



2024 West Haven Award Recipients

The purpose of the Greater New Haven Italian-American Heritage Committee is to promote the spirit and celebrate the history of the Greater New Haven Italian-American Community and the Community at large.

Membership is open to all persons who subscribe to the purpose of the committee and shall be members by virtue of their own personal involvement and interest in promoting the activities of the committee.

On behalf of the Greater New Haven Italian American Committee, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for the generous support of all our sponsors, patrons and the Town of West Haven and its departments.

Without your contribution, the 2024 events would not be a success. We are grateful for your partnership in the celebration of tradition and heritage.



2024 GNHIAHC Committee Members

The Greater New Haven Italian American Heritage Committee

HERITAGE DINNER



Thursday, October 10, 2024

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Anthony's Ocean View

New Haven, CT

“Pointing The Way To The Future”

Another year has passed. And with another year, it has brought changes. With those changes, adaptation has taken place. Today, with rigorous effort, these are changes we can look forward to. Pointing towards the future, we can embrace our past, that of which embodies who we are today. This monument embodies just those very characteristics.

The very intricate detailing in the artwork done by Artist Marc Anthony Massaro is witnessed in this brilliant piece that once laid where Columbus once was and the visions remains the same. America is a melting pot. We can now once again point towards the future in unison. On June 9, 2024 the Wooster Square Monument Project had their dedication day highlighting this monument. The design narrates the aspirations and hardships that come along with the family values of New Haven's Italian American community.

Special recognition to Bill Iovanne Jr. and for his “tireless” efforts. The entire Worcester Square Monument Project group.

And without the support of our sponsors big or small none of this would be possible. Special thanks to: Chris Cozzi [Local 478], Fucci Construction, Simpson Electric, Vin Capasso, Connecticut Stone, Andy Consiglio, New Haven Public Works, New Haven Parks & Recreation Department.

Written by: Joseph Luzzi



The Greater New Haven Italian-American Heritage Committee would like to express our gratitude to all of our corporate sponsors, our advertisers and everyone that has made 2024 a successful year in celebrating Heritage Day.

We sincerely thank West Haven Mayor Dorinda Borer, West Haven Police, Fire, Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments for their hard work and guidance in planning this year's festival.

We are also thankful to all our working committees, event coordinators and volunteers that have helped in all of our services.

A very special thanks to the West Haven Committee, Silvana Apicella, Carolyn Brindisi, Debbie Collins, Marianne Drapeau, Paul Frosolone, Nickie Galli, Sherri Lepper, Kristen Malloy, Lori Moran, and Donna Peschell for assisting in the organization of The Greater New Haven Italian American Heritage Festival.

*Happy Italian-American
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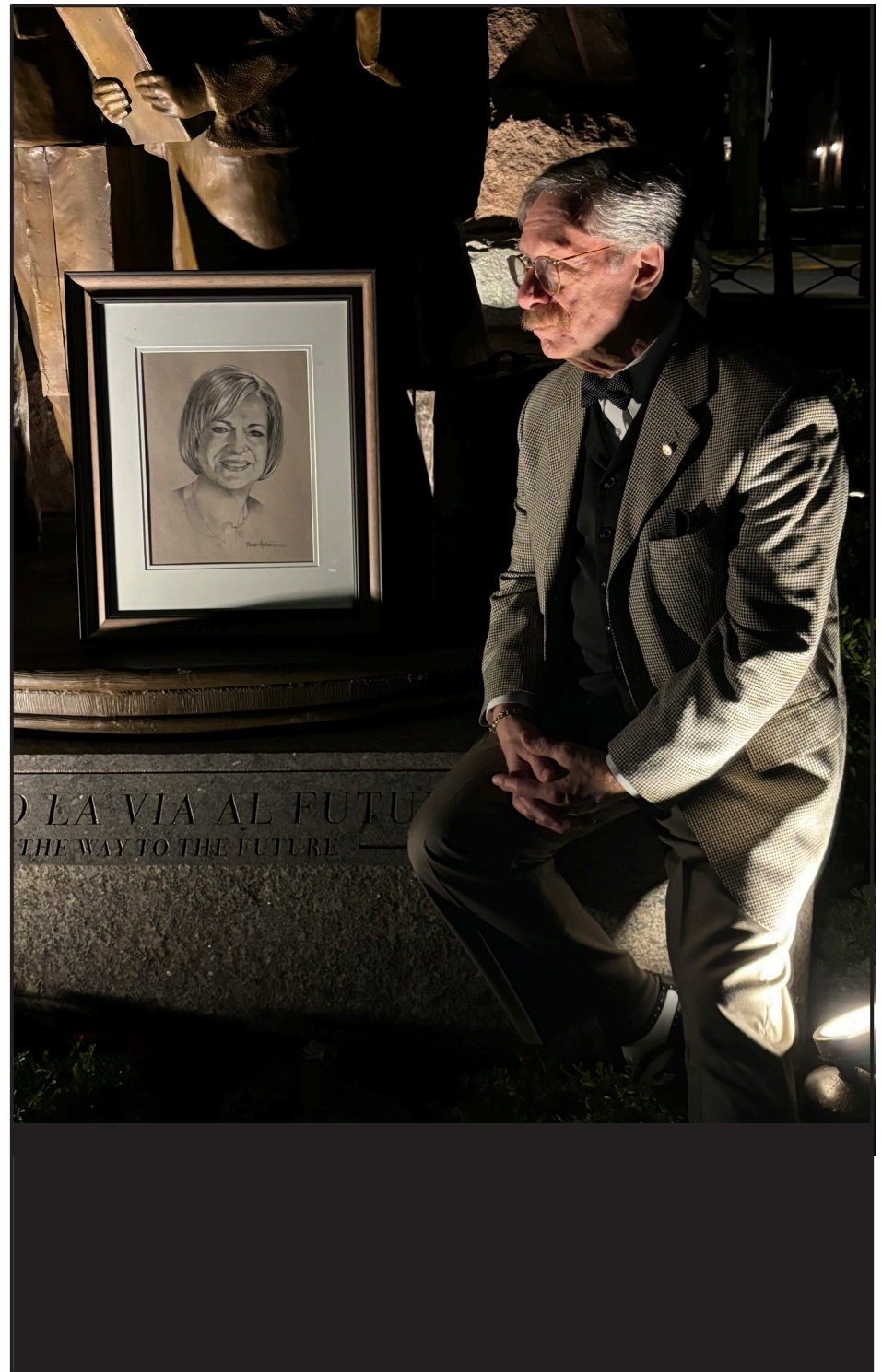
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Welcome 6:30 p.m.

Master of Ceremony Rich Coppola

Invocation Rev. Joseph MacNeil

Blessed Michael McGivney Parish

National Anthem

Italian National Anthem

Introduction of Mayor Borer

Introduction of Grand Marshal Mark Consorte

Introduction of Laura Luzzi Recipient Celia Pinzi

Citation presented by Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro to Recipients

Dinner 7 p.m.

Keynote Speaker – Frank A. Carrano

Benediction Rev. Joseph MacNeil

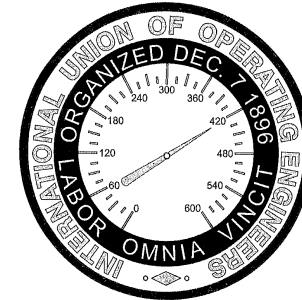
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Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2024 Greater New Haven Italian-American Heritage Dinner! On behalf of the City of West Haven, the Greater New Haven Italian-American Heritage Committee (GNHIAHC), Festival Grand Marshal Mark Consorte and Laura Luzzi Awardee Celia Pinzi, and the countless volunteers who have worked so hard to make this celebration a success, it is our great privilege to be this year's host City for this regional tradition.

The City of West Haven is truly honored to be holding this year's Festival on Saturday, October 12th, 2024 at West Haven's Town Green from 12PM to 4PM. The GNHIAHC has transitioned the annual parade to a festival to allow for wider participation. The festival will highlight all of the traditions and culture that the Italian-Americans have shared with our communities.

As a proud Italian-American myself I'm looking forward to the Festival and hope you will join us in demonstrating the vast number of regional residents who want to celebrate Italian-American heritage!

Thank you for attending tonight's Heritage Dinner, and thank you for your support and participation in what promises to be an exceptional event.

Sincerely,

Dorinda Borer
Mayor, City of West Haven

Mark Consorte

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Education

SCSU, 2001 (New Haven, CT)
6th Year Degree in Educational Administration,
092 Certification

University of New Haven, 1998 (West Haven, CT)
Master of Science Degree in Education

Wesleyan University, 1992 (Middletown, CT)
Bachelor of Arts Degree in Government

Notre Dame High School, 1988 (West Haven, CT)

Professional Experience

West Haven High School, AP U.S. Government & Politics Teacher 1996-Present
Social Studies Department Head, 2001-Present
Serve as Faculty Advisor for Student Government and the Debate Team
Serve as Summer School director and teacher
Member of the Honors Committee
Member of the Connecticut Council of the Social Studies

Notre Dame High School, Coach

Former assistant coach of the baseball, basketball, and golf teams

Community Involvement

Longtime member of the Knights of Columbus
Longtime player and board member of the West Haven Twilight League
Former athletic director and coach at Our Lady of Victory School
Former baseball and basketball coach to several West Haven youth sports teams
Longtime Catechist at Our Lady of Victory parish

Community Service Awards

WHTL Gold Bat Award recipient, 2022
Sons and Daughters of Italy community service award winner, 2018
Grand Marshal of the Greater New Haven Italian Heritage Festival, 2024
Southern Connecticut Diamond Club Hall of Fame inductee, 2024

Personal Information

Lifelong West Haven resident
Active parishoner at Holy Infant Catholic Church in Orange
Recently celebrated 25th wedding anniversary with wife Carla
Proud father of twin sons, Michael and Matthew, recent graduates
of the University of Notre Dame...Go Irish!



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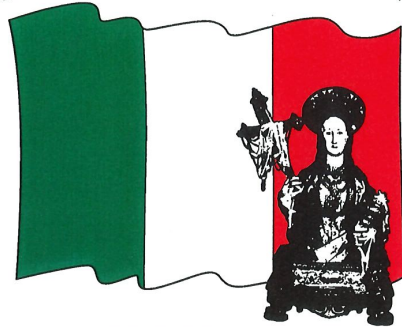


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Celia Pinzi

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Education:

Hopkins School, class of 1977
Georgetown University, class of 1981
New England Institute of Mortuary Science,
Class of 1983

Work Experience:

West Haven Funeral Home:
Vice President, 1984 – 2009,
President & Owner, 2009 – present

Chairperson CT State Board of Examiners for Funeral Directors
& Embalmers: July 1995 – May 2009

Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Commissioner
2008 – present

Oak Grove Crematory:
Vice President, 1998-2009,
President & Owner, 2009 – present

Volunteer Experience:

WHEAT Food Pantry, 2018 – present, volunteer and Board member
City of West Haven Health Department-present
Past Board member-West Haven Community House
Past President -CT. Funeral Directors Association

Lifelong West Haven resident
Married to Attorney Mark A. Healey
Two sons Ryan C. Healey and Brendan J. Healey
Daughter of the late Nello J. Pinzi (founder of West Haven Funeral Home) /
and the late Helen B. Pinzi (founder of Adult Basic Education, now ESL)



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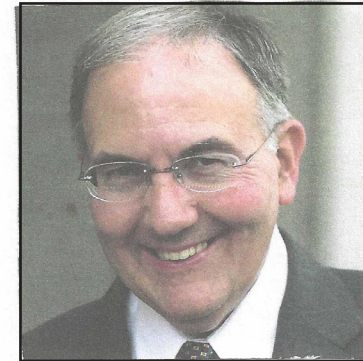


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The residents of West Haven join me in sending
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On the left, Salvatore DeCola. On the right, Pietro Nargi.

These two friends, Savatore 18 years old and Pietro 22 years old came to America from Castelvetere Sul Calore outside of Naples Italy, on the SS Cedric leaving March 7, 1907 arriving March 17, 1907 in New York.

Nargi a stone mason, DeCola worked for the New York New Haven Hartford Railroad, raising their families next door to each other.

Fast forward 97 years later, DeCola's grandson marries Nargi's great granddaughter!

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Pasquale DeCicco: In the spring of 1942, federal officers took DeCicco, a U.S. citizen for over 30 years, from his home in New Haven to a detention center in Boston. He was then sent to Ellis Island.

INTERNMENT CAMPS:

418 Italian immigrants were held in internment centers.

RESTRICTIONS:

Italian Americans were subject to:

- Curfews
- Unfounded searches and seizures
- Movement restrictions
- Registration at local post offices
- Fingerprinting
- Photography
- Carrying photo-bearing “enemy alien registration cards”
- Surrendering hand cameras, short-wave radio receiving sets, and radio transmitters
- Moving out of certain Exclusion Zones

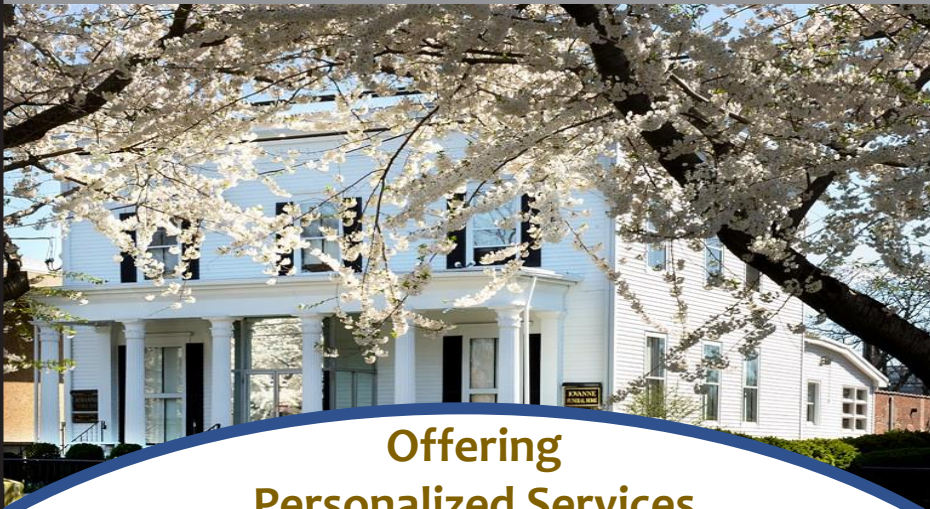
The United States government has not yet apologized to the descendants of interred Italian Americans.

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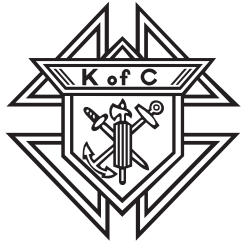
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Mark Consorte

&

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