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35th Anniversary Luncheon

Honoring

ALISYN CAMEROTA
CNN Anchor and Co-Host, “New Day”

JEANNE MARIANI SULLIVAN
Co-Founder, StarVest Partners
Chief Inspiration Officer, Sullivan Adventures LLC
Alisyn Camerota is a CNN anchor and co-host on CNN’s morning show “New Day” with Chris Cuomo and Michaela Pereira.

Prior to joining CNN, Ms. Camerota served as co-host of America’s News Headquarters on Fox News Channel. Before that, she co-anchored Fox & Friends Weekend and contributed to the Fox & Friends weekday franchise where she covered the gamut of hard news and human interest stories. Ms. Camerota was live on the air as the Iraq War began, the space shuttle Columbia exploded, and countless other breaking news events.

Prior to her role as anchor, she served as National Correspondent in the network’s Boston bureau, which included overseas assignments in London and Rome. Before joining FOX, Ms. Camerota was a correspondent and substitute host for NBC’s national daytime magazine show, REALlife, traveling the country and telling stories of compelling people. She also served as a reporter at WHDH-TV, the NBC affiliate in Boston, and ABC6 in Providence, Rhode Island. She spent five years as a crime reporter for the program America’s Most Wanted. Ms. Camerota attended The American University on an academic scholarship and graduated cum laude. Her first job in news was helping to research and produce Ted Koppel’s award-winning documentaries. Her work contributed to the receipt of a prestigious DuPont award. Alisyn is married and has three children.
Jeanne M. Sullivan is passionate about delivering ideas – information – and inspiration to entrepreneurs – and is a fierce advocate for women (and a few good men). Jeanne is a co-founder of StarVest Partners, a venture capital firm in NYC that raised $400 million to invest in tech enabled business services companies. Prior to her venture experience with StarVest and Olivetti Ventures, Jeanne gained her operating experience with AT&T and Bell Labs while serving in product and industry marketing roles.

Ms. Sullivan has served on the board of multiple technology companies and has extensive experience creating “go to market” plans for growth and expansion stage companies. Her expertise also includes strategy, an understanding of the tech landscape and industry trends.

Ms. Sullivan is a sought-after industry speaker on the subject of “how to get the wallets out of investors’ pocket” and on the “Experienced Economy” showing people of any age that they, too, can be an entrepreneur, taking next steps for a second and third “act”. Jeanne serves on the board of the New York Venture Capital Association; is a member of the Women’s Leadership Board at the Harvard Kennedy School and is an Athena Entrepreneur Fellow for Barnard College. She also serves as advisor for many women-focused organizations that work to “fund and fuel” women entrepreneurs and is on the Global Board of Trustees of Astia, an organization that funds high-growth women entrepreneurs. Forbes cited Sullivan as “one of the women VCs changing the world – grooming the next generation of female entrepreneurs”. The New York Angels organization honored Jeanne as the OPEL award winner – Outstanding Professionals for Entrepreneurial Leadership. The New York Hall of Science honored Jeanne for her work inspiring girls and women in science, technology (STEM) sectors. Jeanne also serves on the Board of Trustees of the New York Hall of Science – a museum that introduces people of all ages to STEM learning with hands-on exhibitions.

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Program

American and Italian National Anthems
Cristina Fontanelli

Invocation
Msgr. Jamie Gigantiello
Vicar of Development, Archdiocese of Brooklyn and Queens

REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Maria Tamburri
Chair, NOIAW National Board
Hon. Francesco Genuardi
Consul General of Italy in New York
Cultural and Educational Programs

LUNCHEON

Reflections and Reminiscences on 35 years
Aileen Riotto Sirey, Ph. D
Founder and Chair Emerita, NOIAW

Presentation of Scholarship Awards
Anne Marie D’Attelo
Co-Chair, 35th Anniversary Luncheon
& President, Rhode Island Region

35th ANNIVERSARY AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Alisyn Camerota
Presented by Maria Tamburri

Jeanne Mariani Sullivan
Presented by Maria T. Vullo
Co-Chair, 35th Anniversary Luncheon & Treasurer, National Board

RAFFLE DRAWING

CLOSING REMARKS
Dear Members, Friends and Honored Guests,

Thank you for joining us this afternoon for the National Organization of Italian American Women’s 35th Anniversary Luncheon.

It is my pleasure to congratulate our Honorees on this very special occasion.

Alisyn Camerota is a CNN anchor and co-host on CNN’s morning show, New Day with Chris Cuomo and Michaela Periera.

Jeanne Mariani Sullivan is a founding principal of StarVest Partners, a New York City based venture capital firm and Chief Inspiration Officer at Sullivan Adventures.

We are proud to celebrate the professional and personal achievements of each of these women who exemplify what it means to be a truly accomplished Italian American woman.

This event is our annual fundraiser, which supports our cultural and networking programs in addition to youth initiatives, which include the scholarship, mentoring and cultural exchange programs. This year we continued our tradition of honoring Three Wise Women at Epiphany Celebrations in New York, Greater Washington, DC, Rhode Island and Connecticut. Twelve outstanding professionals were recognized for their accomplishments in their respective fields and their impact on the Italian American community.

We awarded $12,500 in scholarships to five very talented and impressive Italian American college women pursuing degrees in diverse fields. We continued our nine-year collaboration with the Italian government by hosting eight Italian college women in New York. They were given the opportunity to meet professional Italian American women and college students.

Our cultural, mentoring and networking programs continue to expand. Networking events for young professionals were held in the Greater New York, Greater Washington DC and Rhode Island Regions. Highlights of our cultural programs include tours of the Italian Embassy and the Italian Holy Rosary Church in Washington DC and the Center for Modern Italian Art in Manhattan. Author Maria Laurino presented her book, The Italian Americans: A History in Staten Island and also Manhattan. Maria Arias joined her to introduce an innovative concept in heritage discovery through genealogy and travel. Connecticut members heard a lecture on Italian American Women Who Rule Our World from Patricia Russo, Executive Director of the Women’s Campaign School at Yale University and enjoyed a one-man show, A Shoemaker’s Tale by Steve Scionti. Both Connecticut and Greater Washington DC Regions had presentations of Daughters, Dads and a Path Through Grief by Donna DiCello and Lorraine Mangione. Greater New York enjoyed a mini-festival of Italian short films. Social networking was enjoyed in celebration of Sprezzatura at the Providence Art Club in Rhode Island and at the Annual Long Island Holiday Luncheon.

We look forward to awarding scholarships to five impressive college women today. We are in the process of selecting eight Italian American women to be hosted by the Italian Ministry of Italian Affairs for an educational and cultural experience in Italy in June.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Board of Directors and all of you for your support during my first year as the Chair of the National Organization of Italian American Women as we continue to unite, inspire, and empower Italian American Women.

Sincerely,

Maria Tamburri
Chair, National Organization of Italian American Women
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Scholarship Recipients
2016

VICTORIA CALABRESE
Graduate Center, City University of New York
Ph.D. | Modern European History, Italian History
in honor of Barbara Garodnick,
sister Dr. Aileen Riotto Sirey,
NOIAW 35th Anniversary Award

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Ph.D. | History and Medieval History
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SARAH CAPASSO
Brooklyn Law School
Juris Doctor
The Honorable Geraldine A. Ferraro Scholarship
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MARIA MAROTTI
University of Connecticut
B.A. | Speech, Language and Hearing Science
NOIAW 35th Anniversary Award

STEFANIA PATINELLA
Goddard Graduate Institute
M.A. | Health Arts & Sciences
Donated by Patricia Martone in honor of
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Statements from our 2016 Scholarship Winners

Victoria Calabrese
My dissertation research specifically focuses on Italian women who remained in Basilicata when their husbands emigrated. I argue they were not passive, backwards, and uncivilized as Southern Italian women were often stereotypically portrayed, but they were strong, active citizens who took action to protect their lives and their children. I feel a connection to these strong women, many of whom were from my ancestral town and were surely friends and acquaintances of relatives…. If awarded the NOIAW scholarship, I would use the funds to help pay for a trip to Basilicata, where I hope to visit the State Archives and complete my research.

Sarah Capasso
My maternal great grandfather, Giuseppe Ferraro, born in Naples, was a child prodigy. He took a leap of faith nearly a century ago and moved to New York City to play the viola in the Metropolitan Opera orchestra, without knowing a lick of English. During the next four decades he created original works and arrangements derived from the soul of his homeland; the jewel of his work was his Neapolitan Rhapsody. He became one of the many Italian Americans who brought the rich traditions of Italy and made real contributions to emerging popular American culture and commerce. He is most remarkable to me for his ability to embrace a professional challenge that relied on hard work, confidence, evolving talents, and adaptability…. Just as my great grandfather, I am willing to enter into the unknown in order to chase down a dream. Through my legal training, I have the indomitable will to create, improve, and shape the environment around me much in the same way as he.

Vanessa Corcoran
As a historian of medieval religion and cultural expressions, the study of Italian history is paramount to my training. Last year, I was able to use my graduate education to serve as the program coordinator for the National Museum of Women in the Arts exhibit “Picturing Mary: Woman, Mother, Idea,” which featured over sixty Renaissance and Baroque Italian paintings, sculptures, and drawings on the Virgin Mary. For months, I was able to immerse myself in a rich project that blended my Italian heritage with my research of the Virgin Mary in Italian history.

Maria Marotti
People with accents or communication deficits are underestimated by their community. My grandpa and many like him were thought of as lesser because they couldn’t speak English, but he never let that limit him. His success has taught me to see the potential that everyone possesses and to use this as my philosophy, in life and as a Speech-Language Pathologist. People are capable of so much more than meets the eye and when you make a judgment about someone based solely on outward expression, or lack thereof, you will never come to know their full ability.

Stefania Patinella
When I told my Nonna I was going back to Italy to work on farms, she didn’t even have words. She simply looked up to the heavens – a Dio Buono! – and made the sign of the cross. Nonetheless, I went forward – or backwards, depending on how you see it – and it was the best thing I could have done. I received a Fulbright fellowship for a project I entitled From Seed to Table: Lessons from Italy’s Cultural Resistance to Industrialized Foods. My instinct was that the strong food traditions of my own heritage had something to offer America as we searched for solutions to this health crisis.
“Everything about this trip was amazing. I never would have been able to meet with Italian senators, ministers, businesswomen, fashion icons, etc., without this incredible trip NOIAW has created.”
– 2014 participant
Cultural Exchange Program Participants

New York City 2015

ELDA CASCINO
Università di Palermo
Structural Engineering

SERENA FLAMMINI
Università Roma Tre
Economics and Management

BIANCA GALMARINI
Università di Firenze
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VIVIANA GORI
Università Roma Tre
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DAPHNE FABBRI
Università di Firenze
Architecture

MICOL GALEOTTI
Università IUAV di Venezia
Architecture

SILVIA GIANOLO
Università di Torino
Art History

MONICA MONTANA
Università di Bologna
Visual Arts

“I loved how both NOIAW members and non-members opened their homes to us, hosted us, and spent time with us. They gave us the chance to understand more about both American and Italian American culture in the U.S.”
– 2015 participant
Epiphany Celebrations 2016
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Italian American Community

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By joining the IALC, you are committing to being a leader and stakeholder in NIAF, the Italian American community, and our future.

The benefits of that commitment are second to none. As self-identified community leaders, each member is invited to participate in all activities open to the NIAF Board of Directors, like our Annual Leadership Retreat and our summer Mission to Italy. In the IALC you will share impactful and exclusive NIAF events and distinct professional networking opportunities in the United States and Italy.

Specific benefits include:

- One complimentary ticket to the Annual NIAF Anniversary Gala in Washington, D.C.
- One complimentary ticket to the NIAF Anniversary Gala VIP reception
- An invitation to a private IALC meetings and events during the NIAF Anniversary Gala Weekend
- An invitation to the IALC Leadership Summit meeting at the New York Spring Gala
- A yearlong subscription to NIAF’s Ambassador Magazine
- A complimentary copy of the NIAF Book of the Year
- Concierge Services for travel and networking in Italy and Washington, D.C. - Guaranteed NIAF assistance in liaison with the White House, Congress, federal agencies, and throughout Italy
- Invitations to the NIAF – Frank J. Guarini Public Policy Forums and Media Events
- Attend special IALC events throughout the year
- Access to www.IALeaders.org, an online networking resource exclusively for IALC members (coming 2016)

And, all of the traditional NIAF membership benefits, including:

- NIAF Member discounts for travel, genealogy, retail, and more
- Mention in our NIAF Annual Report Publication, and Exclusive NIAF Member gifts!
Betty Santangelo
NATIONAL BOARD MEMBER, NOIAW

Congratulates
2016 Honorees

Alisyn Camerota
&
Jeanne Mariani Sullivan

on their achievements

and NOIAW on its

35th ANNIVERSARY
President Donna Chirico, along with all the members of ILICA wishes NOIAW another 35 years of success.
Gratefully expresses our deepest appreciation to

The City University of New York &

The John D. Calandra Italian American Institute at Queens College
April 6, 2016

Thank you for your kind invitation to the NOIAW 35th Anniversary Luncheon.

While unfortunately I will not be able to attend due to prior commitments, I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate NOIAW on this prestigious anniversary which represents a significant milestone in the long, successful history of the organization. The Luncheon will be a special opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of Italian-American women, and to strengthen the deep cultural roots that bond our countries and people.

I would therefore also like to recognize the distinguished honorees - Alisyn Camerota and Jeanne Mariani Sullivan - two brilliant women with outstanding careers.

NOIAWs’ efforts to preserve and enhance Italian heritage, culture and language are especially significant. I am proud of the close collaboration between NOIAW, the Embassy and other Italian institutions in the United States, particularly in terms of promoting the Advanced Placement Italian exam – one of our special priorities.

I look forward to working with you again in the future; in the meantime, allow me to wish you every success in your mission, and the very best for an unforgettable anniversary.

Auguri!

Armando Varricchio

Ms. Maria Tamburri, Chair National Board
Ms. Maria T. Vullo and Anne Marie D’Attelo
Co-Chairs, 35th Anniversary Luncheon
National Organization of Italian American Women
The National Organization of Italian American Women
25 West 43rd Street Suite 1005
New York NY 10036

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to the National Organization of Italian American Women on the occasion of the 2016 Gala.

I regret I will not be able to be with you on April 15 as I shall be relinquishing my duties as Consul General of Italy in New York to assume my new post at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome on March 14, 2016. I will keep in my heart the experience of the last four and a half years spent in the service of my Country in the Tri State area as one of the most intense and rewarding. Personally, I have always felt very privileged to be an Italian woman among Italian American women, sharing the aspiration of working together to further improve the cooperation between Italy and the United States in order to make our two countries the best places to live in for all the women of the world.

This prestigious group of professional women, with whom I have had the fortune to work closely during my tenure in New York, has been dedicated to promoting Italian heritage and culture by recognizing the accomplishments and history of women of Italian ancestry both in the US and throughout the world for the past 35 years, and by doing so, played an important role in the collective history of not only women but of the Italian and Italian American Community at large.

My sincerest gratitude goes to Aileen Riotto Sirey, Mara Tamburri and all the friends of NOIAW for what they have been doing in the last thirty-five years to improve the life of Italian American women, and especially for their continuing support to young women of Italian American background in the pursuit of higher education and placement in the working world thanks to NOIAW’s scholarship programs.

I wish to express my sincere congratulations to the 2016 honorees: Alisey Camerota and Joanne Mariani Sullivan who, with their work ensure that Italian heritage, culture and language are remembered and passed on to future generations.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Natalia Quintavalle
March 2016

The National Organization of Italian American Women
25 West 43rd Street Suite 1005
New York NY 10036

Dear Friends: (cari Amiche)

At the very beginning of my mandate in New York I have had the pleasure to be informed that this year the National Organization of Italian American Women celebrates its 35th Anniversary and will host a Gala Dinner at the St. Regis on April 16, 2016 to mark this important milestone.

Since 1980, NOIAW has worked to promote Italian heritage, culture and language through its programs and national and international conferences and has supported the educational and career advancement of Italian American Women through scholarships and mentoring, and by recognizing the accomplishments of those who serve as role models.

I believe wholeheartedly that the work carried out by the National Organization of Italian American Women is vital to ensure that Italian heritage and culture are remembered, recognized and passed onto future generations, and women can feel pride in their roots, while achieving goals their mothers and grandmothers could not.

NOIAW has been working relentlessly in the last thirty-five years to improve the life of Italian American women, especially by continuing support to young women of Italian American background in the pursuit of higher education and placement in the working world, and NOIAW's scholarship program is indeed an important bridge which makes possible the exchange of experiences across the Atlantic between Europe and America.

My most sincere congratulations to the honorees, Alisyn Camerota, CNN Anchor, and Jeanne Mariani Sullivan, Co-Founder StarVest Partners and Chief Inspiration Officer of Sullivan Adventures for their inspiration, hard work, foresight and achievements on behalf of all the Italian American women.

It would be an honor for me to be part of the Honorary Committee and I therefore accept with gratitude.

Sincerely yours,

Francesco Genz Stanford
April 16, 2016

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered for the 2016 Gala of the National Organization of Italian American Women (NOIAW), celebrating a milestone 35th anniversary.

The Empire State is fortunate to be home to your organization, which brings women together through their shared heritage, sisterhood, and personal and professional goals. The women of NOIAW are a uniquely dynamic force within the greater Italian American community and can be proud of their efforts to help other women realize their potential by forging paths toward leadership and success.

Tonight, you come together in the strength and spirit exemplified by Italian women, to honor remarkable women of impressive achievement within their respective areas of endeavor. I join in congratulating Alisyn Camerota, CNN anchor and news correspondent, noted for her accomplishments in broadcast journalism. This evening, you also recognize Jeanne Mariani Sullivan, a truly innovative and visionary businesswoman who helps others working to achieve their entrepreneurial goals.

As a proud Italian American, I applaud your members for working toward their vision for a better world, and for engendering pride within new generations of Italian American women.

With my warmest regards and best wishes to all for an enjoyable celebration.

Sincerely,

ANDREW M. CUOMO

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April 16, 2016

Dear Friends:

Ciao a tutti! It is a pleasure to welcome everyone to the National Organization of Italian American Women’s 35th Anniversary Luncheon.

For centuries, New York has welcomed immigrants from all over the world, including millions of women and men from Italy who have made invaluable contributions throughout the five boroughs. I am proud of my Italian roots, and the lessons instilled in me by my compassionate and hardworking grandmother inform me to this day. Founded in 1980, NOIAW fosters cross-cultural exchange and celebrates the traditions, arts, language and history of Italy, ensuring that nation’s rich heritage remains a vital part of the beautiful tapestry that defines our great city. And by providing scholarships and professional networking programs to young Italian American women, this outstanding organization is empowering the next generation of female leaders to rise. As you gather today in unity and pride, I extend mille grazie to NOIAW’s members for lifting up their community and strengthening the storied ties between New York and Italy. Together, we are forging a brighter and more inclusive future for all.

On behalf of the City of New York, congratulations to this year’s honorees. Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful event and continued success.

Sincerely,

Bill de Blasio
Mayor
April 16, 2016

National Organization of Italian American Women
25 West 43rd Street, Suite 1005
New York, NY 10036

Dear Friends:

I am proud to congratulate the National Organization of Italian American Women as it gathers for its 35th Anniversary Luncheon. I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize the fine work of NOIAW and today’s honorees on this wonderful occasion.

Since its inception, the National Organization of Italian American Women has dedicated itself to advancement of women of Italian ancestry in the United States and the preservation of Italian culture. Through hosting events and educational programs, NOIAW has worked diligently to recognize and promote the accomplishments and contributions Italian-American women. Also, NOIAW offers mentoring services and scholarships to Italian American women who want to pursue careers in science, law, medicine and academia. I applaud NOIAW tireless commitment to improving the lives of so many New Yorkers and enhancing the fabric our culture.

Further, I would like to extend my congratulations to today’s honorees: Alisyn Camerota, CNN anchor and co-host on CNN’s morning show, New Day and Jeanne Mariani Sullivan, founding principal of StarVest Partners. I am honored to join this show of support in recognizing Ms. Camerota and Ms. Sullivan for their dedication to the mission of NOIAW. Their commitment to this noble endeavor is an inspiration to us all.

Congratulations and thank you for your hard work. I know that the National Organization of Italian American Women will continue to serve New York for many years to come. Best wishes for a successful future and an inspirational luncheon.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator
Dear Friends,

It is a privilege to send greetings to all attending the National Organization of Italian American Women’s (NOIAW) 35th Anniversary Luncheon. I would like to acknowledge the work and dedication of Chair Maria Tamburri and the Co-Chairs of this Luncheon, Maria T. Vullo and Anne Marie D’Artello. It gives me great pleasure to recognize today’s honorees Alisyn Camerota and Jeanne Mariani Sullivan.

NOIAW is a valued organization that has been serving the community since 1980. Dedicated to the progress and support of women in the workplace, NOIAW has celebrated the achievements of women of Italian ancestry. The work in preserving Italian heritage, culture, and language through mentoring, scholarship opportunities, and cultural exchange initiatives enhances the lives of the next generation of Italian American women.

It is my hope that your efforts inspire others to take part in actions large and small, public and private, to enhance the well-being of those in our community. Please accept my best wishes on a wonderful event and many more years of continued success.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator
Maria Tamburri, Board Chair  
National Organization of Italian American Women  
25 West 43rd Street, Suite 1005  
New York, NY 10036  

Dear Friends:  

Greetings to all those gathered this afternoon for the 35th Anniversary Luncheon hosted by the National Organization of Italian American Women. Since 1980, NOIAW has worked to celebrate the rich Italian heritage, nurture the next generation of leaders, and promote the advancement of women of Italian ancestry.

Special congratulations are due to this year’s honorees: **Alisyn Camerota**, CNN Anchor and Co-Host, *New Day*; and **Jeanne Mariani Sullivan**, Co-Founder, StarVest Partners and Chief Inspiration Officer, Sullivan Adventures LLC. Their outstanding leadership, service and accomplishments are truly worthy of your recognition.

Founded in New York City, the National Organization of Italian American Women has grown over the years and now encompasses four regions: Connecticut, Rhode Island, Greater Washington DC, and Greater New York. Committed to supporting the educational and professional aspirations of Italian American women, NOIAW recognizes exceptional achievements in the professions and in the community, opposes harmful stereotypes and discrimination, and sponsors cultural events to enhance public appreciation of Italian culture, language and history. The Organization embraces a special mission to cultivate the talents of young women and build sustaining bonds across the generations, funding scholarships, maintaining a lively cultural exchange program between Italy and America, and offering a mentoring program to connect future leaders with sources of wisdom, inspiration and practical advice. The dedicated officers, board and members of the National Organization of Italian American Women are honoring cherished traditions and helping create a vibrant, inclusive future.

Best wishes for a joyful celebration and continued success.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. DiNapoli  
State Comptroller
April 16, 2016

Dear National Organization of Italian American Women:

Congratulations to the members of the National Organization of Italian American Women on the occasion of their 35th Anniversary Luncheon. The NOIAW is dedicated to the promotion of Italian American women and the preservation of Italian heritage, culture and language. The work of the NOIAW positively impacts the lives of Italian American women by advancing their interests in the workplace and beyond.

I commend NOIAW and honorees Alisyn Cameota and Jeanne Mariani Sullivan for representing and promoting the interests of Italian American Women across the United States. Much like the founders of the NOIAW, who include Matilda Raffa Cuomo and US Congresswoman and first female Vice-Presidential Candidate Geraldine Ferraro, this year’s honorees are trailblazers in their respective fields.

It is with great pride that I congratulate the members of NOIAW and the honorees of the 35th Anniversary Luncheon for their commitment to promoting the lives of Italian American Women.

Best wishes,

Rebecca A. Seawright
Member of Assembly, 76th District
April 16, 2016

Dear Friends,

Greetings to everyone gathered here tonight at the National Organization of Italian American Women’s (NOIAW) 35th Anniversary Luncheon!

One of the things that makes our city such a remarkable place to live is the millions of immigrants, past and present, who have come here to build better lives for themselves and their families. Their hard work and culture, their creativity and perseverance, have helped to lift our city and make it one of the greatest, most diverse cities in the world.

That’s why we are fighting today for a more equal and just New York – so that future generations can continue to pursue their dreams here and help make our city even more vibrant and stronger.

On this special night of celebration, I would like to thank NOIAW and its dedicated staff for the critically important work that they are doing here in our city. As the only national organization for women of Italian ancestry, your commitment to empowering women in and beyond the workplace and our society has made a world of difference in the lives of so many – especially those of Italian heritage – and we’re deeply grateful for your efforts.

Congratulations as well to this year’s honorees.

I hope everyone has a wonderful time tonight. Enjoy!

Sincerely,

MELISSA MARK-VIVERITO
Speaker
April 16, 2016

Dear Friends:

Congratulations to the National Organization of Italian American Women on 35 years of service to women of Italian ancestry in New York City.

New York is the largest Italian city outside of Italy, and your organization helps to highlight excellence and innovation in all areas of pursuit by Italian American women.

We join you in saluting this year’s honorees: Alisyn Camerota, CNN anchor and co-host of CNN’s morning show *New Day* with Chris Cuomo and Michaela Pereira, and Jeanne Mariani Sullivan, founding principal of the venture capital firm StarVest Partners.

We thank you for your support of Italian American women in our borough and wish you success in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Gale A. Brewer
April 16, 2016

National Organization of Italian-American Women
25 West 43rd Street, Suite 1005
New York, NY 10036

Dear Friends,

Congratulations on the occasion of your 35th Anniversary Luncheon, a time to reflect and be proud of all that the National Organization of Italian-American Women and its members have accomplished through the years.

This wonderful event offers us a chance to not only raise funds for the organization but also recognize your organization’s efforts and commitment to celebrating and preserving Italian heritage, culture and language through cultural programs, special events, networking opportunities, mentoring, scholarship and cultural exchange initiatives.

Through the years the National Organization of Italian-American Women has sought to promote and support the achievements of women of Italian ancestry in the workplace and the community, helping advance the next generation of women.

I congratulate this year's honorees; CNN anchor and co-host on CNN's morning show New Day Alisyn Camerota; and founding principal of StarVest Partners Jeanne Mariani Sullivan. Your honorees are true exemplars of excellence and I offer my most heartfelt congratulations for their achievements and outstanding work.

On behalf of the 1.4 million residents of The Bronx I salute the National Organization of Italian-American Women, wishing you continued success.

Sincerely,

Ruben Diaz Jr.
April 16, 2016

Maria Tamburri
Chair
National Organization of Italian American Women
25 West 43rd Street, Suite 1005
New York, NY 10036

Dear Ms. Tamburri:

Brooklyn has a time-honored tradition of paying tribute to those extraordinary individuals and organizations that greatly contribute to the betterment of our borough and city. I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings and congratulations to you, the Board of Directors, staff members and supporters of the National Organization of Italian American Women as you gather to host your 35th Anniversary Luncheon.

The National Organization of Italian American Women has been a prominent organization dedicated to the importance of countering stereotypes of Italian-American women by honoring successful professional in every field, promoting educational advancement through scholarships, developing career skills through mentoring, and increasing cultural awareness through the cultural exchange program. I commend the National Organization of Italian American Women for celebrating the accomplishments of Italian-American women, helping to advance the next generation of women by cultivating, and preserving the cultural legacy of Italy. The work that the National Organization of Italian American Women contributes to our communities is truly remarkable.

On behalf of all 2.6 million Brooklynites, I salute you, Ms. Tamburri, for the exemplary leadership you have shown over the years. I applaud everyone for all the great work they have done to improve the lives of women and for their commitment to serve the community-at-large. I congratulate those honorees and distinguished individuals who have generously and selflessly supported the noble mission and work of the National Organization of Italian American Women. Finally, I thank everyone present for helping us move forward as One Brooklyn.

Sincerely,

Eric L. Adams
Brooklyn Borough President
April 16, 2016

Dear Friends,

Please accept my warmest greetings and congratulations as you gather to celebrate the National Organization of Italian American Women’s 35th Anniversary Luncheon. I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize the fine work of this organization and the 2016 Honorees.

The National Organization of Italian American Women has established a distinguished record of excellence, working diligently on behalf of causes and ideals, which uphold the principles of human decency, supporting various cultural, educational and humanitarian concerns.

This wonderful organization has worked to make significant contributions to their fellow residents through many charitable community programs and group events, and is deserving and worthy of the esteem of Nassau County for its selfless service to the community, which has made a permanent and positive impact on us all.

I wish to extend hearty congratulations to this year’s guests of honor Alisyn Camerato and Jeanne Mariani Sullivan and a special thank you to all who have worked toward forwarding the goals of this organization throughout the year.

Best wishes for continued success in all your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Edward P. Mangano
County Executive
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Happy 35th Anniversary
NOIAW

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HAPPY 35TH ANNIVERSARY NOIAW!
Congratulations
To Our 2016 Honorees

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&
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to the
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on its

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and to its
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My very best wishes to NOIAW
on its continuous work promoting Italian culture
and education for 35 years!

The Honorable Frank J. Guarini
As a founding member of the National Organization of Italian American Women, I offer my congratulations to the organization on 35 years of service to women of Italian ancestry!

Today we remember our beloved Geraldine A. Ferraro, another founding member of the organization, who inspired all of us with her courage, dignity, and historic accomplishments as the first Italian American woman to run for Vice President of the United States.

I wish to thank all of you who have supported our mission over the past 35 years and offer my warm welcome to future generations of members -- including my very special thirteen granddaughters and one grandson!

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To all of our NOIAW friends,

In memory of our beloved Michael, we thank you for your kindness and support.

Sincerely,
Claudia & Tiffany Berns

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We hope you will support those who have supported us.

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Upcoming Events

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2016, 5:30 – 7:30 PM**
*Protecting our Health, Happiness and Heritage*
Rhode Island Region
Join us for a healthy lifestyle, happiness and well-being discussion with Anne Marie Ludovici-Connolly, health management consultant and author.
**Metacomet Country Club** 500 Veterans Memorial Park
East Providence, RI 02914

**MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**
*Healthier Italian Cooking Class*
Long Island Network
Learn to prepare healthier Italian food with Holistic Chef Christine Borzell.
**Kitchen Designs by Ken Kelly** 26 Hillside Ave.
Williston Park, NY 11596

**SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016, 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM**
*Tour of the Seguine Mansion and Concert*
Staten Island Network
Enjoy a tour of the lovely Greek Revival house and gardens, and music performed by Italian American composer Alex Leonard.
**Seguine Mansion** 441 Seguine Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10309
Upcoming Events

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Operatic Women of Character, Determination, and Independence
New York Metro Network
A DVD presentation by Louis Barrella,
Music Education Specialist
The John D. Calandra Italian American Institute
25 West 43rd St, 17th Floor
New York, NY 10036

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Guided Tour of Dumbarton Oaks
Greater Washington, D.C. Region
This 90-minute tour will highlight the gorgeous home and grounds as well as the museum’s Roman mosaics and Byzantine collection.
Dumbarton Oaks 1703 32nd St NW
Washington, DC 20007

Advance ticket purchase required for all events.
Tickets available at NOIAW.org and 212.642.2003.
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Join the National Organization of Italian American Women today!

Learn more at NOIAW.org/become-a-member.

Why Join Noiaw?
Membership Benefits Include:

MENTORING AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

DISCOUNT ADMISSION TO ALL NOIAW CULTURAL EVENTS

ACCESS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS
What Our Members Say About Us

NOIAW has given me a sense of belonging.... I love that I can interact with a group that completely understands and appreciates my travels and stories of Bella Italia.

– Cassandra Santoro

I have met some truly inspired women through NOIAW, who have been so supportive and very generous with their time and advisement.

– Allison Scola

I decided to join NOIAW because I felt that the organization promoted the best of Italian culture and values without pandering to stereotypes.

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The National Organization of Italian American Women

The mission of The National Organization of Italian American Women is:

- to unite and connect women through Italian culture and heritage;
- to celebrate the achievements of women of Italian ancestry;
- to inspire and enrich members with shared interests in cultural programs;
- and to empower and advance the educational and professional aspirations of current and future generations.

NOIAW accomplishes its mission by strengthening ties among members through Italian cultural programs locally, nationally and internationally, and special events that inspire and promote the professional achievements of women of Italian heritage in the workplace and community; investing in our young women through mentorship, scholarship and cultural exchange programs; and fostering alliances with Italian and Italian American organizations in support of our history, culture and language.

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