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# Club Roma News

**Celebrating 50 Years of Italian Culture in Canada**



St. Catharines, Ontario

February 2011



The President's Message

Wow, what a winter we are having this year. I envy our members vacationing down south for the winter. They are enjoying much warmer temperatures and a lot less snow than we are here.

For those of us freezing in the Niagara Region for the winter, I encourage you to come to the Club. Enjoy the many heart warming, and body warming events with your spouse and friends.

An upcoming event on the calendar is the **St. Joseph's Day Feast**. This is a very popular dinner and dance event that sells out quickly. Get your tickets while supplies last.

I encourage you to please join me at our **Annual General Meeting on February 23, 2011**. A presentation of the Financial Statements for 2010 will be made followed by a forecast and budget for 2011.

I look forward to seeing many of you then. Tanti Saluti.



**Council Inaugural at Club Roma**

In front of a full audience at Club Roma, Mayor Brian McMullan was sworn into office at an inaugural meeting of St. Catharines City Council on December 6.

The swearing-in of the 13 members of the new council was held in The Starlight Room. Community leaders, family, and friends attended the ceremony to congratulate the politicians. Mayor McMullan summarized the achievements of the past four years. He announced his plan for "potential new projects" in the new term.

The ceremony featured Mark Molnar, City of St. Catharines Town Crier, Kelly Buckley, Piper, and Luthien String Quartet. A public reception followed the meeting with refreshments served at the function showcasing Club Roma as a superb venue for corporate events.

Photo is courtesy Nerses Photo Studio.



**Italian Film Night**

Movie fans are invited to enjoy the Italian Film Night at Club Roma on March 3 for a free screening of La tigre e la neve (The Tiger and the Snow). The Italian movie starring and directed by Roberto Benigni was produced in 2005.

The film is a romantic comedy set in contemporary Rome and in occupied Baghdad during the Iraq War. The story is told as a double-faced dream with a surprise ending, inspired by the tale of "Sleeping Beauty".

See the calendar on page 2 for more details on this free Club Roma event.

**Club Roma Photo Gallery**

View more images of the beautiful people at Club Roma events. Go online at www.clubroma.ca/photos. Send your Club Roma photos to Paul Carfagnini display on our website

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Come to the Family Pasta Suppers at Club Roma, and pick up a free Pasta Pass. It is an easy way to earn free meals.

### New Schedule for Lunch

The new schedule for the lunch in the Members' Lounge: runs Noon to 2 p.m.

Wednesdays, Italian Buffet, \$10 includes tax

Fridays, Fish Festa Buffet, \$12 includes tax

### Office Hours

The Club Roma administration office is open for regular business hours:

**Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

weekends and evenings by appointment

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### Dues for 2011

Invoices for 2011 membership dues were mailed along with the January newsletter. If you have not submitted payment, please make a note to pay dues by March 31, 2011.



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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Annual General Meeting, Wednesday, February 23, 7 p.m.

- Welcome new members Nicola DiSanto, Luana Malagrino, Luciano Capacchione
- Let us remember deceased member Fiore Memme who passed away in January
- Plan to attend the Club Roma 50th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, April 30. Details on the formal function will be announced soon. A special souvenir booklet is being produced to celebrate the milestone event with this collector edition.

## CLUB ROMA EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>Family Pasta Supper</b> <b>Friday, February 25</b> 4 to 7 p.m.	Eat in or take out available. Cavatelli pasta, meatballs, salad, rolls and butter, coffee & tea, Tomato sauce on sale for take-out. \$10 Adults. \$5 for children 5 - 12 years. Kids under 5 free. 4 to 7 p.m. Pick up a free Pasta Pass. It is an easy way to earn free meals.
<b>Italian Film Night</b> <b>Thursday, March 3</b>	Club Roma, The Dante Alighieri Society of Niagara and Enasco Canada present the film <i>The Tiger and the Snow La Tigre e la Neve</i> (2005) a film by and starring Roberto Benigni, Thursday, March 3, 7:30 p.m. The movie will be viewed in the Gemini Room at Club Roma. Admission is free.
<b>St. Joseph's Day Feast</b> <b>Saturday, March 19</b>	See menu and event details in article placed above calendar. Tickets for the function cost \$35 per person. <b>Tickets must be paid by March 12 to confirm reservations.</b> Contact Pina Farese at 905-682-7621 ext 21 for more details.
<b>Choir Gnocchi Dinner</b> <b>Friday, March 25</b>	More details to be announced soon. Contact Sam Greco for more information. Visit <a href="http://www.clubroma.ca">www.clubroma.ca</a> for details online
<b>Club Roma</b> <b>50th Anniversary Gala</b> <b>Saturday, April 30</b>	In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Club Roma, a gala event will be held on April 30th. Formal attire. Tickets cost \$40 per member or \$50 for non-member. More details will be published in the March newsletter.

## Story on Italian-Canadians interned during WWII

By Professor Ernesto Virgulti

On June 10, 1940, Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King declared war on Mussolini and Italy. Days later, an order was signed declaring thousands of Italians in Canada enemy aliens. Approximately 500 men and 4 women were arrested, taken away from their families (without trial) and placed in Camp Petawawa (near Ottawa).

These people were held as prisoners of war simply because they were Italians in Canada. The interned came from all walks of life: labourers, employees, farmers, members of community organizations like Club Roma; even a couple of priests and the millionaire,

James Franceschini.

Prof. Ernesto Virgulti of Brock University is involved in a Canada-wide project dedicated to writing the story of the Italian-Canadians who were interned during WWII. He is looking for anyone who was interned, family members or friends of the internees.

If you know/knew an internee, have any information (including letters, pictures, artefacts etc.) or know of anyone who has, please contact Professor Ernesto Virgulti by email: [evirgulti@brocku.ca](mailto:evirgulti@brocku.ca) or by phone at (905) 688-5550 ext. 3306.



## Happy 50th Anniversary

Pia and Gabrielle Giancaterino

Gabriele and Pia Giancaterino were married on February 4, 1961 in Farindola, Pescara, Italia. They made Canada their new home on October 28, 1961. Today, they are the proud parents of Marisa ( Joseph), Enio ( Maria), Paolo and their grandchildren Meagan, Ryan, Sophia, and Anthony. Together with family and friends, the loyal Club Roma members celebrated their 50th

anniversary at a reception on January 29th at Club Roma. Congratulations were received from The Pope, The Prime Minister, The Bishop, The Governor General, among others.

## Trudeau Keynote Speaker at Women of Distinction Awards



The Women of Distinction Awards presented by the YWCA not only raise awareness of the accomplishments of women in Niagara but is also a fund raiser which provides key funds for programs and services. The YWCA Gala will be held on Thursday, May 5th, at Club Roma to celebrate the awards nominees and recipients.

The Awards honour the unique contributions of women of all walks of life who have distinguished themselves by their personal achievements, community commitment and their contribution to the advancement of women. Individuals and groups from across Niagara are invited to nominate colleagues, neighbours, volunteers, and community leaders from across our communities who inspire vision, initiative and leadership.



**Margaret Trudeau** will appear as the keynote speaker at the Gala. Trudeau became the youngest Prime Minister's wife in Canadian history when she married Pierre Elliot Trudeau at the age of 22. She has led a rich and interesting life, raised five children and travels the country and the world extensively. Trudeau has wonderful stories to tell and a strong message on the importance of finding balance of mind, body and spirit.

Proceeds from the awards celebration will directly support the YWCA

## New Dimension Band with Rita Montero

### Perform at St. Joseph's Day Feast

The St. Joseph's Day Feast will be celebrated at Club Roma on Saturday, March 19th. The event will feature a bake sale of traditional specialties followed by a dinner and dance.

- Bread and Bake Sale: 5:30 p.m.
- Cocktails: 6 p.m. and Dinner: 7 p.m.
- Dance to the live music of the New Dimension band with Rita Montero

A traditional dinner will tantalize the taste buds with Rolls and Butter, Fettuccine alla Bolognese, Mixed Greens Salad, and Pizza Fritta; family style service at the table.

A buffet will satisfy every taste with an impressive variety: Trippa, Polenta, Rapini, Seafood Salad, Fave and Prosciutto, Mushrooms, Fried Smelts, Baccala with Sweet Peppers, Eggplant Parmigiano, Fried Hot and Sweet Peppers, Broccoli, Olives, Pizza Bianco, Roasted, Potatoes, Roast Chicken, Porchetta, Zeppole Dessert with Coffee & Tea.

Tickets for the function cost \$35 per person. Tickets must be paid by March 12 to confirm reservations. Contact Pina Farese at 905-682-7621 ext 21 for more details.

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Niagara Region, helping to provide Turning Points programs for homeless women and their children. For ticket information phone the YWCA at 905-988-3528.

Nominations for the Women of Distinction Awards close on Monday, March 7th, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Nomination forms are available online at [www.ywcaniagararegion.ca](http://www.ywcaniagararegion.ca) or by calling the YWCA 905-988-3528, ext. 237.

If you know a female member of Club Roma who matches the criteria for the awards, this program would be an excellent opportunity to recognize an achiever in our organization showing community involvement. It is also very important for Club Roma to promote this event, and submitting nominations would be impressive support.



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