



“LA VOCE D’ ABRUZZO”

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2, 2013:

Bariscianotti Club Dinner
Dance—San Marino Club.

November 2, 2013:

FADM Casino Trip
Soaring Eagle Casino

November 5, 2013:

Gen. Mbrshp Meeting.
IACS 7 :00 PM
Election Night
Pasta e Fagioli Taste
Contest

November 6, 2013:

Verdi—200 years later
Lecture by Verdi Opera
Theatre at IACS 6:30 PM

November 7, 2013:

IACS Event 6:00 PM
Sportsmen Dinner honoring
Father Enzo Addari

November 8, 2013:

Performance by Quintetto
Camaristico Deltense
Forestre Banquet Centre
See Page 2 for details

November 17, 2013:

Annual IACS Craft show.

November 19, 2013:

Board Meeting—6:30 PM
IACS

December 1, 2013:

FADM Christmas Party
IACS 12:00 PM

December 3, 2013:

Gen. Mbrshp Meeting and
Pot Luck Christmas Dinner

December 7, 2013:

Secinarese Christmas Party
Villa Penna's 6:00 PM

January 5, 2013:

Festa della Befana
IACS—12:00 PM

FADM Awards 2013 Scholarships at Festa Abruzzese

By Sandra Tornberg

The members of the Federazione Abruzzese del Michigan gathered on September 29 to celebrate their heritage at their annual Festa Abruzzese. This year's event was held at the Mirage in Clinton Township. Members and their guests sampled olive oil imported from Turrivalignani, Pescara by Filomena (Mirella) Morgan. They enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner that included traditional favorites *trippa* and *polenta*.

Once again event chairperson Clarice Squillace enlisted table captains to create centerpieces representing important aspects of their Abruzzese ancestry. Fr. Enzo Addari had the difficult task of selecting the winning display from among the many beautiful and diverse creations. Fr. Addari selected the winning table because it contained a photograph that elicited memories of his family and touched his heart. The photo taken in the 1960's was of Lidia Strussione's family members harvesting wheat in the fields. In addition to Lidia and Marcello Strussione, the other collaborators at the table were Clementina and Dante Gallucci, Marion and Ermando Volpe, Renate Rotellini, and Rosemary Cisch.

The highlight of the annual event is the awarding of the FADM college scholarships. Two one thousand dollar scholarships are awarded each year to outstanding students of Abruzzese ancestry. The 2013 winners are Austin Serraiocco and Mary-Catherine Goddard.

Austin is in his freshman year at Michigan State University where he will major in biomedical engineering. He is the son of Tina and Vittorio Serraiocco and the grandson of Nellina and Gino Serraiocco.

Mary-Catherine is in her senior year at the University of Michigan where she is majoring In Spanish. She is the daughter of Catherine Calvano Goddard and Michael Goddard and the granddaughter of Elda Calvano. This is the third time that she has been awarded the FADM scholarship.

The FADM is proud to be able to invest in the futures of amazing young people like Austin and Mary-Catherine. The Board of Directors and membership take pride in their accomplishments and look forward to great things from them in the future.



From Left: Enzo Paglia, Mary Catherine Goddard, Sandy Tornberg



From Left: Austin Serraiocco, Enzo Paglia and Sandy Tornberg



Father Addari, Lydia and Marcello Strussione

Victor, Austin and Tina Serraiocco



Our Queen Alexa Volpe with future queen Sofia Serraiocco



One of the many Centerpieces in our cultural program.



MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Tuesday, November 5, 2013. Our monthly membership meeting will take place on at the **Italian American Cultural Center** located at 43843 Romeo Plank Road, Clinton Township, MI, 48038. Telephone—586-228-3030. Pasta e Fagioli Competition and Elections for Board.

OOPS, CORNER:

We are revising our Birthday and anniversary database. If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed, we do not have it on file. Please email me or call me and I will add it to our database. Enzo Paglia 248-656-5052 or email at automan25@aol.com. **OOPS !!!** to Miria Cicchitti whose birthday was on September 10, 2013.

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FOR ITALIAN CLASSES:

The FADM is again proud to sponsor our “tuition Reimbursement Program” for members’ children under 18 years of age who successfully complete the requirements of the classes. The family must be in good standing for a one year period before they qualify for the program. See page 5 for form to give the instructors.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Thursday, October 3, 2013: Nominations will be open for four (4) positions on the Board of Directors as well as Vice-President and Treasurer. If you are interested or wish to nominate someone, please respond in writing to Gina Serraiocco Interim Secretary – FADM. Mail in nominations but be postmarked by Friday, October 25, 2013 to be eligible. Elections are scheduled for the November General Membership meeting. Nomination forms will be available at the September and October General Membership meetings and in the October newsletter.

FADM CASINO TRIP:

Saturday, November 2, 2013: We’re off again to the fabulous Soaring Eagle Casino. Ticket price of \$32 includes \$25 in tokens and a lunch voucher. Call Mirella Morgan at 586-291-2923 for information and reservations.

BARISCIANOTTI CLUB DINNER DANCE:

Saturday, November 2, 2013 at the San Marino club. The Bariscianotti Club will have their 67th Annual Dinner Dance on Saturday, November 2, 2013 at the San Marino Club. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. with family style dinner at 7:00 p.m. After dinner gaming tables will open and dancing to the music of Eclipse. Tickets purchased prior to October 14th. are \$70.00 for adults and individuals 20 years old or less are \$40.00. Tickets purchased after October 14th. are \$75.00 for adults and 20 years old or less are \$45.00. Tickets can be purchased from Chris Pelino at (586) 286-3882 or Frank Simone at (586) 677-1492.

PASTA E FAGIOLI COOK OFF:

Tuesday, November 5, 2013: Ready, Set, Go!! Pasta e Fagioli has been an Italian family staple for generations. Every region, town and family has its own version of this classic meal. We are ready to name the top Pasta e Fagioli winner in our Club. All contestants will receive a number. All entries will be placed in a generic bowl and the judges will not know who’s entry is who’s. Three judges will determine the winner. Winner will receive a prize. All contestants should call Sergio Paglia at 586-759-3114 to enter the contest.

VERDI AT 200: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF GIUSEPPI VERDI:

Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at the IACS—6:30 PM: Join John Zaretti, President of the Verdi Opera Theatre and Tonino Corsetti, Lecturer from Wayne State University and performers from the University of Michigan School of Music in this tribute to Italy’s outstanding composer and musician in celebration of his 200th anniversary. Admission is gratis and refreshments will be served. Contact the IACS at 586-226-1582 to RSVP.

SPORTSMEN’S DINNER NIGHT:

Thursday, November 7, 2013 at the IACS: Wild Game dinner with silent auction and gun raffles. Sponsored by the IACS, proceed from this event will go to the St. Louis Center in support of Father Addari and his mission there. Doors open at 6:00 PM Dinner at 7:00 PM.

QUINTETTO CAMERISTICO DELTENSEMBLE:

Friday, November 8, 2013 at the Forestre Banquet Centre, 1919 Star Batt Dr. Rochester Hills, MI, 48309. The group will perform “I sogni di Donato”. Performance at 7:00 PM followed by a buffet dinner. \$20 ticket includes performance, dinner and meeting the group.

PACENTRO CLUB BOCCE TOURNAMENT AND PORCHETTA DINNER:

Sunday, November 24, 2013 at the Caboto Club in Windsor. 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Enjoy the annual Bocce Tournament and Porchetta dinner with Abruzzese from the southeast Michigan area and our friends in Windsor. \$50 Before November 10, \$55.00 after November 10. Contact— Chris Pelino (586) 286 - 3882, Steve Lucci (586) 263 - 0091 or Dan DeMartinis (248) 650 - 0508 for your reservations.

FADM / GAGLIANO ATERNO CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Sunday, December 1, 2013: At the Italian American Cultural Center. 12:30 PM to 5:00 PM. Buffet dinner at 1:30 PM. \$25 for members, \$30 for non members. Ages 12 through 20 - \$20. Ages 6 through 11 \$15. All children 5 and under free. See Flyer on page 8.

SECINARESE CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Saturday, December 7, 2013: The Secinarese Club will hold their annual Christmas Party at Villa Penna. This is an adult function beginning at 6:00 PM. Call Doug Simone at 313-520-1685

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

BIRTHDAYS



OCTOBER

Sergio Paglia

CASINO TIME

THE FADM IS flying off to
Soaring Eagle CASINO
RESERVE YOUR PLACE FOR A FUN FILLED DAY
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SATURDAY, November 2, 2013

\$32.00 PER PERSON

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\$25.00 IN TOKENS FOR PLAY

Food voucher for casino

Refreshments and snacks on the bus

Call Mirella Morgan for information and reservations at 586-



Wayne in Abruzzo Closing Ceremony

By Sandra Tornberg

The FADM was well represented at the closing ceremony of the Wayne in Abruzzo program, held in Gagliano Aterno on July 30, 2013. I had the pleasure of attending with my daughter Samantha. There we met up with Elio Ripari, Filomena and Mike Morgan, and Nicola and Ersilia Salvati. Maria Stante was also there with her family members. Her granddaughter Kate completed the program this summer.

The Wayne in Abruzzo program was initiated in 2004 to give the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Abruzzesi immigrants the opportunity to study Italian in Abruzzo and learn about all aspects of the culture. In 2007 another component was added to the program, with students from the University of L'Aquila coming to take a course to prepare for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

Professors Raffaella Medoro-Naurato, Silvia Giorgini-Althoen, and Raffaele DeBenedictus from Wayne State University were there to teach the Italian courses. Professor Dean Michael Lynn from Wayne was the English instructor.

The students live and take classes in a beautiful setting, the former Santa Chiara monastery. This year there were twenty-seven American students studying Italian and twenty Italian students studying English. They also took trips to Rome, Florence, and Naples, in addition to neighboring cities and towns in Abruzzo. The students were very enthusiastic about their experience and it was obvious that they had learned a lot, as well as having had a great time together.

We had the pleasure of meeting up again with the members of the Deltensembles, who performed at the ceremony, and Goffredo Palmerini, our FADM representative in Abruzzo. It was a great evening in beautiful Gagliano Aterno.



Left:
Mike and Mirella
Morgan



Right:
Elio Ripari and
Samantha
Tornberg

Right:
Alicia Chiaravalli,
Assessore Carlo
Masci



FADM FAMILY EVENT

HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN CARVING

The Federazione Abruzzese del Michigan held it's first family event with the Halloween Pumpkin carving event on Saturday, October 26, 2013. The event took place at the Italian American Culture Center from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Twelve kids and as many adults participated in Halloween games, crafts and of course the pumpkin carving. Kids came in their Halloween costumes and played their parts well.

The morning began with cider and doughnuts and crafts and proceeded to the actual carving. Stencils were used to draw a face or scene on the pumpkin and then the fun began. Goofy inside and seeds everywhere. Everyone had fun and it was a consensus to do it again next year.



Antoinette & Gulianna Lanni.
Gulianna, Francesco & Maria Cavallo



Everybody hard at work



Pretty little pumpkins all in a row.



Everybody had fun.



Sergio Schmidt (as the Fonz) &
Lana DelGreco. Fiorella DelGreco



Marsha Serraiocco & Daniela Del-
Greco



Sofia Serraiocco



Susan Dubois-Reetz, Gene Reetz,
Nick Povazski-Reetz

FADM ELECTION NOTICE

Below is the slate of candidates eligible to run for office under the By-Laws of the Federazione Abruzzese del Michigan..

Board of Directors:

Vote for no more than 4:

(Listed in Alphabetical Order)

- _____ Damiano Alloggia
- _____ Elio Bucciarelli
- _____ Clarice Squillace
- _____ Open

Vice-President:

Vote for no more than 1:

_____ Frank Serraiocco

Treasurer:

_____ Tonino Corsetti



The Council of Presidents - IACS in collaboration with the
Consolato d'Italia Detroit, The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan,
The University of Michigan's School of Music, Theatre & Dance
Department of Voice, and the U-M Romance Language Department
are pleased to present:

Giuseppe Verdi at 200: Reflections on his music, life, and times



(Giuseppe Verdi 1813-1901)

**Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 6:30 PM – IACS
EVENT FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
REFRESHMENTS SERVED**

Guest speakers: John Zaretti

President and co-founder of the Verdi Opera Theatre of
Michigan; and

Tonino Corsetti

Italian Lecturer, Wayne State University

The program will examine aspects of Verdi's life and personality, with colorful projected images illustrating the many political, literary, and musical influences on him, and in turn by him on others in his era. The presentation will also be enriched by a live performance of Verdi's arias which will include performances by U-M vocal performance majors.

Everyone is invited to attend this stimulating presentation celebrating this year's bicentennial of Giuseppe Verdi's birth and the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan's 25th anniversary of its foundation. In view of the designation of 2013 as The Year of Italian Culture in the USA, this program will delight anyone wanting to know more about Giuseppe Verdi and the fascinating cultural movement that developed in the Italian artistic and intellectual community of Verdi's time.

Dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the Abruzzo Culture

The FADM supports the efforts of
Father Addari and the St. Louis Center.
All are welcome.

3rd Annual Sportsmen Dinner

Thursday, November 7, 2013

Hosted by The Italian American Cultural Society

-Special Guest of Honor-

Father Enzo Addari, St Louis Center Administrator

Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.

Hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 p.m. • Dinner at 7:00 p.m. •

Open Bar

To Purchase Tickets contact the

IACS office at (586) 228-3030

www.iacsonline.com

Italian American Cultural Society

43843 Romeo Plank Rd.

Clinton Twp., MI 48038

Ticket Cost \$65 each or Table of 10 \$600

Silent Auction • Gun Raffles

Proceeds from this fundraising event to benefit

The Italian American Cultural Society

Italian Scholarship Program &

The St. Louis Center, Chelsea MI.

**IACS is a registered 501 c 3 organization and is eligible to receive
charitable contributions.**



Federazione Abruzzese del Michigan Presents

Direct from Abruzzo in Concert

QUINTETTO CAMERISTICO DELTENSEMBLE

Performing *I Sogni di Donato* ("Donato's Dreams")

Recital poetico-musicale

Dedicato agli italiani in America

Friday, November 8, 2013

7:00 PM

**The ConCorde Inn
Forestre Banquet Center
1919 Star Batt Drive
Rochester Hills, MI 48309**

\$20.00 Concert Followed by Buffet Dinner

Cash Bar Available

Call for Tickets:

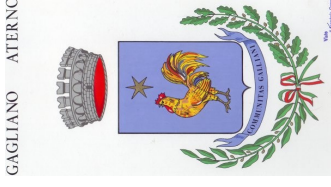
Sandy Tomberg (586) 907-6631

ConCorde Inn (248) 299-1210





Federazione Abruzzese del Michigan and Gagliano Aterno Club Christmas Party



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2013

Italian American Cultural Center
32843 Romeo Plank Road
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586-228-3030

Come celebrate the season
with family and friends!

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Tickets \$25 for FADM and GA members,
\$30 for non-members

Includes wine and bar service
Children 12 through 20
Children 6 through 11 \$15
Children under 5 free

For Tickets contact:

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Frank Serraiocco at 313-643-2845

Parents or Grandparents:
Please bring a gift with
child's name on package
to help Santa remember the names
of all our good little boys and girls!





-ABRUZZO HERITAGE- ~ GIADA COLOGRANDE ~



Giada Colagrande is an Italian film director and actress.



Giada Colagrande was born in Pescara, Abruzzo. She studied in Italy, Switzerland and Australia, and in 1995 she moved to Rome where she began making video art and documentaries on contemporary art. From 1997 to 2000, she joined the art project VOLUME, making a series of video portraits of seven contemporary artists: Jannis Kounellis, Alfredo Pirri, Bernhard Rüdi-ger, Nunzio, Raimund Kummer, Gianni Dessì, Maurizio Savini and Sol LeWitt. She made three short films: “Carnaval” (1997), “Fetus – 4 brings death” (1999), and “n.3” (2000). In 2001, she wrote, directed and starred in her first feature film, *Aprimi il Cuore* (Open My Heart), which opened at the Venice Film Festival 2002, and then was selected by many international film festi-vals, such as the Tribeca Film Festival 2003, in competition, and Paris Cinéma 2003, where it won the award Prix de l’avenir. Giada was also nominated for Best New Director at the Silver Ribbon 2003. Open my Heart was released in Italy by Lucky Red and in the USA by Strand Re-leasing. In 2005 she directed her second feature *Before it Had a Name*, which she co-wrote and co-starred in with her husband Willem Dafoe. The film opened at the Venice Film Festival 2005, was then showed in San Sebastian Film Festival and various other international festivals. It was dis-tributed worldwide by Millennium with the title *Black Widow*. In 2010 she wrote and directed her third feature, *A Woman*, starring Dafoe and Jess Weixler. It also premiered at the Venice Film Festival 2010 and then screened at many other international film festivals. In 2012, she made *The Woman Dress*, the third short film of the PRADA series *The Miu Miu Women's Tales*, and completed the feature-length film *Bob Wilson's Life & Death of Marina Abramović*, a documentary on the opera directed by Robert Wilson, based on Marina Abramović’s biography, starring Dafoe, Antony Hegarty and Abramović herself.



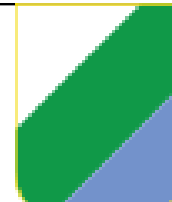
With husband William Defoe





Gianni Chiodi

NEWS FROM THE ABRUZZO REGION



OCCUPAZIONE: CONFERENZA DI CHIODI E GATTI SPOSTATA A GIOVEDÌ

SARÀ PRESENTATO PACCHETTO LAVORO SUBITO PER 20 MLN DI EURO Pescara, 28 ott. La conferenza stampa dell'assessore al Lavoro, Paolo Gatti, sul progetto "Pacchetto Lavoro Subito", con uno stanziamento di 20.2 milioni di euro, inizialmente convocata per la giornata di domani, mercoledì 30 ottobre, è stata posticipata alla giornata di giovedì 31 ottobre, alle ore 11 (sala Blu della sede della Giunta regionale in viale Bovio a Pescara). Alla conferenza, nel corso della quale saranno illustrati tutti i dettagli dell'iniziativa, parteciperà anche il presidente della Giunta regionale, Gianni Chiodi. (REGFLASH) US 131029

L'AQUILA CAPITALE EUROPEA DELLA CULTURA :

L'Aquila è una delle città candidate a diventare la Capitale europea della cultura per il 2019. Il progetto preliminare, il cui documento in .pdf può essere scaricato cliccando qui sotto, è la base di questa operazione, fortemente voluta dal Sindaco e dall'Assessore alle Politiche culturali. Frutto di uno studio curato da Errico Centofanti, il progetto spiega l'importanza e i significati della candidatura del Capoluogo d'Abruzzo e quali sono i passi da compiere, affinché questa ambizione possa tradursi in quel prestigioso risultato che contribuirebbe a un rilancio deciso della Città.



Comune dell'Aquila



APPELLO PER L'AQUILA CAPITALE EUROPEA DELLA CULTURA 2019

La città dell'Aquila è ufficialmente candidata a Capitale Europea della Cultura 2019, insieme ad altre 20 città Italiane.

Tale obiettivo non vuol essere solo un momento di altissimo valore culturale e di veicolazione dell'immagine della città, ma anche un progetto destinato a indurre il rafforzamento identitario e propositivo della comunità, nonché a dimostrare la capacità dell'Italia di saper superare le avversità che ne colpiscono il patrimonio culturale.

Il 2019, a dieci anni dal terremoto, sarà un anno particolarmente importante: per allora, la città dovrà sapersi riproporre con la sua storia, la sua identità e le sue potenzialità rigenerate e riorganizzate. In questa impresa, quanto mai impegnativa, dobbiamo coinvolgere, accanto alle nostre, tutte le forze creative del Paese e ogni entità consapevole che la rigenerazione dell'Aquila è un'opportunità preziosa per il futuro dell'intero Abruzzo e una prova d'alto profilo per l'Italia.

Facciamo appello a quanti hanno conosciuto la bellezza, il patrimonio storico-culturale e le potenzialità della nostra città, a quanti l'hanno amata, contribuendo a farla crescere e ad arricchirla con la loro creatività e professionalità, affinché sostengano la candidatura a Capitale Europea della Cultura 2019, nella convinzione che tale supporto sia un valore aggiunto a tale iniziativa.

Sen. Stefania Pezzopane
Presidente Comitato promotore AQ19

Dott. Massimo Cialente
Sindaco dell'Aquila

SOTTOSCRIZIONE APPELLO PER L'AQUILA CAPITALE EUROPEA DELLA CULTURA 2019

Esprimo il mio sostegno alla candidatura dell'Aquila a Capitale Europea della Cultura per il 2019, nella convinzione che questa città meriti un riconoscimento e una valorizzazione del suo patrimonio artistico, culturale e sociale.

PO Box 545, Sterling Heights, MI 48311 www.fedabruzzo.org

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If mailed, this application must be post marked no later than Friday, December 8, 2013. Please mail to:
Federazione Abruzzese del Michigan
Attention: Sergio Paglia
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Sterling Heights
MI., 48311



Fall Craft Show

**Sunday, November 17, 2013
10:00 am - 5:00 pm**



aRoma Scents

Author Patricia Bellomo

Bella Donna Baubles

Close to My Heart

Flicker Candles

Fran's Favorites

Fun Fur Designs by Angela

Grand Linen Company

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jewelNinjas

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McGee Inc.

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Ole Time Crafts

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Snap Zip Clip

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Walt's Photos

Yea Art

& More to be added



Italian American Cultural Center

43843 Romeo Plank Rd.

Clinton Twp MI

Admission \$2.00 (no strollers please)



For Information Contact:

Sandy Tornberg 586-907-6631

sandratornberg@comcast.net



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iacs@iacsonline.com



*Food and Beverages
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A SCUOLA

Dopo un'interrogazione in scienze naturali, il professore, esasperato, dice allo studente che non e' riuscito a dare neanche una risposta giusta:

— Vai al tuo posto! Tu non sapresti distinguere un gorilla da un biscotto....

E lo student, esultante:

— No, professore, questo lo so: il gorilla non si puo` intingere in una tazza di caffelatte!

DIAGNOSI

Dopo avere visitato accuratamente il paziente, il medico e quanto mai incerto sulla diagnosi, allora gli chiede:

— I sintomi che mi ha descritto li aveva gia provati in passato?

— Purtroppo si, dottore...

— Ottimo! —essclama il medico, illuminandosi—allora non ci sono dubbi: si tratta inequivocabilmente di una ricaduta!

Call for your
Membership Information Packet
586-596-0968

Or
Complete the information and mail to:
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City/ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone Number: (H): _____

(C): _____

Email: _____ Date: _____