



Caltanissetta-Rochester Sister Cities 50th Anniversary GALA

In Honor of the Official Delegation from Caltanissetta

A NIGHT OF BROADWAY & POP

with Rochester's "GLEE"

Sunday, October 11, 2015 5:00PM

Honorary Chairperson, Rochester Mayor Lovely Warren

Lifetime Achievement Award: Louis Gallo, Esq.

Featuring RAPA'S ROC City Singers



*Directed by
Judith A. Ranaletta*



ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER

150 Frank DiMino Way, Rochester, NY 14606

Dinner and Show \$50.00 per person.

Send checks payable to *ISCOR/Caltanissetta 50th to
Caltanissetta-Rochester Sister Cities Committee
21 Marc-Mar Circle, Rochester, NY 14606*

Paid reservations only, Deadline October 5, 2015.

For further information, call 585-259-1405 or email rjgsl@rit.edu



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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY: 50 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN ROCHESTER AND CALTANISSETTA 1965-2015

Fifty years old and still going strong! That's the underlining story of the Caltanissetta and Rochester linkage, a twinning that was conceived in 1965 when the Mayor of Caltanissetta, Calogero Traina, and the Mayor of Rochester, Frank Lamb, realized that their respective cities were a perfect match. That choice was particularly appropriate since it had been estimated that many thousands of citizens in the Rochester area could trace their origins to this Sicilian City. In fact, Caltanissetta is the ancestral home of more Rochester families than any other foreign city. In the 1920's through the 1940's a large community of Nissen immigrants settled in the Jay Street, Plymouth Ave., and Smith Street areas of Rochester west side, bringing favorite kinds of shops and restaurants to the neighborhood. The Gruttadauria Bakery is to this day a good example of a successful business from Caltanissetta. It started in 1914 and is still family owned by the third generation. Linda and Mark Gruttadauria visited Caltanissetta this past May and were invited to meet Caltanissetta Vice-Mayor, Marina Castiglione and the Sister Cities Committee. Over the years many leaders in both cities presided the twinning with successful programs. We must remember Louis Valenza, Louis Gallo, Marcia Payne, Jean Cappellino among others.

In 1965, as soon as the twinning documents were signed, the first official delegation, led by Mayor Traina, visited Rochester and reunited with friends and relatives. At the same time it was decided to establish an annual, academic student exchange between the two cities under the sponsorship of the Association of Teen-Age Diplomats. Since 1967 over 100 students have had the opportunity to study in both cities and they have nourished strong lifelong relationships with their host families. The very first exchange student of 1967, Italo Scarlata participated in this 50th Anniversary celebration with a visit to Rochester in July 2015 to attend his 48th High School Reunion at Penfield High School. He was welcome with a reception at Rochester City Hall by Mayor Lovely Warren and the Caltanissetta Committee. In 1990 Caltanissetta and Rochester were awarded the 1990 Reader's Digest Award for outstanding sustainability as sister cities. Our two cities have seen an uninterrupted flow of exchanges in all areas of life since 1965; so consequently it was a fitting decision to celebrate this historic golden anniversary event this year in both Caltanissetta and Rochester. An official delegation from Caltanissetta will visit Rochester during the second week of October. They will meet with city officials, with professional and business leaders in the area, and will tour the city. The Rochester delegation will return the visit to Caltanissetta in the Spring of 2016.

To honor our guests from Italy, a 50th Anniversary Gala is planned for Sunday, October 11, 2015 at the Italian American Community Center. Rochester Mayor Lovely Warren will be the Honorary Chairperson and will welcome the delegation from Caltanissetta. A recognition Award will be presented to Louis Gallo as past Chairperson of the Sister Cities Committee. A deluxe sit down dinner will be followed by a **Night of Broadway & Pop** with the *ROC City Singers* directed by Judith A. Ranaletta. For more information, call Rosalba at 585-259-1405 or email rjgsl@rit.edu.

Rosalba Farace-Pisaturo, Chairperson
ISCOR Caltanissetta-Rochester Sister Cities



**CALTANISSETTA-ROCHESTER SISTER CITY
50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
1965-2015**

- Benefactors \$ 2,000.00
 - 6 complimentary tickets to the 50th Anniversary Gala (\$300 value).
 - Recognition in Program Ad Book and any advertisement.

- Sponsors \$ 1,000.00
 - 4 complimentary tickets to the 50th Anniversary Gala (\$200 value).
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Ad book rates:

- Centerfold.....**HERITAGE TREE** to recognize the Nisseni who came to Rochester. Yourself or your ancestors. \$25.00 per space
- Outside Back Cover 300.00 size 8 x 6 ½
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