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Fall 2005 CIBPA Dinner Thursday, October 6th

6:00pm Networking - 7:00pm Dinner
Valhalla Inn

SERGIO BUONOCORE - BIOGRAPHY

Sergio Buonocore, completed his post-secondary education at Lakehead University in the early 1980's, where he obtained his Master of Arts in Economics, as well as undergraduate degrees in both Business Administration and Economics.

He began his career with the Government of Canada in Sudbury, in the Department of Employment and Immigration where he worked for 5 years as the District Economist for Northern Ontario. In this position, he was charged with managing a team of economists to research, analyze and recommend solutions to resolve labour market and general socio-economic issues facing the North. His work was instrumental in the creation of FedNor, a Federal Government Secretariat with special responsibility for Northern Ontario.

He then moved back to Thunder Bay with the Government of Ontario, in the Ministry of Tourism where he has remained for the past 16 years. He held several portfolios with the Ministry including Senior Policy Advisor, Manager of Northern Field Operations, Manager of Northern Ontario Policy and Research, and for the past three years, General Manager of Fort William Historical Park.

His accomplishments with the Ministry included leading the development of the first-ever provincial policy for nature-based tourism; establishing a new process for licensing over 1,700 tourism businesses; Canada/Ontario Co-Chair overseeing the delivery of the \$15 million Northern Ontario Tourism Development Agreement; and in his first 4 months at the Fort, managing the recovery efforts of both a fire and major flood during the organization's 200th anniversary year celebrations.

During his tenure at the Fort, attendance has consistently been growing on a yearly basis, despite an overall decline in tourism visitation nation-wide. Sergio's vision for the Fort is to position the attraction as a regional catalyst that promotes economic growth, job creation and investment, while upholding its heritage, cultural and educational values. He is focused on creating new, innovative partnerships that will produce unique and exciting tourism experiences that will make Thunder Bay and Northwestern Ontario a world-class tourism destination. The Fort's change in direction is captured in its new name and corporate message: *"Fort William Historical Park - Preserving the Past, while Building the Future."*



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Man is not on the earth solely for his own happiness. He is there to realize great things for humanity
Vincent Van Gogh

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Admission
Members - No Charge
Non-Members - \$50.00



Reservations
Tables of 8 can be purchased and reserved in advance.



Tickets
Contact any board member.



CALENDAR

**Bocce
Tournament**
Saturday, Nov 5, 2005
DaVinci Centre

**Curling
Tournament**
Saturday Feb 18, 2006
Port Arthur Curling Club

CIBPA Past Presidents

- 1993 – 1994
Daniel Bellin
- 1994 – 1995
Silvio Di Gregorio
- 1995 – 1997
Mimmo Gallo
- 1997 – 1999
Frank Mirabelli
- 1999 – 2001
Peter Niccoli
- 2001 – 2003
Renato Pullia
- 2003 – 2005
Saverio Prete

President’s Message

Sonny Costanzo
CIBPA President
2005 - 2007



I am honoured and excited to serve as president of the CIBPA for the 2005-2007 term. A sincere appreciation to Saverio Prete, the outgoing president, for his leadership and commitment over the previous two years. I am grateful to be part of a very energetic, hard working and dedicated Board of Directors and I am confident that this Board will build upon the successes of previous Boards.

Communicating with members is important to the overall strength of the organization. Our newsletter, our website and email are excellent tools for communicating to our board members. Thank you to Mark Piovesana for taking on the role of editor for this issue of the newsletter; and to Joe Daniele for re-vamping our website, making it more informative and user friendly. I hope you all visit our website and add it to your favorites. In the near future we will be updating our member email address database so that we can effectively use this tool to reach individual members.

There are two reasons why this was an enjoyable and successful summer for our organization. Firstly, our 12th annual golf tournament in July experienced the largest attendance to date, compounded with our usual festive spirit and fun. Secondly, our booth at Festa Italiana in August once again proved to be a successful fundraiser. Thank you to all of our sponsors, to all those who donated prizes and to all the hard working volunteers. Your generosity is what strengthens the CIBPA and is greatly appreciated. The contributors are all listed in this newsletter and I encourage everyone to support them as they have supported us.

The CIBPA has an exciting future ahead. Our next event is the fall dinner which will be held October 6 at the Valhalla Inn. I am delighted to announce that Sergio Buonocore, General Manager of Fort William Historical Park, will be our guest speaker. I am certain that you will find the evening informative and you will enjoy the camaraderie and friendly atmosphere. I encourage all members to attend and remind you that non-members are most welcome.

I look forward to seeing you all there.
Sincerely, Sonny Costanzo

Festa Italiana - by Saverio Prete

Raise your wine glass and salute the Festa Italianna organizing committee for their great work. Every year many volunteers from local Italian organizations spend countless hours preparing and working hard to make Festa Italiana the exceptional experience for the residents and visitors of Thunder Bay. This year was no exception with the Italian dancers, musicians, the many food booths and the spaghetti eating competition Festa Italiana was once again a great success. CIBPA was again a proud supporter and we want to thank our many volunteers and the members of the Gran Sasso Club for their continued support.



CIBPA Festa Volunteers
*Vittorio Cacciatore • Mario Menei • Adrian Mirabelli • Bob Love • Vince Filice • Danny Filice
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Contact Mark Piovesana
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All members are invited to
submit articles for this
newsletter to be
considered for
publication.

Whitewater Golf Tournament - by Frank Mirabelli

What a fantastic summer. Endless sun, a fantastic course and vast camaraderie make for a great golf game. This year's CIBPA Golf Tournament was no exception! With 18 holes and 148 golfers, all participants agree this was our largest and best golf event yet.

The day was complemented by great food as well. Similar to last year, the Valhalla Inn provided their usual stupendous line up of food and beverages, providing a refreshing break between holes 9 and 10.

Lamb kabobs, porchetta and braciolo di riso, combined with their usual hospitality made the break hosted by the Gran Sasso Club a definite delight. Bruno Di Gregorio, John Scaffeo, Gino Scocchia, Ernie Brecchia and Peter Loski provided entertainment to keep everyone moving during their break.

Thanks to George Cava and the folks at Molson's for their hosting the annual Putting Tournament which was appreciated by everyone, (especially those of us who needed the practice). Thank you to all the additional sponsors listed below for their support of this year's tournament.

Finally, a special thank you to Whitewater Golf Course for allowing CIBPA the use of the course and for a fantastic dinner. We all look forward to next year's event. Watch your mail for registration.

Tournament Sponsor - RBC Royal Bank

Major Sponsors - Grand Marnier, Gran Sasso, Merla Mae,
Molson Canada, Valhalla Inn

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Golf Results

Most Honest Score 84 - River 6B **Wendy Cross • Ronny Ferris • Murray Grudzinski • Pasquale Nardi**

Lowest Score 58 (14 Under) - Forest 6A **Don Kehoe • Cliff Friesen • Andrew Christie • Barry Fever**

Men's Closest to the Hole - **Tony Tarsitano** - Women's Closest to the Hole - **Tammy Shields** - Men's Longest Drive - **Paolo Sanzo**

Women's Closest to the Hole - **Susan Lammi** - Doug Hiekenen Memorial Sportsmanship Award presented by Bo Huk to **Carl Sharpe**

Tribute to a Long Standing Member and Friend

Penny Petrone,

Serafina “Penny” Petrone, A.T.C.M., B.A., M.A., Ph.D, O.Ont., passed away unexpectedly on Monday, August 22, 2005 in Vancouver, B.C.

As a teacher, writer, and patron of the arts, Penny Petrone made a singular contribution to the cultural life of Thunder Bay and the Province of Ontario.

Dr. Petrone’s career as a teacher was unique because it involved instruction at the elementary, secondary, and university levels for a period of over forty years. She began teaching in a one room rural school just outside of Port Arthur during the early 1940s and then taught in the elementary schools of Port Arthur and Windsor. As a high school teacher, Penny was not one to settle in one school or city for long. She taught in Parry Sound, Port Arthur, and at Canadian National Defense bases in Germany and France.



With such an eclectic teaching experience, Dr. Petrone was ideally suited to assume a position on the faculty of several colleges of education in Thunder Bay, Ottawa, and briefly in Uganda. Dr. Petrone held the view that the soundness of any educational system rested in the training of outstanding teachers. This idea is the subject of her last manuscript entitled “It’s All In The Teaching”.

It was as a member of Lakehead University’s Faculty of Education that Dr. Petrone did most of her research and writing. Her *First People, First Voices* and *Northern Voices*, both published by the University of Toronto Press, broke new ground in the study of Canadian aboriginal literature as did her *Native Literature in Canada*.

In retirement, Dr. Petrone channeled her energies into the writing of two autobiographical works – *Breaking The Mould* and *In Search of Serafina*. *Breaking The Mould* was warmly and emotionally received particularly by young women of Italian heritage and an Italian translation was launched at the University of Rome, La Sapienza, this summer.

In his forthcoming book, *The Italians of Thunder Bay* published by The Chair of Italian Studies, Lakehead University, John Potestio had this to say about the career of Penny Petrone: “Penny Petrone has a secure place in the history of Italian Canadians. She is deserving of a fuller biography where her role as a learned women of Italian extraction could be examined in greater detail.”

Written by Roy Piovesana



Membership Privileges

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Website links on CIBPA’S Website
Newsletters from CIBPA Thunder Bay
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New - \$120
Renewal - \$90
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