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GREETINGS
ORDER SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY
Mario Posillipo
President, Garibaldi Lodge



Buona Sera a Tutti. As the proud President of the Sons and Daughters of Italy-Garibaldi Lodge and after 3 long years, I would like to personally welcome you to the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Sons and Daughters of Italy Gala. Over the last 40 years, we have given in excess of over 4 million dollars to support worthwhile Manitoba-based charities and other initiatives throughout our community such as: Bruce Oake Recovery Centre Foundation, Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba, The Canadian Museum of Human Rights, and CancerCare Manitoba to name a few.

We are honoured to present our charity of choice, the St Boniface Hospital Foundation, Manitoba Cardiac Centre of Excellence, in support of Women's Heart Health Research. Heart Disease is the number one killer of women worldwide and affects women of all ages. Women are just as likely as men to experience a stroke or heart attack; only their risk factors differ. Currently, Manitoba is the only province in Canada without a dedicated Women's Heart Health program. Over the next five years, St. Boniface Hospital Foundation has made it a priority to develop and implement a multi-phase women's cardiovascular health research program. Building a critical mass of local expertise will ensure the long-term sustainability of the Women's Heart Health Program in Manitoba with the long-term objective of establishing a dedicated women's heart health clinic serving Manitoba women.

The Sons and Daughters of Italy are grateful to each and every one of you for regularly attending our galas in years past and actively supporting local Manitoba charity initiatives, such as the St. Boniface Hospital Foundation - Women's Heart Health Research. The proceeds from this evening will make a valuable contribution assisting the women of Manitoba by establishing a dedicated women's heart health clinic. I would like to thank our Title Sponsor–RBC for your continued support in these worthwhile causes, the Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Corporate sponsors. Without you this evening would have not been possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Gala Director, Frank Occhino for all his direction and hard work along with

our dinner committee, chaired by our 1st Vice President Carmine Zirino and our 2nd Vice President Mark Scaletta. This elegant evening is no small accomplishment and is executed by a group of dedicated Sons and Daughters of Italy brothers and sisters, who selflessly give many months to the cause and continue to make a real difference where it matters... in Manitoba.

Congratulations to Justin Bova, the recipient of the 2023 Canadian Italian Business Professional Association (CIBPA) Entrepreneur of the Year. Mr. Justin Bova is the President and CEO of Pretium Projects Ltd. and Pretium Construction West. 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 Justin Bova this evening.

Once the formal part of the evening is over, please don't forget to make your way to the York Lobby for some terrific desserts with an incredible espresso bar so you can dance the night away to the musical stylings of The Big City All Star Band in the Main Ballroom.

Buon Divertimento, Mario Posillipo

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO JUSTIN BOVA ON RECEIVING THE CIBPA ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD AND TO THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY

















GREETINGS
RBC—ROYAL BANK OF CANADA
Kim Ulmer
Regional President



Good Evening.

We at RBC are thrilled to join you once again for the Sons and Daughters of Italy annual Gala dinner.

It is so special that we are able to come together in person once again to celebrate community, honour culture, and give back in support of others.

This year, the Gala celebrates 35 years of inspiring hope and change through the generous spirit of everyone who gifts their presence and support to this extraordinary event. This year is no different.

How perfectly poetic is it that an organization who honours the women of their community and routinely give from the heart through fundraising, volunteerism, and scholarships have chosen to support the Women's Heart Health at the St. Boniface Hospital Foundation.

We at RBC stand with the Sons and Daughters of Italy in recognizing that giving from the heart to strengthen the hearts of the women in our province is a gift with many, many returns.

To the women who will depend on and benefit from the important work and research of Women's Heart Health, you remain in our hearts on your journey to well-being.

It is also said that music comes from the heart. That is why we are pleased to welcome RBCxMusic artist Cec Lopez to share their musical talents with all of us at this year's gala.

From all of us at RBC to each of you here this evening, thank you for choosing to be here tonight.

Thank you for ensuring the heart of our community continues to beat strong throughout our city today and in the future.

Enjoy your evening!

Sincerely.

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Kim Ulmer

RBC Regional President Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Nunavut, and Western Ontario





















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GREETINGS
ORDER SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY OF CANADA
Carmine Filice
National President



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

It is my pleasure to address you in Winnipeg and bring greetings on behalf of our members across Canada.

If you have not noticed, we now operate as the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy of Canada (OSDIC). Did you know that women were members of OSDIC from day one? Did you also know that women were always equal members and able to vote in our organization before they were able to cast a ballot for elections in both Canada and USA.

Italians faced intolerance and discrimination when they first immigrated to Canada but overcame it all by supporting each other. Italian immigrants faced many adversities. A strong support structure developed in our Order which became the foundation that established a culture of inclusion for all.

Our success story is a great one. We have grown from an organization that first supported the needs of its members to a national organization that now supports the needy in our communities across this great nation. To date the OSDIC has collectively donated/invested in excess of 10 million dollars to worthy charities and causes in our communities. Over the past three decades the Winnipeg Lodges have been significant contributors and community leaders.

Thank you, Winnipeg OSDIC, for all your hard work and volunteer hours contributed to making Canada a better place for all!

When the first wave of immigrants came from Italy, they identified themselves as Italians. As we made Canada home our "title" change to Italian-Canadians, then Canadian-

Italians and now proud Canadians of Italian descent with a passion to celebrate our heritage. So, if Italian flare tickles your fancy and you are looking to give back to the community, join the Order Sons and Daughter of Italy of Canada and help make a difference! The worst thing that could happen is that you may share a glass of good wine over a great meal at one of our events. You may also make friends that will last a lifetime.

On behalf of all our members, congratulations to Justin Bova on being selected CIPBA's Entrepreneur of the Year!.

In closing, many thanks to the gala committee for continuing the tradition of supporting the needy in our community and choosing to donate this year's proceeds to St. Boniface Hospital Foundation - Women's Heart Health Research. Wishing you many more years of success.

Fraternally yours,

#### Carmine E. Filice

National President
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## GREETINGS THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA The RT. Hon. Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.





#### PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

March 18, 2023

#### Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 35th Annual Gala Dinner of the Sons and Daughters of Italy, Garibaldi Lodge and the Canadian Italian Business and Professionals Association (CIBPA) Winnipeg.

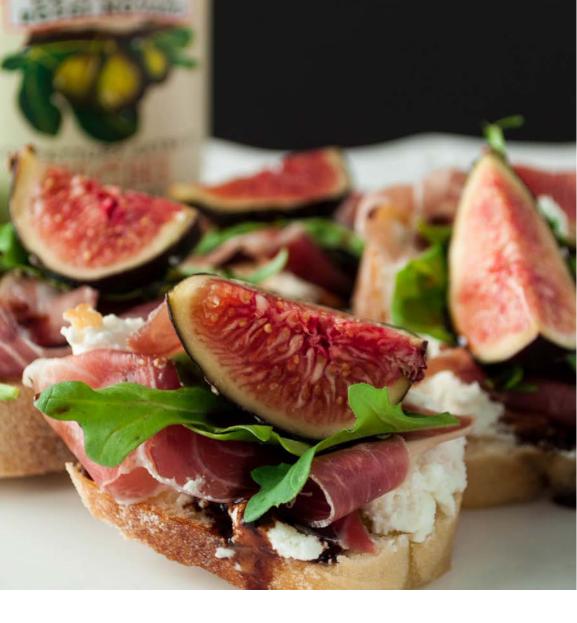
The Sons and Daughters of Italy, Garibaldi Lodge and CIBPA Winnipeg have a long history of promoting and preserving Italian culture, language and traditions while supporting community service and charitable good works in Manitoba. Proceeds from tonight's gala will support the development and implementation of a multi-phase women's cardiovascular health research program at the St. Boniface Hospital. I would like to thank everyone in attendance for their generous contributions. You can take pride in your commitment to the health and well-being of your fellow citizens.

I would also like to commend the members of the Sons and Daughters of Italy, Garibaldi Lodge and CIBPA Winnipeg for hosting this event. Your generosity of spirit and contributions to the community are greatly appreciated.

Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable evening and for every success in meeting your fundraising goal.

Sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Justin P. J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada



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## GREETINGS THE PREMIER OF MANITOBA The Honourable Heather Stefanson





PREMIER OF MANITOBA

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

On behalf of all Manitobans, I am pleased to welcome all those attending the Sons and Daughters of Italy Gala in support of Women's Heart Health Research at the St. Boniface Hospital.

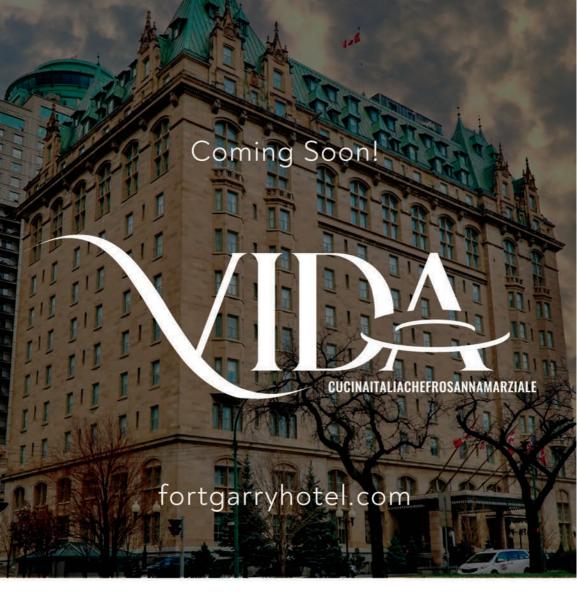
Since the establishment of the first lodge in Canada in 1915, the Sons and Daughters of Italy has supported our vibrant Italian cultural community and donated to worthy charities to improve the lives of all Canadians. Winnipeg's Garibaldi Lodge carries on that tradition, supporting many worthy cultural and charitable endeavours.

The annual Sons and Daughters of Italy Gala is a significant fundraiser for our community, benefitting worthy charitable causes that touch the lives of thousands of Manitobans. I am pleased see that this year's gala will support women's heart health research, helping the St. Boniface Hospital hire more researchers to address heart disease among women. I am confident that funds raised from this gala will help our province better understand the differences in cardiovascular disease outcomes for women and better diagnose and treat heart disease in our province.

I join my fellow Manitobans in thanking and congratulating the Sons and Daughters of Italy, Garibaldi Lodge for hosting such an important event, and for its history of supporting so many charitable causes in our community. I wish everyone involved in organizing tonight's Gala all the best and great success into the future.

The Honourable Heather Stefanson

Heater Felfanson



















GREETINGS
THE MAYOR OF WINNIPEG
His Worship Scott Gillingham





### Mayor's Message

As the Mayor of Winnipeg, I am delighted to welcome everyone to the 35th Annual Sons and Daughters of Italy Gala.

For 35 years the Sons and Daughters of Italy, Garibaldi Lodge, have demonstrated their organization's generous spirit by supporting a range of deserving charities with the annual Gala. This year is no exception with tonight's proceeds supporting women's heart health at the St. Boniface Hospital Foundation

On behalf of the City of Winnipeg, I want to recognize the hard work of the organizers and volunteers of the 35th Annual Gala Dinner. Without you, this event would not be possible. Also, thank you to the sponsors for supporting this wonderful event.

To all attendees, I hope you have a fantastic evening filled with food, friends and fun!

Sincerely,

Mayor Scott Gillingham The 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:** 

2019: Tat Liang Fabio Cheam

2018: Angelo Costantini\*

2017: Alex Baksina

**2016**: Lou Caci

2015: Justin Boya

2014: John Giavedoni

2013: Salvatore Infantino

2012: Cosmo Racano

2011: Robert Scaletta

2010: Reno Augellone

2009: Joe Boya

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

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1999: Rocco Macchia

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### **GALA CHAIRS**

### Carmine Zirino & Mark Scaletta







On behalf of the Sons and Daughters of Italy - Garibaldi Lodge, we are honoured to welcome everyone to our 35th Annual Gala. This evening we are proud to support our 2023 charity of choice the St. Boniface Hospital Foundation - Women's Heart Health Research.

Heart disease is the number one killer of women worldwide. and it affects women of all ages. Contrary to popular belief. women are in fact just as likely as men to experience a stroke or heart attack; only their risk factors can differ. Over 40% of women do not survive their first heart attack. Studies have shown that more than half of women who experience heart attack symptoms go unrecognized. For this reason, there is active ongoing research at St. Boniface Hospital to bridge the gap in understanding heart disease in women with the goal of improving the ability to diagnose and treat women with cardiovascular disease.

We would like to recognize and congratulate this evening's Vince Boya award recipient and the Legacy Award winners: 2023 Recipients: Michele Leuzzi and Marisa Ranieri and 2022 recipients: Annika Zirino and Danielle Herman.

We are honoured to present this year's recipient of the Canadian Italian Business Professional Association (CIBPA) to Mr. Justin Bova, President of Pretium Projects and Pretium Construction West, CIBPA is a nationwide network of Italian Canadian individuals who perform in the business and/or professional arenas of our country. This award is presented to a Manitoban of Italian heritage that has risen above the rest and demonstrated the success that can be achieved by hard work but who also has given back to the community. Please join us in congratulating Justin Bova! He is truly deserving of this award. Auguri!

A very special thank you once again to our Title Sponsor, RBC Royal Bank. Their ongoing commitment and generous financial support have allowed us to continue to work with many worthy causes in Manitoba. We would also like to recognize the support from all our sponsors, guests and suppliers without whom we would not be able to achieve our yearly charitable goals.

A big thank you to all our brothers and sisters for their endless hours of hard work to ensure that this evening's Gala contributes to 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 we are thrilled to have a very special performance by Cec Lopez, an RBCxMUSIC musician along with the Big City All Star Band will have you dancing the night away in the Main Ballroom.

Buona serata e divertimento a tutti.

### Carmine 7irino and Mark Scaletta Gala Chairs

#### Order Sons and Daughters of Italy Dinner Committee—2023

Carmine Zirino
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Frank Occhino
Travis Giavedoni
Mike Macaluso
Reno Augellone
Luigi Caci
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## HONOURARY CO-CHAIR Mabel Garcea



It is a great honour to be here amongst you all this evening and to be a part of such an amazing group of people from Winnipeg who have come together to support the dream of many of us women. As most of you may know, young women are suffering and dying from heart disease and from the reason of being misinformed of the causes.

A personal example of Minoca, Myocardial infarction with non-obstructive coronary arteries. One of the largest causes of this is the lack of machines available to provide proper testing. Heart diseases are chronically misdiagnosed or underdiagnosed in women each and every year. Many women are continuously being failed by the health care systems when coming to hospitals with the symptoms of a heart attack simply because they are different from a male.

The testing available to us does not show the same results that it does in a male when comparing to a female. Women are 50% more likely to receive a wrong initial diagnosis. When a woman is having a heart attack, these mistakes can be fatal. Women who are initially misdiagnosed have a 70% higher risk of dying.

With the research we have gathered, along with your support, we hope to raise awareness and have the opportunity for new equipment to save women in our country.

Together with my honorary co-chair Elba Haid, I am here to lend my support to the women's heart health research through the St. Boniface Hospital.

I would like to recognize as a Canadian Italian Professional Association Entrepreneur of the year, Mr. Justin Bova.

Congratulations on your accomplishment and we are looking forward to your continuous success.

I would like to acknowledge the entire Sons and Daughters of Italy for all the hard work that they have done and for putting this outstanding event together. I am grateful for this opportunity to collaborate with such a remarkable group of people.

Thank you to everyone here, and for your continuous support.

Please enjoy the great dinner, raffle, live auction, and entertainment tonight by Big City All Star Band.

Mahel Garcea



## HONOURARY CO-CHAIR Elba Haid



#### Welcome!

While we enjoy each other's company over this beautiful abundant spread of food and drink we also support a cause always on my mind and in my heart; Women's Heart Health Research.

The proceeds of the gala will support research programs at St. Boniface in order to close the knowledge gap around sex- specific differences in cardiovascular disease. As you may be aware, Women's heart and brain health is still vastly misunderstood and women in Canada are underresearched, under-diagnosed, under-treated and unaware of their risks for heart disease and stroke. Currently two-thirds of heart disease and stroke clinical research is based on men, yet 23 per cent more women die of heart failure than men, and it is the number one cause of premature death for women. The funding for parity in research and prevention of women's heart attack and stroke is much needed and long overdue. I applaud the Sons and Daughters of Italy for their championing of this worthy cause.

I have felt a strong commitment to take a role in this initiative and to accept the role of Honourary Co-Chair of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy's 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala because of the devastating impact of heart disease and stroke among women of all ages. I lost my mother to a stroke when I was 14 years old. Growing up without a mother had a profound impact on my life. I believe in doing everything possible to save other young women from a similar loss. I was proud to work with the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada in 2018 to launch the #TimeToSeeRed initiative, an awareness and

fundraising campaign dedicated to women's heart health.

I was also the first of six founding members in Manitoba of the Women's Heart and Brain Health Initiative.

Meanwhile, researchers at St. Boniface Hospital are doing everything they can every day to learn more about what makes women's heart health different from men's, and how they can save more women's lives.

I extend my sincere thanks to the Sons and Daughters of Italy for their generosity and for their history of support in our community. So many people had to come together and share a single vision to make tonight happen. It is beautiful to see the enthusiastic cooperation lead to such a successful event.

Thank you also, to the many sponsors and attendees without whom this evening would not be possible. I hope you enjoy yourselves and connect with your friends and community because that too is good for the heart.

Elba Haid

















JUSTIN'S STORY

CANADIAN ITALIAN BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

Justin B. Boya

Helping his clients overcome construction challenges is at the heart of Justin Bova's entrepreneurship. That's why he arrives at his desk every workday morning expecting to solve a problem or two.

"Fifty percent of the stuff coming at me early in the morning didn't exist the day before," Justin explains over a demitasse of espresso at his sun-filled office in Winnipeg's Little Italy. "I love the challenge. It doesn't matter what the issue is; I'll find a way to figure it out."

Justin owns Pretium Projects Ltd., the lean construction company he founded in 2016. Since then, the Winnipegbased firm has built more than \$250 million of new projects, including high-profile builds for blue-chip companies like FedEx, Roquette, Loblaws, and McCain Foods. Along the way, Pretium has established an industry-wide name for itself in repeat business. Justin also proudly stakes Pretium's claim to a perfect safety record and zero liens, lawsuits, or bad debt.

"We've had continuous growth since we opened the doors," he says, "and our record of success is reflected in the stature of our clients."

As Manitoba's first lean construction firm, Pretium specializes in optimizing design-build processes, from initial design through construction to closeout—via contractual partnerships between Pretium and its clients, designers, and tradespeople. This focused teamwork reduces waste, mitigates risk, and lowers costs. Overall, the result is built-in value for building owners.

Justin says his busy office is the hub of every Pretium project.

"Our clients hire Pretium for our ability to get things done.

Our drive, resourcefulness, and intelligence ensure we meet even the most aggressive schedules and budgets while maintaining the industry's highest quality and safety standards."

## "OUR CLIENTS HIRE PRETIUM FOR OUR ABILITY TO GET THINGS DONE."

Justin's business model and entrepreneurial mindset are the keys to Pretium's growing success, which includes recently launching Pretium Construction West in Edmonton. With the expansion, Pretium now serves clients in Manitoba, Northwestern Ontario, Saskatchewan, and Alberta.

"I love construction; I couldn't see myself doing anything else," Justin remarks. "I love the people in it—clients, design partners, trade partners—and I've made many close friends in the industry."

Being born a Bova might also have something to do with Justin's passione for construction. His father, Joe, paved the way for him with a long career in the industry. Today, Justin counts on Joe's wise counsel as a father and business advisor.

## ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD



"Mentor is an understatement," Justin says. "He shares great wisdom from his experience, but I also benefit from his love and encouragement. He's a busy man, but he's never too busy to be a dad."

Being fearless is a valuable trait for an entrepreneur, and Justin credits his Italian heritage for his self-confidence. He says part of being Italian is knowing how to connect with people.

"Italians have a genuine capacity for human-to-human connection," he notes. "For example, connecting with our team members, design and trade partners, and collaborating

to solve problems at their genesis rather than just sending an email is an essential part of what I do every day."

Being grounded in heritage is essential for Justin, and so is family. His wife, Ashley, and their four children—Lily, Brooke, Austin, and Levi—are every bit of a passion for him as his business. They are why he gets up every morning to solve a problem or two.

by Bernard Kruchak



















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Canadian women like Kelley (pictured) experience a heart attack every 22 minutes. Kelley's life was saved by compassionate caregivers at St. B. But many women are not as fortunate.

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## **CHARITY OF CHOICE**

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Inspired by the legacy of the Grey Nuns and energized by the passion of our donors, St. Boniface Hospital Foundation raises funds to change lives in Manitoba and around the world. We do this by growing support for healthcare and research priorities that advance St. Boniface Hospital's renowned spirit of compassionate care and courageous innovation.

We are grateful to the Sons and Daughters of Italy for choosing the Foundation as their charity partner tonight. Together we will make a difference for women's heart health by funding vital research at St. Boniface Hospital.

Heart disease is the number one killer of Canadian women. It affects women of all ages. Younger women who have heart attacks experience worse outcomes than men of a similar

age. Older women are more likely than men to experience heart failure, are more dramatically affected, and are more likely to die.

These women are our mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends. Although they make up about half the population, they are not equally represented in research.

Closing this gap in knowledge is one way to ensure better outcomes for women with cardiovascular disease. Your support tonight will help St. Boniface to establish a dedicated research program in women's heart health in the heart of our province.

Thank you!

















## John and Bonnie BUHLER

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## LEGACY AWARD RECIPIENTS

### **SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY**



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— Michele Leuzzi



LEGACY AWARD— Marisa Ranieri

Michele (Mickey) Leuzzi is graduating from École Secondaire Oak Park High School in 2023 and is currently enrolled in the University of Manitoba, with the hopes of pursuing a career in Law.

Mickey is very proud of his Italian heritage and his family values. He has done volunteer work with the organization since he was young. He has given his time at many SDOI events throughout the years such as the annual Christmas Eve Feast and the Gala Dinner. Mickey has also been a volunteer for the Bruce Oake Recovery Centre and has volunteered for many important events like the Grand Opening, Annual Gala, and Anniversary. Mickey is proud to graduate on the honour roll and recently has received offers from top universities in Canada like Western, Queens, and Toronto Metropolitan.

Mickey is honoured that the Sons and Daughters of Italy has chosen him to be a recipient of the Legacy Award. He would like to thank the Organization for their support.

Marisa obtained her Bachelor of Arts-Advanced degree in sociology and psychology from the University of Manitoba in 2022. In the fall of 2022, she began her master's degree in human rights specializing in international human rights law.

Throughout her university journey, Marisa volunteered her time coaching youth soccer and working with many undergraduate courses as a student advisor. Marisa has been involved with the Italian community for most of her youth and adulthood.

"I am very proud of my culture, heritage, upbringing, and everything it has taught me. It has instilled dedication, values and morals that continue to be at the forefront of my human rights advocacy today."

Marisa Ranieri would like to thank the Sons and Daughters of Italy for their continued support and recognition of the Legacy Award.





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## PROFILE SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY GARIBALDI LODGE

### Order Sons and Daughters of Italy of Canada

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, 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 35 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 35<sup>th</sup> 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 35<sup>th</sup> 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 guestion!

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 now been a community-wide charity, benefiting all in our community. This year's charity, Women's Heart Health Research is an excellent example.

Of course, there are many other activities through 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

\$2,000 scholarships to students advancing to post-secondary institutions and a \$1,000 scholarship to students advancing to a trade program. We also sponsor the annual CIBPA awards that recognize Canadians of Italian descent who have excelled in a professional or entrepreneurial capacity.

#### ... and we have fun!

All work and no play is not the Italian way! We also have fun events for our members, including go-cart racing, winter sleigh-rides and social events designed to teach our younger members some of the Italian cultural traditions.



















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# Insalata

Chopped leaf artisan blend salad - candied walnuts, smoked gouda, dried cranberries, raspberry balsamic dressing

# **Primo Piatto**

Lasagna verde garnished with a fresh leaf of basil

# **Secondo Piatto**

Grilled rosemary, garlic & olive oil rubbed roasted filet of beef with a horseradish demi-glace. Served with a sweet potato & provolone cheese gallette, cauliflower Polonaise, buttered broccolini and grilled red pepper

### **Dolce**

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## Mario Posillipo

National President, Order Sons & Daughters of Italy Canada

# Vince Bova Memorial Award

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# **Greetings**

# Mrs. Kim Ulmer

Regional President, RBC Royal Bank

# **Greetings**

### The Honourable Heather Stefanson

Premier of Manitoba

### The Honourable Dan Vandal

Minister of Northern Affairs, Minister responsible for Prairies Economic Development Canada and Minister responsible for the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency and Member of Parliament, St. Boniface

# **Scott Gillingham**

Mayor, City of Winnipeg

# Toast to Italy and Canada

### Dr. Marcello Venditti

Member, Sons & Daughters of Italy, Garibaldi Lodge

### Grace

### Father, Sam Argenziano

Pastor, Holy Rosary Church



## **Dinner**

# Canadian Italian Business Professional Association—Entrepreneur of the Year

# Justin Bova, President and CEO, Pretium Projects

Presented by Mario Posillipo and Carmine Filice

# **Greetings from the Charity of Choice**

# Karen Fowler, President & CEO

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# **Father Sam Argenziano and Michael Macaluso**

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### **Presentation To**

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# **Closing Remarks**

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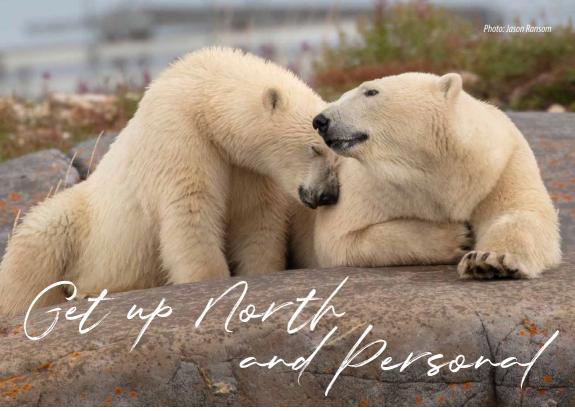
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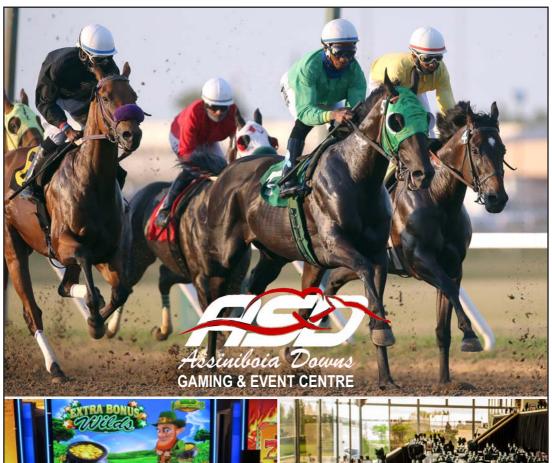
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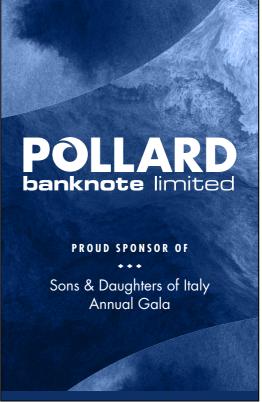


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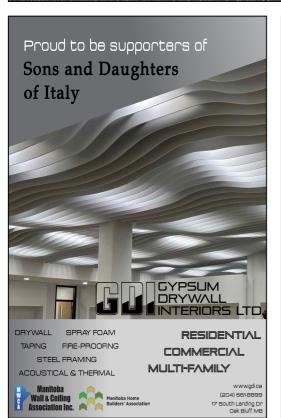
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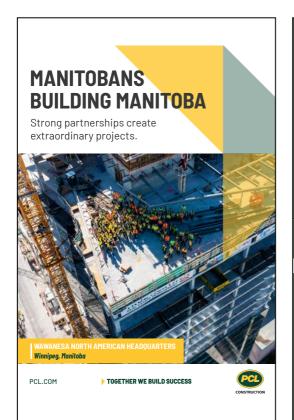




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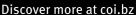
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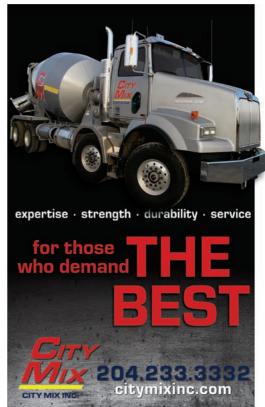
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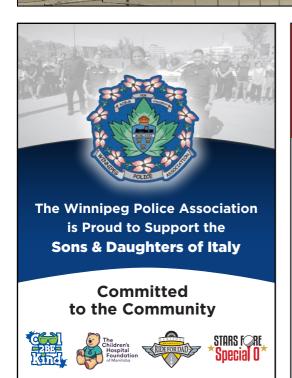


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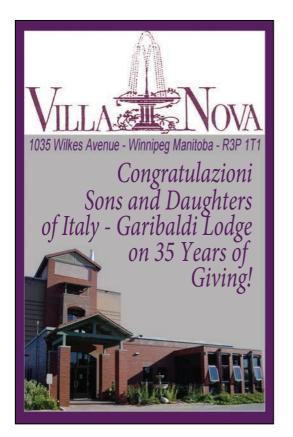
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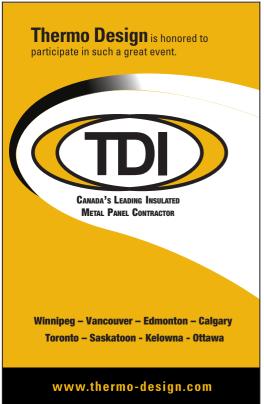
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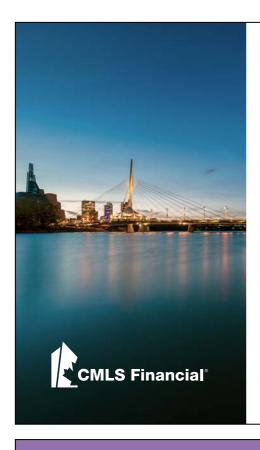
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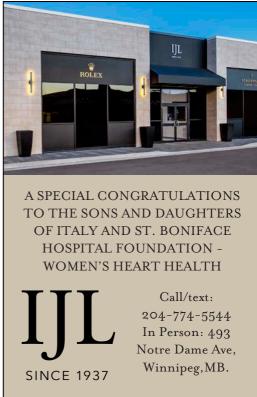
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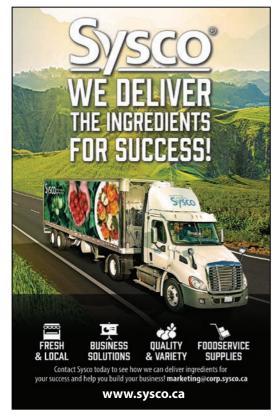
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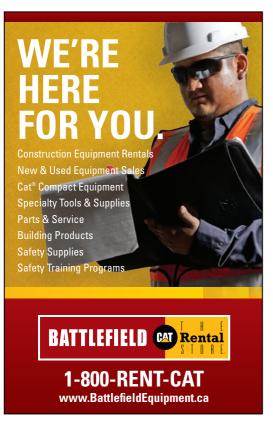
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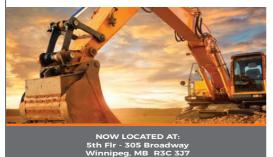
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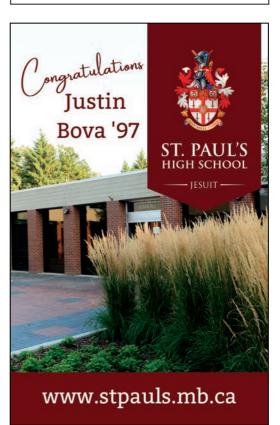


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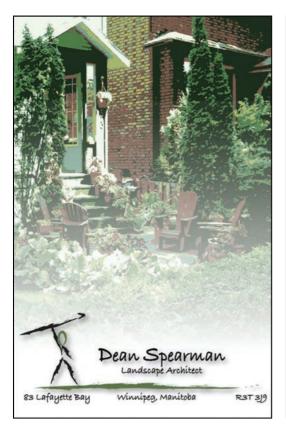


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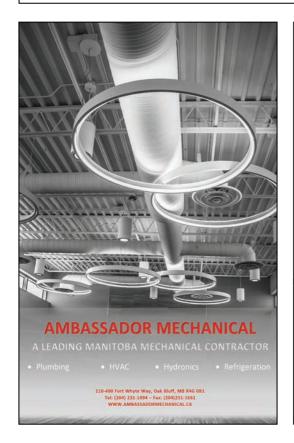
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