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Stramaglia to head this year's Columbus Parade

by Jo Ann Serpico, President

During my Catholic education the nuns always said, "Tempus Fugit." Until adulthood, I didn't realize just how fast time flies.

July marks the official kickoff to the Columbus Day preparations, with our Queen Contest taking place on Sunday, July 12. Young ladies of Italian heritage still have time to apply. What an exciting experience for young girls to come forward to be the Queen and Court reigning over our day to shine on Oct. 12.

Our heritage is our stronghold. Our pride is our vision. Our passion brings everything together. Judges from all walks of life will be making the selection at Elmcrest Banquets. The accounting firm of Matthew A. Pesce, CPA, will be tallying the votes. Girls are judged on the categories of poise, personality, presentation and beauty. Family and friends will gather at 4 p.m. for Sunday dinner followed by the pageant.

Our opening production number choreographed by Marilyn Fredericks is a dazzling array by the contestants in costumes chosen by the committee. After the introduction of the contestants, they don their own evening gowns to sparkle and glow as they vie for the crown.

The chairman for this annual spectacular is Jimmy Glimco. Jim always makes a very impressive appearance in his tuxedo as he greets and welcomes everyone. The master of ceremonies for the Queen Contest is someone new to our committee, Jim Marnos. He willingly accepted to preside over the pageant as our emcee.

The crowning of the Queen is an honor given to the chairman of the Columbus Day Parade. This year, we are especially proud of our chairman, Dominic Stramaglia. He is one of the most pleasant, dynamic businessmen in our community. Dominic so willingly accepted my invitation for him to be the leader. His history of supporting the parade is his credential to be at the helm.

Dominic Stramaglia was born in Bari, Italy, in 1946. In 1954, the Stramaglia family decided a better opportunity existed in America. Eventually setting in the Italian neighborhood on Taylor Street

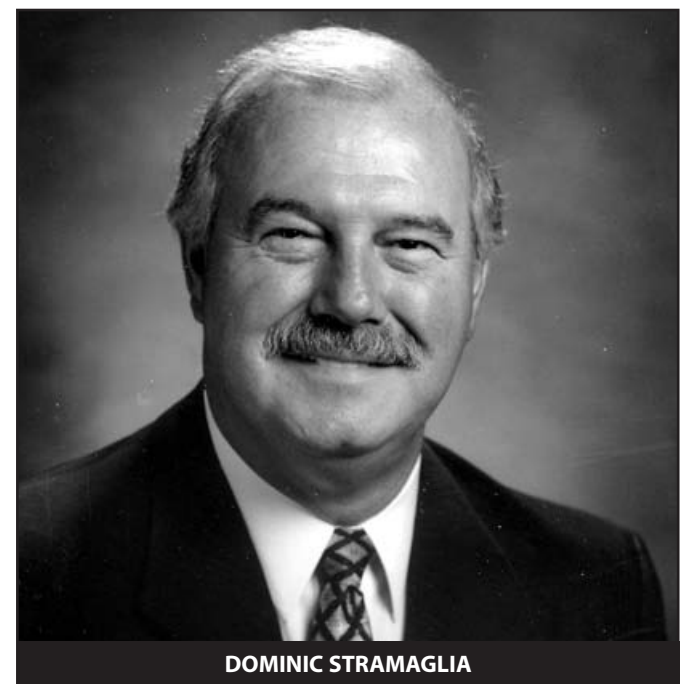
in Chicago, Mr. Stramaglia began an early entrepreneurship by selling newspapers on street corners.

Mr. Stramaglia was approached in 1973 with a concept of wholesale distribution of live lobsters. At the age of 28, Mr. Stramaglia made a life-changing decision. He decided to become an active principal of Supreme Lobster. His vision has taken the company from being a live lobster distributor in Chicago to a full line seafood distributor.

Currently, Mr. Stramaglia operates companies in Villa Park, Las Vegas, Racine and Indianapolis. The Supreme Lobster family of companies was rated as the seventh largest seafood company in the United States. The companies currently employ more than 225 employees.

Through Mr. Stramaglia's hard work and dedication, Supreme Lobster has become one of the most successful seafood companies in the United States. Mr. Stramaglia came from a humble beginning in a foreign country to a very successful entrepreneur in the United States. He has exemplified the "American Spirit" of hard work and dedication.

With Dominic Stramaglia in the front line, Louis Rago as the Parade Marshal directing, and a vibrant Queen and her court reigning, we know our parade is one of the finest in the nation.



DOMINIC STRAMAGLIA