

CIBPA UPDATE

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Canadians of Italian Heritage Building Business and Professional Networks

A biannual publication of the Canadian Italian Business and Professional Association of Thunder Bay
c/o 665 Hewitson Street, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 5V5

SPRING 1995 DINNER MEETING

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Speaker

Denis Gilmore

(International Advisor, Northern Enterprise Centre)

"Trade Mission to Milan, Italy"

Annual Meeting

Reports to Membership
Election of Board of Directors

APRIL 27, 1995

Symposium 6:00 pm
Dinner 7:00 pm

ITALIAN CENTENNIAL HALL, MAIN HALL

132 S. Algoma Street

Members: Free Guests: \$25
Cash Bar

Members Please Confirm Attendance

with

Rose Bava at 344-1424

Silvio DiGregorio at 623-1855

Need Tickets? Call Rose or Silvio

Confederation College is one of six colleges that have formed the Northern Ontario Enterprise Alliance, an alliance whose members work together to offer trade programs into foreign markets such as China, Southeast Asia, Mexico, Poland, Ukraine, and ITALY. Mr. Gilmore will recount his experience with respect to other trade missions that have been done.

"But, this doesn't affect my business or job..." If this topic does not interest you because your business is locally based or you do not own a business *you cannot afford to ignore the fact the world is fast becoming one global marketplace. Therefore, you should not be surprised to find globalization will affect your business, your job and this country in ways we have never seen before.*

Tickets for members have been included in this mail out. Members are reminded to confirm their attendance with Rose Bava or Silvio DiGregorio. If you are unable to attend, give your ticket to someone else and confirm their attendance. If you need tickets for guests, call Rose or Silvio.

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Denis Gilmore from the Northern Ontario Enterprise Centre at Confederation College will be *speaking to us about a trade mission to Milan, Italy. He will talk about its purpose, and how you can enrol in the three-part trade mission program* (see Trade Mission to Italy on Page 4).

LUISA

The Lakehead University Italian Student Association (LUISA) was formed in September 1994 with the intent of promoting Italian culture and heritage throughout Lakehead University and the Thunder Bay community. LUISA also has a vested interest in promoting and assisting with the establishment of the Chair of Italian Studies at Lakehead University.

LUISA'S BRISCOLA TOURNAMENT

LUISA, the Italian student association, is currently planning a *Briscola* tournament & dinner/social to be held **Saturday, April 1st** at the **Calabria Bar at 287 Bay Street** at 6PM with all proceeds to be donated to the Chair of Italian Studies Fund - Lakehead University. LUISA is inviting members of the community to join LUISA members *per un buon divertimento*.

Members of LUISA's Executive (Carlo Cappello, Mario Falcone, Tony Iachetta, and Adrian Mirabelli) participated in the CIBPA's curling bonspiel on February 25th. They made sizeable contributions to their respective teams; however, Mario would like to notify the rest of LUISA's Executive that he will be refining his curling skills in Woodbridge during the off season.

LUISA participants enjoyed socializing with the business and professional members of the Italian community and enjoyed the competition. LUISA would like to thank the CIBPA for the invitation and

look forward to working with the CIBPA in the future!

WHAT IS THE CIBPA?

The Canadian Italian Business and Professional Association (CIBPA) is 1500 members strong (across Canada). It promotes business, professional, social, cultural, educational, charitable, artistic, and recreational activities. Through its activities it aims to strengthen the image of the Canadian Italian Community while promoting its overall welfare and betterment.

Founded on May 18, 1993, the CIBPA of Thunder Bay Chapter specified the following objects:

- *To serve as a voice of the Canadian Italian business and professional community of Thunder Bay and Northwestern Ontario;*
- *To initiate and foster programs and activities for the betterment of the Italian Canadian Community in Thunder Bay, Northwestern Ontario and Canada;*
- *To promote and strengthen the image of the Italian Canadian community with Thunder Bay, Northwestern Ontario and Canada;*
- *To provide a wide range of opportunities for business, professional and personal growth through lectures, seminars, workshops and membership networking;*
- *To serve as a source of continuing input to all levels of government on issues of concern to the*

Italian Canadian business and professional community;

To be a vehicle for providing public recognition to individual Italian Canadians for outstanding business and professional achievements and community service work; and,

To pursue any other purposes that are consistent with these objects.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to our very own President, Silvio DiGregorio, for winning the prestigious Northern Ontario Business Award as "1994 Executive of the Year!"

Frank Pullia, a founding member of the CIBPA of Thunder Bay, won the seat of Alderman of the McIntyre Ward in the Fall municipal election. Congratulations Frank!

How about the 1995 Italian World Nordics team! The Italians won a total of five medals placing the team fifth in the overall standings.

ELECTION OF BOARD

The Board's term of office will end on May 15, 1995. Silvio DiGregorio (currently our President) will automatically become the Past President, but the other nine Board positions must be filled for a two-year term commencing May 16, 1995.

Any member in good standing may put his/her nomination forward. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please **mail or fax the enclosed nomination form** (see Page 6) to Silvio DiGregorio **no later than April 12, 1995**. If more than nine nominations are received, all members will receive a list of nominees for their consideration before the elections on April 27, 1995 during the Annual Meeting (at the Spring Dinner).

Elections would be conducted on a secret ballot basis. Only those members present may vote - no proxy voting.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Already? Didn't I just pay my dues?

MEMBERSHIP DUES (MAY 16, 1995 TO MAY 15, 1996) ARE DUE MAY 16, 1995.

How Do I Renew?

1. Refer to invoice attached.
2. Make out a cheque payable to the CIBPA for the amount you owe.
3. Mail the cheque to:

*Sal Vetere, Membership Chairperson
69 Lyle Street
Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 6H3*

How Do I Become a New Member?

1. Fill out a Membership form (any Board member can give you one)
2. Make out a cheque payable to the CIBPA for the correct amount (either \$100 or \$62.50)
3. Mail the cheque to:

*Sal Vetere, Membership Chairperson
69 Lyle Street
Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 6H3*

Membership Privileges

2 Dinners (Fall and Spring), free of charge
National Membership Directory Binder
Annual National Membership Directory Insert
Newsletters from National Federation of
CIBPA
Newsletters from CIBPA of Thunder Bay
Invitations to events/activities

Fees

New Member Fee	100.00
Member Renewal	75.00
New Student Member Fee	62.50
Student Member Renewal	37.50

TRADE MISSION TO ITALY

Please refer to the Spring 1995 Dinner Meeting story on Page 1 for more information. **Dennis Gilmore will be speaking about the trade mission at our April 27, 1995 Spring Dinner Meeting.**

TRADE MISSION TO MILAN, ITALY

SESSION 1 - PREPARING FOR BUSINESS IN EUROPE

One Day

Date TBA - during the week of June 5, 1995

Thunder Bay

SESSION 2 - ITALY

June 11-18, 1995

SESSION 3 - DEVELOPING FOLLOW-UP STRATEGIES FOR EUROPE

One Day

Date TBA - June, after return from Italy

Thunder Bay

Interested? Need More Info?

Call Denis Gilmore at 475-6392

REGISTER BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

The Trade Europe Program will involve training and networking sessions in Italy. This market has over 58 million consumers and is the 6th largest importer of Canadian exports to European Union countries. The Trade Europe program offers new opportunities for local companies who want to do business in Italy, or to use Italy as a starting point for doing international trade into other European countries. Also, Italy has a very prosperous industrial/manufacturing base that is organized into flexible manufacturing networks. These business networks will be of interest to companies in Northern Ontario looking to establish their own business network to support international growth.

The following literature has been enclosed in this mail out: Trade Europe Brochure, Pricing Sheet, and Milan article.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 1	LUISA's Briscola Tournament
April 12	Board Nominations Due
April 27	Spring Dinner Meeting
May 16	Membership Renewal Fees Due
June 11-18	Trade Mission to Milan, Italy
July/Aug	2nd Annual CIBPA Golf Tournament
August	Festa Italiana

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

to

Solicit Prizes

Maintain the Membership Database
(Microsoft ACCESS)

Write/Format the Newsletter

Work on Membership Committee

Work on Events Committees

1994-5 BOARD

The 1994-95 CIBPA Board of Directors' term of office ends on May 15, 1995.

- President** **Silvio DiGregorio, HBA, LLB**
623-1855 Silvio is the Secretary-Treasurer of Bruno's Contracting, a general contracting firm. He also owns numerous other related enterprises in the City.
- Vice-President** **Celina Reitberger, BA(Hons), BEd, LLB**
345-0563 Celina has her own practice, Celina M. Reitberger Law Office, specializing in criminal, civil and native law. She is also a representative of the Official Guardian's Office where she acts as a legal representative for children.
- Secretary** **Gabriella Sacchetti, CA, MBA**
343-8763 Gabriella is an Assistant Professor at Lakehead University where she teaches accounting and information systems in the Faculty of Business Administration. She also works in her family's business, Sacchetti Construction Ltd.
- Treasurer** **Mimmo Gallo, Diploma in Education**
346-8543 Mimmo teaches cosmetology at St. Patrick High School to students in Grades 9 through 12.
- Past President** **Daniel Bellin, BBA, LLB**
345-1213 Daniel practises law specializing in civil litigation with the firm Erickson Larson.
- Director** **Rose Bava**
344-1424 Rose, owner of Hard Copy, is a certified court reporter that records and transcribes proceedings of any kind where a permanent record is required (court proceedings, meetings, statements).
- Director** **A. Anthony Cappello, BA**
343-8495 Tony is the Scheduling and Examinations Officer at Lakehead University. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees for the Lakehead District Roman Catholic Separate School Board.
- Director** **Ray Colosimo**
344-4021 Ray is the owner of Colosimo's Music Store, a store that sells musical instruments and supplies.
- Director** **Tony Potestio, HBComm, LLB**
344-6651 Tony has practised law in Thunder Bay over the past 10 years and is presently a partner in the firm Christie & Potestio.
- Director** **Sal Vetere**
767-3032 Sal has had 25 years of experience providing a wide range of financial and insurance services through Prudential Insurance Company of America.

*Special thanks to all the Board Members
for having serving throughout this past year.*

Board Nomination Form

Name: _____

(you may nominate yourself)

Eligibility Any member (full or student) in good standing
Length of Director's Term 2 years
Date of Term May 16, 1995 to May 15, 1997
Number of Board Positions to be Filled Nine
Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer)
..... To be appointed at first Board meeting

**Complete this nomination form
&
mail or fax to**

Silvio DiGregorio, Nominations Chairperson
c/o 665 Hewitson Street
Thunder Bay, Ontario
P7B 5V5

623-0360 (fax)

The form must be received by Silvio by April 12, 1995

Slate of Nominees

If more than nine nominations are received, all members will receive a list of nominees for their consideration before the elections on April 27, 1995 during the Spring Dinner.

Elections

Elections will be conducted on a secret ballot basis.
Only those members present may vote - no proxy voting.

Questions?

Call Silvio at 623-1855

ACTIVITIES OF THE CIBPA

- Annual Golf Tournament (July/August)
- Festa Italiana Food Booth (August)
- Fall Dinner Meeting featuring a speaker
- Christmas Bocce Tournament (November/December)
- Annual Curling Bonspiel (January/February)
- Spring Dinner Meeting featuring a speaker (and Annual Meeting)
- Ongoing support of the Chair of Italian Studies Fund - Lakehead University

Founded in Thunder Bay only two short years ago, the Thunder Bay Chapter's activities have been concentrated primarily in providing dinners and social/networking events, and supporting a major educational initiative (the Chair of Italian Studies). However, as the Chapter continues to mature, it should and will expand its activities. The Board welcomes any suggestions from the membership and will endeavour to support any activities members would like to initiate and organize, provided those activities are consistent with the CIBPA's objectives (see *WHAT IS THE CIBPA?* on Page 2).

FALL 1994 DINNER

Over 150 members and guests attended the September 28, 1994 Fall Dinner Meeting to listen to the guest speaker and to network with one another. Everyone had a great time!

A retired university professor and international speaker and lecturer, Dr. Penny Petrone, was the guest speaker. She spoke about her Italian ancestry and what it was like growing up as the daughter of Italian immigrants who came to Canada in the late 1920s. She was very interesting. For anyone interested in learning more, we would like to **remind you that Penny's book, *Breaking the Mould, A Memoir*, in which she recounts her ancestry and that of thousands of uncelebrated working class men and women of Italian descent, will be released in bookstores later this Spring.**

We would like to **thank Dr. Petrone** for speaking, **Armani's Ristorante** for the fabulous and *delicious* meal and finally, **Karen Fron's Crafts and Fine Gifts** for giving the CIBPA the lovely wreath (at cost) for the speaker's thank you gift.

Do You Have News??

If you have news to share with the membership or have comments or suggestions regarding this newsletter, please contact me at 343-8763 or 346-8785 (home) before the next newsletter is published in August 1995.

Gabriella Sacchetti
Newsletter Editor

CURLING '95 BONSPIEL

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PRIZE DONORS

Beatrice Foods
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CIBPA
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Northwood Hairstyling
Ponty & Co.
Rankin Equipment
Victoria Hair Design
Ray Williamson

ORGANIZERS

Mimmo Gallo
Tony Potestio

HELPERS

John Simprel
Adrian Mirabelli
Frank Mirabelli
Silvio DiGregorio

MAIL OUT

Mimmo Gallo
Gabiella Sacchetti

Thanks!

Well our first ever (now sure to be "Annual") Curling Bonspiel was held at the Thunder Bay Country Club on Saturday, February, 25, 1995. Over 50 persons showed up to "curl" (we'll use that word very loosely) and have dinner.

Skipper Domenic Del Paggio led his team (Mimmo Gallo, Nadia Marson, and Sergio Scocchia) to victory with the best score (is it the highest or lowest score? - that curling and golf stuff can get confusing).

We would like to thank new member, Al Azzolini of Ponty & Co, for designing the CIBPA curling trophy that featured a curling rock made of amethyst. Thanks to the generosity of many donors, numerous prizes were awarded to most of the participants!

Finally, we would like to **thank Mimmo Gallo and Tony Potestio for organizing the event** and to all those individuals who helped them. Great job guys!

DUAL CITIZENSHIP

For **anyone born in Italy** and now a Canadian citizen, you have the opportunity to reacquire your Italian citizenship.

For **anyone born in Canada** when at least one parent was still an Italian citizen, you have the opportunity to have dual Canadian-Italian citizenship.

For more information about the benefits and costs, please call the Honourary Vice Consul, Giovanna Zovatto. Do not wait, as there is a deadline after which you can no longer apply.

How to Get Italian Citizenship

Visit or Call

*Honourary Vice Consul
Giovanna Zovatto*

at the

*Italian Vice Consulate
205-105 May Street N
Thunder Bay, Ontario*

622-9052

ASAP!

Before the deadline

TESTIMONIAL DINNER (GALA)

On October 28, 1994, the CIBPA co-hosted (the other host was the NCIC-Ontario Region) a Testimonial Dinner under the auspices of the Italian Embassy. Three Ital-Canadians, Mario Caccamo, Alfred Petrone, Dr. Penny Petrone, were honoured for their distinguished service to the Italian Canadian Community of Northwestern Ontario. The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and many other distinguished guests were present to honour the three honourees.

We would like to extend our most sincerest thanks to all those who worked diligently in making the evening the success it was.

A total of **\$14,620 was raised** in support of the Chair of Italian Studies Fund - Lakehead University. **Anyone who attended the dinner should have received a charitable tax receipt in the mail.**

CHAIR OF ITALIAN STUDIES

What is the Chair?

The purpose of the proposed Chair of Italian Studies at Lakehead University is to broaden the knowledge of the Italian heritage in Northwestern Ontario, Ontario, and Canada. The project would help promote Italian language, culture, and Canadian Italian history; and the maintenance of archives of Italian Canadian history, in perpetuity.

The "Chair" is an academic position that would fund visiting Italian academic(s) of Italian studies in various topics such as language, business, economics, history, philosophy, music, and art. The Chair

of Italian Studies would operate, on a rotating basis, in association with one of the existing academic faculties/departments at Lakehead University. For example, a visiting economics scholar could work with academics in the Department of Economics. Italian academics invited to Lakehead University for specified periods of time would have an opportunity to undertake various activities such as offering

Need More Information?

If you would like to help or would like more information about the status of the Chair of Italian Studies, please contact the Executive Director, Tony Cappello at 343-8495, or at Lakehead University, 955 Oliver Road, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7B 5E1.

courses at Lakehead University, sharing research with local academics, and giving public addresses within the community. In addition, visiting academics would help provide guidance regarding the continuing development of the Chair of Italian Studies Program.

The project has been incorporated as a charitable not-for-profit organization, the "Chair of Italian Studies Fund - Lakehead University," and has a formal organizational structure to help ensure the establishment of the Chair. The incorporated entity, the Chair of Italian Studies Fund - Lakehead University, would be in charge of administering funding for the Chair.

Organizational Structure

The structure is comprised of an Executive Director, Board of Trustees, a Central Committee and an Academic Planning Committee. The various committees of the Chair of Italian Studies will be requiring significant community input. **Please take every opportunity you can to help support the development of the Chair - your ideas are welcome!**

Fundraising

An amount of \$1,000,000 is targeted as an amount that would fund the Chair in perpetuity. The intent is to raise funds from Italian Canadian clubs, societies, organizations, and of course, the public of Northwestern Ontario.

The CIBPA full supports the project to establish the Chair of Italian Studies at Lakehead University and wishes the organizers well in future planning and fundraising activities.

**\$14,620
RAISED TO DATE**

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

CHAIR OF ITALIAN STUDIES

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

Executive Director

Tony Cappello

Board of Trustees

Glenn C. Brassard

A. Mario Caccamo

Silvio DiGregorio

Sam Federico

Joseph Logozzo

Vince Mirabelli

Alfred A. Petrone, Chairman

Gina T Rimanich

Louis J. Romito

A. (Tony) Speziale

Central Committee

The Central Committee is made up of representatives from over 25 organizations, clubs and the general public belonging to the Italian Community of Northwestern Ontario.

Lakehead University Italian Studies Academic Planning Committee

The Academic Planning Committee is made up of Italian Canadian Lakehead University academics and students (Dr. L. DiMatteo, Dr. S. Petrone, Gabriella Sacchetti and Frank Mirabelli), and University administration (Dr. J. Gellert, Acting Chair). The Academic Planning Committee will liaise with the Central Committee and the University.

Meeting Dates of Committees
to be announced by the
Executive Director

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CIBPA of Thunder Bay Balance Sheet

	Jan/31/95	May/15/94
ASSETS		
Cash	7,845	4,588
Receivables	50	75
Liquor Inventory	1,100	
Prepays	1,090	
Incorporation Costs*	424	424
Long-term Supplies	90	
	\$10,599	\$5,087
LIABILITIES		
Payables**	2,075	1,030
Deferred Member Fees	1,712	376
SURPLUS	6,812	3,681
	\$10,599	\$5,087

CIBPA of Thunder Bay Income Statement

	8.5 mos Jan/31/95 (1 dinner)	12 mos May/15/94 (3 dinners)
REVENUES		
Dinners & Fees	5,601	13,585
Directory Ads	475	
	6,076	13,585
Golf Toumey, net	-333	
Festa Italiana, net	2,967	475
	8,710	14,060
EXPENSES		
Dinners	3,796	9,104
Membership**	896	994
Office	887	281
	5,579	10,379
NET INCOME	\$3,131	\$3,681

* Incorporation Costs have not been amortized.
**A liability for Membership Directory Binders and Inserts was not set up as the amount is not known at this time.

The financial statements are not audited.
Prepared by Gabriella Sacchetti.