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Simpri in Famèe...



































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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear Members,

As the Famee Furlane officially marked its 90th anniversary at the recent 'simpri in famee ator la taule' themed luncheon, the Famee now starts a new chapter in its rich history. We must push ourselves, our families and our youth with the same determination that saw our past members build a Club that served at the front of the greater Furlan and local community.

What a wonderful day it was to see many members present. Rekindling memories from time past with the assistance of photos, displays and videos of yesteryear along with the restart of the Famee Furlane Ballarins.

Before we turn the page to a new chapter, we must also remember all those that have passed before us; in particular, the recent passing of Past President Armand Scaini and Board Member Rosanna (Calligaro) Cannella. Both Armand and Rosanna dedicated many hours and years to the Famee and are great examples of community spirit and volunteerism.

The Famee Furlane would also like to thank the exiting Board members that served the Famee over the past 3 years or more. It is also with their commitment to the Famee and volunteerism that we can offer to membership the activities and events of past, present, and future.

As the next chapter begins to be written, let us all now dedicate ourselves to uphold the great stories and history written before us with the same spirit of the first 90 years.

On behalf of the board of directors, I wish you all a wonderful summer, hoping to see many of you at the Famee Furlane Picnic.





Renzo Rigutto President

2023 ELECTIONS

With the reduction of the Famee Furlane Toronto Board from eleven to seven, four vacancies on the board were filled at the elections held at the AGM on June 27, 2023. The Board and membership extend a sincere thank you for the hard work and support provided by those leaving the board throughout their term, including George Rodaro, Sonia Pittis, Lauretta Santarossa and Paul Castellarin. Renzo Rigutto also came to the end of his term as President. We know you will all continue to remain as avid volunteers!

As a result of elections, Flavia Muraca, Mara Mian, and Steven Sedran are now directors, with Joe Zamparo being the newly elected President of the Famee Furlane Toronto. Welcome and a hearty Congratulations to all.

HAPPY 3 d'AVRIL, FRIULI'S FOUNDATION DAY



On Sunday, April 3, 2023 we celebrated la **Festa Della Patria del Friuli** at the Famèe Furlane Toronto by inducting three new members to the Order of the Bon Furlan - Carla Bomben, Mara Quarin and Valerio Vuaran, three of our Famèe's most faithful, committed volunteers and longstanding members. A great celebration was had with Gianni Ceschia in the role of our very own Duca, bestowing the Bon Furlan award. This year former Bon Furlan recipient Vicky Guerra was also "baptized with the sword", delayed due to Covid. After the ceremony, the celebration of our furlanitat continued with the showing of the





award-winning documentary film about our ancestors, **Langobardi: Albuino e Romans**, followed by refreshments, cake, coffee and *un taiût di vin*.









REGIONAL TASTES OF FRIULI WITH CHEF GIANNI CESCHIA

On Thursday, April 20th, a group of 25 participants enjoyed the Famee Furlane Toronto organized cooking class led by well-known Chef, Gianni Ceschia. Focusing on the culinary traditions of Friuli, the class offered attendees the opportunity to learn from the best. Chef Gianni's expertise and passion for Friulian cuisine created a memorable event that highlighted the unique flavors of the region and techniques.

The class watched and learned how to prepare several iconic Furlan dishes including *Frico, Salam cisat tal aset, polenta, offelle Triestina*, and *torta di milus*. Each dish was explained allowing participants to not only learn the ingredients, but also gained an understanding of the techniques involved, allowing for easy recreation. Finally, the highlight of the evening had everyone taste and enjoy all the dishes, along with *un bon taj di vin*! Thank you for an informative and delicious evening Chef Gianni! Stay tuned for more tastes of Friuli coming this fall.





SIMPRI IN FAMÈE ATÔR LA TAULE

















On May 28th, 2023, the Famee Furlane Toronto celebrated its **90th Anniversary** in style!

Over 9 decades, the club has cultivated friendships and fostered a sense of family community! This remarkable milestone served as a time of reflection, acknowledging the club's rich history, the countless memories created and shared together. We are still a "famèe", 90 years later. Wow! The Famee Furlane Toronto boasted its strong foundation by showcasing memorabilia, pictures of the past's countless outstanding events and demonstrating its sprawling network connected with the other Fogolars across Canada and beyond. The highlight was a performance by the Famee Furlane Balarins, who entertained with three traditional numbers. It was truly an emotional experience to see the coming together of former balarins alongside with a new and younger generation.

We had so much to show off! Our celebration, "Ator la Taule" was a perfect theme reflecting the club's roots, as the idea about forming a club back in 1932, was in fact, "around, Pietro Rodaro's mosaic -terrazzo table". It was around that table, the three founders, Giuseppe De Carli, Dante Colussi-Corte and Nino Tosoni, formulated the idea of an organization dedicated to Furlans. It was a "famee" then as it is today. At the 90th luncheon, 327 people attended and celebrated our history with pride. It was amazing to have witnessed the power of unity and the strength of our spirit, yet again, 9 decades later. We made our forefathers proud. We were also very honored to have had amongst our guests, Olga Zorzi-Pugliese, who with Angelo Principe, co-authored a book about the founding of the Famee, entitled - Rekindling Faded Memories: The Founding of the Famee Furlane of Toronto and Its First Years, which further enhanced the theme of our special event.



















As we honored the past, it was recognized that it is now time to embrace the present and look towards the future with hope and anticipation. The foundation laid by those who came before us, has paved the way for the extraordinary possibilities that lie ahead. The feeling of getting back to dedicated membership and wanting to continue to carry the torch is a real and heartfelt emotion shared by all. The event ended with a feeling of a renewed sense of purpose, and guests left, marching confidently towards the future. Auguroni e Vive la Famee Furlane Toronto!























Thank you to all the Famee Furlane Toronto members whose hard work and sacrifice helped build an association for Furlans in Toronto. As we continue to grow through constant changes and challenges, one thing that has not wavered is your dedication and support allowing leadership to steer us into a new future where we can continue to nurture our love for Friuli, its culture, traditions, and language – together.



Gracie a ducj i soci de Famee Furlane di Toronto che, cul lôr lavôr e sacrifici, an contribuit a meti sù 'ne associazion par riunî i Furlans a Toronto. Cun ducj i cambiaments e lis tantis sfidis, 'ne robe no cambie mai: le vuestre dedizion e il vuestri supuart. Cun cheste fuarce consintîs al diretîf di puartâ le Famee Furlane a un gnûf futur dulà che, ducj unis, a pòdin continuâ a fa cressi l'amôr par il Friûl, le sô culture, lis tradizions e le lenghe.

BALARIN NEWS - THREE GENERATIONS STRONG



It is with great pleasure that we announce the return of the Balarins. Our group of Balarins is made up of both new and past dancers that spans three generations. It is truly wonderful to see these three generations so excited to celebrate their culture and pass down those traditions to their children. Our little dancers range from 2 to 9 years of age. We are also proud to announce that we have an adult Balarin presence. Many of the adult dancers were once Balarins themselves and have now brought their children and are sharing this form of cultural expression together. The group forms part of our Furlan culture, exemplifying our love of music, community and alegrie.

The Balarins had their first performance of the year at the 90th Celebration Luncheon. What better way to celebrate such an incredible milestone for the Famee Furlane Toronto than celebrating the Friulian music, costumes, and dances. All the hard work and talents of these beautiful dancers truly paid off as it was a performance that will be remembered by all. The Famee Furlane Toronto has had a Balarin presence ever since it first began. These cultural dances date back centuries. The group, under the direction of Melissa Lovisa performed 3 dances. They deserve a lot of credit for their commitment and hard work preparing for this event. Not only did it bring the audience back to the past, but the room was also filled with emotion seeing three generations of dancers perform. The applause was electrifying and on behalf of The Balarins, we thank you for all the love.

We are always looking to expand our group. If you are interested in joining, please contact Mary Lovisa or Melissa Lovisa via email at balarinsfameefurlane@gmail.com. All ages are welcome. It truly is such an amazing experience to express our culture through music and dance. We are not just a dance group; we are a family that is inspired to keep our culture alive.

Mary Lovisa, Balarin Coordinator







VALENTINA MARIA SANTAROSSA	LA VOCE DI NESTRI ZOVINS	COLBY DANIEL PONTISSO
Swimming, being involved with Musical Theatre and Singing	HOBBIES & INTEREST	Member of Taekwondo Ontario and compete both locally and internationally. Currently hold Canada Bronze & Ontario Silver Medals. Soccer is a close second passion.
Wilfred Laurier in September 2023 - BBA	UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE/ HIGH SCHOOL	Christ the King Secondary School
Mayfield Secondary School Grade 12 – Regional Arts Program	EDUCATION	Working towards my High School Diploma and will continue onto University.
Producer, Entertainment Marketing	CAREER GOALS	Taekwondo Master and a career in design technology.
Both Nonno and Nonna are from Casarsa della Delizia, Friuli-Venezia Giulia	PATERNAL ROOTS	Nonno is from S. Martino di Codroipo, Udine Nonna is from Conegliano, Veneto
Nonna is from Puglia, Sannicandro di Bari and Nonno is from Cassano di Bari	MATERNAL ROOTS	Grandma is from Michigan with German Roots Grandpa is from Sault Ste Marie with Scottish Roots
Learning to make Sausages with Nonno	WHAT IS LIKED BEST ABOUT YOUR FURLAN ROOTS	Nonno's homemade salami and sausage
La me zent	FAVOURITE FURLAN SAYING	E pront, ven a mangia
Always be polite and be thankful	ONE THING OR VALUE LEARNED FROM NONNI	Hardwork is needed to get ahead.
Making pasta with nonna and nonno	FAVOURITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY	Vacation cruises, family gatherings. Fishing and having fun at Breakfast with Santa when I was a kid.
Making sausages and salami	FURLAN CULTURE OR TRADITION THAT CONTINUES AT HOME	Enjoying fritole and crostoli and fresh tomatoes and cucumbers from the garden.

20-SOMETHINGS

As we head into the summer, the 20-Somethings social group looks forward to many outdoor get-togethers! Our group consists of members ranging in age from 20s-40s, all are welcome. From evenings out in the city to our annual 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

REMEMBERING ROSANNA CANNELLA (CALLIGARO)



An Empty Chair...

With the loss of dedicated board member Rosanna Cannella, our board is suffering a vacancy that will be difficult to fill in more ways than imagined. Rosanna was not only a committed individual throughout this current term, but her legacy from previous terms remains evident to this day. In between, Rosanna was consistently involved in her service to membership – whether it be with events, the golf classic, the Dolomite Ski Group, or other activities – her mantra was always "let me help with that". During Rosanna's current tenure, even though Membership was her mandate, she took on the monumental task of sorting, discarding, and arranging for the sales and auctions needed to clear the building of furnishings and fixtures to meet the requirements of the property sale. While working within a team, it was Rosanna who for the most part was the "go to" person. Rosanna not only took it upon herself to spearhead the entire project but to ensure all was done in an orderly fashion. Rosanna, with her trademark rubber gloves, apron and "mappina" over one shoulder, was everywhere it seems. The Famee Furlane Toronto, throughout its most difficult period in history, has Rosanna to thank for her perseverance, never ending approach to detail, and commitment to oversee the project from start to finish. This all the while she was handling the Membership portfolio, personal issues, and a growing concern with health. She was charming and optimistic throughout, with her unique sense of humor and whit always present. The chair that is now vacant cannot easily be filled. Her kindness, warmth and "mother hen" approach to fellow board members will be seriously missed and deeply and sadly felt. Rosanna un brindisi to you for your charismatic personality, infectious smile, tenacious approach, and generous friendship. Your bright light has been extinguished, but a new shining star has been added to our universe.

Famee Furlane Toronto Board









At the Office...

There wasn't anything Rosanna couldn't do and wouldn't do for anyone. During the hot water tank burst at the Famee, she was the first in the kitchen with mops, squeegees and rags cleaning up all the water. When we were cleaning out drawers, she organized

the packing, labeling, and storing of the boxes. While volunteering regularly at the Famee, Rosanna continued to work as a travel agent. I recall last spring; she had a young man going to Italy by himself. She wanted to make sure he had the best trip, and she did just that. Rosanna prepared his daily agenda detailing each tour, contacts, connections, and free time from the moment he left Toronto to his return. Rosanna was an incredible woman, and I will especially miss her stories of Fanna and our lunches together. Many people come into our lives, but few leave a lasting impression as she did with me.



Marylane Marchese

Everybody's Friend...

On June 13th Rosanna Cannella (Calligaro) passed away leaving many heartbroken and saddened. Rosanna's dazzling smile and easy friendly personality gained her many loyal friendships and a lifetime of loyalty. She was a true free spirit and strived to live each day to the fullest. She loved to travel and organized many trips with her friends whom she lovingly referred to as her "Sistas". It is only fitting that the last career and her most rewarding was as a travel agent. Her dinner parties and BBQs were legendary. She was a wonderful cook and loved to entertain. With music from the 50 and 60s playing in the background and her "mappina" on her shoulder she prepared beautiful meals for her friends usually accompanied by martinis. Being in her company was easy and always rewarding. If a friend



or family needed her, she literally dropped everything and was there immediately. To be her friend was to be an extension of her family. She took on each life challenge with a positive attitude. When she knew that her battle was coming to an end she persevered and made sure that all those close knew how precious they were and how grateful she was to them. She left instructions for her loved ones on how she wanted to be remembered to ease their burden. Although the sun shines a little less bright with the passing of Rosanna, all that knew her and loved her can keep her legacy alive by embracing every day with joy and laughter, opening your hearts to others and being compassionate to those in need. The motto "Live, Love, Laugh" could have been written for Rosanna.











MEMBERSHIP

A hardy welcome to new members. Congratulations!

ANNA PERUSINI * CAROL SCAINI

SERENA BORGHESE * ROSEMARY CRISTOFOLI * PAOLO ANTON GIAMPUZZI



There is strength in numbers and each Famee Furlane Toronto new member adds another fibre to the solidarity of this much-loved organization.



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LIFE'S PASSAGES

Congratulations SERENA CARLY MURACA on your graduation from the University of Guelph-Humber with Distinction, earning a Degree in Bachelor of Applied Science – Psychology (Honours Program) as well as a Diploma in General Arts and Science and a Certificate of Achievement in Organizational Behaviour. Behind you, all your memories. Before you, all your dreams. Around you all who love you. Your hard work has paid off. Your future awaits you.

Brock University Graduate Honors Bachelor of Sports Management & Minor in Political Science

Congratulations JULIA VICTORIA BOMBEN!





HAPPY 50th BIRTHDAY MELISSA ZAMPARO!

Mom, thank you for all that you do for us and making our world such a beautiful place.



Love – Julia, Matthew, and Dad too of course!



Happy 60th Anniversary!!

ROSA AND ALBERTO DEROSA

Celebrated June 1, 2023 Congratulations





ANITA AND TONY SABUCCO celebrated their 70th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY on May 4, 2023

Their daughters, Doretta Wilson and Janine Buday, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren share in a lifetime of cherished memories.



Congratulations Mom and Dad!

IN MEMORIAM



LORRAINE PONTAROLLO

December 12, 2022 Member

ALICE MELCHIOR-RIDOLFO

April 2, 2023
Wife of member Vince Ridolfo
and sister-in-law to members
Adrian and Diane Ridolfo

ROSE COSOLO

April 2, 2023
Wife of member Bruno Cosolo
and mother to member Lucy Cosolo

ROBERT CREMA

April 15, 2023
Son of member Maria Crema and brother-in-law to member
John Deotto

ARMAND SCAINI

May 6, 2023
Lifetime member
Past President of the
Famee Furlane Toronto and
Board Member of
Friuli Benevolent Corporation

ROSANNA CANNELLA

June 13, 2023
Member and
Famee Furlane Toronto Board Member

ATOR LA TAULA TORTA DI ZUCCA FROM MARIA PIASENTIN'S RECIPE BOOK

This one is a huge family favourite! Although uncertain of its origins, this recipe has been shared quite a bit and my mom used to make it all the time. It is now my responsibility to make sure this cake is part of our family celebrations. And oh, the smell as it bakes! Scrumptious! Although it's super popular during the fall season as it contains buttercup squash, it is welcomed all year long. It takes a bit of prep with the squash but trust me it is well worth the effort. It is a cross between pinza and a familiar pound cake. No celebration is complete without it. In fact, it is expected to always be on the table! I hope you all make this recipe and invite your family "ator la taula" to enjoy.

Ingredients

2 eggs

1 cup of sugar

½ cup of oil (any kind will do, vegetable or sunflower)

2 cups of buttercup squash (the green one) – cut up, cored, boiled and mashed (needs to be soft enough to mash)

2 tablespoons of grappa

2 tablespoons of rum

1 grated lemon

½ cup of golden raisins

½ cup of cut up dried figs

2 1/4 teaspoons of baking powder

2 cups of flour

Bake at 350 (or 325 bake convention)



Method

Mix together the flour, baking powder and grated lemon; set aside. In the bowl of a standing mixer, beat the eggs for a couple of minutes and then add the sugar. Once mixed well, add the oil, grappa and rum. Continue to mix and then add the mashed squash, raisins and figs. Fold in the dry ingredients (either by hand or mixer) and once incorporated well, transfer to a well-oiled bundt pan to bake for 50-60 minutes. Pop it out of the pan once done and let cool. Enjoy with a nice cup of coffee or *taj di vin*!

Melissa Zamparo

Signature drink featured at the 90th Anniversary Luncheon



Mix together:

1 oz Blue Curacao 1 oz Peach Schnaps 1 oz Gin Ice Lemon wedge (garnish)









FFT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY THERE IS SO MUCH MORE IN STORE...

The FFT Women's Auxiliary is so much more than a group of women who love to gather, socialize and exchange ideas – it is also a place to experience fun activities, learn new crafts and be exposed to new and different ideas. It is a place that delves deep into the customs and traditions of Friuli, its history, its legacy to the world as a whole, via notable Friulians who have provided impact regardless of genre. It is a place to practice the art of giving via its ongoing support of the Famee Furlane Toronto and local needy charities and to learn via special presentations by professionals. It is also a place to network and share thoughts in an environment, where in large part, is relatable and common to many.

Included in the agenda for the upcoming year are such topics as delving into Alzheimer's, Fire and Fraud prevention, cooking classes and line dancing. Day excursions include a tour of Ontario's Legislative buildings accompanied with High Tea and trips to the Casino.

Why not give it a try? The Auxiliary meets monthly from September to June each year. Membership with the FFT, while not essential, is encouraged. After a summer hiatus, our welcome back meeting is set for September 20th at 7:30 in the Canada Room.

At our May meeting the ladies treated themselves to miniature floral creations, courtesy of the Auxiliary, under the guidance florist of Antonietta Capuani. Photos show a sampling of the creativity exhibited.

GRUPPO ETA D'ORO

The Gruppo Età D'Oro is saddened to announce that our loved and respected former Vice President, Maria Brunetta passed away on Sunday, May 28, 2023. For many years Maria was the Vice President of the Gruppo Età D'Oro, and in that capacity served all the members well, always available to help and share her knowledge with our executive committee and be a friend to everyone.

We offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to Lorenzo, Maria's husband, and all her family.

May you rest in peace Maria; you will be missed.



CONGRATULATIONS ORETTA



Oretta Avoledo a committed and dedicated volunteer and active member of the Famee Furlane Toronto community for over 45 years received the 2023 City of Vaughan Volunteer Recognition Award.

Nominated by the Famee Furlane Toronto for her passion to ensure Furlan culture is maintained and strengthened in our community, and her relentless contribution of time and effort to this end is infectious. A true Furlan, her committed dedication and hard work has been exhibited time and again.

Oretta has served and been a key contributor on multiple committees that vary from culture, sports, social events, fundraising, charity galas, as well contributing as a Director on the Famee Furlane Toronto Board. For over 30 years Oretta has been heavily involved in planning and executing the Famee Furlane Golf Classic, successfully raising funds for many community charities, including Villa Leonardo Gambin, and Friuli Terraces.

Thank you Oretta – A recognition well deserved.

CJANTON FURLAN VILLA MANIN

Villa Manin is a major tourist attraction, event space, gallery and beautiful villa, with a large garden, located in the commune di Passariano outside of Codroipo. It is visited by thousands each year who marvel at the size, the architecture and the sheer beauty of the building and gardens. It is one of the largest Venetian villas ever built.



The Autonomous Region of Friuli-Venezia Giulia owns and manages the property. Purchased from the Ente Ville Venete (now Istituto Regionale Ville Venete) in 1962, and began restorations. The complex was built in the Baroque style in the sixteenth century by Friulian nobleman Antonio Manin. He focussed his attention on this land and created it as a farm with a manor house. Ludovico Giovanni Manin, son of Antonio and the last Doge of Venice who governed the Venetian Republic from 1789 to its fall in 1797, when he was forced to abdicate by Napoleon Bonaparte.

Over the following years the property was in the hands of Manin relatives who renovated and transformed the Villa, adding the square at the front and creating the 17-acre garden. The villa's 350 rooms occupy some 1,800 square metres.

In 1971, Aldo Rizzi, art historian and then director of the Civic Museums of Udine, organized an exhibition of Tiepolo at the Villa, which attracted over 325,000 visitors. He also created the School of Restoration, which saved many masterpieces damaged by the earthquake of 1976.

The Villa Museum contains a collection of antique carriages and an extensive armory, with pieces from the Casa della Contadinanza of Udine. Many of its rooms are furnished with antique furniture and paintings from the Museum of Udine.

Villa Manin is always in the news. The complex has been home to three episodes of the TV show 'Jeux sans Frontieres' and hosted the King of Pain Sting tour in July 1993. In July 2008, it hosted the American rock band R.E.M. In 2010, Motörhead played in June and Iron Maiden in August. In August 2012, it hosted a Foo Fighters concert, and in September of that same year, it hosted Radiohead. In 2013, it hosted performances by Kiss in June and Rammstein in July.

From 2004 to 2008, the Villa Manin Centre for Contemporary Art has held exhibitions with artists from all over the world, sculpture projects in the garden, and exhibitions dedicated to artists of the local area (Spazio FVG). The exhibitions include: Love Hate From Magritte to Cattelan (2004), The Theatre of the Arts - Masterpieces from the collection of the Ludwig Museum, Luna Park Fantastic Art - Sculpture in the Park (2005), Infinite Painting - Contemporary Painting and Global Realism (2006), Hiroshi Sugimoto (2007) and God & Goods (2008).

The Villa has also been host to major international exhibitions, including the anthology of Giuseppe Zigaina in August 2009, the great Impressionist exhibition From Courbet to Monet, The spread of Realism and Impressionism in Central and Eastern Europe from September 2009 to March 2010 as well as the exhibition 'Munch and The Spirit of the North'.

Since 2017, the Villa has been the headquarters of the fashion designer Roberto Capucci Foundation. This space contains clothes from his collections, and thousands of drawings, illustrations and photographs.

There is a lot for visitors to enjoy - touring the Villa and gardens, perhaps taking in an exhibition, or viewing the permanent collections. If more than one day is needed to see all, visitors can stay overnight. Even Napoleon and Josephine spent some time there 1797. A

double room at Resort Villa Manin in June costs less than CAD 150.





Doreen Vanini

ARMAND SCAINI REMEMBERED

The Famee Furlane Toronto community lost a great friend, volunteer, and ambassador in Armand Scaini. Armand's commitment to the Famee went well beyond his time as president from 1978-1980 and 1981-1985.



Armand was a hands-on person and could always be seen doing repairs, replacing lights and much more around the Famee over the past 45 years. Armand's time will also be marked by the many social and cultural causes he supported. Not only did Armand serve as president of the Famee Furlane Toronto; he also was president of Friuli Terraces (Friuli Benevolent Corp) and a founding director of Friuli Long Term Care, now Villa Leonardo Gambin.

Armand is credited with starting the Gruppo Eta d'Oro at the Famee along with organizing cultural events and initiatives. His hands are everywhere around the Famee, Friuli Terraces and Villa Leonardo Gambin. Armand, along with his wife, Joan, sponsored and named the chapel at Villa Leonardo Gambin St Michael's chapel in honour of Fr Ermanno Bulfon.

Armand's work did not go unnoticed. Armand received the City of Vaughan Volunteer Award and in 2017 was recipient of the Famee Furlane Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition and appreciation of many years of loyalty and dedication.

Armand's leadership, commitment, dedication, and support have left an irreplaceable mark.

Famee Furlane Toronto











Gruppo Eta D'Oro...

Would there be a Gruppo Età D'Oro without Armand Scaini? We don't know, but one thing is certain; that without Armand's vision and perseverance there might not ever have been a Gruppo Età D'Oro.

Since its start, under his leadership, this group grew, flourished, and built countless memories. It enabled seniors to make new friendships, celebrate special occasions and enjoy day excursions, all while supporting the Famee Furlane and the Community.

Today, the members of the Età D'Oro continue to meet every Wednesday for a game of cards and to play bingo. They continue to enjoy each other's company and reminisce about



Picture Caption: Gruppo Età D'Oro - the early years with founder Armand Scaini

the old days over a cup of coffee, cookies and sometimes a good slice of pizza.

We thank Armand for never giving up on his vision and the fact that the Gruppo Età D'Oro is still meeting is a testament to Armand Scaini's unselfish love for Friuli and its people.

Thank you, Armand.

Ricordi di Un Amico...

Per ricordare degnamente tutto quello che Armando Scaini è riuscito a fare per la nostra comunità, sarebbe necessario un libro grosso! Forse non tutti sanno, e mi piace qui ricordarlo, che, se Armando si è iscritto alla Famee, è stata la moglie a convincerlo e, detto da Lei, non è stata una cosa facile. Quindi a mio parere, se poi alla Famee abbiamo avuto la fortuna di avere uno dei migliori Presidenti (se non il migliore!), lo dobbiamo ringraziare pure la moglie Joan, che poi lo ha sempre sostenuto in ogni cosa.

Quando una persona, durante una riunione, viene elletta presidente di una benemerita istituzione come la Famee Furlane, forse non si rende conto della responsabilità che lo attendono. Armando era preparato, come poi lo ha dimostrato in molte occasioni. Era pignolo e non lasciava nulla al caso. Tutti i progetti che aveva in mente per la Famee è stata solo una questione – trovare il tempo per poterli realizzare, e il tempo gli ha dato ragione.

Tutti sanno quanto importante era per lui la comunità Friulana, la voleva



compatta e forte perchè doveva essere di esempio alle altre comunità di Toronto. Ed ecco che subito si mise al lavoro. Raggruppa alcuni soci e dà vita al Gruppo Età D'oro, con un programma specifico. Possono iscriversi al Gruppo anche i Friulani che non erano soci della Famee Furlane. Lui voleva dare a tutti la possibilità di poter passare il loro tempo libero presso la sede. Nel contempo, riesce a convincere la Signora Teresa Mongiat, Presidente della Società Femminile

(che allora operava a Villa Colombo), di portare la loro Sede presso la Famee Furlane. Questi due progetti, fortemente voluti, rappresentavano dal punto di vista sociale lo stesso fine, di avere in seno alla Famee, sotto la sua presidenza, una comunità forte e unita e, anche se non lo dimostrava – lui era molto fiero! Com'era anche delle sue origini: un *Furlan* con la *effe* maiuscola.

Ma Armando non si ferma lì. Bisogna ricordare che, da quella famosa sera nella quale è stato eletto presidente, Armando non ha mai abbandonato la Famee Furlane e, anche se non faceva più parte dell'esecutivo della nostra Famee, il suo interessamento è sempre stato totale. Più volte è stato chiamato a dare una mano, oppure per un consiglio. Non ha mai detto di no! Ha collaborato con tutti i presidenti eletti dopo di Lui. Un uomo a *tutto campo*, come si direbbe in gergo sportivo.

Mi è dispiaciuto molto di non aver potuto partecipare al suo funerale. Mi hanno riferito che, all'uscita della Cappella, sopra la bara c'era la bandiera del *Friûl*, come si usa fare per una brava persona. Lui era veramante una brava persona e un grande amico.

Alberto De Rosa

Farewell Dear Friend...

It is with heavy hearts that we say farewell to a dear friend of VLG, Armand Scaini. Armand played an instrumental role in the creation of Villa Leonardo Gambin LTC. Were it not for his vision, tenacity, and







generosity, VLG surely would not exist today, and the hundreds if not thousands of residents which it has served would have been deprived of their wonderful home. VLG's St. Michael's Chapel is named in honor of Armand's beloved alma matter, as a small tribute to his incredible contributions to our home. His dedication and passion will not be forgotten. His memory will live on in our hearts, and his legacy of benevolence will forever live on in the walls of the VLG. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the entire VLG community, we would like to extend our sincere condolences to the Scaini family.

Our Dad and Nonno...



















Our dad was one of a kind, a real gem. Our dad's giant smile and beautiful eyes lit up a room. Our dad was always so proud to share stories about his life and his Friulan heritage. He was a great role model who supported and loved us. Those many times when he would come home after working hard all day, exhausted, yet he would still go outside to play with us for hours. He shared his love of sporting events by teaching us sports and we watched many games together. He helped us with many school events and initiatives and danced all night with us at the father-daughter dances. We watched him genuinely give his time, knowledge, and support to anyone who asked for help which taught us the importance of volunteering and giving back as well.

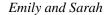
To ensure we ourselves had wings to fly on our own, he shared life advice and taught us life skills such as how to change tires and boost our cars when we learned to drive; how to fix toilets, change faucets, and other home maintenance as well as, helping with our home renovation projects when we moved into our own homes; and most recently, to share his knowledge and moral values so we may continue to carry on his company.

He loved to laugh and joke with us, provided a calming voice and always saw the brighter side to life. He empowered us to follow our dreams and provided us with the knowledge and confidence to achieve them, and to stand up for what we believed in, as he always did. He was incredibly proud to be our dad – and we know how blessed we were to have the best dad in our lives. Mandi Dad. Buona Notte.

Diane and Carol

He was incredibly proud to be our Nonno and we loved him. His eyes lit up every time we walked into the room. He was eager to learn from us, shared many stories of his life and heritage and of course always gave us cookies and sweets. Nonno always made us laugh, especially when he pretended to play his guitar (which he called his gee-tar) and sang silly songs. He loved the holidays where he often hid Easter eggs around our house for us to find, built us the most creative Halloween costumes and always included a funny gift for Christmas. He loved passing us money by giving us a 'secret' handshake. We enjoyed running errands with him — most of the time picking up some Friulan cheese and pasta - which gave us time to learn about the city as we drove around. We were always

amazed at how much he knew about everything and were so thankful for him sharing valuable life lessons with us. Over the past few years, we enjoyed learning about and helping him with the family company. We miss you Nonno but will always carry you in our hearts.





Friuli Terrace



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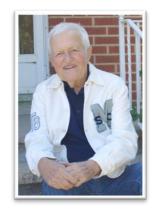
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LIFE AT THE TERRACE

On May 6, Friuli Benevolent (Friuli Terrace) experienced a great loss when Armand Scaini passed away. This loss was felt not only by the Terrace but the community at large because benevolence is a word that is synonymous with the man Armand Scaini. He devoted his life to helping others and this is particularly evident on the Friuli Campus and in the Furlan community. It is Armand that we can thank for the



existence of Friuli Terrace. It was his vision and initiative that spearheaded the campaign to purchase the land which Friuli Terrace sits on and to build a seniors independent living facility. It was also Armand who began the Gruppo Eta D'Oro that provided seniors in our community to gather at the Famee Furlane on Wednesdays. His loyalty to the Famee Furlane went beyond his reign as president. At the Terrace, he supervised all major capital projects and was also known to complete some smaller projects on his own. When it was time to get quotes, he made sure that we received the best possible price for the best work. Whenever possible, he would pass on his cost savings to the rest of the campus. Prior to COVID 19, Armand's smiling face could often be spotted on the Friuli Campus and all Campus events. It is fitting that he was laid to rest with the Friuli flag draped over his coffin.

The only thing greater than Armand's love for our Famee was his love for his family. The joy and pride with which he spoke about his wife Joan, daughters Diane and Carol, son-in-law George and granddaughters Emily and Sarah was endearing.

At the Terrace, another Scaini family member has also become a familiar face. His daughter Carol helped Armand navigate the complexities of Zoom when our meetings took a virtual form due to the pandemic. Her enthusiasm for helping others is as strong as her father's and she has volunteered at several Terrace events and has assured us that she would be happy to be of assistance in the future.

As a Board Member of Friuli Terrace, Armand became a respected representative in York Region. Armand worked tirelessly to ensure that the Terrace was aware of all grants

and subsidies that they were entitled to and made sure that we took advantage of them. He also shared the information with VLG and the Famee Furlane and was known to also help fill out the applications with them. He was a well-known advocate to ensure that our residents could live comfortably. The staff at York Region often commented on how well maintained our building was and Armand's diligence in keeping it so and his concern for the well-being of its residents.









Friuli Terrace

The Board of Directors and APM Management have had the privilege of working with Armand for several years and would like to share their thoughts and stories about our beloved Armand:

When the Day Program at Friuli Terrace was going to be managed and financed by the non-profit Community and Home Assistance for Seniors (CHATS), the Day Program space was in need of updating and expansion to serve a larger and less mobile group of seniors. The renovation included flooring, some kitchen updates, and a wheelchair accessible washroom. Friuli Terrace was provided a budget and timeline. With Armand's leadership and muscle, the renovation was done under budget and on time. CHATS was amazed as they had never seen a contract completed in such an efficient manner.

Angela Bosa-Slokar
President, Friuli Benevolent Corporation

I didn't really know Armand until he and I moved to the Terrace Board together from the Famee Board about 20 years ago. Before then, he knew my father and he would regale me with stories of having done their good work for the Famee. Once we were both on the Terrace Board, I began to get to know Armand. I was impressed by his knowledge of how to do all kinds of stuff; of people who would be able to build, repair and renovate; and, of course, of the history of the Famee.

I can't say I agreed with everything he said but I always respected him for his opinions. And I also respected him for his ability to listen to me and the others on the Board. He was the Face of the Terrace for the Region of York and worked hard to develop a relationship with its representatives, all for the good of our Building. We could always feel comfortable when Armand went to meet with the Region, knowing that he would be listened to and that the Terrace would gain from his schmoozing!

Personally, he was my "go to" guy for all sorts of things. Need someone to fix your 1960's Angel Christmas Tree topper? Call Armand. Need someone to find the special outdoor plug for lights? Call Armand. And for me especially, knowing what I liked, he would be sure to present me with all kinds of Horsey items: a small wooden rocking horse (in my office); a painting of horses by Otto (in my office); whatever.

By the end of our time together, I could say that Armand was my friend. And I will miss my friend. (Although I'm sure he's having fun with all the other Furlans, arguing some point up there.)

Marisa Zanini Secretary, Friuli Benevolent Corporation

I will remember Armand for his passion. He was passionate about his hometown in Friuli, his family, his high school, his church, his business endeavours and I believe there was no one more passionate than him for the Famee Furlane, Friuli Terrace and Villa Gambin. This truly was evident in the amount of time he spent on the Friuli Campus, first in maintaining and ensuring continuance of the Famee Furlane Club of Toronto and then making sure that Friuli Terrace was and is the best independent living, Seniors Building in all of York Region, if not in all of Ontario.

What I will miss most about Armand will be his funny and memorable stories. Many times, after our board meetings, Armand would share his many stories of the Famee Furlane, coming to Canada, his childhood, his high school days and his business endeavours. What I enjoyed most were his stories about his high school days at St. Michael's College. There is one story in particular that I will always remember. Armand told me about the time he helped sneak in Salami, Cheese and wine into a home where the St. Michaels hockey team was staying. Many of these players ended up playing in the NHL. The St. Michaels hockey team played a game the next day and even though they won, the coach for the St. Michaels team, which I believe was the legendary, Fr. David Bauer knew something was wrong with his team. At the end of the game Fr. David Bauer turned and looked at Armand, who was sitting behind the bench, and advised him not to bring any more wine, salami and cheese to the hockey team.

Mandi Armand, thanks for all you have done and for sharing your wonderful stories.

Franco Daneluzzi

Treasurer, Friuli Benevolent Corporation

What can be said about a man that was generous to the *nth degree*; was an advocate for all things Famee Furlane related, loved his family and who's car interior rivaled the contents of an Amazon warehouse.

I have known Armand for over 40 years. The past couple of years I got to know him a lot better as we were both Board Members of Friuli Benevolent (Friuli Terrace). When he was not at home or managing his entrepreneurial activities; he could be found at the Terrace, retro fitting light bulbs, looking at our roof top antennae or just passing the time of day with our residents. Hardly a decision was made if it hadn't been vetted by Armand.

He touched so many lives; I was fortunate to have known him for all these years. Rest in Peace Armand"

Mary Francescutti Director, Friuli Benevolent Corporation

I really got to know Armand after joining the Board of Friuli Terrace. He was the Google equivalent of Famee history. His car was a bookmobile of Famee books and memorabilia. Of course, there were other useful things that could be found in Armand's car and many of our Board meetings finished with a trip to Armand's car because he had some gift that he wanted to give us that is, if he didn't bring it to the meeting. One particular moment that I think of fondly is when one of our Board meetings took place close to Valentine's Day, he showed up at dinner with a rose for each of the women on the Board. It was such a thoughtful gesture and just another example of the truly special and kind man he was. The void he leaves behind is a big one but the legacy he left behind is even bigger.

Mara Querin Director, Friuli Benevolent Corporation

I will always remember Armand - his zest for life, learning and his pride for his family and the Friuli Terrace. Every time someone says what a well-maintained building that does not show its years - I always tell them about the good construction and that our past President and Board member Mr. Armand Scaini - who was so dedicated and knowledgeable about buildings that he always drove the best workmanship and pricing from anyone who worked at Friuli Terrace. Armand was part of a project from the idea until its completion. Armand donated glass cutting boards for all Friuli Terrace tenants so that they would not damage the kitchen countertops. Armand approached the City of Vaughan to get LED lighting rebates and went numerous times to Home Depot to get coupons to apply against LED light bulbs. Armand negotiated roof top antenna contracts so the Friuli Terrace building could earn extra monies to provide upgrades for the tenants including new raised garden plots and pay for the choir program. I have already missed Armand calling me about the Friuli Terrace and what we needed to do together.

Armand – may you rest in peace.

Cynthia Kiriazakos Executive Vice President, Affordable Property Management Inc.





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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR

First and foremost, on behalf of everyone at VLG, we'd like to extend our congratulation to the entire Famee community on your 90th anniversary! The generations before us founded the club, of course as a social club and society for cultural preservation, but most importantly on the principles of community, support for one another, and benevolence. We are proud to see these values and traditions carrying on, in all the good work and happy gatherings that continue to this day.



I would also like to congratulate our own Gianni Ceschia, a man who we all know and admire for his passion and dedication to this community — Gianni was recently awarded the 2023 City of Vaughan Volunteer Recognition Award for his work on the Board of VLG. Congratulations Gianni on this very well-deserved recognition!

We are thrilled to announce that after a three-year hiatus, the Oak Leaf Gala is back! Save the date on October 20th, 2023, for the 19th edition of the OLG, VLG's signature fundraising event and always an evening to remember! We are looking for volunteers to join the committee and help make the night a success, so please reach out to Cinzia in the fundraising office if you are interested.

In general, VLG is always in need of volunteers for a variety of positions around the home. Please contact John Nardi at 905-856-3939 or <u>i.nardi@villagambin.com</u> for more information or to volunteer.

The team at VLG continues to strive for excellence and was recently recognized for their hard work with the highest level of Accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehab Facilities (CARF). CARF Accreditation is a highly onerous process, and successful candidates are regarded for their commitment to quality improvement and ability to deliver and uphold the highest standard of care for residents. We are immensely proud of the entire team for this significant accomplishment!

We are also very excited for the much needed and long anticipated renovation of our Wellness Center, which began on May 31st. This is an important room at VLG, where residents can exercise, receive physical rehabilitation and other important services. The renovation will bring a refreshed look and new energy to the center which will make for a more enjoyable wellness experience for our residents. We are incredibly grateful to IC Savings Bank for their very generous donation to assist with this renovation. Thank you to Fausto Gaudio, Susana Petti, the members of IC Savings and everyone who helped make this donation a reality.

From May 8th — May 14th we celebrated National Nurses Week with a variety of activities at the home. This year's theme for Nurses week was "Our Nurse. Our Future." Nurses play a vital role in residents' health-care journeys. They commit every day to providing quality care, often in difficult circumstances. The importance that nurses play in the long-term care community is immense and should be celebrated.

As we head into the summer season, I hope the example of our nurse's selfless dedication to the well-being of others inspires us all to find opportunities to lend a hand to those in need.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer!

Andrew Iacobelli

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Every year we celebrate Easter with a special menu for our residents and a festive celebration in the home. This year we had a special visitor who came to bring added cheer.

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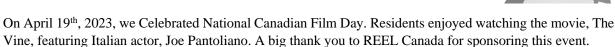




















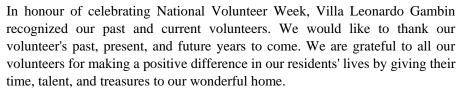








NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK APRIL 15th – 22nd







A special thank you to Father Mario and Carlo for being our dedicated volunteers, your time and generosity do not go unnoticed.

If you would like to volunteer, or know anyone who would be interested in volunteering, please contact John Nardi at 905-856-3939 or email jnardi@villagambin.com.

GIANNI CESCHIA AWARDED THE CITY OF VAUGHAN'S 2023 VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARD

Chef Gianni Ceschia has been a dedicated member of the Villa Leonardo Gambin Board of Directors since 2005. As part of the Board, Gianni helps make decisions that impact both the care of the 168 residents and the work environment of approximately 300 staff members. This requires multiple meetings per month, which varies depending on the issues that need to be addressed.

Chef Gianni also generously donates his time to Villa Gambin's various events, whether it be sponsoring a gourmet golf food station or cooking for the resident BBQs. Chef Gianni is always willing to give a helping hand when needed and has also donated prizes for our 2022 online auction, as well as other promotions – all at his expense. He is a pillar in the Vaughan community and has also volunteered his time for years with the Famee Furlane Toronto, The Italian Association Chefs of Canada and many others.

Chef Gianni embodies the true spirit of a volunteer, as he gives without the expectation of anything in return. We are truly fortunate to have such a unique, gentle-hearted, humble, and hard-working individual as Chef Gianni on our Board and as a member of our Villa Gambin Family.





JUNE IS ITALIAN HERITAGE & SENIORS MONTH

With Spring in full bloom and warm summer days just ahead, residents and our Recreation Department at Villa Leonardo Gambin are once again looking towards a fun-filled summer. It is with great pride that our wonderful Recreation department continues to enable our fabulous residents to achieve quality of life and optimal health, through meaningful participation in various programs and leisure activities. Our

celebrations will begin on June 1st with live entertainment in the courtyard, strawberry mouse cake and café crema.

We will be having various Italian entertainers through the month of June. One special group that we are happy welcome back is Coro Italian.

Residents are also excited to resume trips to Mary Lake Shrine in King City, as well as visits to local farms and gelato cafes. Villa Leonardo Gambin residents are looking forward once again to our Summer BBQs for June, July, and August with delicious meals being served. Let's not forget that we will also be celebrating Father's Day with a special treat cart on all floors and a video to honour all the fathers at Villa Leonardo Gambin. We truly wish all our Residents and their families a wonderful and safe Summer.

Congratulations Team VLQ

We are thrilled to share that the Villa Leonardo Gambin Long Term Care team has been awarded with the highest level of Accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehab Facilities (CARF).

Accreditation is a significant process that demonstrates our commitment to continuous quality improvement and our ability to uphold the highest standards of excellence in care. Each and every one of our team members played an important role in receiving this designation. It was no small feat, with several months of preparation and effort that went above and beyond their essential day-to-day responsibilities. Responsibilities that, on any given day, can already be incredibly challenging. Despite these challenges, team members continued to show up, provide compassionate care to residents, and showcase the quality work they do. Congratulations to the team and thank you again for your dedication to making this process a success!

Through accreditation, we build upon the trust we've worked so hard to establish between our teams, residents, and their families. This comes at an opportune time as we aim to transform and elevate the way we operate over the next year. We continue to strive to cultivate happiness in the daily lives of our residents and stay true to our mission.





Villa Leonardo Gambin Long Term Care is a Registered Charity.

If you would like to donate or to learn more about the organization, visit www. villagambin.com or call 905-856-3939.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Wednesday	Eta D'Oro Bingo/Cards
Sunday, August 13	Annual Picnic
Sunday, September 17	Family & Friends Golf Day
Wednesday, September 20	FFWA Monthly Meeting





FOGOLÂRS 2024

SAVE THE DATE

The Fogolârs Federation Canada is once again hosting a congress on Canadian soil. The Fogolâr Furlan Windsor and its lovely city will be home to FOGOLÂRS 2024 between August 8-11, 2024. Save the date as details will follow.



LEGACY PINES GOLF COURSE

9 Zimmerman Drive, Caledon

Limited to 40 Golfers

8 AM - REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
9 AM - SHOTGUN START
1 PM - LUNCH - FAMEE FURLANE TORONTO

MEMBERS: \$75 NON-MEMBERS: \$100 (includes Golf (9 Holes) and Luncheon)

Lunch only – 1 pm at the FFT
MEMBERS: \$40 NON-MEMBERS: \$50
CASH BAR

FFT Members Early Bird Registration by August 1st (each foursome must include 1 FFT member) (After August 1st, registration is open to non-members)

To book your spot contact the office at 905.851.1166 or reception@fameefurlane.com
Payment: cash, cheque, or E-transfer
(reception@fameefurlane.com)

Cjate il timp

Cjate il timp di rifleti,
E je la risultive de fuarce.
Cjate il timp di zuiâ,
Al è il segret de zoventût.
Cjate il timp di lei,
E je la fonde da savê.
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