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Admission

Members -
No Charge
Non-Members -
\$55.00

Spring 2016 CIBPA Dinner Friday, May 6th

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

Hon Michael Gravelle, MPP
(Thunder Bay—Superior North)
Minister of Northern Development and Mines

Michael Gravelle was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 1995. He is currently the Minister of Northern Development and Mines. He previously served as the Minister of Natural Resources from 2011 until 2013 and as the Minister of Northern Development and Mines in 2007, and in 2009, took on the additional portfolio of Forestry. He continues to serve in that role, and in his role as M.P.P., with pride and enthusiasm. He's lobbied hard for his riding - and the results are undeniable!

Michael's efforts have spurred job growth and economic diversity through tough economic times, and he's committed and passionate about making sure new opportunities like the Ring of Fire will benefit the people of Thunder Bay-Superior North.

His vision of four-laning the Trans-Canada Highway from Thunder Bay to Nipigon is becoming reality. He's played a major role in improving education – including full-day kindergarten, a brand-new high school, the new Faculty of Law and the Northern Ontario School of Medicine at Lakehead University, the new REACH building and expanded programs at Confederation College, and more!

Health care is another priority. He brought forth private member's bills which resulted in access to insulin pumps for all Type II diabetics, he lobbied for the angioplasty clinic and other improvements at TBRHSC, and ensured seniors in our riding have access to high-quality, comprehensive long-term care.

Michael has always been a motivated leader and a people-person. He is co-founder of the North of Superior Film Association, has been on the Boards of Directors for Magnus Theatre and the AIDS Committee of Thunder Bay and is active with the Alzheimers Society and the Canadian Diabetes Association.

Born in 1949, Michael was raised and educated in Thunder Bay, which he's always been proud to call home. He is always happy to stop and chat about issues, your concerns and your good ideas for building a strong and prosperous Thunder Bay-Superior North!



Reservations

Tables of 8 can be purchased and reserved in advance.



Tickets

Contact any board member.



President's Message - *Franco Crupi*

Our winter has been mild and the beginning of Spring has been confusing but the forecast shows clear skies; a great reason to celebrate. As my first year as President of CIBPA Thunder Bay chapter comes to a close I would like to share with you, our members, that again it has been another successful year, and we look forward to continuing on our path to success in the 2016-2017 year. Our membership keeps growing and we have noticed more youth interested in membership as well as our events.

The highlight of 2015-2016 year was the CIBPA Annual General Meeting hosted here in Thunder Bay in September. It was great having delegates from other Canadian CIBPA chapters in Thunder Bay visiting, sharing their experiences, and laying the future path of the CIBPA. Most importantly, it was satisfying that others throughout Canada acknowledged the strength of our Chapter. Our strength comes from you, our membership, our sponsors, and the dedicated Board that I am fortunate to work with.

I would like to thank all of the Board members, and especially our volunteers, who dedicate time from their busy schedules to help put all our events together, and I also extend our gratitude to all our prize sponsors. What we do can't be done without you!!!

On Friday May 6, 2016, our Spring dinner will be held at the Italian Cultural Centre. Please keep this date open. We will be joined by a special guest, **Hon Michael Gravelle**, MPP. We are certain you will enjoy a very memorable evening.

Attached to this newsletter you will please find your complimentary ticket to the event. I encourage all members to attend and remind you that non-members are always welcome. Additional tickets are available from any Board member at a cost of \$55.00. Join us for an evening of fun, laughter and friendship.

I am certain you will find the evening very informative, and as always, you will enjoy the camaraderie and friendly atmosphere. It will be a pleasure seeing you there.

Sincerely,
Franco Crupi

Members in the News

Dear Members, if you know of any member that is in the news please email us at thunderbay@cibpa.com

Members' Health and Welfare

As part of the board's ongoing commitment to better serving its members, the board is attempting to communicate the following to the membership: Please let Mimmo Gallo know if you are aware of a CIBPA member that is in the hospital. Mimmo will send a best wishes card on behalf of the CIBPA of Thunder Bay. If you know of a CIBPA's members' father or mother passing away also let Mimmo know and he will send out a card of condolences on behalf of the CIBPA of Thunder Bay.

Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.
Mimmo can be reached at: mgallo@tbaytel.net



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"You can rest...because we never do."

Recipe - Peter Niccoli - Black Bean Burgers

Ingredients: Serves 6 - 8

- ◆ 2 cans black beans, rinsed and drained
- ◆ 1 onion, minced
- ◆ 3 garlic cloves, minced
- ◆ 2 carrots, shredded
- ◆ ½ cup quick oats
- ◆ 1 Tbsp soy sauce
- ◆ 1 Tbsp, olive oil
- ◆ 1 tsp cumin

- ◆ ½ tsp coriander
- ◆ ½ tsp chili powder
- ◆ ¼ tsp cayenne pepper
- ◆ Salt and pepper
- ◆ Buns

Preparation

- ◆ Heat one tablespoon of olive oil in a pan.
- ◆ Combine onions, garlic, salt and pepper and cook until onions are translucent.
- ◆ Add carrots, cumin, coriander, chili powder, and cayenne pepper until carrots are tender.
- ◆ Remove pan from heat.
- ◆ In a bowl, mash the beans and then add the contents of the pan along with the soy sauce and quick oats.
- ◆ Mix and form four patties.

Place in freezer for 30 minutes to set.

- ◆ Cook patties on a pan coated in cooking spray over medium heat, flipping half way.
- ◆ Use patties and create your dream veggie burger.



Members in the News



On February 7-8, 2015 Frank Pullia received an international award in the city of Pescara, in the Abruzzi region, Italy during the International Congress of the Universum Academy of Switzerland.

Cultural Ambassador of Universum Canada

Issued by Universum Academy Switzerland on January 2015

Received in recognition of contribution in the cultural, social and humanitarian fields.

The Universum Academy is a non-governmental organization whose mission is to promote culture, history and traditions of nations, affirmation and sharing of common values, including the respect of life and of the family, peace among the nations, the promotion of human rights, of justice and solidarity.

More information can be found on www.universumacademy.eu



Visit the website to see Frank together with all other Cultural Ambassadors from various countries around the world.

http://www.universumacademy.eu/default.asp?file=ambasciate_culturali.htm

Bocce Tournament 2015 - *Anthony Bergamo*

Bocce is a social game that brings people together, and on November 7 the CIBPA once again took to the Da Vinci Centre for an afternoon of fun, laughter, and camaraderie. The event was well-attended from long standing members to first time participants.

A big Thank You goes out to John Scaffeo and Joe Daniele for providing some cultural inspiration and motivation to all that were in attendance. We had a spirited Championship Final and congratulations goes out to **Gino Mascarin, Bill Boquist, Devin Speziale, and Kenny Calonego** for winning this year's event. Thank you also to Peter Provenzano for providing the accurate play by play commentary of our Championship Match. The evening was topped off with a delicious dinner from the Da Vinci Centre of pasta and meatballs.

The success of our events would not be possible without the generosity of our corporate and personal sponsors. We are grateful to all those who participated this year and look forward to seeing everyone once again next year at the Da Vinci on November 5th 2016.



Bocce Donations & Prizes

RBC Royal Bank - Anthony Bergamo
NorShore Storage - Peter Provenzano
North Star Air Ltd - Saverio Prete
Montana's - Claudio Foresta
Hertz Rentals - Peter Niccoli
Molsons - George Cava

Curling Fun Spiel 2016 - *Peter Niccoli*



Almost 40 curlers took to the sheets in this year's annual curling bonspiel. While the number of participants was down year over year, it was much fun and cheer had by all. This was also the year that the SD (Silvio DiGregorio) rule came into effect. After a highly controversial board meeting held just minutes before the first rock was thrown, it was decided that all ties be broken by a "boat race". If you don't know what a "boat race" is, you are a very fortunate individual. Thankfully, there were none. A warm welcome was also extended to Mr. Allan Komenda, who travelled all the way from London to be part of this event. In the end, it was the team made up of **Adrian Costanzo, Stephen Forbes, and Giorgio Scimeca** taking the honours with the consolation prize going to **Silvio DiGregorio, Barney DeSousa, Sandy Nucci and John Simperl**. Of course, the event couldn't have been possible without the generous support of our donors. Thank you all for your continued support.

Curling Donations & Prizes

Five Forks - Claudio Foresta
Fort William Historical Park - Sergio Buonocore
Montana's Restaurant - Claudio Foresta
Nor-Shore Ready Mix - Peter Provenzano
North Star Airlines - Saverio Prete
RBC Royal Bank - Anthony Bergamo
Whitewater Golf Club - Silvio Di Gregorio



CALENDAR

Spring Dinner

May 6, 2016
Italian Cultural Centre

Golfing for the Goal Institute of Italian Studies

**In Memory of
Frank Pontisso**
June 10, 2016
Whitewater Golf Club

CIBPA Golf Tournament

July 7, 2016
Whitewater Golf Club

Fall Dinner

Sep 29, 2016
Whitewater Golf Club

Bocce Tournament

Nov 5, 2016
Da Vinci Centre

Wine Tasting Dinner Institute of Italian Studies

Nov 10, 2016
Whitewater Golf Club

*Chi la sera i pasti gli
ha fatti, sta a gli altri
a lavar i piatti .*

*If one cooks the meal
then the others wash
up*



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

2005-2007
Sonny Costanzo

2007-2009
Mark Piovesana

2009-2011
Joe Daniele

2011-2013
Shirlee Bayda-Clace

2013-2015
Anthony Bergamo



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across Canada.

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

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

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Directors*

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



2016 Golfing for the Goal
Golf Tournament
In Memory of Frank Pontisso
June 10th, 2016
Whitewater Golf Club



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
Youth (30 & under) - \$90
Youth Renewal - \$65

2015 - 2017 Board of Directors

Franco Crupi
President
346-7000

Joe Quaresima
Vice President
768-6603

Frank Niccoli
Secretary
251-0182

Sonny Costanzo
Treasurer
344-2080

Joe Daniele
Membership Chair
343-4490

Anthony Bergamo
Past President
684-8309

Silvio Di Gregorio
Director
623-1855

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Director
346-8543

Frank Mirabelli
Director
623-1276

Peter Niccoli
Director
345-8825

Saverio Prete
Director
620-6896

New Members

Steven Zanandrea
(Dino's Tile & Concrete)
Felice Meo
(Tractor Trailer Service)
Patti Derkson
(RBC)
Danny Bellin

AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2015



Left to right: Mimmo Gallo, Frank Niccoli, Nicholas Fabiano, Courtenay Costanzo, Peter Niccoli

Scholarship Award Presentation

September 25, 2015

This year's recipients of the CIBPA Scholarship Awards were **Courtenay Costanzo** and **Nicholas Fabiano**. Courtenay will be continuing her studies in Concurrent Education at Lakehead University. Nicholas is enrolled in the Science and Environmental Studies also at Lakehead University. Congratulations to Courtenay and Nicholas, we are all proud of your achievement.

Joining us at the dinner also were past award recipients Katrina Cianfagna and Braedan Prete. Regrets and salutations were sent by Enzo Di Gregorio, Adrian Rizzo and Jocelyn Bel.

Thank you to the Canadians of Italian Descent Org. For their fundraising donation from the 2015 Briscola Tournament.

*"An investment in education pays the best interest".
-----Benjamin Franklin-----*



A reminder to all members to check our web site for information and application forms or contact a scholarship award committee member.

Quote: "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world"
-----Nelson Mandela-----

Scholarship Awards Committee

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Note:

If you have a son or daughter graduating from highschool this year check our website under the members section for the application form.
thunderbay.cibpa.com



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CIBPA AGM 2015 - Thunder Bay - September 24 - 27

Once again the Thunder Bay chapter of the CIBPA hosted an impressive Annual General Meeting. Representatives from the chapters of Toronto, Montreal, Niagara, Hamilton and Windsor joined us and we did show the delegates a great time.

The event started with our fall dinner on September 24th at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium and it was catered by the Valhalla Inn. **Joe Sirignano** and his crew from the Valhalla did an excellent job catering the event.

Our Master of Ceremonies, **Danny Foresta**, lead us through the evening with some laughs and digs.

The evening continued with an exclusive performance of the Comedian **Frank Spadone**, you have to appreciate his cultural sensitivity when talking about Italians.

The following morning the delegates made their way to Sencia's Board Room where the National AGM was held. A special thank you goes to Joe Quaresima for the refreshment and snacks. The meeting continued in the afternoon after a brief lunch at Bar Italia.

The following morning the delegates summarized and concluded the meeting and then proceeded to play golf at Whitewater that afternoon. The evening continued with a dinner and live music. Thank you to **Joe & Laura Daniele, John Scaffeo, Peter Niccoli, and Mario Scalese** for the musical entertainment.



CIBPA AGM 2015 - Thunder Bay - September 24 - 27



Members in the News

On Saturday January 20, 2016 CIBPA Vice President **Joe Quaresima**, Co-founder and systems director of Sencia Canada Ltd. received an award at the third bi-annual Northwestern Ontario Visionary Awards (NOVAs) hosted by Shift Thunder Bay's Young Professionals Network.

The event was held in Thunder Bay to recognize young professionals in the region, for their leadership, community engagement and volunteerism.





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