

La Vendemmia – a Family Tradition

The end of the summer is a magical time of year, a time of sharing and celebrating a much-loved Friulian tradition – La Vendemmia - the grape harvest. Whether you can actually take part in a vendemmia or not, the rich history of its traditions are evoked by the repeated stories from our elders, or simply by recalling our own precious memories.

Aside from the regional technicalities of grape types, climate concerns and other variables in bringing a good Furlan vintage to market, Friuli's attachment to winemaking is connected to traditional and time-



honored values, many of which are connected to family and community. There was a time when families gathered with optimism to share harvesting stories, analysis of past vintages, taste grapes, make predictions and, of course, work together until the task at hand was completed. Friendly rivalries amongst friends no doubt had their own role in the making of "la vendemmia" traditions. Some traditions have been lost, and others have evolved. What remains is the culture created by these honored rituals. Despite the mechanical changes in the process, the past remains united with the present as Furlans continue to celebrate the traditions and processes of "la vendemmia" whether hands on or in spirit.

Today many wineries, recognizing the nostalgic appeal of a traditional "vendemmia" open their doors to the public. "Family Days" are advertised and hosted by many vineyards throughout Friuli, welcoming families and friends to spend a day reclaiming their past. These popular outings, despite the mechanical changes in the process, allow the past to be united with the present, as families continue to celebrate "la vendemmia" with their hands and with their spirits.

Long gone are the days when each landowner had small vineyards dedicated to their own grape preferences with the hope of ultimately enjoying their personal vintage. Gone too are the times "la vendemmia" brought communities and neighbours together in harmony to work, enjoy and celebrate, side by side. Indeed, it was a time of all hands-on deck – family values at their best!

Today whether the celebration continues to be hands-on harvesting for some, shared stories or simply heartfelt memories, "la vendemmia" remains an unforgettable celebration of our roots and who we are.



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**OUR CHAIR'S
MESSAGE**



Dear Members:

*Spring is normally the season synonymous with rebirth – however at the FFT it appears that renewal knows no bounds. This fall, we are very excited to be hosting the revival of an honoured FFT tradition: the annual golf tournament. After a much too long hiatus, its back with a fresh name - **Legends on the Green**. Taking place at Nobleton Lakes on October 9, this event will continue our proud legacy of supporting Villa Leonardo Gambin Charity and our community.*

The spirit of fall rebirth does not stop there. We are tackling a much-needed revitalization of the Canada Room and the Saletta. New events such as an Afternoon at the Races, where no doubt it will have your adrenaline running, and a Halloween Haunted Walk, for both young and old, are being embraced by membership with great enthusiasm.

Support of this nature fuels your board with initiative and drive to continue to innovate while respecting our traditions. Many more ideas are being explored, and details for those being implemented shortly, can be found in the Calendar of Events and flyers located towards the end of this newsletter.

Returning this fall is the ever-popular Friulicious, which continues to sell out in flash. Also, in keeping with a long held customary tradition, the FFT's sponsorship in part, of the Villa Leonardo Gambin's Oak Leaf Gala, taking place on October 24, has been revived.

Not just at Thanksgiving, but all year round, thank you for your support in embracing the new and celebrating and honoring the old. Let's not stop the momentum! Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families. May your celebration be meaningful and filled with all that truly matters to you.

*Joseph A. Zamparo
Chair, Famee Furlane Toronto*

Great news just received as we were going to print. We are most excited to announce that Legends on the Green has been sold out!

We are so grateful for your continued commitment to our community!

BEAUTY, CULTURE AND HISTORY

Shopping is a fun part of any trip, and in Friuli, popular items to bring home are pieces of ceramics with the distinctive three-coloured flower pattern. The red, yellow and blue flower design adorns plates, cups and saucers, pitchers, bowls, spoons and many other items.

Ceramica Fabbro of Rivignano has been producing such ceramic items for over 70 years. You can buy directly from the factory or from various shops in the region.

The practice of producing practical household items goes back centuries, as early as the Neolithic Period, over 10,000 years ago. The Chinese were already producing porcelain objects, but these were luxuries, not affordable by everyone, so those in Friuli and in cities and towns around the world learned to produce a useful version that was accessible to everyone. These were bowls and plates to eat from and containers to store food and liquids. A number of potteries were established in Friuli; however most did not survive past WWI.

Early potters likely learned to use the clay-like substance, found in the earth, that held its shape. Heating the objects over a fire made them more useful. The next technique of applying a glaze sealed the product and added beauty.

Plain at first, designs taken from nature started appearing on these items, such as plants and animals. During the Middle Ages in Europe, techniques were improved in production and better glazes used. The Moors in Spain used vibrant colours which influenced other artisans. The pottery wheel was created in Mesopotamia around 3,500 BC.

Displays of these early items produced in Friuli can be found in most museum displays. Shards and pieces of cups have been discovered buried in the ground during digging to construct new buildings. Such discoveries from centuries before have been found in Gorizia and Pordenone among others.

In 1811 the Galvani family opened a ceramics plant and continued production until it closed permanently in the mid-20th Century. Some items produced by Galvani can be found on EBay and Etsy websites at art collectors' prices. Today, Ceramica Fabbro, which was formed in 1919, remains. It is still a family business, and well into the fifth generation of ceramicists. Its product lines are many, depicting fruits and flowers and animals. Visit: www.ceramichefabbro.it

The three-floral design, still produced by Fabbro, *lis rosutis furlanis*' took hold in the 1800s and remains typically *Furlan*.

So, that pretty plate or vase or "*bocal*" with the red, yellow and blue flowers, while a loved souvenir, represents so much more. It is a modern-day example of ingenuity and creativity, while also a link to Friuli's past.

Doreen Vanini



*Mandi -
Friuli's cheerful greeting*



*Lis rosutis furlanis, charming decoration
and symbol of Friuli.*



*Pieces of old pottery found in today's excavation sites around
the region, a link to the past.*

Note: Thank you to Ente Friuli nel Mondo for collecting and providing excellent background materials.

FURLANS AND MORE - CELEBRATION IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS



We celebrated our annual picnic on August 2nd, at the Veneto Centre for the second year. In attendance were over 200 people. Once again all enjoyed coming together with family and friends. This year for the first time we welcomed our beloved seniors from the Villa Leonardo Gambin (VLG). They absolutely loved being there to enjoy the food, seeing so many people and listening to the music. The Veneto Centre and its staff allowed us the freedom of the whole park, and we appreciate their management and volunteers' help in making the day even more successful.



Activities included something for all ages beginning with the return of the mass followed by a delicious lunch menu of goodies by Chef Gianni Ceschia. Trippa returned on the menu and the lineup to purchase tickets for the trippa along with pasta, sausage, polenta and pepperonata, was never short!



Once bellies were full, activities continued with the pesca raffle, games for the children as well as a few adults, and ended with the "tug-of-war". We introduced "Dino the Dinosaur" who provided a much-needed water fountain to cool everyone off. We hope to have more water features next year. No FFT picnic is complete without the Briscola Tournament. This year it included both seasoned players as well as "newbies".



The annual picnic has always been a well received tradition with Furlan families, and we encourage coming out with friends and family. It is a great environment to generate new memories especially for the little ones in your family. For now, enjoy the rest of the year and hope to see you all again next summer.



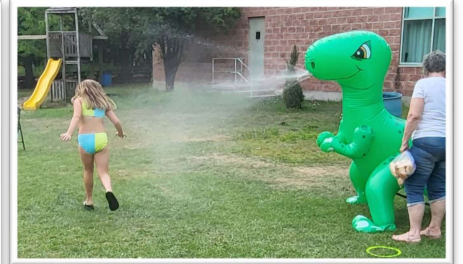
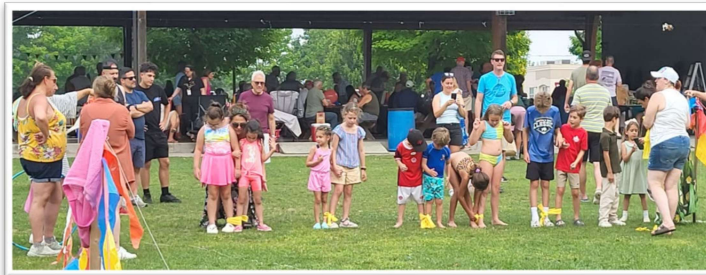
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On behalf of the board, a heartfelt thank you is extended to our faithful and most generous sponsors for helping with the picnic's great success.

Huge thank you to:

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- FFT Women's Auxiliary
- Zamparo Family



Lastly, a huge thank you to all the volunteers - without you, there would be no picnic. GRAZIE from myself and the Board of Directors.

Mara Mian



Congratulations Briscola winners -
 1st place (centre) - Guy Colacci and John Deotto
 2nd place (left) - Luca Nalli and Marco Marin
 3rd place (right) - Bruno and Adriana Turrini

A HAPPY CANADA DAY – ITALIAN STYLE

Once again Età D'Oro was able to host our “indoor” picnic for our Canada Day Celebration. Held in the Canada Room at the Famee Furlane Toronto, we enjoyed a simple and delicious meal provided by Culinary 2000. We are looking forward to our next event for Thanksgiving.

Each member holds a special place for our group, and we continue to encourage new members to join us every Wednesday for our bingo and cards games, coffee and most importantly an opportunity to socialize together with peers.

Vicky Romanin

President on behalf of the Età D'Oro Committee



Front row from left: Elena Moretti, Mariangela Mascarin, Edi Antonini
Back row from left: Lina Manzon, Elsa Querin,
Vicky Romanin (mostly hidden from view), Loris Ragazzon,
Grace Dell Rossa

ANNIVERSARIES ARE REMINDERS OF SHARED LOVE - Congratulations!



Oretta and Silvano Avoledo were married on September 4, 1965.

We asked our parents what made this marriage work for 60 years? They both said at the same time - communication, a lot of ups and downs, but so long as there is communication it will all work out.

It sounds simple we guess!

Lots of Love - Lisa & Tanya



A SURPRISE VISIT

While on vacation in Canada, Elvio Brun, President of the Polifonica Friulana Jacopo Tomadini, along with family and friends dropped by and enjoyed a nice visit at the Famee Furlane Toronto. The PFJT group has been in existence since 1968, hails from San Vito al Tagliamento (PN) and is involved with “*musica e cultura*”. They were all treated to a tour of our current home led by Board Member Melissa Zamparo, who had unexpectedly dropped by!



Along with familiar faces, Alida Re and Melissa Zamparo -
from left to right: Elvio Brun, Marisa Tedesco, Enrico Brun,
Laura Kuo Gutierrez, Alessio Brun

SUMMER'S GONE – BUT SO MUCH AHEAD

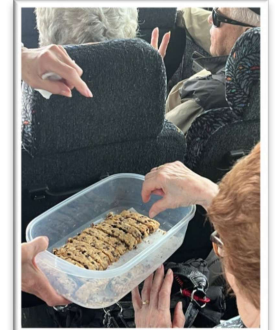


It feels like it was yesterday when we were celebrating our end of year dinner! Through cuisine, we are trying to explore different parts of the world and this time we travelled to Greece for a delicious dinner. It was a short flight – ordered locally from Zets in Woodbridge. The FFWA has some of the most talented bakers amongst our membership. They never disappoint and always keep us wanting more. Besides the feast, being women, we enjoyed time chatting so much, we didn't make time to play games or cards as planned. Next time...



Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose...

Carole King



The odds didn't detract from participating in our Casino Excursion to Fallsview on June 22. We had a full bus of folks hoping to come home with a big payout. The weather cooperated and some took advantage of it by enjoying a lovely walk by the Falls. Getting outdoors helped digest the fabulous homemade goodies enjoyed on the bus and donated by our talented and generous members. Thank you all! They were so good the men on board want to join our Auxiliary! Well done everyone. Stay tuned for details about our next trip being planned for November.

This new year boasts our 20th Anniversary! A new year of cultural exploration and enriching activities awaits us for 2025-2026 as we highlight and celebrate 20 years of memories, all the while continuing to build more for the next 20.

Want to join the fun? Meetings are held monthly, in the Canada Room, every second Wednesday evening from September to June. For additional information on membership, meetings and events, email us at ffwacoms@gmail.com.

Mandi for now, Verna Zanardo

MEMBERSHIP

We are happy to report that over the summer months we have added four new members to our "family". Congratulations and welcome to: **Robert Breda, Fiorina Gregoris, Robert Gregoris, and Lino Marcuz.**

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in becoming a member, email: membership@fameefurlane.com for an application form, or drop by the office during regular business hours.

Membership renewal invoices are being sent out either by email or regular post. To ensure a smooth renewal process, please review and update your personal information, and return the completed form with your payment by January 30, 2026. If you have not received your renewal package, please contact the office.

Alida Re, Membership Administrator

A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Tuesday July 15, 2025 was Film Night at the City Playhouse in Vaughan.

Hosted by the Famèe Furlane Toronto together with the Veneto Centre and the Italian Contemporary Film Festival (ICFF), guests enjoyed **La Bambina con la Valigia**, a movie directed by Gianluca Mazzella.

It was a great night spent together with friends enjoying a film that was filmed in Friuli Venezia Giulia. The film's plot was in line with the liberation of Italy from Nazi Germany and surrounded one family's experience with the displacing of thousands of Italian families from the Istria and Dalmatia region post World War II.

Following the show, we had the opportunity to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Italy's Liberation Day, which is normally celebrated on April 25th. Our after party was a delight as we celebrated "*La pace e la liberta*"! What a nice way to spend an evening!

Deep thanks are extended to our generous sponsors who contributed to the success of our after party, including Pizza Nova, Fortino's, Longo's Markets, Cataldi Fresh Market Inc, Nino D'Aversa Bakery, Dessertlicious, Ferraro Canada, Barilla Pasta and Lavazza Coffee. All the wine enjoyed by guests was sponsored by the Veneto Centre.

Kudos and gratitude for the success of the evening also must go to all the volunteers who worked diligently putting the event together and were hands on throughout the evening ensuring everyone was having a good time.

Vive l'Italia!
Sonia Pittis



ATOR LA TAULE

A Famee Furlane Toronto Tradition



Trippe

INGREDIENTS

- 2 kg trippe
- 1 onion – coarsely chopped
- 1 carrot – coarsely chopped
- 2 stalks celery – coarsely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves
- Vegetable oil
- 2 whole cloves
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 glasses of white wine
- 2 tablespoons of tomato paste
- 1 cup Water

METHOD

1. Bring pot of water to a boil and let trippe simmer for 10 to 15 minutes. Drain and let cool.
2. Prepare trippe by removing all visible fat and cutting into small bite size pieces and set aside.
3. In food processor (or by hand) mince carrot, onion, celery and garlic to desired consistency.
4. Heat vegetable oil, add the mirepoix and saute for a few moments.
5. Add the prepared trippe to the sautéed mirepoix along with the cloves, cinnamon stick, bay leaves and salt and pepper. Stir to incorporate.
6. Add the white wine, cover and let simmer over medium heat for 30 minutes.
7. In a small bowl mix 1 cup of water with tomato paste and stir until well blended
8. Stir in the tomato slurry. Cover the pot and let simmer until cooked - checking regularly.

ENJOY!

This recipe is being shared courtesy of Mafalda Zanini, one of the many chefs at al Fogolar over the years. While its origins are actually a bit “misty”, this is the basic recipe that these many years has been enjoyed by patrons of the Al Fogolar Restaurant and Famee Furlane Toronto. Throughout its history, and as chef’s normally do, each contributed their own unique touch through small changes, however the basic recipe has remained throughout.

Mafalda, thank you for sharing this piece of al Fogolar and Famee Furlane Toronto history.

PASSION, DEDICATION AND TALENT

Continuing with the sharing of Passion, Dedication and Talent, this is the second in the series on the outstanding accomplishments made by youngsters, proudly carrying Furlan roots. In many ways, with their passion of choice and through their dedication, confidence, hard work and other enduring values, they are honouring the legacy of their Furlan roots.

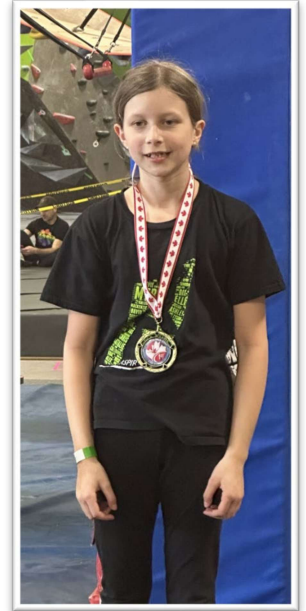
Congratulations!

The Aviana McMahon Story

Aviana grew up with little interest in typical team sports like soccer and volleyball until the first day she walked into Aspire Climbing and Ninja club in Milton. After her first recreational ninja class with **Coach Matt the Bat** she was hooked.

For those not entirely sure what “Ninja” is, it is a similar style of movement as seen on the television show American Ninja Warrior where individuals participate in an intense form of obstacles racing against a clock. The sport is nerve wracking as a spectator, and small mistakes are costly when you only get one run on an obstacle course.

After a year of taking recreational classes and moving up to an advanced class her coach encouraged her to try-out for the team at the facility called “The Evos”. In September of 2024 Aviana became a member of team “Aspire” and her love of ninja flourished. The young girl who did not like to participate in sports was now training three times a week and wanting to spend most of her time at the gym working on different grips, movements, and obstacles.



She began to compete in competitions both in the Canadian Ninja League and the World Ninja League in the United States. She has collected various medals of gold, silver, and bronze across multiple monthly competitions and qualified for both year-end championships in each of these two leagues. This past May she competed in Montreal at the Canadian Nationals for ninja and finished sixth overall in her age division. She then went on to compete in the World Ninja League championship in North Carolina over three days and placed fourteenth overall out of 125 girls that qualified. Aviana has made us so proud of her accomplishments and her focus on the big competition stage after just a year in training!

This year brings new goals and challenges as she is moving up an age division and competing in a third league, but with her dedication and tenacity the sky’s the limit for her future in ninja.

Nonno Mario Piasentin

The Brody Braund Story

Since childhood, Brody has held a deep passion for the military—a passion that began to take shape when he joined the Cadet Program at the age of nine.

Brody entered the Navy League Cadet program, encouraged by his parents who had heard glowing reviews from friends. He quickly embraced the experience and later transitioned into the Army Cadets, where his interest in pursuing a future with the Canadian Forces began to solidify.

Like many, Brody faced challenges during Covid when the program shifted from in-person to virtual sessions. Despite the difficulties, he remained committed and chose to advance to the next level by joining the Queen's York Rangers Army Cadet Corps in Aurora.

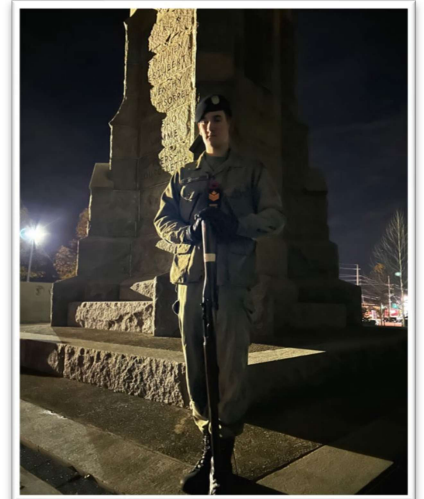
Through Army Cadets, Brody developed strong leadership skills and began dedicating himself to mentoring others. He especially enjoyed the ceremonial and parade aspects of the program, which led him to join the Corps' Drill Team—a group focused on excellence in drill performance. After years of dedication, Brody rose through the ranks to become team captain, leading the team in their annual final demonstration.

Brody has received many recognitions over the years including the Summit Trophy for Best Turned-Out Cadet. The award recognizes a cadet for the most immaculate and impressive presentation of their uniform, equipment, and overall appearance during parades and ceremonies. This award highlights a cadet's discipline, attention to detail, and dedication to maintaining a high standard of military precision. He is currently a Warrant Officer, one of the highest ranks a cadet can hold.

Brody's involvement in Cadets also opened doors to meaningful community service. He has volunteered with local veterans' associations and participated in fundraising efforts during the Legion's annual poppy campaign. He also participates in annual Remembrance Day parades and Cenotaph Guard.

Now in Grade eleven and an honour roll student, Brody plans to continue his journey with the Canadian Forces and hopes to study Engineering at the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston.

Nonna Lida Midenà



If you would like to share your grandchild's journey of choice in an upcoming Forum edition, please contact the Famee Furlane Toronto Office.

Ivana Pontisso

IN MEMORIAM



GINO BURLON

June 28, 2025

*Past Member and
Bocciofila Group Member*

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August 29, 2025

Mother to Member Ivonne Pasian

THE DAY OF THE DEAD WITH THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Il di dai muarts
That's what we call All Soul's Day
in my mother tongue – Furlan

The Day of the Dead.
One day after all the Saints
have gone marching in,
we go and visit all our people
living now with the Queen of Heaven up in Woodbridge

This year it felt like a happy passeggiata,
a walk through the old neighbourhood,
stopping now and again in what could pass for a piazzetta,
surprised to see that a familiar face and name had just moved in.

No dark tunnelled catacombs here -
Instead multi-storied marbled columbaria and tombs lining
flowered corridors of resurrected light.

Name by name, I trace ancestral lineages from the tip of the boot,
Sicilia, Calabria
through Napoli, Roma,
and all the regions in between,
Past Venetian lagoons
northeast to the Friulian plain and the Dolomites' craggy peaks
where my people were born, lived, died - and mostly left.

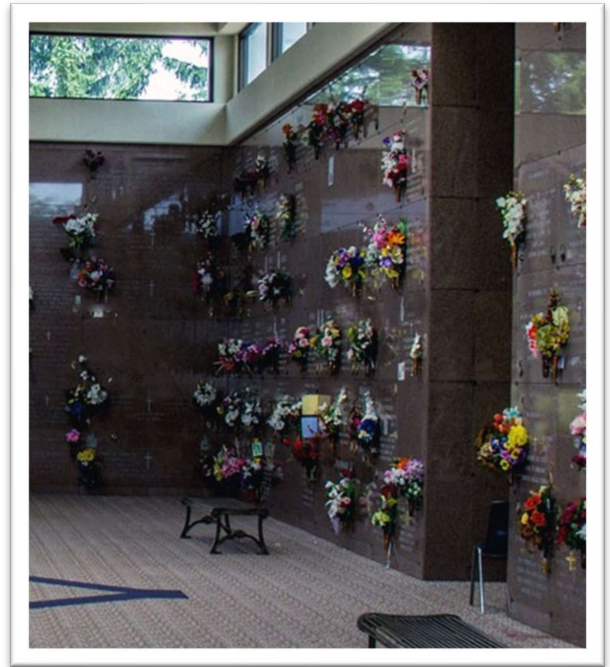
Silently, all along the way, I was tempted to sing out
their mellifluous names
and pray them in dulcet tones
like litanies,
Tornesello, Mariana, Sinagoga
Cavaliere, Occhiogrosso, Caradonna
ora, ora pro nobis
Like honey on the tongue

Simple epitaphs hold safe secret operas
with soaring arias buried within them wanting to be sung
"No life is without purpose, no sorrow uncomforted"
Bruno de Rose, 1921 to 2003, reminds us
"God is love, Love is Eternal, Death cannot break this love"
Luigi De Angelis, 1930 covered by flowers below him, concurs.
"Our Baby Boy Angel, Michael Carmine "
With one single date, August 2, 2000
"Held once, Loved forever"
Breaks my heart. Every time.

That day I felt I was being cosseted by blithe spirits,
Gossamer Angels of light and comfort,
not fire-breathing chimeras screaming of death.

I made my way to my people,
my aunt, my uncle, my father
Entombed across from the Visitation,
Where Mary and Elizabeth, beloved cousins, embrace and sing
Magnificats.

My father,
Odorino Santarossa, 1928 to 2018,
“Caro marito, papa, nonno, fratello, amico”
Beloved Husband, father, nonno, brother, friend,
Behind his marble stone
sings to us now from eternity’s wild mountains
forever bejewelled
with Stelutis alpinis, little stars, Edelweiss,
Ancient symbols of resilience, purity, love and devotion
promising *“il me spirt ator ti svole”*
My spirit is all around you
“Jo e la stele sin cun te”
The star and I are with you always.



There was so much *“lucem aeternam”* that day,
So much Light in that piazza
where death once held court.

Lauretta Santarossa

FRIÛL INFATS - QUESTIONS

1. What Ontario city’s population is comprised of Friulans as their third largest cultural group?
2. How much of the wine produced in Friuli-Venezia Giulia falls under a DOC designation?
3. When was the obelisk in Opicina, TS, erected?
4. Where is the biggest prehistoric man-made mound by volume in Europe, which is nearly 3,500 years old?
5. When was the origin of the council of the Patria del Friuli, one of the first parliaments in the world?
6. Who gifted the Torre dell’Orologio in Udine?
7. Where is the largest war memorial in Italy, and one of the largest in the world, with the remains of 100,187 World War I soldiers?
8. What town employed Benito Mussolini’s brother as a professor of agriculture, an elementary school teacher and as a city clerk?
9. What two soccer teams in Friuli-Venezia Giulia have played in Serie A?
10. What year did Julius Caesar establish Cividale del Friuli?



Answers on page 24

PASSATEMPO

Harvest in Friuli is more than grapes—it’s a celebration of language and tradition. This puzzle is filled with Friulian words that capture the season, with the English translation in brackets. Explore, circle, and uncover a taste of Friuli in every word.

Answers on page 24



- AMIS (*friends*)
- BOTI (*barrels*)
- CANTINE (*wine cellar*)
- CISTIN (*basket*)
- FAMEE (*family*)
- FIESTE (*feast*)
- FILAR (*row of vines*)
- FUEI (*leaf*)
- MOST (*must - fresh grape juice*)
- OTUBAR (*October*)
- RACUELTE (*harvest*)



- SETEMBRE (*September*)
- TORC (*press*)
- TRALC (*vine shoot*)
- UVE (*grapes*)
- VIN (*wine*)
- VIT (*vine*)





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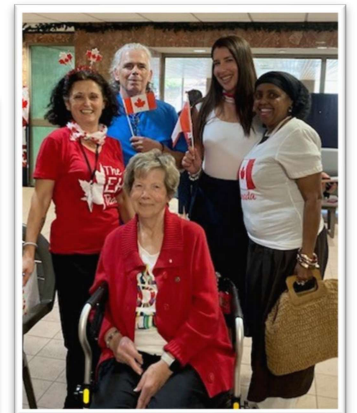
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LIFE AT THE FRIULI TERRACE

As Fall approaches, the residents of Friuli Terrace are busy harvesting their gardens and enjoying the fresh air and comfortable weather of the last official weeks of summer.

Canada Day Celebrations

To begin the summer, a Canada Day Celebration was held in the residence lobby. It was adorned with red and white decorations, and the residents came to the party wearing their Canada Day fashions. Canadian flags were sprinkled throughout as the tenants celebrated our wonderful country. Many of our residents left the country of their birth and chose Canada as their home. We celebrate them on this day as well, as they helped to build the foundation of our country.



I Scream You Scream - We all Scream for -- Ice Cream!

There is no denying that this summer was a hot one! What better way to counter the heat of the summer? Why a nice cold ice cream of course! The event was open to Friuli Terrace residents and their families. The staff of APM Management, CHATS and Board Member Carol Scaini scooped out ice cream to all in attendance. The residents enjoyed a variety of ice cream flavours! One of the Terrace tenants, Antonio, sang for the group accompanied by a friend he had invited to assist. Some of the tenants sang along and as the saying goes – A fun time was had by all! It was truly special to be able to host this event for the tenants and their grandchildren.



MONTHLY EVENTS

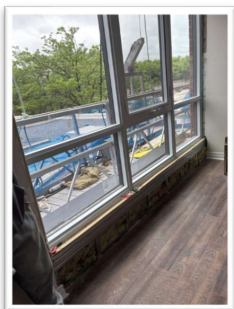
Throughout the summer, the tenants attended monthly masses in the activity room and sing-alongs with Antonella. In August the tenants were also able to attend a talk on Bone Health sponsored by CHATS.

Home Improvements

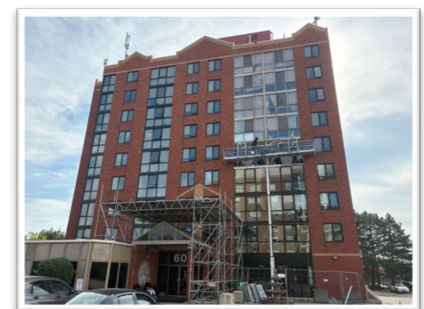
As we have reported in previous Forums, building maintenance and renovations is the number one topic at the Friuli Terrace Board meetings. Ensuring that the building is safe and well maintained is important to all parties involved in overseeing the future of Friuli Terrace.



New Windows Project



The installation of the new windows in the apartments is proceeding quite well and is scheduled to be completed in October. The residents are very happy with their new windows and find them easy to use. The installation of these new windows is not only to improve the esthetics and ease of use but will assist in improving the energy efficiency of the building.



Updated Laundry Machinery

In July, new washers and dryers were installed and with them, a new system of payment. A kiosk has been installed in the laundry room where the tenants can load a card with funds to be used to pay for their laundry needs. Superintendent Paola was on hand to help tenants learn to use the new system. As usual our tenants were able to adapt to the change without issues.



Campus Sign

Many of you may have noticed the sign which used to sit in the South corner of the Famée Furlane Toronto parking lot is now leaning against the Friuli Terrace building. The intention is that it be placed at the entrance to the parking lot on Friuli Court between Friuli Terrace and Villa Leonardo Gambin. The sign will once again be displayed when the permit is received from the city. No timeline has been determined as we are at the mercy of the city. In the meantime, quotes have been obtained for landscaping the new home for the sign.

Elevator Modernization Project

The Board and APM Management have been working on choosing the colours of our new elevators. We are excited to announce that currently, the elevator modernization project is scheduled to begin in November. The elevators are 35 years old and require updating for safety, better operations and a new interior.

Basement Clean-up and Some Renovations

The Board and APM Management have also been working on obtaining quotes on renovating key areas in the basement. Although no decisions have been made at this time, the intention is to clear out and clean up the basement area first. This is a necessary step to maintain the integrity of the building and to assist in assessing the requirements going forward. The first room that we have funding for is the renovation of the open space in the bocce area which was originally a squash court. This area will be converted into a movie theatre. There have been many discussions on the best use of these spaces to benefit the current and future residents of the Friuli Terrace. This is not a project which is expected to be completed quickly, as funding needs to be secured via fundraising. As always, the work needs to take place with minimal disruption to our residents. Additional information will become available as we work through logistics. We hope we can count on our Friuli Campus with our fundraising efforts.



Mara Querin

"FOGOLÂRS 2026 IN FRIÛL"
 Congrès de Federazion dai Fogolârs dal Canada

EXPERIENCE FRIULI
 with the Fogolârs Federation of Canada from July 21 to 26, 2026



Further details to follow at: www.fogolarsfederation.com

FOGOLÂRS 2026 IN FRIÛL

The Fogolârs Federation of Canada is once again going to visit Friuli from July 21-26, 2026. Join the Federation and fellow Furlans from across Canada as we explore the wonderful region of our ancestors. Your time in Friuli will take you to visits of some of the most magnificent locations while also learning more about the rich culture, history, language and ancestry in Friuli. Surely, you know friends and family that joined the Federation on previous trips in 2014 and 2022. Take a moment to ask them about the wonderful time they had. This visit to Friuli is a great opportunity to learn more about Friuli and an opportunity to make new friends as well.

Further information on itineraries and cost will be released in early fall.

Questions, please contact:

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Message from the Chair

Dear Friends,

What a vibrant and memorable summer it has been at Villa Leonardo Gambin. Our home has been filled with celebration, gratitude, and community spirit.

We are honoured to be among the charitable beneficiaries of the inaugural Legends on the Green Golf Tournament, hosted by Famee Furlane Toronto and taking place on October 9th at Nobleton Lakes Golf Club. It's community events like this that remind us of the power of partnership and the generosity that sustains our mission.

Within our own walls, June was alive with meaning and tradition. We celebrated Italian Heritage Month, cherishing the music, stories, and culture that connect us across generations. We also marked Seniors Month, paying tribute to the older adults who have shaped our communities and continue to enrich our lives every day. In the same spirit of compassion and dignity, we recognized Pride Month, affirming our commitment to creating a home where everyone feels safe, respected, and included.

Summer also brought joyful gatherings, from BBQ picnics on every floor to monthly birthday celebrations. A special thank you and happy milestone birthday to Amala Jayatilleke, who marked the occasion by generously sponsoring a celebration for our July Birthday residents. What a beautiful way to give back to our seniors.

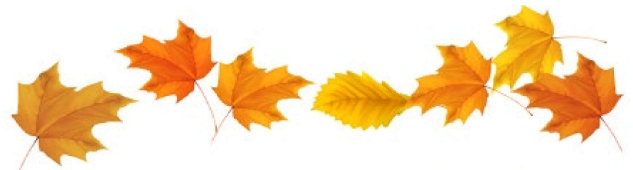
We are also grateful to the FFT members who donated their bonds and certificates, helping us raise an incredible \$28,855. Thanks to the generosity of so many, our Better Bed Campaign is now complete. We reached our goal of 168 new electric beds, providing greater comfort and dignity to every resident in our care.

As we look ahead, I warmly invite you to join us at our signature fundraiser the Oak Leaf Gala on Friday, October 24, at the Bellagio Boutique Event Venue. As always, it promises to be an unforgettable evening in support of our residents and VLG community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued trust, support, and generosity. Together, we are building a community rooted in compassion, tradition, and hope for the future.

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Andrew Iacobelli

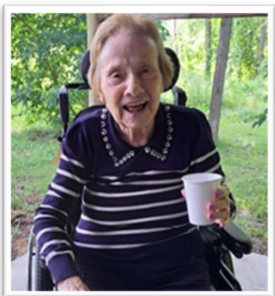


THE BUSY MONTH OF JUNE

Italian Heritage Month

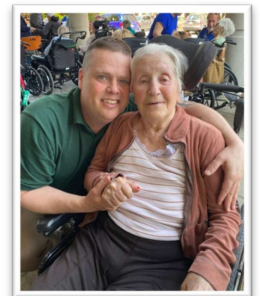


With deep roots in Italian culture among many of our residents and families, we take pride in celebrating the language, traditions, music, and stories that are so cherished. It's a time to honour the contributions of the Italian community and the beauty it brings to our shared home.



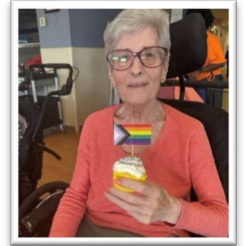
Seniors' Month

June was a chance to show our gratitude to the older adults who have shaped our communities and continue to enrich our lives every day. We celebrate their experiences, wisdom, and strength with heartfelt appreciation.



Pride Month

As a Home that values compassion and dignity for all, we also recognized Pride Month as a time to acknowledge that everyone deserves to feel safe, respected, and included. We are committed to treating each person with kindness, no matter their background, identity, or life journey.



As we moved through June together, our focus remained on creating a warm, welcoming environment where everyone feels that they belong. We honour everyone's story with respect and care, and we thank you for being part of this community.

168 New Better Beds Goal Achieved!



Thanks to you, we reached our fundraising goal in support of 168 new electrical beds! Your generosity is changing lives, one bed, one resident, one act of kindness at a time.

GRATITUDE OVERLOAD!

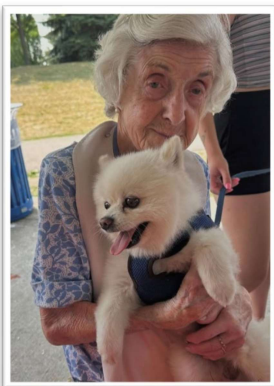
Many incredible members of the Famee Furlane Toronto Community made the selfless choice to donate their certificate or bond funds to support the Villa Leonardo Gambin Better Beds Fundraising Campaign. Thanks to their remarkable generosity, a total of \$28,855 has been contributed, allowing us to achieve our goal of providing new electric Better Beds for the residents. We are deeply grateful to everyone who gave so kindly. Your support has made an incredible difference in the lives of those who call Villa Leonardo Gambin home.

SUMMER PICNIC OUTINGS A Season of Joy and Togetherness

Our summer picnic outings have been truly wonderful and thoroughly enjoyed by all residents, families, and staff. We had the pleasure of visiting several beautiful parks throughout Vaughan, making the most of the sunny days and outdoor fun.

We were also fortunate to be invited to a number of community BBQs, and we're incredibly grateful for the warm hospitality extended to us. One of the highlights of the season was the Famee Furlane Toronto Picnic, which was a fantastic experience for everyone involved. There was an abundance of delicious food, lively music for dancing, and most importantly a welcoming and friendly atmosphere that made our residents from Villa Gambin feel right at home.

These outings continue to strengthen the bond between our residents, volunteers, families, our dedicated staff, and the broader community. We look forward to many more joyful events like these in the future!



**VOLUNTEER
WITH VLG!**

Become a long-term care volunteer and enrich your life and the lives of those who call VLG home.

If you are interested or know anyone that is, contact Maria Stirpe at 905-856-3939 or email m.stirpe@villagambin.com

Oak Leaf GALA

In Support of:
VILLA LEONARDO  GAMBIN

Master of Ceremonies

Presented By:



Frank Ferragine
"Frankie Flowers"

Entertainment Sponsored By:



Featured Entertainment



Christopher Dallo



Diamond Dancers



Cello



Ascension Groove

Save The Date

Friday, October 24, 2025
Bellagio Boutique Event Venue

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50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday October 19th, 2025
Famee Furlane Toronto - Canada Room

Reception: 12:00 – 1:00 pm Buffet Luncheon: 1:15 pm
\$50.00 per person - Bar Included

Please e-transfer
dolomiteski1975@gmail.com
on or before
October 15th, 2025.
Include your name and
number of guests in
the comments section
of your transfer.

Do you have any memorabilia?
We are looking for
photos, ski equipment, ski outfits
to display during the event.
Email us at:
dolomiteski1975@gmail.com
and let us know what you
would like to bring.

**Join us to renew friendships and share in
50 years of great trips and memories!**

FURLAN Classes



FALL/WINTER 2025

MONDAY EVENINGS: 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

SESSION 1: OCTOBER 20 – DECEMBER 8, 2025

SESSION 2: JANUARY 12 – MARCH 2, 2026

FEES: \$20 for 8 classes or \$35 for both sessions

The Famee Furlane Toronto is once again offering a series of Furlan classes for both beginners and intermediate students. All are welcome to participate, regardless of prior knowledge of the Furlan language.

Focus will be on building language skills, while select sessions will feature cultural and historical presentations to expand vocabulary and bring Friuli's traditions to life. Take part in our Furlan Caffè, where fluent speakers will guide students through casual, real-life conversations—just like in Friuli!

Impare il Furlan con no!



Limited to 30 participants



To register, contact the FFT office at 905.851.1166 or email at reception@fameefurlane.com

Payment accepted: Cash, Cheque, E-transfer CODE: FURLAN CLASSES 2025
(confirmation of availability must be received before sending e-transfer)

Ghosts of the Village at Black Creek



MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2025

BLACK CREEK PIONEER VILLAGE
1000 Murray Ross Pkwy, Toronto

Dare to explore Toronto's iconic haunted village? After dark, The Village at Black Creek transforms from a charming window into the past into a place of shady figures, phantom footsteps, and chilling encounters. On this 75-minute guided tour, you will step into historic buildings and hear the true stories of those who never left. Climb the stairs of Second House, where something still lingers. Enter the Manse (if you dare), where an angry presence makes itself known. Brave Burwick House, where a grieving spirit may still be searching for her child. Flashlights are provided. Nerves are not.

Meet at 6:30 pm -Walk starts at 7:00 pm

**TICKETS ARE VANISHING NOW SO CALL TODAY.
LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE.**

\$32.00 PER PERSON

\$23.00 CHILDREN UP TO 14 YEARS



For tickets:

contact the FFT office: 905.851.1166 or email: reception@fameefurlane.com

For e-transfer: please confirm availability prior to sending funds.

EVENT CODE: HAUNTED2025 - Deadline for Tickets: October 10, 2025



UNCORK FRIULI REDS

Wine tasting evening
with wine expert

**BRUNO
MENEGUZZI**

DipWSET, IWS, WJC



**TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 4, 2025**

6:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Doors open at 6:00 pm

Famee Furlane Toronto
7065 Islington Avenue, Woodbridge

MEMBERS - \$50

NON-MEMBERS - \$70

MUST BE 19 YEARS OR OLDER
LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE
DEADLINE TO PURCHASE SPOTS: OCTOBER 23

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Payment by cash, cheque, e-transfer (code: REDWINE2025)

Confirm availability prior to sending e-transfer

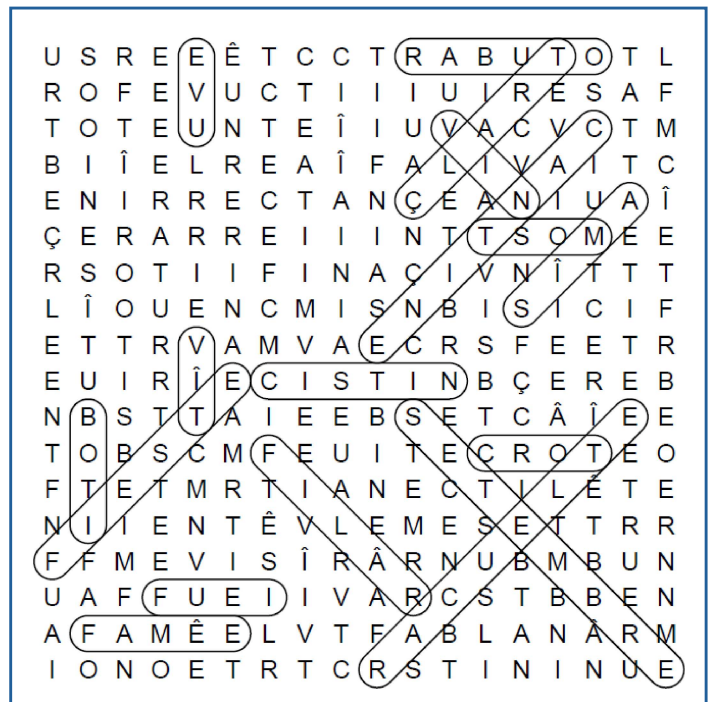
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesdays	Gruppo Eta D'Oro - Bingo and Cards - Famee Furlane Toronto
Wednesday October 8	FFWA Meeting & Pumpkin Painting - Canada Room
Thursday October 9	FFT Golf Tournament - Nobleton Lakes Golf Course
Friday October 17	Friulicious – Famee Furlane Toronto
Sunday October 19	Dolomite Ski Club - 50th Anniversary Luncheon - Canada Room
Mondays starting October 20 - December 8	Furlan Language Classes - Famee Furlane Toronto
Monday October 27	Halloween Haunt Walk - Black Creek Pioneer Village
Tuesday October 28	FFT Member's Meeting – Canada Room
Sunday November 2	Festa Del '5 Luncheon - Veneto Centre
Tuesday November 4	Uncork Friuli Reds – Wine Tasting Event - Canada Room
Thursday November 6	Cooking Class – Featuring “Meats” - Culinary Studio
Sunday November 9	FFT & EFASCE Luncheon & Presentation – Famee Furlane Toronto The Friulian Way: Roots, Culture and Discovery
Sunday November 9	FFWA day trip to Niagara and Fallsview Casino
Wednesday November 12	FFWA Meeting & Elections followed by Guided Meditation - Canada Room
Friday November 21	Friulicious – Famee Furlane Toronto
Tuesday November 25	Annual Memorial Mass & Chestnuts - St. Roch's Church & Canada Room
Sunday November 30	Breakfast with Santa - Veneto Centre
Wednesday December 10	FFWA Christmas Meeting & Shoe Box Project - Canada Room
Thursday December 11	Volunteer Thank You Dinner - Famee Furlane Toronto
Wednesday December 18	The Sound of Music - Mirish Theatre

As outlined in our events calendar, the exciting lineup of upcoming events continues to grow, and they promise something for everyone. Stay tuned as more details will be made available shortly!

ANSWERS - FRIÛL INFATS AND PASSATEMPO

1. Windsor, ON, Canada
2. 62%
3. 1830
4. Castle Hill in Udine
5. 1st half of the 13th century A.D.
6. Emperor Francis I
7. Redipuglia War Memorial in Fogliano Redipuglia, GO
8. San Vito al Tagliamento, PD
9. Udinese and Triestina
10. ~50 B.C.



VENDEMIS

Luciano Bosio

*Il vignal 'l è dût in fieste
Dopo ve tant tribulât
Pa' la glazze e la tempieste,
Par il sec di chist estât.*

*Un'anade fortunâde!
Dût 'l è lat par il so drèt,
E cumò, su la siaràde,
La vendeme 'e va pal nèt.*

*Par da bon, la vît chist àn,
Cui soi raps sglonfâs dal
vin,
'e a savût prestà ne màn
Al lavôr dal contadin.*

*Si vendeme! La ligrie
Jè di ciase pai vignai,
E un ciantà sis large vie
Pai culinis, pai rivai.*

*Passe di lì, rive la sere,
Ogni tin 'le za dût plen
Di ùe blance, di ùe nere,
La cantine plui no ten.*

*Ma sis int il contadin,
E' al rinfresce il glutidôr
Cun t'un tai del vecio vin;
"E podeve là ance miòr!"*



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