continued. "We fight negative stereotyping, like many others do. However, the best way to fight stereotyping – *Jersey Shore*, the *Sopranos*, *Growing up Gotti* and all that trash that's on TV – is to make our children successful. And so I'm proud that the Columbus Citizens Foundation will support 650 students of Italian-American descent who have the capacity to secure a first class education but not the means to do so. This year, we are spending almost \$2 million educating these children – that's how we fight stereotyping. Their success and the good they ultimately do will perpetuate our heritage and its blessings of family values, strong work ethic and pride in accomplishment."

Both of the evening's Honorees, as well as 2011 Grand Marshal Maria Bartiromo, spoke from the Waldorf-Astoria's legendary

stage. Honoree Frank Bisignano recalled that his grandfather came to the United States in 1913 and worked for the Sanitation Department, a fact Mr. Bisignano is reminded of every day: by his grandfather's retirement certificate hanging on a wall in his office. Also in his office is an article that identifies Mr. Bisignano as one of the top hundred people in the world of finance. Mr. Bisignano is Chief Administrative Officer for JPMorgan Chase and a member of the firm's Operating Committee and Executive Committee.

"Those of us who share this platform today all have a similar story," Mr. Bisignano said. "It was our grandparents who created the families for us, the opportunities for us to operate in the world that we do today. I ask that you remember that there's nothing quite as great as being an Italian-American and to recognize that we are here to set a platform for those who follow us, that we are here raising money and that these scholarships will help chart the courses of the lives of hundreds of young men and women."

Honoree and Foundation Member Jason DeSena Trennert, Founder, Managing Partner, and Chief Investment Strategist of Strategas Research Partners, recalled co-founding his company and going on eBay to buy a grappling hook to keep in his new office. "A hook probably seems like a very odd decorating choice," Mr. Trennert said, "but my grandfather Fiora DeSena was longshoreman on the Manhattan dock yards, and when I think about the fact that a man who spoke very little English could come over from *Campagna*, throw a hook around every day, successfully raise eight kids and buy his own house – it's a source of inspiration to me. That hook remains a daily emblem, a daily symbol of the Italian-American experience.

"The Columbus Citizens Foundation is known for its great Townhouse," Mr. Trennert continued, "its food, the parade, but its real purpose is to provide scholarships to Italian-American students in need. It is so much more than a club. It is one of the city's great cultural philanthropic institutions, and it has become a center of my family life here, in New York City."

The evening's foremost Honoree, of course, was Grand Marshal Maria Bartiromo [see p. 6 for an abbreviated version of Ms. Bartiromo's speech]. Ms. Bartiromo was introduced by Lawrence Auriana, past President, past Chairman, and, with Angelo Vivolo, Co-Chair of the 2011 Columbus Celebration. Speaking of Ms. Bartiromo, Mr. Auriana said, "The Italian-American community has no better representative, no better ambassador than Maria. She has intelligence, ambition, energy and compassion. In spite of the competitive nature of her profession, and the tough questions she has to ask, she has maintained her femininity. Her reporting reflects her fairness, warmth and integrity. She is a throwback to the time when the media was trusted in America. No one is more deserving of our respect and our admiration than our great friend, Maria Bartiromo, our Grand Marshal."



Clockwise from top left: Past Honoree Joseph Plumeri, Honoree Frank Bisignano, and Frank Fusaro. Larry Kudlow, Honoree Jason DeSena Trennert, and Lawrence Auriana. Veronica Kelly, New York Police Commissioner Ray Kelly, Maria Bartiromo, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Langone. The Waldorf-Astoria Grand Ballroom. Seated: (from left): Mrs. Annette Siniscalchi, Mrs. Genevieve Vaccariello, Mrs. Mandy Chiappetta and Mrs. Danielle Butigieg; standing (from left): Mr. Anthony Siniscalchi, Mr. Richard Vaccariello, Dr. Donald Chiappetta, and Mr. Anthony Giordano. Two guests of the Foundation with, at right, Mr. Salvatore and Mrs. Lisa Salibello. Louis Tallarini, Frank Fusaro, Maria Bartiromo, Lawrence Auriana, and Angelo Vivolo. Mistress of Ceremonies, Bernadette Castro.

Grand Marshal Maria Bartiromo

Maria Bartiromo addressed the audience at the Gala Dinner, and her remarks, edited for length, follow.

Thank you so much. I am humbled, and I am grateful for this honor. I don't think I could say enough tonight to give back for what you all have given me.

I want to thank the Columbus Citizens Foundation and my dear friends, Larry Auriana, Angelo Viviolo, Frank Fusaro, Louis Tallarini, John Loconsolo, and everyone at the Foundation for this great honor. I am proud to be your 2010 Grand Marshal.

This week, my husband and I were talking about it, and my husband said, "Maria, this is the home team." And I agreed. This is the home team for me. This is my family.

I'm grateful for your friendship, and I certainly am proud of what the Foundation has been able to do for our students. Over the last 10 years, this foundation has raised tens of millions of dollars to send students to school, whether grammar school, high school, or college, giving these students a springboard to succeed, and I'm proud to be part of that.

We all know that success isn't all about money. It takes more than money. It takes more than luck. It takes courage. It takes integrity. And it takes hard work. And for this reason, I want to thank my family, my mom and dad, my brother, my sister, my niece, my nephews, my cousins, my aunt, my grandparents, who are all here tonight. My mom is my best friend. My mother's mother, Rosalie Maria Morreale, who I'm named after, was a real force in our lives. A matriarch, she set the tone, I think, for the whole family. And my father's father, Carmine Bartiromo, had such courage. My grandfather came to this country in 1919 on a ship called *The Rex*, from Naples. Just think of the courage that it took for him and all of our ancestors to leave family and friends and an environment that they knew so well and just get on a ship with the promise of opportunity for their new family and the family and the lives that they would create. It's amazing and I am so proud of that.

My grandfather came here to this country in 1919, went back and then came back a couple of years later, and he built a restaurant. He named it the Rex Manor, in Brooklyn, and later my father worked there. When I was in elementary school, sometimes I would take the bus to the Rex to see my dad for a little while, because life was work, and my dad was always at the Rex. I would walk into the Rex and watch him with a bandana around his head over a hot stove. That was where I had my first job. I was the coat check girl at the Rex Manor.

My mom worked at OTB. I used to take the bus from high school, Fontbonne Hall Academy, in Brooklyn, just to see my mom for a few minutes. I would walk into OTB in my little Catholic uniform into the smoke-filled room, and I would see my mom behind the counter and they would buzz me in, and I would go behind there and I would give her a hug and she would take a five minute break, and I would go home, knowing that my mom was at work. These were the pictures, the visions that are still with me today.



Maria Bartiromo, Grand Marshal

You know, never did any of us hear one complaint from any of our parents or any of our ancestors. I know you didn't because we're all the same; we have the same value system.

I watched my parents work incredibly hard, and I just followed suit. I strove to be the best, because I saw that's what my parents were doing. I don't know that my parents necessarily had a specific plan for how I would turn out or where I would take my life. But they did know to put in place for me the fundamentals that mattered. Integrity, courage, hard work, a strong sense of family, a faith in God, a sense of accountability, and no sense of entitlement.

They led me to do what I love, find what I love: journalism, get an internship at CNN, and keep going and trying to move forward. And dare to dream to be behind the camera. I always thought, if I worked hard enough and I loved what I did, maybe I could have a little luck and achieve success.

And if you're lucky enough to have a network of support, and a network of courage and integrity and hard work around you, anything is possible. And that's why this country is the greatest country in the world.

I remember one day telling my mom something private in my bedroom. I was upset about something. I was just a girl and I was crying. And I remember begging her: don't tell anyone, don't tell dad. She said: Oh, no, no, don't worry about it. You're going to be okay. I said, okay, just don't tell Pat, don't tell Theresa, just leave it alone. She said, okay.

Not even 10 minutes later, I hear her telling my father, I hear her telling my brother. She picked up the phone and called my sister. Ten minutes later my brother was in my bedroom asking me about what happened. I was upset at the time, but the truth is, that was such a powerful lesson for a kid. Because I realized whatever problem it was, my problem was my family's problem. I was not in this alone. I could dream big, because I had a support system around me.

I want you to know that I will cherish this moment and this night for the rest of my life. But I also want to say that this honor really goes to my parents, because of the love, the support and the leadership they provided. Mom and Dad, tonight is for you. Thank you.

And finally I want to thank my husband, Jono, who is an honorary Italian, and he has always exhibited the same nurturing qualities that I was raised with. He's always been supportive, he has integrity, he always does the right thing. He makes me a better person. Thank you, Jono.

And finally, I want you to know that I commit to you that I will always represent the Italian-American community with courage, with integrity, with grace, with professionalism. I don't promise that I'll always do everything right, but you can bet that I'll be trying and I'll die trying. Thank you again for this honor.

The Chairs of Columbus Celebration 2010

The 2010 Columbus Celebration was an exceptional success on all levels, promoting Italian American heritage and culture, bringing joy and dazzling entertainment to millions, and raising funds for the Foundation's scholarship programs. None of this would have been possible without the tireless dedication and sacrifice of the Chairs of the Committees that organized and produced the various events that made up the celebration. We are delighted to recognize with gratitude their outstanding work in 2010.

Clockwise from top left: NBC reporter Valerie Smaldone with Alfred and Toni Catalanotto and their children Alyssa-Lynn, Angelo, and Matthew; Michael Pedone; Anthony Mallardi and Anthony Giordano; Giuliana Ridolfi Cardillo and Louis Tallarini with Italian Carabinieri; Frank Marzano; Giuliana Ridolfi Cardillo, in red, with Board of Governor members (from left) John Cioffi, Matt Sabatine, Marian Pardo and Vincent Toscano; Maria Theresa Fauci; Lawrence Auriana (l.) and Angelo Vivolo (r.) with 2009 Grand Marshal and, now, Foundation Member Kenneth Langone; Frank Fusaro.

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Roma,

Campidoglio, 4 ottobre 2010



E' stato un grande onore per la Capitale e per l'Italia aver collaborato con la Columbus Citizens Foundation di New York e aver sfilato in occasione del Columbus Day 2010 con il cast italiano di "Pinocchio The Italian Musical" che ha rappresentato in teatro la più bella favola di tutti i tempi: "Pinocchio". I legami indissolubili tra il nostro Paese e gli Stati Uniti si sono celebrati in questa giornata storica dove si rinnova ogni anno il patto di amicizia e vicinanza tra i nostri due popoli, le cui Capitali si apprestano ad affrontare sfide future di grande impatto internazionale. Per Roma voglio ricordare la candidatura ad ospitare le Olimpiadi del 2020 con tutte le conseguenti trasformazioni strutturali che sarebbero accelerate se questa assegnazione ci venisse concessa dal Comitato Olimpico. Scelta per la quale è necessario un consenso internazionale, con

l'auspicio che New York sia al nostro fianco in questa grande impresa. Parliamo della creazione di un Polo mondiale del Turismo, con lo sviluppo di un sistema nautico e crocieristico di livello internazionale nel Porto di Ostia, alla realizzazione di un centro mondiale dei congressi, che sorgerà nella zona Sud della città su progetto dell'architetto Massimiliano Fuksas, alla navigabilità piena del Fiume Tevere, alla nascita di un grande parco a tema dedicato alla Roma dei Cesari oltre al Parco di Cinecittà. Sono progetti che si realizzeranno comunque ma ai quali i Giochi Olimpici offrirebbero una vetrina di livello mondiale. Mi sia in questa occasione concesso di ricordare anche l'impegno della nostra Capitale in materia di sostenibilità ambientale, con l'obiettivo di diventare una "città a impatto zero" e di raggiungere l'autosufficienza energetica nel lungo periodo, grazie all'uso di fonti rinnovabili. Tutto nel segno di una città che, grazie alla riforma di Roma Capitale, diventata legge il 20 settembre 2010 con la consegna della cittadinanza onoraria romana al Presidente della Repubblica italiana, Giorgio Napolitano, a breve si doterà di nuovi strumenti normativi, amministrativi, finanziari e organizzativi, in grado di farle fare un salto di qualità nella governance del territorio, che ci collocherà, sul modello di New York, al livello di altre grandi Capitali europee e occidentali.

Il Sindaco di Roma

Translation of the letter from the Mayor of Rome at left:

Dear Mr. Fusaro,

It was a great honor for the city of Rome and Italy to have collaborated with the Columbus Citizens Foundation of New York and to have marched in the 2010 Columbus Day Parade with the Italian cast of "Pinocchio, The Italian Musical," which theatrically represents the most beautiful fable of all time. The indissoluble ties between our country and the United States are annually celebrated on this historic day, renewing the friendship and closeness of two nations, who prepare to face future challenges of great international impact. With Rome under consideration to host the 2020 Olympics, structural renovations would subsequently be accelerated should the Olympic Committee select Rome as the host city.



Jonathan Steinberg and Maria Bartiromo in a sea of Parade performers and spectators.

As an international consensus is necessary for selection, we would hope to have New York by our side for this great undertaking. Envisioned would be an International Center of Tourism, which would include a cruise route to reach the Port of Ostia, the creation of a World Conference Center to be built south of the city of Rome based upon a project by the architect Massimiliano Fuksas, the expansion of the Tiber River waterway and the creation of a great national theme park dedicated to Rome of the Caesars besides Cinecittà Park. These projects will be realized, regardless, but the Olympic Games would serve as a window, giving them world recognition.

I take this opportunity to reinforce the commitment of our City to maintain a clean environment by reducing chemical emissions to zero and becoming energy self-sufficient through the use of renewable sources. These measures, thanks to Roman reform, became law on September 20, 2010 by order of the President of the Republic of Italy and Honorary Roman Citizen, Giorgio Napolitano, providing the administrative, financial and organizational tools to improve the quality of government and place us on a par with New York and other great European and Western capitals.

The Mayor of Rome,
Gianni Alemanno

Wreath Laying

On the mild morning of October 10, 2010, a crowd of proud and grateful Italian Americans gathered at Columbus Circle at the foot of the Columbus Monument to lay a wreath in honor of New York City's uniformed servicemen. For decades, until 1945, the Columbus Day Parade ended at Columbus Circle. The Italian Benevolent Society traditionally held a parade that headed south from East Harlem, while the Knights of Columbus marched up Eighth Avenue from their headquarters.

Once again, Joseph Guagliardo, president of the National Council of Columbian Associates in Civil Service, made introductory remarks, followed by Foundation President Frank Fusaro and Honorees Frank Bisignano and Jason DeSena Trennert and, finally, Grand Marshal Maria Bartiromo. Describing the men and women of the Police, Fire, Sanitation, and Correction, Transit and Court Officers "the guts and heart and soul of New York," Ms. Bartiromo said, "It's difficult to appreciate how hard they work and how much they do until you call on them – and they're always there. Thank you for making this city the best."



Columbus Circle

St. Patrick's Mass

Archbishop Timothy Dolan celebrated his second Columbus Day Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral on October 11, 2010. The overflow congregation of approximately 3,000 people had come to honor the great navigator and

explorer, Christopher Columbus, who was a man of great faith and determination. Included among the celebrants were the Foundation's Board of Governors and Members with their families.



Traditions were observed at St. Patrick's (left). Archbishop Timothy Dolan welcomed Maria Bartiromo following the Columbus Day Mass. Also shown, from left: Frank Fusaro, Jonathan Steinberg, and Lawrence Auriana.

Columbus Day 2010

Over a million people came out to celebrate Columbus Day on Fifth Avenue and to see the over 100 contingents and 35,000 participants on October 11, 2010, and they were thrilled by what they saw. A spectacular procession of vintage Maserati cars – the epitome of Italian engineering and design – preceded Grand Marshal Maria Bartiromo and Honorees Frank Bisignano and Jason DeSena Trennert up the world-famous thoroughfare. The fast-stepping Carabinieri Band wowed spectators with their high-energy performance while over a dozen high school and college bands pumped out high-octane music as they battled for bragging rights. Exuberant Foundation scholarship students joined the march and took in cheers from the crowds who recognized the effort they make to improve themselves and pursue opportunities for advancement. Cast members of *Pinocchio: The Italian Musical*, the beloved story told with contemporary music, came up the avenue in a replica of a century-old Sicilian cart. The old and the new, the traditional and the cutting edge – Columbus Day 2010 was a spectacle that embraced and honored culture and heritage and the promise of what will come.

“New York is the world’s greatest city, and it’s a place that loves people who work hard, celebrate hard, and honor the past,” Foundation President Frank Fusaro said of the throngs that lined Fifth Avenue for the spectacular event. “As Italian-Americans, we are proud that we have helped build New York and America, we are proud of our culture and heritage, and we are proud that people of all backgrounds come out year after year to remember what Italy has given us and what we have given America. And we are proud that there is so much more that is yet to come.”

For the first time in years, the Parade broadcast, on WNBC, was not co-hosted by Maria Bartiromo, who as Grand Marshal took a



Scholarship recipients, family and friends enjoyed a festive ride on a Columbus Citizens Foundation float.

front-row seat on the Red Carpet next to her husband, Jonathan Steinberg. Filling in beautifully for Ms. Bartiromo, alongside Joe Piscopo, was Emmy Award winning WNBC-TV correspondent Roseanne Colletti.

The 2010 Parade featured four outstanding floats designed by Studio Festi, creator of unique outdoor spectacles. Celebrating the Region of Campagna, the breathtakingly beautiful town of Vico Equense, and the remarkable waters around Italy, the floats drew gasps and cheers from the spectators along the Parade route. CBS News reported, “There were more than 35,000 marchers, more than 100 bands and more than a million spectators.” Among those celebrating in the Parade were past Grand Marshals Lidia Matticchio Bastianich and Kenneth Langone, who returned to demonstrate their love of America and Italy. Politicians turned out in droves as 2010 was an election year, including senatorial candidate and Foundation Member Joseph DiGuardi and candidates for the gubernatorial race, Andrew Cuomo and Carl Paladino, among

many others.

Tom and Adriana Milana, of Muttontown, New Jersey, rode the Columbus Citizens Foundation float and were interviewed by WCBS News. Mr. Milana recalled that his ancestors “just came to this country with nothing and they worked really hard.” Pointing to his daughters, Mr. Milana said, “These are the next generation right here.” In a comment that distilled the lives of millions of Italian Americans, Mrs. Milana said, “We are full of love and passion. We are about family, food and celebration.”

The day ended with a remarkable feat: Foundation Chairman Louis Tallarini gaveled closed the New York Stock Exchange, and Mr. Fusaro rang the closing bell on NASDAQ, bringing to an end a day of trading on the world’s most important financial markets.



Foundation Chairman gaveled closed the New York Stock Exchange following the Parade (and uptown, Foundation President Frank Fusaro rang the closing bell of NASDAQ – see p. 3 for photo). Frank Fusaro, Maria Bartiromo, Lawrence Auriana, and Angelo Vivolo join Joe Piscopo for the unofficial closing song of the Columbus Day Parade, New York, New York. P. 11 caption: Clockwise from top left: Honoree Frank Bisignano heads up Fifth Avenue. The Carabinieri, of Italy. The Generoso Pope Foundation float pays tribute to its organization and Generoso Pope, Sr., a founder of the Columbus Citizens Foundation. Some of the hundreds of Foundation scholarship recipients joined the tens of thousands of marchers in the Parade. Vico Equense was celebrated in a float designed by Studio Festi. The U.S. Marine Corps Band. Then gubernatorial candidate Andrew Cuomo, and now governor, waves to the crowds. Italian flags created a sea of green and red along Fifth Avenue.



Joseph Plumeri, 2011 Grand Marshal Growth, Innovation, Value, Expertise

“I’m from the school of anything’s possible,” Joe Plumeri once said. “I’m from the group that says it doesn’t matter where you are from, but that it does matter how big you dream.”

His life is a case in point. Mr. Plumeri is Chairman and CEO of Willis Group Holdings, the third largest insurance broker in the world, which is a long way from being a high school history teacher and football coach, which were jobs he held after graduating from college. He will be Grand Marshal of the Columbus Day Parade, on October 10, 2011, in a position that is utterly natural to him: in the lead.

Mr. Plumeri is the son of Josephine and the late Samuel J. Plumeri, Sr., a Trenton businessman, entrepreneur and community leader. His grandparents immigrated to the United States from Villalba, Sicily, and he grew up in a blue collar neighborhood in North Trenton, New Jersey. Speaking of his father, he said: “He never quit, and he always saw the good in everything. He was a dreamer, and because of my father ... I have an affection for people who are passionate.”

Mr. Plumeri’s corporate life started in 1968 in a part-time role at the small brokerage, Carter, Berlind & Weill, where he impressed one of the partners, Sandy Weill. Mr. Plumeri worked with Weill for over three decades as Weill’s small investment firm transformed, becoming part of Shearson, then American Express, Shearson Lehman Brothers, the Travelers Group and, finally, Citigroup. In 1999, Mr. Plumeri headed the integration of the consumer businesses of Travelers Group and Citicorp after the \$70 billion merger of the two firms. After a year as CEO of Citibank, North America, when the unit’s earnings soared from \$108 million to \$415 million, Mr. Plumeri entered what proved to be a very short-lived retirement. In 2000, he became Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the London-based Willis Group Holdings at the request of Henry Kravis and his company, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, which had just acquired Willis.

Mr. Plumeri quickly set about making plans to transform the long-established but sleepy Willis. Within a year of taking the helm, he took the company public. Following several years of astounding growth, he built a new London headquarters, acquired competitor Hilb Rogal & Hobbs in a massive \$2.1 billion merger to double Willis’s American presence and solidify its position as the world’s third largest insurance broker. He also negotiated a long-term lease – and naming rights – to what had previously been Sears Tower and is now Willis Tower, the tallest building in the Western Hemisphere.

Even amid the company’s many achievements, a threat loomed. An investigation in 2004 by then-New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer into broker compensation practices thrust Mr. Plumeri into the spotlight and onto the mantel of integrity, a plateau on which he remains perched. Willis took a principled stance at that



Joseph Plumeri

moment to disavow the practice of taking so-called ‘contingent commissions’ from insurance companies, putting Mr. Plumeri and his company ideologically at odds with his largest competitors. “I have always thought they were a conflict of interest, and still do. A client should trust their broker to be completely aligned with their interests, and contingent commissions blur that line. We wouldn’t take them even if we were allowed to. This company was the first to be transparent, the first not to take contingents and the first to create a client bill of rights.”

Along the way, after over three decades in the financial services industries, he also came to personify the promise and possibility of insurance even amid the global financial crisis of 2008 and 2009. “Insurance is the DNA of capitalism,” he said in a broadly reported speech in 2009. “Nothing would move, nothing would be built, nothing would happen without us,” he said. “Now, as capital providers and risk advisors in a world of no capital and huge risk, we have even more reasons to be proud and successful.”

Mr. Plumeri seems to travel the globe full time but still has strong ties to New York and New Jersey. He owns minor league baseball teams that are feeder clubs to the New York Yankees and Philadelphia Phillies. The Yankee Team, the Trenton Thunder, play in Samuel J. Plumeri, Sr. Field, which he named after his father.

Mr. Plumeri has been an active philanthropist. He committed \$2 million to establish the Plumeri Awards for Faculty Excellence at the College of William & Mary, his alma mater; funded the Joseph J. Plumeri Business Scholarship and created the Joseph J. Plumeri Endowment Fund for baseball scholarships at the college; and established the W&M/Plumeri Pro-Am Golf Tournament. He provided the largest gift ever made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation for the construction of the organization’s New Jersey Chapter Headquarters, now named the Samuel & Josephine Plumeri Wishing Place. He also contributed \$1 million to the College of St. Rose in Albany, New York, for the development of the school’s Christian Plumeri Sports Complex, which is named in honor of his late son; he also has served on the board of the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University since 1998, among many other philanthropic endeavors.

In many cases, Mr. Plumeri’s charitable giving ties in some way to his family and upbringing, which remains the heart and soul of his life. “Our parents and our grandparents came here with great hope and optimism,” Mr. Plumeri said at the Columbus Celebration Gala in 2008. “They helped build this country because they believed in it. They showed great leadership. The leadership we need today that is positive that gives us hope for the resiliency of this country, the greatness of this country. Italian-Americans need to be reborn the way our parents and grandparents were when they came here. That’s the leadership, that’s the legacy that we must provide – that is the greatness of this country.”

2010 Scholarship Donors

Adopt-A-Scholar Fund Now over \$8M

The year 2010 will go down as a great year for the Foundation's Adopt-A-Scholar Program. Through the generosity of our Members and friends, our scholarship fund is now over \$8 million.

In addition, the Foundation received donations from the Honorary Gala Co-Chairs in honor of our 2010 Grand Marshal, Maria Bartiromo. These donations enter the Foundation's restricted fund,

help build our corpus and create scholarships in the names of the benefactors or their loved ones.

In all cases, the donations are testimony to the extraordinary generosity of the Foundation's Members and friends, and the Foundation gratefully acknowledges their benevolence in support of education. The full listing of donors may be found in the beautifully crafted, engraved glass plaques outside the Taverna.

Perpetual Adopt-A-Scholar Donors 2010

- Joseph Ficalora**
The Ficalora Family Foundation Scholarship
- Enrico & Danielle Gaglioti**
The Gaglioti Family Scholarship
- Francesco & Mary Giambelli Foundation**
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- Maurice Greenberg**
The C.V. Starr Scholarship
- Robert La Penta**
The Nancy and John La Penta Scholarship
- Kenneth Langone**
The Kenneth and Elaine Langone Scholarship
- Rosana Mazzia**
The Rosana S. Mazzia Scholarship in Memory of the Late Valentino Mazzia, MD, JD
- Joseph Moglia**
The John and Frances Moglia Scholarship
- Joseph Plumeri**
The Christian Plumeri Scholarship
- Dr. Thomas P. and Cynthia D. Sculco**
The Dr. & Mrs. Thomas P. Sculco Scholarship
- Peter and Ann Sidoti**
The Eugene and Granddaughter Jean Marie Scholarship

Annual Adopt-A-Scholar Donors 2010

- Robert and Joan Alger**
The Robert & Joan Alger Scholarship
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The Mr. and Mrs. Perry P. Barb Scholarship
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The Classi and Bisconti Families Scholarship
- Virginia and Al Ferrara**
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- Frank Fortino**
The Fortino Family Scholarship in Memory of Santo Fortino

Annual Adopt-A-Scholar Donors 2010 (Continued)

- Mario Gabelli**
The Mario Gabelli Scholarship
- George Iacobescu**
The Canary Wharf Scholarship
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The Ann Loiacono-Love Scholarship
- David Pope**
The Generoso Pope Foundation Scholarship
- Charles S. and Courtney Rinaldi**
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The Caroline & Arthur Saladino Scholarship
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The Salvatore Family Foundation Scholarship
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Honorary Gala Co-Chair Donations

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The dozens of Foundation Members and friends of the Foundation - both individual and institutional - who have helped build the Adopt-A-Scholar program may be found on the plaque outside the Taverna.

Spotlight: Alfred T. DeMaria

Alfred T. DeMaria, an attorney, is rightly famous both within and outside the Foundation for crafting an innovative legal argument. The year was 2002 and New York's recently elected mayor decided to invite cast members from a television show to be his guests and march with him near the front of the Columbus Day Parade. The show was *The Sopranos*.



Alfred T. DeMaria

At the request of the Foundation, Mr. DeMaria went to court, and he made a simple argument. "*The Sopranos* represent a neurotic criminal enterprise," he said. "I argued that we own the parade, and we have the right to determine who is welcome and who is not welcome to lead the parade. The court granted the injunction." The mayor and his guests had a nice Columbus Day lunch. In the Bronx.

Within the Foundation, Mr. DeMaria has served on numerous committees and been

a member of the Board of Governors. In his business, as a partner at the law firm Clifton Budd & DeMaria, he exclusively represents management in labor and employment law for clients that range in size from Fortune 500 companies to doctors' offices. "The majority of lawsuits could be avoided if businesses sought guidance more regularly. The employment laws today are so nuanced and so technical, and the political environment so weighted towards employees, that it's almost impossible to negotiate the Bermuda Triangle of federal, state, and city laws without legal advice."

A large-hearted, energetic man, Mr. DeMaria takes on large scale projects for fun. He spent two years learning Italian, which he keeps up with continuing education courses. Now, he's asking each of his four grandchildren to take Italian in high school and in college.

For his parents 40th anniversary, he spent two years producing a 75 minute video, *The History of the DeMaria Family in the New World*. "I interviewed everyone in our family, and everyone tells their little piece on how they contributed to the family." His late mother, Francesca, a dress designer who came over from the small town of Salemi, Sicily, and his late father, Alfred, a first generation Italian-American who worked as a chiropractor, were thrilled.

Mr. DeMaria is married to Cindy, and he said, "I am blessed to have a supportive wife who, although she is not Italian by ancestry, has integrated so well that she might as well be Italian by birth."

Thinking back to 1992, the year he joined the Foundation, he said, "I'd reached a level of success in my life and career, and I wanted to more highly identify with my Italian heritage and ways of perpetuating it. The Italian customs and values, the comradery, working together to achieve common goals. Being part of the Columbus Citizens Foundation seemed – and I've since learned it is – a very good way of doing that."

Spotlight: Anthony M. Mallardi

Anthony Mallardi is one of the quiet heroes of the Foundation. He's been Co-Chair of the Columbus Celebration Journal Committee for over 10 years and spent countless hours making it a great success, with Co-Chair Anthony Giordano. How many hours has he put in? "I couldn't even begin to tell you that," he said. "I put in some time," he added, almost with a shrug.

The results have been telling. Mr. Mallardi would be the first to say it's a team effort, with a lot of people helping him and Mr. Girodano along the way. But the fact remains that since joining the Journal Committee, Mr. Mallardi has helped raise over \$7.7 million, leading to thousands of scholarships for deserving kids.

Mr. Mallardi's father, Rocco, is from Varese, his mother, Theresa, from Campania, and they met in the United States after emigrating. His father worked for the New York City subway system's IRT line. Mr. Mallardi still lives in New Rochelle, where he grew up, and he has two grown children and three grandchildren. When he's not

planning the next Gala Journal or reviewing prospective members for the Foundation's Membership Committee, he's taking care of his own businesses, Mallardi Realty, Absolute Renovation and Landscaping, and AAA Alternative Services, a staffing agency.

Joining the Foundation was a natural for Mr. Mallardi, who was introduced to the organization by his good friend, Louis Tallarini. After getting a tour of the Townhouse, sampling the Taverna, and meeting a few of the Members, Mr. Mallardi felt at home and was invited to become a member. Since then, he's visited Italy with Mr. Tallarini and watched the Fratelli Auriana team compete in the vintage sports car race, Mille Miglia, in Monaco.

"I've made a lot of great friendships through the Foundation, and I really enjoy the association with all the members, who

are so involved in many interesting fields," he said. But his greatest reward comes in working on the Journal.

Why does he take part in what he describes as "a never ending battle"? Mr. Mallardi said, "There but for the grace of God go all of us. Education is incredibly expensive today, and there are parents or grandparents working two and sometimes three jobs simply to keep above water, just like our parents or grandparents did. The students – the ones who work hard, who feel that strong bond to their Italian heritage and who give back to their community – deserve a shot at going to a good school. As



Anthony M. Mallardi

long as we've got some strength left, we'll keep punching for them."

AP Italian Reinstated Through Partnership between Republic of Italy and American Organizations

Lead Partner Columbus Citizens Foundation and Italian Language Foundation Cited for Remarkable Efforts

In a story heralded in the national press, the Advanced Placement Italian Language and Culture Program will be reinstated in the fall of 2011 and the AP Italian exam implemented in May 2012.

The advocacy effort to bring about reinstatement was led by Margaret I. Cuomo, M.D. and Louis A. Tallarini, president and chairman, respectively, of the Italian Language Foundation. (Mr. Tallarini is also past President and Chairman of the Columbus Citizens Foundation.) Established in 2005 following years of advocacy by Dr. Cuomo and her mother, former First Lady of New York State, Matilda Raffa Cuomo, AP Italian was suspended for financial reasons in 2009, a situation that Dr. Cuomo and Mr. Tallarini fought to rectify and, after emerging victorious, vowed would never happen again.

Dr. Cuomo was quoted in the *New York Times* stating, “If we’re living and breathing, we expect this program to continue. Now our real work begins, promoting the study of Italian and coordinating with the Republic of Italy on trips for teachers and professional development workshops.”

In coverage in the *Wall Street Journal*, Mary Pilon reported, “The exam will be offered through ‘a multi-year agreement that snowballs into the future,’ said Louis Tallarini, chairman of the Italian Language Foundation and the Columbus Citizens Foundation board of governors. ‘I know we’ll meet the thresholds.’”

In the same article, Ms. Pilon reported, “The effort to save the exam stretches back to a 2008 meeting in Rome between Italian government officials, Dr. Cuomo, Mr. Tallarini and former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo and his wife [Mrs. Cuomo]. The Italian government agreed to pay half the cost to have the exam reinstated, as long as the other half would be covered by Italian heritage groups.”

The Columbus Citizens Foundation was a lead American sponsor of the reinstatement effort, contributing \$500,000. Other American sponsors were the National Italian American Foundation, Order Sons of Italy in America, UNICO, the National Organization of Italian American Women, American Association of Teachers of Italian, the Coccia Foundation, among others. Several individuals made significant contributions to the effort, including Matilda Raffa Cuomo, and David Pope, a Foundation Member and president and chief executive officer of the Generoso Pope Foundation.

An equal partner in the effort by American organizations and individuals was the Republic of Italy and several companies based in Italy or with strong interests there, including ENI, FIAT, Finmeccanica, Luxottica, Mediterranean Shipping Company, and UniCredit.

In a statement provided to the *Washington Post*, which in its coverage of the story cited the Italian Language Foundation’s central role in the process, Italian Ambassador Giulio Terzi said, “Today is an important day for those who recognize the role of Italian language in the development of human society, economy and culture: Dante’s Italian in literature; Gaetano Filangieri’s in his letters to Benjamin Franklin on the U.S. Constitution; Federico Fellini’s and Pier Paolo Pasolini’s in modern cinematography; the Italian of Valentino in design and fashion; the Italian in science and technology spoken by Enrico Fermi and today by the 70 physicists working at the Fermilab in Illinois.”

AP Italian is administered by The College Board, a non-profit organization that also develops and oversees SAT and other college preparedness exams. In a statement issued on the occasion of the signing of the agreement to reinstate AP Italian, which was held at the Italian Cultural Center on November 10, 2010, College Board President, Gaston Caperton, said, “Much credit for the reinstatement of AP Italian is due to the vision, passion and energy of the Italian Language Foundation and its committed leaders, Dr. Margaret Cuomo and Mr. Louis Tallarini. They have worked closely and collaboratively with The College Board since 2008 to pave the way for the return of AP Italian, and students and teachers around the world who will benefit from AP Italian are indebted to the tireless efforts of the ILF.”



From left: Gov. Gaston Caperton, president, The College Board; Hon. Eugene Nardelli, member of the Board of Governors, the Columbus Citizens Foundation; Matilda Cuomo and Gov. Mario Cuomo, Italian language advocates; Margaret I. Cuomo, M.D., president, the Italian Language Foundation; Frank Fusaro, president, the Columbus Citizens Foundation; Louis Tallarini, chairman, the Columbus Citizens Foundation and the Italian Language Foundation.

Photo: Melane Ezig for the Italian Language Foundation.

Hear All About It: Speakers at the Townhouse

From culture to politics to investigative reporting on the world of finance, the Foundation continues to present remarkable and insightful discussions on the world at large.

Opera was on the minds of member Louis M. Barrella, MA, and his wife, Kathleen when they traveled to Italy in the summer of 2009. They returned with striking photographs of sites significant in the lives of Giuseppe Verdi and Giacomo Puccini. On June 17, 2010, Mr. Barrella brought to the Foundation *A Trip to Operatic Italy – An Audio Visual Presentation*. The evening was a musical travelogue that wove together great photographs and operatic performances in an illumination of the beauty and genius that is Italy.

citement. In *Italian Opera: A Celebration of Life*, an evening of audio and video selections and insightful narrative held on September 16, 2010, Mr. Barrella explored the libretti and minds and souls of composers who have given us some of the world's greatest works of art. But far from being an academic exercise, Mr. Barrella's commentary drew parallels, often amusing, between notable moments of the operatic canon and the experiences many people share today in their daily lives.

The weekend of September 12-14, 2008 sealed the fate of Lehman Brothers, eviscerated Merrill Lynch, and gutted AIG. Behind the scenes, bankers and government officials scrambled to keep the economy from total collapse and Foundation member Maria Bartiromo spent the entire weekend taking frantic phone calls from the most powerful players on Wall Street and in Washington. The anchor of CNBC's *Closing Bell with Maria Bartiromo* and the anchor and managing editor of the nationally syndicated *Wall Street Journal Report with Maria Bartiromo*, Ms. Bartiromo, with Catherine Whitney, retells the story of that historic weekend in her recent book, *The Weekend That Changed Wall Street: An Eyewitness Account*. On September 29, 2010, she shared her observations at the Foundation. As a stark counterpoint, Ms. Bartiromo also discussed her book, *The 10 Laws*

of *Enduring Success*, also written with Ms. Whitney, which identifies critical lessons in creating success, both financial and personal.

Greed and a fluid sense of ethics may have been fashionable in the 1980s, but no longer. That was one of the many messages that Anthony Scaramucci brought to the Foundation on October 18, 2010, during a book signing for his recent work, *Goodbye Gordon Gekko: How to Find Your Fortune Without Losing Your Soul*. Founder and managing partner of SkyBridge Capital LLC and a frequent contributor on CNBC's *Fast Money TV* show, Mr. Scaramucci argued that greed leads good people to make systematically worse decisions until they can no longer be called "good" at all.



Anthony Scaramucci

Anyone listening to President Barack Obama criticize Wall Street "fat cats" would think that Mr. Obama is out to get big business. Not so, argues award-winning reporter and bestselling author Charles Gasparino in his recent book, *Bought and Paid For: The Unholy Alliance Between Barack Obama and Wall Street*. On November 4, 2010, Mr. Gasparino discussed his exposé of deep ties between the Obama administration and big banks that led to the rescue of the very financial institutions that precipitated the credit crisis, even as small businesses and ordinary Americans were being crushed by higher taxes and irresponsible spending.



Joseph DioGuardi

Few people know the United States Congress – the good, the bad and the ugly – as well as member and former New York Congressman Joseph J. DioGuardi, CPA. On September 14, 2010, Mr. DioGuardi held a book signing of the new edition of *Unaccountable Congress: It Doesn't Add*

Up. Drawing on his expertise in the field of finance, Mr. DioGuardi discussed accounting gimmickry, phony budgeting practices and the need for – and practical solutions to achieve – honest and practical standards in the halls of our nation's Capitol.

No art form surpasses opera for both intellectual stimulation and emotional ex-



Upcoming Events

More great events are in store for members at the Foundation this spring and summer. A brief list follows.

April

Sponsor Award Ceremony
April 14, 2011
Easter Dinner
April 24, 2011
Musical Event
April 29, 2011

May

Mother's Day Luncheon
May 8, 2011
Ladies' Spring Luncheon
May 10, 2011

May (continued)

Young Adults' Spring Social
May 11, 2011
Columbus Citizens at Yankee Stadium
May 20, 2011
Musical Evening: *Alfio*
May 25, 2011

June

Neapolitan Singer Antonio Guarna
June 9, 2011
Movie Showing: *Il Postino*
June 23, 2011

July

Shore Dinner
July 21, 2011

Taverna Closings:

Memorial Day Weekend:
May 28-30, 2011

4th of July Weekend:
July 2-4, 2011

The Angel of Angels

Founding Member and past Foundation President John Loconsolo is known among a remarkable group of people – nuns in New York City – as “the angel of angels.” The grateful and affectionate nickname grew out of Mr. Loconsolo’s generosity through the Be an Angel to a Student Program of the Diocese of Brooklyn’s Futures in Education Foundation.

This year, according to an article in the December 26, 2010 edition of the *New York Daily News*, Mr. Loconsolo helped pay for the tuition of 41 Catholic school students in Brooklyn and Queens. The acts of philanthropy, the *Daily News* reported, are “something the Brooklyn investor and real estate developer has been doing for more than a decade.”

The article cited student Michael Brooks, whose education was imperiled after he was diagnosed with epilepsy and the medical bills were becoming too much for his single mother, Michelle Brooks, who works as a receptionist. Mr. Loconsolo stepped in to allow Michael to continue his education at St. Agatha’s Catholic School in Sunset Park, and now his kindness is remembered every year at Thanksgiving. Mrs. Brooks described Mr. Loconsolo as “part of the family” and said her son always



‘Angel’ John Loconsolo and Be an Angel to a Student Program leader Clarissa Elgarten with Little Flower School students.

mentions him when they go around the table at Thanksgiving and talk about what they’re thankful for. [Michael] will say - his Pokemon cards [and] Mr. John,” the *News* reported, invoking the name by which her son knows Mr. Loconsolo.

“I think it’s very important that children get the right education in a safe environment,” said Mr. Loconsolo, who has lost count of how many students he has helped. “We just want to help them.” ♦



From left: Past President and past Chairman Lawrence Auriana, President Frank Fusaro, artist Greg Wyatt, and Chairman Louis Tallarini at the unveiling of Mr. Wyatt’s marble sculpture, *Eternal Spring*. An exhibition of Mr. Wyatt’s works entitled *Italy Inspirations* is up at the Foundation until March 31, 2011.

Foundation Member Receives Prestigious Catherine de’Medici Award

Cav. **Giuliana Ridolfi Cardillo**, who for several years has been Co-Chair with Board Chairman Louis Tallarini of the Foundation’s Italian Affairs Committee, received the Catherine de’Medici Award on October 3, 2010.



Presented at the Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden’s Third Annual Italian Gala (Snug Harbor is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institute), the award is given to individuals who embody and champion Italian culture. The event began with cocktails and hors d’oeuvres at the Richmond County Savings Foundation Tuscan Garden and was followed by dinner in the Great Hall. Following the event, Ms. Ridolfi said, “Many years ago when I left Tuscany, I would have never imagined that one day, in the most powerful country in the world and in a beautiful garden that recalls my native home, I would be surrounded by my dearest friends, my daughter and my grandson and be presented with such a wonderful honor.” ♦

Prominent Anesthesiologist and Lawyer Remembered in Adopt-A-Scholar Donation

The late Valentino D. B. Mazzia grew up in circumstances of modest means. The son of a tailor and the woman who was Mary Martin's dresser, Dr. Mazzia was unable to afford tuition at an elite private college. He attended City College and later graduated from New York University medical school, where he trained as an anesthesiologist.

In time, he became chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology at the New York University School of Medicine and co-authored a book on anesthesiology. From 1961 to 1972, before he turned to law, he worked with Dr. Michael Baden, a forensic pathologist and a longtime friend, and Dr. Milton Helpert, New York City's Chief Medical Examiner.

In a New York Times obituary from 1999, Dr. Mazzia was described as "a pioneer in the investigation of operating room deaths in New York." In the same story, Dr. Baden was quoted, "His greatest contribution was helping to create the specialty of forensic anesthesiology by actually going to the scene, which was the operating room, to see if something went wrong. He would go in and say, 'You can't use this room until it is checked out,' if there was a death. He investigated on the spot and not later from a file." Dr. Baden said

that Dr. Mazzia's work led to improvements in anesthesiology and surgical procedures in operating rooms around the world.

What gave teeth to Dr. Mazzia's approach is that he later earned a doctor of jurisprudence and became a medical malpractice lawyer. Dr. Mazzia's widow, Rosana S. Mazzia, said her late husband was of a generation of doctors who performed house calls and "would spend the night at the hospital to keep on eye on a patient." As times and practices changed, he felt that the well-being of patients was sometimes being overlooked. Although he turned down many more medical malpractice cases than he took on, he did not shy away from taking on cases that revealed evidence of gross neglect. Mrs. Mazzia recalled a case in which "a child went to a hospital for routine surgery and came out brain damaged."

In one famous case, Dr. Mazzia worked with the prosecution in the murder trial of Dr. Carl Coppolino, who was convicted of killing his wife by administering a muscle-relaxing drug.

Dr. Mazzia was never a member of the Foundation. Mrs. Mazzia, sponsored by Licia Albanese and Barbara Testa, joined in 2003, and has since become a good friend of Foundation Members Lawrence Auriana and Angelo Vivolo. In December 2010, she endowed a \$100,000 College Scholarship in memory of her husband Valentino Mazzia, MD, JD.

"My husband was very shy," Mrs. Mazzia said. "His life was books, journals, the library – he had over 2,500 titles in our study. He was very dedicated to medicine and to law, and he never abandoned the arts. He was a lover of opera. Probably because he came from a family that didn't have money, he wanted to educate himself. I wanted to make this donation because although he was very modest, he deserved to be recognized. I am delighted that there is now a scholarship in his name. He loved helping people, and I know he would have loved helping the students in the Adopt-A-Scholar program." ♦



Rosana S. Mazzia

In Brief

Beatrice Favino, owner of several companies, including Tundra Properties, Inc., an investment firm, was honored with a 2010 "Best of New York" Award of Excellence by the Italian Tribune. Cited as someone who has "honored our Italian American heritage, culture, and traditions," Ms. Favino was praised for her "outstanding reputation as a woman whose word is her bond and whose handshake is more trusted than a signed contract." A long-standing Member of the Foundation, Ms. Favino served as a member of the Board of Governors for six years and as Co-Chair of the Membership Committee for many years.

John M. Puppo was invested as a Knight into the Sovereign Order of Malta (American Association) by Archbishop Timothy Dolan. The investiture took place on November 12, 2010 at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in New York City, and the ceremony was followed by a dinner at The Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Mr. Puppo is also a Knight Commander in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. ♦

Correction

In a news item in the Foundation News section of the Fall 2010 *Il Giornale* announcing that RoseMarie Gallina-Santangelo had been elevated to the distinguished rank of Grande Ufficiale, Ordine della Stella della Solidarieta' Italiana (Grand Official in the Order of the Star of Solidarity) of the Republic of Italy, the name of her husband was incorrectly identified. He is Michael Santangelo, not Bernard. ♦



Geraldine Ferraro

Geraldine Ferraro (August 26, 1935 – March 26, 2011) was a criminal prosecutor, served six years in the U.S. Congress and was the first female vice presidential candidate of a major political party, in 1984. A New York native, Ms. Ferraro taught kindergarten before receiving her law degree and was a homemaker until her children were grown, when she entered politics. On accepting the vice presidential nomination, Ms. Ferraro spoke for all women when she said, "If we can do this, we can do anything." Ms. Ferraro was fearless, devoted to her constituents, and sharp as a whip. She is survived by her husband, three children and eight grandchildren. We are proud to honor Ms. Ferraro's achievements, drive and long record of service, and we mourn her passing.

Kara DioGuardi Receives Music Industry Award

Kara DioGuardi added to her growing string of music awards, *American Songwriter* reported in January. The Music for Life Award, presented by the National Association of Music Merchants, bestowed the award in honor of Ms. DioGuardi's musical achievements and boundless contributions to the music industry and education. Past award winners include Quincy Jones, Yoko Ono and former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee.



Kara DioGuardi

Co-founder with Stephen Finfer of the multi-faceted music publishing company Arthouse Entertainment, Ms. DioGuardi's songs have appeared on more than 150 million albums, is a Grammy-nominated hit maker, 2007 BMI Pop Songwriter of the Year and has received 15 BMI Awards for co-writing the most performed songs on radio. Among the dozens of major artists who have recorded Ms. DioGuardi's songs are Carrie Underwood, Christina Aguilera, Gwen Stefani, Kelly Clarkson, and Celine Dion.

The *American Songwriter* story noted that Ms. DioGuardi, whose father Joseph DioGuardi is a Foundation Member, has raised funds to benefit Phoenix House and established "a scholarship fund in her family's name, in conjunction with Columbus Citizens Foundation." ♦

Board of Governors Annual Meeting

The annual Board of Governors meeting, held on November 30, 2010, saw a small changing of the guard. After completing two three-year terms, Alfred T. De Maria's tenure expired, and Anthony Dolce was elected to fill his seat. Earlier in the year, Hon. Richard Greco, Jr., resigned from the Board, and Anthony J. Marino was appointed to fill the vacant seat.

And in a welcome move, the Board voted to add to the Constitution a provision that extends honorary Membership to the Police Commissioner and the Fire Commissioner of the City of New York. The Board and Foundation are delighted that Ray Kelly and Salvatore Cassano are now Honorary Members. ♦

Foundation Member Named National Italian Teacher of the Year

Professor **Frank A. Campione**, J.D., is the recipient of the 2010 National Italian Teacher of the Year Award, which was presented by the National Italian American Foundation. Professor Campione teaches Italian at Nottingham High School in Hamilton Township, NJ, and Italian and Italian Cinema at Ocean County College, Toms River, NJ. The award is given in recognition of an outstanding educator in Italian language and culture. Professor Campione received the award on October 23, 2010. The award provides an all-expense paid trip to Perugia, Italy, where Professor Campione will attend the University of Perugia for Foreigners, the highly regarded institution involved in teaching and research activities. ♦



Frank Campione receiving the 2010 National Italian Teacher of the Year Award from Matthew J. DiDomenico, Sr., NIAF senior executive director. Dr. Gail Campione, Mr. Campione's spouse, is to his left.

Prestigious Appointment for Marc Sabatine

Marc S. Sabatine, M.D. became Chairman of the TIMI (Thrombolysis in Myocardial Infarction) Study Group at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School. The son of **Matt and Lee Sabatine**, Dr. Sabatine now oversees a staff of close to 200 employees and more than 50 clinical trials that are helping to shape the practice of modern cardiovascular medicine. He is also an Associate Physician in Cardiovascular Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital and an Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. ♦

Founding Member Celebrates His 80th



Cesar and Theresa Taormina

Founding Member **Cesar Taormina** – who in 1967 identified the Townhouse as the ideal location for the Foundation's new home – celebrated his 80th birthday on July 27, 2010. Among the over 100 people attending the celebration were his wife Theresa, their three children Joseph, Maria Elena, and Elizabeth, and son-in-law James. Foundation Members in attendance were Prof. **Ottavio Arancio** Mr. **Charles Blaisdell**, Dr. and Mrs. **Peter Calabretta**, Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Castiglione**, Mr. and Mrs. **Peter Cuttita**, Ms. **Beatrice Favino**, Mr. **Frank Fusaro**, Mr. and Mrs. **Joseph Licata**, Mrs. **Amelia Massimi**, Mrs. and Mrs. **Joseph Mattone**, Mrs. **Rosana Mazzia**, Mr. and Mrs. **Felix Petrillo**, Ms. **Babe Rizzuto**, Mr. and Mrs. **Michael Santangelo**, and Ms. **Barbara Testa**. Although unable to attend the celebration itself, Mrs. Maria Theresa Fauci handled decorating with grace and élan, as ever. Other guests included Monsignor Jamie Gigantiello, Monsignor David Cossatta, Father Tracy Berney, Hon. Dominic R. Massaro, and Hon. Judge Golio. ♦

'50s Night

Anklet socks, pompadours, and high spirits overran the Townhouse on November 19, 2010, on '50s night. ♦



Festivities at the Foundation

A variety of events filled the calendar as 2010 wound down to a close, and what better place to celebrate than the Foundation, with the amenities of the Townhouse, the superb cuisine, and the exceptional companionship.

The Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon, held on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, brought together members of the Auxiliary who throughout the year network and further the Foundation's mission and goals. The Children's Christmas

Party, on December 5, 2010, gave the Children of Foundation Members a chance to socialize, let Santa know that they'd been very good, and engage in traditional holiday activities that predate the invention of electricity – and the Xbox and Wii. The Members' Christmas Party, on December 11, 2010, was filled with caroling, merriment, and good cheer as scores of Foundation Members filled the beautifully decked-out Townhouse. And whimsy and fantasy were among the themes of the annual New Year's Eve Party, as Members rang out 2010 and toasted 2011. ♦



Bea Tusiani, Geraldine DiCostanzo, and Celeste Marchione-Maltzman review the offerings at the Ladies Auxiliary Christmas luncheon. Ladies Auxiliary officers Marcia Gardini, JoAnne Sylva, Denise Vivolo and Nancy Barb.



Santa was on hand for the Foundation's annual Children's Christmas party, along with traditional activities.



Dozens of members rang in 2011 at the Foundation's annual New Year's Eve party, including, at right, Carol and Frank Fusaro. Below, from left: Denise Vivolo, Mary Bianchino, Irene Auriana and Jeanette Civale.



Alfred T. DeMaria, with microphone, sets the joyous tone of the Foundation Christmas party. Mr. DeMaria with carolers Cynthia Germanotta, Lyn-Miriam Ingenito, Nancy Cuttita, Cleveland and Gail Guy, Valerie Fichera, and Francine Maniscalco.



Navigating Buyers and Developers Through New Construction Deals

Foundation Member John M. Desiderio recently co-authored an article printed on May 3, 2010 in the prestigious New York Law Journal on strategies and tactics that buyers of condominiums may use should the developer fail to deliver a condo as promised. An attorney in the Manhattan-based law firm, Adam Leitman Bailey, P.C., Mr. Desiderio and co-author Adam Leitman Bailey drew on their experience with over 100 clients to outline problematic issues that grew out of the condo boom in Manhattan. Mr. Desiderio is the Chair of the Real Estate Litigation Practice Group of the firm, and Mr. Bailey is the firm's founding partner. The extensive article on the detailed subject has been highly abridged to fit the space allotted here and is being published without endnotes or specific citations to relevant cases. The full article may be found at www.alblawfirm.com/NavigatingBuyers.

In late 2008, the real estate sky had started to fall and fall quickly. As a result of the loss of financing and wages, many purchasers in contract to buy a unit in a newly constructed building were either no longer able or willing to close on their units. The perfect real estate storm became a hurricane when many developers no longer had the capital to deliver the building as promised in the marketing materials.

Since neither financial hardship nor changed economic circumstances provide legal grounds for rescinding valid contracts, real estate lawyers enmeshed in this unprecedented set of circumstances, which continue to affect the current market, utilized the legal tools available to them—sophisticated laws and technical arguments from a detailed analysis of legal documents and offering plans—to spur negotiations that would lead to closings, wherever possible, despite the crisis.

The most adept developers realized that, even if a discount had to be made to close a deal, a sizable portion of their loan could be paid off with the sale of each unit. The available legal tools became opportunities for both sides to negotiate.

The Contract Terms

The most obvious tool to reverse a deal is the buyer's contract itself. The typical condo purchase agreement is designed to bind buyers to the deal and force them to close as early as possible after the issuance of the Temporary Certificate of Occupancy.

Typically, buyers find themselves forced to close when the building and its promised amenities, in their view, are still in a construction mode. Nevertheless, the condo contract does provide the buyer with one very significant right—the right to a pre-closing inspection of the premises—that may enable the buyer to identify a basis for rescinding the deal. Demand should always be made that the official walk-through include an inspection of the building's roof and other common elements.

Sponsors can be expected also to characterize the demand for such an inspection as a “fishing expedition” intended for no other purpose than to find an “excuse” for not closing. But recently, in *Alligory Business Ltd. v. 86th & 3rd Owner LLC* and *Related 86th & 3rd Owner LLC*, New York County Supreme Court held (a) that the condo buyers' causes of action for breach of purchase agreement, rescission, and refund of their deposits, for sponsor's refusal to allow inspection of the common elements, could proceed, and (b) that “if plaintiffs prove an entitlement to inspection of the restricted areas, and upon inspection find material noncompliance with the plans and specifications of the building, they may seek to recover damages proved.” (The authors' firm represents the buyers in *Alligory*.)

The Martin Act

Although buyers may not sue to rescind their contracts due “solely” for omissions from the offering plan of any required disclosures, buyers may nevertheless seek refunds of their deposits under terms in their contracts and offering plans that are mandated by the Martin Act and the Attorney General's implementing regulations.

Sponsors must offer the right of rescission for failing to meet certain deadlines, and some sponsors have appeared to speed up construction which often results in shoddy finishing that causes great dissatisfaction and cause for complaint even among buyers who do not wish to back out of their contracts. To avoid offering the right of rescission in some cases, developers may hold a “first closing” within the deadline period with an “insider” friend of the sponsor, which is therefore a sham closing. Where such sham first closings can be documented, rescission of all contracts necessarily follows.



John M. Desiderio

Interstate Land Sales Act (“ILSA”)

In 2009, buyers' attorneys in New York, for almost the first time in nearly forty years, had reason to seek the protections and remedies provided to their clients by ILSA, a federal consumer protection statute that is intended to protect purchasers of new residential housing that purchasers contract to buy prior to the completion of construction. Where ILSA applies, sponsors who have violated its provisions are liable to refund all of the moneys received from buyers who revoke their contracts within two years of the contract's execution date.

ILSA had been virtually unknown to most New York real estate attorneys since its initial enactment in 1968. There is not yet an authoritative body of New York federal or state case law interpreting ILSA's application to New York real estate transactions. Whether newly constructed New York condominiums are exempt from ILSA is a question that is currently being litigated in New York courts and will be decided over the next few years.

Conclusion

New York real estate attorneys have used each of the legal tools noted in this article to negotiate substantial price discounts and partial deposit refunds for their buyer clients. Faced with meeting urgent financial obligations to construction lenders, and needing to complete the most sales possible, to avoid possible bankruptcy and loss of their investments, many developers have been willing to negotiate substantial contract price reductions.

New Members



John V. Cioffi
Chairman,
Membership
Committee

The past several months, we have welcomed 13 new Members to our Foundation. I am delighted that recent Columbus Celebration Honoree Frank Bisignano joined the Foundation. Like each of the other new members, Mr. Bisignano recognized the great effort our Foundation puts into its cultural and philanthropic programs and wanted to be part of a community proud of its heritage and determined to improve the prospects of young men and women who have the drive and capacity to take advantage of a great education but not the means to afford one.

There are undoubtedly numerous other leaders in various professions who, like Mr. Bisignano, would appreciate our efforts. I encourage all Members to inform people who would be suitable candidates for Membership about the Foundation – the Taverna, our cultural evenings, the camaraderie, and the Townhouse as a superb location for special events – and the satisfaction that comes with helping others. As many of you know, we are now regularly hosting prospective Member dinners that give candidates first-hand insights into the Foundation.

I would like to thank the distinguished lady and gentlemen of the Membership Committee who selflessly review applications and do so much to represent the Foundation. If you would like to invite someone to the dinner or if you know of someone who would be a good candidate for our community, please contact Millie Aponte or Lisa F. LoRusso for assistance at 212.249.9923.

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Frank Bisignano is the Chief Administrative Officer at JP Morgan Chase. He is affiliated with many organizations, including National September 11 Memorial, Cathedral of St. Patrick, The Battery Conservancy, Pencil, NPower NY,

and BMCC Foundation. Mr. Bisignano has received several honors, including the 2010 Corporate Chairman for the New York Walk for The Alliance for Lupus Research, Chair of the 2010 Alzheimer's Association Gala, Chair of the 2010 National Eating Disorders Association Gala. Mr. Bisignano was an Honoree in the 2010 Columbus Celebration and is a proud Italian-American.



Mark L. De Fazio, M.D. is a physician at De Fazio Obstetrics & Gynecology. He traces his ancestry to his grandparents, who are from Cesenatico, Emilia-Romagna; Nazzano, Lazio; Naples, Campagna; and Bari,

Puglia. Dr. De Fazio is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Morgagni Medical Society and an Executive Council Member of NIAF. Dr. De Fazio is immensely proud of his heritage and looks forward to helping Italian-American students achieve their goals and celebrate their heritage.



Michael A. DeRose is the CEO and President of Park Avenue Venture Group Ltd. His paternal grandparents are from Naples. His maternal grandparents are from Sicily. Mr. DeRose is currently affiliated with the Core Club

and the Grand Havana Room, and was previously a member of the Friars Club. His parents were members of several Italian-American organizations when he was a child, and he feels most comfortable being involved in events involving his ancestry.



Todd A. Carnevale is a Managing Director and Trader at Jefferies. He is a fourth generation Italian-American who can trace his ancestry to Benevento, Palermo, Giglio, Calabria, and Naples. Mr. Carnevale volunteers and fundraises

for the Special Olympics, and his wife is a committee member for the Perlman Cup Golf Tournament. He is attracted to the Foundation's philanthropic goals and would like to contribute to them.



Arthur R. DeGaetano is a Portfolio Manager at GLG Partners, located in Manhattan. His Italian ancestry is from his father's side; his grandparents immigrated from Palermo, Sicily and Calabria in the early

1900s. Mr. DeGaetano is a part of the DeGaetano Foundation, a family scholarship organization, and a member of the Presidential Council of and a contributor to Don Bosco Prep High School. He is looking forward to actively participating in the Foundation through its various events and Committees and helping promote Italian-American heritage and pride.



Enrico S. Gaglioti is a Partner and Managing Director at Goldman Sachs. Both of his parents were born in Calabria, Italy. Mr. Gaglioti is a Don Bosco Prep board member, a James Madison University

EAC member, and a US Soccer Foundation board member. He is also the founder of Give & Learn and serves on its board. He was an honoree at the 2008 Italian-American Museum Gala and is in the Don Bosco Prep Hall of Fame. Mr. Gaglioti would like to join the Foundation to meet other Italian-Americans in the metro area who share his love of the culture and the history. He expects to further the Foundation's initiatives with contributions.



Nicholas A. Gravante, Jr. is General Counsel at Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP, where he also serves as Administrative Partner of the New York City office. All four of his grandparents are of Sicilian descent. Mr.

Gravante serves as a trustee for the Brooklyn Public Library and for the Community Service Society of New York. He was also recently selected as one of Lawdragon's 500 Leading Lawyers in America. Mr. Gravante wants to pursue philanthropic activities and believes that the Foundation would be a perfect platform to do so.



Robert F. Marano is the President, CEO, and Founder of Indorse Technologies and a past Foundation scholarship recipient who has since employed two other scholarship recipients. His father and mother's families are both from

Avellino. Mr. Marano has been active in alumni organizations of both Cooper Union and the University of Pennsylvania. He appreciates what the Foundation offers both Italian-Americans and New York City and would like to further represent Italian Americans by joining the Foundation.



Sisto Martello is an Architect and Code Consultant at Design 2147, Ltd. Both he and his wife are second-generation Italians. Mr. Martello was the former president and activity board member of the North Stamford

Exchange and was named Man of the Year. He joins the Foundation because he is proud of his heritage and would like to share from his many life experiences.



John J. Minio is a former Managing Director at Spear, Leeds and Kellogg, from which he retired in 2002. He now devotes his time serving as co-chairman of the Babies Heart Fund, an organization

that he has devoted over 20 years of service towards, and was honored in 2007 for his long-standing commitment. Mr. Minio is a first generation Italian-American whose parents were born in Agrigento. He is very proud of his Italian heritage, and enjoys returning to Italy with his children to

teach them about their heritage and family history. Mr. Minio is looking forward to being affiliated with a Foundation that will allow him to support the Italian culture.



Howard Anthony Riina, M.D. is Director of the Neurological Surgery Training Program and Co-Director of Inter-ventual Neuroradiology at the Weill Medical College of Cornell University, New York Presbyterian Hospital.

His paternal grandfather is from Palermo, Sicily. Dr. Riina is a Medical Director at the Charles Maddock Foundation and is affiliated with various professional associations. Dr. Riina is very proud of his Italian-American heritage and believes very strongly that it has helped him succeed in neurological surgery. He hopes to encourage young Italian-Americans to pursue careers in medicine and surgery.



Domenick J. Schinco is Senior Vice President and Architect at Design 2147 Ltd. His parents were born in Bari, Italy. Mr. Schinco is on the journal committee of Catholic Charities Nursing Homes and is a financial sponsor

of St. Jude's Disabled American Veterans Special Olympics. He is also affiliated with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Association, Little Sisters of the Poor, and the National American Italian Foundation. Mr. Schinco is proud of his culture and is grateful for all the opportunities bestowed upon him and wants to share some of his good fortune.



Joseph A. Tato is a Partner at Dewey & LeBoeuf. His paternal ancestry stems from Potenza, and his maternal ancestry is from Cava de' Tirreni and Calabria. Mr. Tato has served as co-chair of the Amherst

College Senior Gift Committee 2008-2009, and the Bates College Class of 2012 Parents Fund. He also was a sponsor for the Summit Supports Our Troops Annual Golf Outing. Mr. Tato and his wife are proud of their Italian heritage and look forward to attending the Foundation's cultural programs. He has been involved in fundraising for both of his daughters, and he understands the importance of scholarships to deserving students.

In Memoriam

Vincent J. Peters, Founding Member and Former President of the Columbus Citizens Foundation from 1974 to 1977, passed away on March 20. He was 88 years old. Mr. Peters was born in Brooklyn in 1922, and worked at Cushman & Wakefield after graduating from high school at age 17. During World War II he joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served four years, including two years fighting in the Pacific. He was dedicated to a wide variety of charitable endeavors. Mr. Peters is survived by his wife Toni, two children, Judy and Eric, as well as his grandchildren, Aron and Laura.

Eleanor DePaoli-Bellucci, wife of the late **Dr. Richard Bellucci**, passed away Wednesday, March 23.

Nancy Cirillo, wife of Founding Member **Peter Cirillo**, passed away on February 4, 2011 at the age of 96.

Angelina Corraera, sister of **Anthony Corraera**, passed away on September 7, 2010.

Theodore Dalmazio, father of **Paul Dalmazio**, passed away on November 11, 2010.

Mary A. Guccione, mother of **Mary Anne Fusco**, passed away last fall. Mrs. Guccione is survived by her daughter, her two grandsons and their wives, Mark and JeanMarie Fusco and Bradley and Maritza Fusco, and her two great-granddaughters, Paola and Augustina.

Rose Marie Pascucci, mother of **Joseph E. Pascucci**, passed away on September 17, 2010. Mrs. Pascucci, who was 85 years old, is survived by her children, Joseph E. Pascucci, Robert M. Pascucci, Rosemary Pascucci, and Ronald M. Pascucci and by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jessie Pessolano, mother of **Mary Ann Mattone**, passed away on January 11, 2011.

Maria Rizzi, mother-in-law of **Frank Calabro** and mother of Ladies Auxiliary Member **Antoinette Calabro**, passed away on October 2, 2010.

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