



## Italian American Heritage Club Of Hunterdon County

KEEPING OUR *Pride*, CELEBRATING OUR *Culture*, REMEMBERING OUR *Past*

### Program Notes for February: Carl Carabelli - President, Italian American National Hall of Fame



Carl Carabelli, Sr. was born in Trenton, New Jersey. He received his education at St. Joachim's Elementary School and Trenton Catholic Boy's High School. He furthered his education at the Technical School of International Business Machine Corp. (IBM), studying computer program

analysis. He was appointed to a position with the New Jersey State Department of the Treasury, Division of Administration and Division of Investments. On March 17, 1963 he was selected to attend the New Jersey State Police Academy in West Trenton, New Jersey. He successfully completed an extensive resident training program and was appointed a New Jersey State Trooper. He served in many diversified capacities throughout his distinguished career with the State Police. He was assigned as a road duty trooper at Keyport, Fort Dix, Bordentown and Edgewater Park. He then served on the New Jersey Turnpike and was promoted to the rank of Detective. In 1978, he was assigned to the Governor's Security Unit and in 1980, he was appointed as a confidential investigator for the Attorney General. In 1985, having been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, he was appointed Assistant Investigation Officer with the Troop Investigation Bureau at NJ State Police Headquarters. He retired on October 31, 1988 after more than twenty-five years of dedicated service with the New Jersey State Police.

Upon retirement, Carl was appointed by the New Jersey Commissioner of Education to manage the Office of Criminal History Review that received a legislative mandate to conduct background investigations on all prospective employees in the educational system of New Jersey. He is in his 20th year of service. In December 1988 Carl was appointed and continues to serve as a Commissioner of the New Jersey Police Training Commission, responsible for presiding over issues presented to the Commission and the development of training policies and procedures for all law enforcement officers in the State of New Jersey.

His honors and distinction include the following: In 1975 he received the Citizen Achievement Award by the College Sportsman Club of Trenton, NJ; 1992 the Kent Athletic Association of Trenton, NJ honored him as the Citizen of the Year; 1995 he was presented the prestigious Achievement Award by the Fermi Federation; 2003 the Knights of Columbus, Chapter 355, presented him the

"Humanitarian of the Year" award. He was also recognized with the title, Honorary Commander, 305th Air Mobility Wing, 13th Airlift Squadron at McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey; on April 25, 2007 was presented with the Star of Solidarity and conferred the title of Cavaliere by the Republic of Italy.

His professional, civic and community activities include the following: President, Italian American National Hall of Fame, Inc., an organization with affiliate members in Berkeley, New Jersey and El Paso, Texas; Former Chairman of the Board, Boheme Opera NJ; Former President and current board member, Trenton Club; Former President, St. Joachim's Parent Teachers Association; Facilitator, Pastoral Committee for Temporal Affairs, assisting with the finances, facility and programs for the Church of St. Joachim; Member, Boheme Opera Guild; Member, Metropolitan Opera, Eleanor Belmont, Lincoln Center NY; 3<sup>rd</sup> degree member, Knights of Columbus #355; Member, Former State Troopers Association; Former Private Investigator, State of New Jersey; Member, National Association of Law Enforcement Officers; Member, American Italian Heritage Association; Member, Roman Society; Member, Alliance of Italian American Associations of Philadelphia; Member, Fermi Federation; Officer, Mercer County Community of Italian American Organizations; Committeeman, Mercer County Italian American Festival Association; Member of the National Italian American Foundation, Washington, D.C.; Board member, Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra; First Grand Marshall, Hamilton Township Columbus Day Parade; Member of the Advisory board for the Italian and Italian American Heritage Commission.

Carl is married to the former Florence M. Chell. They reside in Hamilton Township New Jersey and are the proud parents of two sons Carl Jr. and Joseph. They are also blessed with one grandson, Joseph Jr. and two soon-to-be daughters-in-law, Jessica Zimmerman and Christina Presseau.