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AS WE OPEN OUR HEARTS AND COUNT OUR BLESSINGS THIS CHRISTMAS, LET'S TAKE THE TIME TO REFLECT ON ITS TRUE MEANING. WISHING EVERYONE PEACE AND JOY THROUGHOUT THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AND SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR A HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear Members,

Welcome to a new edition of the Forum. It has been a while. We hope that you have all been taking care of yourselves and your families. No doubt we all are tired of lockdowns and everything that is accompanying the Covid pandemic including the troublesome variants! We all are most hopeful there will be an end in sight in the new year!

Your Board of Directors, as guardians, continue to work diligently to oversee the Famèe Furlane building and bring the current APS to a close. It is with an eye towards the future of our Club that we continue to look at all possibilities and solutions. Not the easiest task at all in the middle of a pandemic. Resolute and determined, we will continue going forward and focusing in on our efforts for the benefit of you, our members.

This past fall, the Famèe hosted a number of events and as the new year quickly approaches, the Board is also looking into resuming more activities that membership have enjoyed in the past. The culture, activities and sport committees are eagerly awaiting the first opportunity to host the various Furlan language and history classes, feste and new events as well. The heart of our Club is its membership and with your participation and support the Famèe will continue to thrive.

This coming year marks a major milestone as our Club celebrates 90 years since its foundation. A truly wonderful milestone that we should celebrate proudly. Let's hope that 2022 will usher in a new air of positivity that we can gather and celebrate what unites us, our Furlanitat!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I take this opportunity to wish all members and your families a safe and enjoyable Christmas season.

Bon Nadâl e Bon An!

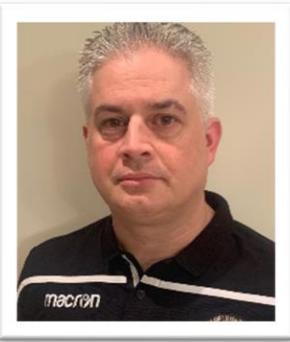
MANDI!

Renzo Rigutto, President



A GLIMPSE INTO THE FAMÈE FURLANE TORONTO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Famèe Furlane Toronto held elections at its AGM on August 31, 2021. As a result, we would like to share a glimpse into the lives of the committed group of volunteers facing the most challenging and arduous period in the life of the FFT. Armed with determination, and the trust of their membership, these committed individuals take their responsibility seriously. Forging ahead protecting the interests, culture and traditions of members while recognizing a new chapter in the life of the FFT is being written has and continues to be its direct focus.



Renzo Rigutto – President

Renzo first joined the FFT in 1988. Over the years, he has been involved in many groups. He has been a part of the Youth Group, Filodrammatica (theatre group) and the Coro Santa Cecilia, as well as the Dolomite Ski group and Friuli FC. Renzo is also active in the Fogolârs Federation of Canada.

Renzo's involvement and commitment to the FFT stems from his family and his upbringing, and his continued connection with relatives in Friuli. Involvement in the FFT has enriched Renzo's life, and in his role as president, Renzo is committed to ensuring that our shared cultural patrimony is carried forward for future generations to share and enjoy.

Joe Zamparo – VP Operations

Joe has been a long-standing member of the FFT and has served on the board for the past ten years. He has also acted as past chair of the Villa Leonardo Gambin Oak Leaf Gala. Joe has been, and continues to be, philanthropic within the FFT Campus and remains committed to preserving the Friulian culture and traditions for current and future generations to enjoy. Always the visionary and recognizing the challenges facing his beloved FFT, and the need for change, Joe has been actively working towards creating a new and vibrant future for the benefit of its members.



George Rodaro - VP Culture & Activities

George has been a FFT member since 2006 after being bitten by the bug; taking Friulian language classes. He quickly became involved and has been a board member since 2008, serving as director of membership until 2020. George has a strong passion for Friulian culture, heritage, and language. He continues to absorb these in his yearly trips to Friuli and, most importantly, to his home town of Avasinis, which as every member of the FFT knows, as they are constantly reminded - "is the centre of the known universe"! George's warmth, humor and "can-do attitude" will serve him well in his new role as VP culture & activities.

Flavia Muraca – VP Marketing and Communications

Flavia joined the FFT Board of Directors in August 2020. She grew up enjoying regular family participation in FFT events, and her love of the Friulian language, culture, and heritage were also instrumental in motivating her to join the board. Flavia is committed to ensuring that strong open communication and transparency is provided to membership throughout this chapter in the FFT's life and beyond.

Added to her love of all things Friulian, she enjoys freelance event planning for family and friends, cooking and travelling. Her background includes advertising and graphic design, retail merchandising and interior design. She also brings extensive experience in fundraising, particularly geared towards autism awareness.





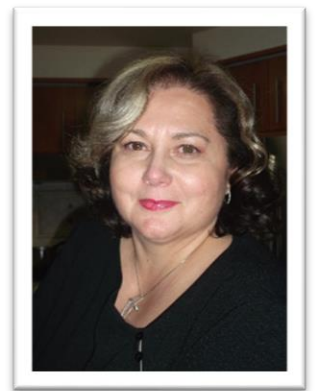
Melissa Zamparo - Secretary

Melissa has been a part of the FFT from a very young age. She has been a member of the Ballarins, Bocciofila Group and Youth Group. Her FFT portfolio also includes working part time in the office while she attended school. Her volunteering initiatives include acting as co-chair for the Oak Leaf Gala and active participation in The Butterfly Tea, both benefitting the Villa Leonardo Gambin. Being part of a family that was very much involved at the FFT, Melissa always attended events including dinners, sagra, picnics and tournaments, to name a few. Melissa has joined the board so that she can do her part in maintaining the traditions for current and future members to enjoy. Today, Melissa has also inherited her Mom's role as "Mrs. Claus" at the annual Breakfast with Santa.

Daniela Perusini – Treasurer

Daniela has a deep love of the FFT. She has been a volunteer, employee, board member and even first runner up of the Miss Friuli pageant in 1988. The FFT has provided her with a sense of community, countless memories and lasting friendships. Having been a part of the FFT long before our current home was built, when dances and picnics were held in church halls and farmers' fields, she feels the community extends beyond physical borders and oceans and cannot be contained by bricks and mortar. She notes, "Traditions and cultures are in our hearts and to be shared with children and grandchildren."

Daniela is committed to finding new and exciting ways to keep our culture and traditions alive for all members and their families.



Membership Director – Rosanna Cannella

FFT member since 1979, and with previous board experience from 1990 to 1995, Rosanna rejoined the board in 2020 and has unfailingly and consistently provided volunteer support to the FFT throughout these many years. Whether arranging travel for the 1981 Federation Congresso in Udine, to working on the FFT Golf Classic and performing multiple roles in FFT events, Rosanna can always be counted on for support. While born in England, her strong roots in Friuli ensure that her heart and soul remain totally Friulian. As membership director, Rosanna's responsibilities include creating initiatives and inspiring folks of all generations to become members.

An outgoing and social individual, Rosanna's hobbies include gardening, cooking and, of course, her many friends.

Future Planning Director – Paul Castellarin

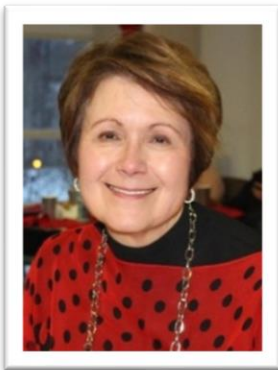
Paul is a small business owner who has been an active FFT member for the past nine years. A family trip to Friuli inspired Paul to join the FFT because he was impressed with Friuli's landscapes and history, and the warmth of its people. Always active and hardworking, this is not his first stint as a board member. Paul's goal is to continue to develop the FFT's mandate to bring Friulians together in celebration of their history and culture, but more importantly, to promote it to second and third generation Canadians, whether of Friulian heritage or not.

Paul is not only committed to bringing the FFT's new future to life, but his "hands on" expertise with all things "building related" has proven invaluable in keeping our aging structure in shape.



Activities Director - Sonia Pittis

Teacher by day and small business owner by night, Sonia’s roots with the FFT run deep. Sonia is the daughter of committed and avid FFT long-time members, and she always considered the FFT her home away from home. Sonia assumed her dad’s membership upon his passing and continues in his footsteps of commitment and belief in their beloved FFT with its culture, traditions, and extraordinary spirit! Given the current COVID gathering limitations, Sonia’s creativity is hard at work forging new and interesting activities for the membership’s enjoyment.



Communications Director – Ivana Pontisso

Since joining the FFT in 2003, Ivana has been part of the board for a number of terms, acting in different roles including activities director, VP activities and sports, secretary, and most recently VP. She is now the communications director. First and foremost, her commitment has always been volunteering with the mantra “No one is ever too big for small tasks, nor too small to tackle the big” Former chair of FFT Women’s Auxiliary, Ivana has also been involved in a number of Campus fundraising events. Her dedication to the FFT and its membership is in part directed by her strong belief in the FFT’s core values of community, benevolence and culture, and is committed to nurturing and safeguarding their continuation. Capitalizing on her love for reading and writing, Ivana has taken on role of Forum editor.

Culture Director – Laretta Santarossa

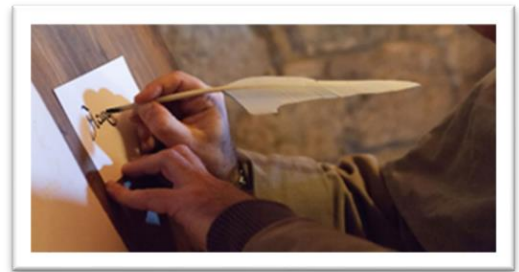
Board member Laretta was born in Casarsa della Delizia and came to Canada as a young child of three. She is a former editor of “Forum”. When asked by a neighbor if she was Italian, she vehemently replied “No! Jo soi furlana!” That strong, deep-rooted pride in her heritage is coupled with family roots that are deeply entrenched in the FFT (her late father was one of many members who helped build the club, and her mother, still active with the group, is a long-time executive member of the Età d’Oro).

For Laretta, being *furlana* and learning about Friuli, the language, culture, customs, traditions, and history has been a life-long interest, passion, and source of great satisfaction. Now retired after a career in publishing, Laretta wants to keep and preserve our knowledge of Friuli and the FFT for future generations by ensuring the FFT archives and library are documented and preserved.



It has become evident this board’s resolve “when the going gets tough, the tough get going.” has proved to be prolific! Along with stick handling the arduous day to day issues, this team has been striving to forge a new path for the future of the FFT with perseverance and conviction. Their commitment for the benefit of their membership recognizes that the road to success, marked with challenges and setbacks, can only be achieved with focus, hard work and great teamwork!

A SPECIAL VISIT AT THE FAMÈE FURLANE TORONTO



The Famèe Furlane Toronto was honoured to have hosted a special visit from Friuli by Mayor Pietro Valent of San Daniele del Friuli (Udine) and Master Calligrapher (Maestro Amanuense), Ivano Coan of Scriptorium Foroiuliens San Daniele, both visiting Toronto in celebration of the International Week of Italian Language and Culture and the presentation of The Making of Dante Guarneriano.

Their visit was in collaboration with the University of Toronto to mark the 700th anniversary of the death of Dante Alighieri, with the busy trip culminating with a visit to the Famèe Furlane Toronto. Their visit started with the presentation of a copy of the Dante Guarneriano during an online forum exploring the making of this unique bibliographic artifact at the University's Massey College. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6PjdeNnZnRE>). A Memorandum of Understanding was also signed between the Comune di San Daniele, University of Toronto and Scriptorium Foroiuliense for the implementation of exchange projects aimed at the study, enhancement and promotion of the ancient book and the heritage of the Biblioteca Guarneriana. The series at the University of Toronto ended with a live virtual tour of the Biblioteca Guarneriana in San Daniele. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FdFjKPt2egk>)

On Saturday, October 23rd, a reception was held at the Famèe Furlane Toronto for Mayor Pietro Valent, Ivano Coan, Emanuense and Professor Paolo Granata, University of Toronto, Senior Fellow Massey College. Famèe Furlane Toronto invited guests included Board Members, and representatives from Fogolars Federation Canada, Societa Femminile Friulana, Famèe Furlane Toronto family members and a surprise visit from Donald Ziraldo from Inniskilin Wines. The afternoon included a tour of our facilities and a special presentation to our honored guests. Refreshments and conviviality were enjoyed and provided ample opportunity for everyone to interact with Mayor Valent and the special guests. It was quite surprising to learn of the friendships and relations that crisscrossed between Mayor Valent and several of attendees, indicative of the phrase *"il paese e Mondo"*!



After a prolonged Covid lockdown it was comforting to have opened the doors of the FFT and host Mayor Valent and his delegation; a time-honoured tradition that the FFT was most happy to undertake. Thank you to Mayor Valent and his delegation for making a visit to the Famèe Furlane Toronto part of their short but intense program. A special thank you goes out all our friends who were involved in making this visit happen.



S. Daniele Mayor was most impressed with his visit to our Library.

In honour of the Mayor's Visit – Un Spuntino tra amis!



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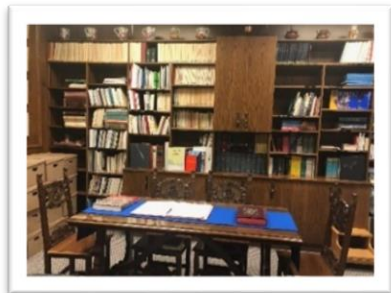
Chef Gianni Chescia

Donald Ziraldo of Inniskillin Wines

Oro Café



OUR HIDDEN TREASURE UNCOVERED THE FAMÈE FURLANE TORONTO LIBRARY



A la Famèe Furlane, i vin un tesôr ch'al e propit stat scundut – la nustra Libreria Josef Marchet. Ma chi esse chistu Joseph Marchet? Here's what I found on "*Vichipedie furlane*" (yes, there's a Furlan Wikipedia!):

Josef Marchet (Giuseppe Marchetti, Glemona ai 23 di Lui 1902 – muart a Udin ai 8 di Mai 1966) al è stât plevan, insegnant, linguist, storiograf, stoic e critic de art, leterât e in gjenerâl un dai plui impuartants pensadôrs furlans dal prin Nûfcent.

Josef Marchet is a story all his own but most important for us, as Furlans, he revived and inspired others in the writing and speaking of Furlan in Friuli after WW II. Did you know that it was forbidden to write in Furlan during Mussolini's regime in the 1930's?

This hidden, long neglected treasure of ours is not only an incredible goldmine of information from the Friuli of our ancestors but of the utmost importance to us as a living, breathing Furlan community today.

Since the early summer, starting with the culling of the library and sale of excess and duplicate books, a faithful crew of volunteers, Edda Picco, Vicky Guerra, and I have been working under the steady and expert guidance of Nadia Moro, a librarian and cataloguer recently retired from the University of Toronto Faculty of Information after 40 years. Nadia has been working every week to catalogue our library books. Many had already been catalogued but many needed to be put into a database so that we have an accurate accounting of how many books we have and what they are all about. So far Nadia has catalogued over a thousand books. Every week we come across another beautiful book about Friuli, its treasures, its history, its *villottis*, its poetry and its memoirs, as told by its people.



It is truly a privilege to be able to do this and to preserve these volumes for future generations of readers and, we hope, young scholars. I can safely say that a library like ours is unique among all the Fogolars and I think even libraries in Friuli do not have such a collection. That is why we are so keen to make sure it is preserved. Right now, most of it is catalogued housed in boxes in preparation for our eventual move. We also hope to interest some universities in some of the volumes we have because we are not sure we will have space in our eventual new home.

We hope to have displays, exhibits and readings in the future utilizing our books. As it turns out, Furlans love to write poetry so I think we should encourage each other to write in Furlan and maybe have poetry readings for our members. Now that we know what we have, we want to share it with everyone interested in our culture, customs, and history.

We also need to thank all who have gone before us and worked in the library; all who had the vision and saw how important it is to read and document our history as Furlans, as immigrants, as a people. We also owe a debt of deep gratitude to all who contributed books to the library including all those who have visited us from Friuli and given us wonderful books as gifts for our library. Finally, we need to "*da un salût a Josef Marchet*", our library's "patron saint" for doing so much to revive our furlanitât in language and culture.

Lauretta Santarossa, Culture Director



MAKING SWEET LEMONADE!

It's been far too long since our beloved Famèe has resonated with the sounds of fun and laughter by its members. Despite restrictions surrounding the use of our facilities, your board is succeeding in bringing us together for a fun time enjoying lighthearted movies as well as good company. Providing a much-needed boost to morale overall, we've reminisced with *Cinema Paradiso*, and laughed along with *Benevenuti al Sud* and its sequel, *Benvenuti al Nord*! Let's keep the momentum going. If you haven't been able to participate, more is in store from your creative Activities Director. Be on the lookout!

Despite the "lemon" times we've all been enduring, lets continue to enjoy the lemonade!



...we really enjoyed the movie night on Sept. 17th. After such a long time it was wonderful to see our friends again at the Famee. The atmosphere was wonderful, and we appreciate the hard work that went into making this a successful event. We look forward to future events...

Carla and Mario Bomben

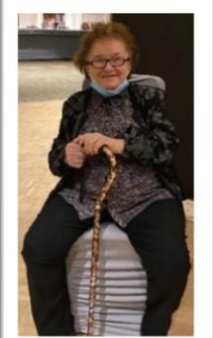
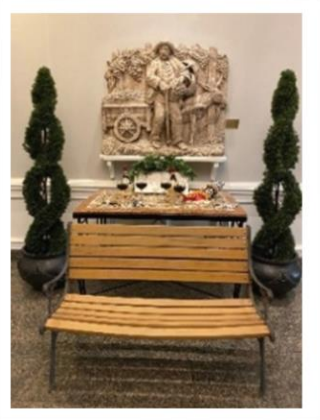


"Cinema Paradiso"





"Benvenuti al Sud"



"Benvenuti al Nord"

"...it was heartwarming to be able to attend an event at our Famèe. We saw so many old Famèe friends which we hadn't seen in almost 2 years. It felt like old times. At the movie's intermission we had time to mingle and chat. I want to thank the "FF Committee" for having this great idea."

Edda Picco



CARD PLAYING IN THE SALETTA



Card Playing has always been a staple at the Famèe Furlane Toronto and while the resumption of regular weekly gatherings to have member enjoy this traditional pastime is currently not possible, the board nevertheless has provided occasions to host this activity for members enjoyment. For anyone keen on participating in this activity, keep an eye on our monthly newsletter for upcoming scheduled times. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



LIFE'S PASSAGES – IN MEMORIAM

A recap since the last edition of the Forum. Sadly, the numbers are far too many.....

Pietro Degan

November 30, 2018

Lifetime Member

Milena Romanin

January 25, 2019

Lifetime Member

Silvano Fabbro

April 21, 2020

Member

Elena Iacobelli

July 1, 2020

Grandmother to Member

Andrew Iacobelli

Elsa Visentin

July 18, 2020

Mother to Member John Visentin

Angelo Del Zotto

July 31, 2020

Lifetime member and brother to

Members Elio and Leo Del Zotto

Pietro Fantino

August 2020

Brother to Member Julian Fantino

Gina Gambin

August 2020

Sister of Past President

Luigi Gambin

Leonida Tedesco

August 13, 2020

Lifetime member and wife to Lifetime

Member Luigi Tedesco

Lino Scaini

August 19, 2020

Member and brother to Lifetime

Member Armand Scaini

Ines Frittaion

October 2, 2020

Lifetime Member

Maria Roman

November 17, 2020

Member

Antonio Zanet

December 5, 2020

Member

Candido Zorzi

January 19, 2021

Lifetime member

Peter Meiorin

March 29, 2021

Lifetime member

Lorraine Innocentin

April 14, 2021

Member

Tarcisio Bottussi

April 26, 2021

Member

Anita Morson

May 16, 2021

Member

Remy Quarin

May 18, 2021

Member

Claudia Colussi

May 18, 2021

Wife of Member Alceste Colussi

Elida Driussi

May 29, 2021

Wife of Member Robert Driussi

Bruna Facca

June 12, 2021

Lifetime Member

Rinaldo Pilot

June 16, 2021

Father-in-law to

Member Nick Melfi

Anna Avoledo

July 3, 2021

Sister to Lifetime Member Antonietta

Santarossa and Aunt to Members

Lauretta and Bruna Santarossa

Francesco Polbodetto

July 23, 2021

Brother to Members

Tony Polbodetto and

Zaira Francescutti

Alceste Colussi

Aug 17, 2021

Member

Antonio Meneguzzi

Nov. 12, 2021

Lifetime Membe

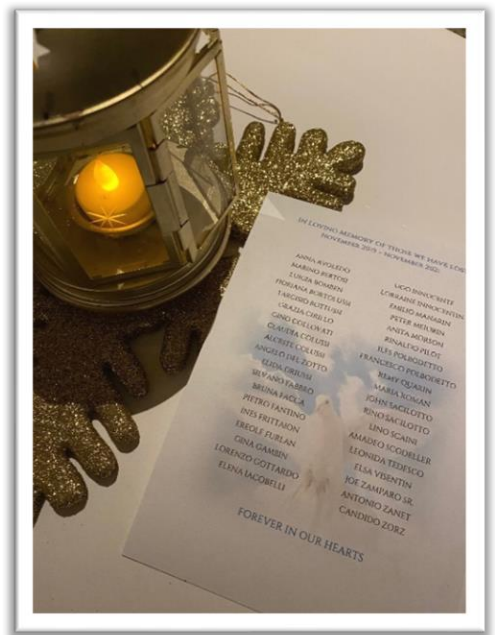


“To live in hearts, we leave behind is not to die.” —Thomas Campbell



ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

On November 30th, despite the ongoing challenges facing us today, the FFT was able to carry on with tradition once again and host the annual memorial mass at St. Roch's Church, to commemorate loved ones. Followed by a general members' meeting, all in attendance also enjoyed *cjastinis e un tai di vin*, which for members is culturally synonymous with the memorial mass. Like all member activities today, it would not have been possible without the assistance of our committed volunteers. We'd like to thank Edda Picco, Rosemary Maraldo, Vicky Guerra, and Lida Vuaran for extending their help, as well as to Gianni Ceschia, who graciously offered his facilities for roasting the *cjastinis*.



IL MONT ALÈ PICIUL

Edda Picco & Louise DiMonte

Sometimes we are reminded that *'il mont alé piciul'*. A few weeks ago, while attending rugby practice for the Queen's University Men's rugby team, three teammates discovered that they all had Furlan heritage. As the discussion continued, the three boys, John Varriano, Stefan Zuliani and Michael DiMonte laughed about some of the shared experiences they had growing up with Furlan grandparents. John's grandparents, Joyce and John Varriano, Stefan's grandparents, Giulia and Aldo Zuliani, and Michael's grandparents, Tony and Edda Picco were all members of the Famèe Furlane Toronto. To make matters even more interesting, the boys realized that as young children they had all attended the Famèe Furlane Annual Babbo Natale Christmas party, and quite possibly had sat shoulder to shoulder doing Christmas crafts. What a coincidence that years later, the three would end up as teammates on the Queen's Rugby team. *'No si sà mai la che tu ciatis i furlans.'*



*From left to right:
Michael, Stefan and John today!*



Michael DiMonte

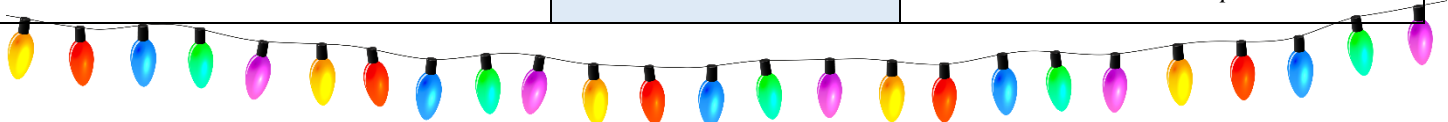


Stefan Zuliani



John Varriano

<p>GIANLUCA CUDIZIO</p> 	<p>LA VOCE DI NESTRI ZOVINS</p>	 <p>JULIA ZAMPARO</p>
<p><i>Running, Playing Piano, Watching Udinese Calcio and Hunting</i></p>	<p>HOBBIES & INTEREST</p>	<p><i>Exercising, reading, and taking long walks</i></p>
<p><i>University of Toronto Rotman Commerce</i></p>	<p>UNIVERSITY</p>	<p><i>Currently in my 4th year at Wilfrid Laurier University</i></p>
<p><i>High School Diploma St. Michael's School College School</i></p>	<p>EDUCATION</p>	<p><i>BA Majoring in Psychology and minoring in Criminology and Education</i></p>
<p><i>To Work as an Investment Banker on Bay Street</i></p>	<p>CAREER GOALS</p>	<p><i>I plan to become a teacher</i></p>
<p><i>Paternal Grandparents are both from Gradiscutta Di Varmo, Udine</i></p>	<p>PATERNAL ROOTS</p>	<p><i>My father's parents are from San Vito al Tagliamento and San Quirino.</i></p>
<p><i>Maternal Grandfather is from San Martino al Tagliamento, Pordenone and Maternal Grandmother is from Ramusciello, Pordenone</i></p>	<p>MATERNAL ROOTS</p>	<p><i>My mother's parents are from Morsano al Tagliamento and San Quirino</i></p>
<p><i>The variety of rich culinary traditions, especially muset and brovada</i></p>	<p>WHAT IS LIKED BEST ABOUT YOUR FURLAN ROOTS?</p>	<p><i>Our core values of hard work, loving family and rich culture</i></p>
<p><i>"Fa ben ai mus si cjape pidadis"</i></p>	<p>FAVOURITE FURLAN SAYING</p>	<p><i>"za che te as su i stevai..." (Since you already have your boots on.....)</i></p>
<p><i>Hard work always pays off</i></p>	<p>ONE THING OR VALUE LEARNED FROM NONNI</p>	<p><i>To always be honest and speak your truth</i></p>
<p><i>Having the opportunity to travel to Friuli and learn about its history through both Eface and Ente Friuli Nel Mondo</i></p>	<p>FAVOURITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY</p>	<p><i>The annual Babbo Natale at the Famèe Furlane (especially Mrs. Claus!)</i></p>
<p><i>Making insaccati, purcità</i></p>	<p>FURLAN CULTURE OR TRADITION THAT CONTINUES AT HOME</p>	<p><i>My Nonna Maria was an excellent baker; we continue to bake her traditional recipes.</i></p>



FFT WOMEN'S AUXILLARY

Taking The Higher Path Through Lockdown



It seems that Covid isolation turned on the creativity faucet full force for a number of our FFWA members. When asked to share an experience, a value or insight the responses were varied, interesting and in some cases quite unique. Recognizing lockdown's strict limitations, the majority took the "glass half full" approach instead of "half empty".

Some members bit the bullet and took the time to attempt new projects or skills. Through the generous nature of one sole, crocheting was finally attempted and learned, while another found much needed therapy in starting and finishing a 1000-piece puzzle.

Others relished the thought of being able to spend entire days in comfy pj's. "Not even having to wash your face or wear a bra was terrific", said one! I envy those who picked up on projects long left behind and now have up to date picture albums and beautifully organized recipe collections!

One of our members confronted with the difficult task of dealing with a mom and aunt in total isolation in a long term care facility put together gift baskets for each of them containing such items, as puzzles, magazines and other goodies to be enjoyed, dropped it off at the front desk simply signed "Sorry I'm late.... La Befana!" What a delightful distraction for them both, causing not only entertaining excitement and joy, but also created quite a stir as they were all abuzz trying to figure out who the mystery "Befana" could be!

We also learned about the member who reluctantly attended a winter wedding hosted in a barn somewhere in northern Alberta. Some guests hid long johns and boots beneath their formal attire, and the bride and groom sparkled beneath the beautiful rigged up crystal chandelier with twinkling lights festooning the ceiling! It turned out to be a most beautiful family wedding!

One honest sole even admitted that she enjoyed learning to "waste her time", a skill she does not want shared with her mom! Others took advantage of the isolation and found opportunities to share quality time once again with their spouses, while some are enjoying a new look as shades of grey or even white seems to be the hair colour of choice these days. One member never before venturing forth without makeup learned the freedom of dispensing with this ritual in its entirety.

Given her ongoing experiences with the medical profession throughout lockdown, one member noted that routine in person family doctor office visits, will become a relic of the past. She noted however that while very efficient, today's technologies cannot replace the much-needed human connection and looks forward to the day when the use of technology efficiencies is balanced with its challenges faced by many.

Sadly, there were those who had to deal with the loss of a loved one in complete isolation. "So many robbed of that final loving embrace and precious time spent together. They left this earth silently and simply, a complete contrast as to how they lived their lives", offered one member.

Stripped of the stress of appointments, obligations, and commitments many learned to relish the freedom, while others taking the enjoyment of family gatherings for granted, dearly longed for in person interactions, and came to value their importance on a completely different level.

With the hording of toilet paper, a thing of the past, one member, at long last headed out to purchase a birthday card, only to be told, "that section is closed" but to her surprise discovered she could purchase as many fake press on nails as she liked!

The stories are many, but in summary it shows that if you put your mind to it, you can really make the best of an unexpected situation.





After a too long enforced hiatus, the FFWA members finally were able to gather and share in the spirit of Christmas. Being surrounded by an assortment FFT Christmas Market goody, certainly added to the festive spirit!



Once again, the generosity of its members was reflected with their support of the local food bank.

Donated food items safely delivered to the local Fire Department!



From all of us at the FFWA, we extend the heartiest of Christmas Wishes to you and your loved ones and may the newness of 2022 bring much health, joy, and freedoms into your lives.

FRIÛL INFATS *By Jason Moretto*

1. Who is known as “*Il Pordenone*”, the greatest Friulan painter of the Renaissance period?
2. What is one of world’s oldest commodity exchanges, founded in 1755 by Empress Maria Theresa?
3. What is the oldest Christian sanctuary in Friuli and when did it originate?
4. What year did Antonio Savorgnan stir up his cernide for the Revolt of Cruel Shrove Thursday?
5. What empire established the March of Friuli against the Slavs and Avars in 776?
6. What museum is housed in Cividale’s 16th century *Palazzo dei Provveditori Veneti*?
7. What Friulan city did the International Jewish Brigade smuggle thousands of Europeans through to Palestine at the end of World War II?
8. Who were the belligerents of the Friulan Civil War for the succession of the Patriarchate of Aquileia in 1381-1390?
9. Who won Gold and Bronze Medals in Women’s Fencing at the Olympics in 1952 and 1960?
10. Where is the *Museum of Wood and Venetian Sawmill*?

See answers on page 34

GRUPPO ETÀ D'ORO

Notizie dal Presidente e dal Comitato

Carissimi Membri/e del Gruppo Eta` d'Oro, in questi giorni che precedono il Santo Natale e l'arrivo del Nuovo Anno 2022, colgo l'opportunita` per darvi notizie riguardanti le nostre presenti e future condizionali possibilita` per un futuro ritorno alla normalita` dei lieti giorni trascorsi assieme nel passato alla Famee Furlane Club.

Recentemente, la nostra amministrazione ha compiuto un sondaggio telefonico per chiedere il vostro parere sul suddetto argomento con il risultato che, su 170 Membri/e, 78 avrebbero partecipato al consueto Banchetto Natalizio e 104 membri/e sarebbero disposti a ritornare ai giochi della Tombola (Bingo) e alle carte come nel passato.

A circa meta` di Novembre scorso, l'ichiesta sulle doppie vaccinazioni dei nostri membri per evitare il virus del Covid-19 e` risultata considerevolmente positiva .

Con i sopra indicati risultati, abbiamo chiesto alla Famèe Furlane se ci fosse la possibilita` di poter usare l'ospitalita` del passato. La nostra richiesta e` stata considerata positivamente dall'Amministrazione. Purtroppo le restrizioni e le nuove regole per la ripresa delle nostre attivita` sarebbero assai incombenti e difficilmente adempievoli. Inoltre alle gia` indicate difficolta` si aggiungono anche le tristi notizie giornaliere delle varianti del Covid-19 virus le quali rendono ancora piu` difficili le decisioni di ogni amministrazione, particolarmente per il Gruppo Eta` d'Oro dovuto alla nostra avanzata eta` media di anni 85. Purtroppo dovremo rimanere ancora inattivi pur sperando che la presente situazione abbia a cambiare in breve e darci un po di luce nel tunnel dell'avvenire.

Nel considerare delle possibili alternative, la nostra Vice Presidente insieme alla nostra Tesoriera, hanno recentemente compiuto delle indagini per poter trasferire le nostre assemblee ricreative. Il nostro Comitato in breve prendera` in considerazione le proposte della loro inchiesta e delle condizioni allegate. Quell'ora ci fosse un risultato positivo sarete in breve informati.

Con rimpianto e addolorato per la loro mancanza, annoto i decessi dei nostri cari Membri/e avvenuti negli ultimi due anni:

Sante Basso, Celsa Basutig, Eligio Bomben, Tarcisio Bottussi, Alceste Colussi, Bruna Facca, Ercole Furlan, Emilio Manarin, Marino Mascarin, Irma Mauro, Anna Moretti, Anita Morson, Maria Roman, Leonida Tedesco, Pietro Vanin, Augusta Zancai, Candido Zorzi.

Nel chiudere questo annuale messaggio informo che, per decisione approvata dall'intero Comitato, non sara` necessario pagare il rinnovo della tessera per rimanere membri durante l'anno 2022. Con la speranza di potersi presto rivedere, a nome di tutti i membri del vostro comitato, porgo i nostri piu` fervidi Auguri di Buon Natale e un Felice Anno Nuovo in buona salute.

Il Pres. Nino Blasutta



FAMÈE FURLANE TORONTO SPORTS

As we continue to slowly open and re-engage members with activities that were temporarily put on hold because of the pandemic, FFT Sports is also hoping to start old and new activities as well.

If you are a golfer, walker/hiker, bowler, skier, or cyclist, FFT Sports is looking for your participation and or assistance in making these activities happen. If interested, please do not hesitate to contact the office, and leave your contact information. The hope is not to find the “*experts*”, the fastest or the best at their activity but rather to allow for opportunity to gather, make new friends and share in good times together.



AT LAST –

THE DOLOMITE SKI GROUP IS BACK!

After a too long and unplanned hiatus brought on by Covid, members of the Dolomite Ski Group finally had the opportunity to regroup to discuss plans for the upcoming ski season and their annual Mt. Tremblant. High spirits were on tap, as this fun-loving bunch have high hopes to soon strap on skis and head for the hills. While ideal conditions are at times uncertain, the one guarantee with this bunch is plenty of shared fun and laughter! Since this gathering, which took place on November 17th, the group has had to switch gears with the Mt. Tremblant annual plans but hopes remain high that they can make it happen! If not, Ontario hills here they come!



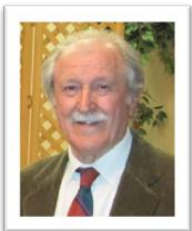
CELEBRAMIO LA CLASSE DEL "1"!



While we can't gather to toast and celebrate in person, lets raise a deserving glass or two to all FFT members who this year are welcoming a new decade into their lives! Together we congratulate and extend wishes for much health, love and laughter as they embark on their new decade! From your entire Famèe Furlane Toronto Family, we extend a hearty Congratulations!



The parade of birthday candidates for La classe del 1931 celebrating 90 wondrous years include



Alberto DeRosa



Livio Breda



Rina Francescutti



Elda Maraldo



Dino Biasucci



Rino Della Mora



Nello Truant

All of whom share their birth year wish such notables as Mohammad Ali and actors James Dean, William Shatner, and Rita Moreno. Benito Mussolini rules in Italy. Eggs were 18 cents a dozen and bread 8 cents a loaf!



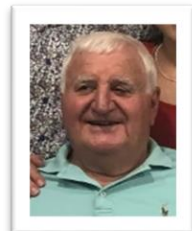
Those born in 1941 and turning 80 this year include



Gianni Salvador



Carlo Pecile



Arnaldo Ceschia



Olga Zorzi Pugliese



Gina Commisso

All sharing the spotlight with Placido Domingo, Paul Anka, Chubby Checker and Neil Diamond. Cherrios were introduced as were M & Ms. The first commercial ever was aired on NBC for a cost of \$7 and it was for the Bulova watch!

W 1951

Proudly celebrating her 70th year and representing 1951, Fulvia Della Schiava, shares her birth year with Jane Seymour, Robin Williams, Kristie Alley and Linda Carter. I Love Lucy debuts on CBS and it was the year that Tupperware was invented!



W 1961



Mary Lovisa



Elvy Moro



Gianpaolo Biasucci



Carmen Franceschetti

Along with such notables as Barack Obama, Princess Diana, Wayne Gretsky and Michael J. Fox. 1961 was also the year the Berlin Wall was built and The Mike Douglas Show had its debut. The minimum hourly wage was \$1.15.

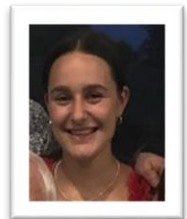
W 1971

Celebrating the half century mark, Massimo Ceschia well represents 1971 and shares the spotlight with Elon Musk, Christina Applegate, and Damian Lewis. It was the year that all TV & Radio cigarette ads were banned. The comedy All in The Family started while The Ed Sullivan show took its last bow...and by the way Starbucks opened its first location introducing most to a new way of ordering their Java.



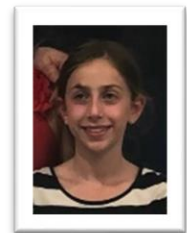
W 2001

2001 welcomed baby Samantha Ceschia. Now entering her 20s, 2001 also welcomed Billie Eilish and TikTok gurus Dixie D'Amelio and Noah Beck. Sadly 2001 was the year that 9/11 changed our world forever.



W 2011

2011 baby Adrian Sorbara shares her birth with sign of the time You Tube Stars Sienna Fizz and Jordyn Yeager. It was the year that Prince William and Kate Middleton tied the knot and Adele started her meteoric rise to fame!



W 2021

Special note needs to be made for our 2021 babies whose arrival also created a new role in the lives of their loved ones.



1961 baby Carmen Franceschetti became a first time Nonna and welcomed her first grandchild, Alessio Franceschetti



Daniela Perusini while not a classe baby herself also became a first time Nonna and her dad, member Onelio Perusini became a first-time Biz-Nonno with the birth of Cruz Axel Giuliani

The Ceschia Family has four candidates all celebrating milestone years as seen in the picture below.

This multi-generational celebration includes candidates in the years 1941, 1971, 2001 and 2011



- 1941 – Nonno Arnaldo Ceschia celebrating 80 years young
- 1971 – Son Massimo Ceschia celebrating the half century mark
- 2001 – Granddaughter Samantha Ceschia embarking on her exciting 20s
- 2011 – Granddaughter Adriana Sorbara celebrating two full hands!



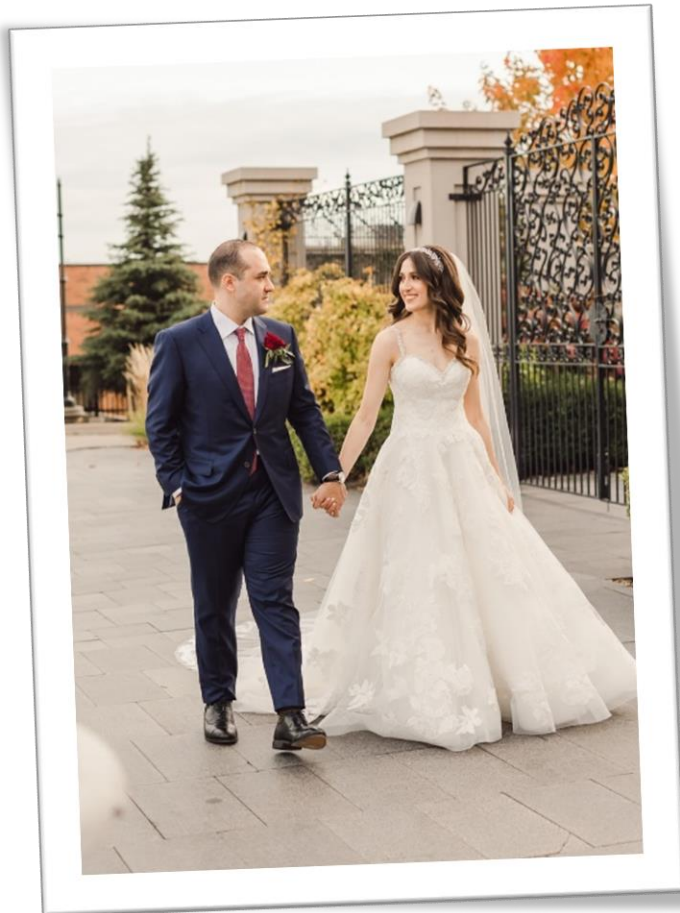


AND TWO BECAME ONE...CONGRATULATIONS!

Submitted by proud Zio Jason Moretto

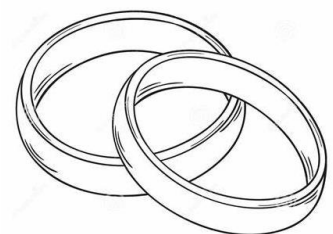
Brandon Bartelli and Natasha Marchi

We are pleased to announce that Brandon Bartelli and Natasha Marchi were married on October 9, 2021 at St. Patrick's Parish in Brampton, Ontario. Natasha's parents, Giorgio and Nora Marchi, and grandparents, have been longstanding members of the Famèe Furlane of Toronto. Natasha's paternal grandparents, Ottavio and Louisa (deceased) Marchi were both born in Domanins, Pordenone. Her deceased maternal grandparents, Pietro and Elsa Moretto were born in Rividischia, Udine and Bolzano di Morsano al Tagliamento, Pordenone, respectively.



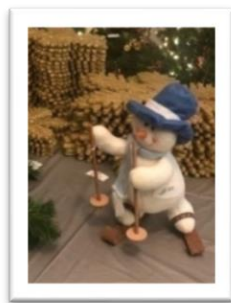
Adam Falconi and Chloé Restivo

We are happy to announce that Adam Falconi and Chloé Restivo were married on October 23, 2021 at Mary Mother of God Parish in Oakville, Ontario. Adam's deceased maternal grandparents Pietro and Elsa Moretto were members of the Famèe Furlane of Toronto and were born in Rividischia, Udine and Bolzano di Morsano al Tagliamento, Pordenone, respectively. Chloé's deceased maternal grandparents Ezio and Vanda Fabris were members of the Famèe Furlane of Hamilton and were born in Felettis and Basiliano, Udine, respectively.



CHRISTMAS MARKET

On Saturday November 6th and Sunday November 7th, the Famèe Furlane held its own little Christmas Market, making available to its members the option to purchase various Christmas decorations used to decorate our beautiful Club over the past years. Various Christmas trees, wreaths of all sizes, garlands, lights and various ornaments and décor were just some of the items for sale. A big thank you to those that came out to support and purchase their own piece of “Famèe Furlane Nadal”.



MEMBERSHIP – IT’S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN!

If not already done so, you will be receiving your membership renewal package shortly. Notices are being sent by email to those who have provided the office with an address, and by regular post to those whose email address is not known.

While times are difficult, we hope you will continue to be a part of and support the Famèe Furlane Toronto, started many years ago, and will continue for many more years to come.

We also ask that you reach out and encourage your family and Furlan friends who are not members to join this wonderful club and support the heritage they were born into and make their ancestors proud.

Our forefathers started our beloved Famèe Furlane Toronto and it is us, their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren that will start a new and exciting beginning. It is through membership involvement and support that will help to ensure a new future for our club.

Wishing you and your families the best for Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

Rosanna Cannella, Membership Director

Friuli Terrace

LIFE AT FRIULI TERRACES



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It is with great cheer and relief to know we are approaching the 2021 Holiday Season in a much different way than we approached the 2020 Holidays. Many of us spent Christmas either alone or with a small group of loved ones. It was a tall reach but the good thing is that this year we will be with our families and friends, thanks to the commitment of our tenants to the vaccinations and following public health guidelines.

The tenants of Friuli Terrace have been so supportive, and the Board wants to thank you again for your patience and resilience. You have been a great role model to us. We must continue to adhere to the guidelines of mask wearing and social distancing. The Friuli Terrace continue with extra cleaning and sanitizing of the building.

We were happy to see that tenants were able to participate in Bingo Night on November 17, 2021, and a big thank you to Lora and her daughter Merias for coordinating. Over 17 Tenants joined, and the group event was very well received.



Thank you to Lora and Paola our Property Manager and Superintendent for approaching Home Depot, which donated Poinsettia and Rosemary trees and were able to beautifully decorate the Lobby.



The Board organized the delivery of two meals for our tenants, a Thanksgiving meal in October and a Christmas Season meal that was delivered to each unit on December 4. These have been very well received and of course the food is always wonderful (*catered by Culinary Studio 2000*). Thanks to Mary, Mara, Marisa, Anna, Carol, Cynthia, Lora, and Angela for participating in meal distribution at these events, and Armand and Franco, our fellow Board members who always support our efforts.



You will see from the photos that the tenants have placed a few beautiful Christmas Nativity scenes in the main entranceway and lobby. It is very touching and brings a feeling of celebration and joy back to Friuli Terrace.



On a great note, we welcomed back the Community & Homes Assistance to Senior (**CHATS**), which started its in house social programs for the tenants on **December 13**. The care programs provided by CHATS have been ongoing, and the return of the social programs will do much to help the tenants. These programs are funded through the *Central LHIN, Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care, and the United Way of Toronto & York Region*.

We are proud that Friuli Terrace continues to operate as a non-profit independent living facility, providing seniors with a safe and vibrant community setting.

Volunteers are always needed at Friuli Terrace, and as we return to normal there will be more events and we would love the support of the Famèe community in organizing! Don't forget as a Member of the Famèe Furlane to add your name to the waiting list! Please call Lora at 905 856 4922.



*Wishing you and your families a
Merry Christmas and joyous holiday season!*

THE BOARD OF FRIULI TERRACE

Villa Leonardo Gambin



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR

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Dear Friends,

As I reflect on the incredible challenges that we have faced over the past two years, and the extraordinary things we have achieved in that time, I am very aware that we would not be where we are today without the unwavering support and generosity of our community and its commitment to our mission and everything we do. It's a time of year to reflect on the things we are thankful for - I am proud and truly thankful to be part of this wonderful community.

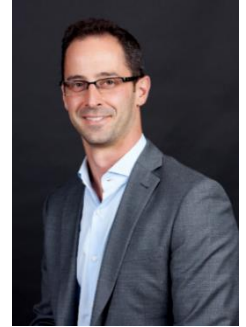
Last year at this time, VLG residents were largely isolated to their rooms, and battling COVID-19 felt like an unwinnable fight. Yet our residents and frontline workers persevered with incredible courage, in no small part motivated by the countless acts of kindness and support shown by our community. Today, thanks to the COVID-19 vaccine, some sense of normalcy has been restored in the lives of our residents. Make no mistake, VLG remains in a state of heightened precaution, as the risk remains very real. But I am pleased to report that since the administration of second doses to our residents and staff back in February of this year, there have been no major outbreaks at VLG. Programming, albeit in a modified manner in limited gatherings, has returned with Mass celebrations, holiday parties, and countless other events to provide our residents the social interactions they long for, and the hope that is strengthened by being together.

Through these challenging times, the VLG charity has continued to press forward in its mission. VLG has always prided itself on delivering the highest quality of care. The second phase of the Better Beds Fundraising Campaign, launched last year, has raised enough money this year to purchase 16 new, state of the art beds, which have been delivered and are making a meaningful difference in the quality of life for their recipients. We are now just 32 beds away from our goal of providing everyone at VLG with a Better Bed.

During this holiday season, I'd like to take the opportunity on behalf of the VLG Board of Directors to once again to express our gratitude to you, the broader VLG community, for your generosity, prayers, and ongoing support for our residents and staff. Most of all, I want to take the opportunity to wish you and your families a peaceful and blessed Christmas. Let's all take an extra moment this Christmas to give thanks for the wonderful people around us, and the many blessings in our lives.

Merry Christmas, and warmest regards,

Andrew Iacobelli
Chair, Board of Directors
Villa Leonardo Gambin Charity



HALLOWEEN

On Friday October 29th residents celebrated Halloween with our traditional Halloween parade on all floors. Residents were engaged with music, chocolate, and chips for all to enjoy. In the afternoon residents celebrated their monthly birthday parties in the activity rooms with Halloween themed cupcakes and cappuccinos.



RESIDENT AMBASSADOR

On November 4th, 2021, the Recreation Department at Villa Leonardo Gambin, hosted their annual Resident Ambassador Ceremony. A **“Resident Ambassador”** is someone who embodies the spirit of our home through positive influences and who contributes their time and talents to help staff or their peers. Each year, a small group of residents are recognized for their consistent contributions to our home. Families of the recipients were invited to join in the celebration virtually or in person with some champagne and dessert.

We would like to acknowledge this year’s Resident Ambassadors: Elizabeth M., Giovanni P., Disma P., Maria M., Regina G., Maria C.



DONATO PANACCI SPIRIT AWARD

In 2017, Villa Gambin introduced a new award to be presented annually to the resident who embodies what it means to be a VLG Resident Ambassador. This year, Villa Leonardo Gambin is proud to introduce the **“Donato Panacci Spirit Award”** to Mrs. Gilda P. Gilda has shown compassion to her fellow residents, making them smile on a regular basis. We are proud to award Gilda with the 2021 Donato Panacci Spirit Award for her wide variety of contributions to the home over the years.



BETTER BEDS UPDATE



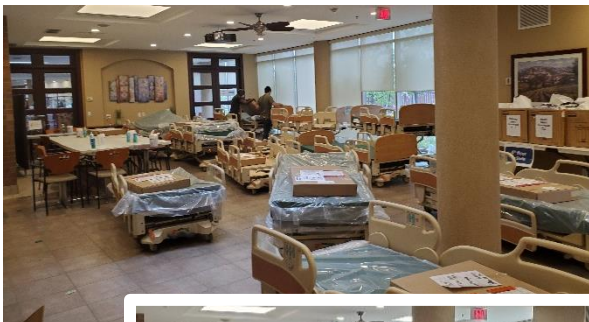
The Better Beds Fundraising Campaign Phase II has raised enough money this year to purchase 16 new Better Beds that were delivered in April 2021. The recipients were very grateful and are enjoying their new beds.

Since VLG started the Better Beds Campaign in 2016, we have purchased 136 beds thanks to the generosity of the community and corporate partners. The reality is none of this would have been possible without you and for that we are forever grateful. So, thank you to everyone who has given to this campaign and helping so many of our residents.

We at VLG have always prided ourselves on providing residents with the highest quality of care, but to do this we must have the proper equipment. Residents currently coming into long-term care are at a high risk of falls and need to be closely monitored. The Better Beds provide progressive technology, alarms, lights, integrated weigh scales and other safety features to minimize the risk of falls. These beds are also easier to use and can be controlled by the resident which was not possible with the older generation of beds.

Since implementing the Better Beds program, VLG has achieved one of the lowest fall rates in all of Ontario. The Provincial average is 16.5% and VLG's current rate is at 3.8%. These state-of-the-art beds have already contributed greatly to the health and well-being of the residents who are currently using them and it is our goal that everyone in our home have the same comfort and security these beds provide.

We are now just 32 beds away from our goal of providing everyone at VLG with a Better Bed.



Special thanks to Emmanuel Anim, Edgar Napo and Von Dela Cruz who worked hard to assemble and distribute the beds throughout the home.



If you would like to help with a donation toward the \$260,000 needed to purchase the remaining Better Beds, please go to our website www.villagambin.com or call us at 905-856-7619.



VLG hosted its first ever virtual concert in September called Amici e Amore Concerto for Charity. The benefit was to raise money for the Better Beds Fundraising Campaign.

Canada's own King of Swing Bob DeAngelis and his incredibly talented friends hosted an hour of music that covered songs from the Beatles to Italian favorites and delivered them with their own twist. We were also graced with an appearance from Bob's talented wife Joni who played the accordion with a glamorous touch.

We were excited that all the residents of VLG were able to participate in the event and enjoy the musical entertainment.

Overall, the Amici e Amore Concerto was a success bringing in approximately \$40,000 for our Better Beds Campaign. We know we could not have done it without the help of our Major Sponsors JAZZAMCO and Sienna Senior Living. I would also like to thank The Ralph and Rose Chiodo Foundation for offering a matching gift donation to anyone who gave to the event. Ralph and Rose Chiodo decided to donate the entire amount offered regardless of what people gave which was incredibly generous.

What an incredible experience! **If anyone is interested in viewing the concert for a small donation, please contact the Charity office at 905-856-7619 or email info@villagambin.com**

Oak Leaf Legacy Wall

A Legacy Leaf donation is a thoughtful and permanent symbol which lovingly commemorates a life event. Whether it is a birthday, in memory, or to honour someone who has touched your life, a Legacy Leaf will provide a way to show your appreciation and contribute to a better quality of life for those at VLG.

Consider making a gift that lasts!

The Oak Leaf Legacy Wall is a colourful mosaic of Legacy Leaves prominently displayed on the main floor of our residence. Each Legacy Leaf is elegantly etched with the recipient's name and can be personalized with a few words.

Legacy Leaf recipients will receive:

- A replica of the engraved leaf as a gift
- A VLG card with a special note acknowledging your generous gift
- Acknowledgement on VLG's virtual Oak Leaf Legacy Wall

Proceeds from the Legacy Leaves fund programming and operations that help us hold true to our mission to "Create and Celebrate a Purposeful, Exceptional, Quality of Life."

Give the gift of a Legacy Leaf today!

VILLA LEONARDO GAMBIN

Donations made to the Oak Leaf Legacy Wall are 100% tax deductible. Go to www.villagambin.com for more information or call 905-856-7619



CHRISTMAS EVENTS

This year at Villa Leonardo Gambin residents celebrated with their annual Christmas parties in the multi purpose room. Residents were served a beautiful dinner with traditional desserts; panettone, mandarins, and frutta di bosco cake. Live entertainment was booked for each evening filled with an eventful night of dancing and sing-along for all resident home areas.



JACUM DAI ZEIS

19-09-1855 - 05-09-1921

Giacomo Bonutti or better known as “*Jacum dai Zeis*” (Jack of the wicker baskets) remained a singular character for his tongue in-cheek, his improvisations, and his bright ideas.

Born in Driolassa di Teor in 1855 of a family of farmers of the Coratti counts, he was married to Santa Zanella of Talmasson and he lived in a house called “*The Vatican*”. He was illiterate but if he had studied, with his acuteness of mind, he surely would have been very successful in his studies.

Jacum became a roving merchant and started his commerce by picking up from homemakers’ baskets, paper bags and wooden utensils that he would sell on his tours with his donkey and cart. For those less young or of Lower and Middle Friuli Regions that did not get to know him, he was often encountered in the various villages and properties with his cart pulled by the inseparable little ass that was not only a means of locomotion but also a precious work companion.

The little donkey pulled the vehicle and Jacum proceeded alongside of it often nibbling a piece of bread, an apple or horseradish, but also the odd piece of lard or cheese to accompany the bread. In that rover’s life, he never took to drinking unlike what others used to do.

Those who knew him loved and esteemed him like they would a gentleman. Of him many have written, in calendars, in almanacs and local publications. A particular mention is owed to Angelo Covazzi, a local council functionary, exponent of “*Risolutive*” (resolutions) and fine raconteur, who dedicated a beautiful book highlighting in its pages the rich oral traditions of his little tales.

Following are some citations from his little stories and some anecdotes on his life.

One day he could not find any hay to give to the poor little beast, so his owner offered him some straw of golden yellow colour. The donkey smelled it, turned his snout... there was no way to make him eat that food. So, the owner

contrived a strange way full of flattery. With a piece of glass and some steel wire, he made a pair of rudimental glasses to then put before the eyes of the trusting companion. He, seeing the green straw and believing to be hay, ate it! We are in Udine in via Cavour and arrives Jacum with his loaded cart. Suddenly the donkey, for some unknown whim, stops obstinately and refuses to keep going forward. First by gentle means, then with a few blows of the stick, he tried to make him move but without results. Everyone, knowing Jacum, stopped to laugh and make a racket, but our hero didn’t take it too well, he flew into a rage with the poor animal and started whacking him harder until amongst the crowd out comes a little fellow who reprimanded him for being so inhuman and without heart. Then Jacum kneeled down before the little animal telling him “*excuse me ass, I didn’t know that you had relatives even in the city*”. Laughs and racket all around, the donkey resumed his way and the crowd dispersed. The gentleman moved away while Jacum got up and walked off humble in so much glory.



One day Jacum astonished the villagers because he started to wave the stick, which he had always had with him, in front of the municipal offices. Whilst waving the stick he was saying that he would pay the taxes with “*this*”. His face was apparently menacing. After a long while it was found out that the stick was hollow and it contained his money, it was a simple secret wallet.

A day of feast was approaching and Jacum desired to be a bit conceited but did not have shirts to make a good impression. He went to his mother and pleaded with her to find him one, but the woman did not know which way to turn. Adjacent their house was the parish priest’s house. The yards were adjacent and she noticed that in the presbytery there were some of the priest shirts on the clothes line. Thinking and acting was a matter of moments. The old lady took one through the fence wire, took it home, ironed and starched it, and the wish of the son was satisfied.

The next day at the exit of the church, Jacum stood at the church yard in good view with his nice shirt, greeted everyone, especially the girls. The priest exits last. He neared him smiling and calmly asks him “*Hi Jacum, how*

is it going?” And our man putting two fingers on the collar of the shirt like Don Abbondio says “*Reverend Father it goes perfectly. Too bad that it is a little tight on the neck*”. The priest answers “*and... you Jacum, you always have one of yours...*” and Jacum answered “*no Father, I’m sorry but this time it’s one of yours!*” alluding to the shirt but avoiding that the truth be revealed.

Today, at the intersection of via Lestizza-Talmasson and via Napoleonica there is a large store of furniture, baskets and straw furnishings, probably the best stocked and diversified of the region. The shop is run by the grandson Giuseppe Bonutti and his three sons. The store can be defined as the continuation of a historic commercial family activity founded by “*Jacum dai zeis*”.

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BOOK SALE

The Book sale hosted earlier this fall was a tremendous success! Thank you to all who supported and purchased a fragment or two of the treasured items housed in our library. A tremendous amount of time was put forth by volunteers in carefully sorting and setting up the volumes available for sale. A big thank you is extended to Edda Picco, Vicky Guerra and Board Member Lauretta Santarossa, for spearheading this endeavour.



20-SOMETHINGS SOCIAL GROUP

As the Christmas season approaches, the 20-somethings social group looks forward to our most popular event of the year, “A Very Furlan Christmas.” It plans to be an unforgettable evening filled with great laughs and games. Stay tuned for some fun outdoor gatherings scheduled for the New Year, most notably our annual winter skate in the city! For more information about our group, or on upcoming events, contact Vanessa at 20somethings.famee@gmail.com

We wish to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season.

Bon Nadâl e Bon An Gnûf!

Mandi,
Vanessa Lovisa-Gambin
President, 20-Somethings



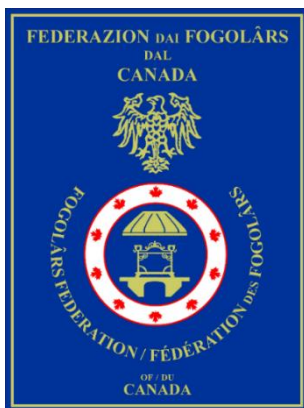
FRIÛL INFATS - ANSWERS

1. Giovanni Antonio de Sacchis (born in Pordenone, PD, 1484–1539)
2. Trieste Commodity Exchange
3. Sanctuary of the Blessed Virgin of Castelmonte; 5th century A.D.
4. 1511
5. Carolingian Empire
6. The National Archaeological Museum of Cividale del Friuli
7. Tarvisio, UD
8. Udine (backed by the Venetian Republic) versus Cividale del Friuli (backed by the Papacy and Kingdom of Hungary)
9. Irene Camber (born in Trieste, 1926)
10. Ovaro, UD



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