



Medford Lakes Lions Club Meatball Throwdown MEET OUR JUDGES



Franco Coppola,
Head Judge
**Femmina Italian
Grill**

www.femminaitalianrestaurant.com

Head Chef at Femmina, a legendary Medford restaurant,
and all around great guy.

The Coppola family restaurants (**Femmina and Tarantella**) are noted for the cuisine passed down by their father Salvatore from Naples Bay, Italy and Brooklyn, NY restaurants to his sons Franco and Anthony. Franco merges his professionally trained culinary skills with generations of family tastes and seasonings to create the dishes we all love!

Maria Ritter



www.mariasmom.com

Head Baker and Owner of Maria's Mom's Italian Bakery
in Marlton.

Maria is a force of Nature. She created her business directly from her heart and her relationship with her Mom, Mary Lyn. The tradition of Christmas cookie baking is very strong in many households, as family love and connection is the real product of these events, with the delicious cookies being the wonderful by product. Maria has spread this to the community with Bake camps for Kids, Buddy the Elf bake at home boxes that can have a special delivery person! Marias Bakery has been visited by NBC10, Fox News and Action News and her famous Pignoli cookies made it to gift bags at the Emmys!

Steven Rommeihs

Executive Chef

Steve is an accomplished Executive Chef with items on his resume like Executive Chef/Manager at **FLIK-Philadelphia Eagles**, Executive Chef and Manager for the Compass Euresst Group and is currently Food Service Director for SAGE dining services. Steve received his Restaurant Management and Culinary Arts degree from Johnson and Wales University.

Matt Groark



Celebrity Chef

Matt and his wife Kristin, with his 2 boys Aidric (9) and Nash (7) are proud residents of Medford Lakes. He is a physical education and health teacher, turned HS Culinary Arts Instructor. This teacher-turned cook is quickly making a name for himself following his **television premiere on Season 2 of Gordon Ramsay's Next Level Chef!** He launched his own barbeque business, Groark Boys BBQ in 2018, which now boasts **3.4 million followers on TikTok, 800,000 on YouTube, and 152,000 on Instagram.** His TikTok includes all types of cooking and barbeque tips, as well as other musings involving his family and daily life along with some day-to-day teacher tidbits! He is now focused on continuing to grow his own businesses, including Rub City BBQ seasonings, Battle Tested BBQ Sauce, and the new streaming service EMBERS TV