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Community Calendar

FRIDAY, NOV. 22

Austin Catholic

“Viva Las Vegas” Austin Catholic’s 2023 Winter Gala will be held at the Italian American Cultural Society, 43843 Romeo Plank, Clinton Twp. The event features an open bar, five course dinner, live music and dancing with basket raffles, a silent and live auction while raising funds for Austin Catholic High School. For info, call 586-200-0143 or visit cbo.io/tickets/achsgala24/tix

SUNDAY, NOV. 24

San Francesco Church

The Assunta Society will host a bake sale at San Francesco Church in Clinton Twp. after all Sunday Holy Masses. Proceeds go to San Francesco Church. Donations of baked goods are greatly appreciated. Bring wrapped goods to the Fr. Rossi Hall on Saturday, Nov. 23 or Sunday, Nov. 24 before the 8 a.m. Mass. The largely Italian church is at 22870 S. Nunneley in Clinton Twp.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27

Angie’s Toy Chest

Roger’s Roost teams up with Angie’s Toy Chest for USMC Toys for Tots Program at “Disco for Tots,” from 6 to 11 p.m. at Roger’s Roost, 33626 Schoenherr, Sterling Hts. Admission is a new unwrapped toy for a tot. Prizes for best female and male disco. Entertainment by DeeJay Jimmy Randlett and featuring direct from the North Pole, Santa Claus. Pizza and antipasto bar will be from 6 to 7 p.m. with a cash bar. Also featuring a 50/50 and many raffles. For details, visit angiestoychest.org

THURSDAY, NOV. 28

Mirage Banquet Center

Mirage will host a special Thanksgiving Family Style Dinner with seatings at 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. featuring roast turkey, cranberry relish, mashed potatoes, stuffing, candied yams, green bean casserole, Dearborn ham, Polish Sausage, along with appetizers and desserts. Mirage is at 16980 18 Mile, Clinton Twp. For details and reservations, call (586) 228-2222. (248) 689-8050. Picano’s is at 3775 Rochester Road north of Big Beaver in Troy.

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The Spirit of Giving...

Angie’s Toy Chest Toys for Tots Christmas Party Set

Angie’s Toy Chest will once again host their annual Toys for Tots Christmas Party on Thursday, Dec. 5 from 6 p.m. to midnight at Penna’s of Sterling, 38400 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights.

Angie D’Aleo Morelli once 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.

Featured entertainment this year will include the Master of Ceremonies (The Doc of Rock) Doug Podell, Wayback Machine, speed painter Dave Santia, Eva and Michael Evola, Miss St. Clair Shores Grace Hanke, with special guest Detroit Music Award Winner Tasha Owens, and a special guest from New York, direct from Broadway, Angie’s grandson Antonio Cipriano, actor in Disney’s “National Treasure: Edge of History.”

Tickets for this year’s party are \$100 plus a new unwrapped toy. Admission includes a fabulous Penna’s dinner, open premium bar, silent auction, raffles and complimentary valet.

A contingent of United States Marines in dress blues will be on hand with Santa Claus, of course. The Marine Motto “Every Child Deserves a Little Christmas” is what this party is all about.

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



ANGIE MORELLI AND SANTA

Friends of Foster Kids Seeks Help for the Holidays

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 the their homes due to abuse and/or neglect and placed in temporary housing.

“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.



THERESA TOIA

There is no funding or special program that can help, so Friends of Foster Kids requests help from the community. 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, visit their website (friendsoffosterkids.org) to wrap Christmas presents for children in the foster system program. Guidelines from their website are:

- “All volunteers must sign up so we can be certain we have space for all.
- All volunteers must be 14 years old or older.”

The nonprofit group needs volunteers from Nov. 30 through Dec. 18 and many slots are still open. They are always in great need of clothing boxes and wrapping paper. “We would truly appreciate if you can bring some with you, when you volunteer,” says Toia.

The group is located at 51341 Celeste, Shelby Twp. To sign up to wrap or help out, visit friendsoffosterkids.org/portfolio/christmas/ and click on the link “Sign Up.”

Lasagne Love Gives Back to Metro Detroit

Reaching across continents, Lasagna Love has now touched over 2 million people facing hardship with home-cooked lasagnas, marking a significant milestone in its global mission of kindness and community support.

Since its founding in 2020, Lasagna Love has rapidly grown from a local community effort into a significant force for combating hunger, loneliness, and general need. Expanding beyond the United States, Lasagna Love now also operates in Canada and Australia, driven by over 56,000 volunteers.

Italian-American Maureen Feuti is the local leader for Metro Detroit-East and Port Huron. She and her group

attended the Italian Festival at Freedom Hill and she says, “We got several volunteers from the festival.” However many more volunteers are needed.

In the United States, food insecurity affects over 44.2 million people, including more than 7.3 million children, demonstrating a dire need for direct community support according to the 2022 USDA report.

Lasagna Love’s unique direct-to-need model not only meets this demand for nourishment but also bridges community gaps, bringing people together at a time when connection is more important than ever.

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