

By Sue Toth

Carmelo Treppiedi fell in love with many things about Randolph the town itself, and his wife, Ann Marie, who he met at the Randolph Diner in 1998. "My wife was there on break from class and I had come in for dinner. She was so stunningly beautiful, I just had to meet her. We talked, went on our first date a few weeks later, and have been together ever since." Carmelo recalled. The Treppiedi married in Carmelo's hometown in Italy in 2003.

Carmelo spent his childhood years working in his family's leather business and restaurants in Italy. He came to the United States in 1986 and purchased a drilling and blasting business DC drilling and blasting with his cousin from New York. The company actually did most of the blasting from many of the home developments in Randolph. Ann Marie, attends Centenary University, working towards a business management degree. She manages an organization that acts as a liaison between hospitals and pharmaceutical manufacturers to provide free, chemo drugs to cancer and MS patients without insurance, or the means to pay for their treatments.

Our neighborhood is filled with friendly people, great kids, and adorable dogs, "Carmelo said. "We have lived here for five years and absolutely love it."

Randolph was, and still is, the very first place Carmela ever knew in America. "Since the first day I came to the United States, Randolph provided me a place to stay, and I live while I was in search of what my life would be," he said. "Years passed from that first day, and I had to come to a decision about where to raise a family and have a good investment in the community. Randolph has provided all of it, along with great schools to educate, my son, a top-notch, sports program, and a thriving family environment."

Carmelo and Alex Alexander particularly love Heisteins' and Freedom Park, as they are some of the places the pair go to practice soccer.

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"While the work is extremely stressful, it's also quite rewarding to assist those that are so vulnerable", Ann Marie said. The Treppiedis have one son Alexander who is 13. Alexander and his dad are huge soccer fans. They also have a daughter, Nicole who lives in Bergen county.

"I have coached Randolph boys soccer in the past and I'm a strong supporter of my son's soccer team the Randolph Rampage, "Carmelo said "Alexander is as crazy about soccer as I am. We follow Italy's National Team and our avid inter Milan and Real Madrid fans."

Their dog Roma completes the Treppiedi family. He is a French bulldog and Alexander's best friend. He enjoys long walks after dinner, pasta, and wrestling with Alexander. He was a Christmas gift from Anne Marie to Carmelo and Alexander. The Treppiedis launched A.R.T. Contracting LLC in May 2018. The business has been a dream of Carmelo for a long time. A.R.T. Contracting LLC, will provide remodeling services, such as flooring, kitchen, renovations Tile work, bathroom, renovations, and even decks.

"We go back to Italy every two years to visit my very large family," Carmelo said. "Alexander remains close with them through FaceTime and we will begin making his own trips there next year. I keep close ties with all my family throughout Europe and enjoy our family vacations there very much."

