



"If you don't know where you came from, you won't know where you're going."



Reunion 2017

Saturday, May 6th

Please join us in paying tribute to our ancestry and honoring Joseph A. Di Leo, publisher, and Joseph "Joey" Giambra, editor of *Per Niente* magazine, for their contributions to cultural awareness of Italian-American heritage in Western New York.

Located in the northwest corner of the Basilicata region of Italy, San Fele is approximately 2 1/2 hours east of Naples. This small village is well-known for the hot peppers grown by its residents.



San Fele, Province of Potenza in the Basilicata Region of Italy

The San Fele Association of Western New York
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of *Per Niente* Magazine

10:30am	MASS St. Anthony of Padua Church 160 Court Street (behind City Hall) Buffalo, New York Concelebrants: Rev. Pascal D. Ipolito, Jr. Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Sicari	12:00pm 1:30pm	LUNCH <u>Chairperson’s Remarks</u> Barbara Gregorio Barbarossa <u>Recognition of Honorees</u> Joseph R. Tomasulo
11:30am	RECEPTION & LUNCHEON Buffalo Convention Center Franklin Street Entrance		<u>Special Remarks</u> Peter Lojacano President, The Federation of the Italian-American Society of WNY
11:45am	WELCOME & REMARKS <u>Welcome</u> Barbara Gregorio Barbarossa <u>Pledge</u> Joseph R. Tomasulo <u>Invocation</u> Rev. Pascal D. Ipolito, Jr.	2:30pm	BENEDICTION Closing - God Bless America

Reunion 2017 Committee

Barbara Gregorio Barbarossa, Chairperson; Directors: John Christiano, Matt Carlucci,
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Joseph “Joey” Giambra

Joseph “Joey” Giambra is the editor of the popular Italian-American magazine *Per Niente*. Joey, as he is most often referred to, was born and raised on Buffalo’s lower West Side. In his youth, Joey was drawn to the “World of Music” and with unending determination, he accomplished a segment of his goal by learning to play the trumpet, clarinet trombone, piano and vocalized tunes and melodies, that characterized him as a professional musician and an artistic director.

As one who loved art, he excelled in history, literature, and music. As Joey emerged as a dramatist, he performed at local drama studios including Kavinoky Theatre, Canalside, The Calumet and received invitations to perform at Actors Studio in Hollywood, CA, and U.B.’s Center for Performing Arts, as well as many others.

Joey earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice along with an Adjunct Professor degree from State University of New York College.

Under commission from the Federation of the Italian-American Society of WNY, Joey co-wrote, produced, directed, and narrated a docudrama relating to the history, heritage and experiences of Italians assimilation into American life in Western New York. The 90-minute film, “La Terra Promessa” (the Promised Land) was accompanied by Joe’s original music composition. The film premier was held at the Burchfield Penny Art Center followed by a showing at Shea’s Buffalo Theatre.

The success of the reminiscent cinema encouraged Joe to write and produce his second film, entitled “Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow”.



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Joseph A. Di Leo

Joseph A. Di Leo, founder and publisher of *Per Niente* magazine, was born in 1940 to parents who immigrated from Sicily. He was raised in a tenement house situated in the lower West Side of Buffalo. Joe’s education commenced at St. Anthony’s school, Bishop Timon High and he earned a degree in Business Management from SUNY Buffalo.

Joe’s vocational career began as a U.S. Postal letter carrier, advanced to Station Manager and promoted to a zip code manager for the entire Western New York district. Having completed, forty years of service, Joe’s passion for helping the disadvantage enticed in him in 2005 to sedulously formulate a two page newsletter coined “Per Niente”.

With Joe D as publisher and Joey Giambra as editor, the newsletter has developed into *Per Niente* magazine along with a not-for-profit organization known as Per Niente Club. The magazine currently boasts six hundred subscribers.

As an organization, the Per Niente Club recruits volunteers and raises funds for scholarships and tuition assistance for the needy. Donors and members of Per Niente Club provide food, clothing, furniture holiday turkeys, and more to those in need in Western New York. This past contribution report for 2016 amounted to \$17,246 distributed to those in need with \$1,000 bestowed to the Italy earthquake victims.

Joe and his wife, former Toni Marie Proietto, have been married for more than fifty-one years. They have four children and ten grandchildren.