

Patchogue Italian Feast of

ST. LIBERATA

Saturday, September 10th 12 - 5 p.m.

Rain date: Saturday, September 17th

Please join the Greater Patchogue Foundation, Inc. Cultural Heritage Committee at our annual Italian feast in Patchogue Village!

Celebrating 55 years

& 2022 Italian-American of the Year... Steve Fuoco!

2022 Journal Ads

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Deadline: August 20, 2022

Make checks payable to **Greater Patchogue Foundation, Inc.**

2021 Sponsorship Opportunities

Main Stage	\$1800	_____
Italian Marching Band	\$1200	_____
Italian Singers (3 available)	\$700	_____
Bocce Ball Tournament	\$300	_____
Proud Italian-Americans	\$250	_____

If you sponsor a band, a singer, or the Bocce Ball Tournament, a sign will be placed next to that location on the day of the event.

Sponsors will also be credited on the Greater Patchogue Foundation website, the Patchogue Italian Feast of Saint Liberata social media, sponsor page in the event journal, and a thank you in the Long Island Advance.

All sponsors will be displayed on the Sponsor Billboard located on the Four Corners on the day of the Feast.

For any special sponsorship package, please call the Greater Patchogue Foundation at 631-207-1000.

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Being named the St. Liberata Honoree is especially important to Steve, Jean, and their children because this honor highlights the importance of Family, Community, and the Italian Heritage. Steve is humbled to join such an esteemed group of prior honorees who he respects and admires.

Steve was born and raised in East Patchogue with his brother Louis and two sisters, Mary Jo and Beth Ann. His father Louis "Buddy" Fuoco was Italian on the Fuoco side, and West Sayville Dutch from Grandma Gert DeDreu. His mother Josephine (Palermo-Stephani) Fuoco is 100% Italian. So, Steve was raised a Roman Catholic, eating & living Italian every day.

Steve's Italian roots began with his paternal grandfather Antonio Fuoco coming to America in 1895 from southern Italy. Antonio raised five kids, including Steve's grandfather, Louie Fuoco Sr, and Steve's beloved Aunts Lizzie & Mamie and Uncles Jim & Mike. Steve's mother's family also came from Italy, but a little later. Steve boasts hundreds of uncles, aunts, and cousins on both sides, which gave Steve many amazing role models who taught Steve about the Italian heritage, the importance of a strong work ethic, community service, and to treat others the way that you want to be treated.

As a kid, Steve attended Camp Read in Patchogue, and often visited Patchogue's Main Street on one of his grandfather's Fuoco Buses. His love of Patchogue was reinforced when he attended Seton Hall High School, where he started his community service as President of their Key Club. After college at Stony Brook, Steve married Jean Hawley of Patchogue in 1982, which blessed Steve with two more brothers, Jimmy & John Hawley. Steve and Jean then moved to Patchogue Village in 1986.

Steve's sister Beth Ann was born with Spina Bifida, and it impacted the family in fortuitous ways. The Fuoco Family believes that when life gives you lemons, you should make lemonade (and Steve likes to add tequila!). To honor Beth, Steve's grandfather & father started the Fuoco Golf Feastival in 1969 to support Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck, a summer camp for special needs kids, where Beth attended for more than 15 years. Sadly, we lost Beth a few years ago, but her spirit lives on through the event.

The Brookhaven Italian American Service Club, of which many Fuoco's were members, initially sponsored the Fuoco Golf Feastival. Not coincidentally, the Feastival is famous for serving an abundance of Italian food and wine to their golfers. Years later, the Rotary Club of Patchogue became the sponsor, and still is today. The Feastival, with the efforts of both organizations, the Fuoco Family and their friends are responsible for donating more than \$2,000,000 to the camp. Steve grandfather was a Bellport Rotarian, his father was a Patchogue Kiwanian, and Steve remains a long-time member of the Rotary Club of Patchogue. Steve & Jean are most proud to have both won the Paul Harris Award from Rotary.



Steve & Jean raised three children, Katy, Jimmy & Michael in Patchogue Village. They all graduated from Patchogue-Medford High School, and various Colleges as well. Katy & her husband Alex live in Baldwin with their two daughters, Evie Jean & Lucy James. Jimmy lives in Brooklyn, and Michael lives in downtown Patchogue. Steve & Jean are proud of their kids for everything they do, but especially for taking over the Fuoco Golf Feastival as the fourth generation of family Chairpersons.

In addition to having chaired the Fuoco Golf Feastival for over 30 years, Steve is a longtime member of the Patchogue Chamber of Commerce and was a board member in the early years of the Business Improvement District. Plus, in 1996 he

was elected Patchogue Village Trustee, with David Kennedy, Roy Donato, with Mayor Steve Keegan at the head of the ticket. Along with sitting Trustees Lynn Davis, Peter Mosco & Ed Ihne, the unstoppable Mayor Keegan led this team to reopen the Patchogue Theatre, redevelop the Lace Mill property, fill the Breslin property, and close abusive rooming houses. Later, as a member of the newly formed Patchogue First party, Steve helped elect Mayor Pontieri and his team, who have transformed our Village in almost miraculous ways.

Steve coached PYAA, the in-house baseball "Rotary Roadrunners" little league squad, for more than 10 years, plus managed the PYAA Nighthawks travel team to three consecutive Brookhaven Town Championships. Those experiences & friendships are priceless to Steve and his family.

Steve currently serves as President of the Citizens Campaign for the Environment and works closely with Adrienne Esposito & her team to protect our waterways and to fight climate change throughout the region.

Professionally, Steve studied Economics, and started Fuoco Financial Services along with the Bruce & Brian Quatrala. This was followed by a career as an insurance and employee benefits broker, landing at Bradley & Parker in Melville as one of its current Principals. Steve is now a Certified Insurance Counselor as well as a Certified Risk Manager, specializing in protecting the assets of established companies and families.

For fun, Steve spends time with family, roots for the New York Yankees, plays golf and ping-pong with his Reese's Athletic Club brothers and other friends, and does some biking & hiking. Jean & Steve enjoy traveling and spending time at their family home in Davis Park. They are planning their second trip to Italy in 2023, this time with the whole family. The trip will be the first time that any Fuoco has returned to their ancestral home in Parenti since Great Grandpa Antonio left in 1895!

In closing, this honor is dedicated to Steve's wife Jean, who's support has been immeasurable. And, also to the memory of Steve's dad Buddy, sister Beth, Uncle Jim, mother-in-law Flo, plus so many other family role models, who give him inspiration.

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