



# Italian American Professional Business Club

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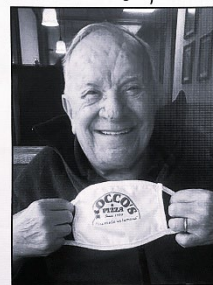
*The IAPBC brings together individuals of Italian descent to celebrate family, culture, and heritage by extending "one hand to greet and one hand to give"*

## THE CLUB IN REVIEW

- Congratulations to **Samuel** and **Olivia Trecaso** on the birth of their baby boy **Enzo Samuel** August 31<sup>st</sup>. Enzo was a healthy 8 lbs. 2 oz upon arrival!
- Senior IAPBC member **Mario Caponi** was presented the **2025 Achievement Award** at the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner of the Council of Italian American Societies of Summit County dinner in November at Todaro's Party Center. Mario came to the US in 1947 and despite contracting tuberculosis in Italy, obtained his education at the University of Akron and started a pizza business that has thrived to this day with sons Mario Jr. and Rocco. Mario assisted other Italian immigrants in becoming US citizens and helped many start businesses of their own. Congratulations Mario!!
- Our **2025 Christmas Gala** will be on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at Greystone Hall in downtown Akron starting at 6 PM. Come celebrate with us in honoring this year's **Father James Ragnoni Humanitarian Award** winner. This is the most prestigious award given by our club highlighting a member of our organization that goes above and beyond with their philanthropic involvement in our club and our community. This Christmas GALA is our year-end celebration highlighting our year in review as a club. Be sure to register at our website, <https://iapbc.org/christmas-gala/>
- The IAPBC membership is now open to all **men and women** of Italian descent. Please check out our web page and Facebook page for information. Membership for 2025-2026 remains at \$125 and can be mailed to **IAPBC PO BOX 901, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223** or online at [www.iapbc.org](http://www.iapbc.org).
- 2025 wraps up as a momentous year for the Italian American community of Akron and Summit County. The IAPBC celebrated its 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an organization and 87<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Viva La Panza! All club activities were well attended, from the **Wine Down Wednesday** networking events, the **Morra Tournament**, the **Scholarship Award** luncheon, the **Italian Golf Outing**, **Columbus Day**, **Viva** and the **Christmas Gala**. Other organizations celebrated milestone events, two successful Italian American festivals and two books on the history and memories of our Italian American immigrants were published. Grazie Mille to all those who have made 2025 a year to remember.
- The **IAPBC Endowment Fund at Akron Community Foundation** 501(c)3 is now accepting tax-deductible contributions. We are approaching our goal of \$1 million to provide scholarships to high school students. Please visit [www.akroncf.org](http://www.akroncf.org) to contribute or contact Laura Lederer [llederer@akroncf.org](mailto:llederer@akroncf.org), 330-436-5611 for more information. Our goal is to raise \$1 million to provide scholarship funding to students with Italian ancestry.
- The Club meets informally for lunch each week on Thursdays at 12 noon. The first and fourth (and any fifth) Thursday of the month at **Akron Family Restaurant**, 254 W Market St, Akron, OH 44303. The second and third Thursday of the month at **Dontino's**, **555 E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave, Akron OH 44310**



Achievement Award:  
*Mario Caponi*



*Ralph Trecaso, Rocco Caponi,  
Mario Caponi, Luisa Caponi  
and Rita (Caponi) O'neil*

