



VOCE DELLA FESTA

“Voice of the Italian Festival” NEWSLETTER - June/July 2022
Italian/American Festival - WEIS PARK **July 8, 9, 10, 2022**

FESTIVAL HOURS: Fri, July 8th: 4 - 10PM Sat, July 9th: Noon - 11PM Sun, July 10th: Noon - 11PM

34th ANNUAL ITALIAN FESTA IS Back From a 2 Year Covid Suspension

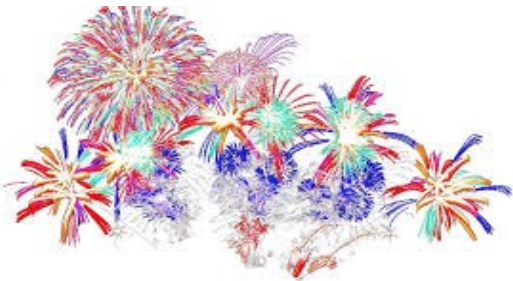
WEIS PARK....HERE WE COME....

Weis Park - 2600 Harvard & 26th St. NW (Near Malone University)

As many of you are aware, for the past two years, our Annual Italian Festival has been suspended because of Covid, but we are back in full effect. After careful deliberation and the safety of our patrons we decided to postpone the past two year. We also have decided to move the dates from June to July this year and for the future. We also decided to keep Weis Park as our Venue. The **WEIS PARK** location offers several opportunities for festival-goers; large open spaces, four professionally manicured bocce courts, area for a Kids Zone, ample space for food vendors, spacing for our popular “Wine-Pairing Event” as well as a huge eating tent and entertainment staging area. Parking will be available near the Festival site.

We are excited with our location and hope that our Festival-goers will join us in a loud supportive.... **BRAVO!**

WEIS PARK....HERE WE COME!



FIREWORKS DISPLAY!!!

We have exciting news for this years Festival. We are going to offer an Italian-American Fireworks display on Saturday July 9th starting around 9pm (dusk). Our Music Entertainment **E5C4P3** will pause during the Fireworks Show then continue until the Festival Close at 11pm. Bring your family to see what American Fireworks Company will put on in honor of our Italian-American Heritage sponsored by **FRED OLIVIERI COMPANIES**

VIVA IL VINO - WINE PAIRING EVENT IS BACK!

Back by popular demand, **VIVA IL VINO - WINE PAIRING EVENT**, is being sponsored by the UNIQUE CLUB of Stark County. An event ticket will enable patrons to sample 6 different wines with 5 delicious food pairings from the best local vintners & restaurants. The event will also offer a “**Wine Pull**” whereby every participating “pull patron” is guaranteed to take home at least a **\$20.00 Bottle of Wine**. This event is set for Friday, July 8th from 6 to 8:30 PM (This year under a large tent to accommodate our patrons). Tickets are **\$40.00** in advance & **\$50.00** at the door. Tickets may be purchased at **Festa Website** (CantonItalianFesta.org) with Credit Card. Limited tickets available and last year we sold out. Get your tickets early to reserve your spot. **Salute!**



FESTA EVENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY - JULY 8

9:00am ...
AWARDS BREAKFAST
 (La Pizzaria)
 4:00pm ...
ITALIAN FESTA OPENS
 4:30pm ...
TUSCAN TRIO
 (The Mood & Spirit of Italy)
 7:00pm ...
GLI ITALIANI
 (Popular Da)
 8:30pm ...
LA FLAVOUR
 (Festa Audience Favorite)
 10:00pm: **FESTA CLOSSES**

SATURDAY - JULY 9

12:00pm ...
ITALIAN FESTA OPENS
 1:00pm ...
I CAMPAGNOLI
 2:30pm ...
TARANTELLA DEMO
 3:00pm ...
ANALISA AND JOHN
 5:00pm ...
ALLEGRO DANCE COMPANY
 6:15pm ...
AARON CARUSO
 3:00PM ...
E5C4P3
 (Recreating a JOURNEY Concert)
 9:00PM (Dusk) ...
FIREWORKS
 11:00pm: **FESTA CLOSSES**

SUNDAY - JULY 10

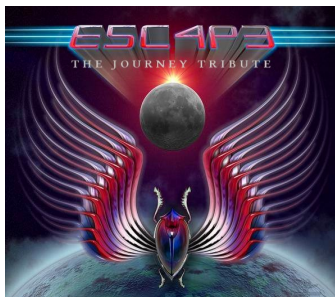
12:00pm ...
ITALIAN FESTA OPENS
 12:00pm ...
OUTDOOR MASS
 (Service by Father Cebula) Main Tent
 1:00pm ...
CAVALIERI REALE
 4:30PM ...
DISCO INFERNO

Ciao....See You Next Year!

Entertainment Headliners: Sponsored by The Mary Renkert Wendling Foundation



Friday, July 8
8:30pm



Saturday, July 9
8:15pm



Sunday, July 10
4:30 pm



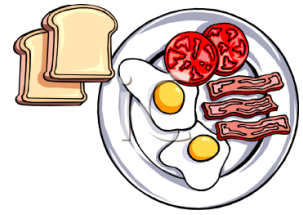
COOKBOOK!!! DID SOMEONE SAY FOOOOOOD?

The Foundation is creating a cookbook to pass down to the next generation. If you would love to have your favorite recipes included in this cookbook and celebrate your family's Italian traditions. Please go to <http://cantonitalianfesta.org/cookbook-1> for an opportunity to be selected to be in the cookbook. Please submit today so we can get this cookbook published for purchase.

Join us for our **34rd Anniversary - Stark County**



ITALIAN FESTIVAL DOMINIC J. BAGNOLI SR. AWARDS BREAKFAST



FRIDAY, July 8th - 9:00 AM

LA PIZZARIA

3656 Dressler Rd NW - Canton, Ohio

* Our Festival is dedicated this year to **DOMINIC J BAGNOLI JR MD.**

* We will Salute **ATTORNEY JEFF SERRA** - As our Recognition Award Recipient.

* We will Award Volunteer Service Awards to:

* **ASSUNTA BAGNOLI * RON SERENA * DAVID WILSON**

* You will have the opportunity to meet our **2022 Italian Festival Scholarship Recipients ***

Carolina Pastore Alexis Perretta Bridget DeJacimo Ella Salvino

Lake HS Central Catholic Louisville HS Central Catholic

* During Breakfast we will salute Our Major Sponsors, Special Guests and Much More.

Cortney Storey will serve as your Master of Ceremonies

Our Annual Awards Breakfast has become a very popular **KICK-OFF** event of our Italian Festival. Our Breakfast site: **La Pizzeria** offers excellent food, wonderful accommodations with close-in parking and comfortable seating for Program Events. You are Invited & encouraged to join us.

Use the convenient Form below to order Breakfast Tickets: **Postmark Deadline: June 28**

ITALIAN FESTIVAL DOMINIC J. BAGNOLI Sr. AWARDS BREAKFAST

*** TICKET ORDER FORM ***

Yes, I want to attend the **Friday, July 8th - 9:00 AM - ITALIAN FESTA BREAKFAST**

RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM & PAYMENT CHECK Postmarked by June 28th

Please note: (Your reservation is a must, sorry no walk-ins)

***** Please **INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE**

(So that we may mail your ordered Breakfast Tickets to you)

Mail To: **FESTA AWARDS BREAKFAST**

c/O Matt Carona - PO Box 9345 - Canton, Ohio 44711

Name (**PRINT CLEARLY**) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone # _____

*** Enclosed is my check (*Payable to* **CANTON ITALIAN FESTA**)

To the amount of \$ _____ for (no.) _____ Tickets. **ORDER DEADLINE: Postmark - June 28**



2022 FESTIVAL PROUDLY DEDICATED TO:

Dominic J. Bagnoli Jr. MD

Our Festival Board is delighted to name the Honorable **Dominic J. Bagnoli Jr. MD** as the recipient of our **2022 Festival Dedication Award**.

Dr. Dominic Bagnoli Jr. has a unique connection to the Stark County Italian American Festival. A life long Stark County resident, his father, Dominic Bagnoli Sr., was one of the founders of our Festival and an ardent advocate for the Italian-American community. Dr. Bagnoli has honored his father's legacy with an equally fervent commitment.

Born and raised in Hartville, Dr Bagnoli attended The Ohio State University for undergraduate studies and attended medical school at Wright State University. He completed an emergency medicine residency at Akron General and then founded EMP, an emergency medicine physician group. Since that time his practice has grown to become the nation's largest physician-owned provider of emergency and inpatient medicine in the country. The group, US Acute Care Solutions employs more than 5000 physicians and advance practice providers nationwide, including at the Summa Health Systems.

Dr. Bagnoli credits his success to his family's humble roots and commitment to education. It's the basis of his family's support for our scholarship and many others including Lake HS, NEOMED, Wright State and The Ohio State University. He is married to his wife of 31 years, Vivian Von Gruenigen, MD and has two children. Their son Dominic Bagnoli III lives locally and is an independent insurance consultant with Maconachy Stradley, and their daughter Elise Bagnoli is attending the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) obtaining her Masters of Fine Arts degree in Painting and Drawing. Both children were recipients of our festival scholarship when they graduated from Lake HS. The family loves their Italian heritage and have visited Fossalto, Italy where his grandparents were born and Giulianova Italy where his mother, Maria Pomante was born, many times.

Dr. Bagnoli currently serves as Executive Chairman of US Acute Care Solutions still based here in Canton, and has served on several other national boards including The GI Alliance, Dispatch Health, Stat Health and others. Locally he has supported many non-profits and scholarships funds including the Tschantz-Dueble-Bagnoli Caddy Scholarship and served on the Board of the Congress Lake Company. He also served as President of the American College of Emergency Physicians in Ohio.

Our Festival Board is grateful for Dr. Bagnoli's family's support of our Festival, his commitment to the Italian-Americans everywhere. As our Festival Dedication Award Recipient. Congratulations! **Tanti Auguri!**

2022 ITALIAN FESTIVAL AWARD RECIPIENTS



Festa Committee Chairmen nominate workers who they feel should be recognized for their volunteer service. We proudly recognize the following individuals who have been selected for their Volunteer service. Each will be honored at our **Awards Breakfast**.



Join us in congratulating: **Jeff Serra** (*Recognition Award*)
Assunta Bagnoli - Ron Serena - David Wilson (*Volunteer Service Award*)

2022 FESTIVAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

A total of 30 Applications were requested from 15 Stark County School Districts. Following a review & grading procedure, finalists were invited to an in-person interview with our Scholarship Committee. Following interviews 4 recipients were selected. Each will be awarded a **\$2,000.00** scholarship. With the awards this year, our Foundation will have awarded a total of **\$240,000.00**. Award winners will be presented their checks at the **Dominic J. Bagnoli Awards Breakfast on Friday, July 8th at La Pizzeria**. Scholarships are made possible thru our Italian Festival and the support of members/organizations within our community. A special thanks to the **Dominic J. Bagnoli Memorial** and the **United Fossaltese Club**. **Breakfast Order Forms are available on page 3 of this Newsletter**. Join the Festivities as we applaud our **2022 Scholarship Recipients**:



Caroline Pastore
Lake HS



Alexis Perretta
Central Catholic



Bridget DeJacimo
Louisville HS



Ella Salvino
Central Catholic



2020-2021 FESTIVAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

During the pandemic years we may have postponed the festival for the safety of our festival goers, but we didn't postpone the scholarships. The Foundation Board of Directors decided we must continue to award our HS students with scholarships. In 2020 we awarded a **\$2,000.00** scholarship to 3 recipients and then in 2021 5 recipients were also awarded **\$2,000.00**. Why we put so much effort and our time to put on an Italian-American Festival is ultimately to grant scholarships to our young adults and help them move on their next adventure in a higher education. Below are the scholarship recipients for the 2020 and 2021 as we weren't able to give them the proper acknowledgement.

2020 Scholarship Recipients: Pictures were purged

Isabella Fierro
Lake HS

Mia Massimo
Louisville HS

Adriana Cecchini
Jackson HS

2021 Scholarship Recipients:



Joseph Evans
Lake HS



Isabelle Olivieri
Central Catholic



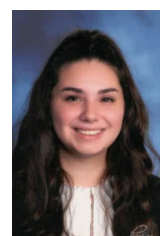
Nic Maricocchi
Lake HS



Alexis Petersen
Jackson HS



Katie Scrimo
Glenoak HS



Sarah Peloso
Glenoak HS

STARK COUNTY ITALIAN / AMERICAN FESTIVAL FOUNDATION

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Festa Webmaster - David Wilson

TRUSTEES/ADVISORS EMERITUS - Nancy Coletti

34rd ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM BOOK

PATRON & MEMORIAL SPONSORS



Our Festival Program Book serves as a wonderful ITALIAN FESTIVAL SOUVENIR.

Each year our Italian Festival publishes a very popular **PROGRAM BOOK**. Our **33rd Anniversary Souvenir Book** is sure to be especially popular as a keepsake. The Program Book features Festival Highlights, Pictures of Past Festivals, Entertainment Schedules, Past/Present Festival Award Recipients, Pictures of Scholarship Recipients and a host of interesting and informational materials. A definite highlight of the book each year has been the listing of people who wish to be named as **Festival Patrons** as well as a **Memorial Page** that Honors Deceased Friends, Relatives or Family Members.

List **YOUR Name as a Festival Patron**. We also invite you to honor the name of a **Deceased Family/Friend** in our Program Book. Complete the **Regular Patron** or **Memorial Patron** form below and mail all materials to **ITALIAN FESTA Patrons - PO Box 9345 - Canton, OH 44711** Please note: All Patron Forms with Payments MUST be - **Postmarked by June 29, 2022** to meet the BOOK Print Deadline.

**** PLEASE NOTE ****

Your Listing gives support to our Festival Scholarship endeavors.
Cost of each listing is only \$5.00 (Checks made to CANTON ITALIAN FESTA)

*** Use these Convenient Order Forms for your selected Patron Listings ***

REGULAR PATRON FORM



2022 - 34rd Anniversary
ITALIAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL
CANTON, OHIO

REGULAR Festival Patron
Listing for Program Book
(Please Print Clearly)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

(\$5.00 per Name/Line Listing)

Checks Payable: Canton Italian Festa

Purchased By: _____

Phone: _____

MAIL TO: Italian Festa - Patrons
PO Box 9345
Canton, Ohio 44711

Cut Out and Return with Payment Check by:

June 29, 2022

(In order to meet Book PRINT Deadline)

MEMORIAL NAME FORM



2022 - 34rd Anniversary
ITALIAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL
CANTON, OHIO

* **MEMORIAL** Festival Patron
Listing for Program Book
(Please Print Clearly)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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NEW... A LARGER "KIDS ZONE"

With more space available at our location at **WEIS PARK** our Festival is excited to be able to expand our "**KIDS ZONE**" area. Our Festival is a "family friendly" event and as such we are happy to offer more fun, games and excitement for the children of our Festival-goers.

Our new and expanded KIDS ZONE area will include:

BOUNCY HOUSES KIDS GAMES OBSTACLE COURSE

KIDDIE FERRIS WHEEL KID FOODS INFLATED SLIDES

FUN! FUN! FUN! FUN! FUN!



Join us! **KIDS ZONE - ITALIAN STYLE!**



All Monitored & Supervised by Clean, Respectful & Courteous Professional Staff.



EXPANDED FESTA BOCCE TOURNAMENT FESTIVAL DATES: JULY 8, 9, 10

It's time to register your team for the 2022 ITALIAN FESTA BOCCE TOURNAMENT. The Capuano & DeSarro families are happy to manage the event for the festa which is being sponsored by **PAPA BEARS ITALIAN RESTAURANT** and **PIZZA OVEN**. The tournament is being held at WEIS PARK - 2600 Harvard Ave NW (Near Malone University). We will be using the 4 professional grade courts that are completely under roof. (*No delays - rain or shine*) We will be able to accommodate up to 60 Teams. 1st & 2nd place trophies to be awarded Courtesy of **STAHLHEBERS!**

NEW THIS YEAR: We are hosting a **TEEN BOCCE TOURNAMENT** (Boy Team or Girl Team or Mixed Team). Limited to ages **13 to 18**. **NO REGISTRATION FEE** for Teen Teams. (We want our youth to get active in the great sport of BOCCE) Register early: we will accept the first 12 TEEN TEAMS who register.

HOW TO REGISTER YOUR ADULT OR TEEN TEAM

Phone: **Jon Capuano (330)415-6471** or email: **joncap87@yahoo.com**

Register Today: IF YOU DELAY....YOU MAY BE WATCHING FROM THE BLEACHERS

INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF OUR FESTA GOVERNING BODY?

We are always interested in welcoming new PEOPLE and their IDEAS to our Festival Governing body. Our Open Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM (*Except July & December*) Meetings are held at **St. Michael Catholic Church - Canton**. Stop by and JOIN US... give us a "**ciao**".

WE WELCOME.....NEW PEOPLE! NEW IDEAS! NEW FRIENDS!

July 8, 9, 10, 2022

**Stark County
ITALIAN FESTIVAL
FOUNDATION, INC.
PO Box 9345
Canton, OH. 44711**



WELCOME

On behalf of our officers and our many loyal volunteers, we want to welcome you to our...

34rd Annual

Italian/American Festa! Enjoy!

BENVENUTO

Gary Petersen

President, Festa Chairman

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Want to Become a Festa Vendor?

Call Vendor Chairperson

Margaret Delillo Storey

(330) 936-3057

**** NEWSLETTER ***

Interested in being added to our Festa Newsletter Mailing List for next year?

Complete the following Information.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Mail To: Italian Festa Newsletter
PO Box 9345
Canton, Ohio 44711

When you have a need & choice please **SUPPORT** our FESTA Sponsors:

Major Beverage Sponsor:

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Bocce Sponsor:

PAPA BEAR'S PIZZA OVEN

Entertainment/Stage Sponsors:

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Awards Breakfast Sponsor:

DOMINIC J. BAGNOLI SR. MEMORIAL

Viva il Vino Wine Pairing:

THE UNIQUE CLUB OF STARK COUNTY

Scholarship Sponsor:

The Carlo T. Cecchini Memorial Endowment Fund

Festa Sponsors:

Rossi Funeral Home and CSE Federal Credit Union

Festival Wine Sponsor:

Superior Beverage Group



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