There will be 288 golfers teeing off for charity at the Ballantrae Golf and Country Club on July 21.

Mayor Wayne Emmerson's 12th tourney has filled its morning and afternoon flights.

All funds are donated to local charity. Last year's tourney raised around \$30,000.

All Whitchurch-Stouffville schools as well as sports and arts groups, the illumination of the Clock Tower, Nineteen on the Park, the Lebovic Leisure Centre and the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library have benefitted from the tourney.

For more information, e-mail winnie.layland@townofws.com or phone 905-640-1910 ext. 227.

Stouffville MP feted in Italy

Paul Calandra, MP for Oak Ridges-Markham has received the Award of Gratitude on behalf of the speaker of the Senate of Italy.

The Stouffville resident recently went to Italy to accept the award, which he received in recognition of his efforts to build relationships between Canada and Italy. The Conservative MP is serving his first term in Ottawa.

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"I was honoured to be able to travel to Italy and the home region of my parents to receive the award" Mr. Calandra said in a statement. "My parents did not live long enough to see me elected but I know they would have been very proud. Canada has a lot to offer Italy and Italy to us.

"My parents were from the south, specifically Calabria and despite the challenges they face battling organized crime and the global economic downturn, I know that we can forge a stronger relationship and open doors to improve trade between Calabria and York Region."

The award also acknowledged the Canadian government's efforts to assist L'Aquila following the April 2009 earthquake and its continued focus on combatting organized crime and gang violence.

Following the earthquake, the Harper government announced immediate funding to help build a youth centre in the devastated

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