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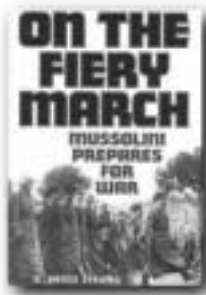
Fall 2004 CIBPA Dinner

Thursday, October 7th

6:00pm Networking • 7:00pm Dinner

Fort William Historical Park

MacGillivray's Landing



Dr. Bruce Strang, Lakehead University
"BABES IN THE BRETON WOODS:
ITALY'S POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION"

Dr. Bruce Strang is an assistant professor of history at Lakehead University. He is a graduate of the University of Winnipeg (B.A.) and McMaster University in Hamilton (M.A., Ph.D.). ON THE FIERY MARCH: MUSSOLINI PREPARES FOR WAR is the title of his published doctoral dissertation.

Dr. Strang is currently researching and writing another book on Italian diplomatic history entitled LIMITS OF SOVEREIGNTY: ITALY IN THE EARLY COLD WAR.

Admission

Members – No Charge
Non-Members – \$50.00

Reservations

Tables of 8 can be purchased and reserved in advance.

Tickets

Contact any board member.

RSVP

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DISCOVERY OF
MY GENERATION
IS THAT A
HUMAN BEING
CAN ALTER HIS
LIFE BY
ALTERING HIS
ATTITUDES OF
MIND.**

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(1842 - 1910)**

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20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO • OCTOBER 1, 2 & 3

Weekend includes Winery Tours, Golf, Gala Dinner and more!

All members are invited to attend. Contact any CIBPA Board Member for information.



President's Message

Saverio Prete
CIBPA President
2003 - 2005



CALENDAR

**BOCCE
TOURNAMENT**
Saturday, Nov. 6
DaVinci Centre

**CURLING
TOURNAMENT**
Saturday, Feb. 12
Port Arthur Curling Club

Well let me start by thanking Mark Piovesana for overseeing the production/editing of this issue of our newsletter. A special thanks to Ines Migliazza for contributing some articles with flare..

There has been a change to the board of directors. Welcome to Joe Daniele who will be replacing Renato Pullia. Renato recently accepted a position in Stratford Ontario and we will miss his unselfish contributions, however as a membership we now have a

friend in Stratford we can call upon.

This October the CIBPA Niagara chapter will host a National Convention celebrating the 20th anniversary of the CIBPA National Federation. The guest of honour is the recently retired Supreme Court Canada Justice Frank Iacobucci. The event is scheduled for October 1st, 2nd and 3rd everyone interested is asked to call me ASAP at 684-8381.

See you all Thursday October 7th at the Fort William Historical Park for our fall dinner as we help launch the Chair of Italian Studies Speaker Series.

Sincere regards,
Saverio Prete

TAKIN' IT TO THE STREET - FESTA ITALIANA *by Ines Migliazza*

Sunday and Monday, August 01st and 2nd respectively brought once again to the parking lot of the Italian Hall and the street of Algoma the sweet smells and cultured songs of our proud nationality – Italy. The Italian Festa once again has made its presence eminent.

The CIBPA tent situated in our usual hot spot and next to our brother society, the Gran Sasso we commence two long but fruitful days. We were missing our grand poobah, Silvio this year, but, the rest of the herd took control and made the days glorious, memorable and most enjoyable. Once again, the pack was lead by none other than Barney, Mimmo, Sonny and our presidente, Saverio with the unconditional support by the Mirabelli's, Moose, Victor (working that sausage grill for 10 hours straight on the Sunday) and others. Many thanks are extended to the many, many volunteers (non members) you know who you are, we know who you are.

This year we added a new touch with the Merla Mae Ice Cream. This was a hit. Although weather wasn't as scalding hot as previous years, the slight rains helped keep the pavement cool but still warm enough to welcome the vanilla and strawberry flavours from Merla Mae.

What was missing on the Sunday?...we had lively music throughout the grounds, happy people creating memories, catching up and consuming scrumptious morsels from our brother society and other enticing tents throughout the festa. You could feel it in the air....what was it?...Bruno always getting the crowd going on his accordion, people were singing, dancing, having a great time....but what we all were missing was Scassato !...Our very own, John Scaffeo, was vacationing in Italy and didn't attend the festa until the Monday.....NOW the party was going to get started..... Just stop !...take a moment and reflect on it all. All those memories and good times, with Bruno & John on their instruments, friends embracing each other....laughter, glorious sounds in the air....isn't the Italian culture beautiful?

As a volunteer, a spectator, a guest, the overwhelming hospitality, genuine smiles and of course my annual festa dance with my buddy, Frank Pontisso leaves my heart yearning and aching for more when it is all said and done. Life is good!. Remember, "life is not measured by the breaths we take but what actually takes our breath away".

Until next festa, stay well, be happy, and love like you have never been hurt. Mille Grazie e tante belle cose.



Just a few of the volunteers who made the CIBPA's presence at Festa Italiana a success.

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*All members are
invited to submit
articles for this
newsletter to be
considered for
publication"*

WHITEWATER GOLF TOURNAMENT

by Ines Migliazza

Thursday, July 22nd, 2004 started out slightly cool and with a head wind, but that didn't stop the party at White Walter Golf Course, where this years' CIPBA golf tournament was held. The winds subsided, the sun shone and here we go...

What a party !. What a view !. The view of the Kaministiquia River is incredible, the view of Candy Mountain even more breathtaking as the day progressed. The Forest and River courses were unbelievable. Beautifully sculpted fairways lined with natures best and panoramic views. Did you know while golfing through the River Course that you view the intense nearby rapids?...so, what does that mean you ask?...well, the name WHITEWATER was derived from those rapids.

Numerous sponsors helped make this years memorable golf tournament a success. The golfers, the sponsors, the ever-so-accommodating wait staff of White Water, lead by Tony Chiarelli made the day yet another day to remember. The 3 food HOLE sponsors added that little more pizzazz you couldn't think could add to an already incredible layout and day. Gran Sasso (I love you guys!), Valhalla Inn and Merla Mae ... thank you, thank you, thank you.

So many to thank, so many to acknowledge, so little paper to write. Silvio and Bruno, thank you once again, to two of the most unselfish, generous, hospitable, kind-hearted souls one could ever be so grateful to call a friend. I know there are so many other people that all work together to make all that happens a success, thank you to all of you.

I cannot express on paper with my pen in words, the intensity of the passion I feel in my heart. Participating with the CIBPA has enriched my life with knowledge, love and harmony. Not only do we promote and encourage each other, we give back to the community. Fight it or not, agree or not...at the end of the day, it is the simple pleasures in life that enriches our soul.



Sonny Costanzo & Saverio Prete

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Lakehead University CHAIR OF ITALIAN STUDIES

by Roy Piovesana

Thank you to
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The Board of Directors to establish a chair of Italian Studies at Lakehead University is an educational organization dedicated to excellence and innovation. Accordingly, it endeavours to establish relationships and partnerships that together will promote higher education, training, and research with a view to achieving a greater sensitivity to and a better understanding of Italian culture.

To this end, the Chair of Italian Studies will be sponsoring a "Speaker Series" to be launched at the CIBPA dinner on Thursday, October 7 with Dr. Bruce Strang, Assistant Professor of History at Lakehead University, with a talk entitled "BABES IN THE BRETON WOODS: ITALY'S POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION".

The purpose of the "Speaker Series" is to create an awareness of the major themes in Italian history and culture and, more specifically, to highlight the growth and development of Canada's and Thunder Bay's Italian community. Over the next several years, the following presentations will be made:

Linda Margolis Covello

"Becoming Italian: Rediscovering Italian Roots as an Adult"

Joe Nucci & Frank Pullia

"Future Challenges of Two Major Italian Societies in Thunder Bay"

John Potestio

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Dr. Livio De Matteo

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Dr. Penny S. Petrone

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Antonio Pucci

"Italian Immigrants and Labour Unrest, 1902-1912"

Silvie Anne Mauro & Darwin Bakke

"Being Married in an Italian Family: Male and Female Perspectives"

Roy Piovesana

"Two Italian Parishes in Thunder Bay, 1912-1992"

Dr. Bruce Strang

"Babes in the Breton Woods: Italy's Post-War Reconstruction"

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YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR

by Mark Piovesana

James (Jamie) DeSousa is an example of what is going right with the young people of our community. After graduating from Lakehead University with his Bachelor of Business Administration degree, he surveyed the local job market and found little in the way of a career opportunity. Many other bright young minds would look elsewhere for meaningful employment.

Jamie pursued a different route. He values his family and friends and he would be quick to point out that the lifestyle Thunder Bay has to offer is second to none. The lack of an attractive career opportunity did not let him stray from his goal of living and working in the place he calls home. He decided to take matters into his own hands.

Jamie decided he would take the huge risk of becoming an entrepreneur. He has opened a business located in the Arthur Street Marketplace and has named it Dante's Panini & Espresso. His

establishment will not only serve the employees and patrons of the various retail outlets in the mall, he hopes it will become an attractive meeting place to enjoy a healthy bite to eat and a cup of decent espresso or cappuccino.

When asked what makes his place distinctive, Jamie is quick to reply... "the panini bread". The crusty European style loaves are baked fresh several times a day. He wants the bread to be still warm as he is filling them with a selection of tasty meats, vegetables and condiments. As good as the sandwiches are, one cannot overlook the pastries that are available in decadent portion. "The brownies are to die for." is a comment I heard from patrons at a table within earshot.

Our community needs more people like Jamie. Not only has he found a way to develop a career in his home town, he has found a way to help many others as well. His business currently

employs nine individuals, both full time and part time. His current focus is to serve his current clientele with a level of service and quality that is second to

none. With that goes according to play, Jamie will likely look to expand his business to things such as business lunch catering and perhaps other locations. "I couldn't have done it without the support of my family and friends, especially my parents and Silvio DiGregorio".



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