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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 36th 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 4 million dollars to this community.

This year, we are honoured to present our charity of choice for 2024, The Children’s Hospital Foundation of Manitoba. It is the mission and vision of the Children’s Hospital Foundation to ensure that every child receives the best care and experience possible. Thanks to donor support, the Foundation has raised over \$165 million since 1971 in Manitoba, Ontario, and Nunavut. The incredible generosity of community members like you has funded health research and provided life-saving equipment and care to children each day.

The Sons and Daughters of Italy are grateful for your support at our gala tonight in honour of The Children’s Hospital Foundation. The proceeds from this evening will make a significant contribution towards improving medical care for children in our community. 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 the Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Corporate 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. This incredible evening has been planned and organized by the Gala Dinner Committee, chaired by 1st Vice President Mark Scaletta and 2nd Vice President 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 Joe Leuzzi, the recipient of the 2024 Heart of the Lion Lifetime Achievement Award. This prestigious award recognizes an individual who has tirelessly given of themselves and has made significant contributions to the community. As a devoted member of the Sons and Daughters of Italy for over 30 years, and the youngest president in the Lodge’s history, Joe is truly deserving of this award. His contributions to local charities and organizations have impacted the lives of so many and his legacy is felt by all here this evening. We are fortunate to have such a trailblazer in our community. Please join us in celebrating Joe Leuzzi.

Once the formal part of the evening is over, please ensure you make your way out to the lobby to enjoy the beautiful desserts, gelati, and espresso bar. We look forward to seeing you all on the dance floor with Big City All Star Band later this evening!

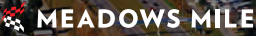
A presto,

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 36th Annual Gala, a night filled with grace, glamour, and giving, proudly brought to you by CentrePort Canada Rail Park, the Title Sponsor for this remarkable event.

As we gather here for this beautiful evening, we are not just celebrating elegance and culture but also embracing the opportunity to make a lasting impact on the community we hold dear.

Tonight's Gala is more than just a celebration; it's a symbol of compassion, a beacon of hope, and a testament to our collective commitment to a cause, The Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba, that truly matters.

At CentrePort Canada Rail Park, a master planned rail served industrial park by developer Focus Equities, we believe in the power of coming together to create positive change. It is an honour to be part of an event that supports the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba. The Foundation is dedicated to ensuring that every child treated at HSC Children's Hospital in Winnipeg has the best care and experience possible. Funds raised by the Foundation support capital improvements, life-saving equipment, programs that bring comfort to sick children, and health research to improve the lives of children everywhere.

Together, we are not just sponsors; we are advocates for a brighter, better future, supporters of dreams, and contributors to the well-being of those who need it the most, our children. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to

each one of you for joining us on this philanthropic journey. As we enjoy this evening of fine dining, entertainment, and camaraderie, let us also take a moment to reflect on the impact we can create when we unite for a common goal. Your presence here tonight is a testament to the strength of our community and the belief that, together, we can make a significant difference.

Thank you for being a part of the CentrePort Canada Rail Park Sons and Daughters of Italy's 36th Annual Gala and thank you for your commitment to Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba Better Futures Campaign.

Salute to a night of shared purpose, shared joy, and shared impact. May this evening be a testament to the incredible things we can achieve when we come together. On behalf of CentrePort Canada Rail Park and Focus Equities, thank you for being here and for being a vital part of making a positive change in the lives of the children we aim to support.

Buona serata,

Chris Reiter





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GREETINGS

Carmine Filice

Order Sons & Daughters of Italy of Canada
National President



Dear Brothers and 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 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 Joe Leuzzi, who is receiving the Sons and Daughters of Italy “Heart of The Lion” award. This prestigious accolade recognizes individuals who have selflessly contributed to their communities, embodying the spirit of service and dedication. On behalf of all our members across Canada, thank you for your service and dedication.

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 Children’s Hospital Foundation of Manitoba. Your commitment to improving the lives of children treated at HSC Winnipeg Children’s Hospital is truly commendable. Here’s to many more years of success and impact.

Fraternally yours,

Carmine E. Filice

National President

Order Sons & Daughters of Italy of Canada



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GREETINGS

The RT. Hon. Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.

The Prime Minister of Canada



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Message from the Prime Minister of Canada

It is with great honour that I send my warmest greetings to the 36th Annual Sons and Daughters of Italy Gala.

Italian Canadians have made countless contributions to our country and continue to do so to this day. These contributions can be seen on every sector and have shaped Canada for the better. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to everyone here today for helping make Canada the greatest place to live in this world.

Canada and Italy have a long and strong relationship built on deep people-to-people ties, strong trade, and robust partnerships in global organizations. This Gala serves as a reminder of the importance of this relationship and the accomplishments made when our two countries work together on shared priorities.

I would also like to thank those who helped organize this Gala for successfully organizing an event that showcases the rich culture of Italy and the accomplishments that Italian Canadians have made to our country.

Please accept my very best wishes.

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The Honourable Wab Kinew

The Premier of Manitoba



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

On behalf of all Manitobans it is my honour to extend greetings to all attending this year's Annual Gala Dinner hosted by the Sons and Daughters of Italy, Garibaldi Lodge, and the Canadian Italian Business and Professionals Association in support of our province's Children's Hospital Foundation.

The Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba does valuable work to ensure that every child has access to the best care and support. Our province appreciates all they do to advance research and improve children's healthcare.

The Sons and Daughter of Italy, Garibaldi Lodge, plays an important role in our province by representing our vibrant Italian community and providing cultural and philanthropic support which all Manitobans can benefit from.

Thank you to the Sons and Daughters of Italy, Garibaldi Lodge, and the Canadian Italian Business and Professionals Association for all your hard work towards putting on this event and thank you to all attending for supporting this great cause.

The Honourable Wab Kinew
Premier of Manitoba





GREETINGS

His Worship Scott Gillingham

The Mayor of Winnipeg



Mayor's Message

On behalf of the City of Winnipeg, I would like to welcome everyone to the 36th Annual Sons and Daughters of Italy Gala.

This year, Winnipeg celebrates 150 years as a city. It is an opportunity for us to reflect on our past, and look ahead to our future. Winnipeg's Italian community has played an important role in building our city and continues to shape Winnipeg's future.

For 36 years the Sons and Daughters of Italy, Garibaldi Lodge, have demonstrated their organization's generous spirit by supporting a range of deserving charities with their annual Gala. This year is no exception with tonight's proceeds supporting Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba's Better Futures Campaign.

Congratulations to Joe Leuzzi on being presented with the Sons and Daughters of Italy's Heart of the Lion Lifetime Achievement Award. Joe is well-deserving of this recognition.

I would like to thank the sponsors, staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication putting together this annual event. By supporting worthy causes like this you are helping to strengthen our community.

My best wishes to all attendees for a wonderful evening filled with food, friends and fun!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Gillingham".

Mayor Scott Gillingham
City of Winnipeg

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VINCE BOVA

Memorial Award



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:

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 Buetti*

2007: Joe Leuzzi

2006: Vincent Buetti

2005: Tony Cesario

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2003: Armando Nasuti

2002: Ted Nocita

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2000: Randy Hapin

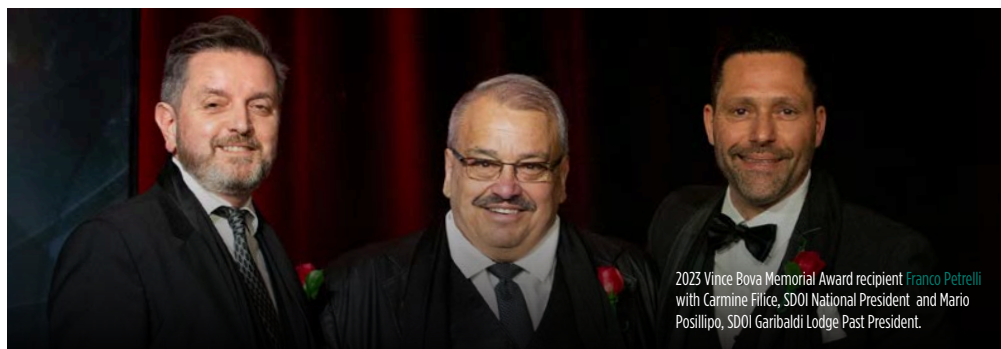
1999: Pat Potenza*

1999: Rocco Macchia

1998: Terry Ferraro

1998: Reno Molinari

1997: Peter Mignacca



2023 Vince Bova Memorial Award recipient **Franco Petrelli** with Carmine Filice, SDOI National President and Mario Posillipo, SDOI Garibaldi Lodge Past President.



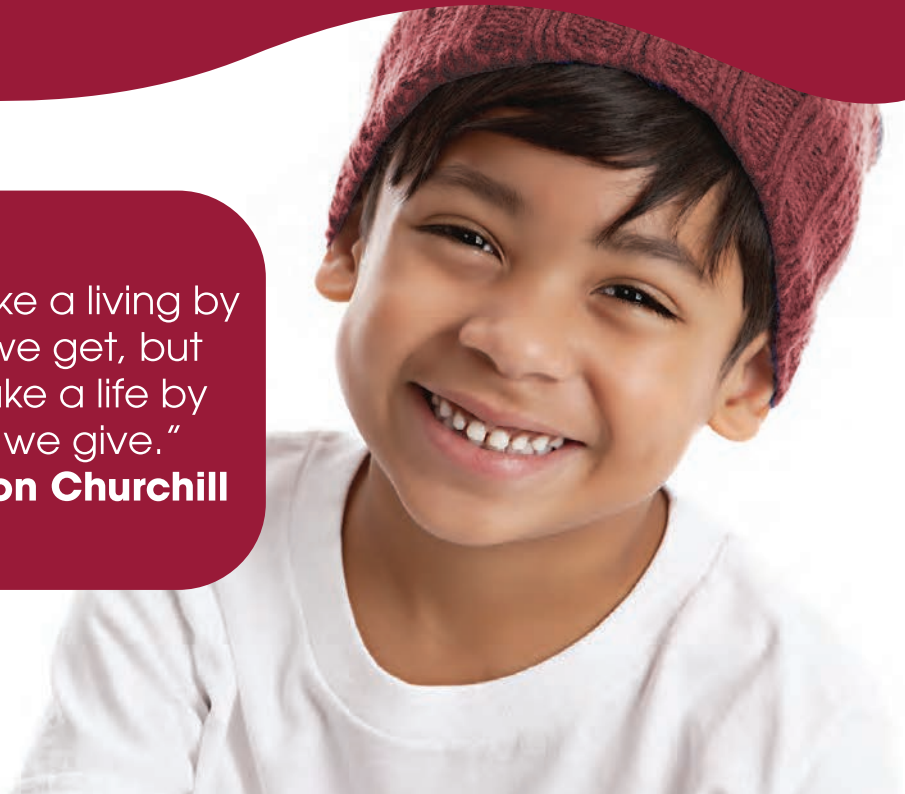
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Proud to sponsor the Sons and Daughters of Italy Gala in support of the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba.

**Congratulations to
Joe Leuzzi on receiving the
Heart of the Lion Lifetime
Achievement Award.**

"We make a living by
what we get, but
we make a life by
what we give."

- Winston Churchill



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 Lodge, we are honoured to welcome everyone to our 36th Annual Gala event. This evening we are proud to be supporting The Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba.

The Children's Hospital Foundation is dedicated to ensuring that every child treated at HSC Winnipeg Children's Hospital has the best care and experience possible.

Funds raised by the Foundation support capital improvements, life-saving equipment, programs that bring comfort to sick children, and health research to improve the lives of children throughout Manitoba.

We would like to recognize and congratulate this evening's Vince Bova award recipient and the Legacy Award winners; Vincenzina Conia and Emma Posillipo.

We are honoured to present this year's recipient of the Sons and Daughters of Italy "Heart of the Lion" Lifetime Achievement Award to Joe Leuzzi. This award recognizes an individual who has tirelessly given of themselves and has made significant contributions to the community. Joe has worked endlessly in the Italian community as a Past President and guiding voice for the many projects and fund-raising efforts the Sons & Daughters of Italy have been apart of. Please join us in congratulating Joe Leuzzi on this prestigious award. Auguri!

A very special thank you once again to our new partner and Title sponsor, CentrePort Canada Rail Park. 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 many 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. We are thrilled to have a very special performance by Frank Moyo and Flatland Famous Band. After the show, DJ Anto from Capital Sound & Entertainment will have you dancing the night away in the Main Ballroom and in the Carlton Lobby.

Buona serata e divertimento a tutti,

Mark Scaletta and Travis Giavedoni
Gala Chairs

SDOI Gala Committee—2024

Chair:	Mark Scaletta
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Gianfranco Leuzzi	Mike Conia
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HONOURARY CO-CHAIR

Dan & Ina Potenza



Good evening and benvenuti a tutti, to the 36th Annual Sons and Daughters of Italy Garibaldi Lodge Gala Dinner!

As Honourary Co-Chairs, we are extremely honoured and proud to be part of such a wonderful event. Tonight, we celebrate the philanthropic accomplishments of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in true Italian fashion, with great food, beverages, friendships and entertainment!

This evening, we are honoured to support the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba. The Children's Hospital and The Foundation played an integral role during a difficult time in our lives. We are eternally grateful to have had their support when we needed it the most.

"Do you believe in miracles? ...Because you'll need one."
We will never forget these words from our oncologist.

It was a fateful day in October 1998 when we received a cancer diagnosis for our daughter Larissa. She was 4 months old. It was a very rare form of leukemia that, at that point in time, only had a 20% survival rate. Oncologists gave us an option of whether or not to treat her. As a parent, the only option was to fight this terrible disease. Larissa's best chance of survival was with chemotherapy, and ultimately a bone marrow transplant. Larissa underwent 2 rounds of chemotherapy, each 1 week long followed by 6 weeks

of recovery. During these times, the hospital essentially became our home and we never left her side.

There was a 1 in 4 chance that a sibling would be an exact bone marrow tissue match. After a series of blood tests, our miracle finally came. Our son Daniel (then only 2) was found to be a perfect match.

The light, at the end of a long dark tunnel, came April 23, 1999. Bone Marrow Transplant Day – where the doctors harvested a small amount of Daniel's bone marrow, and like the countless blood transfusions Larissa received, the bone marrow transfusion was the last one.

We prayed for a miracle, and God answered. April 23, 2024, Larissa will celebrate 25 years of being cancer free!

We are so grateful for the treatment, support, and compassion we received from the amazing doctors, nurses and support staff from the Children's Hospital and The Children's Hospital Foundation. Thank you to the Sons and Daughters of Italy, and to all of you attending this evening, for supporting such a wonderful organization that continues to improve children's health care in Manitoba.

Grazie Mille!

Ina & Dan Potenza

HONOURARY CO-CHAIR

Nancy Cipryk & Kirsten McConnell



Leading the way to #GiveBetterFutures:

Two mothers, five kids and one dream to transform child health care and research in Manitoba. Nancy Cipryk and Kirsten McConnell are leading the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba's Better Futures campaign as committee co-chairs and have very personal reasons for joining the initiative.

Kirsten and her husband, Dan, have triplets and two of the three children were born with cleft lip and palette. They have needed support from HSC Children's Hospital their whole lives, including for over a dozen major surgeries between them both.

Nancy was also inspired by her family's experiences at the hospital. She and her husband, Greg, have two girls and they both have needed HSC Children's including for emergency care, surgery, a broken arm, asthma, allergies and more.

Both Nancy and Kirsten say they are honoured to be part of the campaign cabinet helping #GiveBetterFutures and grateful for donors, like the guests of the Sons & Daughters of Italy gala, who continue caring for kids who need Children's Hospital.

"It is a chance to work with passionate and dedicated individuals who share a common goal of improving the

health and well-being of children. It is not only a fulfilling role, but also a responsibility to help create a better world for the next generation." – Kirsten McConnell

"Our job is to give these children a voice and to take that and show potential donors the urgent needs these children have. It is an honour and a privilege to work with this team. Children need the very best care possible, so we say thank you to all our current donors." – Nancy Cipryk

Nancy and Kirsten welcome all guests at the Sons & Daughters of Italy gala to have a wonderful evening, and thank you as you generously #GiveBetterFutures to kids.

Nancy Cipryk & Kirsten McConnell





JOE LEUZZI

Lifetime Achievement Award

HEART OF THE LION

Always Forward

By Bernard Kruchak

In 1993, Joe Leuzzi accepted an invitation to join the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy (SDOI), Garibaldi Lodge. He was 22 years old, a self-described novice in community service, but what he lacked in lived experience, he made up for in everlasting enthusiasm. Over the next 31 years, Joe continually raised his hand whenever the organization asked for help, all the while setting the bar higher for himself and others when it came to volunteering.

One of Joe's first roles with SDOI was as a member of the gala organizing committee. Since then, he's helped shepherd the annual event into one of Winnipeg's premier social evenings and fundraising functions. Joe says working on the committee has been rewarding and inspiring.

"It's been an intense 31 years, for sure, but I learned so much about giving back to the community from my SDOI brothers and sisters," he explains. "Volunteering my time and energy is an investment, and the returns have been immeasurable. I've acquired a skill set I can use anywhere and friendships that'll last forever."

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Volunteering is a passion for Joe. Ask for help, and he'll raise his hand. Call his name, and he'll step forward. Many

organizations throughout Winnipeg have received Joe's generous assistance over the years — for instance, Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church, Dante Alighieri Society, Kids Etc Youth Movement Company, Charleswood Broncos Football Club, Bruce Oake Recovery Centre, and, of course, the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy, Garibaldi Lodge.

Joe joined SDOI's board of directors as recording secretary in 1994 and then, at 27 years of age, became the organization's youngest president, serving throughout 1999 and 2000. He currently sits as a member of SDOI's senate.

While Joe is content to contribute his volunteer time and expertise to executive-level tasks, he's most comfortable rolling up his sleeves and helping out at the many community-centred activities that fill out SDOI's annual events calendar. For Joe, functions such as the Christmas Eve Feast for inner-city youth and their families, CancerCare Manitoba Foundation's Challenge for Life walk, and any summer fundraiser that needs a porchetta cooked reflect the true spirit of SDOI and reveal the group's benevolent heart.

"As Italians, we're proud of our heritage, and through the Sons and Daughters of Italy, we celebrate our culture, but more than that, we engage in philanthropic causes that raise funds for the greater Winnipeg community," Joe explains. "It's rewarding to know that the results of our good works reach the hearts of people who most need it."

HEART OF THE LION AWARD



Joe won't use the word legacy as he still considers himself a young man with many years of giving ahead of him, but he's incredibly proud that his volunteer efforts are encouraging to younger people, including his two sons, Gianfranco and Mickey. He credits his wife, Elizabeth, for providing a solid foundation upon which the Leuzzi family can continue contributing to the community.

"I have no plans to slow down," Joe says. "My motto is *Sempre Avanti*, or Always Forward, so whatever the future holds, there'll be some measure of volunteering involved."

To Joe, moving forward also means giving back. It's what 31 years of brotherhood and sisterhood have taught him, and he's proud to keep raising his hand whenever someone asks for help.



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LEGACY AWARD RECIPIENTS

Sons & Daughters of Italy, Garibaldi Lodge

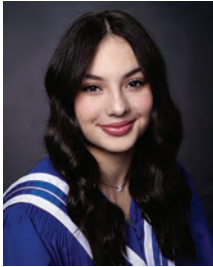


The Lodge annually gives two awards of \$2,000 each to students of Italian origin entering or attending post-secondary education and one award of \$1,000 to students entering a trade program.

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.

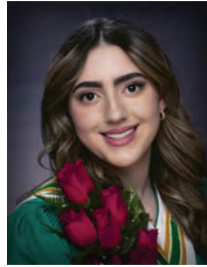


**LEGACY AWARD—
Vincenzina Conia**

Vincenzina (Zina) Conia graduated with honours with distinction from Shaftesbury High School in 2023. She was chosen as the Valedictorian by her peers and teachers and represented her class at the convocation ceremony through her valedictory address. Furthermore, Vincenzina was awarded the Shaftesbury Industrial Arts Award of Excellence and a Graphic Arts medal for achieving the highest grades in the 40S course. Currently, she is enrolled in the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Science, majoring in genetics. She hopes to pursue a career in this field, becoming a medical geneticist or a genetic counsellor.

Vincenzina is prevalent within the Italian community and she is very proud that she can represent her heritage in any way possible. She has volunteered with the Sons and Daughters of Italy for multiple years, involving herself with the SDOI Gala, Christmas Eve Feast, and the Rossbrook House Graduation Dinner. Vincenzina is also a 2023 graduate of the Dante Alighieri Italian School after completing 12 years of learning the Italian language. She also found a way to carry her Italian pride through what she loves; Dance. Vincenzina has danced with the Splendore D'Italia Folk Dancers for 13 years, performing annually in Folkorama to represent Italy.

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



**LEGACY AWARD—
Emma Posillipo**

Emma Posillipo graduated from Linden Christian School in 2023 with Honours of Great Distinction. She received a volleyball, basketball, and soccer athletic award. She was also the recipient of the 2022-2023 Female Athlete of the Year. Emma is continuing her education through the Direct Entry Program at the University of Manitoba in the Faculty of Kinesiology. She is currently pursuing her Bachelors of Kinesiology and will continue on with her Masters in Physical Therapy, with high aspirations of one day owning her own physiotherapy clinic.

Emma has volunteered for four years through coaching school volleyball, basketball and soccer. She enjoys encouraging fellow female athletes to pursue interests in athletics, teamwork and leadership. She has also volunteered in the community, serving at the annual Christmas Eve Feast and volunteering at the Gala Dinner. Emma is immensely proud of her Italian heritage which has been passed down through her time spent with her Nonna and extended family.

Emma would like to thank The Sons and Daughters of Italy and all those who were involved with honouring her with this award. She is proud to be one of the recipients of the Sons and Daughters of Italy Legacy Award. She looks forward to continuing her education and involvement in the Italian community and one day becoming a member of The Sons and Daughters of Italy Garibaldi Lodge.



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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, there are two Lodges: Garibaldi lodge and Lupa Di Roma Lodge. Together, these lodges under the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy are 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 36 years we have donated over 4 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 www.sonsofitaly.ca.



This year witnessed our 36th 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 36th 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 Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba, 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 \$500,000 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, and the Dante Alighieri Cultural Society, who provide Italian language lessons for children and adults.

Through our scholarship programs, we provide financial assistance to students of Italian heritage, including two

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Primo Piatto

Vegetarian Lasagna with ricotta and spinach

Secondo Piatto

Rosemary and garlic rubbed roasted fillet of beef with a marsala & onion demi, truffle cauliflower puree, pecorino potato galette, roasted oyster mushrooms, glazed carrots, and broccolini

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Joe Leuzzi

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Discussing feelings with the artist is more candid. "I want people to imagine they are on a beach in Italy listening to my music or driving down a dirt road in a classic pick up truck dreaming about love and life"

Growing up in Toronto, Moyo first learned chords on guitar as a small child. He has since tapped into his Italian upbringing, incorporating Italian into his music and lyrics. Opening for Diodato (Sanremo 2020 Winner)

and Umberto Tozzi have been some of his career highlights so far.. Moyo is passionate about exploring his southern Italian roots and plans to continue exploring Italian culture through his music.

With a taste that zig zags and curves from Johnny Cash and Coldplay, to Italian icons like Lucio Dalla and Toto Cutugno, Moyo's sound is hard to pin down but undeniably remarkable and unforgettable.

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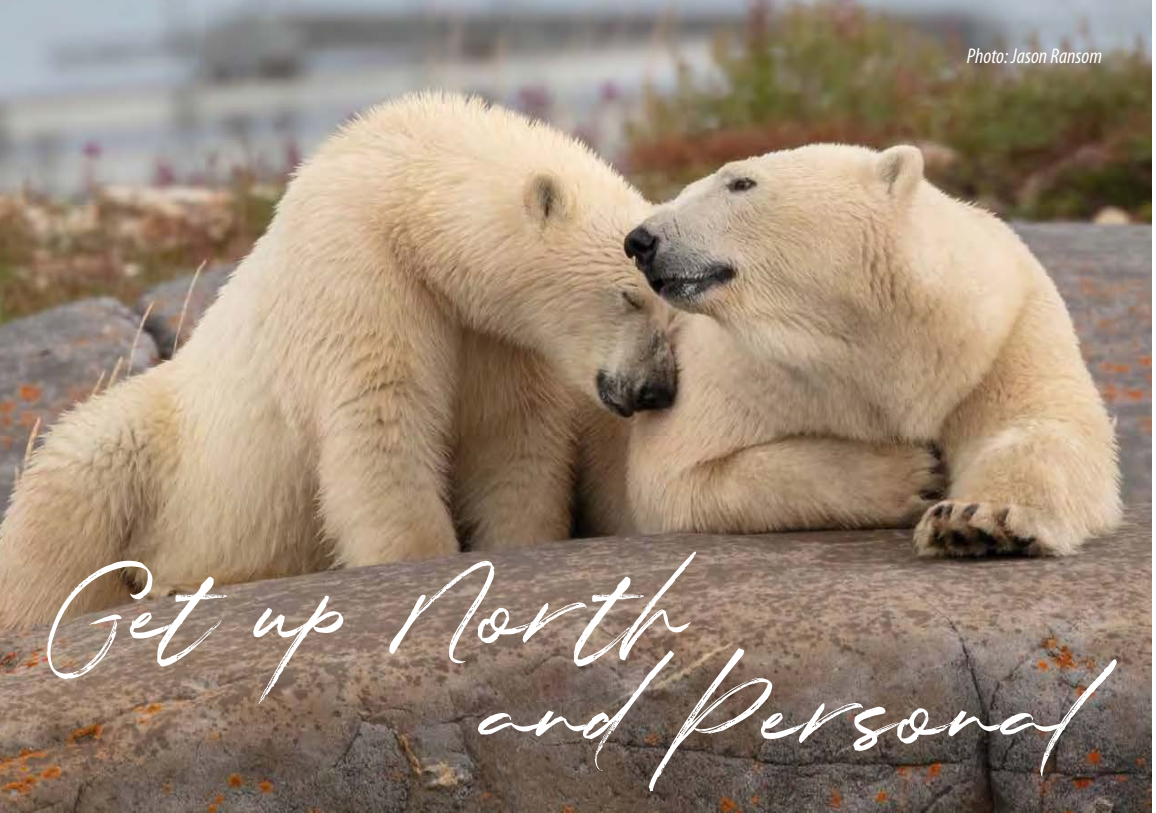
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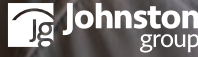
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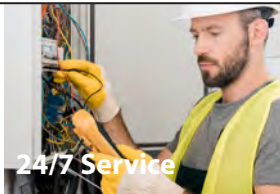


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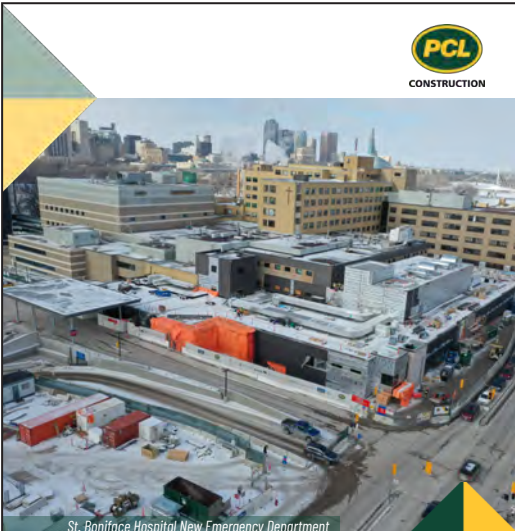
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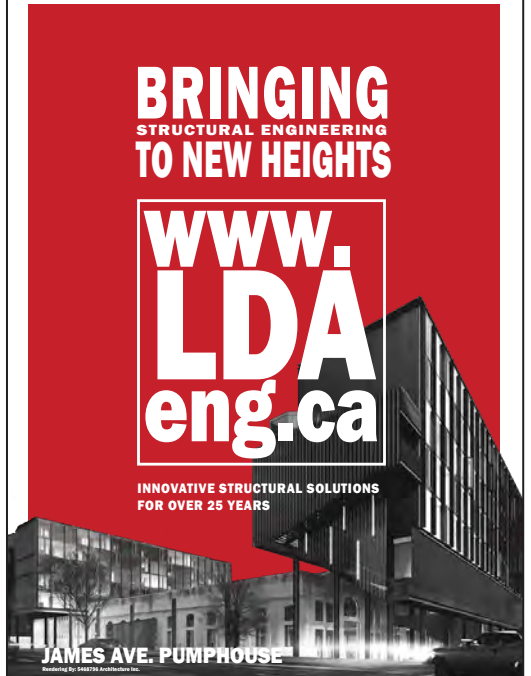
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