



ITALIAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS

Dear Friends and Supporters,

On Tuesday, May 5, 2026, the Tri-State Italian American Congress will host its Annual Dinner Reception at the Metropolitan Club at One East 60th Street in New York City. This year we are proud to honor Zulema T. Wiscovitch, and our honored guest is His Excellency Ronald Hicks, Archbishop of New York.

Zulema T. Wiscovitch is the Co-President and CEO of Associated Supermarket Group (ASG), which provides distribution, marketing, merchandising, and financing solutions to independently owned supermarkets throughout the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions. ASG banner stores include Associated, Met, Met Fresh, Compare, and Pioneer, all featuring the private brand Avenue A. In 2020, she partnered with Co-President and CEO Joe Garcia and other investors to acquire ASG.

Zulema currently serves on the board of the Food Industry Alliance of New York and has held board leadership roles with the National Grocers Association, where she received the prestigious Spirit of America Award. In 2024, she was named “Person of the Year” by the Catholic Institute of the Food Industry.

Your support of this event directly advances the mission of the Tri-State Italian American Congress- to create meaningful educational opportunities for Italian American and other deserving students, while championing the organizations and individuals that celebrate the name and legacy of the Italian community in the United States.

For your convenience, please register at TRISIAC.org. Ticket and journal information are enclosed and available online.

We look forward to seeing you on May 5th and thank you for your continued support.

Most sincerely,

Louis Vele
President

Joe Garcia
Dinner Chair

Dinner Co-Chairs

Thomas Barresi, Co-Founder Uncle Giuseppe's Marketplace
Jonathan D'Onofrio, Associated Supermarket Group
Christine Curtis, C&S Wholesale Grocers