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*"If you don't raise your  
eyes you will think you  
are at the highest point"*

*Se non alzi gli occhi  
penserai che sei al punto  
piu' alto"*

Antonio Porchia

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

## Fall 2006 CIBPA Dinner Thursday, October 12th

6:00pm Networking - 7:00pm Dinner  
Ryan Hall - Confederation College

### Patricia Lang President of Confederation College

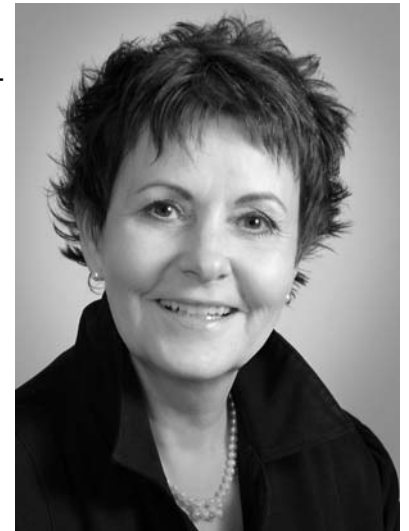
Since Patricia Lang's appointment as President of Confederation College in 2000, four new centres have opened – an Aviation Centre of Excellence, a Forestry Centre, the Centre for Applied Media Productions (CAMP), and Negahneewin College. Fundraising campaigns for these projects have included raising \$15 million to support these centres.

As a result of President Lang's leadership, Confederation College has been especially effective in building community partnerships. Ongoing planning with government, business, industry, and communities ensures the currency and relevance of college programs and employment opportunities for graduates: this has made the college a key player in regional economic development.

Under her leadership, the college is realizing its potential on putting students first, with innovative changes in operations, programs and services by "changing lives through learning."

Patricia Lang received her Bachelor of Nursing from the University of New Brunswick and her M.A. from Central Michigan University.

In 1998, she won the Dean's Award at Central Michigan University for outstanding achievement and contributions to community college education in Ontario. She was named an Influential Woman of Northwestern Ontario for 2004 and has been called "one of Thunder Bay's leading ambassadors." She believes that life-long learning is a touchstone of a healthy community.



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



**Tickets**  
Contact any board member.

# CIBPA THUNDER BAY CALENDAR

**Fall  
Dinner**  
Oct 12, 2006  
Ryan Hall  
Confederation College

**Bocce  
Tournament**  
Nov 4, 2006

**Curling  
Bonspiel**  
Feb 17, 2007

## 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'm sure you all thoroughly enjoyed the second hottest summer since Environment Canada started keeping records. The fabulous weather gives us energy and excitement and I hope the CIBPA will be a part of the momentum coming into the fall season.

I would like to sincerely thank the Board members and all the volunteers for their hard work and commitment organizing this summer's golf tournament. A very special thank you to Lisa Wychopin of PMA Gran Marnier, Edward Meijer of the Valhalla Inn and Bruno DiGregorio, John Scaffeo, Ernie Brescia, and Steve Frattaroli of the Gran Sasso Club who transformed what would have been just another tournament, into a festive celebration with their great food, music and spirit making the CIBPA golf experience one of the most memorable events of the summer. Thank you also to those individuals and organizations who donated prizes and provided financial support and a special thank you to all of our members and their guests for their interest and participation.

To date, approximately ninety percent of our members renewed their membership for the May 15, 2006 to May 15, 2007 period. I hope the remainder renew shortly and I encourage you all to sponsor new members. It is through the continued participation of our members that the CIBPA is able to develop year after year.

I am pleased to report that our website, [www.cibpa.com](http://www.cibpa.com), is being visited more than ever before which I believe is an indication that our members are using it as a tool to keep informed of upcoming events. I remind you our bocce tournament will be held on November 4, 2006 and our curling tournament on February 17, 2007.

The fall dinner will be held on October 12 at Confederation College where we will be honoured by Patricia Lang, President of Confederation College, as our keynote speaker and the college culinary students will delight us with an evening of Italian cuisine. I am certain that you will find the evening informative and you will enjoy the camaraderie and friendly atmosphere.

As a member, your complimentary ticket is attached to this newsletter. I encourage all members to attend and remind you that non-members are most welcome. Additional tickets are available from any Board member.

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



**2006 Golf Tournament**

## Members in the News

We would like to recognize CIBPA member **Joe Quaresima** from **Sencia Canada Ltd** and his team for receiving the Chamber of Commerce **Business Excellence Award** this spring.

This award is presented to a business who exhibits excellence in business growth, customer service and community leadership.



## Golf Tournament 2006 - by Mark Piovesana

It was a sweltering July day as a full slate of golfers teed up at the annual CIBPA golf tournament. As usual, the staff at **Whitewater** were well organized and had our group of thirsty golfers in our carts and off to our tee off holes without a hitch.

A cool complimentary beverage courtesy of Lisa Wychopen and **PMA Grand Marnier** started the event but that was only the beginning of the culinary delights in store for us as we made our way around the course. Edward Meijer and his team from the **Valhalla Inn** put on a delectable spread at the putting green. This stop also had us participate in a putting contest sponsored by George Cava of **Molson's**. Perhaps one of the most welcome refreshments of the day was provided by Pasquale Nardi of **Merla Mae Ice Cream**. In the middle of the course, at the "hut", the **Gran Sasso Club** provided a welcome break from the day's toil. They served their traditional lamb kabobs and porchetta sandwiches. Of course there was also the traditional music, laughter and camaraderie.

The winning team - Frank Mirabelli, Rick Schweyer, Joe Sgambelluri, Mike Dolcetti; the most honest team - Shirlee Bayda-Clace, Diane Mehagan, Doug Demeo, Wayne Tocheri. The day ended with a great meal prepared by the Whitewater staff and the distribution of prizes

### Donations & Prizes

Alumni Association of Lakehead University - Rob Zuback  
Bank of Montreal - Shirlee Bayda-Clace  
BDO Dunwoody - Joe Chiodo  
Bruno's Contracting - Bruno Di Gregorio  
Buset and Partners LLP - Richard Buset  
Christie Potestio Freitag Law Office - Tony Potestio  
Crupi Consulting - Franco Crupi  
Dominion Construction - Ray Williamson  
First General Services Insurance Restoration - Frank Mirabelli  
Fitzpatrick and Partners Chartered Accountants - Moe Siemieniuk  
Fort William Historical Park - Sergio Buonocore  
Grant Thornton Chartered Accountants - Frank Lopez  
Hair Fever - Cheryl Brady  
Hertz Equipment Rental - Peter Niccoli  
Home Loan Canada - Gina Winters  
John Arnone Mortgage Broker - John Arnone  
Laurentian Financial Services - Charles Ihantola  
Merla-Mae Ice Cream - Pasquali Nardi  
MicroAge Computer Centres - Joe Daniele  
Mink Mountain Resorts - Barney De Sousa  
Molson Canada - George Cava  
Mr. Sub - John Sgromo  
Nor-Shore Ready Mix Concrete Products - Peter Provenzano  
Nova-Pro Industrial Supply - Rob Frattaroli  
PMA Gran Marnier - Lisa Wychopin  
Rainbow Realty - Cosmo Veneziale  
RBC Commercial Banking - Anthony Bergamo  
RBC Dominion Securities - Bruce Labelle & Brian Whitfield  
RBC Royal Bank - Saverio Prete  
Re/Max First Choice Realty - Mario Tegola  
Scientific Hair Care - Vittorio Cacciatore  
ScotiaMcLeod - Mark Piovesana  
Shear Heaven and You - Aldo Ruberto  
T & T Auto Supply Ltd - Tullio Provenzano  
The Picture Store and Framing Centre - Luccio Coppola  
Triad Roofing - Steve Boquist  
Valhalla Inn - Edward Meijer  
Victoriaville Hair Design - Peter Pullia  
Whitewater - Silvio Di Gregorio

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people together in an  
atmosphere that  
encourages the  
development of business  
contacts while  
strengthening cultural  
awareness.*

### ADVERTISING

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an ad in this newsletter, or  
on our website, or add a  
link from our website ...  
Contact Joe Daniele  
at 343-4490

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### SUBMISSIONS

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

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## Board of Directors

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344-2080

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626-5187

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Treasurer  
346-7000

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343-4490

**Saverio Prete**  
Past President  
343-1845

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623-1276

**Silvio DiGregorio**  
Director  
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346-8543

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345-8825

**Shirlee Bayda-Clace**  
Director  
343-1435

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Director  
684-8306

## New Members

**Peter Corrado**  
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**Peter Provenzano**  
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**Domenic Cianfagna**  
Winmar  
**Richard Lacoste**  
Superior Performance  
Management

# The Arthur Mauro Dinner

The Institute of Italian Studies - Lakehead University invites you to The Arthur Mauro Dinner at the Whitewater Golf Club, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Arthur Mauro and the many generous donors from the Thunder Bay Italian community who contributed to the success of the ATAC Challenge will be honored at a special dinner at Whitewater on November 2, 2006.

This event is the culmination of an incredible campaign taken on by the Institute of Italian Studies-Lakehead University (formerly Chair of Italian Studies) when Mr. Mauro committed up to \$150,000 to Lakehead University's ATAC Campaign, to match whatever amount is raised from the Italian Community of Thunder Bay.

Arthur Mauro was born and raised in Thunder Bay and, although he has since left our community, he has never forgotten his roots. Mr. Mauro has fond memories of growing up on Secord Street in Port Arthur as well as his time at Port Arthur Collegiate Institute. He has since moved to Winnipeg receiving his graduate degrees from the University of Manitoba in Arts and Law. He served as Investors Group Chairman and CEO for many years and became the University of Manitoba's Chancellor in 1992, retiring from this position in 2001. Although Mr. Mauro has achieved great accomplishments in Winnipeg, his commitment to his hometown of Thunder Bay and the realization of the importance of Lakehead University to our community remains strong.

"We're excited to have the University and Italian Community working on a common goal and this dinner will give us all the opportunity to come together to celebrate our success and personally thank Arthur for making this challenge " said John Bonofiglio, president of the Institute of Italian Studies-Lakehead University.

Tickets are available for \$60.00 from any member of the Institute of Italian Studies and from Lakehead University. Call Bonnie Moore at 343-8747 for more information.

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## Future Challenges of Italian Societies in Thunder Bay

The Institute of Italian Studies, Lakehead University, is continuing their Speaker Series with a topic that will be of great interest to all of our members. This event will be in the form of a panel discussion where several of Thunder Bay's key Italian Societies will be represented. The topics for discussion will include "how to attract and keep youth within our Societies to ensure a thriving and energetic future"; and "how can our Societies collaborate on certain common goals such as meeting the needs of aging Italians".

The panelists will include Sylvia Kayzer, Secretary, Societa Femminile Veneta (Ladies Venet Society); Joe Nucci, Past President, Italian Society of Port Arthur; Louis Romito, Past President, Societa Italiana Di Benevolenza Principe Di Piemonte; and Rosetta Quaresima, President, Italian Ladies Society of Port Arthur. The discussion will be moderated by Roy Piovesana and constructive input from the audience will be welcomed and encouraged. A follow up report will be published and distributed to the participating Societies so the ideas brought forth can be further discussed and acted upon. - See attached Insert



## Membership Privileges

Two Dinners Annually  
Website links on CIBPA'S Website  
Newsletters from CIBPA Thunder Bay  
Invitations to Annual Events & Activities

### Fees

New - \$125  
Renewal - \$95  
New Student - \$75  
Student Renewal - \$50