



Springtime for our Famèe



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A Message From Our President

Dear Members:

I trust everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year season surrounded by family and friends.

The New Year ushered in a pretty good season for the Famèe Furlane with a marked improvement in business activities. We will continue to build on the effort to date even though the situation will continue to be an ongoing challenge not easily overcome.

We continue efforts to keep up with the constant maintenance and upkeep challenges that we all know are the consequence of an aging and well used facility.

By way of update, our joint FF - VLG application to the Ministry of Health to obtain a licence for the allocation of Long Term Care beds is progressing. Once we are granted the licence for a specific allocation of beds, work will begin to develop a plan that will make best use of the FF footprint while at the same time mindful of the needs of our members going forward.

In the meantime the FF can't be left to continue business as usual. A variety of other issues are being tackled by the Board intended to improve business practices, span of control, spending as well as promoting the FF intended to attract new business.

As I have said many times in the past, our members are in the best and most knowledgeable position to use and promote the FF for family events or at the very least, enjoy a great meal in the restaurant.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Famèe Furlane Golf Classic. To commemorate this milestone, the Famèe Furlane has booked August 26 at The Country Club for what is expected to be a great day of golf, followed by dinner at the Famèe. Please stay tuned for further details as they become available.

One final observation for the consideration of the members - that being volunteering to take a position on the FF Board of Directors. The AGM is fast approaching - in anticipation of which I am both urging and soliciting candidates to run for office.

With continued best regards to all,

Julian Fantino, President



Famèe Furlane Women's Auxiliary Sharing in the Spirit of the Season

Always on the lookout for innovative and unique ways to provide support to its community, this Christmas season was no exception for the Women's Auxiliary.

The much-loved craft table was once again a terrific success at the annual Breakfast with Santa. With Santa's Elves on hand, creativity and fun was the focus for both the little ones and their nonni as they anxiously awaited Santa's arrival. It is so heartwarming to see youngsters, who having outgrown the crafting and now themselves Elves, having fun helping their younger counterparts.



A new venture this year was the Auxiliary's involvement with the Shoebox Project for Women, an organization that distributes gift-filled shoeboxes to women's shelters in the community. The filled boxes in part, bring a little bit of Christmas joy to the residents and gift them with the reminder they are not invisible or alone.

The ladies had a rewarding evening filling and wrapping the gift laden boxes, while enjoying an array of home baked Christmas goodies and casual, festive socializing.



Changes

With her term as Social Director coming to an end, Janet Mior decided to step down and at elections held in November the team of Elemanna Sacilotto and Ughetta De Piero were acclaimed to assume her position. The executive committee and membership thank Janet for her hard work, commitment, creativity and attention to detail throughout her tenure. While no longer on the committee, Janet has graciously agreed to continue to help with special projects as needed. Thank you, Janet! Newcomers, Elemanna and Ughetta are no strangers to hard work and commitment - Welcome ladies!

Fiorella Rossl, whose term as Treasurer also came to maturity in November, stayed the course and was decisively acclaimed for another term! Thank you Fiorella!



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Life's Passages

*Viveit e ġholdeit fin che y podêis.
Ma zeit simpri d'accordu,
tignîsi cont e voleisi simpri ben.*

Giuseppe Mario Zamparo

My father, Giuseppe Mario Zamparo, was an honest and true gentleman. Born in San Vito Al Tagliamento in 1929, he, like so many other Furlans, immigrated to Canada to have a better life. Once settled, he began working as a bricklayer in the masonry industry and from there, together with his brother Remigio, began their own masonry contracting company known as Zamparo Bros. Married and raising three children, life was not always grand. There were tough economic times but my father continued to work hard and persevere. When he wasn't working, he spent a lot of time with many family and friends. He was a member of the Famee Furlane Club of Toronto, The San Vito Club and served as past president for the Club Ricreativo San Quirinese.



My father was very proud of the accomplishments of our Friulan community and was honoured to be able to participate in giving back. He always believed in helping others regardless of his own challenges. Two prominent buildings in our community; St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Parish and the Villa Leonardo Gambin Long-Term Care facility stand tall today with the bricks donated by our family.

He was respectful to everyone; from not eating until everyone was seated at the dinner table to holding the door and saying "ladies first". He was a joker; his quirky one-liner jokes he shared with his grandchildren who still repeat them to this day. Family was very important to him. He always said "love each other and no fighting". Dad, you showed us how to live simply and with love and respect. Thank you for all you've taught me. May you enjoy all the dolci that the beautiful heavens have to offer.

Always in my heart, Joe XO

In Memoriam

Marino Bertosi – 9 November 2019 – Member

Amadeo Scodeller – 3 December 2019 – Lifetime Member

Gino Collovati – 29 December 2019 – Member

Iles Pol Bodetto – 11 January 2020 – Lifetime Member, Spouse of Lilliana, Father of Members Claudia, Bruno and Manuela

Giuseppe Mario Zamparo – 26 February 2020 – Father of Member Joe Zamparo

We also mourn everyone whose life has been taken by COVID-19

Iles Pol Bodetto

On January 11, 2020, the Famèe Furlane lost Iles Pol Bodetto, a faithful Lifetime Member and Bon Furlan, husband to Liliana and father to Claudia, Bruno and Manuela, all active members of the club. Here is what they wrote about their beloved father:



Born August 19, 1934, in Braida, San Vito al Tagliamento, Iles was one of five children born into a hard-working family of 'contadins'. On his 20th birthday he made the long and uncertain journey across the ocean in the hopes of finding better opportunities Canada. Married to Liliana for 59 years, he and their family created a welcoming home whose doors were always open to everyone. Dad was a wonderful role model, providing us with so many examples of what it means to be an honest, hard-working person and for the courage it took to come to Canada, learn a new language, use raw skills to learn the masterful trade of plastering and to run a successful business until the age of 82 -- always well respected by many in his trade.

Dad was a beacon of respect, always treating others as equals, no matter their race or their religion. When visiting job sites you could see him delivering and carrying materials on his shoulders, cleaning up debris – and never hesitated to pick up his tools and work alongside his men. Dad always taught us that we are all equal – no person is above another.

Dad loved life and lived every day to the fullest, always looking forward to the next 'fiesta', making sure his table at the Famèe Furlane was the one closest to the bar, and sure to end off the night with 'una risada', 'una cjiantada' or two or three well into the wee hours – always, 'in cjamò una!' before inviting the gang back home for more. The Pol Bodetto's may have been the last to arrive to a function, but they were definitely the last to leave as well.

Despite having completed only a 3rd grade education, dad was nonetheless an intellect. His insight and his perspective allowed him to carry a conversation of any nature. We valued and sought his advice often. He certainly loved his politics, soccer, cycling and Formula 1 and his Corriere Canadese. We valued and sought his advice often – right to his last weeks.

This tribute would not be complete without speaking of his generosity. He was a loyal supporter of many charitable organizations and was always prepared to offer help to those in need.

Despite his life-long health struggles, he persevered. In these last few years, he showed the most courage and strength. He is, always has been and always will be our hero. His advice to us was simple yet very profound:

'Viveit e ġholdeit fin che y podêis. Ma zeit simpri d'accordu, tignîsi cont e voleisi simpri ben.'

Ciao Bambino...ti vogliamo tanto tanto bene!

The Famèe Furlane Toronto Golf Classic

The Famèe Furlane Toronto is pleased and excited to host the 2020 Famèe Furlane Golf Classic! This celebratory event will commemorate the valuable contribution made to the Famèe Furlane community for 50 years.

In 1970, proud Furlans Father Ermanno Bulfon, Peter Bosa, Eddy Del Medico, Dante Francescut, Sante Francescutti, Tiberio Mascarin and Duilio Pressacco organized the first Golf Classic! It was at this tournament that talks initiated to build a clubhouse.

This "clubhouse" is now the Friuli Centre Campus - Home to Famèe Furlane Toronto, Villa Leonardo Gambin and Friuli Terrace. This is indeed a milestone that commands proper recognition!

The net proceeds generated from the tournament represent an important contribution to enable the Famèe Furlane to continue serving its members well into the future.

Please join us in celebrating this wonderful time in OUR history. Whether as a golfer, sponsor, volunteer or dinner guest; everyone is most welcome to join in the celebration!



**50th ANNUAL
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Lunch: 11am – 12:15pm

Tee Off Time: 12:30pm Shotgun Start

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Friul Infats

By Jason Moretto



QUESTIONS:

1. Who is considered to have been sent by St. Peter to found the original Christian see of Aquileia, previous to his mission to Alexandria?
2. When did the first Slovenes begin to settle within the boundaries of Forum Iulii?
3. When did the Friulan parliament codify its constitution, the Constitutiones Patriae Foriulii?
4. What linguist presented the theory that Ladin, Romansh and Friulan are from the same language family?
5. What three towns established The Italian Chair District, a leading economic centre for the wood and furniture industry and operating for over a century?
6. In what city was Modiano, the popular manufacturer of playing cards, founded in 1868?
7. How many sonnets did Ermes di Colorêt (1622-1692) write in the Friulan language?
8. Who ended the Patriarchate of Aquileia by division into the Archdiocese of Udine to govern Venetian Friuli, and the Archdiocese of Gorizia to govern Austrian Friuli?
9. Who is considered to be the 1st Duke of Friuli during 568–584 A.D.?
10. Who won Gold and Silver Medals in Women's Skeet Shooting at the 2008 and 2016 Olympics?



To all Clubs, Members and Friends,

The Fogolârs Federation of Canada, having taken into account the situation surrounding the COVID-19 PANDEMIC, has decided that the responsible and prudent decision going forward is to postpone FOGOLÂRS 2020 in FRIÛL to the summer of 2021!

We are saddened to have to take this decision. The daily reports coming from public health agencies in Friuli and across Canada are of great concern and show that there is no way of knowing what the situation will be in July.

The Fogolârs Federation of Canada will now occupy itself in organizing an exciting program for FOGOLÂRS 2021 in FRIÛL. Hope to see you all then!

MANDI!
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A Message From Our Chair

Dear Friends,

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic, and to keep you informed of our updated protocols and procedures. Our residents are societies most vulnerable to this virus, so extraordinary times have called for extraordinary measures.

We have been closely monitoring the situation and following direction from the Ministry of Long-Term Care, taking unprecedented measures at VLG to ensure the health and safety of our residents, staff and community. Specifically, we have now implemented severe restrictions to all non-essential visitation. Connecting with your loved ones is incredibly important, so our recreation staff will be offering scheduled video conferencing to keep you connected – please take advantage of this service by booking an appointment with Cassandra (call 905-265-6108). I hope that these difficult times will soon be behind us, but until then, the health and safety of our residents is our highest priority. I can't thank you for your patience and understanding during these unprecedented times.

On a lighter note, I am excited to announce the successful conclusion of our Better Bed Campaign. I would like to extend a special thanks to former Board Chair Jerry Buligan who conceived and initiated this campaign, the success of which far exceeded our expectations. Thanks to his leadership and passion, this initiative resulted in VLG's incidents of resident falls dropping to among the lowest in Ontario, truly making our home Best in Class!

I would also like to thank all of those in the community who helped us reach our goal. Whether by buying a bed, donating money towards a bed, attending our fundraising events, holding private events to raise money for the campaign, or our staff participating in payroll deductions to contribute to new beds, this was truly the effort of an entire community. You are the reason that our residents have more functional beds to keep them safe and comfortable, making a huge difference in the lives of those we serve.

Although the Better Beds Campaign is over, our aging facility is always in need of capital investment to keep the home functioning, looking great, and to improve our resident's quality of life by investing in enhancements throughout. Currently we are raising money to renovate the Activity Rooms on each resident floor.

We know that without our donors and volunteers we would not be able to accomplish these projects or provide the high level of care, services and programming that we do, and so we are truly thankful for the ongoing support. On behalf of our 168 residents, the Board of Directors, management and staff, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your continued support and generosity!

Andrew Iacobelli
Chair, Board of Directors Villa Leonardo Gambin



February Is Therapeutic Recreation Month

Therapeutic Recreation is a process that utilizes functional intervention, education and recreation participation to enable persons with physical, cognitive, emotional and/or social limitations to acquire and or maintain the skills, knowledge and behaviours that will allow them to enjoy their leisure optimally, function independently with the least amount of assistance and participate as fully as possible in society. Therapeutic Recreation intervention is provided by trained professionals in clinical and/or community settings. The purpose of TR is to enable all individuals to achieve quality of life and optimal health through meaningful participation in recreation and leisure.

Recreation and active living are essential to personal health; a key determinant of health status Helps people live longer – adding up to two years to life expectancy, prolongs independent living for seniors by compressing the disease and impairment period typically associated with aging, builds self-esteem and positive self-image - foundations to personal quality of life, and nurtures growth, acquisition of life skills, and independent living for those with a disability.

Our Recreation Department ensures that the residents are able to participate in various programs that will enhance and stabilize their health and well-being.



Volunteer

Volunteers help us to bring our mission to life – To create and celebrate a purposeful, exceptional quality of life. When you give us the gift of your time, you are contributing to making someone’s day better, someone’s life more enjoyable. Join us and help spread the warmth of human connection. In turn, we’ll strive to provide you with a meaningful experience that harnesses your unique talents, while also encouraging your personal growth.



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A Message from Friuli Terrace

I am writing this letter at a difficult time for Canadians, as we face the COVID 19 virus pandemic. It has just been announced that all public schools in Ontario will close for three weeks. Italy, the country of our parents, grandparents and many loved ones, has now gone into quarantine. This is a heartbreaking situation.



At Friuli Terrace, our concern is for the seniors in our building, and ensuring that every precaution be taken to reduce the incidence of spread of the virus. There is increased cleaning of the building and washrooms, and hand sanitizer stations upon entrance and on all floors at the elevators.

We strongly suggest that a limitation of contact between seniors be taken. This is difficult and challenging, as many seniors already feel isolated, however, at this time, this is one of the most important steps that can be taken to reduce the spread of the virus.

We are asking everyone to do their part, which includes regular hand washing, and self- quarantine if you are not feeling well. We ask family and friends of seniors in our building to keep in contact with their family members and friends, and make any necessary arrangements for food shopping, food preparation or doctor's visits as required.

CHATS has also implemented increased measures to care for seniors in the Day Program, and the Assisted Living Programs in our building. The Board will assist as much as possible to adjust to this transition, and we ask for patience and support to our vulnerable seniors at this time.

Angela Bosa-Slokar
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La primavera si avvicina, e ci fa sentire, senza dubbio di buon umore, pieni di speranze per tempi piu allegri.

Il nuovo anno 2020 sicuramente sarà un anno, piu che mai, pieno di nuove iniziative.

Ci troviamo in tempi non tanto sicuri e con tanti problemi globali che si dovranno affrontare con la speranza di soluzioni che aiutano anche noi essendo i piu vulnerabili.

Per ora il nostro gruppo va avanti bene come sempre ci ritroviamo settimanalmente Mercoledì nella sala grande per il bingo mentre nella salla piccola si gioca ai giochi Italiani delle carte.

Al inizio del'anno in Gennaio, abbiamo avuto una gradita visita da una representante di una casa di riposo, SORRENTO LUXURY RETIREMENT LIVING, in downtown Bolton. Le spiegazioni , informazioni e cartellini sono stati utili per gli interessati. Tutti hanno fatto molta attenzione. Per la nostra cortesia ci hanno offerto dolci per tutto il gruppo.

Quest'anno abbiamo l'onore di festeggiare una nostra simpatica e cara membra, la signora Amalia Sabadini, che compierà 100 anni e ci fa molto piacere che è ancora molto attiva e viene regolarmente alle nostre attività settimanali.

Cordialmente saluti dal Comitato e da tutti i membri del Gruppo Età D'oro.

Segretaria *Elena Moretti*



The Famèe Furlane at Christmas

There is always plenty to be enjoyed at the Famèe. A big thank you to everyone who worked to make these events happen and to those who came, enjoyed & supported!

Breakfast with Santa



Arie di Nadal



DONOR RECOGNITION WALL

Villa Leonardo Gambin (VLG) Charity is thrilled to announce the rollout of a new giving program with the installation of a Donor Recognition Wall in the main hallway on the ground floor at VLG. Donations greater than \$ 500 will be recognized with the name of the donor or tribute elegantly etched on an Oak Leaf comprising a beautiful mosaic, over 14' long. All proceeds will go directly to supporting the residents care and programming.

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Friul Infats Answers:

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2. Early 8th century A.D.
3. March 1355 A.D.
4. Graziadio Isaia Ascoli (born in Gorizia, 1829-1907)
5. Corno di Rosazzo, Manzano and San Giovanni al Natisone, UD
6. Trieste
7. Over 200
8. Pope Benedict XIV on July 6, 1751
9. Grasulf I of Friuli (c.520–c.590)
10. Chiara Cainero (born in Udine, UD, 1978)

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