

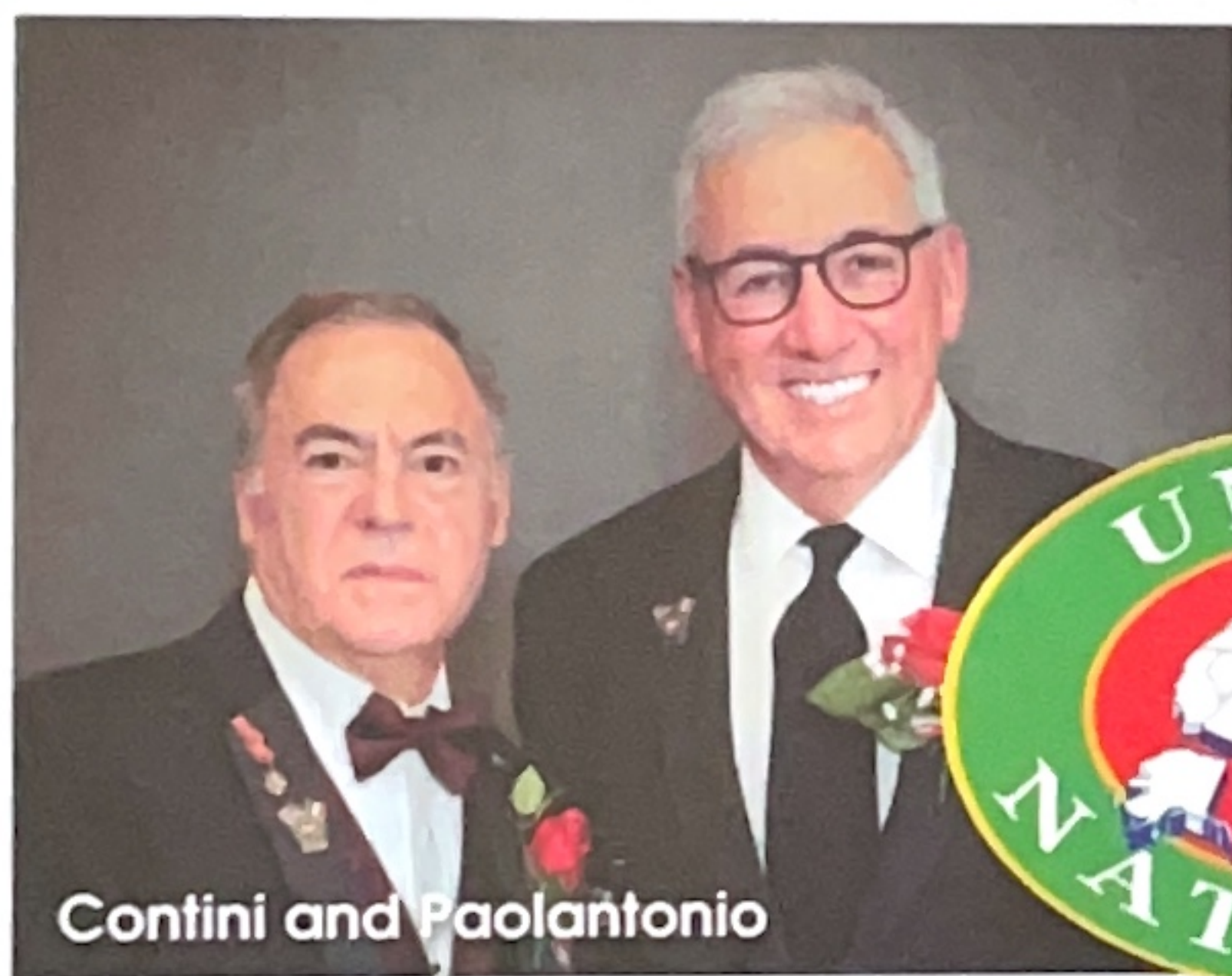


ITALY'S AEROSPACE PROWESS SPOTLIGHTED

The Italian Consulate in Detroit hosted an evening in September dedicated to Italy's many contributions to the global aerospace industry. Held in conjunction with LoveITDetroit, "Italy – The Eternal Innovator in Space" featured presentations by industry executives David Avino, CEO and founder of Argotec, and Marcello Persico, VP of Persico Group, as well as Mirko Gamba, a professor of aerospace engineering at the University of Michigan and associate director of the Space Institute. Consul Allegra Baistrocchi highlighted Italy's long history in the aerospace industry and the unprecedented heights the country has attained in recent years.

MELONI GOES TO BAT FOR COLUMBUS

Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni stood by Christopher Columbus — literally and figuratively — during a recent visit to the States, taking part in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Columbus statue near Central Park in Manhattan on Sept. 19. The ceremony was held hours after a city council hearing aimed at determining the fate of monuments and paintings celebrating the explorer and other historical figures, such as George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. "Through this important reaffirmation of identity, the president celebrated a symbol of the cultural and moral history of the American people," said a statement from the office of Meloni, who was in the city for the United Nations' annual General Assembly.



Contini and Paolantonio

UNICO NATIONAL TAPS PAOLANTONIO

Newly installed UNICO National President Cav. Ralph Contini named national television personality Sal Paolantonio as the honorary national spokesperson for the organization's 2023-24 fundraising and membership drive. "I was honored to be the master of ceremonies of UNICO's 100th anniversary gala, where Ralph asked if I could do more, and I immediately said yes!" Paolantonio said. "I'm honored to work with Ralph and this tremendous organization." An Emmy Award-winning correspondent for ESPN, Paolantonio primarily covers the National Football League for ESPN's "SportsCenter," "Sunday NFL Countdown," "NFL Live" and "Fantasy Football Now." He also hosts the weekly preview show "NFL Matchup."



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