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Club Roma Golf Tournament Supports N.P.C.C.

"Sponsors are vital to the success of the charity event"

The 27th annual Club Roma Open Charity Golf Tournament will be held on June 5 at Rockway Glen Golf Course. Proceeds from the tournament will support the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre. Through the years, the event has supported the N.P.C.C. as well as the St. Catharines General Hospital and Hotel Dieu Hospital, raising an average of \$9,000 per year.

A highlight of the tournament is the Hole In One contest sponsored by Larry's Rental and Tony Credico, Investors Group consultant. The Hole In One contest offers \$16,000 in cash prizes to be won.

Comedy Show & Dinner Supports Ti Amo Charities

For an evening filled with laughter and good food, come to Two Mangia Cakes and an Italian. The dinner and comedy show with Tony Venditti, the original wise guy of stand up comedy will be held Friday, June 3rd.

President's Message - Club Roma 50th Anniversary

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They are providing a venue for the young to release positive energy in an environment that promotes teamwork and sportsmanship. We believe we must nurture and develop our youth, as they will shape our future.

Achieving one of our long term goals continues to be a challenge. As our membership ages, we need to attend to their needs. Towards this end, Villa Roma, our seniors' residence, was incorporated. Although we have had several setbacks, we are still progressing towards constructing this building on the north side of our Club. Villa Roma will provide affordable housing for our aging members that wish to live in close proximity to their Club. Villa Roma will also provide an environment where our senior members can live together with those who share common interests.

When Club Roma was first established there was a small minority of Italians immigrants in the region, necessitating that our club provide support to them in the form of a home-away-from-home where they could come for support and to converse in their native language — but today however, because of the widespread influx of Italians in our region, our club's mission has been updated to better reflect the need to preserve the Italian language, culture and heritage for the second and third generations of Italo-Canadians and beyond.

Fifty years ago Club Roma came to fruition in the Niagara Region to be the hub of Italian culture and the preserver of the Italian language—our mission is therefore to continue this self-preserving tradition that was established in 1961.

In conclusion, I believe that Club Roma has become a pillar in the community, and will continue to be the home-away-from-home, of proud Italo-Canadians in the Niagara Region well into the future.



Followers of this annual event will recall a spectacular achievement in 2010 when Rocco Strazzella, pictured here, hit a 180-yard drive for a hole-in-one. The incredible shot was rewarded with \$10,000 cash prize. A \$10,000 donation was also made to the event beneficiary in conjunction with the contest.

"We hope that Club Roma members and their friends in business will help us to make this year's tournament another grand success," says the event chair, Pat Felice.

Hole Sponsorships are available at a fee of \$150.00. See the events calendar on page two for more details.

Admission is \$ 40 per person including tax and gratuity.

Net proceeds from the event will assist the Ti Amo Festival to support local charities.

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St. Catharines, Ontario

Club Roma News

Celebrating 50 Years
of Italian Culture
in Canada

May 2011



The President's Message

Happy birthday Club Roma 50 years and counting

Happy Birthday Club Roma! Wow, 50 years and counting. I still have early childhood memories of coming here with my dad when the original Club House was being built. It's been a wonderful experience having grown up with the opportunity to enjoy all that Club Roma has to offer, and I couldn't ever imagine not being a part of this Club

Our proud history which dates back more than 50 years when a group of nineteen visionary Italian immigrants gathered with a common goal in mind. Their dream was to establish a gathering place, a safe haven if you will, for the growing immigrant Italian population in the Niagara Region. They would build a social club and call it Club Roma; a club for all Italians.

Through careful planning and in an effort to raise needed funds, Club Roma's first official function was held in April 1961 hence establishing this month as its birth date.

The original club house was very modest. Since then, Club Roma has endured several face-lifts and expansions, under the leadership of 15 different Presidents, to become the elegant and beautiful facility we have today. We've come a long way since those early days through the great efforts of

our members. Our membership takes great pride in giving back to the community that has supported us for 50 years. Over these years, we have raised and donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to local charities. Most of the fund raising is being done through our many Auxiliary Groups who also serve as great ambassadors of our Club, as they venture out into the community delivering emotional and charitable support.

The Women's Auxiliary, is our longest running, and most active of the auxiliary groups. They work tirelessly year in and year out on fund raising events for a host of local charities.

Our Choir brings the joy of music out into the community, by singing at many of the local senior and nursing homes, lifting the spirits of the elderly.

Our boccefilla auxiliaries establish leagues and provide a venue for our members to participate in one of our heritage sports, bocce.

Our Soccer Association organizes soccer programs, not only for our members, but for hundreds of children within the Niagara Region.

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Night of Gold

The 50th anniversary celebration continues at Club Roma with the Night of Gold dinner show and dance.

The special event on June 11 features "The Golden Voice", Andrea Garofalo with a performance of the music of the past 50 years.

A deluxe dinner menu with a golden theme will also tantalize the taste buds for this festive occasion. See the event calendar on page 2 for details.

Karat Jewellers is the event sponsor and will present a gold prize in a raffle draw.

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Roma Events

Club Roma Soppresata Night

MAY 14, 2011. 6 p.m. cocktails. Dinner 7 p.m.

Club Roma welcomes Criveller Cakes & Savoia Hors d'oeuvres for an evening of authentic Italian foods, wines, and an amazing selection of prizes to be won.



- Mixed beans and tuna salad
- Tuscan Style liver and truffle crostini
- Balsamic Glazed zucchini
- Cheese and Ham Crepes au gratin
- Roasted Cornish Hen
- Roasted Potatoes and Vegetables
- Mixed greens
- Hazelnut and Chocolate Parfait
- Soppresata tasting & contest at 10 p.m.
- Enter your soppresata to win big prizes
- Raffles to support Club Roma Soccer \$45 per person

Elimination Draw & Dinner
 The Club Roma Soccer Elimination Draw and Dinner on May 25th offers \$1,500 in cash prizes. Bonus prizes will be awarded to every 25th ticket eliminated from the drawing. A maximum of 350 tickets can be sold for this licensed event (#M-663370). Tickets cost \$60 per person.

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Membership News

General Meeting for Full Members
Wednesday, May 18, 7 p.m.

- We are looking for a volunteer to serve as the official Club photographer at member events. Hopefully, there is a paparazzi in the club to snap up this opportunity. Contact Pina Farese in the Club Roma office to apply for the position or obtain more details on the volunteer position.
- Welcome new member Vince Lametti, Please greet Vince with a warm welcome to Club Roma.
- 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 in the office for \$50 inclusive of taxes.
- If you have china tea cups and saucers that you do not want, please donate them to the club. A tea party is being planned and cups will be required. If you want items picked up, call JoAnn at 905-228-3680 to make arrangements.

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
 Phone 905-682-7621

Il cinquantesimo anniversario: una grande celebrazione della storia del nostro club

Quest'occasione memorabile e` una grande celebrazione della storia del nostro club, che risale a cinquant'anni fa`, quando un gruppo di diciannove emigranti italiani si sono riuniti per realizzare un sogno. Il loro sogno era di creare un centro dove la comunita` italiana locale, che in quei tempi aumentava ogni giorno, potesse riunirsi e sentirsi a casa. Dopo tanti sacrifici e sforzi, sono riusciti a costruire il club originale. La prima funzione ufficiale del club ebbe luogo in aprile, mille novecento sessantuno. E` per questa ragione che ogni anno noi celebriamo l'anniversario del club nel mese d'aprile. Sono passati piu di cinquant'anni da quando, nel lontano 1961, I nostri pochi ma bravi fondatori ebbero la saggia idea di creare un nido per la nostra comunita'. Seguendo il loro coraggioso esempio, I nostri soci non sono mai mancati all'appello del volontariato per progettare, promuovere e portare a termine I vari progetti che hanno reso questo club uno dei migliori, non solo nel distretto di Niagara ma in tutto l'Ontario. E non dimentichiamo l'impegno civico dei nostri soci, quando danno del loro tempo libero per raccogliere fondi per progetti umanitari, che sono un beneficio per tutta la comunita. Grazie di vero cuore per il vostro impegno e continuate il buon lavoro.

Dalla Penna del Presidente
Roberto Costantini



Nell'ultimo decennio, molti dei nostri soci, dell'eta' d'oro della pensione, si sono rivolti al club per costruire una residenza che darebbe a loro l'opportunita' di passare il loro tempo libero in un ambiente sicuro ed accogliente con I loro amici e parenti. Questa realta', battezzata Villa Roma, si sta verificando. Cosi', speriamo che fra breve tempo, potete raccogliere i frutti dei vostri sacrifici e vivere spensierati, come ben meritate.

Col passare degli anni certe volte abbiamo dovuto deviare dallo scopo dei nostri fondatori, ma se l'abbiamo fatto ,e` stato solo per aiutare il club a crescere. Come noi ben sappiamo, i tempi cambiano e noi dobbiamo adattarci il meglio possibile, per portare avanti il nostro amato club. Da un gruppo di diciannove, oggi siamo arrivati a centinaia di membri, che naturalmente hanno diverse idee riguardo alla direzione che il club dovrebbe prendere. Per questa ragione, negli ultimi anni, abbiamo rinnovato e ampliato non solo il fabbricato ma anche il nostro scopo e filosofia, per riflettere il bisogno delle nuove generazioni. Con il vostro aiuto e la passione che mostrate per il nostro club, sono sicuro che lo scopo principale dei nostri fondatori, di preservare la nostra lingua e cultura per un altro mezzo secolo, sara` possibile.

Roma Receptions

Harper and Conservatives Vote for Roma Lasagna



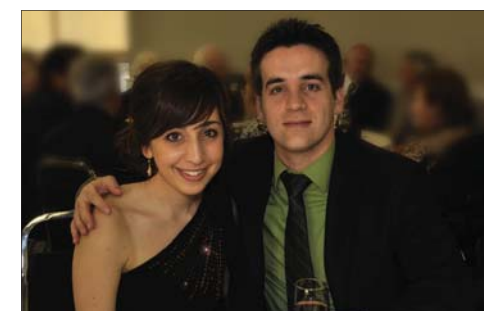
When the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, Stephen Harper visited St. Catharines for a political rally, the Conservative Party elected to employ Club Roma as their venue. More than 700 supporters attended the successful event on April 27th.

Prior to the rally, The Prime Minister's entourage was hosted in the Seniors Executive Room for a classic Italian dinner featuring Club Roma's famous lasagna.

Club Roma head chef, Grace DiTillio is pictured with P.M. Harper at the function.

Anniversary Gala: Cheers to 50 Great Years

More than 400 people raised a glass to say cheers to 50 years as Club Roma celebrated it's golden anniversary on April 30th. Images of the festivities shows the members and guests enjoying the special occasion. Thanks to Nerses Photo Studio for providing the images.



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CLUB ROMA EVENTS CALENDAR

Soppresata Night Saturday, May 14	6 p.m. cocktails. Dinner 7 p.m. Enter your soppresata to win big prizes. \$45 per person. See menu and other details in article top page 2.
Folk Arts Open House Monday, May 23	Free admission. 3 to 7 p.m. Home-made pasta, meatballs, sausage subs, pizza, salad, baked goods. Entertainment. Hosted by the Club Roma Women's Auxiliary.
Elimination Draw Wednesday, May 25	\$1,000 cash prize for first place. \$500 prize for second place. Every 25th ticket wins a prize. Classic Italian Dinner and Open Bar. Tickets \$60 per person. Contact Armand DiFruscio at 905-680-0384. See page 1.
Family Pasta Supper Friday, May 27	Eat in or take out available. Cavatelli pasta, meatballs, salad, rolls and butter, coffee & tea, \$10 Adults. \$5 for children 5 - 12 years. Kids under 5 free. 4 to 7 p.m.
Comedy & Dinner Show Friday, June 3	Two Mangia Cakes and an Italian. Tickets \$40 per person. Net proceeds support Ti Amo Festival and local charities. See page 5.
Club Roma Golf Open Sunday, June 5	Rockway Glen Golf Course. Proceeds to the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre. 4 Man Scramble. Shotgun 1 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m. Hole in One prizes of \$16,000. \$125 per player. For more details contact Pat Felice at 905-684-6116.
Night of Gold Saturday, June 11	The Golden Voice, Andrea Garofalo entertains with his Dinner Show and Dance featuring the best music of the past. Tickets \$40 per person. Deluxe dinner. Gold prize from Karat Jewellers. See page 4 for more details.
Family Pasta Supper Friday, June 24	Eat in or take out available. Cavatelli pasta, meatballs, salad, rolls and butter, coffee & tea, \$10 Adults. \$5 for children 5 - 12 years. Kids under 5 free. 4 to 7 p.m.