

**(PHOTO ATTACHMENT:** The members of the Greater Patchogue Foundation's St. Liberata/Cultural Heritage Committee, with Italian-American of the Year Jim Romeo, stand in front of Main St. Italian Bistro. Left to Right: Main St. Italian Bistro owner Gaspar DeSimone, Joe Brandi, Honoree Jim Romeo, Linda Locantore and Lenny Locantore. Photo Credit: Krystle L. DiNicola/GPCC)

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**GREATER PATCHOGUE FOUNDATION, INC. ANNOUNCES  
ITALIAN-AMERICAN OF THE YEAR**

**PATCHOGUE, N.Y. – August 19, 2014** – The Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce's non-profit foundation, the Greater Patchogue Foundation, Inc., is proud to announce Jim Romeo as the Italian-American of the Year for the 2014 Patchogue Italian Feast of St. Liberata, which will be held on Main Street on Saturday, September 27 from noon – 6 p.m.

The Romeo family came to Patchogue in the early 1900's. Jim Romeo grew up on Waverly Avenue next door to his grandparents with many neighboring family members on West Second Street. Romeo has wonderful memories of growing up in an Italian family, from the vendors who came down the streets to sell food and wares to the annual parade and Feast of St. Liberata. Six years ago, Romeo revived the Feast and the parade, got local restaurants involved and made it the successful event that it is today. Romeo still resides in Patchogue with his wife Patricia. He has three children: Jim, Nicole and Gregory, all of whom live in Patchogue.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information about the Italian Feast of St. Liberata, contact the Foundation at 631-207-1000, [info@patchogue.com](mailto:info@patchogue.com) or visit [www.patchogue.com/foundation/st\\_liberata.html](http://www.patchogue.com/foundation/st_liberata.html). The Greater Patchogue Foundation office is located at 15 North Ocean Avenue, Patchogue.

**ABOUT THE GREATER PATCHOGUE FOUNDATION, INC.**

The mission of the Greater Patchogue Foundation, Inc. is to advance, promote and improve the charitable, cultural and educational virtues of the Greater Patchogue area.

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