



Italian American Heritage Club Of Hunterdon County

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

Program Notes for February, 2013

Meet Anthony Del Aversano



Anthony Del Aversano was born in 1952 in Trenton, NJ. He is married with two children and currently resides in central New Jersey.

As a child Anthony grew up in Chambersburg, a ward of Trenton. This was a neighborhood mostly comprised of first and second generation Italian Americans. This is where Anthony says his passion for food, family and friends was nurtured and still continues to grow today.

Anthony attended Trenton State College, but left early to open his first business, a small bar and restaurant. He remained in the food business for the remainder of his career working at fine hotels and restaurants.

As Anthony's career progressed, he accepted a position with a major supermarket chain where he assisted in successfully developing a new and fast growing segment of the food business: chef-created, take-home prepared meals.

Anthony created award winning cuisine and was fortunate to have cooked for many celebrities and professional sports figures.

Anthony recalls, a culinary challenge from his past, when he and his team were asked to cater the 2007 LPGA tournament in Montclair, NJ. There were over 5000 guests in attendance.

His love for Italian food and culture inspired Anthony to open Pane Bella, an Italian Specialty Shop and later a second restaurant, The Gibson Grill.

Now retired, Anthony was urged by his family and friends, to write a cookbook of all his favorite dishes. Anthony claims there is nothing better than growing up Italian with the foods he loves. Food will always be in his blood.

In the picture above is co-author Anthony Zito (left) and Anthony Del Aversano (right).

Tony will have his book *It's Gravy not Sauce!* available for sale at the meeting and he will sign your books as well. The book is also available online at Amazon.com.

