

# Columbus Piave Club 9<sup>th</sup> Decade (1999 – 2008)

The ninth decade began with Bill Sabatino serving his second term followed by George Mussi (5 terms), Tony Mangine, Robert Contino (2 terms) and Ernie Reed.

Our Templeton fund grew to a record high of \$99,407.98 on November 27, 2006 even though \$21,000 had been withdrawn from April 2001 thru January 2006 to balance annual budgets. We continued to award the Scholar Athlete Scholarship at the August Meeting as we have done for many years. There were periodic golf outings, several trips to Indianapolis to watch the Colts and our annual family picnic.

In 2006, Robert Contino initiated an annual mass at St. John's the Baptist in memory of all deceased club members.

In 2007, we began to take a more active role on the Columbus Italian Festival with Joe Contino as Vice Chairperson and several other members as chairpersons of various activities. John Contino was a Chairperson of the Columbus Italian Parade sponsored by the Piave Club, although small in scope it was the first parade since 1992.

Our Membership ranged from 79 in 1999 to 58 at the end of 2008.

## Columbus Piave Club 10<sup>th</sup> Decade (2009 – Current)

Our tenth decade began with Ernie Reed serving as President (2 terms) followed by John Contino (2 terms). John Contino was chairman of the Columbus Italian Festival 2010 -2011.

The Columbus Italian Parade sponsored by the Piave Club grew to a major event at the festival. Kenton Ridge High School winning the band competition in 2010 and Grove City High School in 2011. The Piave club over the last 6 years has raised more than \$18,000 for high school music departments.

Former Columbus Italian Festival chairman and Piave Club member, Gene D' Angelo was inducted to the City of Columbus Hall of Fame. Mayer Michael Coleman of Columbus attended the Piave Club wreath laying ceremony in 2011 and he plans to attend in 2012.

The Piave Club was recognized by the City of Columbus for organizing and promoting Italian culture events in the city. The Piave club will continue efforts into the future with current club president David Ross (2012).