

## ITALEO AGENDA

**May 2, 2023**

6:00pm: Sign in and collect \$10.00 dollars from each person at the door- **Zona**

6:15pm: Call to Order- Welcome Everyone- **DiFante**

6:15pm: Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem- **DiFante**

6:20pm: Blessing- Father Joe Demaio

### DINNER

6:50p.m.: *Guest Speaker: Joe Testani: Program director for ROC TAC which stands for the Rochester Threat Advisory Committee. He Brings extensive experience in investigating and managing criminal and national security matters with a focus on counter terrorism. ROC TAC was created by MCSO in 2019 with the goal of Preventing acts of targeted violence before they lead to tragedies. I personally worked with ROC TAC in 2019 in relation to a student at IHS that had a fascination with Columbine and school shootings. I truly believe because of all the great work ROC TAC does, this was a case which we were able to collaborate and step in soon enough to avoid any type of pre-planned act of violence. It's difficult to know statistically how many acts of potential violence have been mitigated, but I'm confident to say more than we know based on the great work that's being done. So, without further ado, I'll turn it over to Joe.*

7:05pm- Roll Call of Board members (Ellie Bonagura & Mark Ellis not in attendance)

7:10pm: Meeting Minutes from April- Bernabei (Mark D'Angelo)

**Motion to Accept:** Joe Cimino

**Second:** Howie Merritt

7:15pm: Treasurer Report- **Zona**

<b>General Fund:</b>	<b>\$13,995.77</b>
<b>Sharon Rivaldo Scholarship Fund:</b>	<b>\$2,835.10</b>
<b>ORF:</b>	<b><u>\$17,737.94</u></b>
	<b>\$34,617.06</b>

**Motion to Accept:** Dick Rozzi  
**Second:** Mike DiGiovanni  
**All in Favor say "I"** AYE

7:20pm: Membership Report (**Franco**)- Recognize new members- **Nick DiFante and Vincent DiPonzio.**  
**19 new members since January 1st**

7:25pm: **Old Business-**

### **Upcoming ITALEO Events:**

- **\* Date/location changed\* Annual Picnic-** We are going to be holding our Annual Picnic on Sunday **August 13th from 12-5pm at the St. Paul Exempt.** 690 Thomas Ave. in Irondequoit. North Coast Catering will be providing the food; Netsins Ice cream truck will be coming at 3:15pm. Bocce and Corn Hole Tournament.
- **First ever Colonial Belle Fall Dinner Cruise-** Celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and remember Sharon Rivaldo. ***Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30pm-8:30p.m.*** A full pasta dinner will be served with deserts and cash bar. Once we get the details finalized, we will send out additional correspondence and will be selling tickets. ***Tickets will be \$45 dollars per person.*** The boat can hold up to 149 passengers. However, it only holds 90 people on the main deck. Keep in mind we will be looking for sponsorships for this event, which will help pay for the cost of the boat.
- **Christmas Party for 2023-** Were booked for ***Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-8pm at Italian American Sports Club on Buffalo Rd.*** Buffet style meal with a cash bar, awards, 50/50; Santa Clause. Last meeting, we discussed adding a new award that we would present at the Christmas party. "Sharon Rivaldo Stand up for the Blue ITALEO member of the year award". This will be presented to a member who goes above and beyond to help the Organization. If anyone has any nominations, please send them to us.
- **The Sharon Rivaldo Memorial Scholarship Award** winners will be announced at the Christmas Party. We plan on putting applications out no later than June with a deadline of September. We are going to open this up to even Freshman in college (before you had to complete your freshman year). We are also going to open it up to not only kids and grandkids, but also nieces and nephews of ITALEO members with the intention of continuing to keep this a member benefit and hopefully getting more applicants.

### Upcoming NON-ITALEO Events:

May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10a.m at the Public Safety Building Auditorium Denny Wright will be presented with the DCJS Police Officer Medal of Valor/Governors Police officer of the Year Award (2019). This award has only been given to 122 police officers in NYS from 21 different agencies.

- **May 9th, 2023**, NYS Police Memorial remembrance ceremony in Albany. Spectators should arrive no later than 12:30pm.
- **May 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>** National Police Week trip- Tomesha has done a great job organizing this event with the Emerald Society. ITALEO purchased a wreath to lay at the Memorial site. (Ask Tomesha if she has anything she would like to add)
- **Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> 8pm** at Gates PD is hosting a local candlelight vigil at the same time as the National Law Enforcement Candlelight Vigil in D.C.
- ARPALER Police Memorial Ceremony is **May 18<sup>th</sup> at 12p.m.** At the Locust Club on Lexington Ave.
- **Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> 11a.m.** 860 Holt Rd. In Webster. 2023 Rochester Warthogs MC Annual Summer Kickoff Ride. They raise money for supplies and equipment for local K-9's to include bullet proof vests.
- **Sunday May 28th at 3p.m.** Is the annual Memorial Day parade along Cooper/Titus Ave. in Irondequoit.
- Brett Sobieraski started his "8 states for Maz" run. He's going to be running a marathon every day starting in Florida through 8 states finishing at the Fallen officer memorial (99 Exchange Blvd) **on June 11<sup>th</sup>**. His mission is to honor Tony Mazurkiewicz and raise money for his family. Donations can be made at [locust.club.org](http://locust.club.org).
- **September 2nd-3rd-** Little Italy Festival of Rochester 4pm-9pm. Ontario Beach Park.

**7:30pm:**

### New Business:

- We continue to receive donations in memory of our beloved Sharon Rivaldo. Thank to everyone who has donated. We have a page on our site acknowledging all our donors. Ellie continues to keep up with sending out thank you letters.

- May Newsletter was sent out yesterday. Thanks again to Rose for all her hard work with putting this together.
- **United Way- Spring Campaign kickoff has now begun.** Please spread the word that ITALEO is a designated donor. Any donation received will go directly to the officer relief fund.
- **New Merchandise-** We have ITALEO license plates. We are ordering more long sleeve shirts as well as some polo shirts. We still have Challenge coins and 30th anniversary pins.
- If anyone who is currently a member did not receive a membership card, please let us know. If you have not yet paid your dues for 2023, please do so ASAP.
- IACC is offering Italian Classes
- Just want to reiterate that the board is always open to new ideas and suggestions. The board wants to be transparent in everything we do, but also be as inclusive as possible before we make certain decisions.
- Open up Floor to Members-  
Sam Meloni – August 26<sup>th</sup> Golf Tourney for Maz – Ontario Golf Club  
Phil Rivaldo – Thank you for donating

**Next Meeting: June 6, 2023 at 6P.M. At the Sicilian Club (Thank you again for your hospitality as we look to make the Sicilian club our new home. Also, make sure to tip the bartender)**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Dick Rozzi

**Second:** Mike DiGiovanni

**All in Favor:** **AYE**

**50/50 Winners-Zona** Sam Meloni & Linda Borden

**Guessing Game-Franco** Dick Rozzi

**Gift Basket:** Victor Ingrassia