



Circus Saints & Sinners of America Inc.

The Circus Saints & Sinners Club of America was officially established on October 1, 1929. The purpose of the organization at that time was to aid elderly or indigent circus people. As the circus industry evolved to having unions and thus benefits for retirement, the purpose was altered to raise money for qualified charitable organizations. During the years following, several local “Tents” were established to enhance the national organization.

On February 11, 1952 The Tom Thumb Tent, Rochester, NY was formed, as an affiliate of the National Circus Saints & Sinners of America Inc. The tent name was change on October 21, 1958 to Tom Thumb \ Tony Giambrone Tent in honor of one of our founders, Tony Giambrone.

Since its inception the Tom Thumb \ Tony Giambrone Tent has given in excess of \$700,000.00 to local charitable organizations. Funds were raised by having a “Fall Guy Show” where the members honored or roasted a prominent citizen. Some of the “Fall Guys” include:

Senator Kenneth B. Keating
Mr. Louis Wehle
Mr. Joseph C. Wilson
Mayor Peter Barry
Mr. Gerald B. Zornow
Mr. Vincent L. Tofany
Rep. Frank Horton
Mr. Foster Brooks
Ms. Margaret Costanza
Mr. Joseph Altobelli
Mr. Raymond Shaheen
Mr. Andrew Meloni
Mr. Jerry Flynn
Mr. B. Thomas Golisano
Mr. Don Alhart
Mr. Phillip Saunders

Mr. Carmen Basilio
Judge James Sheehan
Mr. Vincent Spezzano
Mr. Gordon Howe
Mr. Walter Taylor
Mr. Eddie Meath
Mr. Eugene Shaw
Mr. William Lombard
Mr. John Krause
Mr. Charles Schiano
Mr. Howard Relin
Mr. Richard Tobias
Mr. Andrew Sparacino
Mr. Robert (Bob) King
Mr. E. Anthony Wilson
Dr. Richard Contantino

In addition to the Fall Guy Show, our Tent hosts two other functions to raise money for local charities, namely, a Past President’s Party and a Reverse Raffle Party. The net proceeds from all of our functions are totally given back to charities. Administrative funds come only from annual dues.