

\$60,000 raised for Geriatric Care at Sunnybrook!



It was a very busy Sunday for July 10, 2016 – there was Wimbledon, the Formula One British Grand Prix and the EU Soccer final – and then there was the Irpinia Club annual Summer Picnic.

It was sunshine and gentle breezes as over 650 loyal Club members, their families, and guests came out in droves in support of the event, held again at Cipriano Farms courtesy of Irpinia Club president, Peter Cipriano, CEO of Goldpark Group.

Once again, local businesses generously supported the fundraiser for the Geriatric Medicine Division at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre – banner displays along Weston Road stretching from the north- to South-ends of the property read like a directory of the construction industry in the GTA.

Vin Bon – Ontario's largest make-your-own-wine retailer – was a showcase feature again, drawing crowds of wine connoisseurs to their display for selections of their top-selling products that was paired with slices of Parmigiano Reggiano from a cheese wheel donated to the event by Peter Cipriano.

This year, Mercedes Benz Maple set up tent and was an instant hit with picnic attendees who got to check out a Benz beauty up close, plus enter a draw to win a prize (sadly not a Mercedes).

Club chefs Virginio and Enza and a volunteer crew cooked pasta, prepped salad and served an extensive menu. The magnificent Enbridge Gas Community Event Services BBQ team once again delivered salsicci (Rea Foods) and chicken (P&F Meat Products) grilled to perfection.

Local businesses who generously contributed to the menu for picnic goers to sample product included Longo's (Romulus & Remus Gourmet Sauce); Unico (De Cecco pasta); Quality Cheese (parmesan & cheddar); Fortinos (salad, watermelons and sweet pastries); Coppa's (watermelons); Nino D'Aversa, Cosenza, and Pane Vittoria bakeries (panini) and Faema (espresso). A highlight moment was when Peter Cipriano made delivery runs for Pizzaville (pizza) to the picnic tables – now that's service!

The picnic crowd also got to meet and greet Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario, and connect with Vincent Crisanti, Deputy Mayor of Toronto; Michael Di Biase, Deputy Mayor of Vaughan and Regional Councillor; Mario Ferri, Vaughan Regional Councillor; and members of the Sunnybrook Geriatric Medicine team led by Dr. Rajin Mehta.

Throughout the day, the Orchestra Silvani with Manuela and Elio filled the air with the sound of music, and Claudio Santaluce made a guest appearance to perform many of Italy's most cherished songs including vibrant tarantellas and polkas. Kids and adults played and danced while sports fanatics caught the Portugal vs. France EU soccer final streamed live to TV.

The beautiful day finally ended on yet another successful Irpinia Club picnic, with \$60,000 in donations raised for the Geriatric Medicine Division at Sunnybrook.



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Thank You

All donations made in full to the Geriatric Medicine Division at SUNNYBROOK HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE

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