



Club Garibaldi News

December 2015

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Note from the President

Christmas is just around the corner and I can't believe how quick this year has gone!

The Club has been very busy celebrating!

On Sunday 22 November, twenty-five children and their parents experienced a few fun-filled hours of creativity, magic, and a visit from Santa.

The creative table entertained the children while our magician Nigel Kennedy set up his act. And what a great act he and his white bunny turned out to be. He had both the parents and children happily entertained for a good half hour.

Afterwards the children sat down to fish & chips and hot dogs, along with pizza for lunch, followed by ice cream and jelly – and then Santa arrived (*with his helper Anthony Volpicelli*), and gave out presents to all the children.

It was a fun day and we have received lots of great feedback from those that came.

Fast Forward 7 days...We went from one extreme to the other...

Yes, one week later we were back at the Clubrooms celebrating Christmas lunch for sixty-two of our 'over 60' year old club members.

A delicious lunch was cooked by Alf, which consisted of pasta with Italian sausage and roasted aubergine, followed by a scotch-fillet Genoese, salad and a limoncello mousse. Coffee and tea followed later with homemade Christmas mince pies and crême profiteroles. Thanks to Alf for cooking such a magnificent lunch, and to Josephine Bevis, Maria Colucci and Lynda Marson who baked the homemade treats.

After lunch our members were entertained by Il Coro, who sang some lovely Christmas songs. Later on Robyn Monastra, Robin Page and myself sang a few sing along songs. It was truly an enjoyable afternoon and such a great atmosphere.

Thanks to Vince and Nino Basile (Newtown Fish Market) and Nina Cuccurullo (Island Bay Little Italy) who provided raffle prizes for the Luncheon.

New Year's Eve...

We have been asked by numerous members whether there will be a New Year's Eve party this year – unfortunately, no party this year. The social and executive committees are having a well-deserved break! November and December have seen many social events, and as you will appreciate, it takes a lot of time and effort to put on such events. Our next big social event will be the annual picnic in February.

I would like to once again thank those members who turn up time after time, and volunteer their time and services to make sure all our functions go off with a bang.

Thanks to all the businesses and people who have offered raffle prizes throughout the year. And more importantly, thanks to those who have come along and supported the events.

On a more personal note, I wish each and every one of you and your family, a happy and safe Christmas break. If you're travelling, please take care on the roads, have a great trip and a safe return home.

We look forward to some exciting events in 2016 at Club Garibaldi.

Buon Natale e felice anno nuovo a tutti.

Saluti – Linda

Club Bus Trip – Rotorua – February 2016



If you haven't already done so, please contact Maria Colucci (383 8602) to book your seat on the bus. The first week in February the Club trip takes a ride to Rotorua. This promises to be a fun-filled adventure. You can bring along your friends too – however, we would like to know numbers before 31 December, so please register your interest now!

Club Picnic



Our annual picnic will take place on **Sunday 28 February** at Bishop Park Eastbourne (postponement date Sunday 6 March).

We want this picnic to be one our biggest and best yet – so make sure you mark this date in your diary and come along to what we promise will be a fun-filled, enjoyable day out. We hope to see some of our new members there too.

Welcome New Members

Welcome to Anton Di Leva who became a new member this month. Anton was one of our young guns who played in the soccer team and helped bring back the Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Cup back to Wellington.

Il Coro Italiano

Choir practices will resume at 2.30 pm on **Saturday 20 February** and every third Saturday of the month thereafter. All singing is in Italian. If you would like to join please contact Caterina on 478 3899 or our Club email clubgaribaldi1882@gmail.com. Choir practices are mainly social and you do not have to be a great singer. All practices are held at the Clubrooms Cnr Tory and Vivian Street.



Golden Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Vince and Anna Basile of Island Bay, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in November. The couple, along with their 3 children (Antonia, Gianna and Nino, and all their families) dined at Fratelli Restaurant. Vince said they had a wonderful meal, and it was nice to have all the immediate family together.

What a great milestone! We wish you both good health and happiness for years to come.

Condolences

Our condolences go out to the family of Luigi Ferletti, who died on 11 November in Lower Hutt. Luigi has been a member of Club Garibaldi for many years – see photo below. RIP.

Club members at a bowls night 1970s



From left (front row): Joe Cacace, Mattia Iovine, Primo Menara, Emmanuele Baldas, Pietro Federico. Back row: Duelio Zande, Liberato Vinaccia, Liberale Zande, Vince Criscillo, Vince Basile, Luigi Ferletti, Raffaele Esposito, Liberato Moreno, Felice Benvenuti, Cataldo Muollo. (Club Garibaldi Archives)

Condolences also go out to the family of Carolina (nee Vettoretti) Watts, wife of Jack Watts who died earlier this month. Carolina and Jack have been long time members of Club Garibaldi. RIP.

Melhop Trust Scholarship

Club Garibaldi, which administers the Melhop Trust, invites applications for funding from eligible students. Applicants should be no older than 30 years at the time of application and be engaged, or about to engage, in a formal course of study provided by a recognized educational establishment in one or more of the following fields, namely: language and literature, including the publication of Italian migrant histories, vocal and instrumental music, the graphic arts or architecture and engineering. Applications close on 31 January 2016 with any successful applicant to be advised shortly afterwards.

Applications, citing the course of academic study or project and demonstrating the applicant's Italian heritage, are to be sent in writing to the secretary, Club Garibaldi, PO Box 6451, Wellington 6141 or clubgaribaldi1882@gmail.com. The criteria for this annual award is available on request from the secretary, Caterina Costa.

Island Bay Blessing of the Boats 2016

The Island Bay Festival will be held from 13th February to the 21st February 2016 at the Shorland Park, Island Bay. The annual Blessing of the Boats will be held on Sunday 14 February from 2pm.

Radio Cartolina Programme for December/January



30 December: Titina Merolla, a true Neapolitan lady, talks about the rituals and food of New Year's Eve in Naples, and the Neapolitan songs of Lina Sastri. It's Cartolina's way of wishing "Thank you for listening, and Buon Anno a Tutti!"

13 and 27 January 2016: this year our summer series is about "The Italian Connections": the stories, songs and favourite recipes of Cartolina's Sponsors, who are either Italian or connected with Italy. Our fundraising is going well, but we still need help to cover all of Cartolina's broadcasting fees. If interested in adding your business, or your private contribution, please contact the Christchurch Dante Society: dantechch@gmail.com Grazie in anticipo! For details on the Italian Connection series, please look at the Dante or Italian FB pages.

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

Cartolina producers Wilma Laryn and Denis Walker wish you all Buon Ascolto, Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo!

Dates for your Diary



February 2016	Annual Bus Trip Rotorua
Sunday, 14 February (2pm)	Annual Blessing of the Boats (Island Bay)
Saturday, 20 February (2.30pm)	Il Coro Italiano Practice (Club Garibaldi)
Sunday, 28 February	Club Picnic (Bishop Park, Eastbourne)
Friday 4 & Saturday 5 March 2016	'A Night at the Garibaldi' – Awhimai Fraser Benefit

Addendum

Children's Italian Classes

Italian classes for children from 5 to 12 years old will be held at Club Garibaldi every Tuesday, starting in mid-February. Please register your interest in these classes by 15 January 2016 by emailing the club at clubgaribaldi1882@gmail.com or by phoning Maryrose at 383 4905.

Adult Classes

Adult classes are held at Club Garibaldi by the Circolo Italiano di Wellington – contact the President of the Circolo, Elizabeth Peek, elizabethpeek@xtra.co.nz or phone 475 9781.

PHOTO GALLERY – CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY 2015





SENIOR'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2015





"Dear Linda & the team,

Thank you very much for the lovely Christmas Senior Luncheon yesterday. I really enjoyed myself and I know everyone else had a good time too! I thought the organization was "tops" and the team worked so hard before, during and after the event and as a result we were well-looked after and everyone had "smiley faces" :-) :-) from beginning to end!!

Congratulations to Josephine van der Donk and her amazing Club Garibaldi Social Committee; they have run so many successful functions this year and they deserve a break for a few months!! There were other Club members helping throughout the afternoon and they deserve a pat on the back too!!

The food was excellent and it was nice to have an Italian themed menu. Well done!! Alfonso!!

I loved the entertainment - Caterina Costa and the choir excelled as usual!! Linda De Gregorio and Robyn Monastra sang like professionals - such a treat for us all!! Robin's choice of Senior's talking about the "old days in the Club" was a true delight!!

We can chalk up the 2015 Christmas Senior Luncheon to be a truly memorable and happy event.

*Happy Days!!
Elizabeth Peek"*