

Mr. Al Naimoli is excited and honored to be the Italian American Executives of Transportation's 2011 Man of the Year.

Al was born Liberato Naimoli on May 11, 1952 to very proud parents, Vito & Anna Naimoli. Vito & Anna were first generation Italian immigrants from Campania, Italy. Al witnessed firsthand the obstacles his parents had to overcome from being turn of the century Italian American parents. Al's father, Vito, was an employee of the Chicago Transit Authority. Vito passed away when Al was only 5 years old.

Al grew up in Chicago's "Little Italy" neighborhood on Taylor Street, and lived there until 1979. Al and his mother faced the same challenges as their Italian American neighbors. It was even more difficult being an only child in a one parent household.

Al attended Our Lady of Pompeii School, and went on to graduate from St. Michael's Central High School. In 1970, he became an employee of Chicago's Streets and Sanitation crew as a cement mixer. Within only a few short years he advanced to foreman in 1974. Al always possessed the drive to succeed, and in 1977 he started a new career. Al became a business agent to Laborers Union Local 76. Over the next 20 years, through hard work and determination, Al became the Principal Office and Secretary of Treasury.

In 1991, Al became the President and Business Manager to Laborers Union Local 76, a position he currently still holds. One of Al's proudest accomplishments since becoming President of Laborers Union Local 76 is participating in the first ever collective bargaining under the City of Chicago and also an area wide negotiating team. The Laborers Union Local 76 members consist of over 3,000 men and women and have been responsible for all the road and bridge construction throughout Cook County and Chicago.

Mr. Naimoli is also involved in many other organizations. He has served as trustee to various labor union funds: laborers health and welfare fund, laborers training and apprenticeship fund and the laborers employee and lecet fund. Formerly, Al was the Vice-President of the Laborers District Council. Currently, Mr. Naimoli is a Director of the Laborers Political League, and he is also a Director of the Italian American Labor Council.

In 1974, Al married the love of his life, Marlene, and together they have 3 children, Annamarie, Vito and Marc and 1 grandchild, Adriana.

Al believes the Italian camaraderie between families and friends is one of the most important things. He owes everything to his parents for being such fine examples of hard work and overcoming obstacles for the betterment of others. "They devoted their whole lives to give us a better opportunity" he said. Al feels very strongly about giving back to his community, and in his free time he is very active in many Italian American functions, as well as his Little Italy community. Mr. Naimoli is also a proud supporter of the Advocate Hope Children's Hospital and the Laborers International Union sponsors Dads for Diabetes.

Mr. Al Naimoli is a true example of commitment to community, family and his Italian heritage. The Italian American Executives of Transportation proudly honor Al Naimoli as our 2011 Man of the Year for all his charitable contributions to the community and his many successes.