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Treasured Christmas Traditions

No doubt we all have our own very treasured family traditions when celebrating Christmas. originally Christmas was celebrated only at public gatherings, it wasn't until the early 19-th Century that families started to celebrate in their own chosen way. Over the years a number of personal and treasured traditions came to be, some adopted while others created. So too, for many, the Famèe Furlane Toronto created its own very special tradition – that of celebrating the season with its "Family". A number of seasonal events began to develop, whether it was a special Christmas mass, or cultural Christmas concert referred to as Arie di Natale, along with the "Presepio" or a number of small Christmas celebrations including Eta D'Oro's Christmas Lunch, 20 Somethings or Bocce Fila's Christmas Dinner, and more recently the Women's Auxiliary Christmas Kris Kringle; the one constant has always been Babbo Natale which has since evolved into Breakfast With Santa. This much treasured constant has provided old and young alike to gather and celebrate the joy of Christmas through the eyes of their little ones. Santa's presence always brings out the child in each of us, contributing immensely to the fun in sharing the spirit of the season with our Famèe Furlane Family.





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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear Members,

As another calendar year comes to an end, 2022 marks a new time where the Famèe Furlane enters a new beginning, an era in which OUR Club is no longer saddled by financial constraints and burdens but now in a position to offer activities and events to the membership. Along with the traditional, new, and exciting events like wine tasting classes, plate painting, trips to Inniskillin Winery, Oktoberfest, movie and documentary matinees, let's not forget the recent visit by Santa Claus at Breakfast with Santa. A wonderful event for families to unite. What is planned for 2023? Starting with La Befana and mosaic classes, a full slate of activities is being planned.

Throughout this past year, each MANDI newsletter edition newsletter provided clips of our 90-year history. We hope that you have enjoyed these memories. Since time and logistics unfortunately did not allow for a proper celebratory event, this event will happen in the spring of 2023 with interesting plans already in the works. Stay tuned as details are released.

On behalf of the board of directors, I would like to thank you for your continued support to the Famèe Furlane going forward. I would also take this opportunity to wish all members and their families the best during this Christmas season.

Bon Nadâl e Bon An!





CULTURE: THE THINGS WE HOLD DEAR

There are many definitions of culture. A popular one is that culture is what we call the customs, arts, social institutions and achievements of a particular nation, people or other social group.

In our case, it is Furlan culture, customs, language, design and art. It goes on and on. Our "culture" is what we do, how we act and speak, who we are. So, in that light, here's what we've been doing at the Famèe Furlane the past few months.

In October, we gathered to view "Chi ha Ucciso il Mio Bisnonno", a documentary about Gabriella Colussi-Arthur's research of her great-grandfather's mysterious death. A fascinating story in itself, it was even more so when we saw how connected 19th c. Furlans still were to Friuli where the news of Colussi's great-grandfather's murder in Argentina made the newspapers in Udine. The story highlighted the treasure trove of history in Argentina and Italy– archives in fact – that made the discovery possible.

That leads into a story about our ongoing FFT archive project, the details of which were presented by our young archivist Alex Wall at our November member's meeting. Alex has been working on our FFT archives since mid-May and has finished phase one, the organizing and documentation of all our FFT history from its foundation in 1932. He also presented his findings to the ICAP conference in Halifax. ICAP is the Italian Canadian Archive Project, a group of institutions and individuals who wish to preserve the history and stories of Italian Canadians. We are an institutional member. Our archive project could well become the model for other groups across the country. The members were very impressed with all the hard work done.















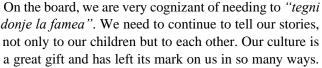




That same meeting was after our annual Memorial Mass at St. Roch's Church, this year greatly enhanced by the much-appreciated presence of the Alpini choir from the Alpini of Vaughan. We invited them "back to the house" for "castagnis e un tai di vin". The castagnis had been prepared the day before by a group of volunteers and cooked by Gianni Ceschia.

November is traditionally the month we remember those who have died and the month for "castagnis". We have been doing it for years, much the same way it was done in our parents and grandparents time in Friuli.

We will be joining the Alpini again in January to celebrate La Befana, another joint effort on both our parts to maintain old traditions. We hope to continue exploring our roots and customs with the viewing of I Lungobardi, another documentary telling the story of our Friulian ancestors and 7th c. conquerors. We also hope to revive the Furlan classes in the spring. We plan to have an announcement of dates and possible cost early in January.



We want to honour that proud and yet humble legacy in word and action.

Please and join us as we continue to explore our culture in all its forms.

Lauretta Santarossa





FFT - CELEBRATING 90 YEARS

ARMAND SCAINI'S MEMORIES...

For the past 45 years, I was honoured and humbled to work with and enjoy many events and activities with so many dedicated Friulans who continued keeping the traditions and history of the Friulan culture alive at the Famèe Furlane Toronto.

My wife, Joan and I loved to dance and actually met at a church dance at St. Monica's in Toronto in 1964. We married in October 1965 and continued attending various church and banquet halls to dance and socialize. When the Famèe Furlane was built in 1975, my sister Rina and her husband Bepi Peruzzi became members and invited Joan and I to attend a few events. In 1977, my wife suggested that I become an official member of the Club, which began my lifelong dedication to the Famèe. With

support from the members, I decided to run for the election in 1978 and was elected as President. Shortly after that election, my dad Francesco, passed away. My mom Giuseppina expressed how lonely she was without him. As the focus of our Club was family, I phoned a few members and invited them to join my mom at the Famèe – and so began the creation of the Eta d'Oro Group. This was one of my proudest accomplishments while President of the Famèe.

The Famèe Furlane was a chance for all of us to gather and celebrate our rich cultural history. As I acknowledged in the 50th anniversary book, I am deeply thankful to those "leaders, presidents, committee members, builders, workers, benefactors, family members, volunteers and friends who contributed to the realization of our great dream by building the Home



1979 - Armand & Joan loved to dance



Citizenship Court- FFT 50th Anniversary

of the Famèe Furlane with their hands, their hearts and financial help." There are too many Famèe Furlane gatherings to recall each one, but the annual banquets, picnics and holiday parties were always packed with well over 500 people in attendance. The Coro Santa Cecilia and the Famee Furlane Toronto Coro, always warmed our hearts, as did the Folk Dancers and Balarins who performed traditional Friulan dances. The best memories of these events were watching all of us share heartwarming memories of our Italian towns, dancing, laughing, singing and of course enjoying homemade traditional Friulan cuisine, wine and grappa.

One of my passions was to keep the history of the Famee and Friulan culture alive. This led me to work with many members of the Famèe and many Friulan's in Italy and throughout Canada to publish a few books and host various cultural exhibits. These



Eta D'Oro

books included our "50th Anniversary of the Famèe Furlane Club" which highlighted the history of the Famèe Furlane in Toronto and "Landed" which captured the pictorial mosaic of Friulani Immigrants to Canada. Some of the cultural events I vividly remember were the exhibits of famous artists, historical exhibits in collaboration with the Italian Department at the University of Toronto, and theatre productions, under the direction of my dear friend, Alberto DeRosa. Of course, there were many other events that stood out for me - the annual golf tournaments, various fundraising events to support the Earthquake and the many Fogolars Federation of Canada Congresso trips

to Italy and throughout Canada.



First Prize



Friuli Court

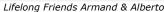
My vision to expand the footprint of the Famèe Furlane led to the purchase of the property to the east of the Famèe, which is where the Friuli Terrace was eventually built on. The continual financial support from Famèe members to build the Terrace and Villa Gambin facilities, showed the dedication of our community to support our aging members.

The last few years, I have been honoured and proud to support our next generation who serve on the boards of the Famèe, Villa Gambin and in particular, the Friuli Terrace. I am so proud of them for carrying on our Friulan traditions and work to maintain our culture.

Joan and I will always be thankful for the wonderful friendships and memories over our 45 years as members of the Friuli Centre Campus. We send warm wishes of health and happiness to all Friulan members – and many more wonderful decades of carrying on the Friulan history and culture.

Armand Scaini







Enjoying an Oak Leaf Gala



Terrace Board

LOOK WHO ELSE TURNED 90 THIS YEAR...

While 1932 was significant in part because well-known personalities Elizabeth Taylor and Johnny Cash were born, the invention of Parking Meters, Polaroid Camaras as well as the Zoom Camera Lens. These highlights pale if compared to the birth of our beloved Famèe Furlane Toronto and the birth of a number of our Members.

This impressive milestone is for our members, a celebration of their many accomplishments throughout the years, the many storms they weathered, highlighted by all the love and laughter they enjoyed throughout their 90 memorable years. Somewhat the same can also be said about our Famèe Furlane, it too celebrated accomplishments, weathered storms, and created a mountain of loving memories with friends and family.



Rudy Bratti



Frank Brunetta





Jack Blasutti



Tony Picco



Lino Ricetto



Erica Zanon

Congratulations to everyone on this remarkable milestone and sincere best wishes you continue build memories and share milestones with family, friends and loved ones... as well as the Famèe Furlane Toronto of course!

Ivana Pontisso

A CELEBRATION IS IN STORE AND YOU ARE INVITED!





Join your friends and Famèe Furlane Toronto family in celebrating our 90th Anniversary. With all the challenges we faced throughout 2022, time did not allow for the attention needed in planning a well-deserved tribute. Plans are now well underway! Join the celebration being planned to honour its history, proud accomplishments, and devoted membership. CIRCLE <u>SUNDAY</u>, <u>MAY 28</u>, 2023 IN YOUR CALENDAR AND KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR FURTHER DETAILS AS THEY EVOLVE!

WINE TASTING 101

Ever wondered what the difference is between Prosecco, Champagne, and Sparkling wine? Do you know what wines pair well with sweets or salty foods, fish, or hamburger? Or how can you tell if a wine is of high quality, or just for cooking (hint: never cook with wine you wouldn't drink yourself). Or maybe you just want to impress your friends with your knowledge of wines and their different characteristics.

That's exactly what 20 eager budding wine enthusiasts learned over the course of 4 nights, under the superb tutelage of Bruno Meneguzzi, DiopWSET, IWS. Each class focused on a specific area of wine appreciation, covering topics such as how to taste and evaluate wines, how to read and understand a label, how different soils and temperatures affect grapes, and yes...how to match wines with foods. We put our newfound knowledge to the test each night by assessing a wide variety of wines, judging colour, clarity, aroma, taste, etc. At the end of the course, we all felt so much more knowledgeable about the wide world of wine, thanks to Bruno's excellent and enthusiastic teaching. Salute!

Rosemary Maraldo











OKTOBERFEST "SAGRA STYLE"

On October 15, a busload of Furlans ventured off to experience a Waterloo Oktoberfest, "Sagra Style"! With food, beer and "umpapa" music, it was all there for a good time! The choice of



halls, the variety of music and vendors was not limited! The mascot was a highlight, and our pictures sport the characteristic "Oktoberfest" theme! The experience felt all too parallel to our Furlan cultural "sagre"! Most ended up in the classic restaurant singing and dancing holding up their beers, saying cheers to Oktoberfest! Thanks to those who participated!



IPAD CLASS FOR SENIORS

Gli Alpini Vaughan sono rimasti contenti di aver facilitato lezioni iPad/Internet per le 16 volenterosi anziani nella Canada Room concluse in ottobre. Siamo ansiosi di poter iniziare nuove lezioni da voi programmate in gennaio. Ringraziamo la Famèe Furlane Toronto per l'opportunità di realizzare un nostro progetto di volontariato così pure nel farci sentire benvoluti nei vostri programmi.











BOCCIOFILA FUN CONTINUES...

Long time entrenched residents of the Bocciofila Courts at the Terraces, the FFT Bocciofila Group is now continuing to enjoy their passion at the Ciociaro Club on Kipling Avenue. While these "professionals" at first needed to acclimatize to the synthetic courts, the fun competition and friendship continues. Usually enjoyed "in house", on October 30th last, the group hosted their annual luncheon at the Venetian Banquet Hall. As always, gatherings of FFT membership groups, no matter where held, always provide a good time, especially when accompanied by great food!







This past season the group was able to attract new members and if you would like to learn this traditional sport, hone your skills, or make new friends, new members are always welcome. The group will be starting up again early in the new year and should you like to join in the fun, they play every Monday evening at the Ciociaro Club. If interested, please call the Famèe office at 905-851-1166 for additional information. In the meantime, the group extends its warmest wishes to all for a happy and healthy Christmas.

20-SOMETHING - FFT FUTURE IN THE MAKING

As another year comes to a close, we can't help but reminisce about the strong values of friendship and family that capture the heart of our group. In celebrating the Famèe's 90th milestone, it is important to recognize the significance of what our club represents and the new youthful direction we are aiming to achieve for years to come. Over the past 11 years, our group has been committed to frequent gatherings whether adventurous or simple, engaging in archery battles or sitting around a table reminiscing about good times and making new memories over good food and wine. This collection of photos over the years demonstrates our continued passion for our Friulian heritage and efforts to keep our culture alive. Our recent Annual "Very Furlan Christmas" dinner held in November is another example of the significance of gatherings among friends in celebrating a common bond that unites us. We are always looking to grow our family and encourage you to email Vanessa at 20somethings.famee@gmail.com for further information on upcoming events.

We would also like to extend our warmest and heartfelt wishes to you all for a very Merry Christmas and New Year 2023!

Mandi,

Vanessa Lovisa-Gambin President, 20-Something













The Balarins need your help!

How great would it be to see the talents of your children, grand-children or even great grandchildren?



We are looking for children of Furlan decent age 4 and up

to join. We are planning to begin dance classes in the new year. These classes are to engage and connect the next generation with their Furlan culture and roots through the language of dance. We need the help of all the members to reach out to your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends to join.

Classes are one night per week for one hour and there is no charge to join. It is a fun-filled time for children to connect with other children with similar heritage. This generation is the future of the Famee Furlane and we need your help to keep the culture alive.



How proud would you be to watch your Furlan legacy carry on through the younger generations of your family?

This year marks 90 years of the Famee Furlane Toronto and how great would it be to have your Balarins perform and be apart of such a milestone.

Please email <u>balarinsfameefurlane@gmail.com</u> to register your children. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the talents of your beautiful children. We look forward to hearing from you!

EMMA MICOL REDA	LA VOCE DI NESTRI ZOVINS	MATTHEW ZAMPARO
Playing soccer. Currently playing for the Woodbridge Soccer Club and moving to the National Development Centre - Ontario team in January 2023. I also enjoy hanging out with my friends.	HOBBIES & INTEREST	Sports, exercising and music
Holy Cross Catholic Academy	UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE/ HIGH SCHOOL	College of Sports Media
Enrolled in International Baccalaureate and High Performance Athletic Programs	EDUCATION	Currently in my last year towards graduation
Professional Soccer Player	CAREER GOALS	Anchorman/Reporter at TSN
Paternal Grandparents (Luigi & Maria Reda) - Cerisano, Calabria	PATERNAL ROOTS	My Nonno Joe was from San Vito al Tagliamento and my Nonna Gioconda was from San Quirino
Maternal Grandfather (Arrigo Rossi) - Castelnovo del Friuli; Provice Pordenone Maternal Grandmother (Carla Rossi) - Gradiscutta di Varmo: Province Udine	MATERNAL ROOTS	My Nonno Mario is from Morsano al Tagliamento and my Nonna Maria was from San Quirino
The furlan dialect that my nonno sometimes tries to speak to me and my brother.	WHAT IS LIKED BEST ABOUT YOUR FURLAN ROOTS	Definitely the food
Daj ca' le' un clap	FAVOURITE FURLAN SAYING	"Zing a salva che altra vaccia"
The importance of love and family	ONE THING OR VALUE LEARNED FROM NONNI	To be honest and to always try your best
Travelling to Italy with my parents, brother, grandparents, aunts, and uncles in 2019. Going to the FFT for Breakfast with Santa and al Fogolar for family gatherings.	FAVOURITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY	When my Nonna Maria surprised me with her homemade chicken fingers
Enjoying typical furlan dishes like Zuff and brovade and muset.	FURLAN CULTURE OR TRADITION THAT CONTINUES AT HOME	My mom cooks and bakes some of the traditional Furlan foods and there is always Furlan language floating around!



CHRISTMAS MARKETS IN FRIULI

Bon Nadal a ducj.

We may write these words to relatives and friends in Friuli at Christmas, but how wonderful to be in Friuli at this time. While there, visit the outdoor Christmas markets and events that take place in many towns throughout the region. Here are a few.

Aquileia d'Inverno "Mercatino Natalizio" December 12, 2022

Along the streets of the centre is the handicrafts and regional food and wine market, Aquileia d'Inverno. Enjoy art and flavours among some 150 exhibitors. Walking through the stalls you can listen to itinerant Christmas music, during the morning there will be the musical events of the San Paolino Cultural Association and Santa Claus will wait for the children in Piazza Capitolo.

https://www.turismofvg.it/eventi/aquileia-d-inverno-posticipato-a-domenica-12-dicembre

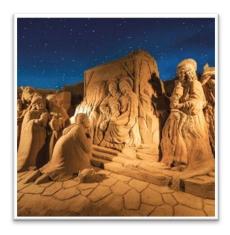


Bolzano Christmas Market November 25, 2022 to January 6, 2023

The town of Bolzano in Trentino-Alto Adige in South Tyrol, bordering Switzerland and Austria, hosts a Christmas Market famous all over Italy. The scents of pine, roast chestnuts, and spices fill the streets. Held at Piazza Walther, the brightly lit and decorated Market offers handmade wood and glass gifts, ceramics, and seasonal treats. www.dolomiti.it

Lignano December 8, 2022 to January 8, 2023

Lignano presents two enjoyable areas – the Villaggio del Gusto, where colourful wooden houses sell handicrafts and regional delicacies, and the display of nativity scenes, made entirely out of sand from the Lignano beach. Many displays come from the hands of the artists of the "Accademia della Sabbia". This marks the 19th year of the display, which attracts visitors from all over the world. The works can be viewed near the Beach office, #6, across from the San Giovanni Bosco Park. www.lignanonataledamare.it



Pordenone Christmas Market December 3, 2022 to January 8, 2023

The Pordenone Christmas market entertains with concerts, shows, and games during the whole season. Check out the life-sized nativity scene with hand-carved wooden statues and other attractions on Piazza XX Settembre and Corso Garibaldi.

http://comune.pordenone.it/



Trento Christmas Market November 19, 2022 to January 8, 2023

Trento is home to a magical Christmas Market with a cozy and festive atmosphere, unique gifts, and traditional foods. About 100 wooden chalets cover two medieval squares: Piazza Fiera and Piazza Cesare Battisti. A gourmet section is dedicated to local specialties such as treccia mochèna (plaited pastry cake), polenta brustolada (grilled polenta), and canederli (dumplings), as well as vin brulè (mulled wine) and parampampoli (hot toddies).

http://www.mercatinodinatale.tn.it/

Trieste December 8 to 24, 2022

The Christmas markets of Trieste are located in various areas of the city centre, between Piazza Sant 'Antonio Nuovo, Piazza della Borsa and the neighboring streets. The Trieste Christmas Markets boast more than 100 stalls, in the form of wooden houses.

https://inviaggiodasola.com/i-mercatini-di-natale-di-trieste/

AND





One of the traditions that made **Poffabro** famous is undoubtedly that of "**Nativity scene among the cribs**", from the beginning of December to the beginning of January. Dozens of nativity scenes transform this village into a fairy open-air museum. The cribs come in all types and sizes, from the traditional ones in porcelain, plaster, and wood to those made of materials with innovative and imaginative techniques: glass, unstructured fabrics, stubble, carved soaps, copper and wool. They emerge unexpected from the balconies, on the windowsills, in the most secret corners of the seventeenth-century courtyards or where time has created a tiny crevice in a low wall.

 $\underline{\text{https://www.italiani.it/en/poffabro-village-cribs-friuli-venezia-giulia/?cn-reloaded=1}}$

Remaining in the Friulian Dolomites is the town of **Andreis.** Here, in this town located some 25 KM. north of Pordenone, more than **sixty Christmas trees are decorated** with original handicrafts. The decorations are made by small groups of locals, who work together all year passing down knowledge and skills.

Il Pignarul, eve of January 6

A most fascinating show, still alive today and heartfelt, is the Pignarûl or bonfires, one of the oldest traditions of Friuli, whose origins are lost in the dawn of time. The direction taken by the smoke and sparks is interpreted to determine whether the new year will be auspicious or inauspicious. For this reason, the pyre is lit by a child, as a symbol of innocence. On the evening of the 6th of January, Friuli Venezia Giulia lights up with hundreds of bonfires.

How wonderful to see and participate in such creativity and alegrie in person. e Bon An!

Doreen Vanini

Many thanks to everyone who donated toys to the Famee Furlane Toy Drive.

Due to your generosity, less fortunate children in the Vaughan area will receive a present to unwrap at Christmas.











BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

On December 11, the Famèe Furlane Toronto hosted its annual Breakfast with Santa at The Royalton on Weston Road. While the format was the same, for the first time since the celebration started, it was held outside our "home". After a long two-year hiatus, the event was once again an overwhelming success. The occasion was a truly heartwarming experience, as while the focus was their youngsters' excitement, without a doubt it was a terrific reunion with members reveling in the opportunity to once again gather, share and catch up. New Grandparents were bursting with pride and others surprised by how quickly little one's have grown! Spearheaded by Mara Mian, she along with her team hosted a tremendous, well organized, and terrific event. The craft table hosted by the Women's Auxiliary was an overwhelming success. Each year along with a couple of ever popular items, Elemanna Sacilotto and her elves ensure new and exciting crafts are added. The three most popular this year included the treat laden Santa Sleighs, jingling door chimes and the traditional Christmas Crowns.

The Raffle Table was laden with a most generous assortment of member donated gifts – including two Toronto Maple Leaf Hockey Tickets and a special delivery of homemade cookies from Mrs. Claus. The gifts are evidence of the generosity of our membership! A most sincere thank you to all donors.

The highlight of course was Santa's arrival – with the little ones' joy and excitement vividly on display. Santa's booming "HO HO HOs" echoed throughout but did not drown out the children's excited squeals at his arrival.

Overall, the fun, excitement, friendship, good food and the definite feel of Christmas replicated celebrations of the past – the only thing that changed was the location – evidence that "home is always where the heart is!"

As Santa said Meeeerry Christmas!! Enjoy the pictures!

Ivana Pontisso































FFT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

What a bustling and active season it has been for the Women's Auxiliary, all the while rousing the spirit of Christmas. In early fall the quest for new and interesting children's crafts began for the annual Breakfast with Santa. Elemanna Sacilotto and her Elves work diligently to ensure a good selection for all age groups are included. At the November meeting, with the assistance of a glue gun, creativity was on the menu as members enjoyed putting together charming festive decorations. Their December gathering included fun with an Ugly Sweater display and an exchange of an assortment of delightful and delicious Christmas treats. Most importantly however the spirit of giving, which is synonymous with Christmas, was in full bloom with their annual support of the local food bank as well as their participation in the Shoe Box Project. Fun was certainly had in preparing, filling and decorating shoe boxes with interesting and personal "luxury needs" for distribution to women whether homeless or in shelters. A special note of thanks to Venus Beauty Supply for their donation of 12 bags ladened with hair care products. While there is fun in receiving, Christmas joy is always in the giving.



On behalf of my entire committee, sending Christmas Wishes to all the Famèe Furlane members and their families. May the gifts of love, peace and happiness fill all your homes this Christmas and all year long. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a very Healthy and Happy 2023! Bon Nadal e Bon An!

Patrizia Pivetta Famee Furlane Women's Auxiliary Chair



CORDIALI SALUTI DAL GRUPPO ETA D'ORO

Mentre i giorni si fanno piu` corti e le notti piu` lunghe e fredde, anche quest'anno ce la abbiamo fatta ad arrivare alle Feste Natalizie e alla Fine dell' Anno 2022!

La felicità resa dal traguardo raggiunto sul calendario ci fa` rammentare anche che il tempo passa velocemente e non c'e` alcun modo di rallentarlo per poter godere felicemente le nostre giovni famiglie, le amicizie, (le pensioni ?!) e le belle giornate che ancora la vita ci sta regalando. Sebbene per un periodo, attualmente indefinito, cordialmente la Famee Furlane ci ha riaccomodati e felicemente riaccolti nuovamente nel complesso della vecchia sede, la durata dell'ospitalita e` attualmente annebbiata dagli avvenimenti futuri basati sulla disponibilita` e benevolenza dei nuovi proprietari, la ditta edile Primont.

Nel giorno 14 Dicembre scorso, abbiamo umilmente festeggiato l'arrivo del Santo Natale con un piccolo pranzetto professionalmente preparato dal nostro caro e famoso correggionale cuoco Gianni Ceschia nello spazio disponibile della sala" Canada Room". I membri partecipanti son stati di circa una sessantina con il numero dei partecipanti limitato dallo spazio disponibile, dal attuale pericolo pandemicoe e altre ovvie incontrollabili ragioni.



Con la speranza e l'augurio di un futuro in buona salute e felicita` il Commitato del Gruppo Eta` D'Oro universalmente vi Augura, Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo 2023!!

WORDSEARCH - BON NADAL A DUCJ!

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PASSATEMPO

Search through the jumbled letters to find the words listed below. They can be found vertically, horizontally, or diagonally. Once you find the word, circle it and cross off the list. *Buona Fortuna!*

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FRIÛL INFATS - QUESTIONS

- 1. What archaeological site excavated in the 1970s attests to an occupation of groups of Epigravettian hunter-gatherers 14,000 years ago?
- 2. What animal is the urban layout of Lignano Pineta based on?
- 3. What painter, stuccoist and architect was born in Udine in 1487 and became one of Raphael's leading assistants in Rome?
- 4. What year did Friulans shout, "O Zico, o Austria!" in the streets of Udine to protest the Italian Football Federation's decision to block soccer star Zico's transfer to Udinese?
- 5. When did Marshall Tito's Yugoslav Partisans establish the "forty days of Trieste" before fully withdrawing after encountering British-U.S. resistance?

Jason Moretto

- 6. What Friulan music conservatory was established in 1925, offers undergraduate and graduate degrees and currently has 80 teachers and 600 students?
- 7. What architect was described as, "the Italian (Frank Lloyd) Wright"?
- 8. What Friulan anthem describes the castle and youth of Udine?
- 9. What city originated as the Roman river port of Portus Naonis, and was a bulwark of the Trevisani in their war against Aquileia until it was destroyed by the latter in 1233?
- 10. What UNESCO World Heritage Site was declared in 2011, which indicates a pile-dwelling settlement inhabited since the ancient Palaeolithic (about 4900 B.C.)?

Answers on page 24

ATOR LA TAULA

CONIGLIO ALLA PAOLINA

eseguito da Arrigo

Questa ricetta e di origine Ligure precisamente insegnata a me da Paolina Pavero, zia di mia moglie, squisita donna, mamma e zia, che viveva in Liguria, nel paese di Ameglia situato nel Levante ligure a pochi chilometri dalle Cinque Terre, e Carrara è che confina con la Toscana.

Con origine in Gradiscutta di Varmo, Udine, Paolina e venuta a mancare anni fa. Lei ha voluto insegnarmi questa e altre ricette perché notava la mia passione per la cucina. Poi voglio dire che' è diventata il mio cavallo di battaglia quando invito miei amici calciofili e cacciatori. Servita con una polenta morbida. È da morire.

INGREDIENTI

1 Coniglio fatto a pezzi
100+ g olive taggiasche
1 rametto di rosmarino
1 cucchiaio di timo
5-6 foglie di salvia
Un grumo di foglie di prezzemolo (solo foglie)
5-6 foglie di basilico
75ml olio EVO
200ml di vino bianco secco (e buono)
500ml di brodo di carne
Sale e pepe quanto basta



Quan Appetita

Da precisare la mancanza di cipolla, aglio, carote, e sedano. Ma va così. Ognuno e libero di fare cosa vuole ma io sono un tradizionalista, dunque.

PROCEDIMENTO

- 11. Una volta pulito e tagliato a pezzi, fatte rosolare fino quando avrà assunto un bel colorito dorato e mettete a parte, leggermente salate e pepate i pezzi.
- 12. In un tegame capiente aggiungete l'olio d'oliva a fuoco vivace aggiungete i pezzi di coniglio rosolati, attenti a coprire con il coperchio per la fuoriuscita di olio durante la friggitoria, e mischiare il tutto.
- 13. Finito da friggere (2-3 minuti), aggiungete il vino bianco, e lasciare la gran parte che evapora (qualcuno può notare olio e vino allo stesso istante non andrebbe) ma fate così.
- 14. A questo punto, abbassare il fuoco, aggiungete le olive, un pugno di sapori già tritati, mischiare il tutto e a fuoco lento e coperchio continuate a cucinare. Se notate che ce poco liquido restante aggiungete meta del brodo (già bollente come per un risotto).
- 15. Lasciate cuocere per circa un'ora finché il coniglio diventerà tenero (la carne dovrà staccarsi facilmente dall'osso) di tanto in tanto aggiungete un mestolo di brodo e un altro pugno di sapori.
- 16. Impiattate il coniglio irrorandolo con abbondante sugo di cottura. Nel frattempo, avete preparato una buona polenta morbida e fumante.

Con Piacere, Arrigo Rossi

Friuli Terrace





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LIFE AT THE TERRACE

Life at Friuli Terrace is slowly returning to some semblance of normalcy. The residents are beginning to socialize, and programs are beginning again with plans for some new programs during the coming months to keep the residents active now that the gardens can no longer be tended to. The tenants continue to be cautious and wear their masks when in common areas.

During the summer months, the Gazebo was restored to its former glory allowing the tenants to make use of it again. The Gazebo has always been a gathering place where tenants can sit and enjoy the outdoors while remaining protected from the sun. The roof of the gazebo has been waterproofed and shingled with cedar planks. Two tables were built and placed in the interior of the gazebo. The residents made good use of the gazebo once the repairs were completed.





The Board of Friuli Terrace were invited to participate in a donor appreciation evening at Casa Loma for Humber River Hospital given for the Bon Furlans and Friends of Humber. The Bon Furlans have donated a total of \$1,043,000 throughout the years to Humber River Hospital. Among the donors were members of the Friuli Campus.

On October 31, an impromptu Halloween Party was put together by our Property Manager. Considering the last-minute invitation many of the residents participated and came in costume. The residents were able to socialize and enjoy some light snacks.























On November 3, the Board of Friuli Terrace provided a meal for the residents prepared by Culinary Studios. The meals were placed in bags by volunteer residents and the staff of Friuli Terrace. Members of the Board were on hand to help hand out the meals to residents. Most

residents were able to come to the lobby to pick up their meals and those who could not, had their meals delivered to their doors. Picking up their meals in the lobby provided yet another opportunity for the residents to socialize.





Our Property Manager is working closely with York Region to bring some new programs to Friuli Terrace. Currently, Lora has been assisting to poll the residents regarding their interest in some of the offerings of York Region. Some of the suggestions were art therapy classes and yoga. Friuli Terrace is also hoping to bring back the choir and bus trips for shopping. It is anticipated that these programs will be in place 2023 depending on the interest of the residents. CHATS continues to be responsible for providing activities to the residents of Friuli Terrace. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances within CHATS some activities have been cancelled. Friuli Terrace is working with CHATS to ensure cancellations happen less frequently in the future.

The Board and Property Managers of the Friuli Terrace continue to maintain our aging building so that it remains presentable but most of all safe. Several capital projects have taken place this year including replacing the ceilings in the hallways and painting the walls, fire inspection maintenance and repairs to individual tenant's units as needed. A submission was made to York Region for some major capital projects which include roof replacements, elevator modernization and window replacements among others. At this time the request is still pending.



Villa Leonardo Gambin



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR

Dear Friends.

Part of what makes life at VLG so special is our ongoing resident programming, orchestrated by the amazing Cassandra and the recreation team. The team continually enriches the lives of our residents through various activities, entertainment, social gatherings, projects, and delicious food cart treats! Check out our Instagram @villagambin to see how Cassandra and team continually keep spirits up and spread joy throughout our home — 'tis the season!



One unique and progressive way that VLG engages our residents, is with virtual reality (VR). New VR headset technology allows residents to literally "see the world" from the comfort of VLG. And for those residents with mobility issues, cognitive impairment, or any other condition that makes travel difficult or impossible, taking off to faraway places through VR can rejuvenate the mind and soul. We are truly grateful to former Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua, who through his Spirit of Generosity Program, donated the funds to purchase 4 new headsets. Mayor Bevilacqua has been an ardent supporter of VLG since its inception, both as an MP and Mayor — we wish him well and thank him for his many contributions to our home over the years.

Thinking of how a virtual experience can bring so much joy to someone, I am reminded how easily we can take the beauty of the world for granted. The holiday season is a time of year when we should be thinking about those less fortunate, whose circumstances or health may deprive them of many wonderful things that life has to offer. It's a time of year to be generous with our time and money, to help spread joy and the beauty of love and kindness to those who need it most. This year, VLG will be celebrating the holidays with our 1st Annual Light the Night Holiday Celebration, bringing together past and present family members as well as the community to honour those who have gone before us, and to spread some cheer to our current residents with the gift of light – a symbol of all that is good in the world. The event will not only brighten up our home and provide some uplifting ambiance for our residents, but it will also help raise additional funds for VLG's programming and capital projects, so that we can continually improve the quality of life for our residents. Thank you to Cinzia Del Zotto for conceiving and organizing this wonderful event!

It's not too late to donate to Light the Night, to purchase a holiday meal through our OakLeafGala@Home, or to honor a loved one with a Legacy Leaf at VLG, so please visit our website at www.villagambin.com to learn about the many ways you can contribute to VLG.

A special Thank You to LiUNA Local 183 and the Carpenters Union Local 27, whose generous donations towards our activity room renovations have resulted in the recent completion of these projects on the 6th and 7th floors, providing residents with a wonderful new space to congregate, relax and participate in the many activities that our recreation team has to offer.

As the holidays fast approach, let us take each take a moment from our busy holiday schedules to pause, reflect, and give thanks for all our blessings. And let us always keep in mind those less fortunate and the responsibility we each share as a community to spread love to all. Afterall, this is what Christmas is truly all about.

Wishing you and your families peace, love and joy this holiday season and always,

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Andrew Iacobelli Chair, Board of Directors Villa Leonardo Gambin Charity





On December 13th we celebrated our 1st Light the Night Holiday Celebration with some music, treats, friendly faces and of course a beautiful display of lights.

This could not have been possible without the support of donations by Sienna Senior Living, GeriatRX Pharmacy and Matching Gift Donations by the Ralph and Rose Chiodo Family Foundation. We are so grateful for their continued partnership and support in our work.















6th & 7th FLOOR ACTIVITY ROOMS ARE OFFICIALLY OPENED!

Thanks to the incredible generosity of LiUNA Local 183 and The Carpenter's Union Local 27, VLG was able to refurbish its 6th and 7th Floor activity rooms to make them a more functional and appealing space for the residents to conduct their everyday activities.

We are so grateful for their continued support of these special projects and belief in our work.

To view more pictures or videos of the openings go to www.villagambin.com.



LiUNA Local 183

















THE OAK LEAF GALA

The Oak Leaf Gala is unfortunately postponed for one additional year. We are instead bringing you the OLG@home experience. We will provide you with delicious food, wine and even favors for your guests. All you have to do is figure out who you are going to invite.

All proceeds from the OLG@home Gala will support the Better Beds Fundraising Campaign and VLG's areas of most need.

For more information about the OLG@home Gala, sponsorship opportunities and menu, please visit our website www.villagambin.com or call 905-856-7619.

GETTING INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!

Over the course of the last month residents at Villa Leonardo Gambin participated in various Christmas activities hosted by the Recreation Department. Many contributed by making beautifully designed crafts, baking traditional Italian desserts, decorating a Christmas tree on each resident home area, and singing along in the café to many well-known Christmas carols.





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.

Help seniors in your community live fully every day.

Contact us to learn more:

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Please visit our website to complete a Volunteer Application Form:

http://villagambin.com/volunteer-opportunities/

BON INNOVÂL DI SETANT'UN AGNS!



Long-time Famee Furlane members Elio and Dina Moretto recently celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary surrounded by several members of their family. Elio Moretto was born in Rividischia (di Codroipo), UD in 1928 and Dina Fantin was born in Sella (di Rivignano Teor), UD in 1931. Elio and Dina were married on October 13, 1951 in Friuli and immigrated to Canada soon after. They now live happily in Friuli Terrace. Compliments Elio and Dina!



Jason Moretto

ELISA NENIS (ved. Ceschia)

September 30, 2022 Mother to Member Gianni Ceschia and grandmother to Member Elize Ceschia

RITA MANIAS

October 3, 2022 Member

EVELINA CASTELLARIN

October 14, 2022 Sister to Member Mario Bomben and sister-in-law to Member Carla Bomben

IN MEMORIAM



ALFREDO DANELUZZI

November 13, 2022 Father to Member Loretta Daneluzzi-Cal

MARIO PREZ

November 14, 2022 Lifetime Member and father to Member Patricia Prez

ZELINDA DRI (Santarossa)

December 9, 2022 Lifetime Member

UN MESSAGIO DAL GROUPO ETA D'ORO

Con nel cuore molta tristezza, amaramente annunciamo che negli ultimi due anni sono mancati 24 dei nostri cari membri/e. Questi due anni scorsi son stati assai difficili per tutti, particolarmente per noi anziani togliendoci quella unione settimanale che ci rendeva uniti come una grande famiglia.

MEMBERSHIP

2022 proved to be a relatively good year for our beloved Famee. Your Board and many volunteers have done their best to organize events for our members: painting plates, watching movies, wine tasting, a successful visit to a winery and more.

2023 will continue to be filled with fun activities, including our 90th anniversary celebration in May and the return of our FFT picnic. Watch for more details in our upcoming MANDI newsletter and FORUM.

Please watch for your 2023 Membership renewal form. Once received, please complete all required sections and submit along with payment to the office as soon as possible. Deadline for dues is FEBRUARY 28, 2023.

Finally, A shout out and warm Famee Furlane Welcome to the following new members:

Gianni Del Degan

Sandra Sacilotto

Carol Franceschinis Sara Rosa

Claudine Lovisa

Egle Perut

Congratulations and thank you for choosing to join the Famee Furlane family!

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FAMÈE

FAMÈE FURLANE TORONTO

with the assistance of

GRUPPO ALPINI AUTONOMO VAUGHAN

Presenta







"LA BEFANA"

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6th, 2023 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm FAMÈE FURLANE TORONTO 7065 Islington Avenue, Woodbridge

Lighting of the fire at 6:30 pm Refreshments to follow in the Canada room La Befana may just show up..."fate i bravi"

Register at reception@fameefurlane.com or call 905.851.1166
Write LA BEFANA in the subject line

We welcome you to bring baked good & or treats to share!!

Famee Fu<mark>rla</mark>ne Toronto



PRESENTS ...

°2-day Mosaic Workshop"

Saturday, January 21, 2023

Saturday, January 28, 2023

10:00 am - 1:00 pm Famee Furlane Toronto

7065 Islington Avenue

Gather friends & family for a fun time as we create our own mosaic creation!

This will be a guided event with artist, Chantal LeBlanc as she introduces the history of mosaics and assists with our creations!

No experience required!
Enjoy coffee and treats while we create!

Due to the nature of the event, tickets must be purchased in advance by the R.S.V.P. date!

Capacity: 30 people

FFT Members - \$130

(*Optional \$10 extra for grouting completed by artist)

Payment: Cash, cheque, or E-transfer (reception@fameefurlane.com)

***Members: R.S.V.P. by <u>January 11, 2023</u>

After that date, non-members can fill up spots remaining

until <u>January 18, 2023!</u> 905,851,1166

Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate any walk-in participants!

IPAD – INTERNET CLASSES FOR SENIORS



WINTER 2023 - FREE TO PARTICIPANTS

Hosted by the Alpini Vaughan

On TUESDAYS (7 WEEKS) starting JANUARY 10, 2023 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

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Learn how to use the iPad in slow pace in the language Seniors can understand. Bring your iPad or borrow one of the Alpini iPads.

To reserve your spot, contact **Danilo Cal 416.829.3731**



SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023

Golf is Back!

Famèe Furlane Toronto

Family & Friends Golf Day

Legacy Pines Golf Club Caledon, Ontario



2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, January 6	La Befana
Tuesdays, January 10 to February 21	Ipad Classes for Seniors
Saturday, January 21 & 28	Mosaic Classes
Weekend of February 9 - 11	Dolomite Ski Trip
Sunday, April 2, 2023	Festa Della Patria
Sunday, May 28, 2023	90th Anniversary Luncheon

For more information contact:

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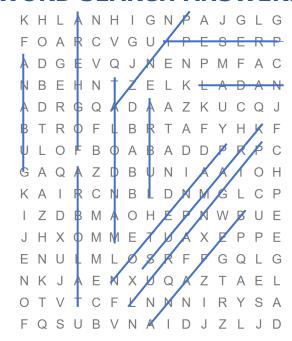
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Copies of our Mandi Newsletter & Forum can be found online at www.fameefurlane.com

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ANSWERS

- 1. Grotte di Pradis (Clauzetto, PN)
- 2. Snail
- 3. Giovanni da Udine (born in Udine, UD; 1487-1564)
- 4. 1983
- 5. May 1, 1945
- 6. Conservatorio Statale di Musica Jacopo Tomadini (Udine)
- 7. Marcello D'Olivo (born in Udine, UD; 1921-1991)
- 8. O Ce Bjel Ciscjel A Udin
- 9. Pordenone
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