

# ITALEO Newsletter



*"Supporting those who protect us"*

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

### 2026 MEMBERSHIP DUE

It's time to renew your  
ITALEO Membership

[Click Here](#)

To Pay Online

To stay current/up to date, please  
remember to pay by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

## UPCOMING MEETING

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 3, 2026

6:00 PM

Sicilian Sports Club

1296 E. Ridge Rd.

Rochester, NY

RSVP by 2/27/2026

[CLICK HERE](#)

## NEXT EVENT

### CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISER

March 28, 2026

Italian American  
Community Center

5-6 PM Cocktail Hour

6-9 PM Play Time

9-10 PM Check Presentation

& Raffle Prizes



## Stand with our RPD Heroes

Consider Making a Donation for the 3 RPD Officers Shot

### Injured Officers Fund

Just days before Christmas, three Rochester police officers were shot while protecting our community.

They responded to a call for help, doing what they swore to do – running toward danger so others don't have to. In an instant, their lives and the lives of their families were forever changed. One officer has been treated and released. Two others continue to recover after multiple surgeries. This holiday season, instead of celebration, these families are facing hospital rooms, uncertainty, and long roads to healing.

### Stand With Those Who Protect Us

ITALEO is committed to supporting these officers and their families during this difficult time. One hundred percent of all donations go directly to the officers and their families, helping ease financial burdens so they can focus on recovery.

Now is the time to turn gratitude into action. Please consider donating and sharing this message. Together, we can show our support when it matters most.

DONATION PAGE LINK  
[CLICK HERE](#)



## AAA Defensive Driving Class



Our very own, Frank DiPrimo, will be holding another of AAA class for friends and family.

This class will reduce your insurance policy's liability coverage by 10% for 36 months for the driver who has a car assigned to them on the policy. This includes multiple drivers on the same policy. These days it's a big savings!

The class will be held Saturday, February 28th beginning at 9am at the Rochester Police Locust Club, 1435 Lexington Ave 14606. The cost is \$39.00 per person.

Please email [frankdiprimo@yahoo.com](mailto:frankdiprimo@yahoo.com) and provide the names of all drivers attending. When providing names, please use names as they appear on their driver's license.

Please bring a check or cash (exact amount) the day of the class. Payments will be taken that day before class starts.

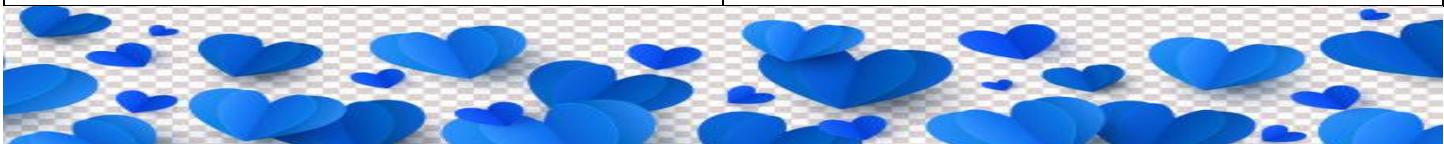
### Required Items

Bring a pen and your driver's license.

### Optional Items

Food or drink.

Any questions please contact Frank DiPrimo at 585-727-1986.





## ITALEO is partnering with ARPALER for Casino Night "ALL IN FOR RPD"

Just days before Christmas, three police officers, Officer Jacob Goodenbury, Officer Jaylon Taylor and Officer Christopher Shingleton were shot while protecting our community. They responded to a call for assistance, fulfilling the oath they took by running toward danger so others would not have to. In an instant, their lives and the lives of their families were changed. While each officer faces a long road to recovery, we are grateful to share that all three officers have safely returned home. Stand with those who protect us.

ITALEO and ARPALER remain committed to supporting these officers and their families during this incredibly difficult time. One hundred percent of all donations go directly to the officers and their families, helping to ease financial burdens so they can focus on what matters most, recovery.

**Please join us for Casino Night "ALL IN FOR RPD"**

TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE/BUY TICKETS ONLINE: <https://www.italeo.org/event-details/casino-night-all-in-for-rpd>

DEADLINE TO PURCHASE TICKETS TO THE EVENT: **March 18, 2026**

DEADLINE FOR SPONSORSHIPS: **March 25, 2026**

IF PAYING BY CHECK, PLEASE MAKE PAYABLE TO **ITALEO, INC.**

**MAIL TO:**  
**PO Box 17344**  
**Rochester, NY 14617**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL US: [italeorochester@gmail.com](mailto:italeorochester@gmail.com)

**SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES**

**PLATINUM \$1,000**

4 FREE CASINO NIGHT TICKETS  
ROULETTE & CRAPS TABLE SPONSORSHIP  
TV MONITOR LOGO DISPLAYED THROUGHOUT THE EVENING  
MC RECOGNITION  
WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA RECOGNITION

**DIAMOND \$500**

2 FREE CASINO NIGHT TICKETS  
BLACKJACK, THREE CARD POKER OR TEXAS HOLDEM TABLE SPONSORSHIP  
TV MONITOR LOGO DISPLAYED THROUGHOUT THE EVENING  
WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA RECOGNITION

**GOLD \$250**

1 FREE CASINO NIGHT TICKET  
TV MONITOR LOGO DISPLAYED THROUGHOUT THE EVENING  
WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA RECOGNITION

**SPONSORSHIP DEADLINE - MARCH 25TH**

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**ITALEO Delivers Awards:**

Det. Matt Klein, Officer Chris Shingleton & Det. Mario Correia

**Congratulations, gentlemen!**

President Franco and Vice President DiFante had the honor of personally delivering the Peacemaker's Award to RPD Officer Chris Shingleton, who was unable to attend the ITALEO Christmas Party after being shot in the line of duty the night before the event. The award presentation served as a meaningful opportunity to recognize Officer Shingleton's courage, service, and dedication.

During the visit, Detective Correia was also presented with his Peacemaker's Award, and Detective Klein joined in the recognition. They all expressed their appreciation for the support and acknowledgment from ITALEO. It was a heartfelt moment that underscored the importance of standing together in support of those who serve and protect our community.

**Scholarship Corner:**

*Featuring Gianna Jackson, one of our 2024 Sharon Rivaldo Memorial Scholarship recipients.*

Gianna successfully completed her first semester at SUNY Oswego and has truly enjoyed settling into college life. As an Early Childhood Education major, she has demonstrated a strong commitment to both her academic studies and her involvement in campus life. Gianna has actively participated in a variety of campus events, including the Torchlight Ceremony, open mic nights, and several residence hall activities. Gianna especially enjoys attending hockey games with her new friends and is excited to join the Alpha Delta Eta sorority next semester!

*Gianna, ITALEO, wishes you much success in your endeavors.*

*Thank you, Heidi, for sharing this update on your daughter.*

## Message from Pres. Franco:

Thank you to everyone who donated to sponsor me for the Special Olympics Polar Plunge. Your support truly makes a difference, and I'm so grateful for each of you!



## Upcoming Events:

DATE	EVENT
February 1 <sup>st</sup> Support President Franco & Special Olympics	<b>Polar Plunge</b> <b>Ontario Beach Park</b> <b>12PM</b>
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>ITALEO</b> <b>Membership Meeting</b> <b>SSC @ 6PM</b>
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>ITALEO Casino Night</b> <b>“ALL IN FOR RPD”</b> <b>IACC</b>

Have you paid your membership dues?  
It's that time of year again ...

## Groundhog Day Humor:



## RECIPE CORNER

### Italian Panna Cotta

<https://www.marcellinaincucina.com/february-2011-daring-bakers-challenge/>

#### Ingredients

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2½ cups (600ml) heavy cream - See note 1</li> <li>½ cup (120ml) whole full fat milk</li> <li>½ cup (100 grams) granulated white sugar</li> <li>1 vanilla bean</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>pinch salt</li> <li>2 teaspoons unflavored powdered gelatin - See note 2</li> <li>2 tablespoons water</li> </ul>
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#### Instructions

1. Cut the vanilla bean in half and with the back of the knife or a teaspoon scrap out the seeds.
2. Put the vanilla bean and scraped seeds into a medium saucepan with cream, milk, sugar, and salt. Place over medium heat, bring it to just boiling point, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Don't allow the cream and milk mixture to come to a rolling boil. When there are a few simmering bubbles, remove the saucepan from the heat.
3. Cover the saucepan with a lid (to prevent a skin from forming) and let it stand for 5 minutes for the flavors to infuse.
4. While the vanilla bean is infusing into the milk, place the water in a small bowl, sprinkle powdered gelatin over the surface then stir well. Let stand for 5-10 minutes to soften and bloom.
5. Stir the gelatin mixture into the still hot cream/milk and whisk gently until smooth and dissolved. If the gelatin hasn't fully dissolved, return the saucepan to the stove and heat gently over low heat. Stir constantly and don't let the mixture boil.
6. Strain into a 4-cup jug/pitcher to remove the vanilla and any pieces that may have broken off. Place the jug/pitcher in the fridge until it cools completely but doesn't set. Stir now and then so that it doesn't separate.
7. Then pour cream/milk mixture into 8 individual serving glasses.
8. Cover the glasses with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 4-6 hours, or until completely set.
9. Serve with fruit and chopped nuts.

#### Notes

1. The cream should be around 35% butterfat and not contain additives.
2. The gelatin powder used is platinum strength. As a guide, 2 teaspoons will set 2 cups plus 4 teaspoons of liquid (or 2 metric cups/500ml).



If you'd like to submit an Italian Recipe to include in the next newsletter, please email us at:

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