



OUR HISTORY

The Roots of the Giovanni Caboto Club and its Mission to Promote Italian Culture:

The Giovanni Caboto Club has a rich history, dating back to 1925 when a group of 10 men organized a New Year's Eve dance in the gymnasium of the former St. Joseph's Separate School. After a successful event, this group decided to formally establish the Border Cities Italian Club in January 1925, which enrolled 109 members by the end of the year.

The Club quickly became a vital part of the community, not only hosting social events, but also supporting charitable causes. The Goodfellows Club of Windsor was the first charity to receive a donation of \$47.12. Since then, the Caboto Club has donated millions of dollars to countless local organizations. Incorporated in 1927, the Club's core values of promoting and encouraging Italian culture through educational, recreational, and charitable endeavours were established from the start, setting the stage for the Club's future.

Today, the Giovanni Caboto Club is the oldest and largest Italian club in Southwestern Ontario. In addition to its continued focus on family, community, heritage, and charity, the Club has evolved to become Windsor-Essex County's premier venue for special events, celebrations, and corporate functions.



CELEBRATE AND SHARE YOUR ITALIAN HERITAGE

The Giovanni Caboto Club is a social and cultural organization whose purpose is to promote Italian heritage and culture through activities and events, as well as to provide a venue for cultural interaction between its members and the Windsor-Essex community.

As a non-profit organization, the club and its members are committed to supporting the larger Windsor-Essex community. The club is an engaged community partner that provides substantial annual contributions to local charities.



100th Anniversary



2025 signifies the Giovanni Caboto Club's Centennial Anniversary. Come celebrate with us throughout the year with special member events and festive activities.



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Family in Membership

GIOVANNI CABOTO CLUB





BECOME A MEMBER

Join the Giovanni Caboto Club and Celebrate Italian Heritage and Culture

If you're of Italian birth or descent and 18 years of age or older, you're eligible to become a member of the Giovanni Caboto Club. Not only will you receive amazing member benefits, but you'll also have the opportunity to join a community that is passionate about promoting and sharing Italian heritage and culture.

The Club provides two membership options based on your age at joining: Club and Mutual, or Club and Limited Mutual.¹

CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND MUTUAL BENEFIT

Full Club benefits and a sick and death benefit. Full voting rights.

AGE AT JOINING	INITIATION FEES CLUB +HST	INITIATION FEES MUTUAL
18 years	N/A	\$20
19-24 years	\$30	\$20
25-29 years	\$55	\$50
30-34 years	\$80	\$75
35-39 years	\$105	\$100
40-44 years	\$130	\$175
45-49 years	\$155	\$250
ANNUAL DUES		
Any Member	\$100 (\$46.70 Club + HST & \$47.25 Mutal)	
25+ Years Member	\$90 (\$37.85 Club +HST & \$47.25 Mutual)	
25+ Years Member & 65+ Years of Age	\$30 (\$8.90 Club +HST & \$19.95 Mutual)	

CLUB MEMBERSHIP WITH LIMITED MUTUAL

Full Club benefits and a limited sick and death benefit. Full voting rights.

AGE AT JOINING	INITIATION FEES CLUB +HST	INITIATION FEES MUTUAL
50 years+	\$405	N/A
ANNUAL DUES		
Any 50+ Member	\$70 (\$54 Club +HST & \$9 Mutual)	
25+ Years Member	\$52 (\$38.05 Club +HST & \$9 Mutual)	
25+ Years Member & 65+ Years of Age	\$30 (\$18.60 Club +HST & \$9 Mutual)	

¹ Applicants are required to undergo and pass a medical examination to be eligible for membership.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

INITIATION & WELCOME

- Recognition and welcome at a General Member Assembly
- Presentation of the Caboto Club pin, copy of the Constitution, board of directors' card, and membership card
- Continued membership milestone recognition at 25, 35, 50, and 60 year marks with a special pin presentation
- Voting rights on all items tabled

SPORT & FITNESS CENTRE

As a member, you, your spouse, and children under 18 years old can enjoy access to the Sports Complex, which includes:

- Fully equipped fitness and weight room
- Squash Court
- Racquetball Court
- Bocce Courts
- Locker rooms with showers and sauna
- Member and spouse access to squash & racquetball leagues

FAMILY RECOGNITION

- Scholarship competition based on academic achievement
- Annual Childrens' Christmas party with gift included (10 yrs. & under)

CLUB DISCOUNTS

- Receive two complimentary birthday drinks each year
- Enjoy a 5% discount on hall rentals and catering for your special events
- Get a discounted ticket price for the annual New Year's Eve Gala



² A minimum grade point average may be required.
³ Certain requirements and restrictions may apply. Benefits are subject to change. Please refer to the Constitution Handbook for the latest information.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

SOCIAL EVENTS, CLUB & COMMUNITY

- Enroll in the Caboto family plasma donor program and enjoy two recognition dinners annually
- Gain early access to tickets for exclusive events, trips, wine & spirits tours, sporting events, and more
- Engage in volunteer opportunities within the Club and in the local community

SICK AND DEATH BENEFITS,

- Members who are unable to work due to illness may be eligible for a \$30 weekly payment for a maximum of 22 weeks
- The beneficiary of a deceased member may be eligible for a Death Benefit of \$800

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

In times of financial hardship, members may qualify for assistance through the Families in Need program, which provides support with grocery needs.

In the unfortunate event of a member's passing, the Club extends condolences and assistance to the bereaved family, including:

- Sending flowers or a fruit basket to the home or hospital during illness
- Offering a 50% discount on a funeral luncheon
- Inclusion in the annual Memorial Mass held each November
- Inscribing the member's name on the Caboto Club Memorial Wall
- Providing an Honour Guard at the member's funeral
- Sending a Club plaque and flower arrangement to the funeral home

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Members and their families are encouraged to join in the Club's diverse volunteer initiatives. Every January, our annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet recognizes and appreciates volunteers who have dedicated their time throughout the year.

