



# LIDO STAR

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## 38th Annual Italian American Golf Tournament



Thanks to our Italian American Open Golf Sponsors!

On Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, once again with overcast and threatening storms, 120 golfers registered to play in the **38th Annual Italian American Open**. The annual event was held at Norbeck Country Club. Before everyone took to the course, golfers and volunteers were treated to a fabulous lunch featuring sausages supplied by Rick Ferrante of **Nick's Sausages**. The starter called everyone to their golf carts promptly at 1pm since severe late afternoon storms were predicted. After a prayerful plea from Fr. Lydio Tomasi, pastor of Holy Rosary Church, the tournament went off without a hitch and the rain held off until all had completed their final hole. In the end, approximately \$30,000 was raised, with half going to go to support the Casa Italian Cultural Center and the other half to benefit the Lido Civic Club Charities and our Scholarship Program.

The **first place** was won by R. J. Thermion, Dan Pulsipher, Lora Paz and Chris Bowers. This was followed by the Donatelli team (Lou, Jim Ted and Jimmy) taking **second place**. Finally **third place** was won by Ralph Masino, Brenden Giuseppe, Bryce Bundy and John Karauk. There were four "**Closest to the Pin**" winners: Tony Osbourne on #3; Ethan Rossignol on #6; Michael Parsons on #12 and Paul Tibolla on #16. The "**Longest Drive**", and believe us it was long, was won by Bryce Bundy. Ralph Masino of ASG sponsored the **Casino Hole** and raised an additional \$1000 on the course over his company's regular corporate sponsorship. There were two "Hole in One" sponsors - East West Lincoln (Vince Trasatti) and Criswell Fiat (Al Hanel).

The **Golf Committee** Richard DiPippo, Carmen Facciobene, Ross Vincenti, Brian Della Rocca, Anthony Solazzo, Piero Marinucci and vice president Phil Finelli saluted everybody for supporting this great annual event and declared that all the participants and volunteers were the real "winners". Each team and hole winners were presented with an award. After a special recognition was given to our great corporate sponsors, the day ended with a magnificent dinner buffet featuring roast beef, three types of pasta with sauces prepared by chef & owner Ignazio Bonanni of **Tesoro Restaurant**. Dinner **musical entertainment** was provided by Holy Rosary parishioner, Sergio Fresco of the Omni 1 Band.

One additional highlight of the evening was the standing ovation given to the wounded Soldiers and Marines who participated in the outing at our invitation.



## Italian American Golf - cont'd

The **CORPORATE SPONSORS** of this year's tournament event were:

John DePaola of **Long Home**; Tammy Darvish of **DARCARS**; Robert Girdali of **Eagle Bank**; Brian Della Rocca of **Stein Sperling**; Jim Gatto of **Pillsbury Winthrop**; Carmen Facciobene of **WorldCell**; Chris Faraji of **Fed Solutions**; Chris Skelly of **Wireless Buy-back**; Richard DiPippo of **Meltzer**; Ralph Masino of **ASG**; Lou Donatelli of **Donatelli Development**; Bob Brunelle of **McFall and Berry**; Brenda Skelly of **T-Mobile**; Michael Parsons of **Apex Home Loans**; Thomas Regnante of **CitiBank**; Cigars (**PG Cigars**) were donated by Paul Garmirian and Ross Vincenti and the driving range was sponsored by Michael Rinaldi of **Michael Rinaldi & Company**.

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Beginning with the first golf tournament, Holy Rosary Church and the current pastor Fr. Tomasi have supplied volunteers to assist at registration.

This year's volunteer group included:

Gino Marinucci, Vincent Marinucci, Don Ricciardella, Anthony Falcone, Gerald Truman, Mary Catucci (her 38<sup>th</sup> year), Silvio Colandreo, Nicola and Gay Ferrante and Joseph and Rose Ruzzi.. Lido volunteers were Tom Caruso and Louis and Chela Giacchino.

A special thank you goes to Gerry Truman, Sr. for collecting the 50/50 raffle for which this year's winner received \$1150.00.

The last word of thanks as stated by the tournament chairman, Richard DiPippo, pertained to the golf course at Norbeck Country Club which was in perfect condition, followed by a personal thank you to the head golf pro Clark Sisson, Jr and the Banquet Manager Charlotte Kates for making the day's event spectacular!

For a complete list of the corporate sponsors and learn more about their businesses, or view the extensive photos taken that day please visit:

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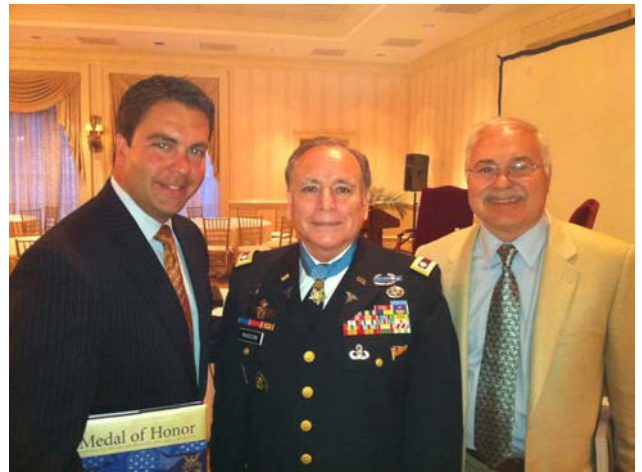
## Lido Members and Kids

**Joe Bangiolo** has been appointed as our new Social Aide Chairman. Please contact Joe if you become aware of any situations of sickness or death related to our fellow Lido members and their families. Joe replaces Dan Stabile who served as our Social Aide chairman for the past two administrations.

**Tom Caruso**, rang the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) for Majestic Corp AG on Monday, March 21, 2011. Congratulations, Tom and we heard that you gave it an extra shake for all of us at Lido!

Lido member, **Tom Regnante**, who is the Senior Vice President and Commercial Banking Advisor with CitiBank, was named Top Banker for 2011 by *Smart CEO* magazine. Tom's team handles the commercial banking and lending needs for private companies and international businesses. Tom is a graduate of American University and received his MBA in International Business from GWU. Congratulations on your Top Banker designation Tom!

**Jerry Truman** and **John Urciolo** recently attended an evening at Bethesda Country Club with Alfred V. Rascon, the recipient of The Medal of Honor for his bravery in Vietnam. The Medal of Honor is the highest honor one can receive from our Country. The special event was sponsored by Morgan Stanley-Smith Barney where Jerry is a vice president and head of The Truman Group in the firm. (see photo at right)



Lido past president, **Ron Russo**, was recently hurt in a construction accident and is on the mend. He spent time recuperating at National Rehabilitation Hospital in Washington, DC and is now resting at his home. We hope to see Ron soon at a regular meeting soon!

### LIDO KIDS

**Lois Isabel Bangiolo**, daughter of Melissa Yorks Bangiolo and Lido Social Aide Chairman, Joseph Bangiolo, graduated from Smith College, Class of 2011, *magna cum laude*, in Biological Sciences. She was also elected a member of *Phi Beta Kappa* and *Sigma Xi*. Earlier, Ms. Bangiolo received the Italian Cultural Society's 2010 *Young Scientist Award*. Lois is planning to enter medical school in the fall of 2012.



## Welcome to our newest member

**Christopher Cocco** was voted in as a new Lido member at the April, 2011 general membership Meeting at Alfio's in Bethesda, MD

Chris is a Sr. Vice President at Broad Street Realty, a commercial real estate brokerage firm located in Bethesda, MD. Chris grew up in the DC area, attended Gonzaga HS and Georgetown University where he received his undergraduate degree. He received his MBA from the University of MD. Chris is married to Emily and they reside in Chevy Chase with their two sons. Chris enjoys golf, cooking and spending time with his wife and sons.

## Lido Scholarships

On May 13, the Scholarship Committee interviewed ten scholarship applicants, seven in person and three by telephone. The interviews took place at Lorry and Judy Clavelli's house. In conjunction with the National Italian American Foundation (NIAF), the Club awarded \$50,000 in scholarships this year. The amounts of the scholarships ranged from \$2,000 to \$10,000, based on individual need. Four of the ten recipients are repeat winners. After the interviews, Judy prepared an outstanding dinner for the committee members.

Co-Chairmen Lorry Clavelli, Applicant Screening Committee, and Joe Bruno, Investment Committee would like to thank the following Scholarship Committee members:

**Applicant Screening Committee Members:** Thomas Caruso, Richard Ceccone, Bruno Damiani, John DeZinno, Philip Finelli, Saverio Grimaldi, Joseph Lamari, Angelo Puglisi, Charles Russo, Anthony Solazzo, Thomas Stallone, Carlo Tibery, and John Urciolo. **Investment Committee Members:** Angelo Caputo, Thomas Caruso, and John DeZinno.

### This year's scholarship recipients are:

**Kathryn Anastasi** – Kathryn is a 2011 graduate of Wootton High School, G.P.A. 3.9. She will be a Freshman in the fall at Macalester College in St. Paul, MN majoring in International Relations. Her great-grandfather came from Citanova, Reggio Calabria in 1905.

**Kelleigh Cosentino** – Kelleigh is a previous Lido scholarship recipient and will be a Senior at Georgetown University majoring in International Politics with a minor in Security Studies. As part of Georgetown's study abroad program, she spent her Junior year at King's College, London in the War Studies program. Her grandparents came from Partinico, Messina and Naples.

**Thomas Divita** – Thomas is a previous Lido scholarship recipient and will be a Senior at the University of Maryland, Baltimore majoring in Digital Media. G.P.A. 3.2. His grandparents are from Calabria and Sicily.

**Natalie Eichner** – Natalie is a 2011 graduate of Bishop O'Connell High School, G.P.A. 4.3. She will be a Freshman in the fall at the University of Virginia majoring in Biology. Her maternal great-grandparents came from Rome in the early 1900's.

**Philip Grundier** – Philip is a 2011 graduate of George Marshall High School, G.P.A. 4.3. He will be a Freshman at the University of Virginia majoring in Engineering. His great-grandfather came to the U.S. from Sicily in 1923.

**Karson Leperi** – Karson is a previous Lido scholarship recipient and will be a Junior at the University of South Carolina majoring in Chemical Engineering with a minor in Nuclear Engineering. G.P.A. 4.0. His paternal great-grandparents came from Aquila in 1899.

**Kossette Leperi** – Kossette is a 2011 graduate of Richard Montgomery High School, G.P.A. 3.8. Kossette will be a Freshman in the fall at Boise State University. Her paternal great-grandparents came from Aquila in 1899.

**Tessa Tripodi** – Tessa is a previous Lido scholarship recipient and will be a Junior at the Maryland Institute College of Art majoring in Environmental Design with a minor in Italian Cultural Studies. G.P.A. 3.6. Her father was born and raised in Calabria.

**Nicholas Tsusaki** – Nicholas is a 2011 graduate of Atholton High School, G.P.A. 4.0. He will be a freshman in the fall at Georgetown University majoring in International Relations. The maternal side of his family is from Lombardy.

**Pietro Tundo** – Pietro will be a Senior at Saint John's University majoring in Psychology with a minor in English. G.P.A. 3.9. His father comes from Rolo del Sangro, Chieti Province.

## Lido Supports Patriot Dinner

Once again our Club sponsored a cocktail reception and dinner for recent soldiers and their families returning from the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. These wounded soldiers, currently at Walter Reed Hospital, are brought to The Washington Golf & Country Club for an elaborate dinner that they shared with their family members. Lido Members hosted tables for the honored guests. This is the third dinner the Lido Club has sponsored. Over 65 people attended the event which is organized with the Wounded Warriors Program together with our Civic Chairman, Tom Caruso. Lido member always come back from this event with the greatest respect for the fine men and women who are defending our liberty in our great Country. These soldiers, who have made great sacrifices for their Country, are truly heroes.



Civic Chairman Tom Caruso (above) organized the event.

Lido Members Piero Marinucci, Ross Vincenti (top right) and Carl Salzano (bottom right), are among many Lido members in attendance at the Patriot Dinner.



## Mario Andretti Exclusive Interview

Below is a link to an article on Mario Andretti and the 100th Anniversary of the Indianapolis 500. It was written by Karin Leperi, mother of one of our scholarship recipients, Karson Leperi. Karin attended Lido's 80th Anniversary Gala at the Embassy of Italy and was introduced to Mario. True to his word that evening, Mario has given Karin an exclusive interview and the attached article link below is the result:

<http://www.justluxe.com/lifestyle/luxury-cars/feature-1578449.php>

## Editors Note

The Lido Star editors regret, that in our Second Quarter, 2010 edition of the newsletter, contained an error. It should have read that “ the wonderful pasta sauces that highlighted our Golf Tournament’s buffet dinner was prepared by **Chef Ignazio Bonanni of Tesoro Restaurant** which is located at 4400 Connecticut Avenue, NW in Washington, DC.” The Lido Club has had many fine dinners prepared for us at Tesoro’s when the Executive Committee has met there and we are sorry for the error.

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## In Memorium

**Raymond John Anselm** (Age 89) passed away on Saturday, March 5, 2011. Ray lived in Chevy Chase, MD. His late wife, Marie Louise, preceded him in death. Ray was the devoted father of Luisa (Eric) Rabe, Rita (John Whiter) Anselm, Helen (Rick) Justes, Doris (David) Smith, Gina (F. Joseph) Wade and Inez (Jeff) McCormick and he was the grandfather of 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Bethesda, MD. Interment was at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that you make a memorial contributions to St. John's College High School or the Montgomery Hospice..

**Teresa F. LoBianco**, sister of long-time member, Frank LoBianco, passed away on May 11, 2011 at the age of 90 in Sun City Center, Florida. She was a retired Federal Government employee and formerly resided in Suitland, Md. Teresa was buried in their family plot at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Washington, DC.

**Anthony Natelli, Jr.**, Tony is survived by his wife, Christine Natelli; their son, Jamie Hugh; and his mother, Gertrude "Trudy" Natelli. He also had two brothers, Thomas and Michael and two sisters, Mary Natelli McCannand and Nancy Natelli Duin. Tony was preceded in death by his father, **Anthony M. Natelli, Sr.**, who passed away on March 25, 2004. Tony, Sr. was a member of our Club and our "Man of the Year" honoree in 2002.

**Nella G. DiBattista** On Wednesday, May 11, 2011, Nella G. DiBattista of Ellicott City, MD passed away after a long illness. Nella was the mother of Cathy, Nick, Joe and Anna. She was the grandmother of Nicholas, Gabrielle, Jake and Julianna. She was a sister of Nicolino, Nino, Gabrielle, Angelino and Annamarie. Mrs. DiBattista was the mother of our Past President Nick DiBattista and the source of the wonderful recipe for rosemary marinade chicken that you could purchase at the annual Villa Rosa festival in Mitchellville, Maryland .

**Joseph J. Urciolo, Jr.** On Tuesday, June 7, 2011 "Jay" Urciolo, died at his residence in Columbia, South Carolina after a long illness. Mr Urciolo was born in Washington, DC and operated the JayBird's carry out & bar across the street from the D. C. Courthouse from 1978 -1994. He is survived by his mother, Phillie Urciolo, four sisters and his brother John, who is a current Lido member and past president. Jay father, who died in 1995, was a long time Lido member and former past president in 1968.

*May all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace*

*– The Latin Rite*

## Italian Ambassador Honored

The National Council for the Promotion of Italian Language in American Schools (COPILAS) hosted a Black Tie the event at Casa Italiana last April. COPILAS' CEO and Lido member, **Daniel Stabile**, thanked the many Lido members who attended the very successful event. Our Club has always been extremely supportive of the organization throughout the years. The organization honored Italian Ambassador Giulio Terzi di Sant'Agata for his personal support and for the Embassy's efforts to keep the Italian language in our American schools. The wonderful dinner was prepared by Café Milano of Georgetown and Banfi Wines of New York supplied a plethora of beverages for the event.

Also honored that evening was First Counselor at the Italian Embassy, Cristiano Maggipinto, and Franco Nuschese of Café Milano who both received special recognition awards.

## Pizza and Poker Night

Ross and Andrea Vincenti will be hosting a *Pizza and Poker Night* at their residence in Arlington, Va. on Saturday, June 18, 2011. The gala evening will include open bar, cigars for all, sausages, pizza (from his commercial outdoor pizza oven) penne marinara, dolce and much more! Both poker and non-poker playing members are welcome. The proceeds from poker fees (\$100) and non-poker fees (\$50) will benefit the Lido Scholarship Fund.



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The "Italian Melodies Hour" is celebrating over 50 years of service to the Italian Community (since January 3, 1954).

## About the Lido Civic Club of Washington, DC

The Lido Civic Club of Washington, DC was established in 1929. For over 80 years it has brought together Washington area Italian American businessmen to enjoy not only their shared business interest but also their Italian American culture. The Club meets every third Thursday at Alfio's Restaurant in Chevy Chase.

If you would like to be our guest one evening, contact our membership chairman [membership@lidocivicclub.com](mailto:membership@lidocivicclub.com) or send an email to the President at [president@lidocivicclub.com](mailto:president@lidocivicclub.com).

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