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GREETINGS

Carmine A. Zirino

Order Sons & Daughters of Italy
President, Garibaldi Lodge

Buona sera a tutti! It is an honour and privilege to serve as the President of the Sons and Daughters of Italy-Garibaldi Lodge. I would like to personally welcome you to the 37th Annual Sons and Daughters of Italy Gala. With your support over the last 40 years, we have been able to contribute to a variety of Manitoba charities and community initiatives. It is because of this dedication and generosity that the Sons and Daughters of Italy have donated over 5 million dollars to our community.

This year, we are honoured to present our charity of choice for 2025: the Anne Oake Family Recovery Centre. There is a severe shortage of recovery beds for women in Manitoba. For many women, the greatest barrier to treatment is the fear of being separated from their children. Too often, this difficult reality forces them to forgo the care they need, leaving them without a viable path to recovery.

The Anne Oake Family Recovery Centre's goal is to create a space where women can heal in a safe, supportive environment—one that accommodates their unique needs, including the ability to keep families together when necessary.

The Sons and Daughters of Italy are grateful for your support at our gala tonight in honour of the Anne Oake Family Recovery Centre. We are also thankful to our title sponsor CentrePort Canada Rail Park and Focus Equities for their generosity in making this evening a success. As well as, a note of gratitude to all our Sponsors for their continuing support of these worthwhile causes. Your commitment to local initiatives has been invaluable.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Gala Director, Frank Occhino for his innovation, expertise, and dedication to making each Gala a true success along with

our Gala Chairs, Mark Scaletta and Travis Giavedoni. We are truly grateful for the brothers and sisters of the Sons and Daughters of Italy for their hard work in leading up to this event.

Congratulations to Ida Albo, the recipient of the 2025 Canadian Italian Business Professional Association Entrepreneur of the Year Award. The Canadian Italian Business Professional Association is a Canada-wide network of business and professional Canadians working together to build our businesses and actively participate in helping Canada become all that it can be. Ida, your commitment to business and philanthropy in our community is unmatched.

Once the formal part of the evening is over, please ensure you make your way out to the lobby to enjoy the beautiful pastries, gelato, and espresso bar. We look forward to seeing you all on the dance floor later this evening!

A presto,

Carmine A. Zirino

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GREETINGS

Chris Reiter

CentrePort Canada Rail Park
Senior Development Manager

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good evening and welcome to the 37th Sons and Daughters of Italy Annual Gala—a night of grace, glamour, and giving. CentrePort Canada Rail Park is honoured to be the Title Sponsor of this remarkable event, and we are delighted to share this special evening with all of you.

Tonight, we gather not only to celebrate elegance and culture but to embrace an incredible opportunity—to make a lasting impact on the community we cherish.

This Gala is more than just an evening of celebration; it is a symbol of compassion, a beacon of hope, and a testament to our shared commitment to a cause that truly matters: the Anne Oake Family Recovery Centre.

At CentrePort Canada Rail Park, a master-planned, rail-served industrial park by Focus Equities, we believe in the power of unity to drive meaningful change. We are deeply honoured to support the Bruce and Anne Oake Memorial Foundation and its mission to create a safe, supportive space where women can heal—one that recognizes their unique needs, including the ability to keep families together when needed.

As proud supporters, we stand here tonight not just as sponsors, but as advocates—for recovery, healing, and a stronger future for families in Manitoba. Your presence this evening is a powerful reminder of what we can achieve when we come together with a shared purpose.

As we enjoy an evening of fine dining, entertainment, and camaraderie, let's also take a moment to reflect on the impact we can create when we unite for a common goal. Your generosity and support are making a real difference.

On behalf of CentrePort Canada Rail Park and Focus Equities, thank you for being part of the Sons and Daughters of Italy's 37th Annual Gala and for your unwavering support of the Anne Oake Family Recovery Centre Capital Campaign.

Salute—to a night of shared purpose, shared joy, and shared impact. May this evening serve as a testament to the incredible change we can inspire together.

Buona sera,

Chris Reiter



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Anne Oake Family Recovery
Centre as your charity of
choice this year!



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GREETINGS

Carmelo Alongi

Order Sons & Daughters of Italy of Canada
National President

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and friends of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy of Canada,

It is with great pleasure that I address you from Winnipeg and extend warm greetings on behalf of our members across Canada.

The journey of Italian immigrants in Canada was marked by challenges and adversities, yet through mutual support, they forged a strong community. Our Order, rooted in inclusivity, emerged as a beacon of support and camaraderie, fostering a culture of belonging for all.

Our collective success is remarkable. From humble beginnings, we have evolved into a national organization dedicated to serving the needs of our communities across the country. To date, OSDIC has contributed over 10 million dollars to various charitable causes, thanks in part to the significant contributions and leadership of the Winnipeg Lodges over the past three decades.

Profound gratitude goes to the Winnipeg OSDIC for your tireless efforts and volunteerism in making Canada a better place for all.

As the descendants of Italian immigrants, we have transitioned from identifying as Italians to proud Canadians of Italian descent, with a deep commitment to honoring our heritage. If you share our passion for Italian culture and community service, consider joining the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy of Canada and help us continue to make a difference. Who knows, you might even share a glass of fine wine and a delicious meal at one of our events, forging friendships that last a lifetime.

Congratulations to Ida Albo, who is receiving the Canadian Italian Business Professional Association Entrepreneur of the Year Award. The CIBPA Award recognizes an individual for their considerable achievements in their profession with our highest professional award. The Sons and Daughters of Italy Garibaldi Lodge could not have chosen a more deserving individual for this prestigious award. Please join us in celebrating Ida Albo this evening.

In closing, I extend heartfelt appreciation to the gala committee for upholding the tradition of supporting those in need and for choosing to donate to the Anne Oake Family Recovery Centre. Your commitment to improving the lives of women and their children is truly commendable. Here's to many more years of success and impact.

Fraternally yours,

Carmelo Alongi

National President
Order Sons & Daughters of Italy of Canada

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GREETINGS

The Honourable Wab Kinew

The Premier of Manitoba



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

Congratulations to the Sons and Daughters of Italy Garibaldi Lodge and the Canadian Italian Business and Professionals Association on your 37th Annual Gala Dinner.

This gala is one of the highlights of the year and a cornerstone of Manitoba's philanthropic work. It's a night rooted in Italian heritage, but it's also deeply Manitoban. There is nothing more Manitoban than gathering together, celebrating our cultures and our incredible food, all while helping our fellow Manitobans by supporting a great cause. The Bruce and Anne Oake Memorial Foundation does amazing work to support Manitobans with addictions on the path to recovery. Like every challenge we face as a province, we are so much more successful when we work together.

Thank you to the Sons and Daughters of Italy Garibaldi Lodge for everything you do to build up Manitoba, and thank you for honouring our beloved friend and colleague Nello Altomare, a proud Italian-Manitoban who we lost far too soon. To everyone attending, thank you for choosing to support this great cause, and enjoy the unforgettable night!

The Honourable Wab Kinew
Premier of Manitoba



GREETINGS

His Worship Scott Gillingham

The Mayor of Winnipeg



A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

On behalf of the City of Winnipeg, it is an honour to join you in celebrating the 37th Annual Sons and Daughters of Italy Gala.

For decades, the Sons and Daughters of Italy have been dedicated to philanthropy, education, and preserving the rich heritage of Italian culture. From supporting hospitals and scholarships to assisting local families in need, your contributions have touched countless lives. Your commitment to service, whether through fundraising initiatives, community outreach, or cultural programs, strengthens the very heart of our city.

Tonight's gala reflects that spirit of giving, as we come together to raise vital funds for the future Anne Oake Family Recovery Centre, a place that will serve as a beacon of hope for individuals and families seeking a path to recovery. Addiction and mental health challenges touch us all in some way, and this Centre will provide the care, support, and second chances that so many in our community need. Your generosity tonight brings us one step closer to making this vision a reality.

To the organizers, sponsors, and everyone who has worked tirelessly to make this event possible, thank you. Winnipeg thrives because of the community leaders, businesses, and organizations that step up to support those in need.

May tonight's celebration be filled with joy, camaraderie and the spirit of giving. Enjoy a wonderful evening.

Scott Gillingham
Mayor
The City of Winnipeg

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GREETINGS

The Hon, Terry Duguid, M.P.

Minister of Sport

Minister for Prairies Economic Development Canada



It is a true pleasure to bring warm greetings on behalf of the Government of Canada to the Sons and Daughters of Italy as you gather for this spectacular 37th Annual Gala. This evening is a testament to the strength of your organization, the pride in your heritage, and the unwavering dedication you have to serving your community.

Year after year, this event is a tremendous success—bringing together friends, family, and community leaders in celebration of Italian heritage, generosity, and service. It is a time to reflect on the achievements of the past year, honour the incredible contributions of your members, and reaffirm your shared commitment to making a difference.

For over three decades, the Sons and Daughters of Italy have been a pillar of community service, preserving Italian culture while embracing the rich diversity that makes Canada such a special place. Your dedication to charity, education, and cultural preservation is truly inspiring. Whether it is supporting vital causes, funding scholarships, or spearheading community initiatives, your impact is felt not just here in Manitoba, but across the country and internationally.

Your generosity and spirit of giving have changed countless lives. From helping local organizations and healthcare initiatives to supporting those in need, your efforts exemplify the best of Canadian values—compassion, resilience, and unity. Your work strengthens our communities, fosters a sense of belonging, and reminds us all of the power of service.

Tonight, as you come together to celebrate, I want to acknowledge and thank each and every one of you—your members, your volunteers, and your supporters. Your dedication to philanthropy, culture, and community-building does not go unnoticed. It is because of organizations like yours that our communities remain strong, vibrant, and connected.

As you enjoy an evening filled with friendship, laughter, and the spirit of giving, I wish you continued success in all that you do. May your organization continue to grow and inspire future generations to carry on this proud legacy. Congratulations on another successful gala, and best wishes for the year ahead!

Sincerely,

Terry Duguid
MP for Winnipeg South

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GREETINGS

The Hon. Pierre Poilievre

Leader of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition



LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

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March 15, 2025

Dear friends,

On behalf of Canada's Common Sense Conservatives, I want to extend my best wishes to the Order of Sons and Daughters of Italy as you gather for your 37th Annual Gala!

From 'Little Italy' storefronts on Corydon Avenue to the commanding heights of commerce and politics, Canadians of Italian heritage have left their mark on communities from coast to coast. Tonight is a celebration of the excellence your community has brought to Canada, as well as the invaluable contributions you continue to make for the betterment of our common home.

I especially want to thank everyone in attendance tonight whose participation will help raise funds in support of the Anne Oake Family Recovery Centre. Projects like these have never been more important. After nine years of the federal government's failed drug legalization experiment, the results have been death, destruction, chaos and carnage in our communities.

The most vulnerable Canadians have been left behind to a life of misery and despair. What they need is hope and recovery. That's why I'm eternally grateful to initiatives like yours, which will help deliver just that to the Canadians who need it most.

As we look to the future, Conservatives will build on this important work by putting an end to the insane taxpayer-funded drug experiments and instead investing in treatment and recovery, so we can bring our loved ones home drug-free.

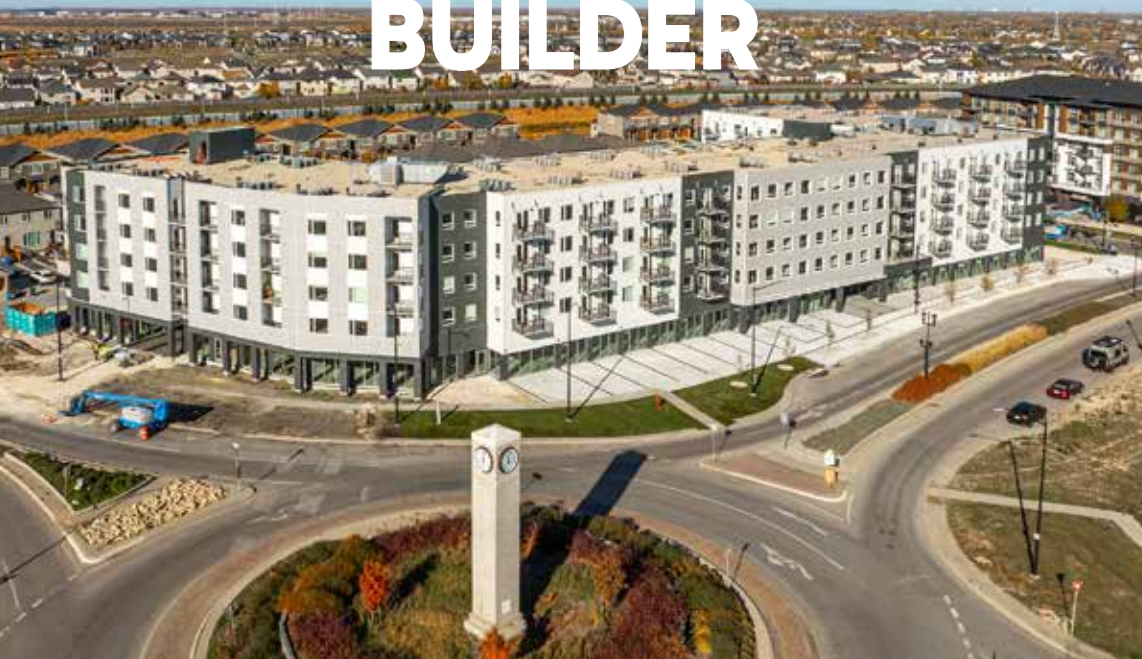
Thank you again for continuing to champion the best of Canada's Italian community and a brighter future for all Canadians.

Sincerely,

The Hon. Pierre Poilievre, P.C., M.P.
Leader of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition and Canada's Common Sense Conservatives

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In 1997, one of our beloved brothers, Vince Bova, passed away after a long battle with cancer. To know Vince was to know a man who exemplified the spirit of the Sons and Daughters of Italy. He was committed to the club in a manner that was beyond compare. He could always be found at social functions, volunteering his time and energy. He was a man who never asked for any credit, but he was always willing to lend a hand and share a smile.

In Vince's memory, we now present this annual award to a member who works diligently behind the scenes as a dedicated participant in the Sons and Daughters of Italy.

The past recipients have selected a deserving recipient and the award will be announced this evening.

Past Recipients:

2024: Tom De Nardi
2023: Franco Petrelli
2019: Tat Liang Fabio Cheam
2018: Angelo Costantini*
2017: Alex Baksina
2016: Lou Caci
2015: Justin Bova
2014: John Giavedoni
2013: Salvatore Infantino

2012: Cosmo Racano
2011: Robert Scaletta
2010: Reno Augellone
2009: Joe Bova
2008: Rocco Bueti
2007: Joe Leuzzi
2006: Vincent Bueti
2005: Tony Cesario
2004: George Sotiriadis

2003: Armando Nasuti
2002: Ted Nocita
2001: Lino Rutigliano
2000: Randy Hapin
1999: Pat Potenza
1999: Rocco Macchia
1998: Terry Ferraro
1998: Reno Molinari
1997: Peter Mignacca



2024 Vince Bova Memorial Award recipient **Tom De Nardi** with Carmine Filice, SDOI National President and Carmine Zirino, SDOI Garibaldi Lodge Past President and Michael Polo, US National President.

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GALA CHAIRS

Mark Scaletta &
Travis Giavedoni



Benvenuti a tutti! On behalf of this year's Co-Chairs and the Sons and Daughters of Italy Garibaldi, we are honoured to welcome everyone to our 37th Annual Gala event. This evening, we are proud to be supporting the Anne Oake Family Recovery Centre.

The Anne Oake Family Recovery Centre is dedicated to supporting women battling addiction and will be inclusive of their families during their recovery journey. Funds raised by the Foundation continue to support the capital campaign bringing the dream of this beautiful facility to life.

We would like to recognize and congratulate this evening's Vince Bova Memorial Award recipient and the Legacy Award winners; Antonietta Bueti, Emily Scarpino, and Paige Scaletta.

A very special thank you once again to our Title Sponsor, CentrePort Canada Rail Park & Focus Equities. Their commitment and generous financial support have allowed us to continue to work with worthy causes around the city. We look forward to your continuous support for years to come. We would also like to recognize the support from

ALL of our sponsors, as this evening would not have been a great success without all of your generosity.

We would like to say thank you to our Brothers and Sisters for their endless hours of hard work to ensure that this evening's Gala will contribute to profound and meaningful change in our community.

This evening, we invite you to be part of our extended famiglia, gathering around the table to enjoy great Italian food, fine wine and an entertaining atmosphere. After dinner, we look forward to the many talents of Jann Arden as tonight's entertainment. After the show, DJ Anto and DJ Turbulence will have you dancing the night away in our first ever Sons and Daughters of Italy DJ Battle in the Ballroom, and Same Old Shtick will be providing rock n' roll covers for your listening pleasure.

Buona serata a tutti!

Mark Scaletta and Travis Giavedoni
Gala Chairs

SDOI Gala Committee—2025

Chair:	Mark Scaletta	Remo Aiello	Tom De Nardi
Chair:	Travis Giavedoni	Carmelo Alongi	Milan Occhino
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Gala Coordinator:	Joe Strazzullo	Sonya Muraro	Tat-Liang Fabio Cheam
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**Leney Richardson
& Gary Doer**

Leading the Way to Brighter Futures

Two parents, one shared vision—to support families on their journey to healing and recovery.

As Honourary Co-Chairs of the 37th Annual Sons & Daughters of Italy Garibaldi Lodge Gala, we are incredibly proud to stand alongside the Anne Oake Family Recovery Centre, an organization dedicated to helping mothers and their children build a brighter, healthier future.

Families facing addiction and recovery need compassionate care, stability, and support. The Anne Oake Family Recovery Centre provides a safe haven where mothers can heal while staying together with their children—giving them the opportunity to grow in a nurturing environment and break the cycle of addiction for generations to come.

Tonight, we gather in the spirit of generosity and community, celebrating not only the rich traditions of Italian culture but also the power of giving back. The Sons & Daughters of Italy have long been committed to making a difference, and we are deeply grateful to every guest, sponsor, and donor here tonight for your support. Your generosity is changing lives, giving mothers and children the opportunity to thrive and move forward with hope.

On behalf of the Anne Oake Family Recovery Centre, we extend our heartfelt thanks for joining us in this mission.

Together, we are making a lasting impact. Grazie mille!

Leney Richardson & Honourable Gary Doer, O.M.
Honourary Co-Chairs, Sons & Daughters of Italy Gala



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IDA ALBO

Canadian Italian Business
Professional Association

2025 Entrepreneur of the Year

Ida's Vision

By Bernard Kruchak

Every morning, Ida Albo wakes up enwrapped in the rich cultural history of Winnipeg's Fort Garry Hotel. The managing partner of the 112-year-old Broadway landmark is also a resident, which creates a lifestyle that braids her work, personal, and social lives. For Ida, a scion of an Italian immigrant family, her current domestic circumstances are a full-circle experience.

"My parents, Frank and Marfisia, emigrated from Italy in the late 1950s and met and married in Winnipeg," Ida explains. "Parents, children, and extended family all lived communally above the family grocery store in central Winnipeg. Our family and work life in those days entwined, so there's something poetic about my life now."

Ida's business success story is well-known in Canada. In 1994, Ida and Rick Bel were hard at work running Prairie Oyster Cafe at The Forks and the Fort Garry's food and beverage operation when the hotel's out-of-province owners approached them to become part-owners and day-to-day managers of the property.

Ida recalls the early days of managing the hotel as a "real-life Fawcett Towers," with a lot of sweat equity and the patient investment of their Quebec-based partners. With financial hurdles cleared and extensive renovations completed, today's 236-room Fort Garry Hotel reflects the Gran Dama that opened as a bejewelled railway hotel in 1913.

"The hotel is a national, provincial, and municipal historic site, so we're obligated to protect and maintain certain exterior

and interior features, including the main lobby and rotunda, the grand Crystal and Concert Hall Ballrooms on the seventh floor along with the foyer and loggia, and the main-floor Oval Room and Provencher Ballroom," says Ida. "We've worked hard to restore the renowned glory of the hotel."

If vision is the essence of entrepreneurship, Ida has been clear-eyed about growing the business and making it relevant for 21st-century guests and the community. Now branded The Fort Garry Hotel, Spa and Conference Centre, the property features a variety of meeting and event spaces and a world-class wellness amenity called Ten Spa. The hotel also boasts a fine dining room called Vida Cucina Italia, Sunday evening jazz concerts, and Yuk Yuk's Comedy Club. The Sunset Terrace serves food and drinks outdoors throughout the summer. And just down the road, Yoga Public, Canada's largest yoga studio, offers hotel guests and Winnipeggers an opportunity to participate in various restorative wellness experiences.

"Beyond being a vibrant business, the Fort Garry Hotel is still one of Winnipeg's historical treasures. It's an opportunity to showcase the building's grand history," Ida says. "It's also a responsibility; our entire management team supports many non-profit fundraisers and community events."

2025 CIBPA ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR



Ida's business and community service achievements have earned her many accolades, including the Order of Canada, Manitoba Business Hall of Fame honours, and an honorary doctorate from the University of Winnipeg. Still, the Entrepreneur of the Year award from the Canadian Italian Business and Professional Association is unique because it comes from her peers in the Italian community. She shares the honour with her family — children Marfisia and Sebastian and her sisters, Pina and Belinda, and brother Frank and their families.

"We're a close family that became stronger after our parents passed away," Ida recalls. "Because of their support, we all have an entrepreneurial spirit."

As the daughter of immigrants, Ida believes heritage is vital to weaving Winnipeg's cultural fabric. So, too, is preserving and promoting the city's history. As managing partner of the Fort Garry Hotel, she lives that credo every day.





LEGACY AWARD RECIPIENTS

Sons and Daughters of Italy

Garibaldi Lodge

The Lodge annually gives two awards of \$2,000 each to students of Italian origin entering or attending post-secondary education and one award of \$1,000 to students entering a trade program.

Each year we are faced with the difficult task of assessing numerous qualified and successful Italian students. We have been gratified and excited to realize the number of Italian

students who every year achieve high grades and involve themselves in the Italian and Winnipeg communities. They are a credit to the Italian community and to our city.

In 2018 we partnered with the Winnipeg Foundation to ensure that our student awards would continue in perpetuity, so they are now given through our Legacy Fund.



PAIGE SCALETTA

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Paige graduated from Institut Collégial Vincent Massey Collegiate in 2023. Paige was a key team member of the Vincent Massey women's soccer team as a keeper, and won 6 championships, which included 2 provincial titles in the two years that she was part of the team. She has returned as the Outdoor Women's Team Assistant Coach for the last two seasons. She is currently enrolled in the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Science, majoring in genetics, and is currently exploring all the potential options that this degree will provide in terms of career opportunities.

Paige has been an avid soccer player since she was 4 years old, and spent most of her time with the Winnipeg South End United soccer club, ending a successful career

by winning the MSA Cup and earning the right to play for Manitoba at the Soccer Canada National Championships. Her team placed 6th in the country! Paige has been involved in the Italian community by volunteering with the Sons and Daughters of Italy for multiple years including the SDOI Gala, and the Christmas Eve Feast. Paige is very proud of her Italian heritage and hopes to visit Italy soon to meet her family who live there.

Paige is grateful to be a recipient of the SDOI Legacy Award and would like to thank the Sons and Daughters of Italy, her family, and her friends for all of the continuous support and recognition of her studies.



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EMILY SCARPINO

ANTONIETTA BUETI

Antonietta is a third year University of Winnipeg student, majoring in Neuroscience. She has volunteered her time with Accessibility Services at the UoW as well as volunteering as a Crisis Line Respondent for Klinik Community Health to increase access to mental health services and educational resources. She feels fortunate to be exposed to the evolving field of psychiatry through her work as a Medical Scribe, a pilot project which aims to decrease administrative burnout on physicians in Manitoba.

Throughout her university career, Antonietta has also written for the student newspaper, The Uniter, making contributions on a variety of topics from pop culture to Italian heritage. Additionally, Antonietta is a member of the Golden Key Chapter at the University of Winnipeg, which recognizes those within the top 15% of their program.

Antonietta has appreciated the opportunity to immerse herself in Italian culture through the Dante Italian School, fostering a love for the language which resulted in her attending Italian classes at the Università per Stranieri di Perugia in Perugia, Italy. She has been both a volunteer and performer in the Italian Folklorama. Singing has been a lifelong passion of hers, being recognized for solo performances at the Winnipeg Music Festival as well as performing alongside musical groups in the city including the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, the Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir as well and The Little Opera Company.

Antonietta is honoured to be the recipient of the SDOI Legacy Award. She would like to thank the Sons and Daughters for their contribution towards her continued education as well as her family for their love and support.

EMILY SCARPINO

Emily graduated with honours from Grant Park High School in 2023 and is currently enrolled at the University of Manitoba, pursuing a Bachelor of Arts with a major in English Literature. Her academic journey will continue into the faculty of education, where she will obtain a Bachelor of Education, followed by a Master of Education in Counselling Psychology. Emily's ultimate goal is to teach and provide counseling services at Grant Park High School, where she graduated.

Emily's passion for learning languages has been a significant part of her life. She attended the Dante Alighieri Italian School for several years and later volunteered there, where she is currently teaching. She has also completed an Italian language course at the University of Manitoba, achieving an

A+ grade. In addition to pursuing a minor in Spanish, Emily is also taking French courses.

The values of family and community have been deeply ingrained in Emily since childhood. Spending time with her Nonno and Nonna have given Emily some of the most cherished memories. Emily's many years of volunteer work at Folklorama has allowed her to embrace and celebrate Italian culture and heritage within the community. Emily takes immense pride in her cultural background and looks forward to passing on her love for language to future generations.

Emily is sincerely honoured and grateful to be a recipient of the Sons and Daughters of Italy Legacy Award.

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The **Anne Oake Family Recovery Centre** is only possible with the support of our community. Every contribution to this capital campaign helps build a place where women no longer have to choose between **recovery and family**.

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PROFILE SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY GARIBALDI LODGE

Order Sons and Daughters of Italy of Canada is an organization of men and women who are devoted to the celebration of Italian heritage, community service and charitable good works. The first lodge in Canada was established in Ontario in 1915. Currently, there are fifteen Lodges in Canada and over 650 Lodges in the U.S.A. It is the largest Fraternal Order of Canadians and Americans of Italian origin.

In Manitoba, Sons and Daughters of Italy - Garibaldi Lodge is making a difference in the greater Manitoba community.

Garibaldi Lodge

The Garibaldi Lodge was the first lodge of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy of Canada to be founded in Manitoba. Over the past 37 years we have donated over 5 million dollars to a number of worthwhile charities. The Garibaldi Lodge membership requirements has recently become gender neutral, inviting any Canadian-Italian to become a member to further support our many worthwhile initiatives. To become a member, you must be of Italian descent or married to a person of Italian descent. If you are interested, please talk to one of the members in the room or visit our website at www.sonsofitaly.ca.

This year witnessed our 37th annual gala fundraising dinner. Each year members celebrate giving back to the community in conjunction with the Canadian Italian Business

Professional Association by donating significant funds to a charity of choice. As a guest of our 37th Annual Sons and Daughters of Italy Gala Dinner, you might be wondering, "What does Sons and Daughters of Italy do the rest of the year?" Great question!

Certainly the Gala is our major fundraiser, providing funds not only for a very large donation tonight, but it also allows us to support other groups throughout the year.

We support the community...

The Charity of Choice for our Annual Gala has for many years been a community-wide charity, benefiting all in our community. This year's charity, the Anne Oake Family Recovery Centre, is an excellent example.

Of course, there are many other activities throughout the year, such as our annual Christmas Eve Feast at Rossbrook House, where we provide a full dinner, pictures with Santa and presents to 400 new immigrants and those less fortunate. We also provide and serve the dinner at the Rossbrook House graduation ceremony/dinner each June. Our members and their families take part in the annual Challenge for Life walk, where we have raised over \$900,000 in the past seven years for CancerCare Manitoba.



We support Italian culture...

One of the guiding principles in our mission statement is to promote and preserve the Italian language, culture, and traditions. In this regard, we support the Sons and Daughters of Italy Splendore D'Italia Folk Dance Group, who teach and perform traditional Italian dances.

Through our scholarship programs, we provide financial assistance to students of Italian heritage, including two \$2,000 scholarships to students advancing to post-secondary institutions and a \$1,000 scholarship to

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Primo Piatto

Cannelloni with ricotta, spinach, veal and pork with homemade tomato sauce

Secondo Piatto

4 oz. Angus beef tenderloin and rosemary roasted chicken supreme with a red wine gastrique. Served with sundried tomato and basil braised potato wedges, glazed carrots and broccolini

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Carmine Zirino
President, Order Sons & Daughters of Italy, Garibaldi Lodge

Vince Bova Memorial Award

Presented by Carmine Zirino and Justin Bova
Past President, Sons & Daughters of Italy, Garibaldi Lodge

Greetings

The Honourable Wab Kinew
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The Honourable Terry Duguid
Minister of Sport & Member of Parliament, Winnipeg South

Deputy Mayor Marcus Chambers
Deputy Mayor, City of Winnipeg

Gala Chairs Greetings

Mark Scaletta and Travis Giavedoni
Gala Chairs

CIBPA Entrepreneur of the Year Award

Ida Albo
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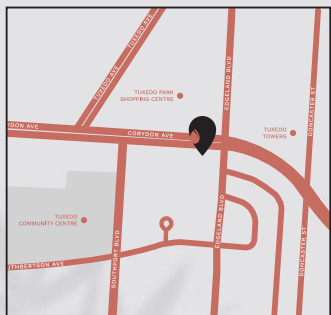


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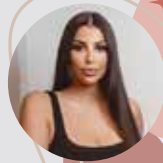
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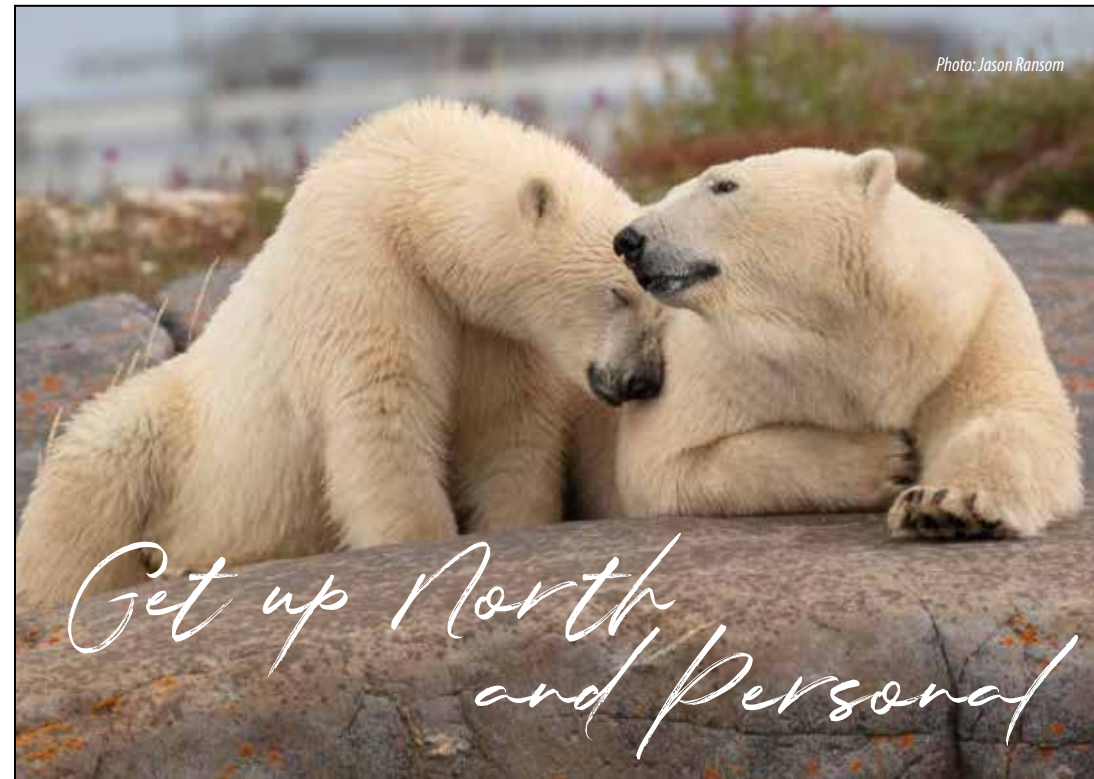


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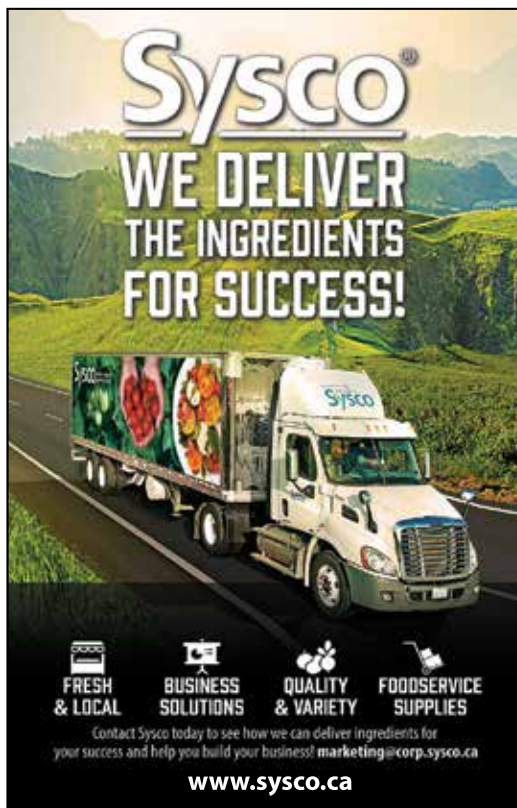
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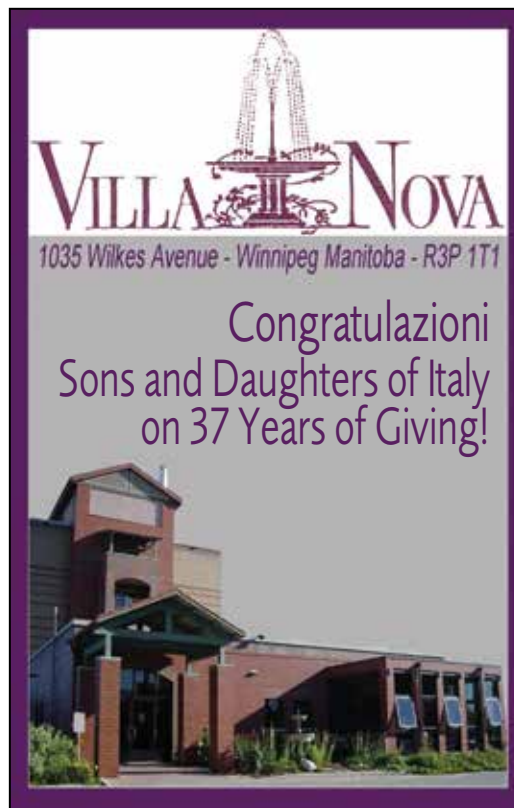
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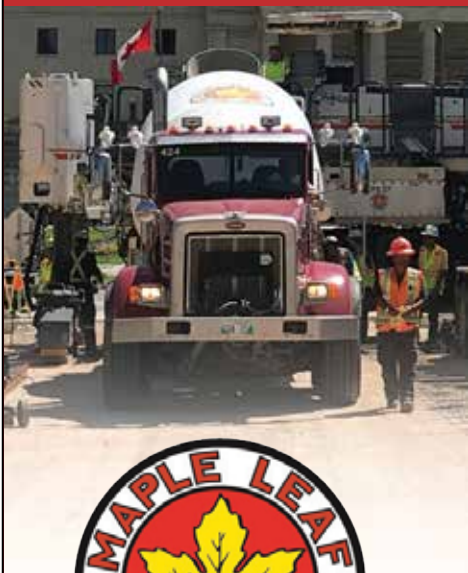
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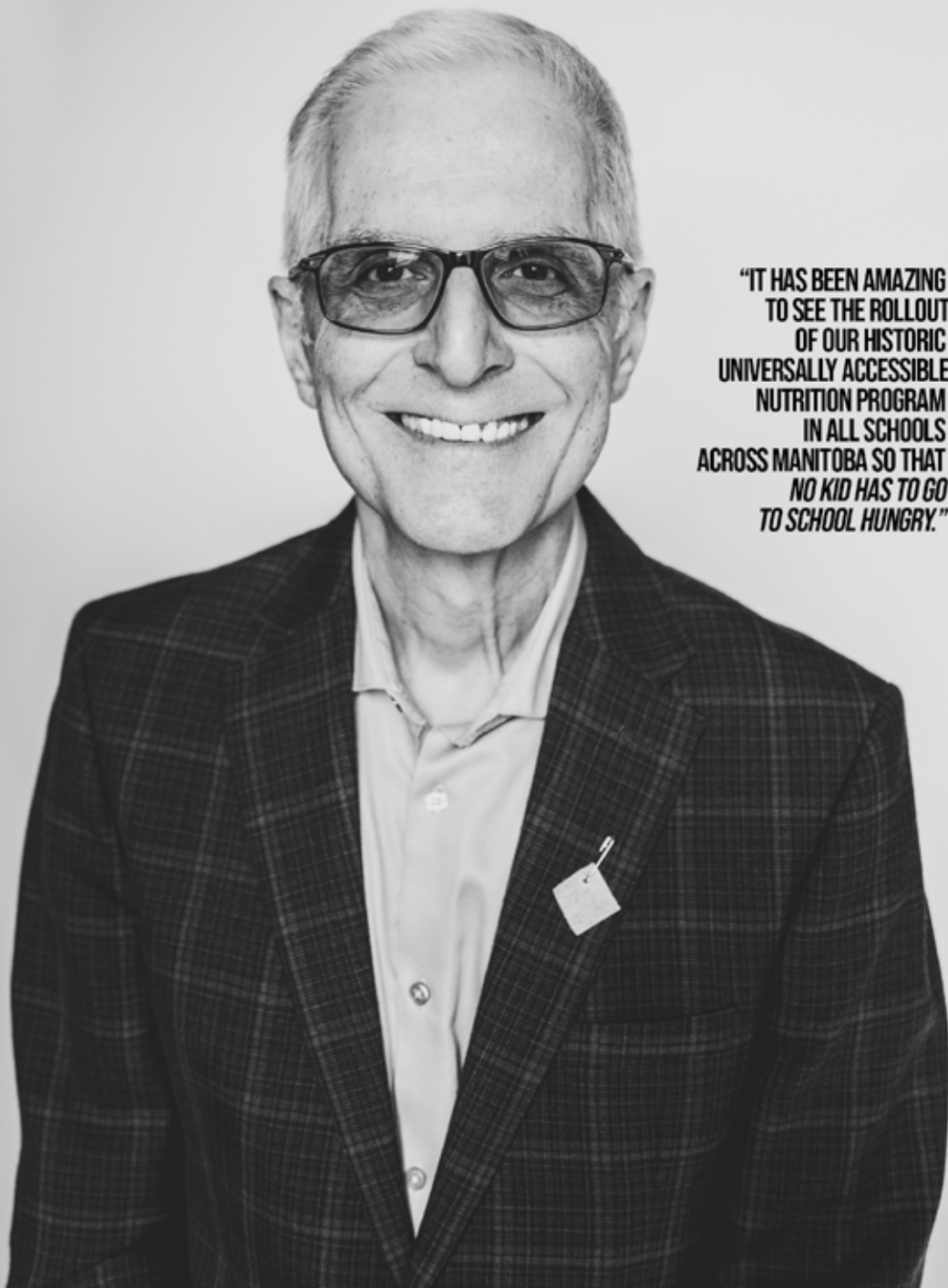
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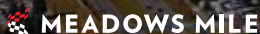
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