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Club Garibaldi News

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A reminder that annual club subscription fees are due for the year beginning 1 July, 2013. Current subscriptions expire on 30 June, 2013. We would appreciate you sending the completed form, together with your payment as soon as possible. The form was sent to you last month on a separate page attached to the newsletter. Ensure that you fill out the form (rather than just send the payment) as some members have the same name, and it is difficult to tell which person has sent the payment.

A date has been set for the Annual General Meeting: Sunday, 29 September 2013.

Ciao a presto
Cav. Ginette Toscano Page

NATIONAL DAY – 2 JUNE



Sunday, 2 June, marked the 67th anniversary of the birth of the Italian Republic. Club Garibaldi, with other Italian communities worldwide, saluted Italy as we celebrated this special day at our clubrooms. Special guests this year were Italy's Ambassador to New Zealand, H.E. Alessandro Levi Sandri, President of the Circolo Italiano, Cav. Elizabeth Peek, and a large group of Italian Embassy staff.

The formal part of the evening commenced with the club's President, Ginette, giving a short speech and warmly welcoming guests and members to the club, including a group of Circolo Italiano members. This was followed by everyone standing to sing the Italian National Anthem, Fratelli D'Italia. In reply, Amb. Alessandro gave a speech, followed by Cav. Elizabeth Peek on behalf of the Circolo Italiano.

During the evening the bar was open for complimentary wine and juice, and trays of tasty finger-food were passed around by the young ladies of the club's tarantella dance group, Sophia and Charlotte Basile, Grace and Rebekah Amitrano, Anna Cacace and Nicola Di Leva. The entertainment throughout the evening was enjoyed by all the ever popular Italian sing-a-long accompanied by Caterina Costa on the piano (it was amazing how many Pavarotti singers there were!), Mariano Leonti played the guitar and sang a selection of Italian songs, and the tarantella dance group danced. This was followed by the Ambassador (who insisted that

Ginette help him!) cutting the two delicious anniversary torte which Alfonso Basile had made. Everybody had a great time and went home with a smile on their faces!

Special thanks to the following people who helped to make the night a grand success: Alfonso Basile for the catering; Matt Amitrano, Alf's very capable assistant; Robin Page for purchasing and setting up the bar stock; Maria Colucci for manning the bar with Armando Gilmoni, Robin and Joe Basile; Maryrose Basile and Rex Da Vanzo for their assistance; Caterina Costa for accompanying all the would-be Pavarotti's; Mariano Leonti for sharing his musical talents with us; Maria Elenio for training the tarantella dance group; the tarantella dancers; and everyone who pitched in to tidy up afterwards, leaving the clubrooms spic and span, ready for the next club event.

OUR PRESIDENT HONOURED

By Paul Elenio, Club Trustee



Cav. Ginette Toscano Page

The Italian Embassy National Day function held at Massey University on Wednesday, June 5, turned out to be a very special day for Club Garibaldi's most important person.

Our President, Ginette Toscano Page, was joined by husband/club trustee Robin and the rest of her family at the function at which the Italian Ambassador, His Excellency Alessandro Levi Sandri, announced that Ginette had been awarded the distinction of Cavaliere by the Italian Government.

As happens with such awards Ginette had known about the award for several months but was sworn to secrecy and not a word got out about it beforehand.

However, no one should have been surprised at the award, such has been the dedicated service that Ginette has given to the club and the Italian community in Wellington. Not only has Ginette served magnificently as President of the club for four terms of two years – a total of eight years – but she had also previously served as club Secretary.

Ginette has proudly represented Club Garibaldi at many civic, community and government events and taken the lead in welcoming distinguished guests to the club, among them the President of the National American Italian Foundation. Her work for the club includes writing most of the monthly newsletter,

monitoring and responding to approaches to the club via its website and many other responsibilities.

Ginette was one of the leaders of the Stromboli Connection initiative, a celebration of the Italian migrants from the volcanic island Stromboli, to Wellington which included a beautiful history book, an exhibition and a celebration dinner. She has spent enormous hours in tracing her family history.

Ginette was the first woman President of the club, women having been allowed to become financial and voting members only just over 20 years ago by which time Robin had already done a lot of work for the club! Ginette followed in the footsteps of her father, Vincenzo Toscano, who was vice-president of the club in the 1970s.

Previous club presidents to have been made Cavaliere have included Vince Criscillo, Gerry May and Salvi Gaeta. Among the guests at the National Day function at Massey were the Minister of Broadcasting, Craig Foss (Ginette's boss as Radio New Zealand comes under his wing), the Archbishop of Wellington, John Dew, members of Parliament and members of the diplomatic corps.

Congratulations, Ginette, you will wear the medal with honour!



BABY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Dion and Niina Page, on the arrival of their son, Arlo. A grandson for Ginette and Robin Page of Island Bay, Wellington.

ITEM OF INTEREST

World's oldest doctor's bag on display in Florence **ANSA – 7 June 2013**

One of the oldest doctor's kit, believed to be more than 2,000 years old, will be on display in Florence next week. The kit, which contains wooden vials for medicine, pitches for preparations, iron tools for blood-letting and even a scalpel for small incisions, was recently discovered on an ancient ship that most likely sunk 2,200 years ago off the coast of Tuscany in the Bay of Baratti. Hosted in Florence's Palazzo Vecchio, the exhibition also includes tablets for eye-drop solution dubbed 'Pliny the Elder' drops.

CONDOLENCES



Our deepest sympathy to the following families:

- Wayne, Shane, Vanessa, Natasha and Deanna O'Connor and their families, on the passing of their wife, mother and grandmother, Bernadette (Bernie – nee Natoli) O'Connor, of Island Bay. Bernie was also the sister and aunty of the Natoli, La Greca and Pedersen families in Wellington, Auckland and Melbourne.
- Mattia, Assunta, Salvatore, Michael and Virginia and their families, on the passing of their wife, mother and grandmother, Maria Rosa (Rosa) Iovine, of Island Bay.

STUDY IN ROME

The club has received a general invitation for members and members' children to consider doing some study at the John Cabot University in Rome. The university, founded in 1972 in the name of the Italian navigator Giovanni Caboto, one of the first to settle in North America, offers a wide range of academic subjects taught in the English language – and the opportunity for students to improve their Italian in a convivial social setting. In this Year of Italian Culture John Cabot University is offering a special tuition discount of 10 percent for qualified students that are members of Club Garibaldi. For more details, email the admissions staff at the university: admissions@johncabot.edu.it

CARTOLINA – ITALIAN RADIO PROGRAMME



3 July:

Rebecca Wilson (teacher) and Scott Kinley (principal) of the Bromley School are running a learning programme based on the Reggio Emilia approach. They tell how this method worked for their school and how it's being expanded to other schools. We play songs from the Zecchino d'Oro (children songs contest).

17 and 31 July:

The Italian architect Roberto Capocaccia is a keen singer of classic repertoire, and a lover of modern music. He tells about the career and life of the Italian singer and composer Umberto Bindi, and of the social and cultural landscape of Italy in the 50s and 60s. We play Bindi's most famous songs: Il nostro concerto, Riviera, Arrivederci in the first programme, and Vento di mare, La musica e` finite, Lasciatemi sognare in the second programme.

As usual all programmes are available via internet live or in podcast from <http://plainsfm.org.nz>

Cartolina producers Wilma Laryn and Denis Walker wish you all: Buon ascolto!

FROM THE CLUB'S ARCHIVES

By *Ginette Toscano Page*

Aid by local Italians - Evening Post – 18 August 1914

In forwarding a sum of 20 pounds in aid of a Red Cross or nursing fund for the Expeditionary Force, Mr U Basso, secretary of the Garibaldi Club, states that the sum is a first instalment from members of the club and other Italian residents of New Zealand. He adds: 'I am circulating lists among the Italians residing in New Zealand, and within a few days hope to remit a further sum. We believe the establishment of a fund for this object will meet with the approval irrespective of nationality, and should receive the utmost support'.

HUMOUR IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

An Italian man walks into the store and asks for Italian salami.

The assistant asks "Are you Italian?"

The man replies "Si, but why you-a ask? If I wanna buy Inglese bacon, would you ask-a if I'm from Inghilterra? If I wanna a taco, would you ask-a if I'm messicano?"

"No" replied the assistant.

"Then why you ask-a if I Italiano?"

"Because this is a hardware store!"

GUGLIELMO & ENRICHETTA MELHOP TRUST AWARD

Club Garibaldi invites applications for funding for educational purposes from the above trust. The trust, established by a long-time club member, is designed to assist young persons of Italian descent undertake a formal course of study in the following fields: language and literature, including the publication of Italian migrant histories; vocal and instrumental music; the graphic arts and architecture and engineering. Applications close on 31 July 2013 with any successful applicant(s) to be advised by late October. Applications, citing the proposed course of academic study and demonstrating the applicant's Italian heritage, are to be submitted in writing to: The Secretary, Club Garibaldi, PO Box 6451, Wellington 6141. A list of the criteria for the award is available from the Secretary: Email: clubgaribaldi1882@gmail.com

TOMBOLA



The next tombola night will be on **Tuesday, 25 June 2013**, at the usual time of 7.30pm. Please come along and join the fun - feel free to bring a friend. If you have any questions contact Maria.

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. 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 Mons Jean Sylvain Emien from the Apostolic Nunciature.

The next Mass will be on **Sunday, 7 July 2013**.

CIRCOLO ITALIANO – JULY SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on **Thursday, 4 July 2013**, there will be a presentation by Susan Brierley who is a Senior student with the Circolo. Susan attended an Italian Language School in Taormina last year and she also travelled to many places in Sicily. Included in her itinerary were the following cities and places: Catania, Tindari, Siracusa/Ortigia, Mazara del Vallo, Palermo, Mt. Etna and Piazza Armerina. This presentation will be of special interest to anyone who has experienced the joy of visiting Sicily. Club Garibaldi members very welcome - come along and enjoy a lovely relaxed evening with members of the Circolo. A \$5.00 charge towards supper will apply.

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Do not forget to also join up your spouse as there are several club functions which are for financial members only. Also, if your child has reached the age of 18, they are required to pay a membership fee to become a member. If they are still students, their membership will be \$20.00. We can send you a membership form for them.

If you have just turned 70 and have been a member continuously for 5 years, please notify Caterina Costa and/or post in the green form. Thank you - we look forward to your continued membership and support.

Friendly reminder: Members who do not display the new **2013-14 stickers** on their vehicles which are parked in the club car park after **30 June 2013**, risk being towed away!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Tuesday, 25 June (7.30pm)

Tombola

Thursday, 4 July (7.30pm)

Circolo Italiano July Social

Sunday, 7 July (11.30am)

Italian Mass

NATIONAL DAY 2013



Left: Rex, Alison, Clara, Annibale, Avril



Left: Daniela, Patricia, Ginette, Elizabeth, Amb Alessandro Levi Sandri



Left: Jo, Caterina & Dean



Left: Fifi, Maryrose, Alfonso, Joe, Lib and Teresa



Tarantella Dance Group with Amb Alessandro & Maria Elenio



Left: Penny, Robin, Rob, Linda & Maria

NATIONAL DAY 2013



Ginette helping Amb. Alessandro cut the anniversary cake



Lucia, Patricia, Marietta & Kerry



Vince, Tony, Tony & Ida



Giovanni, Angela & Lucia



Nancy and her son with guests



Left: Alfonso, Teresa & Maria