

## The Mallozzi Group Background/History

The Mallozzi Group of Rotterdam operates one of the largest and most distinguished restaurant and catering businesses in the Capital Region.

From a humble beginning, when Joseph and Elena Mallozzi opened their Villa Italia pizzeria in Rotterdam in 1965, the family-owned hospitality company has expanded to more than 300 employees at its restaurants and banquet houses, on-premise catering establishments and boutique inn.

The Mallozzi Group's diverse portfolio of venues includes Villa Italia Pasticceria, a contemporary version of the original pizza-shop-turned-bakery that Joseph and Elena opened 49 years ago; Mallozzi's Ballrooms and Catering and Belvedere Inn, both in Rotterdam; Treviso restaurant/banquet house in Albany; and their newest venture, Johnny's. Mallozzi's also carries the exclusive catering rights for the Western Turnpike Golf Course and the Colonie Golf & Country Club.

Joseph and Elena Mallozzi's children, Christine, John and Bobby, carry on their parents' commitment to hard work and providing the highest quality products and services, and maintaining a deep connection to their community. Like their parents, all three siblings are raising their families in Schenectady County.

Joseph and Elena established the foundation for a family business that has realized much of its growth since 2001. That was the year that the Mallozzi Group opened the Belvedere Inn. Joseph had been speaking at seminars nationwide about the benefits of introducing food service into conventional bakeries, and so the family applied Joseph's ideas on complementary businesses to their own enterprise.

As such, they built an inn on the same property as Mallozzi's Ballrooms and Catering, where the company is also headquartered. Joseph and Elena opened the ballrooms in 1982 with the DiBella family in Albany, later taking full control of the facility and changing the name to "Mallozzi's."

Growth of the family business continued. In 2003 the Mallozzi Group became the exclusive caterer for the Western Turnpike Golf Course in Guilderland. The family oversees all of the course's on-premise food and beverage operations at its tavern-style restaurant, banquet rooms, concessions and 700-seat pavilion.

Their success as an on-premise food and beverage operator led the Mallozzi's to a second exclusive catering agreement. Since 2005, they have been the sole caterer for the Italian American Community Center's Italian restaurant - now called Treviso by Mallozzis - its banquet facilities and all of its off-premise functions.

Their third exclusive catering contract came in 2012, when the Mallozzi Group became the caterer for the prestigious Colonie Golf & Country Club in Voorheesville.

Johnny's, the Mallozzi's most recent venture, opened in 2013 in the newly renovated Center City building in the heart of Schenectady's downtown entertainment district. The casual, family-inspired Italian restaurant has become a wildly popular spot for local residents and out-of-towners alike.

The Mallozzi's recognize the vital role that the Capital Region community has played in their ability to operate and grow their enterprise over the last 49 years, and they believe in giving back. Family members serve on a number of Boards of Directors of area businesses, and their establishments contribute goods and services to charitable organizations, schools and individuals in need of assistance.

