



ITALIAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS

*The Tri-State
Italian-American Congress*

*Dinner Reception
in honor of*

*John Catsimatidis
and
Margo Catsimatidis*

*Red Apple Group
WABC Radio*

TUESDAY, THE 6TH OF JUNE
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY THREE

6:30 PM COCKTAILS

7:30 PM PROGRAM & DINNER

METROPOLITAN CLUB
ONE EAST 60TH STREET (BETWEEN 5TH AVE. AND MADISON)
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Honorees

John Catsimatidis & Margo Catsimatidis
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Honored Guest

His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York

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Honorees
John Catsimatidis
and
Margo Catsimatidis



*J*ohn Catsimatidis was six months old when his parents emigrated from Greece to New York City in search of a better life. After graduating Brooklyn Tech, John enrolled in New York University to study electrical engineering; going to school during the day and working in a small grocery store on nights and weekends to help his parents pay the bills. With just 8 credits remaining, John left NYU to work in the grocery business full-time. By his 25th birthday he was already a success with 10 Red Apple Supermarkets, and now owns and operates Gristedes and D'Agostino supermarkets. Four decades later, he is a published author, and along with his wife Margo, this dynamic couple has guided the growth of Red Apple Group, which has evolved into a diversified corporation that has holdings in the energy, aviation, retail, real estate, baseball, entertainment and media sectors, employing close to 10,000 Americans.

Margo Catsimatidis was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, where at age 12, she became the youngest person ever invited to dance with the prestigious Bolshoi Ballet. Margo saved up \$100, and at the age of 16 set out to achieve her lifelong dream to move to New York. In 1973, due a dance related injury, Margo began working as the assistant to the owner of a company named Red Apple Supermarkets. This job would subsequently guide her career and life, eventually marrying owner John Catsimatidis.

In 1984 Margo founded MCV Advertising. In addition to her professional advertising career, Margo heads a wide variety of civic and charitable concerns, paying tribute to her own heritage, having served as Chairwoman of the annual Russian Heritage Foundation dinner in St. Petersburg, Florida and Board member of the Tolstoy Foundation. Margo's work in heritage preservation brought her national recognition, and in 2000 she was awarded the prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

John and Margo are firm believers in giving back to the community. Margo served on the Executive Committee of New York Hospital, and the Women's Annual Luncheon for the Police Athletic League (PAL), along with her husband they are Chairpersons for the PAL Annual Holiday Party for over 1000 needy New York City children. They are strong supporters of Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, The Hellenic Times Scholarship Fund, and the Greek Orthodox Church. Margo serves on the Board and steering committee of the Alzheimer's Association, and is on the Board of the Parkinson's Disease Foundation and National Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. John and Margo reside in Manhattan and have two children AJ and John Jr, both graduates of New York University Stern School of Business.

In 2020 John and Margo purchased the legendary WABC radio. Under their leadership, 77 WABC went from 28th in the market to 4th. WABC represents the diverse communities in New York and America with a common-sense approach to issues that confront our world. WABC recently celebrated its 100th anniversary and the impact it has had on the lives of its listeners, and looks forward to exploring new ideas for the future.

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Tri-State Italian-American Congress, formed in 1988, is a non-profit organization whose membership includes individuals active in Italian-American affairs in the tri-state area. Its purpose is to provide educational opportunities for Italian-American children, to support organizations and charities benefiting Italian-Americans and to support other programs and individuals with similar goals.

Since its inception, the congress has provided scholarships for qualified students, has responded through the media to anti Italian-American bias and has provided grants to other organizations for scholarships and Italian Studies programs.

The Tri-State Italian-American Congress is a not-for-profit corporation with IRS Sect. 501(C)(3) status.

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