



ESTABLISHED IN 1882

Club Garibaldi News

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Club Garibaldi, was founded in July 1882, so this year we get to celebrate our 130th anniversary. Our forbearers were seeking a name for their newly formed club and Giuseppe Garibaldi, the great Italian General, politician and patriot who unified Italy and considered as one of Italy's 'fathers of the fatherland', had passed away the month before in June 1882. It was a unanimous decision to name the club after him in his honour. We have certainly come a long way since then and should be very proud of this incredible achievement! Today, Membership stands around 400 and Club

Garibaldi continues to prosper in spite of the busy 'outside' world, which is filled with so many other activities.

As part of our celebrations to mark this special year the Club will be holding a 130th Anniversario Carnevale on Sunday, 25 March 2012. See the article below and the enclosed flyer. I look forward to seeing you all there!

February's Italian Mass was extra special as club members John and Iona Cao chose to have their baby son, Alessandro Giovanni, baptised by Abp Balvo in the presence of both their families and the Italian community. The Italian Ambassador was also present.

Ciao a presto,
Ginette Toscano Page
President

SINCERE THANKS

Our sincere thanks to H.E. Alessandro Levi Sandri, Italian Ambassador to New Zealand, for his very generous personal gift to the members of Club Garibaldi. A letter of thanks and appreciation has been sent to him. After discussion at the January executive committee meeting, the members made a decision to purchase the following items: A children's mini soccer table game to replace the old, broken one we currently have, or alternatively, have it fixed, as well as some new toys, and a New Zealand flagpole to stand alongside the bust of Giuseppe Garibaldi and the Italian flag in the club's foyer. May the warm relationship between Club Garibaldi and the Embassy of Italy in New Zealand, long continue.

CLUB GARIBALDI CARNEVALE – SUNDAY, 25 MARCH 2012

The year 2012 is Club Garibaldi's 130th anniversary and we are starting our celebrations with a Carnevale! This will be geared towards having fun, entertainment, culture, dancing, fine food and vino. The theme will be Venetian, so go and look for a decorative mask and fancy hat to wear! We want to share our special heritage and invite all Wellingtonians to this celebration.

We ask members to think about how they can help make this Carnevale special. St Patrick's College, Kilbirnie, has been chosen for the venue, and the date will be on Sunday, 25 March 2012. Please circle this day on your calendar now.

We have decided to do this without the aid of any monetary sponsorship, either from members or local businesses, however we do require a big team of volunteers to help on the day, as well as a smaller team to help set-up the day before. Admission is: Adults – gold coin, Children (15 years and under) free. On-site car parking: \$2 per car all day.

Here are some ways you can help:

- Baking a cake or biscuits – torte o biscotti for the club's dolci stall. Simply bring them with you on the day and hand them to the volunteers on the cake stall. Please use disposable containers to save returning later.
- Helping on the cultural stand, or serving food and drinks from the club's stall.
- Setting up, collecting of cultural items, and taking down, at the conclusion of the Carnevale.
- Blowing up balloons, hanging up Italian flags and club posters.
- Signing up new members and answering questions about the Club and its history.
- Collecting admission money at the venue entrance.
- Collecting parking money and directing cars to the on-site car park.

Please contact me, or any of the Club's executive committee members for more information of how you can be involved.

The Carnevale organising group are:

Catherine Monastra
Vic Criscillo
Robin Page

We may approach you too! This type of event requires a lot of effort and volunteers. Watch for more information in our next newsletter. We encourage all club members to be involved in our 130th Anniversario Carnevale. We have much to be proud of!

You can view more details on our club website next month:

www.clubgaribaldi.org.nz

Ginette

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to new members Carolyn & Grant Lucinsky of Paraparaumu.

HUMOUR IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL!

Two weeks ago Lucia and Umberto from Italy, became the proud parents of twins, a boy and a girl, and Lucia asked her uncle, zio Ferdinando, to be the children's padrino. At the baptism, Lucia and Umberto were still undecided as to what names to give the children, so Lucia asked zio Ferdinando. "It'sa simple" he replied, "Call'a the girl Denise!" Lucia liked the name, and asked..."OK, but what abouta the boy?" Ferdinando answered, "That'sa easy too! Call hima D'nephew".

CONDOLENCES – FR GEOFF

By Ginette



It is with great sadness to advise that our beloved friend and Parish Priest of St Francis de Sales Church, Island Bay, has passed away. Fr Geoff Broad was very special to us, as he loved Italian people and our culture. So much so, that some years ago he took Italian language classes and also travelled to the regions of Italy where a lot of his parishioners originated from, so that he could better understand them and their roots. Among other regions, he spent considerable time on Stromboli and Massa Lubrense where the locals who knew of his coming made him very welcome. I recall him asking if there was anything I would like him to do whilst on Stromboli...I replied, that if he was able to get permission from the Bishop in Messina, would he celebrate Holy Mass in the Church of San Vincenzo, for all ancestors of the Strombolani descendants in New Zealand. He proudly celebrated Mass...in Italian, much to the delight of the local people. He was also warmly welcomed in Massa Lubrense where people also took him into their homes and their

hearts. In the entrance foyer at the church's presbytery hangs two photos – one of Stromboli, the other of Massa Lubrense. When his schedule permitted, Fr Geoff attended many club functions and events – we loved having him with us and enjoyed his sense of fun and easy manner.

Rest in Peace, Fr Geoff, your work on earth has been done – enjoy eternal light, love and peace with the Lord. We will always remember you.

CONGRATULATIONS REBEKAH AMITRANO

Club Garibaldi congratulate Rebekah Amitrano, daughter of Mattio and Lynda Amitrano, on winning the Academic Cup (Dux) and the Morrison Cup (Senior Speech Competition) in her final year at St Francis de Sales School, Island Bay. Ben Fatto, Rebekah!



A BIT OF TRIVIA



Rome chimps get cold comfort with tea and barley

ANSA - Rome, 2 February 2012

Rome zoo's chimpanzees are getting hot tea and barley coffee to help them through the cold snap in the Italian capital.

"All the animals are getting warmer meals and we've laid on steaming carrots and potatoes for some of the smaller monkeys," said zoo chief Paolo Giuntarelli

REMINDER ABOUT CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS

Please notify Caterina Costa, the Club's Membership Secretary, if you have changed your contact details. That is, your telephone number, address or email address.

LINA BARNAO 80 YEARS YOUNG!

By Salve Barnao

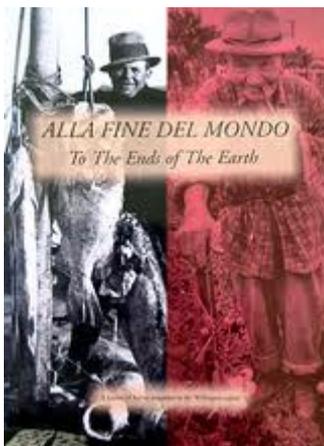


Congratulations to Lina Barnao of Petone, who recently reached the great milestone of 80 years young! Buon compleanno, Lina! Club Garibaldi wish you many more happy and healthy years to come.

Lina, whose full name is Angelina Elizabeth Barnao, was born on 8 February 1932, in Lower Hutt. She is the daughter of the late Dominic and Santina Di Mattina, who also had a son, Giuseppe. In 1950 Lina married Antonio Barnao, the only son of Salvatore and Rosaria Barnao of Island Bay. Lina and Antonio had 750 guests at their wedding! They were blessed with four children: Salvatore (me) Anthony (deceased), Rosanna and Julian. Mum celebrated her 80th birthday with her extended family, including eight of her nine grandchildren at the Empire hotel in Petone on Saturday, 11 February. A fantastic night which became very vocal when lots of great old family stories were told. The celebration went on until the small hours of the morning! We are all looking forward to her ninetieth!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND DONATIONS

By Paul Elenio



The writing and editing of the second edition of our book 'Alla Fine Del Mondo' is now completed. The next steps are layout and final prepress production before it goes to the printer. It will be available for sale from about 15 March, and will be on sale at the Carnevale at St Patrick's College on 25 March and through some retail outlets. The book is about 40 percent bigger than the first edition which was published in 1995. The new material is very much focused on two things - the Italy that the immigrants left behind and the New Zealand they found when they got here. There are also enhancements to the chapters on Club Garibaldi, business people and the story of those made to work for the military effort during the Second World War. Much of the reading is based on the memories of a few migrants who agreed to be interviewed. However this is not a family history book. It is an attempt to get to know more of the migrants' story - of hardship (in Italy and New Zealand), of new beginnings and successful establishment in a new country.

I would like to thank all those who were interviewed and lent photographs (and these will be returned to you in the next few weeks). With the club executive committee I would like to thank all those kind and generous club members who, through family or business sponsorship, have financially supported the production of this new edition. I am overwhelmed by your generosity. My special thanks to my cousin Nina Cuccurullo who has patiently and professionally done so much work in the background, particularly in the fundraising. And our thanks, also, to John Barnao and Dion Criscillo from MW Graphics who faced the challenge of how to make corrections and changes to the existing chapters when the first edition was not produced by a digital process. Their patience and help has been invaluable.

HISTORY OF THE CARNIVAL OF VENICE – CARNEVALE DI VENEZIA



The Carnevale di Venezia is the most internationally known festival celebrated in Venice, as well as being one of the oldest. The congregation of masked people, began in the 15th century, but the tradition can be traced back to the beginning of the 14th Century.

During those years one of the first laws made by the Serenissima was that masks could not be used around the city at night. Later, Carnevale di Venezia attracted foreigners, including princes, from all over Europe, who came to enjoy the wild festivities while spending fortunes.

Throughout the Carnevale period Venice offered numerous possibilities for spending money. The choices were many, with activities such as gambling dens, brothels, theatres, cafés, wine shops (licensed and illicit) and restaurants, as well as booths where one could see exotic animals, rope-walkers and jugglers.

During the Carnevale the streets were full of people in masks, where no differentiation could be made between nobility and the common people. Generally, the costume worn was a cloak and the wearing a long-nosed face mask. Also popular were masked couples, where a man and a woman would dress as symbolic characters. In the squares street-artists and singers entertained with songs, and music from their guitars. The Carnevale reached rock bottom when, during its last days, some masked people began to wreck the buildings of the preaching pulpits that were under construction for the religious traditions of Lent.

Beginning on 26 December, the feast day of San Stefano, costumes were permitted through the entire period of the Carnevale (excluding the Festa delle Marie) which ended at the beginning of Lent. While the Doges reigned, costumes were also allowed from Ascension Day to 10th June, as well as for public banquets and other celebrations. However, they were not allowed to be worn from 5th October to 16th December. Hiding personal identities was acceptable by the aristocracy as well as by the inter-classism Venice was founding its integrity on. There is not much left today of the historical tradition of the Carnevale di Venezia.

During the 1970s, the Italian government decided to bring back some of the history and culture of Venice, and sought to use the traditional Carnevale as the centre-piece of their efforts. Today, approximately 30,000 visitors come to Venice each day for Carnevale. One of the most important events is the contest for the best mask, judged during the last weekend of the Carnevale. A jury of international costume and fashion designers votes for "La Maschera piu bella". Unlike many Venetian celebrations that remain almost unknown to the public, Carnevale di Venezia seems to be thriving as much as it ever did.

ITALIAN MASS

On the first Sunday of every month the Mass is celebrated in Italian at the Church of St Francis de Sales, 173 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-Syvlain Emien from the Apostolic Nunciature.

The next Mass will be on **Sunday, 4 March 2012.**

TOMBOLA



The first tombola night for 2012 will be on **Tuesday, 28 February 2012**, at the usual time of 7.30pm. Please come along and feel free to bring a friend. Contact Maria if you have any questions.

CIRCOLO ITALIANO – MARCH SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on **Thursday, 1 March**, Don McLean, Managing Director of Italian Villa Holidays will give us a presentation on *Independent Travel in Italy*. Don is a very accomplished speaker on all aspects of travel in Italy and he has spoken to Circolo members and friends on many occasions. He will give us invaluable practical and useful travel hints and we will benefit from his extensive knowledge. The material and visuals will be new and we can look forward to being taken on a virtual armchair tour around Italy!! Don's Power Point talk will include photos and in-depth information about the Lakes Maggiore and Garda, also Venezia and Roma. This will be a "not to be missed" presentation!! Club Garibaldi members are warmly invited to attend!! A \$5.00 charge towards supper will apply.



SHARED LUNCH

The next shared lunch will be held at the clubrooms on **Sunday, 4 March 2012**, at 1.15pm. All members and families are very welcome. Please bring a plate.

BRAND NEW DINGHY



Brand new 3.7M marine-ply dinghy with oars, rollicks, on road trailer with winch, new registration and warrant of fitness. A great two-man boat. Built for Cook Strait conditions. Any enquiries please telephone: Giuseppe between 7.30 and 8.00 pm. The dinghy was built by club member, Giuseppe Greco.



I MUSICI SERENATA ITALIANA

Tuesday 28 February, 7.30pm (Free Pre-Concert talk, 6.30pm)
MICHAEL FOWLER CENTRE, WELLINGTON
Music by Rossini, Donizetti, Paganini, Bossi, Respighi, Bacalov and Rota

Chamber Music New Zealand's upcoming concert on 28 February will launch the 2012 season in Wellington by featuring ***I Musici Di Roma*** on their premiere tour of New Zealand, at the Michael Fowler Centre. Make up a group and enjoy a magical evening of Italian music.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Tuesday, 28 February (7.30pm)

Thursday, 1 March (7.30pm)

Sunday, 4 March (11.30am)

Sunday, 4 March (1.15pm)

Sunday, 25 March (10am–4pm)

Tombola

Circolo Italiano March Social

Italian Mass

Club Shared Lunch

Club Garibaldi Carnevale