

CIBPA Update

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The CIBPA is an organization made up of Canadians of Italian heritage building business and professional networks.

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Upcoming Activities

Spring Dinner

April 10, 1997

Valhalla Inn

6:00 PM Symposium

7:00 PM Dinner

4th Annual

CIBPA Golf

Summer 1997

Festa Italiana

CIBPA Food Booth

August 3 & 4, 1997

Officer Elections

Spring 1997

Look for special mailing soon.

Incontro

Where Italy and Canada Meet Photographs by *John Reeves*

Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Istituto Italiano di Cultura of Toronto and the 15th An-

JOHN REEVES is a Canadian photographer, internationally recognized for his strong black-and-white portraits. He has documented celebrities in the worlds of Italian cinema: Nanni Moretti, Francesco Rosi and Gabriele Salvatores; of music: Luciano Berio and Bruno Canino; of literature: Umberto Eco and Claudio Magris, as well as famous Canadians who have had a special relationship with the Istituto Italiano di Cultura of Toronto, including Marshall McLuhan, Margaret Atwood, David Cronenberg, Maureen Forrester, Frank Iacobucci, Richard Monette, John Polanyi and Nino Ricci.

John Reeves' work has ap-

peared in many magazines, such as *Canadian Art*, *Macleans*, *Saturday Night*, and *Books in Canada*. His one-man shows include "Thirty Portraits of Women" (1977); "The Magic Word" (1981); and "Inuit Art World" (1992), an exhibition that has travelled widely in Italy. Recently, "Exiles Exiles", a collection of literary portraits, opened at the National Library in Ottawa in 1992 and "Jazz Lives", a collection of portraits of acclaimed jazz musicians, opened at Gallery Taranto in New York in 1994

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President's Message

As we head into the final stretch of our fiscal year and this board's mandate, I take this opportunity to encourage all enthusiastic and energetic members to stand as candidates in the forthcoming election of officers.

Congratulations to the organizers of the fall dinner who promised and delivered an excellent serata. I have received many congratulatory notes from members and guests who felt that the quality of the event has elevated the C.I.B.P.A. of Thunder Bay to new heights. I

share these compliments with the organizing committee which is in the process of organizing the spring dinner and *guarantees* to equal or surpass the Fall dinner.

It is with great zeal that I invite all members and their guests to this spectacular event which the theme will be where Canada and Italy meet. (see last page for details)

Compliments are also extended to the many volunteers who have come forward to offer their expertise and assistance in many of

our events. You may have observed that our newsletter has taken on a new look thanks to Mark Piovesana, our new editor, who devotes countless hours to ensure a quality product.

The long awaited Membership directory has finally been completed and I look forward to your comments. I am confident that this directory will help CIBPA members network with other members. For all members who wish to

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Members in the News

- Congratulations to Steven and Laura Scimeca who exchanged wedding vows on August 10, 1996. We wish them all the best in their new life together.
- Best wishes to Renato Pullia on his appointment

as a Personal Banking Officer with the Bank of Nova Scotia

- Congratulations to Mike Whistle on his move to TD Evergreen Securities as an Investment Advisor.
- We wish Silvio Di Gregorio much success in

his role as chairperson of the Confederation College fundraising campaign Partnership 2000.

- Congratulations to George Cava on his appointment as a Sales Representative for Molson Breweries.

Pen Pal Program Initiated

The *Sidernese Committee of Thunder Bay* has organized a Pen Pal program among over 250 students for various schools in Thunder Bay. These students will correspond with the same number of students in various schools in the region of Siderno, Italy. This is just the beginning of a relationship between the two com-

munities. The hope is that the relationship between Thunder Bay and Siderno, Italy will be enriched with more social and cultural events to strengthen the message of peace and friendship among the people of the world.

This is just one example of the work Francesco Pedulla,

president of the Sidernese Committee of Thunder Bay, has put in to building relations among the two communities.

Thunder Bay has officially been twinned with Siderno, Italy. Any ideas for helping to foster relations with our sister city can be directed to Francesco Pedulla.

Welcome New CIBPA Members

Ralph Di Biagio

Di Biagio's Hair Studio

Michael Leggett

Bank of Montreal

Edward Meijer

Valhalla Inn

Susan Prodaniuk

Sue Prodaniuk Advertising

Biaggio Bonazza

La Scala Ristorante

Ross Kirk

A & R Ross Products

Tony Racco

Racco Industrial Roofing

Rene Larson

Rene Larsons' Law Office

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1995-97

**Board
of
Directors**

Mimmo Gallo
President

Tony Potestio
Vice-President

Frank Mirabelli
Secretary

Peter Niccoli
Treasurer

Silvio DiGregorio
Past President

Rose Bava
Director

Ray Colosimo
Director

Daniel Bellin
Director

Rita Racco
Director

1997 Mixed Curling Bonspiel a Success!

Those who participated in this year's Mixed Curling Bonspiel reported it was a great success. The experienced curlers in the group lent their encouragement, shared their skills, and chuckled patiently as the less experienced curlers tried their hand at the great Canadian winter pastime.

The action off the ice was just as hot. The Thunder Bay Golf and Country Club staff put on a great dinner. Everyone enjoyed an evening of music and dancing.

The winners of the event were the team of Marci

Lavoie (captain), Silvio Di Gregorio, Barney De Sousa and Carl Sharp.

Many thanks go out to this year's sponsors.

Peter Pullia - Victoriaville Hair Design

Ray Williamson - Mink Mountain Properties
Sheryl Brady - Hair Fever Salon

Mike Whistle - TD Evergreen

Dennis and Peter Buset - Buset & Buset Chartered Accountants

Silvio Di Gregorio - Bruno's Contacting

Mark Piovesana - ScotiaMcLeod Inc

Edward Meijer - Valhalla Inn

John Erickson - Erickson & Partners

Ralph St. Pierre - Mama Alfa's Pizzeria

Laura Scimeca - Wildwood Superior Travel

George Cava - Molson Breweries

Peter Niccoli - Lightning Sales and Rentals

Piero Masei - Piero's Painting & Decorating

Ralph Cuglietta - Lafarage

Frank Mirabelli - Lehn-dorff Tandem Management Inc

Adrian Mirabelli - Mirabelli Group

Wanda Kerslake

President's Message (continued)

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network at a national level, the National Federation of Canadian and Italian Business and Professional Asso-

ciations is presently compiling the necessary data and members will be receiving a copy in the near future.

The best of luck in your

personal affairs and I trust I will see you at the Spring Dinner.

Mimmo Gallo
President

Call for Nominees to Board of Directors

All members in good standing are invited to nominate individuals they feel would make a valuable contribution to the future success of the Thunder Bay Chapter of the Canadian Italian Business and Professional Association.

Members will be elected for

the 1997 to 1999 Term to start on May 16, 1997. All nine Board positions will be open to qualified and interested contenders.

If you feel you would like to make a contribution toward shaping and managing the future direction of the association, please contact one

of the current Board Members (listed on page 3). They will be more than happy to assist you in securing a nomination. Questions regarding the duties and responsibilities of Board members can be directed to Mimmo Gallo, Silvio DiGregorio or Frank Mirabelli.

Confederation College and the
Canadian Italian Business and Professional Association of Thunder Bay
present an evening celebrating

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WHERE ITALY AND CANADA MEET
1976-1996

Thursday, April 10, 1997
Valhalla Inn

Time Table

6:00 PM Reception, Networking Hour
(Cash Bar)
7:00 PM Dinner

Admission

Members - No Charge
Non-members \$40.00 (tax included)

Reservations

Tables of 8 can be purchased & reserved in advance

Coffee Table books can be purchased for \$60.00
with a \$35.00 tax receipt issued. John Reeves, the
artist, and Barry Callaghan, the publisher, will be pre-
sent to autograph the books.

Contacts for Tickets

Silvio Di Gregorio 623-1855
Mimmo Gallo 623-5218

Thunder Bay Goes Classical

An Exceptional Musical Evening
with
tre Canadian tenors

Andy Garofalo Robert DeVrij
Leonard Whiting

soprano **Kimberly Turner**
conductor and pianist **Christabel Pinto**

May 2, 1997

7:00 PM Symposium 8:00 PM Show
DaVinci Centre

Please help support the National Cancer Research Foundation

Comites of Toronto
(comitati italiani residenti all'estro)
has organized a meeting to discuss

Civil Rights

Social Assistance

Relations with Regional Governments in Italy
Culture, School and Information

Saturday April 28, 1997

DaVinci Centre

Time: TBA

Special Guests representing the Comites:
Gino Bucchino (president)
Luigi Ripandelli (vice-president)
Carlo Consiglio (executive member)
Antonio Galati (treasurer)