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*Scholarship Award Journal*



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SOCIETÀ VAL TREBBIA E VAL NURE, INC.



*Dearest Olivia,*

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*Much success in college.*

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*Mom, Dad*

*Anthony, JoJo & Matty*

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## *Greetings. . .*

Dear Members & Friends,

We sincerely thank each and every one of you, as we celebrate our 51st Annual Scholarship Awards to support the advancement of educational opportunities for needy and deserving students.

Thanks to your loyal support and encouragement. Our scholarship fund has grown considerably. As we move into our 51st year 517 scholarships have been awarded with a value of over \$938,000. Be proud of what you help us do!

Nothing we may say or do can fully express our sincere thanks to you who have made this program possible. A special thanks to our Scholarship Contributors, and to those who donated so generously. Because of you, we covered another year of scholarship awards. Good will and continued success!

Our heritage is precious, so let us continue to be proud of it and let us at the same time continue to support those in need, regardless of their background.

*Peter Segalini*, Co-Chairman

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## *Message from the President*

Greetings everyone!

This year we celebrate The Societa's 70th Anniversary. The Societa' Val Trebbia e Val Nure was founded on June 23, 1950 by Joe Agioni, John Draghi, Cav. Paul Draghi, Giacomo Grilli, John Guerci, Alfred Marina, Louie Marchesi, Alessandro Nassani, Alfredo Pasquali and Ferdinando Sursi. These 10 men had a vision to help and unite the recent immigrants from the 2 beautiful valleys of the Val Trebbia and Val Nure in the Province of Piacenza and from other parts of Italy as well.



We thank them and all the officers and members of the Societa' past and present that got us to 2020. Through their hard work, sacrifices and time, they keep this great organization going strong. As the sons, daughters and friends of the wonderful people that preceded us, we share their DNA of doing for others. Together we are determined to continue to carry on their vision and wishes, while remembering our heritage and passing it on to future generations.

The COVID-19 pandemic made the Societa' cancel or postpone our regular monthly membership meetings and the rest of our scheduled events such as The Scholarship Awards Dinner Dance, the popular Father's Day picnic and the 70th Anniversary Gala.

Through your support, even the pandemic couldn't keep the Societa' from awarding scholarships for a 51st consecutive year to nine outstanding students that begin their college studies this year.

Thanks to all of you, members and friends of the student donors, family members and supporters. Through your generosity, we were able to award the 2020 scholarships to the 9 students that applied and to publish our annual journal.

Please take a few moments to read the students' wonderful essays and the rest of this journal. Support our advertisers and join us or volunteer for our upcoming events.

In conclusion I would like to thank the Executive Board and all the members of the Societa' for their time, effort and the support they extend throughout the year to make us one of the premier society organizations.

Again, thank you for your support and I hope we can get back together soon.

Yours truly,

*Peter Segalini*

President





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**Congratulations and best wishes  
to this year's scholarship recipients!**

When your studies are finished and you are working in your chosen field, never forget where you came from. Never forget the generations of your family whose heritage instilled basic values of Honesty, High Integrity, Love and Respect. As you go on in life remember to support your community and the Società, so that future generations of students have the same opportunities that you had.

**Thank you to our past scholarship recipients!**

You have honored your families' ancestors through your pride in your heritage, continued focus on future generations and ongoing generosity. It is because of you, and those members who have sponsored you that the Società has been able to support over **517 students**.

**Thank you to our Members and Friends!**

You have been the constant force in supporting our commitment to our culture and our future generations. It is through your outstanding efforts that we have been able to provide **51 years** of scholarship awards.

***Let's keep helping students reach their dreams  
for generations to come.***

**Società Val Trebbia e Val Nure  
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## 2020 AWARDEE

**Brianna M. Arnold**, *Daughter of John and Mariarosa, nee Mosconi. Graduate of Dumont High School. Member of the Student Council. Attending Ramapo College, New Jersey.*

In the province of Piacenza was a small village of Ghezzi, Farini D'Olmo located in northern Italy. In this village, all the villagers, including my grandparents and mother were related. Their life in the village was simple but struggling at times.

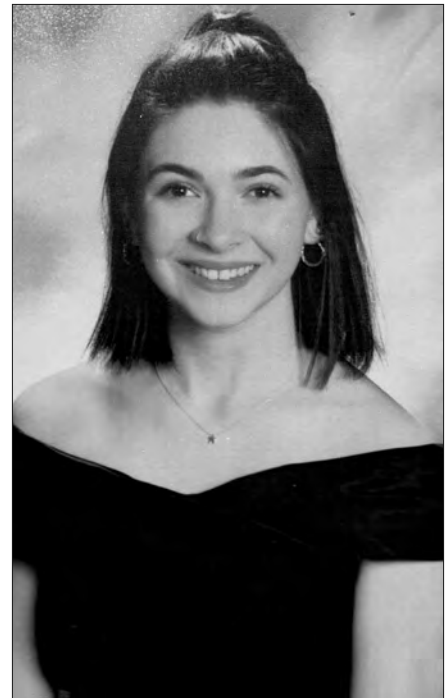
The role of women in the village was very different from the men's role. Throughout the week, women were responsible for the children and the children would join along for the weekly run to the market to get the supplies necessary the week. But the tasks of women didn't stop there, they were also required to cook for their family, help the family take care of the farm all while taking care of their children.

The life of men in the village revolved around their farm. In the warmer weather, they were required to take care of the animals, harvest crops, and help take care of the children whenever they finished their work for the day. When the weather became cold the men would find construction jobs in the city and other villages due to the lack of crops on the farm in the winter. The men would also make necessary repairs to the house and anything else on the farm that needed to be fixed.

The lives of children in this village were fairly simple. The children would go to a small school near the village for a few years before they were required to help their family on the farm. For example, my grandparents never got past third-grade before their family needed on the farm. Once the children left school they would learn from their parents how to tend to the animals, take care of crops and anything else they were capable of helping with on the farm.

Although everyday events in Ghezzi were consistent there were a few days throughout the year when everyone in the village would get together and celebrate. One of these events would take place on March 25. This event was called the Feast of Annunciation, this represented the day when Gabriel visited Mary to tell her she would be the mother of Jesus Christ. On this day the people of Piacenza would gather their children and present them to the image of the Virgin Mary in several churches throughout the region. One other event they would celebrate yearly on July 4th. This was the celebration of Sant 'Antonino, the patron of the city.

These are the roles that my family followed for years before they decided they wanted a better life. Members of my family started coming to America little by little with the money they had saved up from farming. Eventually, that small village in Ghezzi where they made so many memories became vacant with the exception of yearly visits.







## 2020 AWARDEE

**Melanie Friedmann**, *Daughter of Thomas and Mary Ellen, nee Walsh. Graduate of Syosset High School. Honor Roll, Italian National Honor Society, All-State Mixed Choir New York State, All-Country Mixed Choir New York State, Vice President of Vocal Jazz, Section Leader of Adelettes, Girl Scout Gold Award Candidate. Attending City College of New York, New York.*

My Great-Grandparents were both born in Piacenza. My Great-Grandmother, Maria Villa, was born in Seregno and my Great-Grandfather, Andrew Carisetti, was born in Groppallo. My Great-Grandmother's family eventually moved to Groppallo where she met my Great-Grandfather for the first time. He worked as a carpenter. After they got married they had one child, my Great-Aunt Tina, my Great-Grandfather decided it was time to venture off to America. He lived there for a few years until he saved enough money for the rest of his family to come over. He worked many jobs in Brooklyn, NY including working on the New York subway. This was a difficult but necessary change for my Great-Grandparents as they had to travel with their 3-year-old daughter, and completely shift their lives around. They later had 4 other children, 2

daughters and 2 sons, while they prospered on to live the American Dream like many other Italians. However, my Nonna always tells me how our family was and still is very unique because at the time my Great-Grandparents were alive, it was mostly Southern Italians living in Brooklyn. My Nonna and her cousins grew up together, and made friends that grew up in Naples and Sicily, and in that way they felt different. Although that feeling was present, my Nonna also mentions that there were some families that also came from Northern Italy, that they grew up with and would often share many holidays. Today my Nonna and her relatives are very thankful to be from Piacenza and even my siblings and I continue to be enthralled with our Italian heritage. Graduating high school this year, I have taken 7 years in Italian and was inducted into the Italian Honors Society last year.

I admire the roots of the Societ  Val Trebbia Val Nure organization, and the roots that it was founded on. It was formed by a group of men who felt education was most important for the future generations of the children descended from Piacenza in Northern Italy. The other objective was to pass down to their descendants the customs, stories, songs and food (especially the food) from Piacenza. Lucky for me my Nonna, Great-Aunts, and Uncles exhibit the culture of Piacenza in everything they do throughout their lives. I always look forward to going Upstate or into Queens to enjoy some excellent Ravioli, Tortellini, Rice Torta, and many, many more delicacies. My brother, my sister, and I have helped my Nonna make pasta many times, and we always speak Italian (to our best ability) when we visit our Nonna and our aunts. When I visit it reminds me of how much I enjoy all parts of our culture. My Nonna always says that heritage has and will continue to be the most important part of our family and I certainly see myself having the meals, listening to the music, and enjoying the laughs that I have enjoyed with my family in the future. I also had an amazing experience in Italy without my family, where I was able to sing at multiple different venues in Rome and Venice with a performance group of other people my age. I was enthralled every second when I was touring and performing in Italy, as I was constantly reminded of my Nonna and our heritage.

My Nonno, Thomas Friedmann was a member of the Val Trebbia club. My Dad and his brothers are all recipients of the scholarship, and my Dad and his cousins have continued to be members of the club even today. I hope to continue my experiences with the Italian language and culture in the future.



## 2020 AWARDEE

**Lydia M. Gaccione**, *Daughter of Louis and Debbie, nee Perangelo. Graduate of South Side High School. National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Math Honor Society, High Honor Roll, Varsity Softball, Varsity Cheerleading, SADD Club, Project Princess, SMILE Club. Attending Molloy College, New York.*

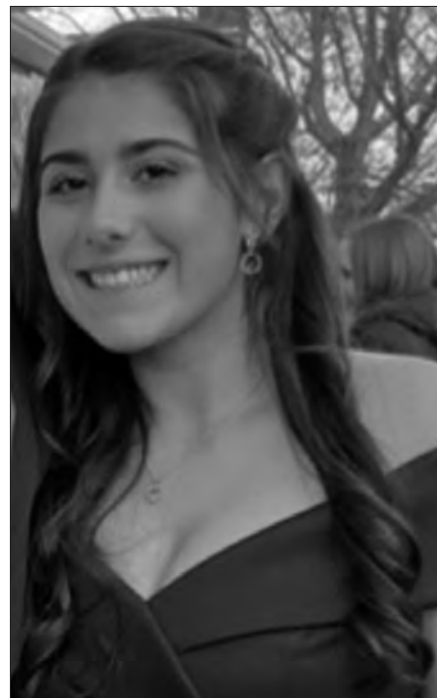
Piacenza is a well known city, settled in Emilia-Romagna, Italy and an important asset to its culture. It is the capital of the province of Piacenza. It is located near the longest river, the Po River which was essential in the development and communications of this country. The significance of Piacenza began as it was the center of the Roman Empire throughout 218 BC. Although the city struggled after Frederick I Barbarossa, the emperor was defeated and soon after went through a time of conflict where they experienced a civil strife. The two groups had opposing views on the political situation of Piacenza, the Guelphs strongly supported the Pope while contrastingly, the Ghibellines were in support of the Emperor. Leading up to the 1540s, there were other disputes of power between the Visconti and Sforza families. This power struggle resulted due to the disagreement on papal and the French rule.

Pope Paolo III Farnese, head of the Catholic Church, was able to establish a Dukedom in the two cities of Piacenza and Parma. His son, Pier Luigi Farnese, also became an essential role as well, being that his family ruled until about the 1730s. At this time, another power struggle began where Piacenza was constantly under different ruling by Bourbons until 1808, shortly after the Austrians took over and then the French. Each one overthrew the one before. Alongside all of the disagreements that had happened in this city, it still managed to progress in the development of its roads and rivers. These advancements allowed for the expansion of ideas, customs, traditions and cultures to be exchanged and incorporated into Piacenza as it was growing. The ruling from 1816 to 1847 was by the government of Margaret of Austria, she was beloved by all of the people of Piacenza and adored for the way that she was educated and reasonable.

When she passed, the people of Piacenza fought to be taken out of the Piedmont kingdom although it was a failure and was restored to the Austrian occupation. The situation turned around for Piacenza in 1859 when it fought for its independence in the Second Italian Independence War and finally succeeded. Italy was completely and permanently reunited and able to flourish as one. One of the first advancements that the city was able to complete was a bridge over the Po River. This River is 405 miles long and even though rivers can be a great resource to the development and agriculture of cities, it can also be a barrier between areas of land, culture and people. The bridge was built after Italy was unified and put a stop to this. The Po forms the boundary between the regions of Lombardy and Emilia-Romagna and Veneto so the bridge was able to connect these areas.

The development of the Province of Piacenza made this area of Italy a popular tourist attraction in the way that it has many historical landmarks reflecting on the development and how far it has come. The Farnese Palace is where the Farnese family of dukes that were in charge from 1588 to 1731 resided. This area is now used to see architecture from the time period and as a museum. Likewise, the cathedral in piazza Duomo that was built in 1122 and has an architecture such as columns and statues that resembles the Roman time period and elegance. This spot also has very famous paintings from artists such as Guercino, Carracci and Procaccini. These paintings are referred to as "frescoes". This technique is used within the Italian culture while helping to reflect history. This technique is a combination of small brush strokes with the use of water-based paints applied to plaster.

Although Piacenza went through many power struggles, it is admired through all of its development on being a strong and unified country. The history of the province of Piacenza was significant in the improvement of the city, leaving behind primary sources that can be used to provide education, aid understanding and help to grasp insight into such an inspirational part of history.





## 2020 AWARDEE

**Dylan B. Guglielmetti**, *Son of Philip and Darlene, nee Barbara. Graduate of Benjamin Cardozo High School. Principal's Honor Roll, Scholar Athlete, Junior Varsity and Varsity Football, Junior Varsity and Varsity Baseball, Yearbook. Attending State University of New York Cortland, New York.*

My grandfather, John Guglielmetti was born in Pradovera, in the Province of Piacenza on the side of Val Nure. When he was a young boy, his family moved to Pieve di Revigoso, Bettola. As a young child he worked very hard on the farm because his father was in the United States earning money to send back to his family. He and his family were due to come to the United States to join his father but World War II broke out and they couldn't leave Italy. The war years were hard for my grandfather and his family. Their home was on the main road and the German army used their land for a camp. My great grandmother had the German officers billeted in their house where she had to cook for them. As the war was coming to an end the Germans were taking all young men for their army. A few older men of the village took my grandfather, who was only 13 years old at the time, to the mountains to hide so they could not be taken. They stayed hidden in the mountains for three months. My grandfather saw terrible things that happened there but rarely talks about it. After the war 1946 my grandfather's family emigrated to America. They sailed from Genoa on an American troop ship called "The Marine Perch". When they arrived in America they found out that their father was very sick and after a month of only being together as a family he passed away. My grandfather had to go work in a glass factory to support the family. After a while things did get better. He became a member of the Società Val Trebbia E Val Nure and has been a lifetime member since. It was at one of the Società's dances at Webster Hall that he would meet my grandmother, Tina Carisetti. They were married in 1959 and have been married for almost 62 years. Today's day my grandparents keep all the Italian traditions that they grew up with, from cooking to music and they try to instill them in their four children and 10 grandchildren. Everything that my grandmother puts on my dish I eat because I know it'll be delicious. My grandmother loves to sing Italian songs, especially Quel Mazzolin di Fiore. My grandfather turned 92 years old this month. Our family didn't get the chance to celebrate his birthday in the traditional way because of the pandemic that is going on, but that didn't stop us from celebrating completely, we did all gather on a group Zoom chat to wish him happy birthday. He is very proud of his four children (three who have received society scholarships) and his 10 grandchildren, seven who have received society scholarships and four have graduated college. Due to the war, schools in Bettola were closed and my grandfather was only able to finish sixth grade in school. He believes an education is important and I want to make him proud of me by attending and graduating college. I am very proud of my grandfather. He is a wonderful role model and I love him very much.



## 2020 AWARDEE

**Carlo J. LaForte**, *Son of Joseph and Cristina, nee Lattineli. Graduate of Xavier High School. Xavier High School Baseball, Christian Service, CFX Maryland, Kairos. Attending Le Moyne College, New York.*



Piacenza, Italy is located in the northern region of Italy. It was founded in 218 B.C. The province prospered due to its location. It is situated along the Po river. The province used the location to the best of their ability, it allowed control of all river and road traffic. Piacenza is a province in the Emilia-Romagna region. Piacenza is the capital city.

Piacenza runs along the Po River. The land is full of natural resources and beauty. The valleys and mountains hold medieval villages and castles. Piacenza's ancient splendor is the wonderful Palazzo Farnese of Piacenza.

The heart of the city is the Piazza del Cavalli and Piazza del Duomo. There are a great number of monuments such as the Church of San Sisto. In Val Trebbia rises the Bobbio which is from the middle ages.

Piacenza also has a long tradition with local cuisine. Some favorites from my great grandparents Domenica and Agostino Lattinelli were Risotto with porcini mushrooms, chicken cacciatore, homemade ravioli, homemade gnocchi, and of course zabaglione or zeppole for dessert.

My grandfather was Carlo Lattinelli. He was extremely proud of his heritage and history with Piacenza. In 2015 we went to Italy as a family. My grandfather made a special trip back to Bettola and Piacenza to visit family. He always spoke of family in Piacenza with great pride. He taught me so many things but the one thing he always stressed was the importance of family and remembering where we came from and who helped us along the way. He also stressed the importance of helping others. I am proudly named after my grandfather and I hope to follow in his footsteps. My grandfather comes from very strong people that had the determination to succeed. Their belief in working hard and respecting family and traditions run deep. My grandfather told me stories about his father and mother and what life was like in Piacenza and I am making a conscious effort to keep those memories alive. I strive to honor their memory and make them proud. When people ask me where my family is from I do not say Italy, I say Piacenza.



## 2020 AWARDEE

**Emma C. Monzeglio**, *Daughter of Charles and Rebecca, nee Conroy. Graduate of Glastonbury High School. Gettysburg College Civil War Institute Scholarship Program Award, Four years High Honor Roll, National Honor Society, Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award, Rho Kappa, Gettysburg College Book Award, Four years Student Council, Student Advisor, Four years All-Academic, Student Athlete Leadership Team, Four years Varsity Field Hockey, Varsity Field Hockey Captain Senior year, Special Olympics Baseball Coach, Girls State attendee, Big Brother/Big Sister Program Liason. Attending Gettysburg College, Pennsylvania.*

The province of Piacenza has a very unique and interesting history. Piacenza's capital is also called Piacenza. It was originally named Placentia when it was founded in 218 BC by the Roman Empire, when six thousand Roman colonists settled the land. This had a long-lasting effect on Piacenza which can be seen through its architecture. Soon after the colony was attacked during the Second Punic War, which was waged by the Romans against Carthage, the battle took place by the river Trebbia. In 187 BC the city of Piacenza flourished as a harbor city along the Trebbia and became an important stop on the Via Emilia, a route to Rome.

In the Middle Ages the city was raided multiple times by foreign nations and even surrendered to them. Due to its close proximity to the Alps many merchants and pilgrims flooded into Piacenza. This caused the city to be reborn in the year 1 000, changing its culture, economy, and demographic. During this time, a rich class of merchants and craftsmen developed below the Nobles. This caused financial growth and ultimately established Piacenza as one of the most important centres in Europe. A little over a century later, in 1126, the city developed its own government and joined the Lombard League, a Medieval Alliance that opposed the Holy Roman Empire. In the 12th and 13th centuries trading, production of fabrics, and farming in this region increased since Piacenza controlled the trade routes to Genoa. As the city prospered, many churches and monasteries were constructed, including two of the city's landmarks that still stand today, the Duomo and the Palazzo Gotico.

In the Middle Ages, Piacenza was the center of many fights and changes in leadership. In the middle half of the 13th century, the Piacenza area was ruled by multiple families, the Scotti, Pallavicino, Visconti, Sforza and Confalonieri. Until 1545, when Pope Paolo III Faroese ruled it under the Duchy of Parma. Later Pope Pablo III Faroese appointed his son Pier Luigi as the leader. The Faroese dukes ruled until 1731, then the Bourbons took over and after the Bourbon's the Austrians and eventually Napoleon ruled the region and annexed it to France. Marie Louise of Austria also ruled and helped develop the city by building more bridges over the Trebbia and Nure rivers to improve the infrastructure and became a supporter of developing many artistic and intellectual centers.

In 1848 a referendum declared Piacenza to be the first Italian city to be annexed to the future Italian Kingdom, the Sardinian Kingdom. This gave the city the name Primogenita d'Italia, meaning Italy's first born. In fact in January of 1941, the city was awarded the gold star for its Italian patriotism to be annexed during Italy's movement to be unified.

About a century later, the city suffered many years of destruction during World War II. The city was bombarded by the Allies and many of its railways and bridges over rivers like the Trebbia and the Po were destroyed. In addition, the center of the city was damaged. Most of the surrounding roads around Piacenza and many Northern Italian cities were destroyed leaving them isolated and subjected to many bombings, some of the worse was in Piacenza. In late April of 1945, a battle broke out in the city as a part of the Italian Resistance movement. In 1996 the president of Italy, Oscar Luigi Scalfaro awarded the city a gold medal for bravery for its resistance to fight against the Nazis.





## 2020 AWARDEE

**Thomas C. Monzeglio**, *Son of Charles and Rebecca, nee Conroy. Graduate of Glastonbury High School. High Honor Roll, National Honor Society, Boys State Nominee, Central Connecticut Conference All-Academic Team, Varsity Lacrosse, Interact Club, Special Olympics Basketball Coach, Best Buddies Club. Attending Rhodes College, Tennessee.*

First established as a Roman military outpost against invaders in 218 BC, Piacenza has survived many centuries. The province would see frequent changes in rule, from different dukes and bishops until it was declared free in 1126. But change did not end there. Piacenza would still be subject to rule change under different families as well as French and Austrian rule. Finally, after the Second War for Italian Independence, Piacenza would join the Italian Kingdom. These changes however have added a unique diversity to the province's history as well as culture. One aspect in which this unique diversity can clearly be seen is the architecture and various buildings within the province.

Although the province was established by the Romans over two thousand years ago, no Roman buildings or statues of any sort remain standing or in use. However, in the capital city of the province, Piacenza, the town square in the center of the city is an example of Roman architecture. Outside the city, in nearby Emilia Romagna, many Roman artifacts and ruins have been discovered and a major archeological site still remains.

In the center of Piacenza stands the Palazzo Gotico which was constructed by Alberto Scoto in 1281. The palace is a great example of Gothic architecture as it has many arches as well as brick and marble walls. When first built, the palace was the center for business and politics in the city. Today the palace is used as a popular spot for large gatherings.

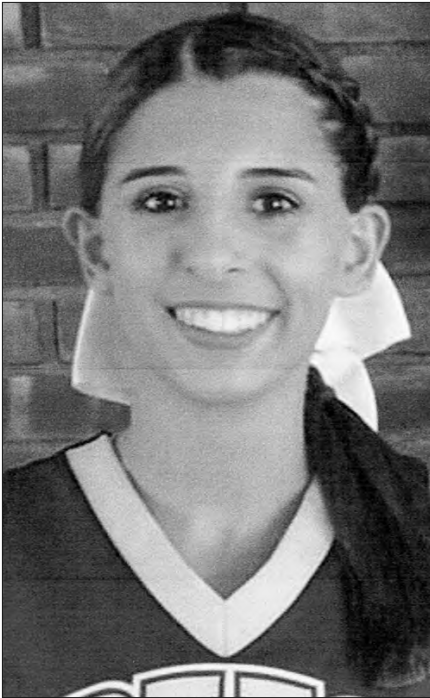
Perhaps one of the most renowned religious structures in the province is the Cathedral in Duomo. The cathedral first began being built in 1122 as an addition to the church of St. Giustina, and wasn't completed for over a century until 1233. However, additions to the church were still constructed centuries later, such as a new dome and tower. The cathedral is of Romanesque architecture as it includes small columns and walls of grey stone and pink marble.

Another renowned religious structure in Piacenza is the Basilica of Sant'Antonio, which was designed by Pietro Vago in 1350. The church has stood for many centuries but has gone through many changes to its architecture which includes several styles such as Romanesque and Gothic. The church is home to many artifacts including several old paintings and statues, most recently discovered is the statue of Gregorio X.

The Palazzo Farnese is another example of diverse architecture in the region. The Palace was constructed by Francesco Paciottio in 1558, but was built on top of a citadel which had been previously built in 1352. However, the palace was never completed but instead included parts of the old citadel. The palace was used by several dukes until 1731 when it became vacant for a long period of time. Today, the palace is home to numerous different museums.

All together, Piacenza's unique history and culture has allowed for diverse architecture within the region. This can be evident when looking at the different palaces, churches, and many other buildings and monuments which show a variety of Roman, Romanesque, and Gothic architecture.





## 2020 AWARDEE

**Krysten A. Mooney**, *Daughter of Timothy and Carolyn, nee Gaccione. Graduate of Bethpage High School. Gold Honor Roll, Principal's Honor Role. Junior Honor Society, Cheerleading, Cheer Coach, Senior Class. Attending Molloy College, New York.*

The province of Piacenza is a province in Emilia-Romagna region in Italy, its provincial capital is the city Piacenza. Piacenza is a city in the Northern region of Italy, on the south bank of the Po River just under the mouth of the Trebbia southeast of Milan. Piacenza was founded in 218 BC as an Roman colony of Placentia. After being surrounded by armed forces while trying to capture Piacenza, by the Carthaginian general Hasdrubal in 207 BC and was unsuccessful. After being sacked by the Gauls in 200, Piacenza was reinforced and restored.

Piacenza became the terminus of the Via Aemilia in 187 BC, the great arterial road to Ariminum, and later became the focus of other major Roman roads. After the barbarian invasions, Piacenza was governed by its bishops from 997 to 1035, and it then became a free commune in the 12th century. Making Piacenza a leading member of the Lombard League

of towns who were against the emperor Frederick I Barbarossa. Despite the political changes in Piacenza, it continued to become stronger and increased from its control of the traffic of rivers and roads.

There was a long period of struggle between the Visconti and Sforza families, alternating the rule between papal and French, but in 1545 it was ended by the creation by Pope Paul III of the hereditary duchy of Parma and Piacenza for his son Pier Luigi Farnese. The duchy of Parma and Piacenza, was when the cities of Parma and Piacenza in northern Italian, with their dependent territories detached from the Papal States created by Pope Paul III. It was retained by the Farnese family until the extinction of the Farnese family in 1731, after the extinction of the family it was passed to the Spanish Bourbons in the person of Don Carlos who was the future Charles III of Spain. But there was one small interruption, it was when the Spanish Bourbons controlled the duchy until 1808, and it was formally annexed to France as the departement of Taro. Piacenza is a long-established centre for cereal growing and viticulture and has a number of rapidly developing light industries, including the manufacture of chemicals, office furniture, and buttons. Piacenza is also a rail and road centre on the main routes from Milan to Bologna.

In the year 1814 the Congress of Vienna gave the duchy to Napoleon's consort, her name was Marie-Louise. She ended up passing away in 1847, and the cities Parma and Piacenza were restored to the Bourbons. Whose reign was periodically troubled by assassination and revolution. Louise of Bourbon-Berry, regent for her infant son Robert. On June 9, 1859 she transferred her powers to a provisional government, which ended up paving the way for the annexation of Parma and Piacenza to Piedmont-Sardinia in March 1860. Piedmont-Sardinia became part of the Kingdom of Italy in 1861.

The province of Piacenza is located in northern Italy on the south bank of the Po River just under the mouth of the Trebbia southeast of Milan. Piacenza is a city that became a very important asset to Italy and its culture especially in northern Italy. After going through a lot in Piacenza's history to become successful, it ended up becoming a strong and independent city in Italy. And still til this day Piacenza is a strong beautiful city in Italy that continues to flourish with amazing culture and helps provide knowledge to people about Italy.



## 2020 RECIPIENT

**Olivia M. Votto**, *Daughter of Joseph and Claudine, nee Draghi. Graduate of Moore Catholic High School. Student Council, Cheerleading, Track, Flag Football. Attending Laboratory Institute of Merchandising College, New York.*

My grandfather, Mauro Draghi, was born on Tuesday, March 15, 1927 in the farmlands of Bobbio, Piacenza in the Emilia-Romagna region of Italy. Modern day Bobbio has maintained some important urban features, like the houses on the fourteenth-century Via Maestro, the castle and the parish church, and narrow roads and stairs.

With its broad lowland and adequate water supply from both rainfall and irrigation, Emilia-Romagna is one of the leading agricultural regions of Italy. Wheat, corn maize, fodder, and sugar beets are the principal crops; vegetables and fruits are also grown in the lowlands and grapes on the Apennine slopes. Livestock raising and dairy farming are extensive, and the region has a large food-processing and food-packing industry. The manufacture of cars and trucks, farm machinery, chemicals and pharmaceuticals, ceramics, and clothing is important. Small hydroelectric stations on the rivers provide power, and these are connected with the Alpine plants so that interchange at different seasons is possible. The discovery of large deposits of natural gas gives the region a vital role in the energy economy of Italy.

My grandfather, Mauro, was born 13 pounds with the help of one doctor and one midwife. His parents were Joseph and Angela Draghi. They brought my grandfather, Mauro, to the United States at 18 months old. Here he learned the customs and traditions of being an American young boy by living in the heart of an Italian-American community on 9th Street in Brooklyn, New York. That experience was short lived. At seven years old he returned back to Italy where he lived with his aunts who raised him until he went away to school and studied with the Jesuit priests. My grandfather told me that at age 15, during World War II, the Germans threw him out of his house and he had to go fetch them wine or whatever they had asked for. He continued his education at the University of Genoa where he received a scholarship under the fascist dictatorship of Benito Mussolini.

In 1954, at age 27, Grandpa Mauro came by boat over to the United States where he was again reunited with his parents after many, many years. He was detained on the boat for several days. He was told that he had pink eye but later found out he never did. He was released to his father, who was now somewhat of a stranger to him. Speaking very little English made finding a job very difficult in America. His sister, Mary, who was born and raised in America would teach him English. She would walk him through the neighborhoods of Brooklyn. My grandpa told me a funny story. He was confused why all the stores in the neighborhood were selling salt. He later found out from his sister Mary that sale meant discount.

Soon enough he found a job in the mail room of an investment management company known as Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, Smith & Bean, later to be known as just Merrill Lynch. He ended his career at Merrill Lynch after over 30 years later as vice president of the mail services at Merrill Lynch. Five years after moving back to America he was a working man who had found the love of his life Diana who he eventually married ten months later on September 3, 1960. Eighteen months later on March 13, 1962 their eldest daughter, Denise was born. Their second daughter, Valerie was born on July 12, 1963 and the youngest of the three daughters, Claudine was born on August 14, 1966. Grandpa Mauro had a total of eight grandchildren. Three of those grandchildren were triplets. Grandpa, at the age of 75 would come over to my mother, Claudine's house every day and help her until my father, Joseph Votto, came home from work at 6:30 or even later. He was a hard-working man who put his family before himself and made sure his girls were given opportunities that he wasn't able to have as a child.

On November 21, 2018 at the age of 91 Grandpa Mauro passed away peacefully. I wasn't able to ask all the questions I wanted to. I know that if he were still here today he would tell me all of his amazing and unimaginable stories about what his life was like as a child and young adult in Italy. More importantly of never forgetting our Italian culture and how important family is.





## Previous Scholarship Awardees

Abernathy, William - 1971	Boiardi, Adam - 2014	Chiappelloni, Bianca J. - 2014	Flynn, James T. - 2017
Adams, Joy V. - 1987	Boiardi, Claudio - 1973	Cintiempo, Maria - 1985	Forlini, Aldo H. - 1978
Adinolfi, Vincent J. - 1976	Boiardi, Jon A. - 2017	Cipollina, Brian J. - 2010	Forlini, Andre M. - 2007
Akadimitzky, Mona - 1973	Boiardi, Josef A. - 2015	Cipollina, John M. - 2005	Forlini, Anthony J. - 2011
Albanese, Dion J. - 1977	Boiardi, Michael - 2001	Cipollina, Mark F. - 2008	Forlini, Caroline - 1983
Albera, Michelle - 1995	Boiardi, Patricia - 1988	Cleveland, Edmond G. - 1999	Forlini, Christine M. - 1984
Allowe, Ann - 1979	Boiardi, Rosanna - 1981	Cockburn, Andrea - 1984	Forlini, Christopher - 1997
Almeida, Brian J. - 2000	Boiardi, Sarah C. - 2014	Conte, Theresa - 1982	Forlini, Derek A. - 1998
Almeida, Jason F. - 2000	Bongiorni, David - 1972	Conti, Matthew - 2007	Forlini, Ericka - 2004
Antonacci, Nicola T. - 1996	Boselli, Alexandra M. - 2016	Corso, Frances - 1984	Forlini, Frank M. - 1978
Arata, Gabriella E. - 2018	Boselli, Lucia R. - 1983	Costa, Angela - 1978	Forlini, Jennifer C. - 2012
Arata, Gianna D. - 2015	Braile, Cecile - 1977	Costa, Anthony - 1981	Forlini, Joanne - 1976
Arata, Nicole M. - 2013	Brescia, Nancy - 1983	Costa, Alexander L. - 2014	Forlini, John A. - 1977
Armani, Barbara - 1983	Brown, Andrew - 1985	Costa, Christopher M. - 2018	Forlini, Joseph - 1971
Arminante, Robert - 1994	Brown, Linda J. - 1982	Costa, Kristin - 2003	Forlini, Joseph H. - 2008
Arnold, Danielle - 2004	Bruzzi, Angela C. - 2015	Costa, Maria C. - 2019	Forlini, Kerri L. - 1987
Arnold, Nicole - 2006	Bruzzi, Cristina - 1993	Costabile, Matthew - 2005	Forlini, Michael D. - 2013
Arnold, Sabrina R. - 2015	Bruzzi, Daniela G. - 2006	Cuddy, Rory - 1990	Forlini, Nicholas H. - 2010
Arrigoni, Rita - 1981	Bruzzi, Francesco - 1998	D'Aloia, Vincent - 1998	Forlini, Paul J. - 2006
Aurilia, Cecilia - 1981	Bruzzi, Marco - 2002	D'Arco, Silveria - 1994	Forlini, Stephen - 1979
Bacigalupo, Tracy - 1989	Bruzzi, Maurizio J. - 1990	DeBernardi, Mary A. - 1976	Forlini, Stephen M. - 2008
Balzano, Anthony J. - 1975	Bruzzi, Natalie A. - 2017	Del Colle, Alexa S. - 2017	Forlini, Suzanne F. - 2010
Balzano, Madalena. - 1992	Calabrese, Kristina - 2007	Della Chiesa, Antoinette - 1978	Forlini, Tara - 2001
Baranowski, David - 1983	Calabrese, Lisa - 1983	DeMartino, Adriana T. - 1999	Forlini, Tracy J. - 1989
Baranowski, Susan M. - 1985	Calabrese, Marc - 2005	DeMartino, Vanessa M. - 1996	Forlini, Victoria K. - 2014
Bardugone, Andrew F. - 1972	Calabrese, Matthew A. - 2008	DePasquale, Antonio J. - 2006	Foti, Danielle L. - 2011
Bartelloni, Gianfranco - 1999	Calabrese, Peter J. - 1976	DePasquale, Gina Marie - 2008	Foti, Jacqueline N. - 2006
Battagliola, Anita M. - 2009	Calabrese, Stephen - 2010	D'Errico, Jeanette - 1986	Friedmann, David - 1987
Battagliola, Mia E. - 2007	Caldarera, Joseph M. - 2013	Diana, Michele - 1991	Friedmann, Kelly P. - 2018
Bellocchio, Carlo P. - 1986	Camia, Erin N. - 2014	DiMarco, Robert C. - 1994	Friedmann, Michael J. - 1978
Behan, Daniel - 2005	Camia, Grace A. - 2015	Di Russo, Anna M. - 1987	Friedmann, Paul - 1980
Behan, Michael F. - 2008	Camia, Maria - 1979	Draghi, Christopher - 2004	Friedmann, Robert T. - 2016
Behan, Stephen J. - 2008	Capece, Valerie - 1977	Draghi, Claudine A. - 1984	Friedmann, Thomas L. - 1984
Benazzi, Andrew P. - 2000	Capobianco, Diane - 1978	Draghi, Craig T. - 2007	Furci, Joseph - 2003
Benazzi, Emily - 2007	Cappello, Rosann - 1992	Draghi, David E. - 2017	Furci, Nicholas - 2002
Benazzi, Gregory - 2003	Carini, Elizabeth A. - 1997	Draghi, David J. - 1972	Furlani, Christine - 1988
Benazzi, James T. - 1996	Carisetti, Christopher A. - 1983	Draghi, Denise A. - 1980	Fusco, Lauren A. - 2000
Benazzi, John B. - 1994	Carisetti, Maria K. - 2010	Draghi, Eric D. - 2007	Gabos, Kevin - 1981
Benazzi, Maria L. - 2005	Carisetti, MariJean A. - 1980	Draghi, Isabella R. - 2019	Gaccione, Amanda G. - 2016
Benazzi, Matthew - 2002	Carisetti, Michael - 2003	Draghi, Kimberly D. - 2015	Gaccione, John L. - 2018
Benazzi, Nora C. - 1989	Carli, Alexandra J. - 2007	Draghi, Lisa A. - 1977	Gallinari, Christina L. - 2005
Benazzi, Robert J. - 1991	Carli, Donna M. - 1975	Draghi, Marc - 2002	Gallinari, Lauren - 2007
Benazzi, Sara A. - 2007	Carli, Donna M. - 1991	Draghi, Mark J. - 1975	Garzaniti, David - 1988
Benedict, Kara - 1999	Carli, John - 1976	Draghi, Rita M. - 1973	Garvin, Marisa - 2019
Bergonzi, Frank Jr. - 1979	Carozzi, Sabrina A. - 2015	Dunn, Joanne M. - 1994	Gazzola, Anna M. - 1993
Bergonzi, Katherine - 1980	Casali, Christina I. - 2002	Dunn, Joseph T. - 1993	Gazzola, Carl M. - 1998
Bergonzi, Linda V. - 1982	Casali, Frank Jr. - 1990	Faimali, David - 1971	Gazzola, Cristina - 1990
Bernardi, Christopher - 2005	Casali, Frank G. - 1999	Farro, John - 1987	Gazzola, Giorgio E. - 2000
Bernardi, Michael J. - 2019	Casali, Lisa D. - 2011	Fattizzi, Kristina A. - 2004	Gazzola, Gloria - 1982
Bernardi, Samantha K. - 2006	Casali, Maria V. - 1993	Ferdenzi, Dean A. - 2007	Gazzola, Marc G. - 1994
Bernardi, Sara - 2005	Casazza, Daniele - 1997	Ferdenzi, Francesca - 1999	Gazzola, Mario - 1980
Bernardi, Thomas C. - 2010	Casazza, Edward III - 2004	Ferdenzi, Marisa - 2001	Gazzola, Robert - 1985
Bersani, Melissa - 1995	Casazza, Jennifer - 1999	Ferrari, Christina - 2000	Gianatasio, Michael R. - 1991
Bersani, Silvio - 1999	Casola, Arnold E. - 1977	Ferrari, Erica - 2005	Gianatasio, Peter M. - 1998
Berrios, Maritza - 1993	Castignoli, Gabriella M. - 2010	Ferrari, Leo - 1982	Gianatasio, Robert J. - 1995
Bertuzzi, Carol - 1984	Castignoli, Julian - 2002	Ferrari, Michael - 2008	Gramegna, Peter - 2001
Biaggi, Alexis C. - 2010	Castignoli, Monica - 2005	Ferraroni, Louis - 1980	Grasso, John A. - 1973
Biaggi, Christina M. - 2008	Cavanna, Angela - 1982	Ferraroni, Maria - 1981	Gregoretti, Thomas - 1980
Biaggi, Maria - 2007	Cavanna, Anthony J. - 1989	Ferraroni, Robert - 1984	Gregori, James - 1971
Biaggi Tarantini, Marisa - 1996	Cavanna, Christine - 1982	Ficalora, Robert - 1974	Gregori, Philippe O. - 2007
Biondi, Giuseppe - 2018	Cavanna, Eric - 1995	Filip, Stephanie N. - 2019	Guglielmetti, Brett A. - 2018
Blake, Michael W. - 2005	Cavanna, Lisa M. - 1992	Flory, Marc D. - 2009	Guglielmetti, Brianna L. - 2019
Bocciarelli, Catherine - 1996	Cerrato, Tyler - 2002	Flory, Stephanie - 2005	Guglielmetti, Christina - 1985



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Guglielmetti, Cristina M. - 1993	Marzullo, Noelle D. - 1996	Poggioli, John - 1971	Scotton, Christopher R. - 2005
Guglielmetti, Daniel - 1983	Maschi, Alexandra L. - 2006	Poggioli, Laura - 1982	Scotton, Lauren - 2002
Guglielmetti, Devin - 2013	Maschi, Giovanni M. - 2007	Poggioli, Michael - 1980	Scotton, Luke J. - 2000
Guglielmetti, Diane - 1979	Maschi, Louis - 1976	Porcello, James J. - 1995	Scotton, Manuela M. - 2016
Guglielmetti, Diane M. - 1980	Maus, Juli Ann - 1995	Prati, Jacqueline - 2014	Scotton, Steven A. - 2005
Guglielmetti, Fabio N. - 1995	Mazzella, Emma - 1986	Prati, Nicole - 2017	Segalini, Antonio - 2009
Guglielmetti, Frances - 1987	Mazzocchi, Maria A. - 1991	Preli, Asa S. - 2015	Segalini, Diego S. - 1998
Guglielmetti, Francesca - 1979	Mazzocchi, Matthew A. - 2014	Preli, David E. - 2017	Segalini, Pietro - 1971
Guglielmetti, Gabriele B. - 2002	Meehan, Alice K. - 2011	Preli, Grace R. - 2013	Segalini, Salvatore - 2007
Guglielmetti, John D. - 1992	Meehan, James B. - 2009	Preli, Robert B. - 2009	Segalini, Valentina - 2003
Guglielmetti, Joseph - 1978	Meehan, Patrick J. - 2014	Preli, Stephanie L. - 2006	Sharkey, James - 1991
Guglielmetti, Laura F. - 1987	Menezes, Megan E. - 1995	Prendergast, Mary A. - 1983	Shcherbenko, Diana - 2012
Guglielmetti, Louis - 1978	Millet, Rebecca - 2001	Pullara, Giacchino - 1988	Shcherbenko, Gina - 2005
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Guglielmetti, Paul A. - 1981	Moloney, Noreen - 1986	Rapacioli, Francesca - 2001	Speroni, Juliana - 2009
Guglielmetti, Paul A. - 2011	Mooney, Alyson R. - 2018	Rapacioli, Gregg - 1991	Speroni, Louis P. - 1980
Guglielmetti, Robert M. - 1986	Morisi, Carolyn J. - 1982	Rapacioli, Jennifer - 1991	Speroni, Melissa N. - 2007
Guglielmetti, Stephen - 1984	Morisi, Charles R. - 1974	Rapacioli, Julie A. - 1990	Strazzeri, David - 1993
Guglielmetti, Vincent R. - 2017	Morisi, Dina M. - 1983	Rapacioli, Mark J. - 1983	Szyniewski, Jack M. - 2018
Hebert, Elizabeth I. - 2016	Morisi, Hector F. - 1991	Rapacioli, Nadine - 1987	Szempruch, Jonathan W. - 2000
Howard, Marianne - 1974	Morisi, Lisa - 1985	Rapacioli, Peter J. - 1994	Szempruch, Sandra L. - 1997
Iannece, Jerry - 1977	Mosconi, Angela - 1987	Rapacioli, Samantha R. - 2013	Taffurelli, Kim - 1986
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Januzzi, Louis F. - 1991	Mosconi, Teresa - 1997	Rebecchi, Robert - 1982	Tesoriero, Anthony - 1994
Januzzi, Marisa - 1983	Nichilo, Danielle J. - 2006	Reilly, Christopher - 2004	Thompson, GianCarlo A. - 2010
Keehner, Patricia M. - 1978	Nigro, Regina - 2001	Reilly, Angela R. - 2000	Thompson, Gian Louis - 2007
Keeler, Heather - 1998	Niosi, Joseph - 2005	Reilly, Daniel - 2002	Thompson, Jordan III - 1996
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Kells, Michael J. - 1989	Noto, Danielle - 1993	Repetti, James - 1978	Tiplady, Christine - 1987
Kiebish, Joseph P. - 1995	Noto, Elizabeth D. - 2000	Repetti, Joanne - 1980	Tiramani, Christine - 2004
Kirby, Walter - 1982	Nyilas, Christopher - 2002	Repetti, Sabrina F. - 1987	Tiramani, Matthew - 2011
LaBarbera, Joseph A. - 2010	Oddi, Laurie - 1995	Repetti, Susan - 1982	Tiramani, Steven - 2004
LaBarbera, Juliana M. - 2016	O'Keefe, Michael - 1975	Retтино, Christopher - 1985	Tournabene, Paola - 1997
LaBarbera, Valerie A. - 2009	Pagano, Anthony - 1990	Retтино, Jeffrey M. - 1991	Troiano, Antoinette - 1983
LaCerra, Steven - 1981	Pagels, Daniel G. - 1992	Ricci, Alma G. - 1979	Trombetta, Michael - 1980
LaSala, Alessa - 2004	Pagels, Jennifer C. - 1994	Rossi, Alexandra - 2008	Trotta, Christopher M. - 1994
Lattinelli, Dominic J. - 2000	Pagels, Steven A. - 1989	Rossi, Lorenzo A. - 2012	Trupia, Anthony - 1990
LeConche, Tess - 2004	Pagliughi, Andrew - 1972	Sager, Kim - 1984	Vacarro, Stephen J. - 1989
Leonardi, Claudia A. - 2014	Pagliughi, Frank M. - 1984	Sartori, Caterina J. - 1996	Vanacore, Dominick A. - 1994
Leonardi, Gerardo - 1985	Pagliughi, Michael - 1985	Sartori, Tiziano - 1990	Villani, Erica - 2007
Leonardi, Giovanna M. - 1994	Palumbo, John - 1989	Sbarbaro, John S. - 1972	Villani, Stefan - 2004
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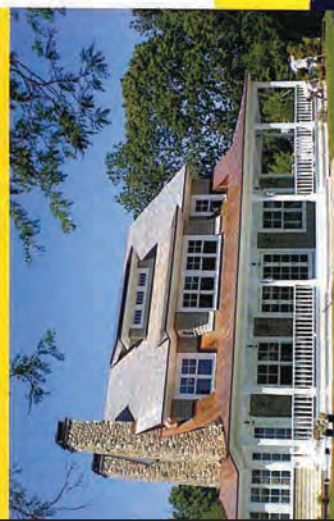
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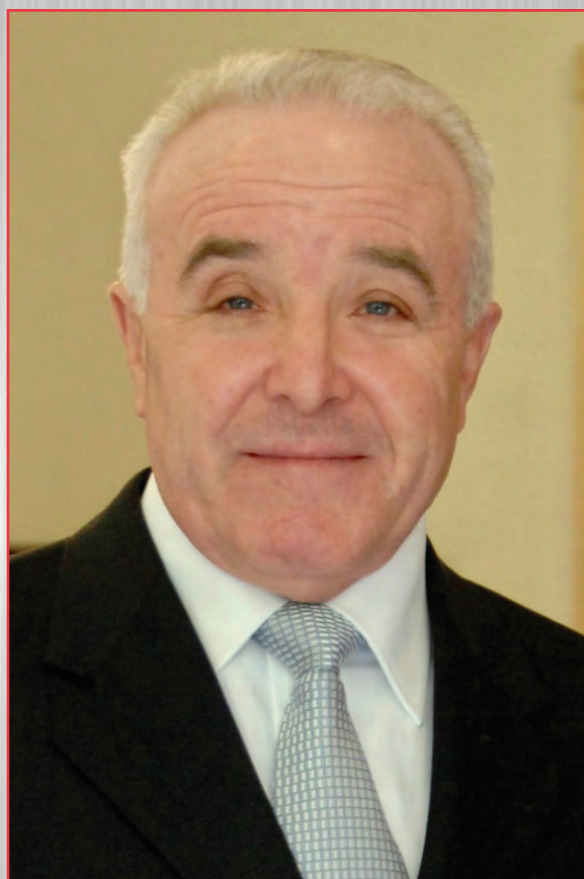
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## Nuove emergenze

Vengono avanti anche emergenze nelle emergenze, che rischia di aprire nuove ferite sociali: per questo Editoriale Libertà non si ferma, e ha ritenuto di devolvere le prossime risorse, in accordo con l'Ausl, a Caritas e Croce Bianca di Piacenza. La prima, perché è punto di riferimento del più fragili, di chi rischia di finire ai margini della società. La seconda, perché dopo aver macinato chilometri e chilometri, nell'emergenza, ora ha almeno tre ambulanze da cambiare, senza risorse adeguate per farlo.

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## Aiuto dagli Stati Uniti

Peri anche la Società Valtrebbia Valnure di New York, presieduta da Peter Segalini, ha voluto donare all'Ausl, tramite il conto corrente di Libertà, 5 mila dollari. Aiuti sono arrivati anche dalla Francia

e da altri piacentini all'estero, come spiegato dal presidente di "Piacenza nel mondo" Giovanni Piazza. «Dagli Stati Uniti sono arrivati 5.050 dollari, abbiamo riscontrato molta sensibilità da parte di tutti», spiega Piazza. «La risposta è stata commovente».

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# Piacenza a New York: gli emigrati cercano eredi di valori e di storia

Tante famiglie alla festa annuale della Società Valtrebbia e Valnure della Grande Mela. Piazza: «La sfida oggi è conquistare i giovani»

Betty Paraboschi

● «La sfida più grande? Trasmettere i valori dei nostri emigrati alle generazioni più giovani». All'indomani della tradizionale festa annuale della Società Valtrebbia e Valnure che raduna gli emigrati piacentini di New York, Giovanni Piazza parla chiaro: «Siamo contenti perché anche stavolta abbiamo avuto una buona risposta da parte degli emigrati, ma il rischio è che con il passare del tempo queste esperienze vadano perdute - spiega il presidente dell'associazione "Piacenza nel mondo" - occorre un passaggio di testimone. E va fatto al più presto».

L'altra sera nella sede della Società sono stati circa 150 gli invitati, oltre a una delegazione di una ventina di piacentini partita al seguito dei tradizionalissimi Viaggi dell'amicizia e guidata da Piazzola e dalla direttrice d'orchestra Patrizia Bernelich: tanti emigrati con le loro famiglie, ma l'età media era decisamente alta.

«Il fatto è che si tratta di persone che hanno lasciato Piacenza negli anni Sessanta o Settanta, alcuni anche negli anni Cinquanta - chiarisce Piazza - ormai sono emigrati storici che hanno co-

munque mantenuto il legame con il nostro territorio. Hanno lasciato Piacenza da ormai tanti decenni, ma le tradizioni, i ricordi, neppure. Per ora ce lo possono trasmettere, ma non sarà sempre così: dobbiamo muoverci se davvero intendiamo garantire un passaggio di testimone. È necessario e doveroso anche perché i valori di questi nostri emigrati possono insegnare tanto ai ragazzi, essere da esempio, soprattutto in anni in cui sempre più si parla di fuga di cervelli».

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Gli emigrati storici premiati da Piacenza nel Mondo; sotto a destra Giorgio Gazzola e un momento della festa



Da sinistra Peter Segalini, Luigi Covatti degli Alpini di New York, Giovanni Piazza e Patrizia Bernelich





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