



AWARDS: The Canadian Italian Professional Business and Professional Association of Windsor held its annual Awards of Excellence Gala at the Giovanni Caboto Club on Friday. The recipients of the business awards were, back row, from left: Marianna DeLuca, Leo DeLuca, Guy DiPonio, Lucia DiPonio; middle row, from left: Gina Meo, Joe Lepera, Tina Lepera; front row, from left: Raffaele Meo, Ida Mancini, Josie Savoni, Joe DeAngelis and Paulette DeAngelis.

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Italians celebrate excellence

The Canadian Italian Business and Professional Association of Windsor handed out six awards of excellence at its annual awards gala held at the Caboto Club Friday.

Family business awards of excellence went to Leo DeLuca and family of Koolini's Eatery which was cited for its many years of good and progressive service.

The Mancini and Savoni families of Italia Bakery were singled out for offering breads, pastries and Italian

meals made to order.

J. Lepera Contracting and Meo and Associates were honoured in the professional business category.

Joe Lepera recognized

Joe Lepera was recognized for his prominence in the heavy construction industry and his work in Windsor and Essex County, while Ralph Meo was cited for his many creative commercial and industrial projects.

Joe DeAngelis and Guy DiPonio re-

ceived awards of excellence as professionals of the year.

DeAngelis, a professor at the University of Windsor, was cited for his multimedia artistic work while DiPonio, a vice-president at Valiant Tool, was honoured for his many contributions to Windsor's business and civic community.

Four scholarships and a bursary were also to be awarded by the Italian business and professional association of Windsor during the evening.