the former Kingston IBM Campus, now known as the Ulster Savings Bank, has hosted the event since going to Washington, D.C. in 2019-2022. In that role, he worked with businesses to improve the local economy and quality of life for its constituents.

Specifically, Ryan said he plans to brief Chamber members on legislation he voted for to improve the local economy and quality of life for his constituents.

"It's been a year since Congressman Pat Ryan was sworn in as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, and this was a perfect match," said KayCee Wimbish, the director of the YMCA Project that teaches youth a variety of lessons, personally and professionally, which runs from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. is sponsored by the Best Western Plus Kingston Hotel at 503 Washington Ave. in Kingston.

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The pancake-o-meter at the Phoenicia Diner stays ticked over to show the amount raised through the Phoenicia Diner Raises Funds For YMCA Cooking Crew program, which started to raise money for the program. For the pancakes that were made in 2023 and the new opportunities that could be done.

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Taste of Italy Festival on the Rondout into a meeting of 70 or more people at Mirabella’s in Kingston. “We’re in,” said Nina Tampone, the newly elected President of the Ulster County Italian American Foundation. “They wrote a bunch of notes on napkins, and the next thing you know, more people gathered in March to talk about it some more.

By the spring of 2013, the Ulster County Italian-American Heritage Society, as it was known in its early stages, had become and was growing by the month. “The whole thing was getting the word out. In early June, they were at the City of Newburgh’s Multicultural Festival, handing out cookies. They said they were starting this Kingston’s Multicultural Festival, handing out napkins, and the next thing you know, more people gathered in March to talk about it some more.”

“People who come see the love we have for Italian culture. The festival is where we show all the things we do and how much we care about our culture and our community,” said Tampone, who has chaired the festival organization, our culture and our community,” said Tampone, who has chaired the festival committee for the past two years. “Each year, we say it can’t get any better than this, and we’re wrong because it does.”

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Tampone said. “Someone once told me this is the best festival because you can feel the love here.”

In addition, UCIAF gives back to the community in a big way by awarding $1,000 scholarships to 10 high school seniors in nine school districts as well as $1,000 community grants to outstanding nonprofits.

Tampone also noted that the Community Care Fund and Outreach Program, born out of the pandemic, gives back in other critical ways. Handed by Mary Tuma and a 40-member volunteer team, the program provides gift cards, clothing and household items to those in need. It also holds food drives to help agencies like People’s Place restock their shelves, participates in a highway cleanup project and serves at monthly veterans’ lunches.

Tampone said it’s all rooted in the Italian tradition of caring for others and building a circle of deep and lasting friendships. “I moved here in 1976, and my friend circle was small and basically business associates. Then I discovered UCIAF, and my circle of friends has grown tenfold. You come to love them immediately. It’s filled a vacancy in my life, and I feel at home here with this group. We’re one big, happy family,” he said.

For more information on UCIAF, call (845) 594-2077 or go to www.uciaf.org.

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Tony Marmo (Normann Staffing), Joe LoSchiaivo, Joe Famiglietti and Anthony Tampone (all with the Ulster County Italian American Foundation) with Ernie Germaino (Mid-Hudson Photo ID).

Korinna Ranyak (Bank of Greene County), Amanda Sullivan (Ulster Savings Bank), and Alana Mayhew (Adams Fairacre Farms).

Tony Troccoli (Ulster County), Jodie McCasland (Timely Signs) and Yariza Mazara (RUPCO).

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