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Bob Sirott, Jesse White to Receive Honors

The Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans will celebrate its 50th Dante Award Luncheon on Thursday May 26 11:30am at Galleria Marchetti in Chicago. This year's recipient of the coveted Dante Award will be Chicago television and radio icon Bob Sirott. For as long as the Dante Award has been in existence, Sirott has performed and entertained the people of Chicago. "Few media professionals have had the reach and staying power as Bob Sirott. For over 50 years we've viewed and/or heard him on practically a daily basis," said Ron Onesti President JCCIA

The Dante award named after the famed Florentine poet Dante Aleghieri is awarded annually to a Chicago media professional who champions truth in journalism. Past recipients include Bill Curtis, Walter Jacobson, Larry Wert, Mary Dee, John Idler and over 40 others. Last year's recipient was Jennifer Lyons President and General Manager of CBS 2.

Also to be awarded that day will be the Dominic DiFrisco Lifetime Achievement Award to retiring Secretary of State Jesse White. White has been a long-time friend to citizens representing all cultures, making him a most worthy recipient of the award.

The John Fischetti Scholarship will also be presented to a college student majoring in journalism or broadcasting.

Tickets for the Luncheon are \$75 each and tables of 10 are \$750, seating is limited. For tickets contact the JCCIA office jcc@jccia.com (708)450-9050