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MEETING



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## **Bensalem Business Association**

**Welcomes our guest speaker, Mayor Joseph DiGirolamo**



Mayor Joseph "Joe" DiGirolamo was born and raised in Bensalem, and has served as it's mayor for the past 25 + years. When asked about his early memories of Bensalem, he remembers a time when it was all farmland. "The dynamics began to change after World War II", he said, when people began to move out of Philadelphia and relocate to Bucks County. He witnessed a small town of less than 5,000 residents grow to its current population of over 60,000.

Born in 1937 to parents who were immigrants from Italy, the mayor grew up on his family's farm. He attended North Catholic High School in Philadelphia, returning home to Bensalem after each school day to work on the farm. The mayor's mother thought it was wise for a farm boy to attend a city school. He remembers the first year in the city as being very intimidating, but felt the experience made him stronger.

At 26 years of age, he took over DiGirolamo Farms until the age of 51, at which time the mayor retired from the business world and became involved in community work, volunteering wherever he was needed. He chaired the tri-centennial celebration in Bensalem. One of the highlights of the tri-centennial program was the hardback volumes of the minutes as "the most incredible work", and they are now the property of the Bensalem Historical Society.

Mayor Joseph DiGirolamo's desire to be involved in the community combined with his head for business and leadership abilities convinced him to run for mayor of Bensalem. He was elected mayor in January of 1994 and has been serving ever since.

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