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MY OTHER LIFE

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Anthony Commisso

Title: President, Tuxego

Age: 45

Passion outside work: Helping others. This is the busiest time of the year for [Anthony Commisso](#), owner of Tuxego, a formal-wear

rental store in Latham. After all, it's prom and wedding season, and Commisso almost never has free time. He says his days are long and the work is nonstop.

But if you want to know the other side of Commisso, it's really about giving the little time that he does have to others. And he's done it his whole career.

A devout Catholic who is a parishioner of St. John The Evangelist church in Schenectady, Commisso joined the [Knights of Columbus](#) in 1989, two years after graduating from [Siena College](#).

Commisso is well known for being a founding member and emcee for the Columbus Parade and Italian Festival of the City of Albany, which was started in 1992.

But his charitable work has been most deeply impacted by a near tragedy that happened when his wife gave birth to triplets in 2002. His infant son, Tony, had to be placed on life support and spent six months in the neonatal intensive care unit at [Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center](#).

Tony is doing fine now, but those were difficult times for the Commisso family. Commisso and Tuxego have donated countless hours and dollars to Children's Hospital, and Commisso and his family appeared several times on the [Children's Miracle Network Telethon](#) to appeal for people to donate. Every year, Commisso goes back to the NICU at Albany Med to update a photo of his children in a collage that hangs on the wall that also shows when the three were born. Commisso says it's meant as a sign of hope for parents who sit by their children in the hospital, waiting for them to get better. The Commissos now have four healthy children.

"What I wanted to do is show other parents that life existed. I decided I wanted to let people know that people do survive this," Commisso said.

Commisso's parents, Italian immigrants, ran Cosimo's Restaurant on Western Avenue while he was growing up. But after graduating from Siena with a history degree, Commisso started working in the formal-wear business for [John Mearon](#), whom he calls a dear friend and mentor.

"He just gave me the opportunity," Commisso said. "He's helped many people. He's mentored many people."

Commisso is also giving back to the business community, and after more than a year of preparation launched the [Society of Wedding and Event Planning Professionals of New York](#)

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Quote: "I always pay tribute to every doctor and every nurse that took care of (my son Tony). They saved his life."

-- Larry Rulison

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