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**Club Roma News**

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

March 2011

St. Catharines, Ontario



The President's Message

Renewed optimism and hopes for a great year

As winter winds down, we find that many of our fellow members are still down south enjoying warmer weather while the rest of us hope for an early spring. With spring comes renewed optimism and hopes for a great year. Recently, at the Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.), we presented our 2010 financial statements.

Due to the weakened economy and price wars with our competition, we posted a small loss for 2010. Paul Carfagnini reported that advanced sales are down as well and that we anticipate lower revenues for this year.

We will be managing with tighter expense controls in the catering and bar operation to try to get the profitability back to where it needs to be. The Board, together with the Finance Committee will be reviewing our business model and plan to find ways to enhance our business and streamline

costs to restore profitability. In an effort to bulk up our volunteer pool the Club is looking for new volunteers as there are many tasks around the Club that can be done by volunteers therefore decreasing the need to hire these jobs out. This will result in a substantial savings over the year. If you could offer a couple of hours a week or a month to help in either the office, the kitchen or in the area of general maintenance please contact the Club Office and let them know where you can help.

We would also ask all our members to refer potential clients to the Club. Anyone who is considering a wedding, anniversary, birthday or some other catered event would enjoy their experience at Club Roma. Please ask them to call Paul at the Club Office for a competitive quote.

Also, please remember to come to the General Meeting on March 30th to get further updates on the Club's activities.



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Tony Boccia models the launch of Club Roma designer shirts to commemorate anniversary.

50th Anniversary Shirts

Celebrate Club Roma's 50th Anniversary in style with a commemorative golf shirt. The high quality embroidered golf shirts are available in men's and women's styles and sizes. The shirts are on sale for a limited time at \$50 inclusive of taxes.

"The shirts are top quality, and we're selling at cost. That's great value for members to wear one." says Tony, a member on the Board of Directors.

Caps are also on sale for \$10.75 taxes included. For information phone Tony at 905-935-9279. Go to www.clubroma.ca to download an order form. Visit the office at Club Roma to view the samples and submit an order.



Club Roma Photo Gallery

Snapped at the Club Roma Fashion Show in April 2010, models from Geoffrey Chapman Model and Talent Agency showcase the styles of the season. Photos by Chelsey Waring. 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 and share your images on our website.



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## St. Joseph's Day Feast

The St. Joseph's Day Feast will be celebrated at Club Roma on Saturday, **March 19th**. The feast features a Bread and Bake Sale at 5:30 p.m., Cocktails at 6 p.m. and Dinner at 7 p.m. Dance to the live music of the New Dimension band with Rita Montero

A traditional dinner with family style service offers Fettuccine alla Bolognese, Mixed Greens Salad, and Pizza Fritta.

A buffet will be stocked with an impressive variety: Trippa, Polenta, Rapini, Seafood Salad, Fave and Prosciutto, Fried Smelts, Baccala with Sweet Peppers, Eggplant Parmigiano, Fried Hot and Sweet Peppers, Pizza Bianco, Roasted Potatoes, Roast Chicken, Porchetta, Zeppole and more.

Tickets cost \$35 per person. Tickets must be paid by March 15 to guarantee reservations.



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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Annual General Meeting, Wednesday, March 30, 7 p.m.

- Welcome new members Giuseppina Spina, Haig Semerjian (social)
- Let us remember recently deceased members Salvatore Felice, Rocco Frisoli, Lino Quattrini, Angelo Giancola, Fiorindo Giancaterino, Giovanni D'Addario, Ada DiFrancesco.

### Club Roma Events Calendar

<b>St. Joseph's Day Feast 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 15.</b>
<b>Choir Gnocchi Dinner Friday, March 25</b>	In house hand-made Gnocchi, Meatballs, Salad, Rolls, Butter, Coffee and Tea. Take-out or eat-in. Served from 4 to 7 p.m. \$10 per person. \$5 for children 5 -12 years of age. Sauce, Meatballs, Crostoli on sale.
<b>Evening with the Stars Saturday, March 26</b>	Dinner and Tribute Show. Tickets \$45. Dinner at 5 p.m. Show at 6:30 p.m. D Proceeds in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation. See article on page 3 for more details.
<b>Club Roma Soccer Pasta Night, April 29</b>	Eat in or take out available. Starlight Room. 4 to 7 p.m. More details to be announced.
<b>50th Anniversary Gala Saturday, April 30</b>	Music by Introduction band. Formal attire. Tickets \$40 per member or \$50 for non-member and go on sale April 1
<b>Gnocchi Night Friday, May 6</b>	In house hand-made Gnocchi, and much more. Take Out Available. More details to follow
<b>Soppressatta Night Saturday, May 14</b>	Third annual Soppressatta Night. Deluxe dinner. Taste the soppressatta from entries vying for big prizes. Tickets \$45.

### Dalla Penna del Presidente

La primavera e' quasi alle porte. Alcuni dei nostri membri stanno godendo ancora il sole caldo della Florida o dei Caraibi mentre noi qui preghiamo per una primavera anticipata, e che ci porti un rinnovato ottimismo e speranza per il nuovo anno. Recentemente, all'annuale riunione generale abbiamo presentato il resoconto finanziario per il 2010. A causa di un'economia che zoppica ancora e una spietata concorrenza, ci siamo dovuti accontentare con un bilancio un po' nel negativo. Paul Carfagnini ci ha riferito che le vendite sono diminuite e che dobbiamo anticipare un fisco non tanto roseo per il 2011. Faremo tutti gli sforzi necessari per ridurre le nostre spese nel reparto approvvigionamento e servizio bar per ristabilire un fisco piu' positivo. I direttori del club, insieme al comitato fi-

nanziario, analizzeranno il nostro stato finanziario e cercheranno modi per aumentare i nostri profitti e rendere piu' efficiente i modi per ristabilire la profitabilita' nel nostro club. Un modo per cercare di ridurre le spese e' di incoraggiare un senso di volontariato nei nostri membri. Se potete dedicare alcune ore alla settimana o al mese al club, per cortesia fatelo. Il vostro aiuto sara' molto gradito in vari reparti come l'ufficio, in cucina o manutenzione. Un altro modo per aiutare il club e' di continuare a riferire nuovi clienti, per aumentare le vendite, come matrimoni, anniversari, compleanni o qualsiasi altro evento che richiederebbe al servizio del nostro club. Basta mettersi in contatto con Paul in ufficio per un preventivo. Non dimenticate di intervenire numerosissimi alla prossima riunione generale il 30 marzo per aggiornarvi delle varie attivita' del club.



Photo by Nerses Photo Studio

### "Fantastic"

The staff at Club Roma helped make our wedding day extra special. Michele and Pina helped with every detail from the first day of planning to the end of the night. The servers were amazing especially in accommodating all special meal requirements. We would like to thank Club Roma for making our wedding day fantastic.

Rosie Palumbo and Johnny Folino

*Rosie is the daughter of Club Roma member Vito and Ann Palumbo.*

## Club Roma Puts Heart into Evening with the Stars

### Show Features Tribute Artists



The Heart and Stroke Foundation will help everyone keep the beat on a fund raising event at Club Roma on March 26.

The Evening with the Stars is a Dinner and Tribute Show featuring tribute artists honouring Elvis Presley, Elton John, Wynonna Judd, and John Denver.

"The Heart and Stroke Foundation was our charity of choice, as it is one that has touched us all. We hope that this event will be a huge success, and the first of many to come. We're putting our hearts into protecting the hearts and lives of Canadians everywhere," says event organizer Susan McLean.



### Eddy Prince as Elvis Presley

Eddy has spent countless hours studying the "King" and has perfected his show complete with replica costumes and props.



### Marcus Wells as Elton John

Due to Marcus' natural resemblance to Sir Elton as well as his showmanship, Marcus's transformation into Elton John is flawless, and he has recently performed with his tribute to Elton John at Hamilton Place.



### Jimmy Gribbon performing as John Denver

Jimmy's resemblance to John has people doing a double-take everywhere he goes. But when Jimmy takes to the stage and begins to sing, John Denver is returned to us once more.



### Karyn Bower performing as Wynonna Judd

Karyn's tribute to Wynonna Judd is fantastic, and she will have fans of all ages singing along to her strong performance.

Tickets cost \$45 for the dinner and show. Doors open at 4 p.m. Dinner at 5 p.m. and the performance will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The Heart and Stroke Foundation, a volunteer-based health charity, leads in eliminating heart disease and stroke and reducing their impact through the advancement of research and its application, the promotion of healthy living, and advocacy.

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## The food was delicious

Dear Michele,

Thank you so much for all your help and patience leading up to our wedding day. You were a class act the entire way and at no point did we ever think you didn't have everything under control. Your calm and professional demeanor on Dec. 11 was much appreciated.

The Starlight Room looked elegant, the food was delicious and we had a great time, as did our guests. Please give thanks to your entire staff.

Many thanks,

Frank and Lora Pingue

P.S. A BIG thank you as well for taking the time to insert our place cards into the pine cones! They looked fabulous and we got many compliments on them!

*Frank is the son of Club Roma member Feliciano Pingue.*

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