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Je tornade primevere
cui soi mil e mil odòrs
dut il mont a mute siere
duc' a tornin i colòrs

Ancje tu, tu sês tornade
sisilute ti vœi ben
vorês dati une bussade
e tigniti sul gno sen

Dula vastu sisilute?
No sta lâ luntan luntan
Fas culi la tō cjasute
di stecûz e di pantàn

Reste pûr, reste pojade
sisilute, su chel len
vorês dati une bussade
e tigniti sul gno sen

(Anonimo)





Simpri in famèe atör la taule



90th Anniversary of the Famèe Furlane Toronto

Celebrate our history, culture, entertainment, and memories.

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023

The Royalton Banquet Hall, 8201 Weston Road, Woodbridge, ON

Doors Open at 12:30 pm ~ Antipasto Bar: 1:00 pm ~ Lunch to follow

Limited Seating Available
Deadline for Tickets – May 7, 2023

Members: \$70 Non-Members: \$80

Children 5-12 years old - \$40 Under 5 – Free

OPEN BAR



To purchase tickets or for information,
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**MESSAGE FROM
OUR PRESIDENT**

Dear Members,

Springtime is once again upon us and as many of you prepare your gardens and maybe some spring cleaning as well; at the Famee Furlane, we are also preparing many exciting events for you, our members.

'Simpri in famèe ator la taule' is the theme of our celebration of the 90th Anniversary of the Famee Furlane on May 28 providing an opportunity to celebrate the long and rich history and culture of our Club. We hope to see many members to share in and reminisce the many memories of the past 90 years with an eye to the future.

The driving force of that future will always be you: the members. Whether as volunteers on event committees, on the board of directors or in other manners, the assistance and support of the members of any association is vital to its existence. Please keep that in mind the FFT is always looking for volunteers in several capacities. On that note, a reminder that elections will be taking place at the AGM in June.

Hoping to see many members and family at upcoming events and the 90th Anniversary celebration. I take this opportunity to thank you for the loyal support and on behalf of the board of directors wish you a wonderful Easter season.

*Buine Pasche
Mandi!*

*Renzo Rigutto
President*



CULTURE: LA BEFANA VISITS THE FFT



On January 6, 2023, the Famèe Furlane Toronto joined with the Alpini of Vaughan and families to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany with a fire and blessing. After some home-made sausage, pan e formai and a little wine, our very own Befana came with treats for the children! It was a wonderful celebration that combined two ancient traditions from our beloved Friuli - the lighting of the Epiphany fire and blessings for a new year of health and prosperity for all. Epiphany fire called “la foghera” or “pignarul” or “falo” depending on where in Friuli you come from, is meaningful for adults and children. This simple gathering was all the more wonderful because it was



simple and pot-luck. It felt like it could be the beginning of a new tradition for our new revitalized Famèe Furlane.

Lauretta Santarossa



GRUPO ETA D'ORO

Dopo 4 mesi di fatica per trovare un posto di giocare le carte, la Famee Furlane finalmente a aperto la loro “Saletta” e possiamo trovrsi ogni giovedì. Qui si vede I giocatori che sono contenti di non sentire ‘Bingo!’ ogni venti minuti. Grazie ai volontari che hanno aiutato ad aprire la Saletta.



Giocatori di Carte nella Saletta



Bingo nel Canada Room

BUON COMPLEANNO LUIGI!



Il Gruppo Eta D'oro ha celebrato il Compleanno del nostro ex-presidente il Signore Luigi Tedesco in Marzo. Qui si vede Luigi alla Famee Furlane con I suoi amici per il 101mo giorno di nascita. Auguri Luigi!



FAMEE FURLANE WOMEN'S AUXILLARY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT

Despite the snow-delayed start, The Famee Furlane Women's Auxiliary, International Women's Day event on March 4, 2023, was enjoyed by all. This year's event was held at THE FAMOUS PEOPLE PLAYERS THEATRE.

In attendance were over 125 guests, including four members of the Famee Furlane Board of Directors. Guests enjoyed a delicious meal followed by a lively and entertaining, black light theatre performance called, ROCK THIS CITY, put on by the Famous People Players Performers.

Thanks to the many donated prizes and sponsorship, a raffle was also held. All monies raised from the raffle, as well as the net proceeds, were in support of Diane Dupuy's new initiative, "The Stars of Tomorrow", a unique high school program for students who are looking for a different way to learn.

After all the "Thank You's" were acknowledged, Ms. Dupuy graciously thanked The Famee Furlane Women's Auxiliary, by presenting them with a beautiful plaque in recognition of their various contributions to her causes. Congratulations to the Famee Furlane Women's Auxiliary on a successful evening.



Famee Furlane Women's Auxiliary Executive with Founder of The Famous People Players, Diane Dupuy. L to R- Back Row: Angee Moro-Verre, Elemanna Sacilotto, Ivana Pontisso Front Row: Ughetta DiPiero, Elda Maraldo, Patricia Pivetta, Diane Dupuy & Fiorella Rossi



L TO R- Elda Maraldo, Diane Dupuy and Patricia Pivetta



Members of the Famee Furlane Board

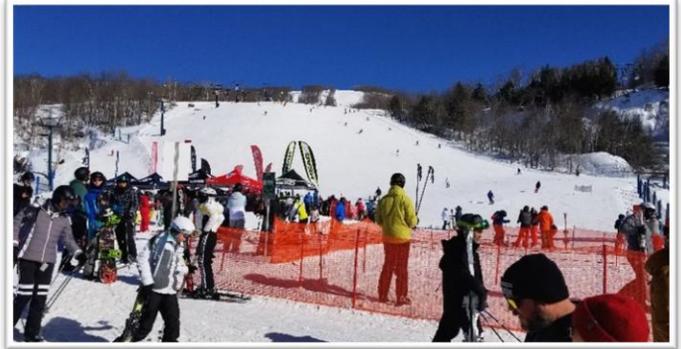
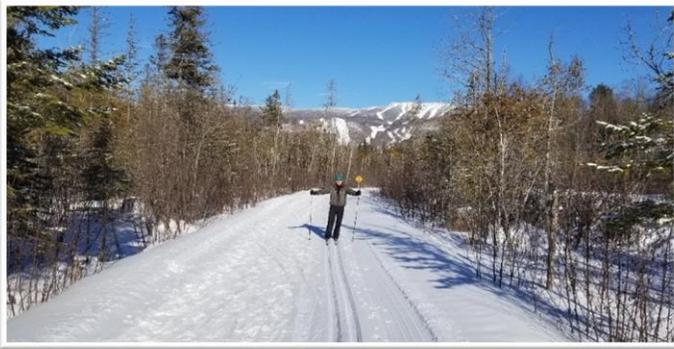


Rose Chiodo with family and friends



Beautiful Guests

DOLOMITE SKI CLUB – TREMBLANT 2023



Another wildly successful Dolomite Ski trip to Mt. Tremblant, Quebec in February 2023. The committee was overjoyed with the response totalling 51 winter enthusiasts. Even more good news was the number of newcomers. They had so much fun that they have already signed up for 2024! Everyone had an amazing time; the weather was ideal and so were the snow conditions. Some even braved the downpour that we got on Friday.



Our traditional "pot-luck" dinner on Friday night was filled with delicious foods brought in by all the participants. It is a “must-attend” dinner every year! The Dolomite Ski Club has been going to Tremblant for over 45 years now with no signs of stopping.

There is an open invitation to anyone that enjoys winter sports not just skiing and snowboarding. We had several participants who took part in E-Fat-Bike riding, and cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.



Anyone interested to join our little group, please contact me by email at medunomara@gmail.com



A NEW REALITY

I ran to answer the ringing phone only to hear “They painted it black?! Why?!” Painting the building exterior black was just the start of a long list of changes to our more than familiar “home” environment. Some of you may have noticed that we are living surrounded by the construction of new walls, while others may be demolished. Primont has begun the process of creating a showroom/design centre, resulting in our need to modify our customary and familiar use of what is no longer “our building” but rather our “home” for now. Office administrator Marylane Marchese is now happily ensconced in her new “cozy” office and is adjusting to the unfamiliar “construction” noises. A new entry door has been created for members with access directly into the Saletta, as the main lobby is undergoing major changes. While the use of the Friuli Hall is no longer available, both the Canada Room and the Saletta provide us with ample space to conduct our day-to-day activities including Eta D’oro and Women’s Auxiliary gatherings as well as our Members’ Meetings and other member activities.

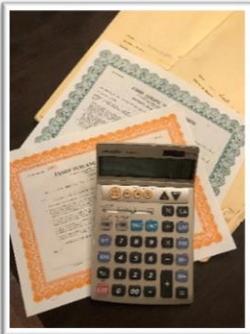


Our home is undergoing dramatic changes, but that is a step forward into its future as we all learn to acclimatize and adjust to our new reality. No doubt some of these changes are resulting in a more collaborative unity amongst members – as well as a new topic for discussion!

We will continue our residency at 7065 Islington Avenue through to June of 2024, affording us the opportunity to source a new “bridge” to more a more permanent home down the road. In the meantime, as the building as we knew it undergoes this transformation, what will not be changing are core values of our membership. Let’s view this journey with a sense of humor – much like a camping excursion - prepared to “rough it” while enjoying the experience, except the bugs of course!

The only constant in life is change!

FULFILLING AN OBLIGATION



At this point many of you may have received your package setting out how a refund for the orange certificates or green bonds can be applied for. All the criteria set out in the package follow instructions provided by our solicitors. If you have received your package and have any queries, please do not hesitate to reach out. We are using our best efforts to ensure all bond and certificate holders are provided with any needed guidance.

However, try as we may, there are also a number of holders whose current contact details are not known to us, and therefore we are unable to reach out. Despite time-consuming efforts, it has become most difficult to confirm the currency of some addresses. One thing that was quickly learned is the lack of Canada411 reliability! As you can also imagine, sadly a number of holders are no longer, with the legacy now left with beneficiaries who are unknown to us. As we continue with the monumental task of using our best efforts to reach out to everyone, if you are aware of any bond or certificate holder, who has not been contacted, please encourage them to reach out to the Famee Furlane directly.

We would be most happy to shrink the “unknown” list to an absolute minimum or obliterate it in its entirety.

On a lighter note, we are happy to report payments have now finally started. It has been and continues to be a long journey and we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation for your patience and understanding throughout this process.

Ivana Pontisso

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to all those individuals who have renewed their 2023 membership dues by the due date. We thank you for your continued support of the Famee Furlane Toronto. As a member in good standing, you will be able to take advantage of special member event pricing, along with future members' only events and more. For those who have yet to renew their fee, you may do so by contacting the office during business hours (Tuesday – Friday: 10am – 4pm). We accept cash, cheque, and e-transfer (reception@fameefurlane.com).

A big shout out and warm Famee Furlane welcome to the following new members:
OLGA BRESAN ALFIE MANIAS RICCARDO TESAN
Congratulations and thank you for choosing to join the Famee Furlane family!

Welcome!



20 SOMETHINGS

Over the winter, our group hosted some memorable get-togethers including our "Very Merry Furlan Christmas" and most recently in February, a delightful social gathering over great food and wine at Giro D'Italia restaurant with flavours from across Italy.

As the spring and summer seasons approach, the 20-somethings social group looks forward to some fun-filled outdoor events to kick off the warmer weather ahead! From several city outings across the GTA to our annual "picnic in the park," the next few months promise to be filled with unforgettable moments among friends. For more information about our group or on upcoming events, contact Vanessa at 20somethings.famee@gmail.com.

Mandi,
Vanessa Lovisa-Gambin
President, 20-Somethings

WELCOME BACK BALARINS

I scarpets á son pronts a balâ. We are excited to announce the return of our talented Balarins. Classes have now begun and we are preparing a real treat for the Famee Furlane's 90th Celebration. What better way to celebrate this incredible milestone than to showcase the beautiful costumes, music and dances of our Friulian culture.

The Friulian culture is one to be truly proud of and needs to be preserved and passed down from our ancestors. Over the years our Balarins have blessed our gatherings and celebrations with not only beautiful traditional folk dances, but also with their beautiful voices and talented acting skills. The Balarins' focus is preserving that culture and sharing that with the younger generations.

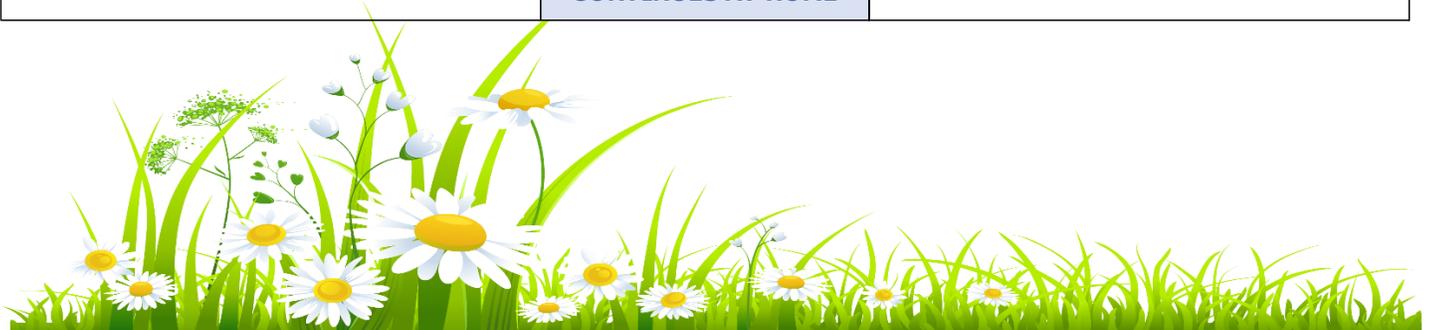
We are always welcoming new and past Balarins to join our group. Please email either Mary or Melissa Lovisa at: balarinsfameefurlane@gmail.com. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our beautiful heritage as well as the talents of your beautiful children.

O sperin di viodisi prest!

MARY & MELISSA LOVISA



<p>SORAYA PITTIS</p> 	<p>LA VOCE DI NESTRI ZOVINS</p>	 <p>MARCUS ZAMPARO</p>
<p><i>Travelling , skiing, and graphic design</i></p>	<p>HOBBIES & INTEREST</p>	<p><i>Biking, running and camping</i></p>
<p><i>Western University, Fanshawe College, York University</i></p>	<p>UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE/ HIGH SCHOOL</p>	<p><i>St. Marcellinus Catholic Secondary School</i></p>
<p><i>Bachelor of Arts in Media Theory & Production, Interactive Media Design Diploma, Bachelor of Education</i></p>	<p>EDUCATION</p>	<p><i>Currently in grade 12 and have been accepted into the Construction Management Program at George Brown</i></p>
<p><i>Technological Teacher</i></p>	<p>CAREER GOALS</p>	<p><i>Construction Project Manager</i></p>
<p><i>Father from Codroipo, Udine, Italy</i></p>	<p>PATERNAL ROOTS</p>	<p><i>Nonno is from San Vito al Tagliamento and my Nonna is from Sesto al Reghena</i></p>
<p><i>Grandparents are from San Martino al Tagliamento, Pordenone and Tiveriaco, Udine</i></p>	<p>MATERNAL ROOTS</p>	<p><i>Nonno is from San Vito al Tagliamento and Nonna is from Muzzana del Turgnano, Udine</i></p>
<p><i>Prosciutto di San Daniele and the sagre in Friuli</i></p>	<p>WHAT IS LIKED BEST ABOUT YOUR FURLAN ROOTS</p>	<p><i>The food!</i></p>
<p><i>Mandi!</i></p>	<p>FAVOURITE FURLAN SAYING</p>	<p><i>"Ce vo tu mangja?"</i></p>
<p><i>Making crostoli at Christmas</i></p>	<p>ONE THING OR VALUE LEARNED FROM NONNI</p>	<p><i>Always work hard and try your best</i></p>
<p><i>Going to Lignano in the summer</i></p>	<p>FAVOURITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY</p>	<p><i>Going to see Babbo Natale, the Famee Picnic and Building a treehouse with my nonno</i></p>
<p><i>Planting a vegetable garden</i></p>	<p>FURLAN CULTURE OR TRADITION THAT CONTINUES AT HOME</p>	<p><i>Enjoying Furlan favourites such as polenta, fritole and crostoli</i></p>



ATOR LA TAULA

I CROSTUI DI MARIA – MARIA DEOTTO'S CROSTOLI



Culture, customs and cooking all go hand in hand to reveal and often unite a people.

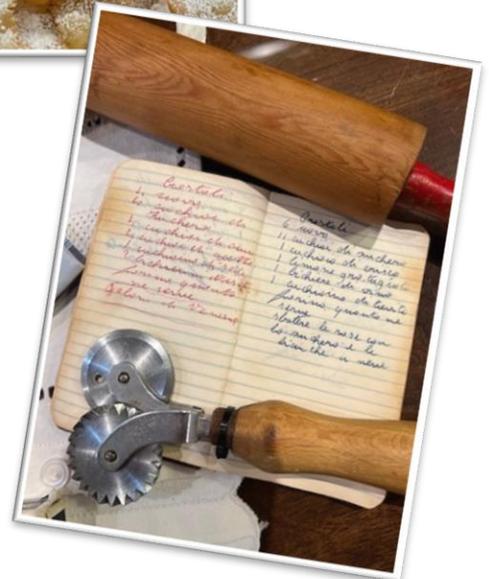
For Furlans, crostoli and fritole go hand in hand during Carneval, the week before Lent or Quaresime as we call it. Every family had it's own recipe for both and some women were known for the quality of those traditional treats. My zia Maria was renowned for hers. In fact, she made them for years in the Famèe Furlane kitchen where she worked for over 15 years. But she didn't have just one recipe, she had (and tried) many. Some of them made it into her recipe book, each slightly different but each are worthy, because she took the time to put them in her little recipe book. A real Furlana, she was a Santarossa by birth and so beloved by so many - her late husband, her children, her siblings, nieces and nephews and her countless cousins, almost all of whom were active members of the Famèe. And she loved cooking for them, for us, always so generous. It brought her, and all of us, so much joy.

When my beautiful zia Maria left us on January 18, 2023, it was fitting that by her coffin her children erected a memorial display included the things she loved - playing cards, a handiwork sample, her rolling pin, the crostoli cutter and her recipe book with no less than five crostoli recipes. Her crostoli will forever be the best.

By *Lauretta Santarossa*

INGREDIENTI

- 10 tsp. sugar
- ¼ cup butter at room temperature
- 4 eggs
- Rind of 1 orange
- Rind of 1 lemon
- 1 envelope of vanelina
- 1 envelope of zucchero vanigliato
- Pinch of salt
- ½ cup liquor (grappa, cognac, rum)
- Flour
- Oil for frying



DIRECTIONS:

Mix butter and sugar. Add eggs and then all the rest of the ingredients. Add flour as you need. Work the dough for a while (the longer the better). Stretch the dough in the pasta making machine. Cut into strips and fry in hot oil.

PASSATEMPO

FRIÛL INFATS – QUESTIONS

Jason Moretto

1. How many walled fortifications have protected the city of Udine since the Middle Ages?
2. What Celtic-based, female monsters accompany Krampus during Christmas fire festivals in alpine Friuli?
3. How many people could the Roman amphitheatre of Aquileia hold?
4. Who is considered one of Italy's greatest soccer goalkeepers, captain of the national team at the 1962 World Cup, and related to Gianluigi Buffon?
5. Which Triestine folk song is about a family of hunchbacks?
6. What town was founded in 42 B.C. by the Romans and remained in Friuli for over one thousand years before being separated in 1838 to be included in the province of Venice?
7. How many Fogolârs Furlans are there?
8. What ancient Celtic healing god's cult was centred in Aquileia, although his influence spread to Gaul, Noricum, Illyria, and the British Islands?
9. Which Renaissance Friulan polymath wrote *L'Idea del Teatro*, about an ideal architectural structure destined to locate and administer all human concepts?
10. Where is the exclusive luxury dog resort, *Doggy Beach*?

Answers on page 13



WORDSEARCH – WELCOME SPRING

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!*



allergia	germoglio
asparagi	giardinaggio
carnival	narcisi
cisilute	ombrello
crochi	pasqua
crostolli	piovere
farfalle	primavera
fiori	scongellare
fioritura	tulipani
fritolle	ucelli

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CJANTON FURLANE FEVELANT PAR FURLAN

Une volte su la puarte dal Municipi di Cjampfuarmit, al jere scrit “Furlans, fevelaît par Furlan”. Daspò, par vie che no ducj i impiegâz à jerin furlans, à an scugnût gjavâ chel cartel. A an fat mâl, parcè che al è di just che ogni popul al feveli la sô lenghe come cha disin in tè “Declarazion Universâl dai Dirits dal’Omp e la Costituzion Italiane.

Si capis che ancje il talian bisugne savêlu une vore ben, par capîsi cun chê altre int. Si capis ch’al sares unevore biel savênt ancje cualchi altre di lenghe par podê fevelâ cu la int di dut il mont. Massime cun chei che ju vin su la puarte di cjase, ma a cjase nester, o vin di fevelâ la nestre lenghe, come che nus va ben a nô.

Se i fruz furlans fin da pitinins, à imparassin dôs lenghis, il furlan e il talian, par lôr al sares plui facil imparâ altris lenghis cuant ch’a son plui dispatussaz, parc è che fin de Scune a son stâz usâz a di la stesse robe in dôs manieris. Chest al è un vantaç che no lu varan mai chei fruz ch’a an imparât dome une lenghe.

Il furlan e jè une lenghe di fieste e no dome di disdevore. Al ûl di. ch’al va benon par discuti di robis seriis tes cunvignis, e tes Sambleis par contâ lis gnovis par radio e par television, par imparâ robis di scuele, e par preâ in glesie.

Magari cussi no, ma fin’ore al e stât doprât scuasi simpri, tant che lenghe di disdevore, par intindisi sul lavôr, par cjapasi da dî, par contâ e scrivi fufignis, e robis di nissun valôr. La int un fregul studiade à crodin di dâsi impuortance fevelant par talian, e magari si vergògne di fevelâ par furlan. Vergognâsi de sô lenghe, al è vergognâsi de propie Mâri.

Da il libri di furlan

ATTENTION ALL CROSTOLI BAKERS!



Share your favorite recipe with guests at the 90th Anniversary Celebration.

All Crostoli donors will be acknowledged with a special treat in appreciation of your assistance with making this event extra special!

It's not a competition but an opportunity to have members savor and enjoy your talents.

If you would like to participate, please call the FFT office 905.851.1166 or email reception@fameefurlane.com subject: CROSTOLI

MAKING IT HAPPEN TOGETHER

YOUR AD HERE

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ANSWERS:

FRIÛL INFATS

1. Five
2. Perchten
3. Over 27,000 people
4. Lorenzo Buffon (born in Majano, UD; 1929)
5. La Fameja Dei Gobón
6. Concordia Sagittaria
7. 202 (46 in Italy and 156 in the rest of the world)
8. Belenus
9. Giulio Camillo Delminio (1480-1544)
10. Lignano Sabbiadoro

WORDSEARCH



Many thanks to Gianni Ceschia and Culinary Studio for their continued support. Printing of this edition of the FORUM is made possible with support from individuals and sponsors like Gianni!



The Famee Furlane Golf Day is back!

This year we will be trying out a 9-hole short course in Palgrave that winds its way through the forests and hills of Caledon. It will be fun for anyone from 7 to 70 years of age as the golf will only take a couple of hours instead of the whole day.

Date and Time to be announced soon.



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LIFE AT THE TERRACE



The Tenants, Board and Staff of Friuli Terrace (FT) are anxious for the winter and the snow to disappear so that they can once again participate in outdoor activities. As the snow piles up outside, the vision of planting their spring gardens dances merrily in their dreams. Soon the seedlings will be started indoors ready for the day they can be brought to their place in the outdoor gardens. The tenants are proud of their gardens, and we are looking forward to the time when the white of the snow and the grey of the ground are replaced by flowers and greenery. As Audrey Hepburn said, "To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."



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As part of the 2022-year end celebrations, the Board of Friuli Benevolent treated the tenants to an afternoon of music led by their Choir Director Antonella. Most of the tenants were willing participants at this event. As the Board handed out coffee and Tim-Bits, Antonella played music and those who were interested sang along. This event gave the tenants an opportunity to socialize and to enjoy the beautiful "Presepio" in the lobby along with the other Christmas Decorations. As a parting gift from this event, the Board handed out Panettone to each of the tenants.



The beginning of 2023 has been quiet. The CHATs Activity Director has returned to Friuli Terrace to continue her duties of planning and providing activities for the tenants. As Friuli Terrace has had an influx of new tenants in the past couple of years, CHATS conducted a survey to determine what kinds of activities would be of interest to new and existing tenants. Participation in these programs is important for the well-being of the tenants.

GOOD-BYE LORA!

Some sad news at Friuli Terrace was the resignation of our onsite Property Manager Lora Volpini. Although Lora enjoyed her position at Friuli Terrace, she was presented with an opportunity which was just too good to pass up. Lora's work ethic and her connection to the tenants will leave a void at FT. Her diligence helped to reduce the number of vacant units which were a result of turnover during the pandemic. She managed all emergencies with swiftness and her reports to the Board made it easier to reach decisions in a timely manner. She was present at all functions and even set up some impromptu functions on her own initiative like last fall's Halloween gathering. She was always ready to roll up her sleeves and lend a hand and her lovely smile and caring manner with the tenants will be missed. Best of luck to Lora in her new endeavors. APM Property Management is actively seeking a replacement for Lora. A farewell event was held on February 27 so that the tenants could have an opportunity to say goodbye and Lora was presented with flowers.



Friuli Benevolent applied for funding for some major projects to the building and we were happy to be approved for funding to replace the main building roof and the bocce area roofing. Another major repair that FT will undertake is the repair and replacement of the interlocking brick and sidewalk in the front of the building and in the back garden. Both projects are repairing areas which are part of the original construction in 1989. As the building ages, repairs will become more costly. The Board and APM Management goal is to ensure that our tenants are safe and comfortable and ensure that they have a home for many more years to come.



Happy New Year and Happy Beginning of Spring on Behalf of the Board and Staff at Friuli Terrace! Mandi!





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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR



Dear Friends,

As spring approaches, we say goodbye to a winter filled with short days and a few major snowstorms! The end of February brought a happy milestone to VLG with the 105th birthday of Vittoria Spatafora. On behalf of the Board, I would like to wish Vittoria a happy and joyous 106th year to be shared with her nieces, nephews, and friends.

Sharing your time with those you love can be one of the most fulfilling and rewarding aspects of one's life. Another rewarding aspect is volunteerism. This spring, VLG is in need of volunteers as the impact of COVID-19 affected many charitable organizations in their ability to maintain and grow their volunteer base. In this regard, I would like to emphasize our website's "Become a Volunteer" section (<http://villagambin.com/become-a-volunteer/>). In this section, you will find an explanation as to why volunteering is such an important part of making VLG a better place for our residence, while at the same time, providing an opportunity for volunteers to enrich their lives. Under the heading "Volunteer Opportunities", there are a number of descriptions that may be right for you. For example, if you are someone that enjoys the company of others, the residents are in particular need of those who can provide "Friendly Visiting". This is a role that requires the volunteer to spend time with a resident in a friendly, supportive environment. We all know how it felt to be isolated from family and friends during COVID-19. This was truly hard and often devastating on the elderly population. As we look beyond COVID-19, we have all experienced a sense of relief to be reunited with family and friends. Although our residents are now receiving greater social interaction with their families, it is important that they also receive that interaction with the warm smile of a friendly visitor/volunteer.

Another area in which volunteers are needed is in our Café Bar. If you've ever worked as a barista, or as a server, you know how important a little coffee indulgence is throughout the day. Our residents look forward to their espresso breaks so if you love crafting the perfect cappuccino, you could have a rewarding experience as a VLG Café Bar attendant. If you are interested in volunteering or know anyone that is, contact John Nardi, the new Manager of Recreation and Volunteer Services at 905-856-3939 or email j.nardi@villagambin.com.

My heartfelt thanks to all of our volunteers throughout the years who have taken selfless time from their personal lives to help make VLG a better place for the residents. Their efforts are truly inspiring.

I would also like to thank our volunteer Board of Directors. Like all volunteers, they do not receive any remuneration for their hard work and collaborative efforts in making VLG “Best-in-Class”.

Finally, the Better Beds Fundraising Campaign continues. We are hopeful that the remaining 14 beds of the original 168 beds needed will be purchased with this year’s fundraising efforts. These beds have greatly impacted the lives of those who use them in a positive way and have allowed the home to attain one of the lowest fall rates in Ontario. We once again thank all of those who have generously contributed to our Better Beds Fundraising Campaign since its inception.

Wishing you and your families a safe and Happy Easter.

Andrew Iacobelli



Chair, Board of Directors
Villa Leonardo Gambin Charity



HERITAGE PROGRAMS

Many programs are offered at VLG to continue the heritage and cultural connection to our residents’ roots. Residents have many opportunities to reminisce about their past and share stories and memories about their culture. The Recreation Team at VLG works hard to ensure that these opportunities are readily available to our residents. Heritage programs such as the Bacala dinner, a visit from La Befana, homemade tomato sauce making, homemade pasta lunch, as well as pizza, sausage and wine making, give our residents a chance to explore new and old skills, while recollecting and sharing experiences with each other.



OUR TRADITIONAL SAUSAGE MAKING



A VISIT FROM LA BEFANA



FEBRUARY IS THERAPEUTIC RECREATION MONTH



At Villa Leonardo Gambin we are grateful for our Recreation Department. These individuals work hard to ensure that our residents are supported and engaged in meaningful activities. This year's theme was "Let your passions flow". A beautiful board was designed to show our wonderful team. The Recreation team was able to share what makes them passionate about Therapeutic Recreation and have all team members, families and visitors participate in fun crosswords and activities throughout the month.

The purpose of Therapeutic Recreation is to enable all our residents to achieve quality of life and optimal health through meaningful participation in recreation and leisure activities.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Become a long-term care volunteer and enrich your life and the lives of those who call VLG home.

If you are interested or know anyone that is, contact John Nardi at 905-856-3939 or email j.nardi@villagambin.com.

WE NEED HELP WITH:

- Friendly Visitation
- Café Staff
- Recreation Assistance
- Residential Tasks
- Gardening and more

1ST ANNUAL
Light the Night
Villa Leonardo Gambin Holiday Celebration



Our inaugural Light the Night Holiday Celebration was held on December 13th. Our goal was to bring past and present family members, friends and residents together during this special time of year, to remember our loved ones who we may have lost, to honour those who make a profound impact in our lives or to celebrate joyous milestones and raise money to maintain our home and provide quality care for the residents.

Thank You to our Major Donors Sienna Senior Living, GeriatRX Pharmacy, and our Matching Gift Donor The Ralph and Rose Chiodo Family Foundation. We are so grateful for their continued partnership in our work.

As part of our celebrations, members of our community made donations in memory or in honour of someone special in their lives as part of our Light the Night.

In Memory of:
Altea Del Giudice
Armida Chiesa Vigutto
Cesarina Maravalle
Donato Panacci
Fulvio Marchi
Giovanni Zanel
Annunziata Zurzolo
Romano Colin
Maria Di Iorio

In Honour of:
Anna Maria Deotto
Antonio Doria
Loretta Di Carlo
Our Dear Ones
The Staff of Villa Leonardo Gambin



Milestone Celebration: The 65th Wedding Anniversary of John & Maria Iuston
Thank you to everyone who has donated to support this campaign!



VILLA LEONARDO  GAMBIN

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Vittoria Spatafora 105th Birthday Celebration!

On February 28th, Vittoria was surrounded by her friends and family in celebrating the incredible milestone of her 105th birthday.

Vittoria was born on February 24th, 1918, in Castel Termini, Sicily where she was one of 10 children.

Vittoria met her beloved husband Carlo through his sister who was a neighbor. They married in 1960 here in Canada when she was 42 years old. The couple never had children, however, Vittoria has four nieces and nephews whom she adores.

Vittoria and Carlo settled down in Brampton where Carlo made a living growing flowers to sell to local florists. Vittoria was a housewife and would often travel back to Italy to visit her mother. Vittoria and Carlo were married for 21 beautiful years before he passed away.

Vittoria has been a resident of Villa Leonardo Gambin for the past eight years.

On behalf of the Villa Gambin Community, we would like to wish Vittoria a very happy and healthy year ahead!!!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 2	Fiesta della Patria / Bon Furlan
Wednesdays	Eta D'Oro Bingo/Cards
Wednesday, April 12	FFWA Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, April 19	Cooking Class with Gianni
Tuesday, April 25	General Member's Meeting
Wednesday, May 9	FFWA Monthly Meeting
Sunday, May 28	90th Anniversary Luncheon
Tuesday, May 30	General Member's Meeting
Wednesday, June 13	FFWA Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, June 27	Annual General Meeting

IN MEMORIAM



EMANUELE BRUNETTA

October 30, 2022
Lifetime Member

ARGENTINA GRILLO RE

December 21, 2022
Mother to Member Alida Re

ANNA MARIA DEOTTO

January 18, 2023
Mother to members John Deotto,
Franca Leonardelli, Ivana Manera,
and sister to member Lilianna Pol
Bodetto

ANTONIO SONCIN

January 22, 2023
Member and husband to Member
Luciana Zamolo-Soncini

RINO DARDEGNO

February 13, 2023
Lifetime Member

DINO CASSIN

February 23, 2023
Lifetime Member



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