

Italian American One Voice Coalition Selects Sandra Giordano for 2023 “Festa Della Donna” Award

The Italian American One Voice Coalition (IAOVC) honors Sandra Giordano on International Day of Women, March 8, known in Italy as “Festa Della Donna”

NORTVALE, NJ, USA, March 8, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [Italian American ONE VOICE Coalition](#) (“IAOVC”), America’s largest independent Italian American anti-bias educational organization, has selected Sandra Giordano for its “Festa Della Donna” Award for 2023.

In the United States, the month of March is recognized as Women’s History Month. And, March 8 of each year is celebrated as International Day of Women in many countries. In Italy it is known as Festa Della Donna, an important day when women are celebrated and recognized. IAOVC has

selected Sandra Giordano to be honored on this year’s Festa Della Donna to recognize her outstanding contributions to defending and celebrating Italian American heritage and culture.

Giordano, originally from Newark, NJ, a licensed state-certified residential appraiser, was a resident of Springfield, NJ where she was actively involved in local activities. A former employee of the St. Barnabas Health System and the Town of Westfield, she was also a member of the Westfield Chapter of UNICO National, the nationwide Italian American service organization and served as Vice President of the Chapter. She was actively involved in organizing the first Columbus Day ceremony in Westfield and created the sashes for Westfield Columbus Day Grand Marshalls each year. To promote her passion for her heritage, she organized an Italian Heritage and Culture event at the Westfield Community Center which attracted many attendees, resulting



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in 11 new members for the UNICO Chapter from that event.

In defense of Italian American heritage and civil rights, Giordano marched in protest to the removal of Columbus Day in Scotch Plains, NJ where the holiday was subsequently preserved in that town. And, she has enjoyed marching in the New York City Columbus Day Parade.

Giordano recently moved to Long Branch, NJ where she continues her advocacy defending her heritage and Columbus. She is now a member of the Point Pleasant Chapter of UNICO.

When notified about her selection for the 2023 IAOVCA Festa Della Donna Award, Giordano commented, "Thank you so much for this award. Words can not express how much this means to me."

Giordano is an example of the mission of IAOVCA. "We appreciate Sandy's dedication to celebrating and defending our shared heritage and culture, especially the importance of Columbus as an iconic symbol to all Italian Americans," stated [Andre' DiMino](#), President of IAOVCA. "We are pleased to honor her with our 2023 Festa Della Donna Award."

IAOVCA is different from all other Italian American organizations in that its sole focus and objective is to foster education to fight bias, stereotyping and discrimination against Italian Americans. IAOVCA is an IRS-Registered 501(c)3 non-profit.

To [support IAOVCA's efforts](#) at defending and educating about Columbus and Italian American civil rights visit iaovc.org/donate.

Membership in IAOVCA is open to individuals, as well as all Italian American organizations, to join together as a coalition, defending and celebrating Italian American heritage and culture. To join visit iaovc.org/membership.

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