



CASA ITALIA TO HONOR PETER VOLPE AS MAN OF THE YEAR



Casa Italia is proud to present its 2017 Man of the Year Award to banking executive Peter Volpe.

"Whenever duty has called, Peter has answered," says Casa Chairman John Ferrentino. "When he joins an organization, he puts his heart and soul into it and he always emerges as a leader."

Peter is the grandson of Salvatore and Josephine (Cannalte) Tarantino and Peter and Angeline (Triggin) Volpe, and the son of Charles and Barbara Volpe. He and his brother, Paul, were raised on the Northwest Side of Chicago in a home that they shared with their maternal grandparents.

Their father was a heating and air conditioning serviceman and their mother was an office worker, but with their maternal grandparents on hand, the two boys were always surrounded by family. "I was lucky to have two sets of parents: my grandma and grandpa from 9 to 5 and my mom and dad from 5 until bedtime," he fondly recalls.

After attending Bridge Grade School, Holy Cross High School and Northeastern University, Peter decided to follow in his father's footsteps. But after graduating from trade school, opportunity knocked. "I took a job at a bank while I was waiting for my union application to be approved and I liked what I saw."

A temporary job became a lifetime vocation, with Peter quickly ascending the banking ranks from teller to branch manager to vice president of retail banking and wealth management, first at Lincoln Park Savings Bank and now at ABC Bank of Chicago.

Of ABC Bank Chairman Sam "Scott" Scambattera, Peter says, "He's a great mentor. He leads by example, he's a man of his word and he's the hardest working person in the entire bank."

In his current capacity at ABC Bank, Peter oversees 11 managers and 60 employees who take their responsibilities to their customers very seriously.

"We work with our customers from the moment they walk through the door to open an account, through the



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early years of their financial planning, all the way to retirement," he explains. "We love being able to help them save and invest for themselves, their families and their future."

That sense of long-term commitment has extended to every community Peter has served and lived in.

Over the years, he has presided over the Franklin Park Chamber of Commerce and the Park Ridge Lions Club. A longtime resident of Elmwood Park, where he lives with his wife, Elsa, and daughter, Laura, Peter is a board member of the Elmwood Park Community Unit School District 401 and the chairman of the Economic Development Commission for the village.

Passionate about his heritage, Peter is an avid bocce player and makes his own wine, sausage and pizza. That passion drew him to the Columbian Club of Chicago in 2006. Since then, he has served on countless committees and held every office, including president. "It's not just a club to me, it's an extension of my family."

He first served on the Casa Board as a representative of the Columbian Club, subsequently signing on as an individual member, and recently accepted the post of vice chairman. "Ron Turano is a dear friend and when I saw how passionate he was about the Casa I was inspired to follow in his footsteps."

Peter formed the Casa Italia Bocce League last year at the urging of another Casa stalwart, Tony Fornelli, and he's looking forward to expanding on a wildly successful first season. "We had a great time last year, and we also were able to introduce a lot of good people to the Casa and all it has to offer."

When the Casa invited Peter to serve as Man of the Year, Peter, as always, rose to the occasion.

"It's a huge honor but it's also a huge responsibility," he says. "The dinner dance is a crucial source of funding for the Casa, and if I can play a part in making the event a success, then I'll feel like I really accomplished something."

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