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Admission

Members -
No Charge

Non-Members -
\$55.00

Spring 2013 CIBPA Dinner Thursday, May 9th

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

Italian Canadian Vocalists

Susanna Di Giuseppe, Pasquale Izzo, Laura Daniele



This year the CIBPA Spring Dinner will feature live entertainment by Thunder Bay Italian Canadian Vocalists Susanna Di Giuseppe, Pasquale Izzo and Laura Daniele.

They will demonstrate their artistic talents performing a variety of popular Italian songs.

Live accompaniment will be provided by Joe Daniele (guitar), Tony Agostino (bass guitar), Jim Differ (drums), and Joseph Tassone (keyboards).



Reservations

Tables of 8 can be purchased and reserved in advance.



Tickets

Contact any board member.

thunderbay.cibpa.com



Susanna Di Giuseppe is a local musician who began her classical piano training at the age of 7. Numerous competitions and awards culminated in her solo concerto performance with the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra at the age of 16.

She continued to study piano formally for several years as she also moved into the area of professional accompaniment for both choirs and soloists. Over the years, Susanna has directed both children and adult choirs, has performed with various bands and ensembles as both keyboardist and singer and has developed a reputation as a solo vocalist.

In 2003, Susanna began her collaboration with Thunder Bay's Flamenco Caravan as their singer, pianist, co-writer and lyricist and she has embraced the musical challenge of writing, recording and performing original music with the band ever since. Susanna was enthusiastically received and reviewed as the featured vocalist in a concert with the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra in February, 2013



Pasquale Izzo was born and raised in Italy where he sang in church and in the band Formula Tre. He moved to Thunder Bay in 1982 where he fell in love and married Lucy Scaffeo.

Pasquale continued to share his vocal talents with the Italian community of Thunder Bay as a member of the band Quest and as a solo artist. He has performed at many events including weddings, banquets, and Festa Italiana to name a few.

His favourite musicians are I Pooh and Eros.



Laura Daniele's first solo performance occurred when she was 9 year old; she sang the Ave Maria at her sister's wedding.

Classically trained by Mary Maghee, she sang with the Thunder Bay Symphony Chorus as well as the Lakehead Choral Group, and continues to be a leader in music ministry at St. Anthony's church.

In 1986 she joined her husband Joe in the band Ti Amo and her musical experience has been dedicated to performing with the band for local audiences at banquets and social events such as Festa Italiana, Thunder Fest, Summer in the Parks and more.

In 2011 Laura performed with Ti Amo at "Rendezvous with Italy" held at Fort William Historical Park. The 2 day concert also featured Italian artists Ricchi e Poveri, Riccardo Fogli, and Nick Celentano.

Laura's vocals have a rich and full sound and she can adapt her voice to suit any song.



Joe Daniele has played guitar in bands since he was 17 years old. He started by playing rock in the high schools and the bar scene in and around Thunder Bay.

In 1986 Joe started the band Ti Amo, a versatile band which appeals to all ages, playing all styles including traditional ballroom, Italian/ethnic, classic rock, country, and contemporary pop.

Joe's talents reach beyond performing and playing music. His experience and knowledge in electrical engineering and computer technology make him a valuable resource behind the scenes with sound systems, lighting, and studio recordings.



Tony Agostino's guitar training in folk, classical and rock styles has led him to perform with many local groups over the years. He has also recorded and performed with Rita Chiarelli, shared the stage with artists as diverse as Colin James and America, and co-founded local group Flamenco Caravan in 2003, for whom he is co-writer and performer of all the group's original music.



Jim Differ, Flamenco Caravan's drummer, is a Juno-nominated talent originally hailing from Toronto. Jim has toured and played with numerous groups since the age of seventeen and continues to perform with a variety of bands in styles ranging from rock and R&B to blues, country and jazz.



Joseph Tassone has been playing the piano for 11 years. In November 2008, he was the recipient of 3 Medals for Excellence from Conservatory Canada. During his time at St. Ignatius High School, Joseph was the piano accompanist for the school choir, and the lead piano player in the school productions of "High School Musical" and "Footloose". He received an organ scholarship from the Royal Canadian College of Organists and continues to provide piano and organ accompaniment at St. Anthony's Church. Joseph also provides musical accompaniment for weddings and special events.





Batti il ferro

quando e'

caldo

Strike

when the

iron is hot

President's Message - *Shirlee Bayda Clace*

Welcome to the Spring edition of our CIBPA Newsletter. The Winter weather does not seem to want to release it's hold on Thunder Bay and Northwestern Ontario, however with the arrival of Spring the warmer weather should be right around the corner as we do understand that "Wiarton Willie" the "Canadian Groundhog" did not see his shadow on February 2nd, 2013.

With the end of the Winter Season fast approaching so shall be the official term of the CIBPA Board of Directors as well as my Presidency on May 14th, 2013. It has been my pleasure to serve as your President for this past 2011 – 2013 term. During this time we have seen our Membership continue to grow as the value of our organization continues to resonate amongst our Thunder Bay Community.

I attended the National Federation Annual General Meeting in Ottawa, Ontario this past Summer and there was a common theme within the discussions amongst all 12 of the CIBPA Chapters across Canada. Our Youth will continue to be the corner stone of our Organization moving forward and their participation and involvement within the CIBPA will assure our future growth and sustain our Membership in years to come. We continue to welcome and support this integral demographic within our Association.

In 2011, our Thunder Bay Chapter lead by our Board Members Mimmo Gallo and Peter Niccoli, created and launched the post secondary scholarship awards to support deserving students with their continuing education. We look forward to celebrating the achievements of all of the students and youth who continue to build their education as well as their careers. The CIBPA National Federation is also currently developing an Entrepreneurial Scholarship Program and we will provide more information on this once it becomes available.

Our Annual Bocce Ball Tournament and Curling Funspiel networking events were well attended and enjoyed by our members and guests despite the inclement weather. I would like to take this opportunity to Thank all of our Board Members and all of the Volunteers for their hard work and support of our various Events throughout the course of the year.

On May 9th, 2013, our Spring dinner will be held at the Italian Cultural Centre and will feature an Evening of Italian music showcasing local live Italian musicians and singers. We hope you can take some time to join us for another memorable evening.

Your ticket to the Dinner will be forwarded electronically and we request that you RSVP as soon as possible. Additional tickets are available, at a cost of \$55.00, by contacting any of our board members.

Please also mark your calenders for our 20th Annual CIBPA Golf Tournament to be held at Whitewater Golf Course on July 4th, 2013. The Institute of Italian Studies would also appreciate your support at their ``Golfing for the Goal`` Annual Golf Tournament to be held at Whitewater Golf Course on June 7th, 2013.

I look forward to seeing you all again and give special Thanks to our Corporate Sponsors the Gran Sasso Club, RBC Royal Bank and Safety Net Security whose support greatly helps us continue to provide top quality venues.

Sincerely,
Shirlee Bayda-Clace

Recipe - Peter Niccoli - Panna Cotta with Fresh Berries

Ingredients: Serves 6

- 1 cup whole milk
- 1 tablespoon unflavored powdered gelatin
- 3 cups whipping cream
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- Pinch of salt
- 2 cups assorted fresh berries



Preparation

- Place the milk in a heavy, small saucepan.
- Sprinkle the gelatin over and let stand for 5 minutes to soften the gelatin.
- Stir over medium heat just until the gelatin dissolves but the milk does not boil, about 5 minutes.
- Add the cream, honey, sugar, salt and stir until sugar dissolves, about 2 minutes.
- Remove from the heat and let cool slightly.
- Pour the cream mixture into 6 wine glasses equally.
- Cover and refrigerate until set, at least 6 hours.
- Spoon the berries atop the panna cotta and serve.



Members in the News

Ray Williamson

Subject: The Roy A Phinnemore Award

Ray Williamson, long time member of the CIBPA and Vice-President Ontario Division of Dowland Contracting Ltd. was presented the Roy A. Phinnemore Award last fall in Toronto. The Roy A. Phinnemore Award is the oldest, most prestigious award given by the Infrastructure Health & Safety Association to Ontario's Construction Industry. It is presented to an individual who's accomplishments and contributions warrant recognition on behalf of the construction industry. The award is one of Ontario's construction industry highest safety awards and Ray Williamson is the only person in Northwestern Ontario to have ever been presented with this distinguished provincial award. **Congratulations Ray!!**



IHSA VP Ken Rayner , Ray Williamson, and IHSA CEO Al Beattie

Sergio Buonocore

Congratulations to General Manager Sergio Buonocore and his staff at Fort William Historical Park who were the recipients of the Tourism Partnership Award at the Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards Gala held April 13, 2013.

The Award is presented to an organization that "delivers exceptional visitor experiences and plays a vital role in raising the profile of the community as a premier destination of choice for leisure, corporate and sport guests".

The Chamber Board of Directors selects the winner of this award which is sponsored by the City of Thunder Bay. Sergio Buonocore and Fort William Historical Park were nominated by RBC Royal Bank.

Franco Crupi & Giuseppe Crupi

Congratulations also to Franco Crupi, Giuseppe Crupi and Crupi Consulting who were recognized with an award for their success in the Medium Sized Business category at the Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards Gala held April 13, 2013.

This award is presented to a company that exhibits business excellence advancing in economic and financial growth through sales and earnings. The recipient has demonstrated quality customer service, is a leader in employment creation and continuously seeks to improve employee relations and is prominently involved in community affairs.



Sergio Buonocore

Bocce Tournament 2012 - Shirlee Bayda Clace

Our traditional Bocce Ball Tournament took place at the DaVinci Centre on November 10th, 2012 and despite the inclement weather over 50 Bocce players took to the courts for a great day of fun and cheer.

This year's final game was the battle of Young & Old . Congratulations to the 20th Annual 2012 Bocce Ball Tournament Winners - made up of Pepe Gini, Nello DeBenetti, Joe Napoletano and Luigi Modesto. It was an exciting final game that saw Adam Kolisnyk, Kyle Costa, Sam Molenduk and Jon DeGrazia defeated in a close game for the 2012 Title.

A special Thank-You to Bruno Di Gregorio, John Scaffeo & Company who provided great entertainment throughout the day. The Event was followed with the DaVinci's delicious Pasta & Meatball dinner, which was true to the Italian Style and a pleasure to enjoy with the wonderful group of people attending.

Many thanks go out to all of the participants, and in particular, our corporate prize sponsors that faithfully contribute to the success of this event, year after year. All in All it was a great networking event. We look forward to seeing you all again, next year!



Bocce Donations & Prizes

B & B Farms - Debbie Burgsteden
 Bank of Montreal - Shirlee Bayda-Clace
 Dowland - Ray Williamson
 First General Contracting - Frank Mirabelli
 Fort William Historical Park - Sergio Buonocore
 Maple Leaf Sports - Courtney Bayda-Clace
 Nor-Shore Ready Mix - Peter Provenzano
 PMA Canada - Lisa Wychopin
 Royal Bank of Canada - Anthony Bergamo
 Sencia Canada Ltd. - Joe Quaresima
 Weiler Maloney Nelson - Deborah Humphreys
 Whitewater Golf Course - Silvio DiGregorio

Curling Fun Spiel 2013 - Anthony Bergamo



The CIBPA once again hosted its Curling Funspiel at the Port Arthur Curling Club in February. Members and Guests enjoyed a great afternoon filled with camaraderie and friendship. I would like to thank the growing support by our Youth Members as it was nice to see many new faces. This event continues to remain one of the more popular events of the season for CIBPA Members.

Congratulations to the "A Side" Winners Valhalla Inn Team - Bill

Dell, Sam Galati, Dave Stasiuk and Jake Satten This year's Consolation Winners include Cheryl Zuk, Cosmo Veneziale, and Charlie Ihantola

Curling Donations & Prizes

Anthony Bergamo - Royal Bank
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 Ed Seppanary
 Frank Mirabelli - First General Services
 Joe Q - Italian Hall
 Pepe Gini - Da Vinci Centre
 Ray Williamson - Dowland Contracting
 Sergio Buonocore - Fort William Historical Park
 Shirlee Bayda-Clace - Bmo Bank Of Montreal
 Silvio Di Gregorio - Bruno's Contracting
 Silvio Di Gregorio - Whitewater Golf Course



CALENDAR

Spring Dinner

May 9, 2013
Italian Cultural Centre

Golfing for the Goal Institute of Italian Studies

In Memory of
Frank Pontisso
June 7, 2013
Whitewater Golf Club

CIBPA Golf Tournament

July 4, 2013
Whitewater Golf Club

Fall Dinner

Oct 3, 2013
Whitewater Golf Club

Bocce Tournament

Nov 2, 2013
Da Vinci Centre

Wine Tasting Dinner Institute of Italian Studies

Nov 14, 2013
Whitewater Golf Club



SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS & CREMATORIUM

Planning Today For Tomorrow

Dear Friends, as a Family counsellor my duties are to provide information, advantages and services that will help and benefit the people of the Italian-Canadian Community of Thunder Bay.

For this reason we provide a booklet called "Family Registry Planner", a "Free Legal Will Kit" and an "Executor Handbook" that give people valuable information concerning arrangements, records, benefits etc. that are required in difficult times of need.

I would like to provide these booklets, free of charge, to the Members of our Association.

Please feel free to contact me at my private telephone number 473-7680, for any additional information and to set up an appointment in order to present to you these valuable booklets.

D. Francesco Pedulla
Family Counsellor

*Per consulenze e informazioni gratuite chiamatemi
al 473-7680*

CIBPA Past Presidents

1993 – 1994

Daniel Bellin

1994 – 1995

Silvio Di Gregorio

1995 – 1997

Mimmo Gallo

1997 – 1999

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1999 – 2001

Peter Niccoli

2001 – 2003

Renato Pullia

2003 – 2005

Saverio Prete

2005-2007

Sonny Costanzo

2007-2009

Mark Piovesana

2009-2011

Joe Daniele

*Mal comune,
mezzo gaudio.*

*Trouble shared
is trouble halved.*



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cultural awareness.*

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CIBPA Sponsorship Policy

DIAMANTE *DIAMOND* SPONSOR (\$5,000+)

- Exclusivity at this level by industry
- Booth (supplied by client) at our dinner events
- Logo on podium at dinner events
- Logo on dinner program
- 2 X 4 advertising banner (supplied by client) at our sporting events
- Corporate materials (supplied by client) distributed at events
- Full page advertising in all newsletters
- Guest columnist in all newsletters
- Logo on all newsletters
- Corporate top banner logo on CIBPA website
- Corporate link on CIBPA website

ORO *GOLD* SPONSOR (\$2,500 - \$4,999)

- Exclusivity at this level by industry
- 1.5 X 3 advertising banner (supplied by client) at all sporting events
- ½ Page advertising in all newsletters
- Logo on all newsletters
- Corporate gold size logo on CIBPA website
- Corporate link on CIBPA website

ARGENTO *SILVER* SPONSOR (\$1,000 – \$2,499)

- ¼ page advertising in all newsletters
- Recognition on sponsor board at sporting events
- Corporate silver size logo on CIBPA website
- Corporate link on CIBPA website

Note: Changes in the size of signage, logos and advertising space may be approved by the CIBPA Board

The Institute of Italian Studies Lakehead University



2013 Golfing for the Goal
Golf Tournament
In Memory of Frank Pontisso
June 7th, 2013
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Submissions

CIBPA Chronicles welcomes member articles for
inclusion in future issues.
Articles should be relevant to member interests and the
Italian Canadian community.
Please forward submissions to thunderbay@cibpa.com

Membership Privileges

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

Fees
New Member - \$150
Renewal - \$125
New Student - \$90
Student Renewal - \$65

2011 - 2013 Board of Directors

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New Members

Domenic Vita
(Thunder Bay International Airport Authority)

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(Lakehead University)

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(Physiotherapist)

Sam Galati
(Valhalla Inn)

Adam Kolisnyk
(Bombardier)

Jerry Nardi
(Superior North Catholic District School Board)

AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2012



**"The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet."
---Aristotle---**

Congratulations to
Adrian Rizzo and Enzo Di Gregorio
for their academic success last school year.

Adrian is presently enrolled in the Pre Firefighters program at Confederation College. Adrian is also spending much of his time volunteering at the Lappe Fire Hall fire station evenings and weekends. We wish Adrian all the best in his career as a firefighter.

Enzo is enrolled in the Urban Engineering Program at the University of Western Ontario.

Unfortunately due to his busy schedule, Enzo was unable to accept the award personally last October. Accepting for Enzo was his younger brother Lorencio. We wish Enzo continued success .

We look forward to seeing Enzo and Adrian at the CIBPA golf tournament in July.

AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2012



Adrian Rizzo

I've been very busy so far in the Preservice Firefighter course. It is very intense and difficult at times but I really enjoy the challenges of the program. From Auto Extrication to Underwater Rescue, the experience of this training will be a value to my future career as a Firefighter hopefully here in Thunder Bay.

Because I am in this program, I was accepted to volunteer at the Lappe Fire Hall. I have learned so much about the life of a firefighter and the everyday emergencies they face. I cannot imagine another career that would be more rewarding than this.

Thank you to the CIBPA committee for the scholarship that has gone towards my books and uniforms.

Sincerely,
Adrian Rizzo



Safety Net Security
"You can rest...because we never do."

AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2012



Enzo Di Gregorio

Being halfway through my second semester of first year, I can strongly say that I would never go back and change the decision I made in regards to attending Western University.

Over my first six months at Western I have had an amazing time inside the classroom as well as outside. The Orientation week at Western is recognized as being the best in the country, and after

experiencing it first-hand I completely understand why. Multiple concerts and dances created an atmosphere that was conducive to meeting new people and welcomed all of the 6,000 first years to their new home. By attending school away from home, I have become more self-dependent and have met many new friends both within the Faculty of Engineering and the university abroad.

In the coming years I hope to expand the horizon of my education by attending the Richard Ivey School of Business, acquiring a combined degree in Civil and Structural Engineering and an Honors in Business Administration. I have truly enjoyed the time I have spent so far at Western and look forward to meeting more people and creating more memories over my future years.

I would again like to thank the CIBPA organization for it's generous financial support and am anxious to attend many future events hosted by CIBPA.

Salute,
Enzo Di Gregorio



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