

## **Il Gruppo Italiano**

Affiliate of the Dante Alighieri Society-Michigan Chapter

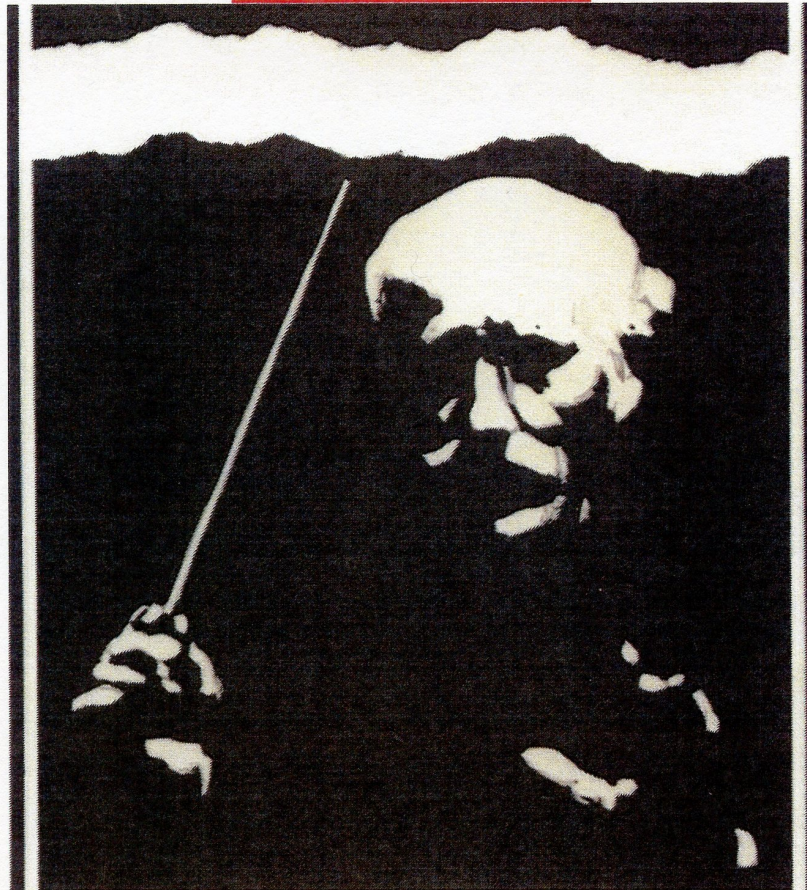
**Friday, December 11, 2015 – 10 a.m. to noon**

**Bloomfield Township Senior Services – 4315 Andover Rd. – Bloomfield Township**

248.723.3500

**John Zaretti President of the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan, will explore  
the life and career of this famous 20<sup>th</sup> century musician**

**“TOSCANINI: His Life and His Music in the  
Shadow of Politics”**



**ARTURO TOSCANINI  
(1867-1957)**

The presentation will trace the life of the great maestro as a man and as a legendary musician, and his civic commitment during the culminating stage of his life and career which coincided with some of the 20th century most troubled periods. A fascinating exploration of the man who made an international reputation in music and his unparalleled legacy of performances and recordings in America, helping to create a new audience for opera and classical music. You will gain a new appreciation for this genial artist and courageous man who never wavered from the principles he stood for: artistic commitment, repudiation of violence, of oppression, of intolerance.