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Letter from the Editor



There’s something gentle about the way spring has arrived this year. The cooler weather stayed with us longer than expected, but now the sun is beginning to shine a little brighter, and the first blooms are making their way through. Spring reminds us that even after the longest winters, beauty always finds its way back. This season brings with it a sense of hope, renewal, and a chance to reconnect with our roots.

In this edition, I’m proud to feature **Sam and Max Ciccolini**, two exceptional brothers whose impact on the Italian Canadian community continues to be felt across the province. As founders of Masters Insurance, they have not only built a successful business, but also a legacy of leadership, generosity, strong family values and love. Known and respected wherever they go, Sam and Max lead with humility, kindness, and pride in their heritage. I’ve had the pleasure of knowing them for many years, and they truly exemplify what it means to give back and build community. I look forward to continuing to follow their journey and stand with them as they carry their vision and values forward.

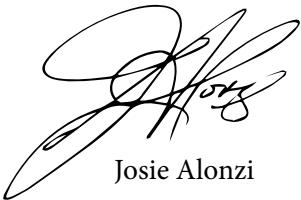
**June marks Italian Heritage Month**, officially recognized by the Government of Canada in 2017. It’s a time to honour the contributions, traditions, and stories of Italian Canadians—people who helped shape this country through resilience and pride. Families like the Ciccolinis are a living reflection of that legacy.

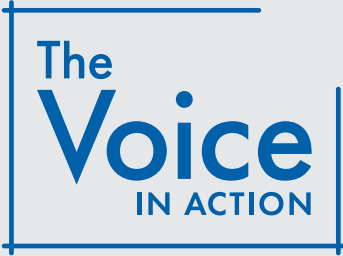
The City of Vaughan will proudly host its first-ever Italian Heritage Month celebration—**Festa D’Italia Vaughan**—on Saturday, June 1st (see page 15 for details). In addition, renowned Italian singer-songwriter **Michele Zarrillo** will perform live in concert at a special dinner event on June 8, celebrating music, culture, and community (visit [www.eventbrite.ca](http://www.eventbrite.ca) for more details). These events are a chance to gather in the spirit of unity, honour our heritage, and look forward—together—to the future.

As we celebrate our cultural roots, we also reflect on the importance of family. With Mother’s Day just around the corner and Father’s Day on the horizon, it’s a fitting time to recognize the love and sacrifices that support our communities from generation to generation.

Finally, congratulations to all Members of Parliament elected across Canada. May this new chapter bring collaboration, shared purpose, and continued progress for our communities.

Cheers!

  
Josie Alonzi



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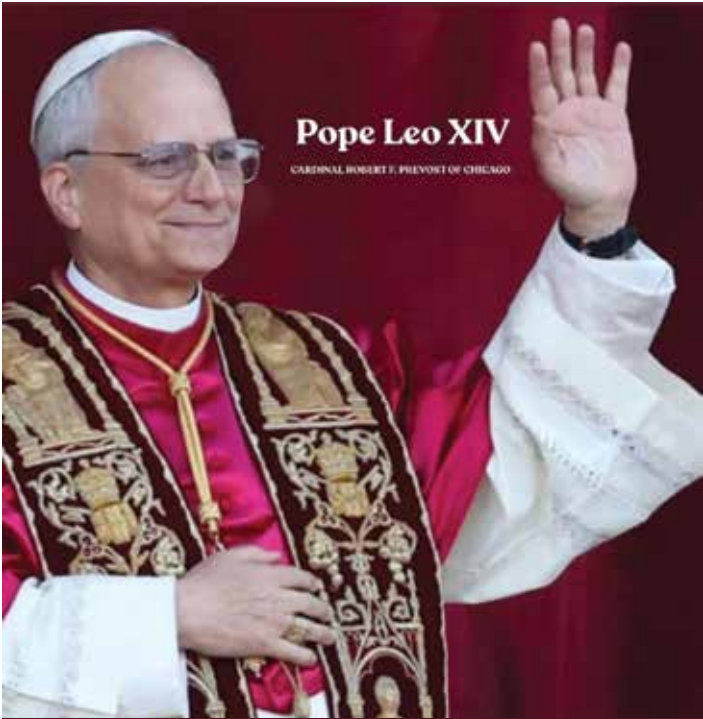
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# Rooted in Resilience: Honouring Italian Heritage in Canada

By Dr. Mary Marano

Every June, as we celebrate Italian Heritage Month, we pause to reflect on the rich cultural tapestry Italian immigrants have woven into the fabric of Canada. It is a time to honour the grit, grace, and generosity of a community that has not only preserved its traditions but has also shaped the soul of this country.

The story of Italian immigrants is one of both hardship and hope. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, thousands of Italians left behind familiar landscapes—sun-drenched villages, cobblestone streets, and olive groves—to pursue the promise of opportunity in a foreign land. Many arrived with little more than determination and a deep belief in hard work. They faced language barriers, discrimination, and economic instability. Yet, through perseverance, they forged new lives.

My own parents were among them. They left Southern Italy with hearts full of courage and suitcases full of dreams. Canada offered something Italy could not at the time: a chance to build a better life for themselves and their future children. I remember stories of my father adjusting to the new culture and the biting cold of our Canadian climate while my mother navigated the challenges of a new language, loneliness and the uncertainty of this new country. Their days were long, but their dreams were longer.

They did not complain. They persevered, worked tirelessly, saved, and sacrificed. They taught us—through their example—that dignity lives in hard work, that family is our first foundation, and that love can be served in many forms, often around a table brimming with homemade pasta, laughter, and stories passed down like heirlooms.

Italian culture, at its core, is about connection. Whether through language, food, music, or faith, Italians bring people together. Our heritage is rich with vibrant traditions—from Sunday family lunches to elaborate weddings, from the spirited gestures of conversation to the quiet reverence of honouring our ancestors. These are not merely customs; they are threads of identity that connect generations.

The contributions of Italian Canadians are woven into every part of society. In business, they helped build cities—literally. From construction and carpentry to architecture and design, Italian immigrants were among the hands that built homes, roads, and skylines. Today, their descendants are entrepreneurs, educators, artists, and leaders in every field imaginable.

In food, Italians have influenced not just what we eat, but how we eat. The Italian table is about more than

nourishment—it's about community. Canadian cities are now filled with trattorias, bakeries, and cafés that reflect this culinary legacy. But beyond pizza and pasta is a philosophy of food that values quality, simplicity, and the joy of sharing.

Family remains the heart of Italian life. It is where we learn who we are and where we are going. My parents didn't just build a house—they built a legacy. They instilled values of loyalty, respect, and resilience. They paved the road so that my generation and the next could walk with more ease, more freedom, and more opportunity.

To be Italian in Canada is to carry a double pride. We are proud of our roots—the language, the faith, the traditions—and equally proud of our branches that have grown here, nurtured by Canadian soil. Canada has given Italian immigrants the space to flourish while still holding onto their cultural identity. It is this duality that makes our contribution so unique.

Being Canadian, in many ways, is about embracing diversity while finding common ground. It's about honoring where we come from while dreaming about where we're going. My parents didn't just immigrate to Canada—they helped build it. Their work, their values, their spirit are part of the mosaic that defines this nation.

Today, as I raise my own family, I carry their story in my heart. I serve the same recipes, speak the same words, and pass on the same lessons they taught me. I remind my children that they are the product of both past and possibility—that in their veins runs the strength of those who crossed oceans and the promise of those who now call Canada home.

Italian Heritage Month is more than a celebration of culture—it is a tribute to sacrifice, to survival, and to the enduring spirit of a people who have given so much and asked for so little in return. It is a reminder that every dish, every song, every story, every embrace tells us who we are—and who we are becoming.

As we honour this month, let us not only remember where we come from but also recommit to the values that brought us here: family, work, courage, and community. Let us keep telling these stories so they live on—not only in our homes but in the heart of Canada itself.



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By Dr. Sarah Capetola, ND

Some of the most healing traditions begin at the kitchen table. As a naturopathic doctor of Italian descent—my father born and raised in the heart of Italy—I've come to appreciate that wellness doesn't always come from a bottle. Sometimes, it comes from a simmering pot of lentils, a drizzle of extra virgin olive oil, or the shared laughter over a long meal with family.

The Mediterranean diet, often praised for its anti-inflammatory and heart-protective benefits, isn't a trend—it's a way of life rooted in simplicity, seasonality, and connection. At its core are whole

foods: tomatoes, legumes, fresh herbs, garlic, greens, olive oil, and fish. But equally important are the rhythms surrounding those meals—taking time to eat, gathering with others, and cooking with intention.

As we celebrate Italian Heritage Month, it's a perfect time to reflect on how ancestral wisdom continues to guide modern naturopathic care. Science now validates what our grandparents lived: that food can be preventative, therapeutic, and profoundly nourishing—body and soul.

This isn't about restriction or perfection. It's about returning to the roots of nourishment—fresh ingredients, balanced meals, and the joy of sharing food with others. Whether you're managing blood sugar, supporting digestion, or simply wanting to feel better, the foundational principles of the Italian kitchen can support your goals in a sustainable, meaningful way.

I encourage people to view food not just as fuel, but as medicine—and memory. What we eat is deeply cultural, personal, and emotional. When we honour those layers, we support not just physical health but a sense of wholeness.

So this month, celebrate your heritage or try something new. Enjoy the tomatoes. Savour the garlic. Cook with someone you love. Because in the end, healing often begins where connection and tradition meet—right at the table.

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# Undefeated and Unconquered. Confident and Encouraged. Triumphant and Uplifting.

by *The Honourable Senator Tony Loffreda*



In the heart of Rome, beneath the solemn skies and among the timeless stones of St. Peter's Basilica, I had the immense honour of representing Canada as part of the official delegation at the funeral of His Holiness Pope Francis.

This was not only a moment of profound personal reflection, but also a powerful reminder of the global impact of a man who embodied peace, humility, and dialogue. Amidst the silence and prayers of millions, we bid farewell to a shepherd who

devoted his life to lifting the marginalized, healing divisions, and reminding the world that compassion must walk hand-in-hand with faith.

Our Canadian delegation, led with grace and distinction by Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, Governor General of Canada, was a testament to the deep respect and admiration Canada holds for the Holy Father and the Holy See. We were joined by our outstanding ambassadors, Her Excellency Joyce Napier, Ambassador to the Holy See, and Her Excellency Elissa Golberg, Ambassador to Italy, as well as the Honourable Raymonde Gagné, Speaker of the Senate. Their



leadership and presence during this historic and emotional moment made me proud to be Canadian.

The atmosphere throughout the Vatican was filled with a dignified sorrow, but also a sense of enduring hope — the very hope Pope Francis championed throughout his pontificate. His moral clarity, unwavering humility, and steadfast dedication to dialogue across faiths and nations inspired countless individuals, transcending borders, religions, and generations.

Following the funeral, Ambassador Napier hosted a meaningful reception at the official residence of the Canadian Ambassador to the Holy See. It provided a unique opportunity for reflection and fellowship among those who had gathered from all corners of the globe. I am grateful for her warm hospitality and for fostering an environment where we could honour the Holy Father's memory and share the ways in which his legacy touched each of our lives.

Senator Tony Loffreda

As I stood in St. Peter's Square, surrounded by thousands of mourners — heads bowed, hands clasped in silent prayer — I was struck by the universality of Pope Francis's message. His unwavering call for unity, justice, service, and love resonated far beyond the Vatican walls. In an increasingly divided world, his voice was a beacon, urging us to find common ground and to lead with compassion and humility.



Canada's values — equality, respect for human rights, diversity, and a strong commitment to democracy and social justice — align deeply with the legacy Pope Francis leaves behind. As a senator, I have long believed in the importance of dialogue and service. Standing among so many world leaders, faith representatives, and citizens alike, I was reminded that leadership is not measured by power or prestige, but by service to others and the ability to inspire hope.

As the College of Cardinals prepares for the Conclave to elect the next Holy Father, I extend my best wishes to Canadian Cardinals Czerny, Lacroix, and Leo. May they be guided by wisdom, strength, and the spirit of unity that Pope Francis so faithfully championed.

Requiescat in pace, Pope Francis. Your legacy will continue to inspire dialogue, foster understanding, and remind us all that true leadership is found in service, humility, and love.

It was a privilege to walk among history, representing our great country in a moment that will be remembered not only by the Catholic world, but by all who believe in the power of compassion, humility, and peace.





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Mentre celebriamo i numerosi contributi che gli Italo-canadesi hanno apportato al nostro Paese, riconosciamo i sacrifici che i nostri nonni e genitori hanno fatto per stabilirsi in questa nuova terra. Durante il mese di giugno, incoraggio tutti a partecipare ai numerosi eventi culturali e celebrazioni che onorano il nostro patrimonio italiano.

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## The man, the myth, the legend

*by Lisa Radenovic, Maria Falzata, and Lisa O'Donnell*



After 33 years in Education, Tony Rosa, a teacher from Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, is retiring. As former colleagues of the magnanimous and charismatic Tony Rosa, Lisa Radenovic, Maria Falzata, and Lisa O'Donnell had the honor and privilege of trying to encapsulate the vocation of the man, the myth, and the legend in a dynamic speech at his retirement celebration. Here are just some of the highlight reels of the legacies that Tony is leaving the students, the staff, the schools, and the community as he enters his next chapter. **As a Man**, Tony is one of those rare people who seems to have more hours in his day than the rest of us. He's always working, always helping, always giving. Tony has always had more than one job—not just in the literal sense, but in the way he's worn so many hats: teacher, counselor, mentor, leader, community builder, and a friend.

Tony is rooted in tradition and proud of where he comes from, carrying those values with him everywhere. At the heart of it all is his love for family.

Over the years, I (Lisa Radenovic) had the honor of working alongside him at St. Michael C.S.S., as he merged both education and his work as a counsellor. He connected the senior design students with local politicians and developers to work on real-world projects—like condos, theatre design, and road reconstruction, just to name a few—giving students meaningful hands-on experiences in their very own community. He is a man of vision. A man of action. A man of his word.

**As a Myth**, Tony Rosa is Apollo—the God of the Arts, the shining light in the Caledon community, who has illuminated the minds and hearts of all those who have been lucky enough to know him.

Not everyone knows this, but Tony's journey began with a Kindergarten class. Yes, it's true! He planted the seed of artistic creativity and passion for the Arts in those young minds. His work in several high schools, including St. Thomas Aquinas, Notre Dame, St. Roch, and finally St. Michael has left a lasting impression on all who crossed his path. Each student who has ever been part of his classroom or theater production has had the privilege of experiencing a little piece of Tony's incredible spirit.

Over the years, I (Maria Falzata), worked in partnership with

Tony on student success initiatives. I saw firsthand his tireless commitment to ensuring that every student, no matter their challenges, had the opportunity to succeed. As he would always say, "Maria, we need to think outside the box." He thought outside the box because, like Apollo, he was always looking for new ways to inspire, to elevate those around him. His determination and creativity helped countless students find their way and achieve their goals.

**As a legend**, Tony didn't just teach—he transformed. He led students to arts competitions, directed and produced epic productions like Fame, Annie, The Wizard of Oz and Lend me a Tenor, which he took to the Johnny Carson Theatre at the University of Lincoln Nebraska. This show finished first place in Canada and in the Top 10 productions in North America. This helped to elevate St. Thomas Aquinas to the status of a Regional School of the Arts and led to the creation of a mural dedicated to Tony Rosa in the Arts' wing of the school.

Tony was part of the visionary team that opened not just one, but two brand new schools in Dufferin-Peel; St. Roch C.S.S. and St. Michael C.S.S. His architectural insights and creative vision helped design state-of-the-art facilities.

Tony's impact reaches far beyond the classroom. Having grown up and worked in Bolton, I (Lisa O'Donnell) have witnessed his transformative influence on the Caledon community. From founding The Stage Academy to bring the arts to Caledon, to serving as a Councillor, Tony has made it his mission to unite and uplift. During the pandemic, Tony braved freezing temperatures and the fear of COVID to interview local business owners to highlight their companies during a challenging time for all. Tony Rosa is more than a mentor or a friend to those lives that he has touched—he is a living legend who builds legacies wherever he goes. His impact spans schools, communities, and countless lives.

Now Tony has retired from his 33 year vocation in education as the "Man, the Myth and the Legend". His next phase of retirement is as "Tony, the man with the plan", because he will not rest, instead he will continue to enlighten the world through his political endeavors, his epic theatre productions and by continuing to support his beautiful family in everything that they hope to achieve. But first he will take a trip to Italy to connect with his roots, his family and his heritage. Cheers to "the man with the plan" Mr. Tony Rosa.



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## Sam and Max Ciccolini “Two dedicated Brothers of Philanthropy in the Italian Canadian Community”

*By Angelo Filoso*

Sam and Max Ciccolini were born in a small village of Pescosolido, Frosinone in the foothills of the Apennine Region southeast of Rome to Pasquale and Filomena Ciccolini who had six children.

Sam and Max's father, Pasquale Ciccolini, was a soldier in the Italian army in the second World War. When he finally returned home, he found his village even poorer than before he left to serve.

Since Pasquale had a difficult time finding work, he started his own taxi business. He made his living driving the only taxi in the area, a Ballila a pre-war sedan.

In 1948, their father Pasquale Ciccolini, sold his taxi to his brother. He then made his way to Canada to search for new opportunities. At that time, he earned 50 cents an hour with part of his pay cheque going to repay the \$250.00 for his move to Canada. The funds were put up by his Canadian sponsor, Giuseppe (Joe) Macciocchi who also provided him with employment.

Every other year, Pasquale would return to Italy to reconnect with his family. In 1951, he took his eldest

son Frank to Toronto. Two years later, he returned to Canada with his second eldest son Mario.

In 1956, the rest of the Ciccolini family, Filomena, Sam, Max and Livio visited Rome three times for travel visas and to pass a physical examination. On November 7, 1956, Filomena Ciccolini and her three boys boarded the S.S. Independence in Naples. The 10-day trip was met with sickness and hardship.

On Saturday November 17, 1956, the ship reached its destination in New York City, where the family finally found relief. After two days of immigration processing, the family boarded a train destined for Toronto's Union station. Upon arrival, they were welcomed by Pasquale and Francesco Biancucci, loyal family friend from Pescosolido. They drove them through the snow-covered streets to their new home.

With the arrival of his family, Pasquale's rented apartment was not big enough to accommodate everyone. Pasquale bought a house on Montrose Avenue and it was ready when the family arrived from Italy on November 19, 1956. The Ciccolini Family along with five others were living in the five-bedroom home. There was a total of twelve individuals living happily together and contributing to the household expenses.

Sam and Max began their business operations at a very young age. The two Ciccolini brothers worked long hours before and after school. Their days consisted of 4:30 a.m. wake up time and by 5:00 a.m. they were delivering the Globe and Mail on streets surrounding Little Italy. After school hours, they delivered prescriptions and products for Capp's Drug Store. The brothers would finally reach home at 9:00 p.m. Sam's ambition and entrepreneurial spirit motivated him to find a higher paying job. He was offered a position at Phillips Pharmacy where he went from earning 10 cents an hour to 15 cents an hour, but the job was only offered to Sam. Sam made a counteroffer and stated, "Max and I work as a pair". After a few days the two brothers were hired.

The Ciccolini brothers' motivation and drive lead them to befriend Mr. Crawford a neighbour for whom they cut grass and delivered newspapers. After his passing, Mr. Crawford who was so fond of Sam,



named him in his Last Will and Testament, leaving him his season ticket to the Toronto Maple Leafs. In time, Sam purchased the other three seats next to Mr. Crawford's. Today he is still the proud owner of seats 1-4 in section 102.

The first 6 months of school were challenging for Sam and Max due to the language barrier. With determination and time, their comprehension improved. After graduating from elementary school, Sam attended Central Commerce Collegiate, where he mastered many life skills that he still uses today. Sam was also highly skilled in penmanship. He was given the opportunity to represent Ontario along with eighteen other finalists in a competition organized by the province. With determination and time, their comprehension improved. Sam Ciccolini secured his first job as a clerk with Maclean Hunter. There he operated a bookkeeping machine with which he was very familiar. He became an expert with the operation and was ready to move up the corporate ladder. When his manager moved back to Ireland, the position was promised to Sam.

His employer led him to believe that he would be promoted, but the position was never offered because he was too young and did not have a family. Sam was so disappointed that he began to look for another job. He eventually found one at the engineering firm of Delew Cather and Company paying him \$37.00 per week. He approached Mr. Bailey of Mclean Hunter, who offered him a matching salary to stay on at Maclean Hunter. Instead of accepting, Sam asked for a pen and paper so that he could write his letter of resignation. When asked why he would do that, Sam's response to Mr. Bailey was, "It was a matter of principle. When you say something, mean it, and do it"

Frank Ciccolini, Sam's oldest brother, found an opportunity to purchase a small agency for \$4,000. He asked Sam to join him in the investment, but

neither had the money. The brothers asked for a loan from their parents. Pasquale, their father, being swayed by Filomena, their mother, agreed to lend them the money. Their office was established at 1224 St. Clair Ave. West on the second floor of a bank known as County Savings and Loan Corporation. The branch was managed by Con Di Nino.

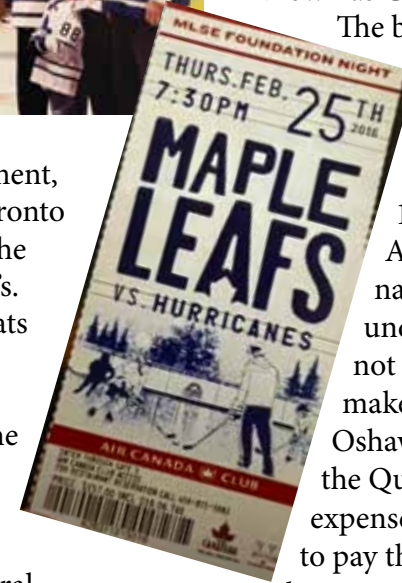
When Sam needed space for his business, he struck a deal with Con Di Nino for \$25.00 per week for a room the bank was renting. On October 1st, 1966, the Ciccolini and Perzia Insurance Agency Ltd. launched. They kept the Perzia name for continuity and to operate legally under their license. At that time, Sam did not take an income from this business. To make a living, he took on an additional job at Oshawa Wholesale - Ontario Food Terminal on the Queensway. This job helped pay his monthly expenses. In 1972, both partners were finally able to pay themselves \$100.00 per week with a 50/50 bonus at the end of the year.

In 1972, Max joined the family business. He took a pay cut from his teaching position at Danforth Tech. While he was the administrator in the office, Sam and Frank sold insurance. By 1975, their business grew substantially as daily sales increased.

The business expanded by providing insurance policies for house closings. Every month, the Law Firm Gambin and Bratty had 80-85 closings confirmed. To obtain this account, Sam and Max learned how to produce insurance policies to meet the deadlines for the real estate deals.

Rudy Bratty, a partner at the Law Firm, was very impressed with Sam's work ethic, and he referred his services to associated companies such as Marco Muzzo at Marel Contractors. Over the years, Sam has built positive working relationships with all the major players across Ontario. This increased his business dealings tremendously. The Ciccolinis' work expertise and honest business ethics, supported the growth of their insurance agency, not only in the Italian Community, but in Ontario and locations in the US.

In addition to commercial and industrial insurance, the Ciccolinis began offering surety construction bonds. The bond business was a huge learning curve for both Sam and Max. Gary Corby, a specialist at the bond department of Aetna Casualty, assisted Sam with this expansion.



With Gary’s teachings, Sam quickly learned the Bond business. In 1981, Sam was so impressed with Gary’s knowledge that the Ciccolini brothers asked Gary to join the firm. Masters Insurance was created with Gary managing the Bond Department, Frank controlling Life Benefits and Wealth Management, Max leading accounting and administration, and Sam as the Head of Commercial and Personal Insurance. Today the Bond Department makes up 25% of the business, Commercial Insurance 65% and House and Car Insurance 10%. The Construction Bond business expanded rapidly by managing accounts such as Con Drain, TACC, and Pigott Construction. These companies all have major projects throughout Canada, including Daniels Corporation, Greenpark Group, and Coco Paving who were based in Windsor, now in Toronto.



Bonded, Top of the Sky Dome August 1987. Doug Corby, Sam, Charlie Bennet, Len Mcleod.

To be successful in business, The Ciccolini Philosophy is to give back to the communities they serve. Over the years, Sam Ciccolini has attended and hosted many community events. Sam is a highly organized individual who continuously researches event best practices. In Sam’s basement, he stores multiple three-ring binders, each containing notes and detailed information of the events he planned.



Where there are cranes you will find Masters Insurance.

Some of the projects and members of the communities he supported in the past are the following:

- 1. 1974 Villa Colombo Fund Raising with Gina Lollobrigida and Giacomo Rondinella
- 2. Fundraising event for Villa Charities in 1975
- 3. Westwood Young Generation Soccer Club
- 4. The Meta Centre in Toronto and York Region, Lu Galasso, Michael Ciccolini, De Zen family
- 5. Johnny Lombardi Italian Television Show with Andrea, Lenny Lombardi and Ali Bidabadi
- 6. Raised funds for the Abruzzo Earthquake Fund
- 7. The Hospital for Sick Children: Fred De Gasperis, Dr. Mark Greenberg
- 8. Sam became Chair of St. Peter’s Child Care Centre for the Sisters of Sacred Heart
- 9. The New York Rangers Scout
- 10. The Vaughan Kings AAA Hockey Team
- 11. The Toronto Azzurri Soccer Team
- 12. The Pescosolido Hockey Club
- 13. The Woodbridge Minor Hockey Association
- 14. Hockey Canada: Murray Costello, Brent Ladds
- 15. Gordie Howe and Wayne Gretsky Fund Raising
- 16. Federal Election Campaigns: Mike Harris, Former Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Al Palladini and David Tsubouchi and Julian Fantino
- 17. Sam is one of the original members of IC Savings Better Banking



CHIN TV broadcast with Andrea, Sam, Mike and Lenny



Donna and Sam married in 1968 and lived with Sam’s parents, until they bought their first house in 1970. Their son Michael was born in 1972. That year, Sam stopped working at Oshawa Wholesale and went to work full time at the Insurance Agency.

In 1975, Cristina was born. She was an active child who played with her friends, went everywhere with her family, and enjoyed life. In 1985, Cristina was admitted to the Hospital for Sick Children to begin therapy for an eventual bone marrow transplant. She had a rare blood disease and after many attempts to save her life, she succumbed to her illness on December 9, 1985.

The loss of his daughter prompted Sam to collaborate with a team of doctors to do more research on the disease Cristina battled. Some of her organs still live on today in other individuals. To keep her memory alive, a street was named after her, “Cristina Ciccolini Court” thanks to Fred and Teresa De Gasperis.

Michael shares characteristics of both his parents. Michael, and his wife Rita, have three children Eric,



Sam, Pasquale, Cristina, Filomena, Michael and Donna



Cristina, and Jacqueline. Michael is heavily involved in the family business and devotes part of his time to volunteer work and minor hockey.

Max and Marisa married in 1973 and have 3 children, Robert, Anthony, and Dr. Amanda Ciccolini and 4 grandchildren Nello, Eva, Robbie and Sebastian. As a devoted member, Max served on Boards of St. Michael’s College School, Villanova College, De La Salle College, and Crestwood Preparatory College for the past 25 years. In 2004, Max was awarded the Order of St. Michael’s for his volunteer work at the college. His children Robert and Anthony are currently involved in the family business.

Sam and Max are exemplary individuals who continue to be active members in our community with their ongoing involvement with youth, politics, and amateur sports. They are proud to give back to the less fortunate and marginalized members of our society. Sam and Max are two dedicated brothers who believe in Canada and celebrate the great mosaic of our nation.



A cheque for SickKids Hospital from a fundraiser hosted by the Italian Community. The gentleman in the white coat is Dr. Mark Greenberg, the specialist who treated Cristina.



**Name:** Domenico Cosentino | **Place of Birth:** Calabria, Italia  
**Departure Date from Italy:** 1962 | **Arrival Date in Canada:** 1962  
**Method of Travel:** Airplane  
**Settlement City & Community:** Toronto/ College and Beatrice  
**Age Upon Arrival in Canada:** 21 years old  
**First Job in Canada:** Carpenter  
**Education or Training:** Hearing Instrument Specialist  
**Career/ Business Highlights:** Restaurant, Hearing Instrument Specialist  
**Family Overview:** Three sons and six Grandchildren  
**Cultural Interests and Hobbies:** Traveling to Italy to visit his hometown, spending time with Family and friends, watching soccer and cooking

San Nicola da Crissa is a municipality in the Province of Vibo Valentia in the Italian region of Calabria.



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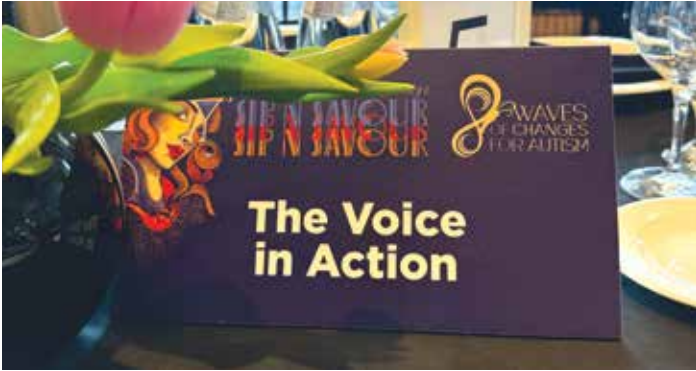
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