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"The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today. Let us move forward with strong and active faith."

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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

**6:00pm Networking - 7:00pm Dinner
Italian Cultural Centre**

Olga Kuplowska

Director of the Board Secretariat and Councils, TVOntario

Olga Kuplowska is a 32-year veteran of TVOntario, often representing the organization at international industry events, and as a guest lecturer at various universities.

A former Member of the Advisory Committee of the School of Radio and Television Arts at Ryerson University, Olga has held several senior positions at TVOntario including policy and planning research. She was appointed Director of the Board Secretariat and Councils in 1995.

Olga is active in the Toronto Ukrainian community, serving on various association boards. She is currently President of the Canadian Foundation for Ukrainian Studies.



Reservations

Tables of 8 can be purchased and reserved in advance.



Tickets

Contact any board member.



President's Message

Sonny Costanzo
CIBPA President
2005 - 2007



As winter is put behind us and we move into a new season of growth, so too, does the CIBPA. The CIBPA will host its final event, the spring dinner, before it ends its fiscal year on May 15, 2006.

I would like to sincerely thank the Board members and all the volunteers for their hard work and commitment organizing this past year's events. 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.

I am confident that the upcoming year will build upon the success of previous years. Our golf tournament will be held at Whitewater Golf Course on July 13, 2006. As dates are confirmed for future events they will be immediately posted on our website at www.cibpa.com. Our bi-annual newsletters and our event mail outs will also continue to keep you informed. In addition, this Board is committed to improving its communication to members via email.

This year our membership has grown by over ten percent. I hope you all renew your membership for the upcoming May 15, 2006 to May 15, 2007 period 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.

The spring dinner will be held on May 11th at the Italian Cultural Centre. I am delighted to announce that Olga Kuplowska, Director of the Board Secretariat and Councils, TVOntario, will be our guest speaker. The CIBPA is proud to announce that the Ontario Home Builders Association will sponsor this dinner.

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 am certain that you will find the evening informative and as always you will enjoy the camaraderie and friendly atmosphere. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Sincerely,
Sonny Costanzo

Bocce 2006 - by Mark Piovesana

An interesting phenomena developed this year at the winter Olympics held in Turin, Italy. The curling events were particularly popular, especially on Italian television. Why the reason for the popularity? Curling is very similar to bocce in terms of its rules and strategy.

The CIBPA took to the DaVinci Centre this past November to enjoy some time with one another and to participate in one of Italy's most popular sports. The competition was fierce for some and shall we say a little less fierce for others. We are fortunate to have such a high quality indoor Bocce facility here in Thunder Bay. It was utilized to its fullest with a full slate of teams.

The mood was festive to say the least, enhanced by the ever popular Italian songs led by John Scaffeo and Bruno Di Gregorio on accordion and Silvio Di Gregorio on vocals. Some winners did emerge from the festivities with the team of COSIMO VALENTE / BRUNO SAVIOLI / NELLO DE BENETTI / FELICE MIELE taking home the trophy.

The usual pasta and meatball dinner was enjoyed by all and thanks to the generosity of so many CIBPA corporate and personal sponsors, most participants went home with a prize. Due to the popularity of this event, we encourage all who wish to participate next year to sign up early to avoid disappointment.

Spring Dinner

May 11, 2006
Italian Cultural Centre

Golf Tournament

July 13, 2006
Whitewater Golf

Fall Dinner

Oct 2006

Bocce Tournament

Nov 2006

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

Donations & Prizes

Alumni Association of Lakehead University - Rob Zuback / BDO Dunwoody - Joe Chiodo / Bruno's Contracting - Silvio Di Gregorio Buset & Sarvas - Peter Buset / Discount Dance Supplies - Laura Pascolo-McRury / Hertz Equipment Rental - Peter Niccoli Laurentian Financial - Charlie Ithantola / New York Fries - Pasquale Nardi / Nor-Shore Ready Mix Concrete Products Limited - Peter Provenzano Northern Credit Union - Daryl Bown / Nova Pro Industrial Supply - Rob Frattaroli / PMA Gran Marnier - Lisa Wy chopin RBC Commercial Banking - Anthony Bergamo / RBC Royal Bank - Saverio Prete / Scientific Hair Care - Vittorio Cacciatore Steen Property Management - Doug Steen / Valhalla Inn - Edward Meijer / Whitewater Golf Club - Rob Laroque



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publication.

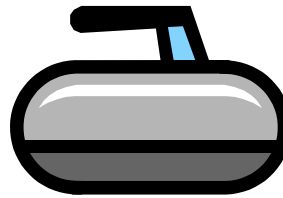
Curling Funspiel 2006 - by Mark Piovesana

February is known in curling circles as the month the CIBPA descends on the Port Arthur Curling Club for its annual funspiel. The tradition carried on this year and the event was a resounding success.

The event was sold out again with a full slate of curlers. There were some who took their curling seriously, and there were some who showed up but did not curl at all. Maggie Cummins created a stir when her sweeping technique had her lying flat out on the ice. Some effective first aid by Frank Niccoli had Maggie back in the competitive fold in no time. We are wondering if Maggie still has that bump on her head.

This year, the trophy went to the team of SHIRLEE BAYDA-CLACE / JOHN SIMPERL / JOE DESOUSA / COSMO VENEZIALE. After the event, a generous prize table was distributed and virtually all participants were able to take home a memento. A very special thank you goes out to all of the corporate sponsors, especially those that faithfully help us year after year.

To end the fun filled day, Ling Lee prepared a wonderful buffet of Chinese food in a way that only he can. Many of us are already looking forward to next year's event.



Donations & Prizes

- Alumni Association of Lakehead University - Rob Zuback
- Bank of Montreal - Shirlee Bayda-Clace
- Bruno's Contracting - Silvio Di Gregorio
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- Northern Credit Union - Daryll Bown
- Nova Pro Industrial Supply - Rob Frattaroli
- PMA Gran Marnier - Lisa Wy chopin
- Scientific Hair Care - Vittorio Cacciatore
- ScotiaMcLeod - Mark Piovesana
- Valhalla Inn - Edward Meijer
- Whitewater Golf Club - Rob Laroque

New Members

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Recording Success for Local CIBPA Member

Thunder Bay band, Star74 was founded in 2001 when Carlo Cappello placed "runner-up" in a nation-wide songwriting contest. At the time Carlo was heading a short-lived yet moderately successful band, False Prophets, which was scouted by a prominent Los Angeles radio promotion and management company. In 2002, Carlo received an invitation to showcase his music in Los Angeles. Later that year, he went to L.A. and met with A&R executives from Dreamworks Records and was in the stages of developing a relationship with their A&R department. It was at this time that Carlo began writing songs for what would become Star74's debut CD, "DRIVE," which was released in December 2004. In producing the album, Carlo enlisted the help of musician/producer, Luke Gladu, drummer Stu Green, and bassist Derek Jackson. Together they recorded the band's first album.



Since that time, the band has sold well over 1000 units of their debut album in addition to many individual songs on various online sites such as iTunes. Star74 have also enjoyed medium to high rotation on approximately 22 radio stations around the globe. Described musically as a cross between John Mayer and the Counting Crows, Star74's first single, "Believe" is regularly played on Rock 94.3fm, CILU 102.7fm in Thunder Bay, CAFE102.5fm in Winnipeg, and many other college/university and commercial stations in Canada, the US, Australia and Europe. Star74 has played far too many shows to remember and has shared the stage with the likes of The Trews and Nazareth (yes, Nazareth) to name a couple. They also had the fortune of being the opening band for the Rock the Fort music festival at Fort William Historical Park in 2005.

Star74 are in the process of writing material for a follow-up album that is scheduled to be released in the fall. As Carlo and the band continue to grow and develop their sound they all agree on one thing: nothing worth remembering was created overnight . . . and they plan on being around for a while.

For more information about Star74 or to listen or purchase their music online, please visit the band's official websites: www.Star74.ca, and www.cdbaby.com/cd/Star74. Star74's CD, "Drive" is available for download on iTunes and locally at CDPlus in the McIntyre Mall, or HMV.



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Student Renewal - \$50