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Since 1992, a change in Italian law that for the first time allowed dual citizenship between Italy and the United States, caused thousands of Italian Americans to apply for Italian citizenship. The onset of the global pandemic in the beginning of 2020 has seen an even bigger uptick in applications. The reasons are various. Some have used the quarantine time to research their family history and simply wish to reconnect with their familial homeland, coming full circle from their immigrant ancestors. Young professionals are eyeing up business opportunities in bell'Italia. Others see Italian citizenship as an exit strategy or retirement plan. Still others seek

the benefits of becoming an EU citizen, which comes with Italian citizenship. Regardless of the reason, the interest in Italian citizenship has never been higher.

In addition to being past president and board member of our club, Mike has worked to promote the Italian and Italian-American cultures as a council member of the National Italian American Foundation, board member of the Italian Enclaves Historical Society, and board member of the Italian American Baseball Foundation (IABF).

Through his involvement with the IABF, Mike had the honor of working with the Federazione Italiana Baseball e Softball (fibs.it) to assist Italian-American baseball and softball players in acquiring dual citizenship in order for them to play for the Italian National teams. Mike has also worked with other athletes including basketball players, fencers, and wrestlers, to gain Italian citizenship in their pursuit to represent Italy in the upcoming Olympics. It was very gratifying to work with the players and their families. The passion they show for their ancestry and the excitement to represent Italia, is truly infectious. The experience was a catalyst for developing a dual citizenship service (www.DeSapioDualCitizenship.com) to assist others who want to reclaim their right to Italian citizenship.

Mike will be our guest speaker in February to discuss the different avenues for acquiring Italian citizenship, and to answer any questions about the process.



Mike with the current manager of Team Italy Baseball and MLB Hall-of-Famer, Mike Piazza

Calendar of Events

Upcoming Programs/Events

2/16 – Monthly Meeting – Mike DeSapio will talk about obtaining Italian Dual Citizenship

6/21 – Annual Foundation Golf Outing at Copper Hill Golf Club

June 2021 – (Date TBD) – Annual Scholarship Dinner

10/8 – Annual Foundation Gala

Italian American Heritage Club of Hunterdon County



Dinner Meeting

Due to current mandates individual dinners will be served. Tables of 6 will be set up.

First 40 reservations can be accepted.

\$31
Mountainview Chalet
6:45PM

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