



VOCE DELLA FESTA

“Voice of the Italian Festival”

July 7, 8, 9, 2023



FESTIVAL HOURS: Fri, July 7: 4 - 11pm * Sat, July 8: Noon - 11pm * Sun, July 9: Noon - 8pm

35th ANNUAL STARK COUNTY ITALIAN FESTIVAL DOWNTOWN CANTON - CENTENNIAL PLAZA - JULY 7, 8 & 9 FIREWORKS: SATURDAY, July 8

The opportunity arose, and our Trustees accepted the idea of hosting our Festival at the welcoming surroundings of Downtown Canton at the beautiful **CENTENNIAL PLAZA. (PIAZZA CENTENARIA)**. With ample space on Market Ave, 3rd & 4th St. NW, the area offers the friendly **PLAZA Mainstage** to highlight our many entertainment offerings. In addition, events will be showcased on the Centennial Screen for perfect viewing. Streets will be lined with food/beverage/novelty vendors. A separate area has been set aside for adult/children rides provided by **KISSEL AMUESMENTS**. Bocce Committee will set up courts for bocce players to enjoy a new tournament format (*Information in this Newsletter*). Motto of our Festa has always been “**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**”. Our 35th will live up to that motto.

DOMINIC J. BAGNOLI SR. 35th ANNUAL ITALIAN FESTA AWARDS BREAKFAST

New Location: GERVASI VINEYARDS - 1700 55th St NE - Canton

We are proud to announce that our **DOMINIC J. BAGNOLI SR.** Festival Awards Breakfast is being co-sponsored with **GERVASI VINEYARD RESORT AND SPA**. The beautiful surroundings & elegant grounds of GERVASI will add an atmosphere of excitement for our Awards Breakfast. Date is **FRIDAY, JULY 7th**. Breakfast seating at **8:30**, breakfast served at **9:00AM**. The Breakfast serves as the official kick-off for our Festival. The Breakfast will honor our **Dedication Award Honoree, Recognition Award Recipient** as well as **Student Scholarship Awards**. Breakfast chairperson, **Assunta Bagnoli** promises that the breakfast will be a popular event. Please know that breakfast seats are limited at the **GERVASI PAVILION** site. Order your tickets at your earliest convenience. You are invited! Don't be closed out!

**** BREAKFAST ORDER FORM available on page 3 of this Newsletter ****



FESTIVAL CASINO RETURNS

Many people have asked for a return engagement for our popular Festival **CASINO**. As our Festival aims to please...we appointed **AJ NICODEMO** as Casino Chairman and have asked him to gather a reliable committee to join him in fulfilling the casino task. **AJ** accepted the challenge,,all systems are GO and set to welcome casino enthusiasts with the following offerings to be included on the casino floor:

POKER - TEXAS HOLDEM - BLACKJACK - MONEY WHEEL

CASINO HOURS: Friday: 5:00 - 10:00 PM Saturday: 1:00 - 10:00 PM Sunday: 1:00 - 7:00 PM

***** ALL CASINO PROCEEDS EARMARKED FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS *****



BOCCE...BOCCE...BOCCE!

Our 2023 Italian Festival Bocce Committee has revamped our Festival Bocce offerings into an exciting new Tournament format that is set to satisfy ALL players. Thank you Pizza Oven/Papa Bear's for years of bocce sponsorship.

The following opportunities are available for your consideration;

- A. **MEN'S TEAM** (4-MAN TEAM) Entry Fee - \$40.00 per team. Winning Payouts equal \$640.00 (Total money collected) 1st Place Team - \$320.00. Entry limited to 16 - 20 teams. Double Elimination Tournament. Play Dates; Friday night July 7 & Saturday, July 8.
- B. **WOMEN'S TEAM** (4-WOMAN TEAM) Entry Fee - \$40.00 per team. Winning Payouts equal to \$160.00 (Total money collected) 1st Place Team - \$100.00. Entry limited to 4 - 6 teams. Double Elimination Tournament. Play Date: Saturday July 8.
- C. **Stark County Bocce Challenge** (1-person team (Male or Female) \$10.00 Entry Fee. Note: Limited to first **32** players to register. Single Elimination. Payouts equal \$320.00 with 1st Place receiving \$160.00. Play Date: Saturday Night July 8 & Sunday July 9.

**We anticipate high interest in our FESTA BOCCE TOURNAMENT THIS YEAR.
We encourage you to register early so as not to be closed out.**

Please complete and return the registration form below. Feel free to copy the Form for distribution to friends/interested bocce players. Grazie - Buona Fortuna

- * Any questions regarding these Bocce Tournaments *
- ** Please email Steve Risaliti at: risalitisteve@gmail.com **

ITALIAN FESTIVAL BOCCE REGISTRATION FORM

Please carefully complete this Registration Form & return at your earliest convenience (*so as not to be closed out*) Payment check made out to **Canton Italian Festa Bocce**.

Mail this completed form with full Registration Payment Check to:

Steve Risaliti - Festa Bocce Chairman: 140 Sixth St. NE - North Canton, Ohio 44720-2044

____ **4-Man Team** - Name of Captain _____ Registration Fee: \$40.00
Phone _____ email _____ to receive game time information.

____ **4-Woman Team** - Name of Captain _____ Registration Fee: \$40.00
Phone _____ email _____ to receive game time information.

____ **1 Person Challenge** - Name _____ Registration Fee: \$10.00
Phone _____ email _____ to receive play time information.

FESTA EVENT SCHEDULE - MAIN STAGE

FRIDAY - JULY 7

9:00am - **AWARDS BREAKFAST**
(Gervasi Vineyard - Canton)

4:00pm - **FESTA OPENS**

5:00pm - **CASINO OPENS**

5:00pm - **I CAMPAGNOLI**

7:30pm - **NEW WAVE NATION**
(The 80's Show Experience)

10:00pm: **CASINO CLOSES**

11:00pm: **FESTA CLOSES**



SATURDAY - JULY 8

12:00pm - **FESTA OPENS**

12:00pm - **TUSCAN TRIO**

1:00pm - **CASINO OPENS**

3:15pm - **ITALIAN DANCE PARTY**
(Cavalieri Reale & G4 Live Band)

6:30pm - **ANALISA & JOHN**

8:30pm - **BRUCE IN THE USA**

10:00pm - **CASINO CLOSES**

11:00pm - **FESTA CLOSES**

SUNDAY - JULY 9

10:00am - **CATHOLIC MASS**

12:00pm - **FESTA OPENS**

1:00pm - **CASINO OPENS**

1:30pm - **RAY MASSA'S EURORYTHMS**

5:00pm - **WANTED**
(The Bon Jovi Tribute Band)

7:00pm - **CASINO CLOSES**

8:00pm - **FESTA CLOSES**

Ciao, See You Next Year!

FESTA ENTERTAINMENT HEADLINERS

Friday, July 7

7:30 until 11:00pm
New Wave Nation



Saturday, July 8

8:30 until 11:00pm
Bruce In The USA



Sunday, July 9

5:00 until 8:00pm
WANTED

The Bon Jovi Tribute Band



ITALIAN FESTIVAL CATHOLIC MASS



All are invited to attend and join together as we celebrate our Holy Catholic Mass on our Festival grounds. Our Catholic Mass Chairperson, **MICHAEL MASCIOLI** has arranged a wonderful opportunity to gather together at **CENTENNIAL PLAZA** for the Mass celebration.

* MASS DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS *

*Date: **Sunday, July 9th**

*Mass Time: **10:00AM**

*Location: **Centennial Plaza**

Celebrant: **Father Donald King**

Father King retired in 2019 having served as priest at Canton St. Michaels Church. Retirement did not last long as in 2022 he was appointed President of Stark County Catholic Schools. We welcome Fr. King to our Centennial Plaza Stage as the celebrant for our Italian Festival Mass.

(Please note: Feel free to set up your Lawn Chairs on the artificial turf of the Plaza)



35th ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM BOOK PATRON & MEMORIAL SPONSORS



Our Program Book serves as a wonderful ITALIAN FESTIVAL SOUVENIR.

Each year our Festival publishes a beautiful **SOUVENIR BOOK**. Book Chairman, **Michael Mascioli** promises that our Book this year will be a popular keepsake. The Program Book features Festival Highlights, Pictures of Past Festivals, Entertainment Schedules, Past/Present Festival Award Recipients, Pictures of Scholarship Recipients & informational materials. A 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 or Family Members. Souvenir books @ \$3.00 will be available on our Festa Grounds. Breakfast attendees will receive a complimentary book at their place settings.

We invite you to list **YOUR Name as a Festival Patron**. We also invite you to list /honor the name of a **Deceased Family/Friend** in our 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 Forms with Payments MUST be - **Postmarked by JUNE 23, 2023** to meet the Print Deadline.

**** BE ADVISED ** 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 Patron Listings ***

REGULAR PATRON FORM

2023 - 35th Anniversary
ITALIAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL



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 23, 2023

(In order to meet Book PRINT Deadline)

MEMORIAL NAME FORM

2023 - 35th Anniversary
ITALIAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL



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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

(\$5.00 per Name/Line Listing)

Checks Payable: Canton Italian Festa

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Phone: _____

MAIL TO: Italian Festa - Patrons
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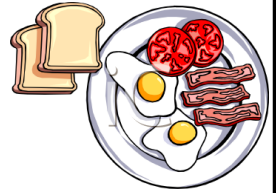
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Join us for our **35th Anniversary**

DOMINIC J. BAGNOLI SR. MEMORTAL ITALIAN FESTIVAL AWARDS BREAKFAST



FRIDAY, July 7th - 9:00 AM

GERVASI VINEYARDS 1700 - 55th Street NE - Canton, Ohio

- * We are pleased to announce the Festival Dedication this year, to **DEAN OLIVIERI**
 - * We will Salute - Our Recognition Award Recipient: **ANGELA FORCHIONE**
 - * Volunteer Service Awards to: **VERN SPROAT - AMBER PILEGGI - DOMINIC D'AGOSTINO**
 - * You will have the opportunity to meet our **2023 Italian Festival Scholarship Recipients**
- | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>Olivia Marcantonio</u> | <u>Maxwell Muckley</u> | <u>Reese Joy</u> | <u>Marcus Miller</u> |
| Louisville HS | Lake HS | McKinley HS | St. Thomas HS |

"Louie" Mattachione (*Voice of The Italian Festival*) will be returning as your Master of Ceremonies.

We are excited to list **THE GERVASI VINEYARD** as the site of our Breakfast. Our Awards Breakfast is a very popular **KICK-OFF** of our Festival. Please realize that Pavilion Seating is limited. Please order your tickets at your earliest convenience. Don't be closed out!

The GERVASI Breakfast Menu will include: Frittata, Sausage, Home Fries, Fruit, Sweet Pastries, Coffee/Tea & Beverage Juice Bar. (All In True GERVASI Style)

We would welcome back all **PAST Scholarship, Dedication, Recognition & Volunteer Service Award Recipients**. Consider joining our Breakfast to celebrate our 35th Annual Festa.

Questions? Contact **Angela Forchione** at: Sciaf86@outlook.com

Use the convenient Form below to order Breakfast Tickets: **Postmark Deadline: June 30**

ITALIAN FESTIVAL DOMINIC J. BAGNOLI SR. AWARDS BREAKFAST

*** TICKET ORDER FORM ***

Yes, I want to attend the **Friday, July 7th - 9:00 AM - ITALIAN FESTA AWARDS BREAKFAST**

___ Send me (no.) ___ Tickets @ \$25.00. Total Payment \$ _____

Or ___ Send me a **Complete Table** setting of **EIGHT PLACES** @ \$200.00

RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM & PAYMENT CHECK Postmarked by June 30, 2023

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 Form/Payment To: **FESTA BREAKFAST - PO Box 9345 - Canton, OH 44711**

Name (**PRINT CLEARLY**) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone # _____

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

To the amount of \$ _____ **ORDER DEADLINE: Postmark - June 30, 2023**



FESTIVAL DEDICATION - DEAN OLIVIERI

Dean Olivieri, son of **Fred & Virginia Olivieri**, was born in Canton, in 1957. Both sets of grandparents migrated to the United States from Italy at the age of 19....**Tony & Jenny Olivieri & Pete & Mary Caster**. Dean is proud of his Italian heritage. Early on in life, through his parents' & grandparents' influence, he learned the importance of hard work. He attended Bowling Green State University, graduating in 1980 and joined his parents at their family business, **Fred Olivieri Construction Company**. Dean began his career as a Project Manager at the company that was already reputable throughout Northeast Ohio for high standards/commitment to client satisfaction. With his additional knowledge, and cutting-edge use of the new "computer" Fred Olivieri Construction grew to even new heights. In 1991, Dean Olivieri was named President.

Over the decades and through his parents' guidance, Dean & his team of dedicated employees have elevated Fred Olivieri Construction to the general contractor they are today. The company currently is licensed to work in 38 states and has a client list consisting of some of the largest retail, restaurant & commercial giants. Fred Olivieri Construction's newest sector that is gaining momentum in Northeast Ohio, is their residential division, **Fred Olivieri Custom Homes**. Dean is also the owner of custom millwork company, **MRO Built**. Dean is very proud to have two of his daughters, Sarah Olivieri Johnson and Rachel Olivieri Doria, working as the 3rd generation in the Company. Dean attributes his successes to the foundations of hard work, his Italian American family heritage, and giving back to the community. Dean has been a member of the Retail Contractors Association, Mercy Development Foundation, Cleveland Clinic Mercy Hospital Board, Northeast Ohio Medical Board, Stark County Catholic School Board, Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Builders Exchange of East Central Ohio, Stark County Moving Forward, Canton Symphony Board, Junior Achievement Board, Meals on Wheels Board, Bowling Green State University Board and is a lifelong member of St. Michael's parish.

Dean has been married to his wonderful and supporting wife of 36 years, **Grace Olivieri**. As well as raising their family, Grace is also the owner of Graco Concrete, Inc., an important asset to the Fred Olivieri companies. They have three daughters: Sarah (Tony) Johnson, Emily (Matt) Pinto, and Rachel (David) Doria. Dean and Grace have seven grandchildren: Nathan Johnson, Ava Johnson, Elliott Johnson, Dean Doria, Virginia Doria, and twins, Ella Doria and Emma Doria.

A Welcome Message From Our Festival President

DOMINIC BAGNOLI JR.

For 35 years our Stark County Italian American Festival has offered an event that has brought Italians and members of our Stark County Community together to celebrate the culture/heritage of our **"Bel Italia"**. We are excited to celebrate the founders of our festival & to recognize all who have promoted our heritage. As our 2023 President & Festival Chairman, I invite you to make plans to join us. Allow us the opportunity to live up to our Italian Festival motto as we offer **... "Something For Everyone"**. We invite you to renew friendships & make new friends, as you enjoy our delicious foods, refreshments, amusement rides, bocce tournament & great family activities. We do it Italian style. **Join us!**
Benvenuti a tutti! (Welcome one and all!)

Dominic Bagnoli Jr. 2023 President & Festival Chairman

AMUSEMENT RIDES

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!



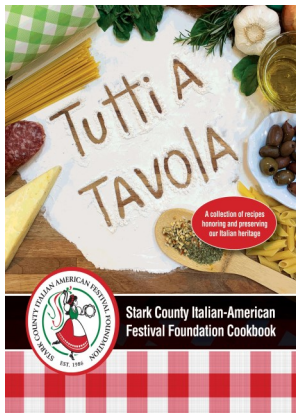
Get ready for fun and excitement as our Italian Festival Board of Trustees has opted to bring back a complete area and selection of Amusement Rides as part of this years Festival. **The KISSEL RIDE** Company has promised to offer us a wide array of exciting & fun-filled rides for thrill seekers of all ages. Both kiddie and adult rides will be offered. Don't miss the fun, laughs and screams offered at our 35th Annual **ITALIAN FESTIVAL July 7, 8 & 9.**



FUN! FUN! FUN! FUN!



COOKBOOK: MANGIA...MANGIA...DELIZIOSO!



BRAVO! To help celebrate our 35th Annual Festa, we are offering an Italian Festival Cookbook **TUTTI A TAVOLA**. Our cookbook chairlady, **ASSUNTA BAGNOLI** and her committee sent out a call for favorite family recipes and the response has been wonderful. The cookbook features recipes from all regions of Italia and includes dishes ranging from Antipasti...to Main Dishes...& Desserts. Our cookbook will be for sale at our Festival Souvenir Booth. *You may beat the rush by ordering your book early by using the Order Form below:* **Grazie e Buon Appetito**

ITALIAN FESTIVAL COOKBOOK - ORDER FORM

Yes, I want to order a Festa Cookbook: Cost = \$25.00 per book. Your BOOK will be Mailed to you.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

____ (#) of books @ \$25.00 = \$ _____ plus Postage of \$10.00 = \$ _____ Total Enclosed

(Save Postage: indicate that you will pick-up your Ordered Book at the Festa Souvenir booth)

Cut & mail this Order Form with Payment check made out to: **Canton Italian Festa**

Mail to: Italian Festival - COOKBOOK - PO Box 9345 - Canton, Ohio 44711

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



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**Call Vendor Chairperson
Margaret Delillo Storey
(330) 936-3057**

**** NEWSLETTER ***

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next year?

Complete the following Information.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

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



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