

**Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report  
for the COW Meeting October 15, 2019**

THM Board of Directors met on Monday, October 8, 2019.

1. **Paolo Battaglia** -- Though the rainy weather was dismal on October 6, Paolo Battaglia's presentation/book signing was a special and memorable evening at the Tontitown Winery! Paolo shared portions of one of his documentaries from his recently published ***Italian American Country: Finding Italy in Small-Town America***. Also included in Paolo's presentation were Italian narrators/actors, Allesandro Quarta and Sara De Santis. A copy of Paolo's book is available at THM and City Hall to peruse, and THM has a limited supply for purchase. Also, the book may be purchased online at [www.anniversarybooks.it](http://www.anniversarybooks.it) and the documentaries are available for standalone purchase at [vimeo.com/ondemand/italianamericancountry](https://vimeo.com/ondemand/italianamericancountry).
2. **Polenta Smear** -- The **18th Annual Tontitown Reunion and Old-Fashioned Polenta Smear** on October 13 was a great success! The Board extends a special thanks and kudos to Jeff and Melissa Bowen, managers of the **Venesian Inn**, for preparing the delicious umedo this year. Jeff is the grandson of Buster and Lillian Cortiana Granata. We received some priceless photos to add to our collection. There was a lively crowd and everyone had a grand time!

The next THM Board of Directors meeting is on November 4 at 6 p.m. at City Hall

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