

SPRING AWAKENING *Focusing on the Future*

It's spring once again and with it comes rebirth, new experiences, shedding of old for new, planting of seedlings and the bringing forward of new and innovative ideas.

One might say the Famèe Furlane Toronto is going through a rejuvenation of it own. New ideas are being introduced on a regular basis, a resurgence of new memberships, the adoption of new ONCA by-laws, an update to the articles of incorporation and of course the much needed and exciting quest for a new home. The rebirth is all taking place while respecting our history, our core values and activities.

New, exciting and very well received activities include the monthly dinner – Friulicious, Paint & Sip - allowing creativity to flourish, as well as the terrific fun had with the Sunday Game Social - all the while supporting local charities!

Plans are underway to host a series of cooking classes with Gianni Ceschia, Double the Flavour focusing on Italian Fundamentals with Friulian twists. Tickets to the Mirvish production of Made in Italy have been sold out with consideration being given to other productions. Plans are underway to bring wine and grappa tasting events to the FFT, enjoying a day of racing at Woodbine and even a Haunted Walk to celebrate Halloween. Our building may be sold, but plenty of opportunities for new and exciting events are being created, allowing for the time-honoured traditions of forming new friendships and making new memories.

We do not stop there – if you have ideas and events for new activities and events, let us know – new voices are more than welcomed!

Alfie Manias



Celebrate Italian Culture Through Food, Wine, Family and Friends

Friulicious

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025
Famee Furlane Toronto
Doors Open 6:30 pm - Dinner 7:00 pm

What's on the menu this month?
Traditional Friulan dishes including:

- Risotto a Burzotto
- Polenta
- Polenta e Frittata
- Stracotto
- Cappelletti

CASH \$4

FFM - \$20 OFF
FFM Members - \$15 OFF
FFM Family - \$10 OFF
FFM Children - \$5 OFF

PAINTER DRESSING
Thursday, January 24, 2025
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Chop, Chicago and Friends

Sunday Game Social

SUNDAY FEB 2, 2025
1:30 - 5:00 pm
LARGE SEATING THEATRE

Join us at a club for an evening of family entertainment and fun!

GENERAL ADMISSION - \$10
FFM MEMBERS - \$5
FFM Family - \$2
FFM Children - \$1

Please bring your own table to game.

Light snacks and coffee
Refreshments are available.

FFM Members - \$10
FFM Family - \$5
FFM Children - \$2

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FFM Children - \$2

LADIES Night OUT

PAINT & SIP

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
7:00 - 9:00 pm

FAMEE FURLANE TORONTO - CANADA ROOM

Join us for a special Ladies Night Out & Sip. Meet with us at the local Italian restaurant, where you'll enjoy a delicious painting & sip session. We'll have a professional painter on hand to help you with your painting. We'll also have a variety of Italian wine and food to enjoy. This is a great chance for us to get together and enjoy a night of fun and relaxation.

FFM \$45 NON-MEMBERS: \$55

FFM Members - \$45
FFM Family - \$35
FFM Children - \$25

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DOUBLE THE FLAVOR

ITALIAN FUNDAMENTALS WITH A FRIULIAN TWIST

A Two-Part Culinary Experience with Local Guest Chefs

FFM Members - \$110
Non-Members - \$130

DAY 1
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

FRULLA CON RICOTTA
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DAY 2
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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FURLAN Classes

FALL/WINTER 2024

THURSDAY EVENING - 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

FRULLA CON RICOTTA - NOVEMBER 14
FRULLA CON RICOTTA - NOVEMBER 15

FFM Members - \$110
Non-Members - \$130

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Non-Members - \$130

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Non-Members - \$130

RAIN

BRING IN THE RAIN

MUSICAL MYSTERY TOUR

Sunday, May 18, 2025
2:00 pm

Mirvish - CAA Theatre
100 Adelaide St. Toronto, ON

FFM Members - \$110
Non-Members - \$130

FFM Members - \$110
Non-Members - \$130

MADE IN ITALY

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025

MIRVISH CAA THEATRE

100 Adelaide St. Toronto, ON

FFM Members - \$110
Non-Members - \$130

FFM Members - \$110
Non-Members - \$130





2025 MEMBERS' LUNCHEON

Renew - Refresh - Reconnect

Join us as we celebrate our strong and growing membership together

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

Veneto Centre Banquet Hall – Rialto Room

7465 Kipling Avenue, Woodbridge, ON

Doors open at 12:00 noon

4 course luncheon – wine at table courtesy of Famèe Furlane Toronto

Cash Bar

Music by: L'Italiano

[Early Bird Price \(to April 10\)](#)

Member: \$70 Non-Member: \$80

[Regular Price \(April 11 – 24\)](#)

Member: \$80 Non-Member: \$90

To purchase tickets, call 905.851.1166 or email reception@fameefurlane.com

For e-transfers, confirm availability before sending payment.

Event code: ML2025 must appear in the comment.



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2024 – 2025
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OUR CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

Spring is upon us and not a moment too soon. As I have many times said, the only constant in life is change!

As we look back, we are proud of the number of changes we have implemented, and the revitalization “change” has had within our club. Everything from the sold out successful monthly Friulicious dinners, to cherished cultural and core events including Breakfast with Santa and Summer Picnics, all are evidence of a growing momentum with member participation. The popularity of the new refreshing social gatherings and events including a day at the theatre, and “back to basics” cooking classes brought forward by New Event Director Alfie Manias, is indicative of the value “change” is having amongst members, young and old.

In addition to a never-ending supply of events, new membership is at an all time high and plans for our new home are definitely moving forward, albeit slowly, but details remain steady.

I thank all members for their continued support, and I rejoice in seeing so many participate at the various events. I wish you all a lovely spring and look forward to continuing our success this summer.

*Joseph A. Zamparo
Chair, Famèe Furlane Toronto*



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

On Sunday December 1, 2024, we had a full house of families along with many excited children waiting for Santa to arrive! Everyone enjoyed a wonderful buffet put on by the Royalton Banquet Facilities. It was wonderful to see families gather on our newly restored sled loaned to us by Roger Dreosto – a perfect prop for family photos!

It's always a pleasure to put on this annual event. Nothing but happiness and smiles all around. Of course, Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus were the stars of the day as kids gathered around them for photos and of course to whisper to Santa what they wanted for Christmas.

Thanks to the many sponsors, we had a record number of raffle prizes for both children and adults. Some of the proceeds from the raffle went to support the annual York Region Food and Toy Drive. Three cars piled with goodies were delivered to this worthy cause!

Special thanks again to the many sponsors and volunteers and the Women's Auxiliary whose craft table is always a terrific success with the little ones, as they wait for Santa's arrival.

It's not a secret; this annual event wouldn't be the success that it is without all of you.

Mara Mian



VOLUNTEER CHRISTMAS DINNER

On Tuesday December 17, your board of directors held its second Christmas Dinner to give thanks to our volunteers that are always there to help at the many events hosted by the Famèe Furlane Toronto. As we all know, our volunteers are special people that give up their time to make our events much more successful! A lovely meal prepared by Gianni Ceschia and his staff was enjoyed by everyone. Even more special was the gathering of volunteers and board members to share in conversation, laughter and the good times shared last year.

This is a good time to remember that a few hours spent volunteering at our events not only brings personal satisfaction, but also new friendships made with fellow members!

From your board, a huge thanks to all the volunteers!

Mara Mian



THE LOSS OF A FRIEND

Olga Zorzi Pugliese – November 4, 1941 – March 23, 2025

We lost longtime FFT Member Olga Zorzi Pugliese on Sunday, March 23rd, 2025. Her much loved “Rekindling Faded Memories: The Founding of the Famèe Furlane of Toronto and Its First Years”, while co-authored with Angelo Principe, is synonymous with Olga and one which fiercely exhibited her love of her Friulian roots. To her illustrious career as an academic, researcher, historian and author, can also be added “*pilastro culturale*” in all things Friulian. Save for all cultural events; while not regularly participating in the day-to-day life of the Famèe Furlane Toronto, Olga has always been much respected for her insights, guidance and recommendations in all sectors of our beloved Culture. Those able to attend Olga’s presentation, on the Friulian connection to the mosaic ceiling in the rotunda at the Royal Ontario Museum last fall, were gifted with a lasting impression of her knowledge and passion.



As an aside, our Mosaic table which today sits in the Canada Room is there in part because of Olga. This much-loved historical table, in tribute to our birth, made its way to its rightful home at the Famee due to Olga’s involvement. She had become aware it was earmarked for disposal by the then owners and quickly made the FFT aware. While it needed much tender care to have it restored, today it remains in our midst in honour to FFT founders because of Olga’s quick involvement.

The impact Olga has had in our community and the pride we all share because of our connection to her is immeasurable. May this icon’s friendship and involvement with the FFT remain as evidence of a legacy to be honoured. Thank you, Olga.

Ivana Pontisso

LA BEFANA



On January 5th, 2025, the Famèe Furlane Toronto along with the Women’s Auxiliary and the Alpini, Gruppo Autonomo Vaughan, hosted the annual La Befana event. The evening began with the traditional *falò* and blessing, followed by refreshments including polenta, salsicce and pizza. In addition, the children thoroughly enjoyed running with their creativity and painting their *scarpets*. The evening culminated with the arrival of La Befana and the kids’ joy at collecting their now goody-filled *scarpets*. This was the third anniversary of running this event, which has been growing in popularity each year. The Famèe Furlane would like to thank the Women’s Auxiliary for the much-enjoyed children’s craft, Bruno Zuccato, along with Danilo and Loretta Cal of the Alpini for taking care of the *falò* and donating the salsicce and polenta, as well as all the volunteers who assisted with



running the event. A special thank you also goes to all those who so generously donated to our sweet table. What an assortment!

We are also very grateful to all the members who attended with the enthusiasm to continue this important tradition of our ancestors. We look forward to seeing you again next year!

Steven Sedran



LEARNING THROUGH CONNECTING

Friuli, land of our roots...how much do we really know about it other than what we learned from our parents and grandparents; or what we saw of it, if we were lucky enough to visit, (mostly of course, staying in our small towns or villages)? What about our beloved Furlan language? Can we (referring to second and third generations) speak or even understand it? Is this something that, as we get older and perhaps hear it spoken less and less often, are starting to regret not knowing better? If you’ve been asking yourself these questions lately, then you would have greatly enjoyed our recently ended Course of Friulan History and Language. For a group of lucky participants in the most recent Course, from January to April of this year, their knowledge and understanding of both the history of our culture and its language grew by leaps and bounds. Led by our skilled instructors Andrew Cosolo, Rosemary Maraldo, and George Rodaro, participants not only learned, but created a small community with shared interests and enthusiasm.



The course was also enriched by guest speakers Dr. Gabriella Colussi Arthur and our own student, Bruno Meneguzzi. Special thanks go to Oretta Avoledo for organizing.

If you would like to have the chance to do a deep dive into our history and culture, as well as have a chance to learn to read and speak Furlan, keep your eyes out for our next course. Arriviodisi!

Rosemary Maraldo

SO MUCH MORE THAN GOOD TIMES!

As is the norm with the FFWA – the ladies have been kept busy not only providing support to the Famèe Furlane Toronto but also focusing on learning, enjoying activities and strengthening friendships.



The tradition of spearheading the Craft Table at Breakfast with Santa was another tremendous success. With over a dozen prepared crafts, the wee ones were able to decorate and take home their completed precious choice to hang on their tree with pride and joy. In addition to the crafts, the lovely poinsettias adorning the tables were donated courtesy of the FFWA. It was a magical day and the FFWA should take pride in their participation and accomplishments to have another successful event in their books. No naughty FEMINIS on Santa’s list this year!!!

Continuing with the fun of crafts and kids, the FFWA again co-hosted the Befana event in January along with the FFT and the Alpini Vaughan, this time by making “scarpets” for each of the kids to paint (and some adults too it seems) and then leave for the Befana to fill with goodies. It is to be noted that no “carbon” was in sight!



Heartfelt thanks to all the FFWA ladies who volunteered their time and talents in creating these crafts, along with their teen grandkids who helped and supported on the day of!



During our January meeting, the women kept limber by participating in Chair Yoga led by Rosie White from Breath Yoga Studio in Bradford. Everyone appreciated the opportunity to explore new moves to aid us in staying limber while also digesting the multitude of homemade goodies always on hand courtesy of our members.

It was decided to do something different to celebrate Valentines Day this year. In an effort to get to know one another a little better everyone was asked to share their passion in life. Wow! We always knew we had talent; just never realized the variety! Here are but a few of the uncovered gems we have among our Feminis:

the love of making and enjoying everything pizza
furry felines/canines
the history and architecture of homes
creative stained-glass
collecting and cataloguing recipes

knitting blankets and shrugs
crocheting animals
painting/drawing
gardening
collecting & selling ceramics

Congratulations are also sent to Renata Morassut for guessing the number of chocolate kisses in our Valentine’s Jar!



Ladies thank you for your ongoing support; lets continue growing and having fun together. If anyone is interested in joining the Auxiliary, we meet in the Canada Room every second Wednesday of the month. Interested in joining but can’t decide – guests are welcome!

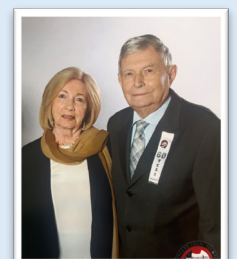
Verna Zanardo

Congratulations Ariella and Bruno!



“Sixty years we have had our ups and downs, but at the end of the day we still remain together with two daughters and five beautiful grandchildren.”

Ariella and Bruno



SUNDAY GAME SOCIAL



On Sunday, February 2, 2025, the Famèe Furlane Toronto hosted an afternoon to gather and participate in a Briscola tournament or enjoy various card or board games of one's choice. I am delighted to report that we had record crowd! What a great way to break up the "winter blues".

Fun, laughter, players, snacks, drinks and great people all playing to win. Both the Saletta and the Canada Room were filled with enthusiastic members and guests enjoying either a board game or carrying on our tradition of Briscola...a card game that originated in Friuli Venezia Giulia! The Modiano cards are also a Friulano product that is produced in Trieste! No wonder we are all hooked! Briscola Tournament winners:

- 1st Mario Bomben and Decimo Valent
- 2nd Bruno DePiero and Bruno Grigio
- 3rd Bruno Turrini and Adriana Turrini



A special shout out to Decimo Valent and Neva Lorenzon our organizers of this tournament!

Thumbs up to all participants, winners and the organizers of this great event!

We need more good times like this!

Mara Mian



FRIULICIOUS: GREAT FOOD, GREATER CAUSE!

Our popular Friulicious dinners are back - this time with a special twist! Along with serving your favorite homemade flavors, each event supports a different charity in our community. Thanks to the generosity of our members and guests, funds raised through our "Share the Love" initiative go directly to these causes – with the Famee Furlane Toronto matching every dollar, doubling the impact! So far, Million Dollar Smiles (January), Blue Veil - Sara Elizabeth Center (February), and the Vaughan Food Bank (March) have benefited from your kindness and generosity.

With each dinner selling out quickly, it's exciting to see both familiar and new faces - especially the young adults! Once the next Friulicious is announced, don't wait - reserve your spot before it's gone! Stay tuned for upcoming dates and the amazing causes we'll be supporting!

Flavia Muraca



Presentation to Blue Veil - Sara Elizabeth Centre

CELEBRATING DOLOMITE SKI CLUB'S 50th ANNIVERSARY IN MT. TREMBLANT

On the 50th anniversary of the Dolomite Ski Club, 63 fun-loving people headed off to Mt. Tremblant, Quebec. Some drove while the rest enjoyed a fun filled ride on the “Tremblant Party Bus”. This annual trek never disappoints! It would take too many words to fully describe the fun and friendship that is built on this trip. In fact, while most are skiers, we have many that just enjoy the trip itself or participate in other winter sports.



To help celebrate our anniversary, on Thursday we had a great evening of appetizers, cocktails and great fun at Le P'tit Caribou! Our ever-popular pot-luck dinner was held on the Friday night and let me tell you – absolutely NO shortage of food, wine or good times. The never-ending meal was topped off by an awesome celebration cake provided by the “Yard Sale Gang”!! In keeping with tradition Henry and Mitch then had us all clapping and singing along to their rockin’ tunes. What ski group has their very own chef and music band!

I've had the pleasure of being the chair of this club for the past thirty plus years and it is truly inspiring to see its members support and participate in this excursion, each and every year! I would encourage all members of the Famèe Furlane Toronto to embrace winter and its many sports, or to just ride along and make new friends.

If you or a member of your family wishes more information, please email reception@fameefurlane.com. I, or a member of the committee, would be happy to provide you with more information.

Cheers,

Mara Mian and Committee



FFT BOCCIOFILA GROUP

Our winter tournament successfully came to an end in the third week of December and was celebrated by all with a friendly dinner at the Ciociaro Club. The FFT Bocciofila Group expresses their appreciation and gratitude for the generous contribution made by Mr & Mrs Galiano Ottoborgo towards our Christmas celebration. Special thanks goes out to Chiarot Dentistry for the continuous support of our tournaments, and also the wonderful talented ladies that always provide baked goods for all to enjoy.

The Bocciofila Group will be starting a new tournament on Monday, March 31st and is looking forward to seeing everyone back after the long winter break.

If you would like to join our group, please reach out to Mario Piasentin at 416-994-4350. Members and friends are always welcome to join, come out for an evening of fun!

Lida Midena



RENAISSANCE PAINTERS OF FRIULI

476 AD is the date often given for the fall of Rome, when Odoacer, a German barbarian (considered to be anyone who didn't speak Greek) succeeded, where many before him had not, in overtaking the once glorious city. Here, he established the Kingdom of Italy. The following years are known as the Dark Ages or the medieval years, with emergence after some eight centuries, to that period of great renewal, the Renaissance (Rinascimento) of art, literature and science.



Pordenone - fresco detail from St. Erasmus, Cathedral of San Marco in Pordenone

During the Renaissance major artistic activity centered on the great cities of Milan, Florence and Rome which sponsored and promoted artists and architects, like da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raphael, Brunelleschi and many others. Venice also produced great artists like Titian, Mantegna, Giorgione, Tintoretto and Marietta Robusti, his daughter, nicknamed 'Tintoretta'.

However, not often mentioned in Fine Arts courses are the artists of Friuli, who also toiled and created beautiful and lasting art. Three such talents are Giovanni Martini, Giovanni Antonio de' Sacchis better known as "*il Pordenone*" and Marcello Fogolino.

Giovanni Martini da Udine (1470/75 - 1535) was born in Udine, the best known of four Martini brothers, all of whom were artists. He is one of the main representatives of Renaissance art in Friuli. He began his career painting altarpieces and expanded into wood carving, the traditional art of his family. His painting 'The Virgin and Child with Saints' is in the National Gallery of London. 'San Marco e i Santi' can be found in the Chapel of St. Mark in the Duomo of Udine, and his spectacular five-metre tall wood carving with its 60 statues is part of the altarpiece in the Duomo of Mortegliano.



Martini - carved altarpiece, in Duomo of Mortegliano

Giovanni Antonio de' Sacchis, known as "*il Pordenone*" (1483 - 1539) was a High Renaissance Italian painter chiefly known for his frescoes of religious subjects. He is considered to be one of the most important artists of the early 16th century. His works can be found in Pordenone, like the 'Madonna della Misericordia' in the Duomo. He created the organ doors for the Cathedral of Spilimbergo, and many of the frescoes in churches of Valeriano, Pinzano and Travisio.

From October 25, 2019, to February 2, 2020, the city of Pordenone hosted, in the halls of the Gallery of Modern Art, an exhibition dedicated to its most illustrious painter. *Il Pordenone's* works are still valued, appearing for sale at auctions as recently as three years ago.

Marcello Fogolino (active 1510-1548) was a painter and engraver of the Renaissance or Mannerist style. Originally from San Vito in Friuli, early in his life, he worked under the painter Bartolomeo Montagna. He moved about during a sometimes-controversial life, then, through a sponsorship, began producing frescoes that adorn the ceiling and walls of Castel Buonconsiglio in Trento. His painting 'Adoration of the Magi' hangs in Palazzo Chiericati in the Civic Museums of Vicenza.



Fogolino - Mystical Marriage of St. Catherine. Castel del Buonconsiglio, Trento

An exhibition of his works took place from July 8 to November 5, 2017 at Castel Del Buonconsiglio, Trento. The exhibition, entitled 'Order and Eccentricity: The Renaissance of Marcello Fogolino', displayed altarpieces and many of his frescoes found throughout the Castel.

In addition to Friuli, the magnificent art created during the Renaissance is still admired in churches and galleries around the world.

Doreen Vanini



ATOR LA TAULE



Crostata d'Arba

COOK TIME: 35 minutes **TEMP:** bake at 350° F

INGREDIENTS

- 2 ½ cups flour or “quanto basta” for a soft dough
- 3 eggs
- ½ lb melted butter
- 1 ½ cup sugar
- 1 lemon, grated zest
- 3 tsp baking powder
- 1 medium jar of your preferred jam
- Almonds (optional)

PREPARATION

On a work surface place the flour, make a well in the middle, and add the sugar, melted butter, eggs, lemon zest, and baking powder.

Mix the ingredients quickly, working the dough with your fingertips until it all binds together. Shape it into a ball.

Wrap the dough in plastic wrap and place in the fridge for at least half an hour.

After the resting time, remove the pastry dough from the fridge, set aside approximately 1/3 of the dough and roll out the rest on a non-stick cooking sheet about 4 mm thick.

Spread your jam of choice evenly on the crostata.

Roll out the dough left aside. With a pastry cutter (or a ravioli cutter with a zig-zag wheel), cut 1/4 inch strips of pastry and lay them on the layer of jam, forming a diamond lattice pattern.

Fill holes of lattice with almonds or other preferred nuts. **OPTIONAL**

Bake the jam crostata at 180°C (350°F) for about 35 minutes.

Allow to cool and serve.

This much requested and loved crostata is always shared with the family and friends of our contributor. While the family prefers to remain anonymous, we thank them for their yummy contribution!

PASSATEMPO

Fun for All, All Year Long!



2025 is going to be busy! Check out what’s happening at the club by locating the words below. Words can be found up, down, or diagonally.



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| BREAKFASTWITHSANTA | MADEINITALY |
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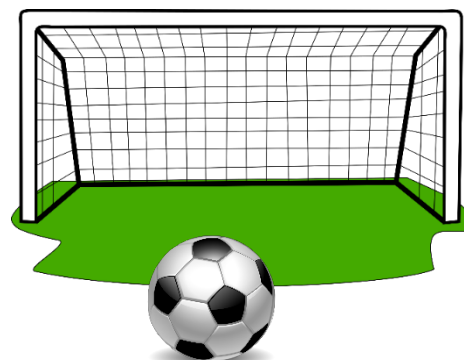
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LA VOCE DI NESTRI MEMBRI



SILVANO AVOLEDO

Full Name and nick name	SILVANO AVOLEDO (FORMAI)
Your or your family's Furlan roots	<i>Spilimbergo, Provincia di Pordenone</i>
Most Proud Life's Accomplishment	<i>Being a father and a nonno</i>
One bucket list adventure you would like to try but haven't yet	<i>To have the opportunity to travel more across Canada</i>
Biggest reason for joining the Famee Furlane Toronto	<i>To allow me to continue with my heritage, customs and traditions.</i>
A favorite hobby or interest	<i>My preferred hobby is sports of any kind, although hockey and soccer are my absolute favorites.</i>
One particular Famee Furlane related memory	<i>Amongst many fond memories, my favorite is of when the building of 7065 Islington Avenue was completed!</i>
What do you like best about your Furlanitat	<i>The Furlan Dialect being a unique language.</i>
A Favorite Furlan saying or filestroche	<i>"SVELT, SVELT E MOVITI"</i>
What have you gained from being a Famee Furlane member	<i>Meeting many wonderful people and making a lot of friends.</i>
A Furlan Trait or Tradition that continues to be shared	<i>Being together with my entire family and celebrating special occasions.</i>





MARA QUERIN

Full Name and nick name	MARA QUERIN
Your or your family's Furlan roots	<i>Father - San Giovanni di Casarsa (San Florean) Mother- San Vito al Tagliamento</i>
Most Proud Life's Accomplishment	<i>My poetry- just wish I could find the inspiration to create more. (Alberto De Rosa would like that too!)</i>
One bucket list adventure you would like to try but haven't yet	<i>So many... Machu Pichu and Vietnam are two at the top!</i>
Biggest reason for joining the Famee Furlane Toronto	<i>My parents. It was a place for them to gather with friends and relatives who were really more like brothers and sisters.</i>
A favorite hobby or interest	<i>Reading – getting lost in a book for even just a few minutes is magic. During the pandemic, I also started working on craft sewing projects again, mainly Christmas pieces, providing me with a great a sense of accomplishment, once completed.</i>
One particular Famee Furlane related memory	<i>There are two memories that stick out. First was my television debut on the Uncle Bobby Show with Loreta Venir - all dressed in our Furlan costumes and answering Uncle Bobby's questions about Friuli. The second was the Congresso in Toronto. Paolo Canciani started the opening ceremony by reading my poem, Immigrant's Child. What a complete surprise!</i>
What do you like best about your Furlanitat	<i>Besides speaking the Furlan language and discovering Friuli itself on many visits - the food and the memories it invokes. Memories like my Dad, Egidio, Dorino and Rino making sausages and the various affetat and comradery shared during those sessions.</i>
A Favorite Furlan saying or filestroche	<i>Furlans Fevelait Furlan! Although there are so many great Furlan sayings, it is hard to pick one, but I think this sums it up. There are many times that a Furlan phrase pops up when I want to express myself.</i>
What have you gained from being a Famee Furlane member	<i>I gained friendships and pride in my heritage. One of the best is the opportunity to volunteer and do good for our community through my position on the Friuli Terrace board and my work on the Famee Furlane Golf Tournament.</i>
A Furlan Trait or Tradition that continues to be shared	<i>I continue to have the ability to speak Furlan. Of course, we can't forget the food. I recently tried making Pinsa – not as good as moms yet. I am now inspired by the Deotto sisters to try Maria's recipe for Pan Zal which I think my mom also used. My nephew is interested in learning to make crostoli so when I dig up Maria Deotto's recipe, we will give it a try!</i>



GRUPPO ETÀ D'ORO



After a short respite during the Christmas Holidays, the Gruppo Età D'Oro returned eager to meet again with their friends. We are encouraged to see that our attendance at the weekly Bingo and Card games continues to be strong. We are happy to say that during our current membership drive, we welcomed four new members, and also, most of the current members have renewed their membership for another year!



With the start of a new year and a new committee we look forward to seeing everyone on a weekly basis and enjoying our very special social time together. We also encourage all members to provide any input to help build a stronger Età D'Oro.

Vicky Romanin
President, Gruppo Età D'Oro



IPAD CLASSES FOR SENIORS CONTINUES...

The Alpini Gruppo Autonomo Vaughan have continued with their Seniors' iPad classes at the Famèe Furlane Toronto. In the photo you will see our latest group of students. Severina Biasutto, Rita Contatto, Sylvia Furlano, Silvana Scaini, Antonio Pallisco, Giovanna Pighin, Frank Ruffolo, Domenico Sacchetti and Aldo Surian, along with instructors Danilo and Loretta Cal and Vicky Romanin.

If you are interested in participating, please call Danilo or Loretta at (416) 829-3731 or (905) 851-3731 or email us at danilocal@sympatico.ca or leave you contact information with Marylane at the Famèe Furlane Toronto office.

The next set of classes are planned for Thursday June 5, 2025, to be held once a week until Thursday July 10, 2025.

Loretta Cal



FRIÛL INFATS – QUESTIONS

1. What town originated and was the namesake of Prosecco?
2. What Franciscan friar and missionary from Pordenone journeyed through India, Sumatra, Java, and China, and subsequently wrote the *Relatio* about his experiences?
3. What are three major soil types that correlate to Friulan viticulture?
4. What leavened dough Christmas cake with a filling of nuts, dried fruit, sugar, and grappa, originated in the area around Cividale del Friuli?
5. What province became part of Italy on 11 October 1977, by the *Treaty of Osimo*?
6. Where was the renowned cityscape and landscape painter, Luca Carlevarijs, born?
7. How many seasons did Udinese and Triestina play together in Serie A?
8. What portion of total Friulan grape production is for white grapes?
9. In what year was the Patriarchate of Old Aquileia created, to rival the Patriarchate of New Aquileia in Grado?
10. What Roman road linked Aquileia and Genoa?

Jason Moretto



Answers on page 16

FULL CIRCLE: A CLUB'S POWER

Alida Pighin and I are friends who had lost touch over the years, reuniting once again at the Famee Furlane Toronto. It was back in 1987 that E.F.A.S.C.E. sent 10 Canadians, 10 Australians and 20 Venezuelans to Friuli for one month to explore our cultural roots. Alida and I were roommates and shared an unforgettable experience learning about the greatness of Friuli and our family there. Over time, natural distance of friendships occur as we each followed our own journey, but when we met back at the Famèe, we picked up where we left off! The FFT became our bridge for reigniting old memories and reviving the bond we once shared. Clubs are special for this reason! They are not just about the activity at hand...they are about the people, the relationships and the rekindling of connections that time almost made us forget. How nice it is to have a place like this where we can meet new people and/or reconnect with old friends too!

Sonia Pittis



WE KEEP ON GROWING!



We are thrilled to report that since December 2024 up until now, we have another twenty-one new “family members”. The Board of Directors and volunteers work tirelessly to bring about activities and events that will attract all sectors to our “famèe” - regardless of age! It seems to be working as we have new members from various age groups that are now part of our *famèe*. As there are many events and activities taking place, some traditional and some new, we encourage you to stay informed through regular membership email communications, the monthly Mandi newsletter, the Forum and regular membership meetings.

Congratulations go out to the following new members

*Teddy Agnolon
Angela Bertola
John Bonin
Corrado Bottos
Linda Bottos
Paula Cini
Tony Cini
Walter Colussi
Stefanie Cosentino
Yvonne DiCecco
Dirce DeRose*

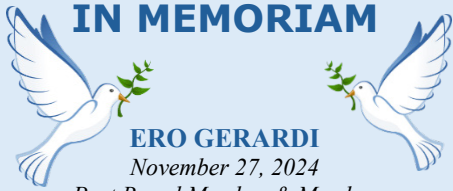
*David Angelo Della Rossa
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Mario Fenos
Joseph Gerace
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Lillian Targa*



If you know of anyone interested in becoming a Famèe Furlane Toronto member, please contact the office at membership@fameefurlane.com for an application form.

*Alida Re
Membership Administrator*

IN MEMORIAM



ERO GERARDI

November 27, 2024

Past Board Member & Member

GUIDO PIASENTIN

December 13, 2024

Uncle to Member Mario Piasentin

ALFREDO CAPRINI

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Lifetime Member

ALBERT TONON

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Past Member

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January 14, 2025

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REMIGIO ZAMPARO

February 3, 2025

Father of Member Silvano Zamparo

Uncle of Members Joe & Melissa Zamparo

ALICE DIANA

February 7, 2025

Sister of Member Sergio Muzzin

Sister-in-law of Member Iva Muzzin

LUCIANO CALLIGARO

February 8, 2025

Brother to past Member and Board Member

Rosanna Cannella (nee Calligaro)

Uncle to Members Melissa & Joe Zamparo

Brother-in-law to Member Mario Piasentin

ANTONIO POL BODETTO

March 18, 2025

Member and Brother-in-law to

Member Luciana Pol Bodetto

OLGA ZORZI-PUGLIESE

March 23, 2025

Member and Sister to

Lifetime Member Mary Bortolussi

SPECIAL GREETINGS FROM THE BALARINS

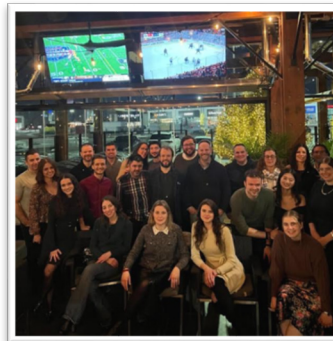
Mandi! With all the turbulence going on around the world, the Balarins are not only grateful to be Canadian, but we are also even prouder to be Furlan! It truly is so lovely to have each member of the group preserve their cultural identity.

The Balarins have been happily participating in and representing our beautiful culture at various events throughout the year. We always welcome new members to join. It is free to join! All ages are welcome. If you are interested, please email us at balarinsfameefurlane@gmail.com.

Mary & Melissa Lovisa



20-SOMETHINGS



With 2025 underway, the 20-Somethings have a lot to look forward to with some exciting events planned, including our annual Spring social and Night-on-the-Town event! We recently celebrated our annual Very Merry Furlan Christmas on December 14th at Chop Steakhouse in Vaughan. This beautiful vibrant group gathered to celebrate the festive season, and we enjoyed many laughs together! Many original members since 2011 came out to join some new faces over a delicious holiday-inspired meal and caroling. Our group ranges in age from 20s-40s and our common heritage is what unites us. We continue to welcome those who wish to join our free membership. For more information on upcoming events or on how to participate, kindly email Vanessa directly at 20somethings.famee@gmail.com.

Mandi,

Vanessa Lovisa-Gambin, 20-Somethings President

FRIÛL INFATS - ANSWERS

1. Prosecco, TS
2. Odoric of Pordenone (1280–1331)
3. Alluvial (central and coastal), Flysch of Cormons (eastern hills) and Carso (far southeast)
4. Gubana
5. Trieste
6. Udine (1663-1730)
7. Seven (1950-51 to 1958-59)
8. Approximately 2/3^{rds}
9. 607 A.D.
10. Via Postumia



LIFE AT THE TERRACE



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Although there is still some evidence of last winter's storm on the ground, hopefully spring is around the corner and our residents will be able to put the memories of this winter's polar vortex behind them. We look forward to the time when they plant their gardens and can spend time outdoors.

Let the Band Play On - On December 8th, a concert was held in the multipurpose room of the Friuli Terrace by Ernest Bianchi and his orchestra. The Columbus Concert Band played for the first time last April and it was such a raving success that we asked them back for a Christmas performance. Residents and their families enjoyed the sounds of favourite hits from the 70's and traditional Italian songs.

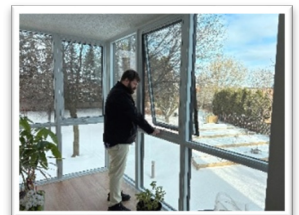
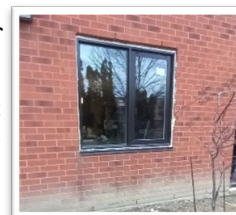


Valentine's Day Celebration - On Friday, February 14th, 2025, the Friuli Terrace tenants celebrated Valentine's Day with a Sing-along with Antonella and refreshments. Many came out to share a fun afternoon with their friends and neighbours.

Construction at Friuli Terrace - Last year Friuli Terrace received funding for a new roof from York Region. As the building is over 35 years old, there are several building improvement projects which the Terrace will need to undertake. A building assessment and an energy audit were conducted recently by York Region and although the building is well maintained, there are some projects to improve its energy efficiency as well as to ensure that the overall standards are maintained. The Board of Directors is working closely with York Region to prioritize the projects by necessity and are working on a 5-year plan.

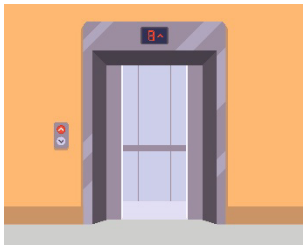


Windows - One of the projects currently underway is the replacement of the windows. The windows being replaced are the original ones that were put in when the building was first constructed. Prior to the window replacement project beginning, the residents had the opportunity to see the windows and try the mechanism they would be using to open the windows. The exterior of the



Friuli Terrace

windows are bronze, and the interior frame of the windows is white. The residents have been very co-operative, and we appreciate their patience as the work is carried out. The project is expected to take approximately six months to complete.



Elevators - Another project which will be taking place this year is the refurbishment of the elevators. The existing elevators are also original. Friuli Benevolent was able to secure funding for the project. This project is expected to begin once the window project has been completed.

Each year, we will have a number of building improvement projects at the Terrace. We are very thankful to York Region and for government grants which support us with these projects.



Monthly Birthday Club - Once a month, CHATS organizes a celebration where the residents gather to celebrate all birthdays for the month. They sit down for a meal prepared by some of the residents.



Conservatory Coffee Club - For many years the conservatory was not used often as residents preferred to gather in the lobby. However, with the arrival of a new pool table, it has now enticed more frequent visitors. One such group meets every night, usually around 9:00 for coffee and sweets and to watch some TV together, particularly when hockey or soccer can be enjoyed. When the Board discovered that the TV was beginning to fail, they unanimously agreed that a newer and bigger television was required. The TV arrived on March 5th just in time for the hockey game. The residents were very grateful and pleased with this gesture.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Health Fair: March 26 - CHATS is arranging a Health Fair which will take place in the lobby of Friuli Terrace. There will be approximately 10-12 organizations who will provide information to residents and their families regarding services available in the area. York Regional Police will also be providing a presentation about Fraud prevention in the conservatory.



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR



Dear Friends,

In today's fast-paced world of change and ever-increasing uncertainty, I often find myself consumed by the news of the day and the anxiety that can come with it. In times like these I'm reminded to pause, seek perspective, and reset anchor in the value base instilled in each of us by our parents and grandparents. I find peace in those things that are truly important in life. Faith, family, and friends.

Our community at Villa Gambin has always been a shining example of this value base for me, and a source of calm amid what can sometimes feel like a raging storm. The altruistic purpose of our team and volunteers who commit themselves to the wellbeing and happiness of our residents daily, is truly inspiring for me. The ongoing generosity of our donors and support from our community brings me comfort and assurance of the innate goodness in people, and in the world at large. This selfless giving manifests itself in the smiles of our residents, which is often all it takes for me to displace the perceived darkness with peace and hope.

Don't believe me? Check out our Instagram villagambin. Look at the faces of our residents and volunteers, and you too will find a sense of peace. There is always something exciting happening at VLG as the team passionately engages residents through stimulating programming and activities that bring people together and bring joy and happiness to our community. A wonderful example that should inspire us all.

On Sunday April 27th, we will be hosting our Butterfly Tea fundraiser event - I encourage you to participate and join our community in supporting VLG for a fun and social afternoon with friends and family.

As winter begins to melt into spring, bringing hope of a brighter tomorrow, let's all take inspiration from the goodness in the world around us.

Mandi,

Andrew Iacobelli

LIGHT THE NIGHT A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY AND GRATITUDE



As the holiday season embraced us once again, our Light the Night celebration brought together residents, families, and friends for a truly special evening. This gathering was not only a time to celebrate but also a moment to reflect on the past, cherish the present, and look forward to the future.

Together, we honour the loved ones we've lost, recognized those who have touched our lives, and celebrated milestones-most notably, the 20th anniversary of our organization. This momentous occasion reminded us of the strength and unity of our community.

This event would not have been possible without the generosity of our supporters. A heartfelt thank you to our major donors: Sienna Senior Living, our matching gift donor, The Ralph and Rose Chiodo Family Foundation, and our sponsor, JAZZAMCO. Your contributions help create meaningful moments like those shared at Night the Light.

A special thank you to JAZZAMCO for their generous donation of 20 beautiful blankets, which were raffled off to the residents of VLG, adding warmth and joy to the evening. We also extend our gratitude to Kliton Ceku and his team for preparing the delicious treats and for their dedication to making the evening's selections so special.

The event was brought to life by the beautiful décor and efforts of Maria Stirpe and the Recreation Team, as well as Sonia Roul and all the Team members who contributed in countless ways. Your hard work and dedication truly made the night magical. During the celebration, we invited community members to honour someone special through a memorial or tribute gift. We took time to remember those we lost this year, ensuring that their memories remain forever in our hearts. We also honoured each of our residents, families and friends whose presence and support strengthen the bonds that make our community so special. Finally, we extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who donated to our annual campaign. Your generosity allows us to continue raising funds for our home, bringing light and joy to our community this holiday season.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for being part of our Light the Night Annual Celebration and Campaign. It truly takes a village, and we are grateful for each and every one of you.

In Memory of:

Maria Campea
Rino Dardengo
Marco and Vera DeLuca
Elena Iacobelli
Albert and Valia Melchior

In Honour of:

Odilla Dardengo



LA BEFANA VISITS VILLA LEONARDO GAMBIN!



On Friday January 6th, La Befana came to visit bringing sweet clementines and roasted chestnuts to all our residents, families, and staff. Who is La Befana? In Italian Folklore La Befana is an old woman or witch who delivers gifts to children throughout Italy and the Epiphany Eve, the night of January 5th, a similar way to Santa Clause.

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION MONTH – FEBRUARY 2025

At VLG, Therapeutic Recreation is the term used to describe the programs, activities, and interventions used to provide our residents with the best quality of life possible. The Recreation Team at VLG works diligently to ensure that residents are being provided with programs and activities which encompass the “five domains of health”; intellectual, physical, emotional, spiritual, and social. In Celebration of Therapeutic Recreation Month 2025, residents, family members, and staff enjoyed a week full of therapeutic programs focusing on one domain of health per day.



“Our Team is Unbelievably Amazing.

Thank you for making a difference!”





THE BUTTERFLY TEA

IN SUPPORT OF
VILLA LEONARDO GAMBIN

Event Details:

Villa Leonardo Gambin Long Term Care
Multi-purpose Room
40 Friuli Court, Woodbridge, ON

Sunday, April 27, 2025

1:00 pm -4:00 pm

\$75 per person

You will be treated to:

A personal gift and swag bag

Italian Inspired Grazing Table and desserts

Assorted teas and welcome drink

Beauty, wellness, fashion, and jewelry vendor experiences

Fancy hat competition, prizes, and more

To Purchase Tickets or Sponsorships
Visit villagambin.com or call 905.856.7619



All proceeds support the residents of Villa Leonardo Gambin Long Term Care Charity.
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**VOLUNTEER
WITH VLG!**

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 Maria Stirpe at 905-856-3939 or email m.stirpe@villagambin.com

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If you're interested in learning more about our club our associated groups, please reach out to the main contact below, specifying the group you're interested in. We'd love to hear from you!



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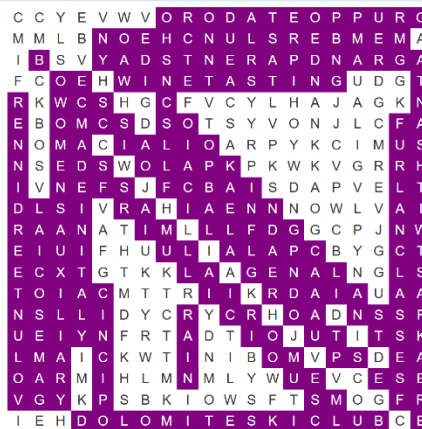
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 Attention: Ivana Pontisso

Dolomite Ski Club
 Attention: Mara Mian

*Happy Easter
 Buona Pasqua
 Buine Pasque*



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Avrîl – Il trûc

Luciano Bosio

Timp di Pasche! Nostalgie
De lontane mularie
quant che 'o vevin tant ce fâ:
'l ereil il trûc di preparâ.

O ricuardi: dopo scuele
cu la pale e la baraele
vie di corse in Nadisòn
a ciarià il savalòn.

Dopo vê sielzût il lûc,
prin si dave forme al trûc
cun modons e grums di clàs,
cu la glerie e l rudinàs.

Sul telâr cussi prontât
el vignive distirât,
come un slis e larc bleòn,
il cuviârt di savalòn.

Si finive pò la vôre
cun tun cop mitût parsòre,
là dulà scomenze il zûc,
e prontât al jere il trûc

Il dì dopo, duc intôr,
ogni ûf un zuiadôr.
Ûs a riis, ùs vers, ùs viola,
coloràs cu la cevola.

O ce gionde, o ce biel zûc
quant che l' ûf faseve tûc.
Ma 'e finive bruntulânt
se jù al leve blestemânt.

Altris timps! I frùz, si sà,
uè 'e àn altri a ce pensà;
lor 'e àn zùcs a badalûc
'e no pensin di fâ il trûc.

Wednesdays	Gruppo Eta D'Oro - Bingo and Cards
Sunday, April 6	Fieste de Patrie dal Friul - Canada Room
Wednesday, April 9	Women's Auxiliary General Meeting - Guest Speaker Gulia Morrone Cyber Fraud Prevention
Wednesday, April 9 & 16	Double the Flavour - Italian Fundamentals with a Friulian Twist Cooking Class with Gianni Ceschia
Friday, April 25	Friulicious
Tuesday, April 29	FFT Member's Meeting
Sunday, May 4	Annual Member's Luncheon - Veneto Centre
Wednesday, May 14	Women's Auxiliary Meeting - Fun with Tarot Card & Tea Leaf Readings
Sunday, May 18	Rain - Tribute to the Beatles - Mirvish CAA Theatre
Friday, May 23	Friulicious
Tuesday, May 27	FFT Member's Meeting
Sunday, June 8	Made in Italy - Mirvish CAA Theatre
Wednesday, June 11	Women's Auxiliary Year End Wrap Up with Buffet Dinner & Games
Friday, June 20	Friulicious
Sunday, June 22	Women's Auxiliary day trip to Fallsview Casino
Tuesday, June 24	FFT Annual General Member's Meeting



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