

37TH ANNUAL STARK COUNTY ITALIAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL

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July 11, 12 & 13, 2025



Keeping traditions strong since 1986!

The Stark County Italian American Festival has been a staple event in our area for over 35 years. We're excited to bring another year of food, fun, heritage and more to our NEW location-Kent State University Stark Campus. We hope to see you there!

New Location!

Kent State University Stark Campus
6000 Frank Ave, NW
North Canton, Ohio 44720

A Welcome From Our President

BENVENUTI A TUTTI!

We are excited to invite you to the 37th annual Stark County Italian American Festival! Once again, we have come together to share our Italian heritage with each of you. Please come visit with family and friends! You will definitely be happy to see good people, good changes, and great times!

Dominic J. Bagnoli, Jr.
2025 President & Festival Chairman



Top News

- New location!
- Italian car cruise in returns!
- Breakfast at Gervasi
- Great entertainment
- Two stages
- Kid's rides are back
- 2025 award recipients
- Casino
- And of course... Bocce!

Annual Dominic J. Bagnoli, Sr. Italian American Festival Awards Breakfast

When: Friday, July 11th, 9am
Location: Gervasi Vineyard
Address: 1700 55th St NE, Canton, OH 44721

Congratulations to our 2025 Scholarship Recipients

Claire Caldwell, Glenoak HS

Gianna Papaleo, Glenoak HS

Robert Eberhardt, Jackson HS

Sofia Mariani, Perry HS

Victoria Nyeste, Perry HS

We are pleased to announce our 2025 Award Winners

Dedication

Lucia Pileggi

Recognition

Courtney Storey

Volunteer Service

Steve Risaliti

Jamie Serena

Brandy Gage

TICKET ORDER FORM

Friday, July 11th - 9:00 AM, Doors open at 8:30 AM

Number of Attendees _____ Tickets @ \$25.00

Full table (8 seats) _____ Total: \$200.00

Please include a self addressed, stamped envelope for ticket distribution

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

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Total payment enclosed \$ _____

***Return completed form and payment by or before June 25th, 2025**

--For additional forms of payment, please visit: www.cantonitalianfesta.org



PLEASE NOTE

No walk-ins,
reservations only

For questions or concerns, please contact **Assunta Bagnoli** at aabagnoli@gmail.com or 330-417-6311.

***Please list all individual names of guests attending below.**



2025 Festival Dedication

We are pleased to
dedicate the 37th Annual
Stark County Italian
American Festival to
Lucia Pileggi!

Lucia Pileggi

*Key Private Bank Market Leader and Senior Vice President for the Eastern Ohio,
Western Pennsylvania, and Cleveland Family Wealth Markets.*

Lucia (Fierro) Pileggi, daughter of Nicola and Agnesa (Cornacchione) Fierro was born in Canton, Ohio. Her father, Nicola, at age 19, immigrated to America from Fossalto, Campobasso, Italy with his father, Adamo, to build a better life for his family so he could bring them over too. Her mother Agnesa, also from Fossalto, Campobasso, Italy arrived in America with her mother and siblings in 1958 to join her father, Giovanni and her brother who also came to America earlier to build a better life. Nicola and Agnesa met through paesani and were married in 1961. Lucia is the oldest of four children (John, Michael, and Rosanna). Some of the valuable lessons learned by their example were: family is first, work hard, education is very important, be proud of your Italian heritage but remember that you are a citizen of America, and the only thing you will take with you is your name, so be a good person.

Taking in all that sage advice, Lucia earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration and Finance from The Ohio State University. Something her dad observed and shared with her when she left for college was that American children who go away to college never come back home to work. She promised him that she was going to get the best education and would come back to Canton. Which she did. Lucia began her career at Key Bank as a management trainee.

She began working in branch management roles and then moved to wealth management with roles of increasing responsibility to where she is today as the only leader in Key Private Bank nationally who leads three Wealth Management teams. Lucia and her teams are focused on delivering comprehensive wealth management solutions to help individuals, families, business owners and institutions grow and protect their wealth, and leave a legacy. She leads over thirty credentialed professionals whose expertise include investment management, financial planning, trust and estate planning, risk mitigation, family office services, and charitable gifting.

Giving back to the community has always been a priority for Lucia. She has served on the following boards: Stark County Italian American Festival Foundation, United Way of Stark County, United Way of Summit and Medina Counties, Akron Chamber of Commerce, Akron Roundtable, Arts in Stark, and the Stark/Wayne American Heart Association where she was the Inaugural Chair of Go Red for Women as well as chaired their 2011 Gala. She is a Sustaining member of the Junior League of Stark County, member of Leadership Stark County's 26th class, United Fossaltese Club, and many other organizations. In 2014, she was inducted into the YWCA Women's Hall of Fame for her business accomplishments. In 2017, she was recognized by Leadership Stark County as one of their Top 30 Graduates, and in 2018 she led the Stark County United Way campaign raising over \$5.9mm to combat childhood poverty. She has been a member of Little Flower Catholic Parish for over 40 years.

Lucia's most important priority and what she is most proud of in her life is her family. She has been married for 35 years to her best friend, Joe Pileggi, who has always encouraged and supported her in her career and volunteer activities. They have two married children: Sofia Pileggi & Valentino Aloise and Andrew & Amber Pileggi. Lucia and Joe are Nonni to two granddaughters: Vittoria Aloise and Lauren Pileggi.

BOCCE TOURNAMENT

Our 2025 Italian Festival Bocce Committee has 3 tournaments created to satisfy bocce enthusiasts. In all 3 tournaments, all money collected will be paid out as prize money. The following bocce contests are available for your consideration:

MEN'S TEAM (4 Man team) Entry fee is \$40.00 per team. Winning payouts equal \$640.00. 1st place team = \$320.00. Entry limited to 16-20 teams. Double elimination tournament. Play dates: Friday night July 11, or Saturday July 12. Semi-Finals and Finals Sunday July 13.

WOMEN'S TEAM (4 Women team) Entry fee is \$40.00 per team. Winning Payouts equal \$160.00. 1st place team=\$100.00. Entry limited to 4-7 teams. Double elimination tournament. Play date: Sunday July 13.

STARK COUNTY BOCCE CHALLENGE (1 person team, male or female) \$10.00 entry fee. Limited to the first 32 players to register. Single elimination tournament. Payouts equal \$320.00 with 1st place receiving \$160.00. Play dates: Saturday July 12, & Sunday July 13.

We anticipate high interest in our FESTA BOCCE TOURNAMENTS at the KSU Stark Campus courts. Please complete and return the registration form below. Feel free to copy the form for distribution to friends or interested bocce players. Thank you Pizza Oven/Papa Bear's for the many years of bocce sponsorship.
Grazie e Buona Fortuna!

FOR ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING ANY OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED BOCCE TOURNAMENTS,
PLEASE EMAIL Steve Risaliti at: RISALITISTEVE@gmail.com

A special **THANK YOU** to the Joseph A. Jeffries Company for their hard work in constructing our new courts!

REGISTRATION FORM

Please carefully complete this Registration form and return it at your earliest convenience (so as not to be closed out). We ask for the captains or contact person's phone/text/email to inform them about the tournament draw, and your teams scheduled playing times for the Italian Festival bocce games only. Make your check payable to Canton Italian Festa Bocce.

Mail this completed registration form & check to: Steve Risaliti - Festa Bocce Chairman
140 Sixth Street NE, North Canton, Ohio 44720-2044

____ 4-Man Team: Name of Captain _____ Team Registration Fee: **\$40.00**
Phone/Text _____ email _____

____ 4-Women Team: Name of Captain _____ Team Registration Fee: **\$40.00**
Phone/Text _____ email _____

____ 1 Person Challenge (Male or female): Name _____ Team Registration: **\$10.00**
Phone/Text _____ email _____

For additional forms/more information about the festival go to our website: www.cantonitalianfesta.org





Entertainment Schedule



Friday

July 11th

9am: Awards Breakfast
(Gervasi Vineyard)

4pm: Festa Begins

5pm: Casino Opens

-Main Stage-

8pm: New Wave Nation

-Italian Stage-

5:30pm: I Campagnoli

Festa Closed

Saturday

July 12th

12pm: Festa Begins

1pm: Casino Opens

-Main Stage-

12pm: Tuscan Trio

3:30pm: Allegro Dance Company

8:30pm: Chicago Rewired

9:45pm: Fireworks

-Italian Stage-

5pm: Italian Dance Party featuring
Cavalieri Reale & G4 Live Band

Festa Closed

Sunday

July 13th

12pm: Festa Begins

12pm: Italian Car Cruise In
(**NEW this year!**)

1pm: Casino Opens

-Main Stage-

11am: Catholic Mass

2:30pm: Aaron Caruso

4pm: Ray Massa's
EuroRhythms

-Italian Stage-

12pm: Tuscan Trio

Festa Closed

Ciao, See You Next Year!

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PROGRAM BOOK - PATRON & MEMORIAL SPONSORS

Our Program Book serves as one of our yearly ITALIAN FESTIVAL SOUVENIRS

Book Chairman, Michael Mascioli, promises that our book will be a popular keepsake.

The Program Book features: Festival High-Lights, Pictures of Past Festivals, Entertainment Schedules, Past and Present Festival Award Recipients, Pictures of Scholarship Recipients, and additional informative content.

One highlight of the book has been a listing of people who wish to be named as Festival Patrons, as well as Memorial Patrons that Honors Deceased Friends or Family Members.

Souvenir books will be available at our Festa location: Kent State University - Stark Campus
Breakfast attendees at Gervasi 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 and honor the name of a Deceased Family Member(s) or Friend(s).

Complete the form(s) below, and mail all requirements to:
ITALIAN FESTA - Patrons - P.O. Box 9345 - Canton, OH 44711.

Please note: All forms with payments MUST BE received by Tuesday, JUNE 3, 2025 to meet print deadline.

REMINDER: Your Listing gives support to our Festival Scholarship Endeavors.

(The cost of each listing is only \$10.00 per line. Checks payable to: Italian Festa Patrons)

For any questions, please email Michael Mascioli at: mmascioli@gmail.com

REGULAR Festival Patron Listing

Please Print Clearly.

\$10.00 per Line Listing.

Checks payable to: Italian Festa Patrons

Purchased by: _____

Phone: _____

MAIL to: Italian Festa - Patrons

P.O. Box 9345

Canton, Ohio 44711

Cut Out and Return with Payment Check before:

June 3, 2025

~ Required to meet the Book PRINT deadline ~

MEMORIAL Festival Patron Listing

Please Print Clearly.

\$10.00 per Line Listing.

Checks payable to: Italian Festa Patrons

Purchased by: _____

Phone: _____

MAIL to: Italian Festa - Patrons

P.O. Box 9345

Canton, Ohio 44711

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June 3, 2025

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A sincere thank you to our sponsors listed below. Their support and partnership has played a key role in the success of our festival. Their continued contributions have benefited our foundation in more ways than can be expressed.

Grazie Mille!

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www.CantonItalianFesta.org



Cookbook Orders

Want an Italian American Festival
Foundation Cookbook?
It's filled with recipes from local Italian
families!
To order online, visit
cantonitalianfesta.org
*Will be sold at the 2025 Festival

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Assunta Bagnoli at aabagnoli@gmail.com.