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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



A RENEWED BEGINNING

As the Famèe Furlane Toronto celebrates 90 years of existence, the Board of Directors is excited for its Membership as it has now been given the opportunity to celebrate the next 90 years with a fresh new outlook. I would like to take this time to thank the Board for the dedication, perseverance and work done and continues to do on behalf of the Famèe to safeguard the future existence of OUR Club and bravely charting a new path.

Going forward the Famèe can now plan and deliver programs and events that will once again provide Membership with a sense of belonging and community perhaps not felt to a large extent in the past while. In the coming months, the Board will be rolling out a series of events to honour and celebrate the 90 glorious years of our Famèe. This includes 90 years as a leader and pacesetter within the Italian and cultural communities as a whole. Join us and fellow members as we head into the future of this great Club with a renewed sense of comfort and belonging.

The Famèe Furlane Toronto recently held its Annual General Members Meeting and elections. As her term came to an end, I would like to thank Daniela Perusini for her time and dedication in working on behalf of the Famèe Furlane and its membership. As a result of the elections, I would also like to welcome Roberto Clocchiatti to our Board and wish him well in joining a wonderful team and bringing news ideas on behalf of membership.

Wishing you all good health and a safe summer vacation.

Mandi,

Renzo Rigutto, President

A NEW TOMORROW RECOGNIZES THE PAST

Congratulations members! Your instructions to the board given on February 4, 2021, have finally come to fruition with the official closing on June 16th, 2022 of the sale of 7065 Islington Avenue to Primont (Castelmont) Inc. An important date that will forever mark the start of a new era in the life of the Famèe Furlane Toronto; a new life that hearkens back to our roots.



Today members are free of burden of debt to the bank, free of the onerous obligation to operate a failing banquet facility, free of the responsibility to compete in the world of restaurateur, free of the worry and costs of replacing outdated and broken systems, free of the weight of long outstanding accounts payable and free of the arduous obligation of protecting a long inoperable building without the assistance of a management team. We are now better able to reflect on the true spirit of what the Famèe Furlane Toronto represents and its significance in our community.

After a most difficult period in our history, and the heavy burdens placed on this board, we are moving forward with the vision to provide new opportunities for membership to gather and enjoy the benefits of being part of a rich cultural and social “Famèe”, with the only obligation being to ensure membership can once again enjoy with *pride*. We are now in control of our future and better able continue with the visions and mandates first created by our ancestors.

There is a tremendous amount of work in store to safeguard and ensure a strong, sustainable, and vibrant future for the Famèe Furlane Toronto. The responsibility and trust placed on this board is not taken lightly.

It might also be said that along with celebrating and acknowledging of 90 years of impressive and remarkable history, 2022 will also mark a rebirth. Rebirth however will not in any way diminish the tremendous scale of our accomplishments and the rich legacy built to date!

We on the board do not, nor have we ever, taken the seriousness of this much needed rebirth lightly. We too identify with its enormity and that for many it may be bittersweet; yet realize that the only way into the future is with change. Nine presidents were at the helm of the Famèe Furlane Toronto before 7065 Islington Avenue came to be and no doubt many more will be at its helm to continue with the task of protecting and growing their legacy.

Joe Zamparo



*And so, the work began...one brick at a time...a vision of new beginnings
Today's new beginnings are not comprised of bricks and mortar,
but rather the revitalization of a treasured legacy.*

CELEBRATING THE FIESTE DE PATRIE DAL FRIÛL 3 di Avrîl dal 2022

This was a very special day at the Famèe this year. Not only did April 3 fall on a Sunday, making it easier to meet, but it was the first “fieste” we were able to celebrate all together at the Famèe after two years of Covid. We had put out the good word weeks in advance, set the program and asked Gianni Ceschia to help with the “rinfresco”. We chose our Bon Furlans and made sure we got our Duca lined up to bestow the honours. A bit nervous that no one was coming to the party, we were thrilled as new and old members started to arrive and pretty soon it was standing room only.

The program started with a welcome and few wonderful and fun videos from Friuli that talked about the day and why it was so important for Friuli. We are a “people”, we have a “Patrie”.

Gabriella Colussi- Arthur, Professor Emerita and Senior Scholar from the Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, York University, current ICAP President, Board Member of the Ontario Historical Society, and longstanding member of the FFT community, gave us a great presentation and background on the history of our beloved Patrie and what it meant to be Furlan. She engaged the audience by asking them how they said certain words, showing how words change from one place to another, showing that Furlan is a lively and not static language.



OUR “BON FURLANS”

When it came time to bestow the commendation of Bon Furlan to our honorees, Gianni Ceschia admirably reprised his past role as Duca and read the proclamation in Furlan and blessed each Bon Furlan with our “spada”. Each Bon Furlan was completely surprised. They didn’t know they had been chosen! Their families were very good at keeping the secret and at the same time making sure they came to the Fiesta! It was so great to see the happiness in their faces.

The Bon Furlans this year were: Edda Picco, in recognition of her lifelong support of the Famèe and more specifically her dedication to the task of recataloguing all the books in our Josef Marchet Library; Gabriella Gottardo, mother of board member Flavia Muraca, for her tireless assistance in providing tremendous support with updating and implementing efficiencies to the entire financing system over the last two years; Nino Blasutta, president of the Eta d’Oro, for his faithful presence

in keeping the members of the Eta d’Oro together even though they were unable to meet physically and, very importantly, coming to the assistance of the Famèe especially around issues of plumbing maintenance.

Lauretta Santarossa





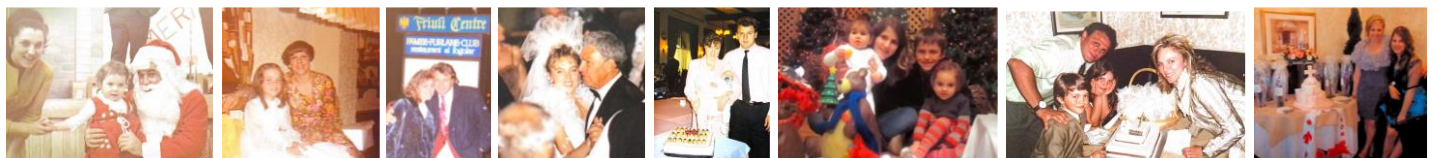
The ceremony was followed by a delicious array of savories and refreshments, traditional Furlan fare with a modern twist, provided by Gianni Ceschia, “formai, salam, e polenta” with a “tai di vin”, and crostoli and cake to go with the coffee. A special thank you to our members who also donated baked treats for all to share. It was a truly uplifting day and gave us all hope for the future of the Famèe.

FFT - CELEBRATING 90 YEARS REMINISCING WITH OUR MEMBERS

Looking through past photos, there are countless memories our family had at the Famèe Furlane Toronto, starting with my communion to lastly, my kids' confirmations and everything in between! I even had my wedding there because, as for me and my family, no other fancier establishment was even a consideration. This was our place! My parents, Otello & Alberta Ongaro, knew the importance of belonging to this club and believed in supporting it. Back then, I loved the family feel and the sense of belonging and as the years passed, Babbo Natale was one of the traditions not to be missed. I am so thankful my own kids had the same experiences and carry forward our Friulian tradition. Culture plays an essential role in the life of a person and society. It is the culture that shapes people into who they are as they gain knowledge, learn the language, symbols, values, norms, customs, and traditions. I love how when I meet a Friulan wherever I may be, the first thing we ask is, "Do you go to the Famèe Furlane?". It is funny how we always say that it is our parents' club, but magically, the walls between us, Friulani, just come crumbling down. We have a brother/sisterhood among us! This is what is so special!

Today we are moving forward in a good way. I feel if we accept this change and stay in faith, new doors and opportunities will open! We are a group of the finest people in the world! While in some respects, it may not be “business as usual”, it will all embrace “business as unusual”. With our forefathers above us cheering us on for a new tomorrow, I am sure they will give us the power to continue to turn our water into wine!

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2012

Sonia Pittis



DOLOMITE SKI GROUP



It was Famèe Furlane Toronto member, Adriano Decillia's love for skiing that was the inspiration for the founding of The Dolomite Ski Group in 1973. Adriano became its first President, and he along with Arrigo Rossi, Carla Rossi, Lou Roman, Sante Fasan and Daniela Scaini were its founding committee members. Initially independent, later as a result of then FFT President, Eddy Del Medico's mandate to organize FFT sports groups, this ski group naturally assumed its place under the FFT umbrella, while retaining its autonomy.

Adopting the name "Dolomite Ski Group", it quickly became very active. Weekend trips included Mt. Tremblant, Quebec; Stowe and Jay Peak, Vermont and day excursions to such places as Blue Mountain and Beaver Valley. As membership expanded, including family outings, Snow Valley quickly became a big party every ski weekend. As the group's administration started to formalize, the annual weekend trip to Mt. Tremblant quickly became a "Must Go" where it remains its annual highlight to this day. Its reputation was attracting others and before long a group fondly referred to as the "Abruzzesi" soon joined and brought with it new friendships and much fun-loving rivalry both on and off the hills. Who will ever forget the fun competitions at Mt. Tremblant each year when the cuisine of each region was not only put to the test but immensely enjoyed! Another element in its growth was media coverage and TV exposure. Paolo Canciani, then with Chanel 47 Multilingual TV invited co-founder Arrigo Rossi to be interviewed.

Cross Country Skiing introduced by FIS European members and cemented by Adriano Decillia's enthusiasm quickly became another component with "must attend" cross country outings at The Eaton Estate (Seneca College) in King City. These much-enjoyed organized excursions were always followed by family gatherings on location. The Dolomites were truly evolving into a group that was all inclusive, including young and old alike in addition to all levels of expertise. The focus was to gather and enjoy!

Since the start, highlights and memories are too many to mention, but a few most memorable that ignited unparalleled pride in our friulanitat include our hosting of the Italian Ski Team in March of 1994. After the competition which took place in Thunder Bay, Ontario, arrangements were made for their stop at the Famèe Furlane Toronto prior to returning to Italy. The hosting of this ski team which included Olympic Manuela DiCenta, 3 time gold medalist, 1 silver and 1 bronze, along with cross country skier, gold medalist, Silvio Fauner, has been the most memorable highlight to date for this group.

Other highlights include guest visits by CBC's Brian Williams and Ken Read of the "Crazy Canucks" at our 1995 Members Banquet. Dolomite members also travelled to Quebec City to enjoy races by Alberto Tomba and Gustavo Thoeni who were then presented with gifts from both the Ski Group as well as the Famèe Furlane Toronto. On another occasion, a trip to Mt. Tremblant resulted in a photo opportunity when "bumping" into then Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau.

Like everything, the group has evolved over time and sadly some of its members have passed away. Mt. Tremblant is now its main event, and its annual ski race is in honour of Adriano DeCillia. It has been the determination of this group of skiers, today under the leadership of Mara Mian, that have carried the group through some rough patches, made even more difficult throughout covid. However, the one dominant attribute common to all in the Group is the strong bonds made and the tremendous fun shared, not to mention of course the exhilarating feeling of skiing down the hills, whether black, blue or green!

It wouldn't be a complete summary of this young at heart fun loving group without mentioning that The Dolomite Ski Group was the first group of Italian heritage of its kind. A branch in the Famèe Furlane Toronto tree of life, a part of its legacy and much-loved traditions.

Ivana Pontisso





FASCINATING LINKS – ITALY & UKRAINE

From the start, we have been following with horror, the ongoing tragedies taking place in Ukraine. We, along with the rest of the world, strongly and publicly condemn Russia's invasion. While aware of the current shocking situation and standing united in supporting the Ukrainian people, we would like to reprint an article first published in the Forum in December of 2009. Not only does this most interesting and informative piece provide historical information on Italian immigration to Ukraine and the valuable contribution made to its economic, cultural and artistic growth, but also provides a most interesting insight on the future of cultural assimilation overall, a topic easily related to at a time of change for us at the Famèe Furlane Toronto.

TORONTO & ODESSA A COMMON HISTORY FOR ITALIANS

Some of us in the Furlan and Italian community have often discussed and pondered what is to become of our culture as the generations pass and the ties to our ancestral homeland become ever fainter. While we can look to a similar experience south of us in the USA to compare to (where they are generally considered to be a generation or two ahead of us in terms of the first Italian immigrants) there is an example farther back in history which we could also learn from.

The fall of Communism in the early 1990's has allowed scholars and researchers to comb through previously unavailable books, newspapers, archives and photographs in Eastern Europe and Russia. One of those researchers is Anna Makolkin at the Frank Iacobucci Centre for Italian Studies at the University of Toronto. Anna has now written two books on the subject of Italian emigration and the founding of the city of Odessa in the Ukraine. Her latest book is entitled: "The Nineteenth Century in Odessa: One Hundred Years of Italian Culture on the Shores of the Black Sea".

How many of you knew that in the late 1790's thousands of Italians left their homeland and emigrated to a new country and city on the Black Sea as Russia was expanding its territory and welcoming new immigrants to build the new city of Odessa? The materials about this obscure migration have been scattered in archives in Italy and the Ukraine. Anna Makolkin is the first author to have explored these valuable rare archives. In a book review done by Dr Terence J Fay, S.J. Professor of Church History at U of T, he says that (Anna Makolkin) "explores the many coloured threads (of immigration), identifying the Northern Italian adventurers who transported themselves and their culture to establish a rich and beautiful city, a replica of their homeland".

In an interview Makolkin gave to Deborah Verginella of Partners Magazine (published quarterly by the Italian Chamber of Commerce of Toronto) she was asked what first led her to research this topic. She responded that there is a verse in one of Alexander Pushkin's poems that mentions Italian being spoken on the streets of Odessa in 1824. Research led her to find out that Italian was the "Lingua Franca" of the entire Black Sea region from about 1794 until 1857. Italian was the language of commerce at the ports, at customs offices and in the banks.

Giuseppe De Ribas, born and raised in Italy of Spanish parents was the first governor of Odessa. He then commissioned several Italian architects such as Toricelli, Boffo and the Frapolli brothers to create a city based on the renaissance theme and nick-named it 'La Citta Ideale'. Many of the buildings, streets and theatres were modelled after Italian originals like the Spanish Steps in Rome. By 1850, Odessa became the most non-Russian city in Russia.



The 1850's marked the turning point in the adventures of Italian influence in Odessa. Germany was beginning to assert itself as a national power in the middle of Europe. The British and French naval forces bombed Odessa during the Crimean war. There was Italian unification happening back in the homeland and nationalism was beginning to appear in Russia. It was no longer acceptable to speak anything but Russian in any official capacity. The grand-children of the original Italian immigrants were now forced to change their last names, inter-marry or leave the city. By 1890, according to Makolkin, there were only a few traces of the 100 years of Italian presence. Today we are left with only the enduring architecture of the theatres, monuments, and buildings as a sign of the cultural past.

In the United States they are approximately at the 100-year mark of Italian immigration, well into the fourth and fifth generation of Italian descendants. Although we have not seen the political nationalism that happened in Russia, the American experience has been one of cultural assimilation. The melting pot approach of being American with no hyphens has certainly hastened the severance of cultural and linguistic ties to Italy.

In Canada, we have the mosaic model of immigration where hyphens are not only accepted but encouraged. Many acknowledge that the city of Toronto flourished in the 1960's after the thousands of Italian immigrants created a base here in the 1950's. If we use 1932 as the base when the Famèe Furlane was founded, we have another 23 years before we reach the century mark in Canada. What will our Italian and Furlan heritage look like in 2032? I think we have a much better chance than the experiences of Odessa and America.

Roberto Clocchiatti



	<p>DIABOLIK</p> <p><i>Stealing the heart of a master theft is the ultimate heist.</i></p> <p>SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2022 7:00pm</p> <p>CINEPLEX CINEMA VAUGHAN</p> <p>3555 Highway 7 West, Vaughan</p> <p>The dark and romantic story of the first meeting between master thief Diabolik and Eva Kant, set in the fictional state of Clerville in the late 1960s. Inspector Ginko is on the hunt for the criminal, trying to stop his evil plans.</p>	 <p>TICKETS</p> <p>\$26 per person</p> <p>LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE</p> <p>please call 905.851.1166 or reception@fameefurlane.com to purchase tickets Cash, cheque, or e-transfer (reception@fameefurlane.com)</p>
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Famèe Furlane Cultural and Activities Committee**

FAMÈ FURLANE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

FRIULIANS SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN REFUGEES



Markus Maurmair, is mayor of Valvasone Arzene, Pordenone. When we first talked, he was happy to explain that they had recently welcomed twenty-two Ukrainian “*profughi*” or refugees, and that lodging for everyone, was now in place! This phone call confirmed what my zio had told me earlier that the village, of some 4,000 people, is part of a humanitarian effort that Europe had not seen in a very long time.

Mayor Maurmair proceeded to share the arrangements they had made for their Ukrainian guests. The Comune and the Parish of Arzene were able to provide full accommodations and support for three families with the others being accommodated in the homes of their families, friends, or private citizens. Since the *profughi* arrived with few possessions, they are dependent on their hosting families and the general public for all necessities including food, clothing, and furniture. In addition, the Comune committed to providing them with a monthly stipend funded by the Comune and charitable donations from residents and businesses.

Like many around the world, I was moved by the horrific destruction and senseless loss of life. I admired the nearby countries that stepped up to welcome the Ukrainians, providing shelter, food, and medical services for the millions crossing their borders. *Profughi* traveling to Italy mostly entered via Friuli Venezia Giulia. As a first generation Canadian whose parents immigrated to Canada from their beloved Valvasone in search of a better life, it was fitting to extend a helping hand to those Ukrainians fleeing a war zone, even if it was only temporary.

Calls to friends confirmed their support of the Valvasone Arzene humanitarian effort. We felt it was the right thing to do especially when it lessens the burden for their friulian hosts. Over the next month we each reached out to our families and friends in Canada with roots in Valvasone. Then local friends and groups, such as the Catholic Women's League, expressed interest in donating as well. With all this generous support we were able to donate over \$5,600 to the Comune of Valvasone for this cause.

I learned from the Councillor of Education and Youth Policies for Valvasone Arzene, that there is a lot of responsibility, effort and cost required to successfully integrate *profughi* into the local community. First, she ensured that any child whose parent was not present had a Ukrainian guardian. The young children attend nursery school, and the older ones are enrolled at the local school where they learn Italian and interact with their peers. The adults were given the option to attend a 50-hour Italian language program. This would be the first step in creating a resume which will help them find suitable employment. Organized events such as the ecological day, the sagra in Casarsa also encourages integration. Donated bicycles give the adults much needed independence for daily routines.

So, life carries on in Valvasone Arzene. The villagers quickly mobilized to accommodate their guests' needs, learning and discovering along the way. And the guests are grateful for all they are receiving from their hosts. However, they do long for the day they will return home to their families and beloved Ukraine.

There are a number of organizations in Canada, including local churches and the Red Cross, that will accept donations to the Ukrainian humanitarian cause. If you are considering a donation to your homeland, you may consider reaching out to the commune to determine their needs. If you have any questions, please email me at jjmsk869@hotmail.com

Janet Mior
FFWA Member

Ecological Day March 27th
Community event to clean up the grounds and streets
in Valvasone Arzene (Italians wearing yellow vests)



Italian Language Program offered to
foreigners, participants primarily
Ukrainians



In keeping with the theme to provide much needed support to Ukrainian Refugees overall, it was at the May 11th, 2022 Women's Auxiliary Meeting that membership was asked to provide support for local refugees in our community. Through networking we had become aware of a local Ukrainian couple who had started to collect used clothing in support of refugees arriving into their community. With the ever-growing needs, before long this generous couple found themselves expanding their network, recruiting volunteers and providing assistance to a growing number of refugees, integrating into the community. When FFWA membership was advised of the work being done by Stephen and Mariya Lilly, through their local Masons Chapter, a total of \$500 was donated that evening. With only 23 women in attendance, the FFWA Committee extends a heartfelt and sincere thank you for the generosity exhibited by our membership. Monies raised were distributed directly between to two very needy and most grateful refugee families.

WHERE SPECIAL HAPPENS

On April 7, 2022 a group of our ladies enjoyed an afternoon at Famous People Players theatre. The play was called Shufflin On Broadway and highlighted popular and familiar Broadway numbers. They were brought to life with the special talents of Famous People Players Theatre actors and their famous black light puppetry productions. A delicious lunch prepared and served by these talented individuals was enjoyed before they quickly transformed themselves into entertainers. Whether on stage, assisting with food preparation or serving; the theatre's tag line "*Where Special Happens*" is very much evidenced each step of the way. Our hostess, founder Diane Dupuy, was delighted to welcome our group after a very long hiatus due to Covid.



From left to right
Rose Chiodod and Elda
Maraldo with Diane Dupuy



PAINT & COCKTAILS

On May 1st, 2022, our members had the opportunity to come together as a "famèe" and have the experience to paint our traditional plates at Al Fogolar! Needless to say, the "Paint & Cocktails" event was a success! Not only did guests enjoy the project, there was also much fun, laughter and friendship shared, not to mention the yummy refreshments! We definitely grew an appreciation of the artwork involved to paint these traditional plates, as it was not an easy task, however our members proved otherwise! We have great artistic talent amongst us! The plates all came out fantastic! A special thank you to Melissa from Crock-A-Doodle, Bolton, who provided all materials necessary for this event, and of course thanks to all those who participated! We were thrilled to see the enthusiasm of all who attended as we welcomed the new faces among us!



We welcomed some new members that day. We look forward to seeing you all again at the upcoming activities we have in store!

Sonia Pittis



My sister, two nieces and myself joined the "Painting and Cocktails" event held at the Famèe on May 1st. I was delighted that my nieces were interested in learning the history of the Furlan design on plates and carafes, etc. It was a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon learning the Furlan designs and painting plates. We had lots of fun and laughter. It was something new and refreshing. Wonderful event that I hope can be repeated in the near future. More important was how unbelievable it was after Covid to be able to get together with a bunch of Furlans and just chill and have some fun. Added bonus was the Aperol Spritz along with delicious sweets and pizza.

Awesome job to the committee.

*Cheers,
Mara Mian*





On May 1, 2022, I enjoyed an afternoon of “Paint & Cocktails”, an event organized and hosted by Sonia and Flavia at the Famèe Furlane Toronto. Mastery in painting skills was not a prerequisite to participating in this event in which we were instructed on how to paint a decorative plate. All that was required by each participant was their own sense of style, creativity and fun. The end-result was the pleasure of sharing an afternoon with a group of ladies that were all very happy to enjoy good food and drink, conversation and laughter, as well as, creating a decorative plate to take home to remember the day.

Maria Rodaro



ATOR LA TAULA

Gnocchi originated in Northern Italy, where potatoes were in abundance due to a better suited temperate climate as potatoes don't enjoy the heat. Gnocchi were inexpensive, easy to prepare and considered a peasant delicacy. Accompaniments commonly used for gnocchi included simple tomato sauce, butter and sage or butter with cinnamon and sugar, just to name a few. Today, the variety of sauces used for gnocchi have flourished. Everything from exotic to basic, as well as savory or sweet, there are options for every gnocchi connoisseur taste preference.

While seasonal and mostly enjoyed when Italian, or other small plums, are in season, the classic fruit gnocchi is a dish one can never eat enough of! The traditional way of enjoying these fruity delicacies is with a dusting of cinnamon sugar and topping them of with melted butter.

A very popular dish in Trieste, capital city of Friuli Venezia Giulia, once under the rule of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Marylane Marchese has offered up this recipe courtesy of her Austrian maternal grandmother, Nonna Maria. Marylane's mom, Teresa D'Agnolo, enjoyed learning and making them as a child alongside her mom. Today, the tradition carries on as not only do Teresa and Marylane continue making them together, but also teaching their next generation, young grandniece Alyssa. Throughout Marylane's childhood many a Gnocchi di Susine was enjoyed especially when prepared with fresh plums harvested from their backyard tree. Enjoy!

PLUM GNOCCHI (Gnocchi di Susine)



INGREDIENTS

Dough:

2 pounds of Yukon gold potatoes
4 cups of flour
4 teaspoons salt
1 beaten egg

Filling:

1 - 1 1/4 lb of Italian plums
washed and pitted

Topping:

3/4 cup of butter
1 cup of breadcrumbs
ground cinnamon
sugar

DIRECTIONS

Place the potatoes in a large pot filled with water and bring to a boil. Cook until tender. Drain the potatoes and peel. On a working surface, mash the potatoes with a potato ricer. When cool enough to handle add the flour, salt and beaten egg. Mix well to form a soft dough.

On a lightly floured surface cut off small amounts of dough to form thick ropes and cut each rope into pieces. Flatten each piece into a 3" circle and place a pitted plum in the centre and wrap dough around the plum and seal tightly. Place aside on a floured surface and continue stuffing the remaining gnocchi.

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Working in batches, place gnocchi in the water and once they rise to the top let boil for a few minutes. Remove each plum dumpling with a slotted spoon and place on a platter.

In a skillet melt butter over medium heat. Add breadcrumbs, cook and stir until golden brown, about 3-4 minutes. In a separate small bowl mix ground cinnamon and sugar. Top each dumpling with a teaspoon of browned breadcrumbs and sprinkle with cinnamon sugar.



Buon Appetito!

PASSATEMPO

WORDSEARCH – ALL THINGS “FAMÈE”



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FRIUL INFATS – QUESTIONS

Jason Moretto

- For what city did Ernest Hemingway exclaim, "but this is Florida, or rather it is the Florida of Italy!"?
- What city originated as the Roman and medieval river port of Portus Naonis?
- From 1575 to 1675, what Friulan agrarian cult was accused of heresy and witchcraft under the Roman Inquisition?
- What book of poetry did Austrian-Bohemian writer and poet Rainer Maria Rilke begin to write in 1912 while visiting Duino Castle?
- What festival is celebrated each June in the isolated and largely uninhabited village of Stavoli?
- Who did Saddam Hussein call in 1978 to develop the architectural design of the Pharaonic Monument to the Unknown Soldier in Baghdad, Iraq?
- How many official languages are there in Friuli-Venezia Giulia?
- In what year was the Black Madonna and Child limestone statue of Castelmonte established?
- What Serie B soccer club were champions of Serie D in 2013-14 and Serie C in 2018-19?
- What 16th century villa in San Martino di Codroipo hosted such guests as Louis Pasteur and Ernest Hemingway?

Answers on page 24

DONALD ZIRALDO PASSION AND DETERMINATION

We are all more than familiar with the success of Inniskillin wines, and Donald Ziraldo's achievements in developing Inniskillin into a brand that is recognized not just in Canada, but globally. In this piece, we'd like to focus in on the man himself and how, through his father's inspiration, turned his farming roots and his passion for land, into the worldwide acclaimed industry, putting Canada on the map as a wine producer, most particularly with his famous Canadian icewine.

Born in St. Catharines, Ontario in 1948, the first of three sons to Fiorello and Irma Ziraldo, Donald was raised in the world of farming in the Niagara Region.

In 1923, his father, native of Fagagna, Udine, had emigrated to Canada through Ellis Island at the age of 15. With the promise of greater opportunities in Canada, Fiorello then travelled north to Timmins where he spent 23 years digging for gold in the McIntyre mines. With the money saved from the mines, he purchased a parcel of land in the Niagara Region and in 1947 Fiorello returned to his native Fagagna, met, fell in love with and married Irma Schiratti before returning to Canada. He and Irma, set up a life of farming, a passion imported from his Friulian roots, as was had by his father before him. Through Ziraldo Farms and Nursery, Donald was deeply entrenched in the world of farming from an early age. The family business consisted of mixed fruit farming and included a mix of French hybrid grapes, uncommon to the region at the time.



Fiorello and Irma on their wedding day, Fagagna, 1947.

It was through the everyday examples set by his parents, that Donald was instilled with a vigorous work ethic and a deep interest in the family farming business; attributes that have served him well throughout his successful career.

At the young age of 15, Donald sadly lost his dad to silicosis, brought on by his 23 years of mining. As the oldest son he was then confronted with having to assume serious responsibilities with the family business. Despite his added responsibilities, and due to his mother's insistence of the value of education, he enrolled at the University of Guelph to study agricultural sciences. While Mom managed the farm throughout the week, Donald would travel home each weekend to work and help with the family business, in addition to his school workload.

In 1971 Donald graduated from University with a Bachelor of Science-Applied Horticulture & Horticulture Business Services degree. As a graduation gift, his mom presented him with a solid gold ring, hand crafted by his dad with ore collected at the Timmins mine over the years. It was his dad's wish that Donald receive this ring. Whether ironic or serendipitous, carved into the ring was a bunch of grapes. There is was, from his dad.... inspiration for his future, right in the ring! This gift and its significance led Donald to focus on exploring and developing wines.

His immediate goal was to improve the quality of Canadian wines and through his experimenting and research realized that due to similarities in latitude of both Friuli and Niagara, varieties of grapes grown in Friuli could also be cultivated in Niagara. This idea was very much worth exploring, and thus began the journey.

It was a few years after he began with his experimenting that he met Karl Kaiser. Karl, native of Austria, went to Donald's farm for the sole purpose of purchasing some of his European grapes to make his own wine. Donald and Karl immediately struck up a friendship, sparked by their likeminded views on the needed improvement to Canadian wine quality. This friendship soon was further cemented by a business partnership – the formation of Inniskillin Wines Inc., established in 1975 and was the first winery license issued by the Province of Ontario since prohibition in 1929. As the adage goes - *"the rest is history"*.

As the success of their collaboration grew from making premium Riesling, Chardonnay and Gamay, it further expanded with Karl's "crazy" notion of making Icewine, very familiar to him due to his Austrian roots. Over the next 30 years, while Karl continued to hone excellence in Canadian wine production, Donald's passion and knowledge transitioned to marketing, recognizing its vital role for the success of Canadian wines, most particularly their own iconic icewine. Through his determination in the promotion of the Canadian wine industry, today Donald is recognized as a renowned Canadian figure.

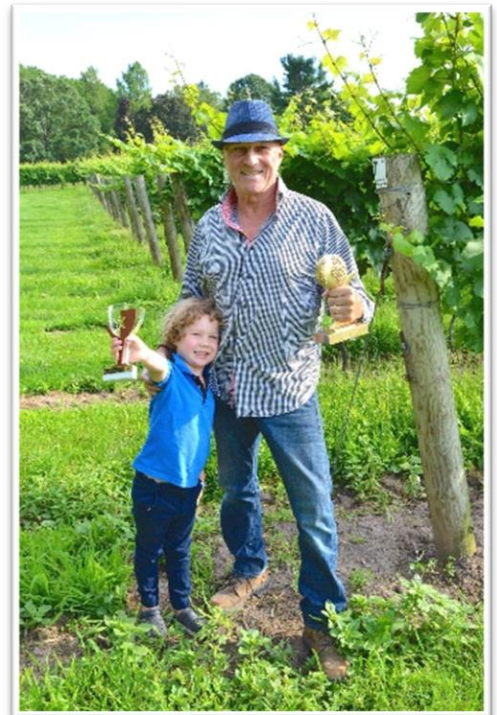
On a personal level, Donald has been recipient of numerous recognitions including the Order of Ontario in 1993 and Order of Canada in 1998 along with an honorary Doctorate of Laws from Brock University. In 1999 he was named as one of the top twenty-five Canadian CEOs of the century and in 2008 he was awarded the Premio Masi by his peers in Verona, Italy. In 2010 the Folio D'oro from Friuli, Italy was added to his prestigious awards, while in 2013 he was inducted into the Agriculture Hall of Fame. This list I'm sure is not complete, but allows one to better understand how foretelling was his father's gift.

With the burgeoning accumulation of awards and recognitions resulting from an almost lifetime of commitment, passion and vigorous work ethics, his personal life took a back seat until 2012 when his son Aspen was born and now is his sole focus as he continues his passion, which he shares with his 9-year-old son.

Another vital component to Donald's make up is his pride in his Italian roots. Consistently reaching back to his roots, whether it be with the initial explorations of Italian grapes, more recently, his tribute to *Picolit*, a wine native to Fagagna, through his *Bianco di Fagagna*, and his production of Prosecco in Valdobbiabene, and everything in between, Donald is a proud *Furlan!* Annual visits to Italy, sharing his roots and culture with young Aspen ensures this strong sentiment continues.

However, his pride is shared with his love for Canada. Born and raised in Canada, and a fierce Canadian, Donald is often quoted as saying "...I am fiercely proud of my Friulan blood in Canadian skin!".

Ivana Pontisso



Donald Ziraldo with his son Aspen



Inniskillin Winery, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario

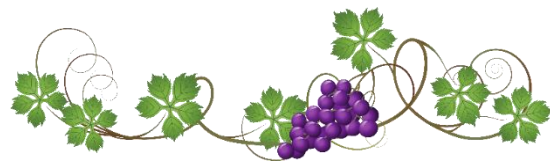


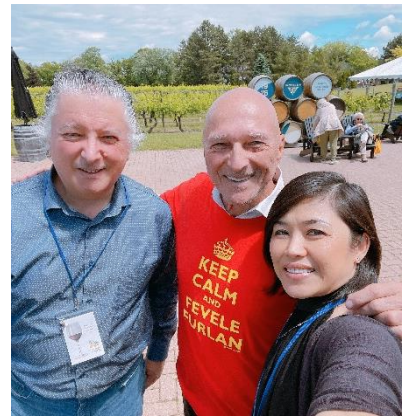
"LET'S WINE TOGETHER"



On June 9, 2022, in one of the first post-Covid and 90th Anniversary events for the Famè Furlane Toronto, over 50 club members and friends made a pilgrimage to the **Inniskillin Winery** in Niagara-on-the-Lake. After a continental breakfast at the Famè, we boarded the bus that would take us to the famed Riesling vineyards planted by the legendary Donald Ziraldo. The group was there to enjoy some of the award-winning wines of Inniskillin and thrilled to have Donald Ziraldo, tell us his story. Donald Ziraldo welcomed us with open arms, telling us of his adventurous journey and experience in the winemaking world in Canada! It was a heart-warming experience of our Friulian culture too since Donald spoke to us in our dialect. Several wines including the award-winning Vidal and Ice Wines were served with a pairing of charcuterie, cheese, and fruit. Our trip was extra-special because it gave Gabriella Colussi- Arthur, president of ICAP, the Italian-Canadian Archies Project, the opportunity to thank Donald personally for his generosity to the Famè and the Italian-Canadian community for helping fund the recording and documentation of the Famè Furlane archives. Donald has been a great supporter of the Furlan community and a great benefactor. We were happy to thank him with a gift of grappa (because he can't make it – yet!) and a red t-shirt that read `Stay calm & fevele (speak) Furlan!!! He wore it proudly and the whole group gathered around him for a photo. He made us feel very special, and worth mentioning is the "family" feel we had amongst us, just by being Friulan, Italian! Thanks to all those who participated making it a memorable day!

Sonia Pittis





*“It was definitely a day that everyone enjoyed and will remember. Truly well organized. Mr. Ziraldo was an incredible host and very generous. His winery is so complimentary to our “Furlan heritage”. Hopefully we can continue these outings more often.”
Kind regards, Marisa.*



*“Such a splendid outing and beautifully executed. Congratulations!”
Gabriella Colussi-Arthur*



*“You ladies did a super job in making it a beautiful day for us. Thanks to all of you and continue doing a terrific job for all of us.”
Vanda and Luciano*



iCAP AND THE FFT HERITAGE ARCHIVES PROJECT (FFT-HAP)

The Fogolàrs Federation of Canada and the Famèe Furlane Toronto have been members of ICAP for several years now. Founded in 2010 and currently planning its 12th annual conference and AGM at Pier 21 on October 14-15, 2022, the Italian-Canadian Archives Project organization is a members-based, national not-for-profit organization with charitable status that serves 1) to engage communities to identify, secure and document their local Italian-Canadian narratives and 2) to collaborate with local groups, archives, individuals, or other professional institutions to preserve their local history. Supported by members and donors, ICAP provides networking resources and best practices for archival initiatives (physical or virtual) intended to preserve cultural heritage and to trace and capture the impact of the Italian-Canadian migrant community.

ICAP works to create project models in which mainstream archives and communities assume distributed custody of the communities' memory texts. Over the past decade, ICAP has supported many documentary-heritage projects that have received funding from both private and governmental funders. In 2017, ICAP successfully applied for a Documentary Heritage Communities Program (DHCP) grant to support the Sarnia-Lambton project, which digitized and preserved the oral history testimonies of Italian-Canadians in that region and developed a standardized set of best practices for conducting and archiving these materials. In January 2022, building on its strengths and previous successes, ICAP applied to Young Canada Works, the national program for the employment of young students, once again. On this occasion the project titled FFT Heritage Archives Project (for Summer 2022) was submitted for the purpose of securing an Archives Assistant to continue the cultural preservation work of Famèe Furlane Toronto (FFT) at its home campus at Islington and Steeles in Toronto. The donor who provided the 25% of the funds required to leverage the YCW application was Donald Ziraldo of Ziraldo Estate Winery. Donald is a strong supporter of archives and donated all the documentation concerning his story and that of the Inniskillin Winery from 1974 to 2006 to the Brock University Library in St. Catharines.

As La Cisilute readers will know, the Famèe Furlane Toronto was established in 1932 as a mutual benefit society for Italian immigrants coming from region of Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy. FFT is the largest of the 17 clubs located in Canada and retains paper and video documentation as well as artifacts as part of their existing collection. Since FFT's foundation, there have been attempts to preserve the records of their activities, but these formats are obsolete and not available to a national or international audience. Thus, the need to catalogue and preserve the records of FFT, as well as any future archival fonds they may receive, has resulted in the creation of the FFT Heritage Archives Project (FFT-HAP). FFT is currently in the process of completing its library cataloguing project using the Dewey decimal system to organize its extensive book collection. These books are being documented according to professional standards by a FFT volunteer, an Emeritus Librarian from the University of Toronto's Faculty of Information. The remaining materials, including boxes of documents, newsletters, videos, audio recordings, and artifacts need to be identified and organized once the library work has been completed. This process constitutes the first phase of the Famèe Furlane Toronto Heritage Archives Project.

With and for its collaborators, ICAP provides resources and develops models for heritage preservation work. These serve not only to support the heritage preservation goals of the FFT, but also provide models for other Fogolàrs in Canada. In the coming months, the FFT-HAP archival assistant will identify materials at risk so that they can then be preserved and cataloged according to the standards recommended by professional archival organizations. The long-term goal is to digitize all the FFT records so that they can be accessed on a national and international level and later turned into an online exhibit. ICAP is pleased to announce that they've hired Alex Wall, a recent graduate of the University of Guelph (B.A. in English and History; M.A. in History) with plans to pursue an M.A. in Library and Information Science in the fall. Alex has experience as a researcher/archivist at Country Heritage Park where he researched, transcribed, and scanned old agricultural newspapers and wrote articles on various related subjects to provide content for Farms.com and the Elgin County Railway Museum, where he reorganized and updated the Canada Southern Station's archive. Alex's mother is of Italian origin, so he is delighted to get started with the FFT project, which requires him also to practice his Italian language skills and learn to familiarize himself with Furlan. The work begins in mid-May under the supervision of Gabriella Colussi Arthur*, and Laurretta Santarossa, current board member at FFT.

Gabriella Colussi Arthur

* Professor Emerita and Senior Scholar from the Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, York University, current ICAP President, Board Member of the Ontario Historical Society, and longstanding member of the FFT community.

MORE NEWS ON THE ICAP-FFT ARCHIVE PROJECT



Alex Wall starting on the archive project

On May 17, the documenting of the Famèe Furlane Toronto began. Here's a photo of our archivist Alex Wall. Thanks to the generosity of Donald Ziraldo, ICAP was able to hire Alex to start documenting and listing our extensive archives on a data base which we hope will eventually lead to a digitization of all the archives and eventually make them searchable by our club members as well as historians and scholars in the future. We were able also to purchase the needed professional archive approved supplies, boxes and file folders needed to preserve the photos and papers in the archives with some of the proceeds of our Famèe book sale. ICAP is hoping that what we do here at the Famèe will become a standard and example for Italian Canadian clubs and groups across Canada so that we can preserve our history and stories.

ICAP was currently funding the project with Donald's donation but on June 21 we got the wonderful news that the grant from the YCW (Young Canada Works) office was released so that we could fully fund the work that Alex is doing until the end of the summer. **YCW provides funding to employers to create jobs for students and internships for graduates.** These programs help youth acquire skills in the heritage, arts and cultural sector, as well as develop their second language.

The YCW grant only covers the employment of our student archivist. We still need funds to purchase archive boxes and the proper materials to preserve the documents from further deterioration. We welcome any donation (unfortunately we can't give you a tax receipt) If you can help – and no amount is too small – please contact: reception@fameefurlane.com with the Subject line: Archive Project. (Please note that ICAP is a registered charity and can issue tax receipts for donations and you can contribute to the preserving of our Famèe history for future generations by donating to ICAP specifically for this project.)

Lauretta Santarossa



Donor Donald Ziraldo with the Archive Project team: Lauretta Santarossa, Gabriella Colussi-Arthur, Alex Wall.

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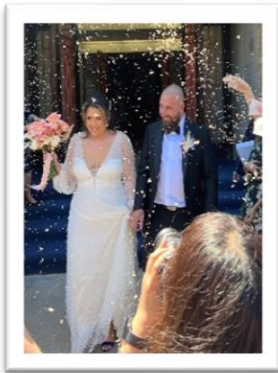
LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL



Congratulations to Miss Julia Zamparo who recently graduated from Wilfrid Laurier University with a degree of Honours Bachelors of Arts majoring in Psychology, minoring in Criminology and Education. Her family and friends are extremely proud of her and wish her all the best in her continued success!



A new life begins from here – Meet Mr. and Mrs. Michael Giuliani



Giulianna Alvaraz, daughter of member Daniela Perusini and her husband Manfred Alvarez, realized her dream on June 4, 2022, when she and Michael Giuliani tied the knot.

Giulianna is also granddaughter of Member Onelio Perusini of Pozzo, Udine and Anna Perusini of S. Vidotto, Udine

Congratulations to the beautiful couple, their proud parents and grandparents.



25th anniversary



To our parents on their anniversary: Your love has been the pillar of a strong and beautiful marriage for 25 years, and we look forward to seeing what the next 25 years bring!

Love Julia & Matthew



IN MEMORIUM



Eligio Colussi

January 28, 2022, Life time member

Jack Volpatti

April 8, 2022, Life time member



Ezio Avoledo

April 10, 2022, Brother to member Silvano Avoledo and brother-in-law to member Oretta Avoledo

Antonia Mazzuchin

May 10, 2022, Mother to member Fulvia Della Schiava



 <p>CLAUDIA NICOLE CAMMALLERI</p>	<p>LA VOCE DI NESTRI ZOVINS</p>	 <p>ANDREA CAPRA</p>
<p><i>Soccer, Design, Gardening, Art & Drawing</i></p>	<p>HOBBIES & INTEREST</p>	<p><i>Basketball, video games and enjoying all spectator sports</i></p>
<p><i>Ryerson (TMU) University, Toronto</i></p>	<p>UNIVERSITY</p>	<p><i>Holy Cross Catholic Academy</i></p>
<p><i>Interior Design</i></p>	<p>EDUCATION</p>	<p><i>I am presently completing grade 11</i></p>
<p><i>To one day have my own business in design and to influence others.</i></p>	<p>CAREER GOALS</p>	<p><i>My goal is to become a Police Officer</i></p>
<p><i>Dad was born in Toronto, and my Nonno was born in Cattolica, Sicily</i></p>	<p>PATERNAL ROOTS</p>	<p><i>San Giorgio Morgeto, Calabria Cittadella, Padova</i></p>
<p><i>Mom was born in Toronto. My Nonno was born in Flaibano, and Nonna was born in Codroipo, Udine</i></p>	<p>MATERNAL ROOTS</p>	<p><i>Both Nonna and Nonna are from Fiume Veneto, Pordenone</i></p>
<p><i>The importance of family values</i></p>	<p>WHAT IS LIKED BEST ABOUT YOUR FURLAN ROOTS?</p>	<p><i>That Furlan's are proud to be recognized in a crowd!</i></p>
<p><i>"E dio....."</i></p>	<p>FAVOURITE FURLAN SAYING</p>	<p><i>"Mandi"</i></p>
<p><i>How they came from nothing and still provided our family with all the amount of love and support they could offer.</i></p>	<p>ONE THING OR VALUE LEARNED FROM NONNI</p>	<p><i>Hard work and dedication gets you far in life</i></p>
<p><i>Famee Furlane Christmas party and enjoying making bracelets and crafts!</i></p>	<p>FAVOURITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY</p>	<p><i>Going to Breakfast with Santa to the Fame Furlane with my parents and nonni</i></p>
<p><i>My mom and Nonna still continuing to make delicious polenta and umido!</i></p>	<p>FURLAN CULTURE OR TRADITION THAT CONTINUES AT HOME</p>	<p><i>Making awesome gnocchi with Nonna!</i></p>

20-SOMETHINGS

As the summer is finally here, the 20-somethings social group looks forward to a few fun-filled outdoor get-togethers! Our group consists of members ranging in age from 20s-40s, all are welcome. From an evening on College St., to tree trekking and our summer picnic in the park, the next few months will be filled with unforgettable fun! We look forward to some great food and laughs among friends. For more information about our group or on upcoming events, contact Vanessa at 20somethings.famee@gmail.com.



Vanessa Lovisa-Gambin, President, 20-Somethings

MEMBERSHIP

I am delighted to inform you that we have another new member in our family. Her name is Sandra Sacilotto and we welcome her with open arms. Her father, Giovanni Sacilotto, was president of the FFT several years ago.

Recently the office has received inquiries about becoming a FFT member. We have sent out application forms and hope that our "new beginning" will reflect in new memberships! We look forward to blending new members in with our existing dedicated members.

This is our 90th year. Sadly, we have lost several "old guards", but we should relish the new as they will be the hands to continue our legacy forward. With your loyalty and commitment, we cannot lose.

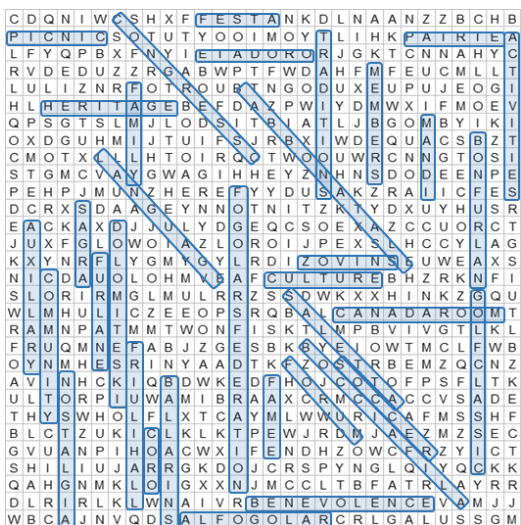
If you know the name of the very first male member of the FFT please let the office know. We enjoy sharing with our members, so if you have newsworthy past experiences related to the FFT, please send it to reception@fameefurlane.com

Rosanna Cannella,
Director of Membership

Did you know?

- Oldest Male Member: **Luigi Tedesco** 100yrs
- First Female Member: **Luciana Zomolo Soncin** since 1973
- Total number of members: **341**
Senior - 47%
Adult - 23%
Lifetime - 30%
- Oldest Female Member: **Teresa Tesan** 99yrs
- Youngest Male Member: **Twins - Thomas & Alexander Thomas**
- Youngest Female Member: **Melissa Lovisa**
- Second Female Member: **Adele Pascolo** since 1977

PASSATEMPO ANSWERS



FRIUL INFATS

1. Lignano
2. Pordenone
3. The Benandanti
4. Duino Elegies
5. Fuc di San Pieri
6. Marcello D'Olivo (born in Udine, UD; 1921-1991)
7. 4 (Italian, Friulan, Slovene and German)
8. 1479 A.D.
9. Pordenone Calcio
10. Villa Manin-Kechler

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The lovely weather has brought joy to the tenants of Friuli Terrace. The garden beds have been dug up and planted, there is lots of outdoor fresh air time, and much socialization! The tenants have also been able to enjoy indoor events such as exercise classes and bingo nights.



The Friuli Terrace building is a rental building like all others and continues to undergo regular maintenance to keep it in good shape, including: air condition units that leak, backflow prevention device installation, HVAC and Boiler updates, painting of the hallways and threshold renovations, Fire Inspection updates and repair of interlocking brick at the front of the building.

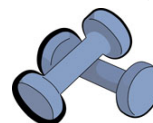
There are two very important issues that we are addressing for the coming year. One is the increased need for parking spots for our tenants. We are running low on options, and we will be numbering and marking all Friuli Terrace parking spots whether they are for tenants or for visitors. Many of our new tenants require parking spots, and there is a limited supply in place. As well, there is an urgent need to fix the roof of the bocce court, which is leaking. We have been getting estimates from roofing contractors, and they are in the \$108,000 to \$168,000 range. This is a very large expense that Friuli Terrace will not be able to allocate at one time.

Finally, thanks to the support of York Region, and the Provincial and Federal Governments, capital funds have been allocated for the elevator modernization, window and roof replacements.

We are always grateful to our Property Managers Cynthia and Lora, and our Superintendent Paola for all their hard work.

Wishing you all a lovely summer!

The Board of Friuli Benevolent Corporation (Friuli Terrace)



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR



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Dear Friends,

2022 is off to a much better start than the previous two years, with life slowly returning to some sense of normalcy for our residents, who have endured difficult COVID restrictions for far too long. The warm summer weather is upon us, drawing residents and family visits outdoors, with the sunshine doing wonders for the soul. But with the summer sun, comes the heat, and the team is doing everything in their power to keep residents cool. We are extremely encouraged, and deeply grateful for the recent government funding grant we received to upgrade VLG's air conditioning systems. The project is well underway, and the end result will be individual air conditioning units in every resident room, vastly improving comfort and providing our residents with control of their own environment. We eagerly await the completion of this project later this summer.

*Although we have yet to re-introduce any in-person fundraising events, we continue to be inspired by the generosity of the community, with countless one-time, and ongoing donations in response to our various fundraising campaigns. Our Better Beds campaign is nearing the end, with **only 16 beds to go!** We need all the help we can get to take this campaign across the finish line and replace the 16 remaining original resident beds with our new, Better Beds, and the safety and comfort that comes with them. **Please visit www.villagambin.com to donate today!***

The VLG Board and team pride ourselves on ensuring that VLG remains "Best-in-Class" by continually investing in improvements to our resident home areas, common areas and services. This would simply not be possible without the generous support of our community and trade partner donors. We've got a number of projects lined up that we're excited to share with you, keeping our home beautiful and state-of-the art, notwithstanding it's almost 20-year-old bones! Currently in the works are the remaining three activity room renovations, which will provide a major aesthetic and functional overhaul to our residents main living areas. I want to take the opportunity to extend our deepest gratitude to our pharmacy partner, GeriatRx Pharmacy Inc., and to LiUNA Local 183, and the Carpenters Union Local 27 for funding of these important projects, and for their longstanding support of VLG.

Lastly, I want to send a "shout-out" to our amazing Nurses. May 9th to 15th was National Nursing week in Canada, and the perfect opportunity to remind our caring and dedicated nursing team how much we value the passion, skill and love they bring to work every day. Thanks to Zentil Property Management Inc. and to GeriatRx Pharmacy Inc. for generously donating a BBQ lunch and Ice Cream truck to celebrate our wonderful nurses and the entire VLG team!

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer.

Warmest regards,

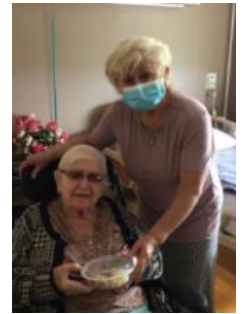
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JUNE IS ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH!

Italian Heritage Month is an opportunity to honour the history, culture, and contributions of Italian-Canadians to the city of Toronto. In addition to the celebrations, Italian Heritage Month is also a time to remember the hardships faced by Italian-Canadians who struggled to immigrate to Toronto, build their lives and businesses, and contribute to our city.



This year VLG residents enjoyed several traditional Italian dishes. Each week residents were served a different meal to honour Italian Heritage Month. We kicked off the celebration, on June 1st, 2022, with entertainment, spедуcci, and Brio. On the second week, residents were served with antipasto dishes filled with taralli, olives, cheese, artichokes, capocollo, and bocconcini. On week three, residents enjoyed penne with rose sauce and a mushroom risotto paired with a glass of red wine. Lastly, residents ended off the month with a Limoncello shot paired with a lemon cake.



NURSING WEEK 2022

During the week of May 9-15, VLG celebrated Nursing week with festivities which celebrated and recognized staff for their dedication to their work.

We would like to thank Zentil Property Management for sponsoring a delicious BBQ Lunch for the staff and keeping everyone well feed, GeriatRx Pharmacy Inc. for sponsoring an Ice Cream Truck so that everyone can enjoy a sweet treat, Medigas for donating gift baskets as well as some other items and Home Depot who donated some gift cards that were used as part of an employee raffle.

The staff at VLG are moved and grateful to everyone who donated to make this year's Nursing Week Special. THANK YOU!





Volunteers help to bring our mission to life and to help residents live fully every day. When you give us the gift of your time, you are contributing to make someone's day better. 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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