

# JCCA Journal

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## New leaders bring new energy to the JCCIA

by Jo Ann Serpico, President

Our new officers create a bright future for the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans. We will continue with the Lord's help and blessings.

Our umbrella has always represented the hopes and dreams of our Italian-American community.

I am honored to work alongside such exceptional people who are incredibly supportive. There is no way we can accomplish great things without each other. We have a well-earned pride in staying true to our values and our heritage.

A leader motivates people to work collaboratively to achieve. This continues to be my goal. Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans members are altruistic, we have an unselfish concern for each other. We are tightly organized. Together we benefit.

At this time I have the distinct privilege of presenting our 2009-2010 officers and leaders of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans.



### ANTONIO ROMANUCCI FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Antonio Romanucci is a partner in the law firm of Romanucci & Blandin, LLC. He is a past president of the prestigious Justinian Society of Lawyers. He has been selected as a Top 100 lawyer in the state of Illinois. Antonio has received numerous awards for his outstanding excellence in law.

### ROSEMARIE ANDOLINO SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Rosemarie Andolino is member of our Women's Division, an Impresa Award recipient in 2003, a Columbus Day Queen in 1988 and an Italian Heritage Ball Debutante in 1983. Most importantly, Rosemarie is the executive director of the O'Hare Modernization Program. She has received numerous awards and accolades for her achievements.



### JOSEPH L. RAGO THIRD VICE PRESIDENT



Joseph is a licensed funeral director and certified public accountant. He is a graduate of Loyola University Chicago and Worsham College of Mortuary Science. Joseph also serves as the accounting instructor at Worsham College of Mortuary Science and operates a small accounting and tax practice. Joseph is a director of the Human Relations Foundation of Chicago.

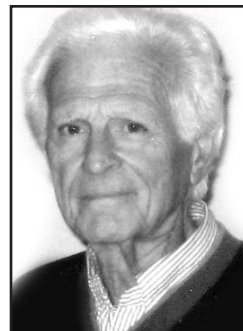
### JACQUELYN MAZZA SECRETARY

Jacqueline Mazza is the president of the Italian American Women's Organization. This is her third term of office as secretary of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans. She owns her own interior design business for the past 26 years. She belongs to the International Interior Design Association. Jacqueline volunteered her services in designing the JCCIA offices at Casa Italia.



### EUGENE P. RENDA TREASURER

Eugene attended the University of California at Berkeley. He was then drafted into the United States Army, where he proudly served for two years during the Korean War. He has served as Post #5 and state commander of the San Giuseppe di Bagheria Society. He is retired from the city of Chicago, where he worked as communications dispatcher for 22 years.



### JAMES CERAMI SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Jim was born in Chicago's Taylor Street area. When he was only 3 years old, his family returned to Lascari, Sicily. Jim returned to Chicago in 1958. He is the founder of Cerami Construction Co. He is now retired and devotes his time to the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans, the Padre Pio Society at the Shrine of our Lady of Mt. Carmel and the San Giovanni Bosco Society. Jim is a recipient of the Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Humanitarian of the Year award.



Our new administration brings a wealth of experience to the JCCIA — new growth and new enthusiasm is being infused into all of our future endeavors.

I look forward to the continued support of all the past presidents and past officers. I thank the retiring officers — Florian J. Barbi, James Glimco, Dino Porto — for all of their years of service. I know I will be able to call on each of them for their participation and experience to champion the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans. My appreciation to Richard Tufano for serving for two years as treasurer.