



Salvi

SALVI'S BASEBALL prowess earns a NIASHF NOD

Chicago attorney Patrick A. Salvi was honored as Sportsman of the Year at the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame's induction ceremony and gala in December.

A founder and managing equity partner at Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard, Salvi also is the CEO of Salvi Sports.

A lifetime baseball aficionado, Salvi bought the Gary SouthShore Rail-Cats in 2008, owning and operating it until 2022. Under his leadership, the minor league baseball team won four division championships, had 30 players signed to MLB organizations and won the 2013 American Association Championship.

Salvi later expanded his baseball holdings with the purchase of the Schaumburg Boomers and the North Shore Navigators. Since he purchased the Boomers in 2012, the team has won the Frontier League Championship four times, setting attendance records for 10 consecutive seasons and earning Organization of the Year honors from the league four times.

NIASHF presents the Sportsman of the Year Award to individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to the hall of fame, the world of sports and/or the Italian-American community. Former honorees include presidents and chairmen of enterprises such as Anheuser-Busch, Pepsi, Sara Lee, the San Francisco 49ers, the Phoenix Suns and the Arizona Diamondbacks.

"(Mr. Salvi's) combination of law accolades, sports business and love for his Italian heritage makes him the ideal candidate for this award," NIASHF President Ron Onesti says.

IAPC TO HONOR trio of titans at HERITAGE EVENT

The Italian American Political Coalition will present Judge Celia G. Gamrath with its William Paca Award, Richard Caifano with its Lifetime Achievement Award and Richard Catezone with its Public Service Leadership Award at its annual Heritage Celebration on March 7 at Elmcrest Banquets in Elmwood Park.



Gamrath

A judge for 13 years in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Gamrath is a candidate for the Illinois Appellate Court in the March 19 primary elections. She has held leadership positions

with several bar associations and community organizations, including past president of the Justinian Society of Lawyers. She has earned numerous honors, including the Distinguished Service to Law & Society Award from the Illinois Bar Foundation.

Caifano has been a leader in the legal profession and Italian-American community for nearly six decades. He served as president of the Justinian Society of Lawyers and is a founder and past president of the National Italian American Bar Association. He also served as chairman of the Human Relations Committee of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans and



Caifano

president of the Chicago West Suburban Chapter of UNICO National.



Catezone

Catezone has spent more than three decades in the field of substance prevention and recovery, much of it ensuring that state-licensed drug and alcohol treatment facilities provide the best possible care. The recipient of a kidney-liver transplant in 2020, he became an ambassador for the United Network for Organ Sharing in 2022.

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MISHAWAKA stands by COLUMBUS

More than 300 people gathered in Mishawaka, Indiana, on Oct. 8 to celebrate Columbus Day and Italian Heritage Month. A 1 p.m. ceremony at the Columbus statue in the city's Central Park featured presentations by Mayor Dave Wood, Elkhart County Judge Mike Christofeno and St. Joseph County Assessor Rosemary Mandrici as well as representatives of local clubs from St. Joseph and Elkhart counties.

Festivities continued with an Italian buffet luncheon at the DiLoreto Club, with food provided by local Italian restaurants. The event was sponsored by the DiLoreto Society, DeAmicis Italian Club, Italian American Heritage Society of Notre Dame/Michiana, Italian American Relief Association of Elkhart, Indiana, and Knights of Columbus Council 1878. Pat Vivirito, associate professor of Italian at the University of Notre Dame, gave a brief talk on the local Italian American History Project.

Working with The History Museum in South Bend, Indiana, the local Italian clubs put up a small display in the museum highlighting the history of Italian Americans in the area titled "From Humble Beginnings to Pillars of the Community." The ongoing research project will culminate in a larger display this summer.

"We're excited by the support we're receiving from the community for our statue, our event and our history project," event Chairman Joseph Agostino says.