

Fogolâr News

FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

PER I SOCI E AMICI

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone!

The Fogolar for the last 48 years has accomplished a great deal. We've had many ups and downs, but we've always strived to achieve our potential. This was due in fact to the founders and to all of those dedicated members past and present. At this point in time, we have arrived where the Fogolar needs the new generation to be able to take the club to the next level. I have every confidence that they can maintain the traditions and the value of the club while at the same time generate new ideas to further its success. I only ask that they do not forget the reasons why the Fogolar Furlan Club was founded – as a gathering place for friends and family to celebrate their heritage.

As with any other facility, maintenance and change is always a continual factor in keeping the facility in good standards. Due to the dedication of our volunteers and our involved committees, the club is able to achieve this economically while at the same time maintaining its viability.

As spring is soon around the corner, there are many projects that we would like to accomplish this year. We are in the process of completing the Line Link Energy Saving Program as well as the marquee sign.

The renovations to the office have been completed and a thank you goes out to those who were involved. Other projects that are in discussion are the following: the joining of the two buildings, the beautification of the Udine Hall stairs, an outdoor waterfall, painting, and washroom renovations. I look forward to working with our volunteers to complete as many of these projects as possible. We hope you are as eager as we are.

I would like to sincerely wish you and your family a Happy Easter.

Cari Soci,

In 48 anni di vita del Fogolar abbiamo realizzato tantissimo. Malgrado a volte ci siano stati degli inconvenienti, alla fine siamo sempre riusciti a compiere il nostro incarico. Questo é dovuto tramite la dedizione dei fondatori ed il contributo dato dai membri passati e presenti. Ora siamo arrivati al punto che il Fogolar ha bisogno della nuova generazione per progredire verso un nuovo orizzonte. Sono fiducioso che sapranno mantenere le tradizioni, i valori morali del Club e con le loro giovani e nuove idee lo porteranno verso un'alto traguardo. Mi auguro solo che mai dimentichino la ragione dell'esistenza del Fogolar Furlan Club... cioè un posto

dove famiglia ed amici celebrano i loro costumi e tradizioni.

Come in tutti i fabbricati, la manutenzione e rinnovamenti sono un continuo fattore per mantenersi aggiornati con le nuove richieste moderne. Grazie al continuo supporto dei volontari e degli adetti comitati siamo riusciti a compiere tutto ciò che il Club richiede.

Con l'arrivo della primavera, ci sono molti progetti che vorremmo realizzare quest'anno. Stiamo per completare il nuovo programma di risparmio dell'energia, così pure la pensilina. Le restaurazioni dell'ufficio sono state portate a termine; grazie al grande aiuto dato dai lavoratori. Altri progetti sotto revisione sono: la congiunzione dei due fabbricati ed il rinnovamento della sala "Udine", una fontana all'esterno, pitturare, rimodernare i gabinetti. Sono ansioso di lavorare con tutti i volontari per poter portare a termine i più progetti possibili. Spero che voi siate desiderosi quanto noi.

Auguro a tutti voi e le vostre famiglie una gioiosa e buona Pasqua.

Luciano Sovran
Presidente



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UPCOMING EVENTS

March General Assembly
Sunday, March 29, 2PM

60 & Over Banquet
Friday, April 3

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 4

Good Friday Fish Fry
Friday, April 10

Easter Brunch
Sunday, April 12

Father Bagatto Anniversary
Sunday, April 19

April General Assembly
Sunday, April 26, 2PM

Spring Member's Banquet
Saturday, May 2

Friday Night Specials
Every Friday in Members Bar!

ATTENTION**NEW MEMBERS FROM
2008 AND PREVIOUS
MEMBERS WHO PAID
ANNUAL DUES**

Annual dues of \$60 are now due as of January 1st. It is your responsibility to make payment in order to keep your membership intact. If you have any questions as to how much you owe, please speak with Angie in the office 519-966-2230.

NOTE: If total payment of \$60 is not received by February 28, your membership will no longer be valid.

In Memoriam

Our condolences go to the families of the late Mario Bortolin, Giordano Zanier, and Mario Diamante. Our prayers are with you during this time.

**BOOKS FOR SALE**

"La Patrie dal Friul" is a beautifully illustrated book which includes a history of Friuli. This book will be available for sale in the office and at general assemblies for \$75 taxes included. The book includes a DVD with narration in English, Italian, and Furlan.

ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS**ANNUAL SPRING MEMBER'S BANQUET**

Planning has started for the Spring Banquet, Saturday May 2, which now also includes all of our Outstanding Volunteers. I am asking all Committee Chairpersons to submit the names of those who have volunteered at least 16 hours for the Fogolar in 2008. Names can be submitted at the office and placed in the Entertainment Chairperson mailbox or email me at avolpatti@fogolar.com.

The menu for the evening is as follows:

Mobile Champagne
Grilled Calamari
Antipasto Primavera
Linguini with Sundried Tomato, Black olive
and Pancetta
Chicken Romano
Red Skin Potatoes
Beef Medallions
Sliced Portabello Mushrooms
Vanilla Ice Cream (with Melted Turtles)
Assorted Breads, Butter, Coffee, Tea
Fruit Platter

Doors Open at 6:00pm, Dinner at 7:00pm. Ticket prices have not yet been finalized, but we will be posting them on the website as soon as they are available. Please contact

the office if you are interested in buying tickets.

Thank you,
Angela Volpatti

**2009 FOGOLAR GOLF TOURNAMENT
DATE CHANGE**

Please be advised that the date of the 2009 Fogolar Golf Tournament has been changed from Sunday, July 12 to Sunday, July 19.

GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

As part of our fundraising efforts for the University of Windsor Italian Studies Program, the 5 clubs are holding a Golf Tournament Fundraiser at Seven Lakes Golf Course on April 26, 2009. Please call the office for booking information.

BRISCOLA GARA

The annual Fogolar Furlan Briscola Gara will be held on Friday, April 24, 2009. There will be a signup form posted in the Member's bar. Find your partner and sign yourselves up!

ANNOUNCEMENTS**CONGRATULATIONS**

Fogolar Furlan member, Daniele De Franceschi, has been selected to Canada's National Development Program aimed at grooming Olympic talent for 2012. Daniele is a cyclist who races both Road and Track.



Photo courtesy Tyler Brownbridge, The Windsor Star

**9th ORIGINI PROGRAMME 2009
Entrepreneurial Development Course**

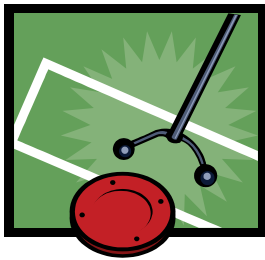
The Origni course is aimed at the descendants of emigrants from the Friuli-Venezia Giulia region who are residents

abroad. Applicants should be between the ages of 23 and 35. The ideal candidate profile is a young college or high school graduate with some years of work experience, who is interested in acquiring specialized management education, with the aim to establish new entrepreneurial and economical relations with the companies working in Friuli-Venezia Giulia region. Classes will be held in English, but Italian language and culture lessons will be offered. The course will last for a period of 18 weeks from Monday, July 20, 2009 to Saturday, November 21, 2009. Classes will be held at MIB School of Management (Palazzo del Ferdinando, Largo Caduti di Nasirya 1, Trieste, Italy). MIB School of Management guarantees successful applicants travel expenses (a return flight from their country of residence to Trieste), meals and accommodation expenses for the duration of the course.

The deadline to apply is April 15, 2009. The application is posted on the internet at the following address: <http://www.fogolar.com/documents/origini2009-application.pdf>

THE "60 & OLTRE" NEWS

GARE INVERNALI DI SHUFFLEBOARD



Il 20 gennaio, 2009, abbiamo terminato le gare invernali di "shuffleboard," con la partecipazione di 29 giocatrici e giocatori.

E' da ricordare che, oltre che giocare a "shuffleboard," ci divertiamo pure con le carte, e siamo tutti diventati un po' ESPERTI A BRISCOLA!

Il risultato delle gare e' stato il seguente:

Primo posto: Alba Modolo e Giovanni Meret

Secondo posto: Letizia Corrado e Remo Dolfi

Terzo posto: Maria Centis e Bruno Sfalcin

Quarto posto: Cathy Bortolin e Elio Nadalin

Vive congratulazioni alle vincitrici ed ai vincitori e grazie a tutti I partecipanti.

Abbiamo tutti trascorso diverse liete ore insieme e proponiamo di riprendere con le gare il 31 di marzo.

FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS

We have had an overwhelming response from the first few weeks of our Friday Night Specials, and last week we sold right out of our Osso Bucco!

We have the following specials planned for March & April and we will be concentrating on bringing in more product to meet the demand. We are very excited to provide this service to you and are grateful to all members & friends who show their support.

March 6th

Roasted Lamb served with Rapini

March 13th

Mussels in Marinara Sauce

BANCHETTO DEI SOCI DI ETA' 60 E PIU'

Il nostro banchetto annuale sara' servito la sera del 3 aprile, sulla sala Dante Costa. Il menu sara' composto di:

Antipasto: Sliced capicollo, salami, devilled egg, and assorted roasted vegetables

Risotto: Red and green platter

Salad: Romaine and Radicchio

Meat: Beef & Pork stew with mushrooms and polenta

Vegetables: Italian wide beans in tomato sauce

Dessert: Ice cream with crème de menthe topping

BB: Coffee/tea

Drink: One bottle of wine every 4 persons

Coffee at about 9pm

Seguira' la musica adatta alla nostra eta' e gusti. Tutti I soci del Fogolar Furlan, almeno sessatenni e piu', possono partecipare a questa festa, inoltre potete portare pure I vostri amici, anche se non sono membri del nostro club, purché siano di eta' non inferiore ai 60 anni.

I biglietti sono in vendita presso l'ufficio del Fogolar Furlan, al prezzo di 30 dollari.

Venite e vi divertirete.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

"**Aquileia – Arte e Storia**" by Luigi Marcuzzi. Aquileia was founded by the Romans c180 B.C. to protect the empire from invasions, by people to the north of the Alps. By the end of the 4th century, it was the 4th city in Italy.

Carnevale – a friendly reminder that we have "Feste Tradizionali in Friuli" for anyone interested in this feast day.

GARA DEL MAIALE RESULTS

First Place

Guilia Fabbro & Guido Iseppi

Second Place

Noella Piasentin & Victor Dodic

Third Place

Letizia Corrado & Armando Passini

Fourth Place

Angela Chiandussi & Cesare Tesolin

SOCIAL GARA RESULTS February 8, 2009

First Place Carlo Zorzit

Second Place Piero Gatto

Third Place Frank Pavia

Fourth Place Cesare Tesolin



Mauro & Enzo enjoying a pizza and a beer

March 20th

Wild Boar served with Fresh Polenta

March 27th

Gnocchi della Nonna (3 cheese, spinach, in a rosé sauce)

April 3rd

Rabbit in a White Wine Sauce served with fennel

April 17th

Osso Bucco with Polenta

Reservations are suggested, and keep in mind our full dinner menu is also served on Fridays, including pizzas and panini.

FOGOLAR APPAREL

JACKETS

WOMEN'S SOFTSHELL
JACKET **\$89**
Sizes - S, M, L, XL, 2XL

MEN'S SOFTSHELL
JACKET **\$89**
Sizes - S, M, L, XL, 2XL

UNISEX TRACK JACKET **\$49**
Sizes - S, M, L, XL, 2XL

L/S HOODED SWEATSHIRTS

UNISEX ADULT
HOODIE **\$59**
Sizes - S, M, L, XL, 2XL

UNISEX YOUTH
HOODIE **\$29**
Sizes - S, M, L, XL

GOLF SHIRTS
MEN'S GOLF **\$29**
Sizes - S, M, L, XL, 2XL

WOMEN'S GOLF **\$29**
Sizes - S, M, L, XL, 2XL

MEN'S POCKET JERSEY **\$35**
Sizes - S, M, L, XL, 2XL



ALL PRICES SUBJECT TO 8% PST AND 5% GST* VARIOUS GARMENTS AND COLOURS AVAILABLE, SEE OFFICE FOR DETAILS, ORDERS ARE PLACED QUARTERLY IN JANUARY, APRIL, JULY, AND OCTOBER ALL ORDERS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

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The *Father Bagatto Golden Anniversary* as a Priest Committee, together with the Knights of Columbus Council 4375 of Tecumseh, where Father Bagatto was Chaplain for over 10 years, have organized a celebration mass and dinner at the Fogolar Furlan Club on Sunday, April 19th, 2009. Everyone is welcome to join at the mass at 12pm which will be followed by a sit down dinner. The tickets for the dinner are \$30 per person with tickets to be purchased in advance by calling the Fogolar Furlan Club at 519-966-2230, Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm or by emailing info@fogolar.com. No tickets will be sold at the door and tickets are only sold through the Fogolar Furlan Club. Tables for groups of 6-10 people who wish to be together are available by notifying the Fogolar. Ticket sales begin Feb 2, 2009 and the last day to purchase tickets is April 14th, 2009.

Menu includes:

Chicken Soup with Pastina
Penne with Meat Sauce
Tossed Salad
Roast Chicken
Roasted Potatoes
Veal Roast with Gravy
Whole Mushrooms
Assorted Breads, Coffe & Tea
Vanilla Ice Cream

A BRIEF HISTORY OF FR. BAGATTO

He was born in San Daniele del Friuli, a town made famous by its prosciutto and its splendid location, quite similar to the Tuscan city of Sienna. As a matter of fact, the town fathers have christened San Daniele the "Sienna del Friuli."

The year was 1932, the 21st day of November. Father Joe's parents were devout and faithful members of the parish, and so it was logical for Fr. Joe as a young lad to enter a boarding school run by the diocese. That school was located in the beautiful village of Castellero, and the year was 1944. Fr. Joe received his high school education there until his departure for Canada the first day of March, 1950 aboard the ship *Saturnia*, arriving in Windsor on the 15th of March.

In September of that same year he entered the junior seminary in the town of Delaware to learn English, and in 1952 he was accepted as a candidate for the priesthood at St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario.

In 1959 he was ordained a priest, and his first assignment was to Sacred Heart Church in Ingersoll, to assist the elderly Monsignor Fuerth.



In 1965 he was sent to London as Pastor of the Italian parish of St. Maria Goretti. The church was quite small, larger premises were needed, so it was decided to move to St. Mary's Church in the heart of London.

The next move came in 1972 to the city of Chatham at St. Agnes on Grand Ave. The building again was too small for the many parishioners; consequently it was necessary to have four masses every Sunday.

In 1975 due to health reasons, he was appointed to a smaller parish of St. Michael's in Ridgetown, with a summer church at Rondeau Park.

These were Fr. Joe's glory days; he hunted and fished to his heart's content. Then came a tough appointment to St. Rose in Windsor. He was sent there to sell the hall, which was a glorified gym, not conducive for banquets. The three years spent there were difficult, but he fulfilled all the dioceses' directives.

He requested a move as far away from Windsor as possible. The Bishop obliged and he was appointed pastor of a small hamlet of Mt. Carmel, which also included the satellite church at Exeter, Ontario.

The traveling and the winter weather took its toll, because Fr. Joe himself said he was not a spring chicken anymore. His last appointment was to Our Lady of Joyful Fatima at Sand Point Beach. Fr. Joe loved it there and stayed until his retirement. He now lives at St. Clair Towers on Riverside Drive where he enjoys good health and an active lifestyle. He works out at Smith's Physiotherapy every Tuesday and Thursday.

He enjoys visitors and loves to meet people for lunch. You may call him at 519-945-9424 at his St. Clair Towers, 8787 Riverside Dr., Apt #406.

TALKING TO MEMBERS: Angelo Minato

As a past president, what are some of the problems this board faces, that perhaps weren't as relevant or of the same concern 10-15 years ago?

Well obviously you know the economy has changed quite a bit here in the last few years, but overall I believe we're based on an aging membership. Our core membership 10-15 years ago was just that much younger. I think right now we're looking at a membership that's aging, and I guess we hope our growth as a club, is of members of a younger age, where we can fill in the ranks to keep our numbers up.

I think the other problem we also face is outside interest. You know there is a generation that's very happy to have their social liberties around the club, but let's face it, it's not the case with our generation today. It just isn't the case with my generation or your generation for that matter. There's a lot of other things to do out there, and the Fogolar, as near and dear as it is to our hearts, is another activity that's on the radar. So the board is obviously faced with the task of a membership with a different set of interests. I see that as being a very significant change in the last 10-15 years on how the board has to keep the members fulfilled.

Would you say the board today faces tougher times versus 10-15 years ago?

I don't want to discourage anyone from becoming a board member as it really is a fulfilling thing to do. It is a fulfilling position to serve, but being a member of the Fogolar board, or any board of directors for that matter is more complicated today. I mean let's face it, we live in a litigious society. This doesn't have a lot to do with the membership, but the point is when you have a board position you become charged with the task of overseeing the corporation. Let's make no bones about it, the Fogolar is a business, and the board of directors is charged with managing that business. Yes we have a paid staff to deal with the management, but really the board of directors is the 'overseer' of that management structure. So as business goes, so *does* the board and the board has an enormous amount of responsibility. Ten or fifteen years ago I don't believe there was as much legislation as there is now in terms of reporting structures, government, health and safety, etc, and we can really see how that's grown in the last few years. But again given the fact we have a more sophisticated (thanks to the efforts of our parents), board of directors available, people with more education than was available in the beginning, can rise to the occasion and tackle these challenges no



p r o b l e m .

Working on several committees for the club including the 50th Anniversary, Golf etc, what is that keeps your passion to be continuously involved and volunteering for the Fogolar?

It's just like anything else, you belong to an organization that's close to your heart, you make a lot of friends, and when you participate in these activities, what are you doing? You're hanging out with friends, and that's what makes it fun, because you're having fun, doing the work. Lord knows it's not for the money.

What are you most proud of for the Fogolar after almost 50 of reputation in the community?

I just think it's great. We have an excellent profile within the community. I think we're continuously trying to improve our standing within the community and how we're perceived. We've made some great strides here in the last number of years in terms of improvements to the facility, how we're managing ourselves in terms of reaching out to the community, i.e. fundraising, charitable events, those kinds of things that we participate in, even seeing the youth go out to the Mission. These are things that ring loudly within the community, and like I said the club's grown. The club started from very, very humble beginnings, think about it? Just a few people with the desire to get together, and this massive enterprise emerged from that! It's incredible. That's what I'm proud of. Truly it's a dream. It's a dream come true. You start from nothing and work your butt off and at the end of the day you've got something and something spectacular for that matter. That's why I'm proud of the Fogolar.

You've taken an active role in the organization and planning of the club's 50th Anniversary. Why is it so important we celebrate and make known our 50 years of serving our members and the community?

You know what, time for celebration! To have started with nothing, literally nothing, and because the hopes and dreams and desires of a few people...look what we have today.

My dad was one of those early members, and he kind of instilled that pride in me. 50 years has come and I think it's time we say hey, Happy Birthday to having reached such a major, major milestone. A lot of people wouldn't dream of seeing 50, and here we are, still vibrant, nobody can say we won't be doing another 50!

LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

Be a part of History!

The 50th Anniversary DVD Committee is seeking candidates to interview for it's 50th video/documentary. We need your help in finding potential candidates to interview to help share the Fogolar's growth, decade by decade. The DVD will form part of the Fogolar's 50th Anniversary celebration and will be included in the commemorative 50th Anniversary hard bound book. The Fogolar has enlisted the professional guidance of Media Street Productions of Windsor for this very exciting and important initiative. If you, or a friend or relative are interested in being interviewed for possible inclusion in the commemorative DVD, contact Jeff Nadalin or Jim Boscariol through Sarah or Angie at the Fogolar office (519-966-2230).

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-Angelo Minato

EASTER EVENTS!

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

It's that time of year again! The easter bunny is hopping on over to the Fogolar on Saturday, April 4, 2009 and bringing lots of delicious treats with him. Doors open at 1:30PM. Children up to age 10 are invited. Remember this is a rain or shine event, so please dress your children accordingly (ages 0-3 will be inside, 4-10 will be outside).



GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY

Friday, April 10, 2009

*** 2 Buffet Sessions ***

1st session 12:30pm until 3:00pm

2nd session 4:30pm until 7:00pm

Menu

Antipasto Verde
Penne with Tomato Basil Sauce
Clam Chowder Soup
Risotto Mare Monte
Salad Bar
Breaded Perch
Breaded Shrimp
Crab Cakes
Potato Wedges
Green Beans with Butter & Garlic
Assorted Breads
Coffee & Tea

Cash Bar

Adults - \$18.00, Children (4-12) - \$12.00
Children under 3 FREE



FOGOLAR FURLAN EASTER BRUNCH

Sunday, April 12, 2009

Doors Open at 11:30am

Lunch Starts at 12pm

Menu

Antipasto Verde
Antipasto Italiano
Chicken Soup
Risotto Verde
Salad Bar
Italian Sausages mixed with peppers
Roast Chicken
Green Beans with Butter and Garlic
Scrambled Eggs
Breakfast Sausage & Bacon
Assorted Bread, Coffee and Tea
Assorted Desserts

Tickets for both the Good Friday Fish Fry and the Easter Brunch are available at the Fogolar Furlan Office

Monday-Saturday 9am-5pm

Sunday 10am -3pm

519-966-2230

PUBLIC RELATIONS

This is last call for interest in having a horseshoe tournament at the Fogolar this spring/summer. If you would like to get involved please contact me at lziraldo@fogolar.com.

NEWSLETTER MAILING LIST

Members who would like to receive the Fogolar Newsletter via email can join by using the signup form located at <http://www.fogolar.com/newsletter.html> or by emailing us at newsletter@fogolar.com.

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