



Club Garibaldi News

DECEMBER 2011

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear Members,

Another year has gone by and in a few days time we will be celebrating Christmas. Shortly afterwards we will farewell 2011 and welcome in a new year. I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you all for your encouragement and support over this past year.

Christmas is an enormously important and spiritual time for the Italian family, and in celebrating this joyous time, we come together and share love, food, traditions, religion and kindness to one another.

A collage of photos taken at the children's Christmas party and the senior members' Christmas party will be posted on the notice board.

Further on in this newsletter there is an article on the printing of the second edition of the book 'Alla Fine Del Mondo', written by Paul Elenio. Family or individual sponsorship to help fund the production would be much appreciated. To date, we have had a good response: many thanks to those who have responded to our invitation to become sponsors. Please note that the cut-off date for sponsorship has been extended. This gives members another opportunity to help fund this project and have their name acknowledged at the front of the book and on the club's website. Donations of any size will also be appreciated.

My sincere thanks to the Executive Committee for helping to make the club's year a stellar one! You are all great people and it is a pleasure working with such a dedicated, supportive and hardworking team.

As this newsletter is the last one before Christmas, on behalf of the Executive Committee members I would like to wish you and your loved ones tanti auguri per un buon natale - ricca di molte benedizioni, amore, pace e di buona volonta'.

Ciao a presto
Ginette Toscano Page
President



NATALE

Il mondo è in festa,
il Natale è nella nostra testa.
Tanti angeli in volo
e i bambini cantan in coro.
Ora mi sento pieno di felicità
da mostrare a tutta la città.
Ora Gesù Bambino è nella capanna
e tutto il mondo canta la ninna nanna.
Natale è stare insieme
con chi ti vuole bene.
Ora Gesù è nato
e a tutti gioia ha portato.

Scritto da: Davide Ancillotti. Natale 2010

CHILDREN'S ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES END OF YEAR FUNCTION

By Sira Ballara

On Tuesday, 29 November, we held the Christmas party for the children's' Italian language classes. The end-of-year certificates were presented and the children beautifully sang three Christmas carols in Italian. 'Santa Lucia' was also sung by three of the students, who were accompanied by Caitlin McBride on the violin. After the formalities we enjoyed a wonderful selection of food and drink. Special thanks to our guest of honour, Dr. Donato Scioscioli, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Italy, Wellington. A big thank you to Eloisa Ascoli, the children's tutor, for another great year of teaching - the children have learned a lot. The classes have been running for 15 years and it is great to see Club members' children learning the Italian language.



WELCOME

Following Don Marinko's promotion to Monsignor and new appointment in Vienna in September, Club Garibaldi welcome Monsignor Jean-Sylvain Emien, First Secretary of the Nunciature at the Holy See in Wellington. Along with Abp Charles Balvo, we look forward to Mons Giovanni join us at future shared lunches and other club events.

HUMOUR IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL!

Six year old Gabriella went to the hospital with her Mama to visit Nonno. When they got there, Gabriella ran ahead and burst into her Nonno's room..."Eh, Nonno, Nonno," she said excitedly, "As soon as Mama comes into the room, make a noise like a frog!"

"Whata you say? I no understand" Nonno asked.

Gabriella replied "Nonno, you got to make a noise like a froga, because Mama said that as soon as you croaka the family are all going to a Disneylanda!"

A BIT OF TRIVIA

'Dead' pensioner has cheques stopped – Man must now prove he's alive!
(ANSA) - Verona, 14 October 2011

A former construction worker is struggling to make ends meet after the Italian pension system stopped his cheques because they thought he was dead. "I don't know why they stopped paying someone who's alive when there are so many swindlers getting pensions from dead relatives around the country," said Giulio Marchetto, 62, from the town of Boschi Sant'Anna south of Verona. Marchetto will now have to submit various documents to prove he is alive!

EMBASSY OF ISRAEL – FILM EVENINGS HELD AT CLUB GARIBALDI



Following the successful screening of Italian films on behalf of the Italian Embassy in August this year, we were approached by the Israeli Embassy who hired our clubrooms for their first film festival in New Zealand. It was well attended and Robin and I enjoyed meeting their members who in return appreciated our club facilities.

Robin & Ginette with Ambassador Shemi Tzur

GUGLIELMO AND ENRICHETTA MELHOP TRUST AWARD



Congratulations to Michaela Aspell, daughter of Antonella & Everard Aspell of Oriental Bay, Wellington, who is the 2011 recipient of the Melhop Trust Study award.

LIFE MEMBER

Congratulations to Robin Page who has been granted the honour of becoming a 'Life Member' of Club Garibaldi.



Robin joined the club 37 years ago in 1974. At that time Ginette, being a woman, was not permitted to be a financial or voting member, yet he could because he was married to her!

Robin was voted on to the executive committee in 1976 and up until now, has spent 11 years as the club's treasurer and a total of 18 years as a committee member, or trustee.

Robin and his friend and business partner Michael Petagna (d) did a lot of building maintenance work on the old club premises in Wakefield Street, and were heavily involved in the club's 100 year celebration dinner almost 30 years ago. Along with Vic Criscillo, Gary Low and Rex DaVanzo, they designed and co-projected the building and club rooms we all enjoy today.

Besides being a club trustee Robin is still involved in entertainment and social events, and is a member of both the building, and the 130 year celebration sub committees.

ITALIAN MASS

On the first Sunday of every month the Mass is celebrated in Italian at the Church of St Francis de Sales, 175 Clyde Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Mass starts at 11.30am. Everyone is welcome and it would be good to see more members and their families attend, as we are very fortunate to have this opportunity in New Zealand. If you can help with a reading or the offertory, please contact Ida Basile. The Mass is celebrated by either Abp Charles Balvo or Mons Jean-Sylvain Emien from the Apostolic Nunciature.

The next Mass will be on Sunday, 1 January 2011.

CHILDREN'S ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR 2012

Carmela Massa

Have you tried to learn another language as an adult? It can be a challenge!! Just as well children are very receptive and can absorb a new language much easier! I am thankful to the Garibaldi Club for providing my children with the opportunity to learn the Italian language and to help maintain the Italian culture within my family. If you would like your child to attend Italian language classes in 2012, and your child's name is not on the waiting list, please contact me, Carmela Massa. The classes are held on Tuesdays during the New Zealand primary school terms.

An indication of any interest would be appreciated so books can be ordered and arrive in time for term 1.

SENIOR MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

By Ginette Toscano Page

On Saturday, 26 November, the club held its very successful 12th annual senior member's Christmas luncheon. This year 84 members attended, along with NZ's new Italian Ambassador, H.E. Alessandro Levi Sandri and club member as well as President of the Circolo Italiano di Wellington, Cav Elizabeth Peek. The function began with a short speech from the club's President, Ginette Toscano Page, welcoming those in attendance, before everyone tucked into a sumptuous meal made by Alfonso Basile. This was served individually to each diner, along with an endless supply of wine, juice and chilled water. The mouth-watering menu consisted of: Crostini with semi-dried tomato and smoked tuna, followed by pasta farfalle puttanesca with zucchini, salami, capers,

olives, capsicum, chilli and parsley. The main meal was char-grilled beef fillet on a field mushroom tart with salsa verde and red wine sauce, wild rocket, shaved provolone cheese and steamed asparagus. Dessert was served on individual plates of two cannoli with kiwi fruit, vanilla and berry sauces.

Many thanks to the following people who shared their talents and entertained everyone after the meal: the duo of Adam and his mother, Caterina Costa, who played two great pieces on the violin and piano; 12 year old Mia Vinaccia, accompanied by Cav Salvi Gaeta on guitar, sang two popular Italian songs and the Mediterranean Quintet: Salvi Gaeta (guitar and singing) Armando Gilmoni (piano accordion and singing), Robin Page (base guitar), Adam Costa (violin) and Ian Hull Brown (congas) finished off the entertainment segment by playing a bracket of well-loved, old Italian favourite music and songs.

Special thanks and appreciation is extended to chef Alfonso Basile and to the following outstanding members of the executive committee, their spouses and club members for their assistance in helping make this occasion special. Without their help the Club could not hold such functions.

Thursday: Robin Page did a liquor stock take, before purchasing numerous litres of wine, juice, and soft drinks which he placed into the bar cupboards, and cooler display ready for serving.

Friday night set up: Paul and Maria Elenio, Maryrose Basile, Ginette Toscano Page, Robin Page, Matt Amitrano and his daughters, Grace and Rebekah, Martin and Josephine Van der Donk, Rex Da Vanzo, Vince Costa and sons Marco and Vincenzo and Kerry Noaro.

Saturday: Alfonso Basile and his daughters Sophia and Charlotte, Matt Amitrano and his daughters Grace and Rebekah, Paul and Maria Elenio, Maria Colucci, Giuseppe and Maryrose Basile, Vince Costa and Jonathan Basile.

Thank you also to those members who helped in some way ~ please accept this as a personal acknowledgement.

PROFILE OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER VINCE COSTA



My name is Vince Costa. I am 53 years old and have lived in Wellington all my life, predominantly in Island Bay. I am married to Wendy and we have two sons, Marco and Vincenzo, who are both 14 years old. I work as an Accountant at the Inland Revenue Department, and Wendy is a Registered Nurse at Wellington Hospital. Although both my parents, Vincenzo and Maria (nee Basile) Costa, were Club Garibaldi members many years ago, my family only joined a few years ago when my children began Italian language classes.

LINA MARSON – 90 YEARS YOUNG!



Congratulations to Lina Marson of Petone, who recently reached a great milestone of 90 years young. Buon compleanno – Club Garibaldi wish you many more happy and healthy years to come. Lina was born on 27 October 1921 in Meduna di Livenza in the Province of Treviso, and is the last of seven children, four of whom were members of Club Garibaldi.

In 1959 Lina's husband, Rudolfo Marson, emigrated from Italy to Argentina and she followed two years later with their children. Following the death of Rudolfo in 1963, she came to New Zealand with her four children. Lina has lived in her own house in Petone for 46 years, and for 19 years, worked at the woollen mills in Petone. Lina is a great cook and she likes nothing better than to have people around for a meal and a glass of wine. She enjoys gardening and you will often find her there – after a visit you will nearly always leave with something from her garden.

Sadly, in 1999 and in 2000 Lina lost two daughters to cancer, 11 months apart, which was a huge blow to her.

To celebrate Lina's 90th birthday family and friends joined her for dinner at the Petone Working Men's Club. Although she has slowed down and now uses a walking stick, she still enjoys a daily glass of wine and pottering in her garden.

ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC



A date has been set for 2012 annual Club picnic. A reservation has been made for **Sunday, 19 February 2012**, from 11am onwards, at Queen Elizabeth Park, Paekakariki, with the reserve/cancellation date of **Sunday, 26 February**. In the event of wet weather, listen to NewstalkZB cancellation service. Put a circle on your calendar to remind yourself of this date. Once again, the club will provide the steaks, sausages and bread for the barbeque. All members and their families are welcome.

LA BEFANA – 5 JANUARY!

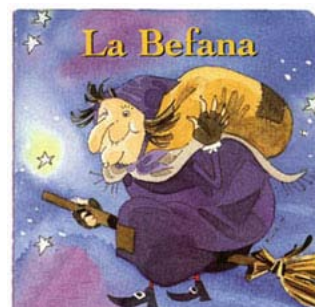
According to popular Italian folklore, La Befana visits on the night of January 5 – "La Festa dell'Epifania". La Befana is celebrated all over Italy to this day!

There are many poems about Befana, which are known in slightly different versions throughout Italy. Here is one of the versions:

*Viene, viene la Befana
Vien dai monti a notte fonda*

*Come è stanca! la circonda
Neve e gelo e tramontana!
Viene, viene la Befana*

*Here comes, here comes the Befana
She comes from the mountains in the
deep of the night
Look how tired she is! All wrapped up
In snow and frost and the north wind!
Here comes, here comes the Befana!*



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

By Ginette Toscano Page



This year the clubrooms boomed once again, with the noise and excitement of 36 children of members, who with their parents, came to the annual Christmas party. As noisy as it can be, this event is most pleasurable, as these young Garibaldini are the future of our Club.

Lunch was the usual children's fare: pizza and hot chips, washed down with either juice or lemonade, and followed by jelly and ice cream.

Once again, the air castle was a big hit. The children also enjoyed being entertained by a magician, who interacted really well with the children.

As always, the most exciting part of the party was the arrival of Babbo Natale, Father Christmas, carrying two bags full of presents, raising the noise level even louder! After the children sat in front of Father Christmas, he asked a few questions about Christmas and suggested they should all sing 'Jingle Bells' before he gave out the presents. Father Christmas also added that this year was the 27th year that he had visited Club Garibaldi!

Again, it was a joy to watch the children's beautiful little faces, eyes shining with excitement, waiting with eagerness for their name to be called.

All the children went home happy and very tired after a fun party!

Special thanks and appreciation to the following people who helped on the day: Matt Amitrano, Maria Colucci, Robin Page, Vince Costa, Kerry Noaro, Ginette Toscano Page, Jo Gaeta and Sarantos Economou.

ALLA FINE DEL MONDO BOOK SPONSORSHIP AND UPDATE

Writing and editing of the second and revised edition of the book *Alla Fine del Mondo* is almost completed. Paul Elenio has been interviewing a number of the immigrants about their experiences when they settled here and the circumstances that led them to come to New Zealand. The new book will have substantial new material on what were typical experiences of the migrants. There is also a perspective on the wartime labours of migrants growing food for the troops and additional text for the existing chapters on those who owned or ran businesses and on Club Garibaldi's rich 17-year history since the first edition was published in 1995. In all, the new book will have 40 more photographs and about 13,000 more words.

As you would expect, the printing costs for the book are huge and while the club will eventually be reimbursed through sales it would be helpful if members contributed to the cost. We have been delighted with the response to the request in the November newsletter for commercial organisations and family donations. Thank you for your generosity!

The deadline for receiving donations has been extended to **16 January 2012**. Members who run businesses have received a letter from Nina Cuccurullo asking for sponsorship of \$300 plus gst. The cost for a family or individual person would be \$150 plus gst (\$172.50). However any donations of whatever amount will be welcomed. Please note only donations of \$150 plus gst (\$172.50) or more and received by 16 January 2012 will be acknowledged at the front of the book and on the club's website, www.clubgaribaldi.org.nz. Entry would be in this format:

Family of Giovanni and Maria Garibaldi or Giovanni Garibaldi (for an individual).

Please fill in the attached form and return it. If you need clarification on any matters please contact Nina Cuccurullo.



Left to right: Paul Elenio and Nina Cuccurullo discussing the book's layout and production with Dion Criscillo and John Barnao from M W Graphics in Lower Hutt.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Sunday, 1 January (11.30am)

Italian Mass

Saturday, 19 February (11am)

Annual Club Picnic

7-10 February

Annual Bus Trip – Rotorua

CIRCOLO ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES 2012

Enrolments in the 2012 Circolo Italiano di Wellington Beginners 1 classes are being accepted. The classes will be held at Club Garibaldi on Monday or Wednesday evenings. The classes commence on **13 and 15 February** and finish in October 2012. Check the website: www.circoloitaliano.org.nz for more information.

Before completing an enrolment form please telephone President Elizabeth Peek on (04) 4759781 or email: president@circoloitaliano.org.nz. If there is a place in your preferred class you can then post your application and cheque to Circolo Italiano di Wellington, PO Box 9706, Marion Square Wellington 6141. We also offer Internet banking: Westpac Wellington Branch, account number 03.0502.0855498.00. Please ensure you put your surname in the reference box.

To ensure a place in your preferred class it is advisable that enrolments be made by post or through the Internet prior to Friday 31 January 2012. **We cannot guarantee you a place if you leave enrolment until the General evening on Monday 31 January (between 5.30 and 7pm).**

The Classes Opening Ceremony for **ALL** students will be at 6.30pm on Wednesday 8 February 2012 at Club Garibaldi. It is not necessary for Club Garibaldi members to join the Circolo and course fees are offered at the reduced rate of \$185 for 30 fifty-five minute lessons.

The textbook required is: **Buongiorno Italia (2005)** for Beginners Stage 1 and 2. The textbook is available from Whitcoulls Bookstore, (Information Counter) 312 Lambton Quay, Wellington. A 10% discount is available on proof of enrolment in a Circolo course. It is essential that each student has a copy of the relevant textbook. The textbook Buongiorno Italia (2005) can also be purchased Online. Visit websites: www.fishpond.co.nz/Books and www.amazon.com

CIRCOLO SOCIAL EVENTS

Monthly social evenings are held from March to November inclusive. Topics vary from time to time but they all have an Italian flavour. A light supper is served during or after the events. A small charge of \$5 towards the cost of the food/wine usually applies. Garibaldi House is the usual venue but other venues may be selected during the course of the year. Further information on the topics and venues will be made available with the monthly Circolo Newsletter and will also be advised to the Executive committee of Club Garibaldi. Club Garibaldi members are very welcome to attend all Circolo Italiano social functions.

2012 Circolo Subscriptions Renewal Form and/or 2012 Courses Enrolment Form

Full name (Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms) _____

Postal address _____

Telephone no.(home) _____ (work) _____ Email: _____

Subscription to Circolo Italiano: Single Couple Student under 18/Superannuitant\Member Club Garibaldi

Where did you hear about the Circolo? _____

Classes enrolment: (tick box)

Beginners Stage One **Monday** **5:30 – 6:25pm**

Beginners Stage One **Wednesday** **5:30 – 6:25pm**

I enclose cash/cheque for \$ _____ to confirm my enrolment in the course selected.

I understand that my course fee(s) cannot be refunded.

Signature _____ Date _____

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SENIOR MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 2011



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CLUB GARIBALDI - SPONSORSHIP FORM
ALLA FINE DEL MONDO
A HISTORY OF ITALIAN MIGRATION
TO THE WELLINGTON REGION
by Paul Elenio

(Please print)

Name

.....Address

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Phone (home) (work) (mob)

The cost for a family or individual person would be \$150 plus gst (**\$172.50**)
However any donations of whatever amount will be welcomed. Please note
though that only donations of \$150 plus gst or more will be acknowledged at the
front of the book and on the club's website, www.clubgaribaldi.org.nz.
Cheques or bank drafts to be made payable to Club Garibaldi. Payment by direct credit
can be made to the following account:

Club Garibaldi
NBNZ
06 0513 0005579 00
Reference: Del Mondo

Enclosed / Banked (please circle) Please indicate amount: \$.....

Signature

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Please send payment by **16 January 2012**.
A GST receipt will be issued. GST Number 21 029 173
Grazie!