

ITALEO Newsletter



"Supporting those who protect us"

UPCOMING EVENT

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sat., December 20th

Webster Golf Club
440 Salt Rd.

Webster, NY 14580

Flyer will be mailed out first
week of November

Website will be updated soon!

UPCOMING EVENT

CHRISTMAS WITH SANTA

Sun., December 21st

Italian American Sports Club

1250 Buffalo Rd.
Rochester, NY

1:00 PM - 4:00PM

MEMBERSHIP DUES

2026 MEMBERSHIP DUE

It's time to renew your
ITALEO Membership

Membership Applications
will be mailed out
with Christmas Party Flyer



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS NEEDED

We are now accepting applications for the Sharon Rivaldo Memorial Scholarship.

This is a \$500 Scholarship given to a young adult of Italian descent who is an undergraduate in college. This is an effort to support a student's education. College is important for many reasons, including career stability and satisfaction, and the ability to make an impact on our community.

The ITALEO Board has decided to continue making this a member benefit. We have now opened it up to not only members, but kids, grandkids, nieces, and nephews of current members in good standing.

[Click Here for Scholarship Application](#)

PROMOTIONS & RETIREMENTS

Do we have any members that have recently received a promotion or have retired? Please let us know! We would like to recognize those members at our annual Christmas Party.

A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

We are now taking nominations for the following awards to be given out at our annual Christmas Party:

Businessperson of the Year Award

An active member who is willing to go above and beyond, participates in events and gives back to the Organization.

Officer of the Year Award

A law enforcement officer who has demonstrated outstanding achievement and exemplified selflessness, empathy, and strength of character.

Special Recognition Award

Someone who displays exceptional dedication and outstanding contributions to community outreach. Their unwavering commitment to making a positive impact has not only enriched the lives of countless individuals but has also set a remarkable example of leadership and compassion.

Sharon Rivaldo Stand Up for the Blue Award

This award will be presented to an active member who not only gives back to the Organization but demonstrates outstanding character and goes above and beyond to help others.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
PROMOTION/RETIREMENT ACKNOWLEDGMENTS
NOMINATIONS**

DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 20TH

Please E-mail us at: Italeorochester@gmail.com

Columbus Day Celebration 2025

Written by: Ellie Bonagura, ITALEO Recording Secretary

In keeping with tradition, the crowds gathered once again for the ICL 84th Annual Columbus Day Luncheon at The Italian American Community Center. Several from our ITALEO board and membership attended along with the many Italian organizations and dignitaries throughout Monroe County to honor Cristoforo Columbo, the navigator and explorer.

Master of Ceremonies, Legislator Virginia McIntryre, moved us through the program while the audience dined on delicious family style Italian food. Our very own, Food and Beverage Coordinator, Sam Meloni, received *“The Outstanding Service Community Award.”* Congratulations to Sam, you made us all proud!

It was a nice event and a wonderful way to honor and keep Columbus Day in the hearts of Italians and Americans in our great country. *“Otro Mundo, Nuevo Mundo.... Another world, new world.”*



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This month we feature, Anthony Pellegrino, courtesy of Carmen Pellegrino.



Photo taken at RPD Awards Ceremony 2024

Anthony (Tony) Pellegrino, a 2023 Sharon M. Rivaldo Memorial Scholarship recipient, is currently a 5th year student at Nazareth University pursuing a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music, with Primary in Voice, Secondary in Piano, and Organ Lessons at Primary Level. Additionally, Tony is minoring in Italian and in Contemporary Commercial Music.

Along with his studies, he has joined Chamber Singers; Rock Ensemble; Vocal Jazz and Vocal Studio groups at Nazareth.

Tony has taken 3 years of Italian, and in May 2025, he was inducted into the Gamma Kappa Alpha Italian National Honor Society.

Tony was chosen to play piano for the Nazareth Holiday Gala Reception in 2022 and 2023 and has been asked again to play in December of 2025. He also performed playing piano at the Rochester Police Department Awards Gala in May of 2024 and 2025.

Tony has been a member of his church choir since 2017. He also cantors and plays piano at masses, and subs for his father as the Music Director. In addition, other local churches have hired him to play piano.

Tony is on track to graduate in December 2025. His passion is to follow in his father's footsteps and become the Music Director at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Webster, NY. He would also like to pursue a career in Temporary Commercial Music.



Do you have an update on any of our Scholarship Winners and would like to share that information with our Membership? Please contact Rosalina at rosalina.hosbach@gmail.com to have your update included in our next newsletter.

Upcoming Events:

DATE	EVENT
November 30 th	Christmas Concert IASC 4PM – 6PM
December 4 th	Steak & Bourbon Night SSC
December 6 th	34th Annual Christmas Gala IACC 6PM
December 11 th	Holiday Dinner Sons & Daughters of Italy Vincent Lombardi Lodge
December 13 th	IASC Christmas Gala
December 20 th	ITALEO Annual Christmas Party ***New Location*** Webster Golf Course
December 21 st	Christmas Breakfast with Santa IASC 1PM - 4PM
December 31 st	New Year's Eve Gala IASC 6:30PM
March 3 rd	ITALEO Membership Meeting SSC 6PM
March 28 th	ITALEO Casino Night IACC



RECIPE CORNER

Italian Green Beans

<https://www.tastesoflizzyt.com/italian-green-beans/#wprm-recipe-container-18521>

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons salted butter or extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1/2 cup breadcrumbs
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
- 16 ounces frozen green beans
- salt and ground black pepper to taste

Instructions:

1. In a frying pan, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the minced garlic, Italian seasoning, breadcrumbs, and parmesan cheese. Stir to coat and sauté over medium heat until the breadcrumbs start to brown, about 3-4 minutes. 2 tablespoons salted butter, 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic, 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning, 1/2 cup breadcrumbs, 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese.
2. While the breadcrumbs are sauteing, cook the green beans, either in a Ziploc Zip 'n Steam bag (according to package directions) or in a pot of water.
3. Add the green beans to the frying pan and stir to coat.
4. Season with salt and pepper to taste and serve hot.



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

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