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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28

Americans of Italian Origin Society

The AIO will hold a Board Meeting at 6 p.m. at Fern Hill Golf and Country Club in Clinton Township. For details, call Larry Garrisi at (586) 817-3959.

Lodge Figli Della Sicilia No. 227

The lodge will host a monthly meeting at San Francesco Church at 7:30 p.m. Pizza and pop will follow the meeting. For details, call President Salvatore Previti (586) 566-3843.

Vince & Joe's Holiday Open House

Vince & Joe's will hold their fourth annual Customer Appreciation Holiday Open House from 6 to 9 p.m. at both the Shelby Township and Clinton Township locations and is free. Enjoy samples of great food, the tree lighting and local carolers. Get ideas for your holiday parties, while enjoying a night out. Bring the kids as a special guest from the North Pole is coming to visit. Vince & Joe's is located at 55178 Van Dyke at 25 Mile in Shelby Twp. (586) 786-9230 and at 41790 Garfield, Clinton Twp. (586) 263-7870.

THURSDAY, NOV. 29

Federazione Siciliana del Michigan

The FSDM will hold the Saperi della Nostra Sicilia Dinner Dance at the Italian American Cultural Center, 43843 Romeo Plank, Clinton Twp. Menu will include bruschetta, pasta with fava beans, pasta bolognese, Italian sausage, chicken Siciliano with amoglio sauce, calamari fritti, salad of tomato, green beans, potatoes, and cannoli. Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. For details and reservations, call Rosa Bonni (586) 291-2956 or Al Chirco at (586) 243-0170.

Santa Maria Lodge No. 220

The lodge will hold a General Membership Meeting at 5:30 p.m. with a social to follow. The lodge is at 28024 Bunert, Warren. For details call (586) 775-9092.

FRIDAY, NOV. 30

Angie's Toy Chest

Angie's Toy Chest will hold its 25th Annual Christmas Party at Penna's of Sterling. Angie Morelli again invites everyone to join in this charitable event by sharing with a child who is in need while enjoying a great evening of good food and entertainment with a cash bar. There will be a silent auction. A contingent of U.S. Marines in dress blues will be on hand with Santa Claus. It all starts at 6 p.m. and runs to midnight. Entertainment this year will be Royce & Jenn. For details, email Angie at admorelli1@comcast.net or call (586) 863-2323.

Gary Sacco/Matt King Christmas Show

It's the Chairman of the Board meets the King as impersonators Gary Sacco (Frank Sinatra) and Matt King (Elvis) take to the stage at the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Warren for a buffet dinner and show. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 and show at 8. For details, call (586) 757-1278.

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The Spirit of Giving...

25th Annual Toys for Tots Christmas Party Set

After 25 years, Angie's Toy Chest will end. It will hold its 25th Annual Christmas Party at a new location this year. Penna's of Sterling will be hosting this event.

Penna's of Sterling is located at 38400 Van Dyke in Sterling Heights. The event is on Friday, Nov. 30th at 6 p.m. Morelli again invites everyone to join in this charitable event.

"Watching this party grow from 75 people into the largest privately sponsored single night Toys for Tots event in the country is a tribute to Macomb County's generosity and their feelings for the United States Marine Corps," she says.

The cover charge is \$50 with a pre-event ticket purchase and, of course, a new un-wrapped toy for a tot. A reserved table for 10 people is \$450. Anyone wanting a table or to make a donation can do so by visiting the website www.angiestoychest.org

Start off your holiday season by sharing with a child who is in need, while enjoying an evening of good food, entertainment and a cash bar.

Entertainment this year will be the Rick Lieder Band, Eva Evola and Antonio Cipriano.

Eva Evola will be starting the night off with "God Bless America" and the National Anthem. There will be a silent auction.

A contingent of United States Marines in dress blues will be on hand with Santa Claus, of course.

It all starts at 6 p.m. at Penna's of Sterling and runs until midnight. Don't forget to get in you must "Bring a New Unwrapped Toy for a Tot."

Marine Motto: "Every Child Deserves a Little Christmas."

For details about this event, email Angie Morelli at info@angiestoychest.org or call (586) 863-2323

Friends of Foster Kids to Provide Christmas Presents

Friends of Foster Kids, a Macomb County non-profit organization founded by Theresa Toia, helps to provide a "Christmas" for foster children that have been removed from their homes due to abuse and/or neglect and placed in temporary housing.



FRIENDS OF FOSTER KIDS FOUNDER Theresa Toia, received a \$4,000 check from Italian American Delegates presented to her from IAD member Frank Coppola.

"Unfortunately, these events happen so quickly that often times, these children have no opportunity to gather their belongings. Basic necessities that we take for granted like clothing, underwear, pillows and photos are all little things that help them feel safe and secure," says Toia.

There is no funding or special program that can help, so Friends of Foster Kids requests help from the community. Founder Theresa Toia says, "The children's needs include clothing, personal care items, pillows and blankets. We are also in need of donations to provide duffel bags for the children to keep their belongings in, live out of and remain mobile as they are moved from place to place. Wrapping paper, pretty ribbons, bows and the need for volunteers are also appreciated to bring it all together."

To help with the "Spirit of Christmas" program, you can go online to the facebook page (www.facebook.com/FriendsofFosterKids/) or visit the sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e49aaa72ca7fc1-fofk1> to wrap Christmas presents for children in the foster system program for Christmas.

Friends of Foster Kids recently celebrated their 10th anniversary with their 5th annual fundraiser on Oct. 25th, 2018 at the San Marino Club in Troy.

Right now, they're gearing up for "Giving Tuesday," which is where people will go in through [Friends of Foster Kids.org](http://FriendsofFosterKids.org) and donate funds through Pay-pal. The program is currently seeking electronics for the older children looking for work and planning on going to college. For more information, call (586) 307-GIFT (4438)



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