



Club Garibaldi News

FEBRUARY 2008

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The executive committee and members of Club Garibaldi warmly welcome the new Italian Ambassador, His Excellency, Gioacchino Trizzino, Signora Trizzino and their family to New Zealand.

It was most pleasing to see so many of the Italian community attend the February Italian Mass at St Francis de Sales Church, Island Bay, which was celebrated by Monsignor Cao from the Holy See. It was also great having Ambassador and Signora Trizzino in attendance as well as at the shared luncheon at the club following Mass. Thank you to Caterina Costa and the Italian women's choir who played the organ and sang so beautifully at the Mass.

Please see further on in this newsletter an article regarding the forthcoming Festa Italia 2008.

Ciao a presto
Ginette Toscano Page

ITALIAN STORY-TIME FOR CHILDREN

Newtown and Island Bay libraries are hoping to provide an Italian Story-time providing there is enough interest. This is a great opportunity for our children. Feel free to pass this onto anyone who you think would be interested!

BABY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following members on the recent, safe arrival of their babies:

To Rosina van der Aa and Rafael Ferrer Noel of Wellington, a son, Sjaak Ramón José Maria (Chico) Ferrer van der Aa. A grandson for Maria (nee Moleta) and Sjaak van der Aa of Turangi, and Josefina Noel Hunt and the late Ramón Ferrer Tellez of San Manuel (Cuba).

To Wilhelmina van der Aa and Charles Humphreys of Wellington, a daughter Aurelia Velvet Thelma Nechka Humphreys. Another grandchild for Maria (nee Moleta) and Sjaak van der Aa of Turangi, and Gladys and Alexander Humphreys of Croydon (England).



CLUB BAR PERSON

We are still looking for a bar person to replace wonderful Naomi, since she left us to take up a nursing career. We need to find a new person to work behind the club's bar on Sundays, 3pm to 8 pm, and at club functions during the year.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!

The following club members recently celebrated milestone birthdays:

Happy 50th birthday to Maria Elenio and Vince Costa, both of Island Bay.
Happy 40th birthday to Penny Basile of Miramar.

Club Garibaldi wishes you all many more happy and healthy years to come.



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members: Marie Cassino of Thorndon, Lisa Falleni of Strathmore and Pip Loughnan of Kelburn.

HELENA COTSILINIS (NEE SOPHOCLEOUS)

Garibaldi concert regulars will be saddened to learn of the recent death of Helena Cotsilinis on 16 January 2008 at the early age of 34. Helena choreographed and was a leading dancer in the "pink ladies" routine (pictorialised in our November 2006 Newsletter). Helena is survived by husband Mike and infant children Sophia and Leo. Her smile captivated audiences. A beautiful person at rest.

THE CHOIR



Back left: Anna Maria, Caterina, Geradine, Josphine, Anna, Cristina
Front left: Ida, Elizabeth, Teresa, Lina

ITALIAN FILM IN THE WORLD CINEMA SHOWCASE

During the weeks of 20 March 20 and 2 April, an Italian film will be shown in Wellington, in the World Cinema Showcase.

The title of the film is: My Brother is an Only Child (Mio fratello è figlio unico).

It is a great film with two fabulous young Italian actors. I guess you could call it a drama/comedy - however it certainly has a serious side. It is about two brothers - one strong willed, the other quite eccentric - in the 60's and early 70's who are opposed politically. The older brother is a communist, while the younger brother joins the Fascist party. The one thing they have in common is the girl they fall in love with... I think that people of all ages should really enjoy this movie.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ITALIAN MASS

The next Italian Mass will be held on Sunday 2 March 2008 at 11.30am at St Francis de Sales Church, Island Bay.

Mass is held every first Sunday of the month throughout the year.



SHARED LUNCH

The next shared lunch will be held at the Club rooms on Sunday 6 April 2008 at 1pm. All members and families are very welcome.



Please bring a plate.

ITALIAN FILMS

At 7pm on Thursday, 21 February, the film **A Trip to Tindari** will be shown. Featuring Inspector Montalbano - number 6 in the series!! A \$2 cover charge towards costs will apply.

At 7pm on Thursday 20 March the film **The Miracle** (2003) will be shown. **The Miracle** is the story of Tonio who has an accident and while he is recovering in hospital a miracle occurs. Rather than an exploration of faith, **The Miracle** is instead an examination of how inexplicable events play into people's need to believe in divine intervention. Duration: 93 minutes.

A \$2 cover charge towards costs will apply.

CIRCOLO MARCH SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on Thursday 6 March there will be a presentation by Heather Carew. Heather was the recipient of a Circolo Italiano di Wellington scholarship and she will talk about the time spent at the L'Italiano Porticando School in Torino and also the city from a student's point of view. As a bonus Heather will tell us about her holiday in the Cinque Terre area - with lots of lovely photos!!

A \$4 cover charge towards supper will apply.

FIRST TOMBOLA NIGHT FOR 2008

Tombola nights are held every 4th Tuesday of the month.

The first night for 2008 will be on Tuesday, 26 February, at the usual time of 7.30 pm. Please do come along and feel free to bring a friend.

"A Night at the Garibaldi" Jade Steele Benefit Concert

Both performance dates on 16th and 17th May are now sold out.



ANNUAL FESTIVAL ITALIA 2008



Please put a big circle on your calendar ~ **Sunday, 16 March 2008** ~ the club's annual Festival Day at the Overseas Passenger Terminal. As this is the club's biggest function and fund-raiser, please come and support us, and help make this year's festa, as successful as in previous years. Planning began months ago, and a lot of hard work is going on behind the scenes. As the saying goes 'many hands make light work' ~ anybody who is willing to lend a helping hand please contact Ginette or Robin, or an executive committee member.

We need help setting up the club's dolce stand on the Friday evening around 6pm for an hour or so at the Overseas Terminal, on Saturday morning to help decorate the venue with balloons etc. and on the Sunday, at the end of the festival day.

It would also be very much appreciated if members would bake cakes or biscuits for the club's dolce stall.

Please remember that the money made from this stall is used for all club members' benefit. So pleasemake our telephones ring hot with offers of help!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 21st February (7pm) – Italian Film

Tuesday 26th February (7:30pm) - Tombola

Sunday 2nd March (11:30am) - Italian Mass

Sunday 16th March - Italian Festival

Thursday 20th March (7pm) – Italian Film

Sunday 6th April (1pm) - Shared Lunch

Friday – Saturday 16-17th May - A Night at the Garibaldi

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Club members Dr Angelo Cacciato and Ms Liliane Bonafede were married at St Francis de Sales Catholic Church, Island Bay, Wellington, on 26 January 2008.

Liliane, born in South Africa, has been living in New Zealand with her two children Nathalie, 16 years, and Patrick, 11 years, since August 2001. Her father, Micheleangelo Bonafede, who passed away last year in South Africa, was born in Partinico, a town in the Province of Palermo. Liliane's mother, Christiane, originally from France, has been living in South Africa since her early teens. Christiane travelled to New Zealand for the wedding.



Angelo's parents, Antonio and Maria Cacciato, reside in Catania, Sicily, where Angelo was raised and lived for 30 years before moving to the United Kingdom, then to New Zealand. Antonio and Maria, along with Angelo's Uncle Nicola and Aunt Renee, also from Catania, travelled to New Zealand for the wedding.

One hundred and thirty five guests attended the wedding reception which was held at the Miramar Golf Course, Wellington.

Congratulations Liliane and Angelo, Club Garibaldi wishes you a lifetime of love and happiness.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Antonio & Teresa Cuccurullo

Congratulations to Antonio (of Massalubrense) and Teresa (nee Ruocco of Capri) Cuccurullo on reaching this great milestone. Antonio and Teresa were married 8 February 1958, at St Francis de Sales Church, Island Bay, Wellington. On 10 February in the same parish church, Parish Priest, Fr Geoff Broad gave them a special blessing at Sunday Mass to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

After Mass Teresa and Antonio were joined for lunch by 70 guests, which included family and friends, to celebrate the special occasion at the Bay Plaza Hotel. Congratulations to Antonio and Teresa Cuccurullo on reaching this great milestone. Club Garibaldi wishes you many more happy years together.



The Cuccurullo family

SHARED LUNCH



Federica, Ambassador Trizzino & Imma



Signora Trizzino & Elizabeth



**Visitors from Overseas:
Antonio & Maria Cacciato, Sicily, and Christiane Bonafede, South Africa**



Patrick, Nathalie, Angelo, Liliane, Libby, Teresa, Jo



Ginette, Salvi, Ambassador Trizzino & Elizabeth

IMPORTANT REMINDER – CLUB CAR PARKING

Weekdays during the hours of 7.30 am to 5.30 pm, all the car parks in the area on the side of our building, Vivian Street and Tory Street are rented out. However, during the evenings and weekends, members who display the current green/white/red window stickers are permitted to use some of these parks. The owners of vehicles who do not affix their current window sticker run the risk of being towed away.

All the car parks on the Tory Street side of the building are rented out 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and are not available to any member at any time. The club will not be responsible for illegally parked cars that are towed away.

REST IN PEACE MAURICE

Club member Maurice Burrell-Smith has sadly passed away. Maurice who lived in Blenheim, travelled to Wellington every year for the Italian Festival; firstly at the Petone Settlers Museum and then at the Overseas Terminal. When his wife Roma was alive, they would both come to Wellington for the day.

Roma was the daughter of Ugo Lupi, a fisherman who used to live in Reef Street, Island Bay. In his spare time, Ugo was also an artist, and one of his paintings of a ship was on display at the Italian Exhibition, 'Qui Tutto Bene'. Although they resided in Blenheim, Maurice and Roma were great supporters of Club Garibaldi. We send our condolences to their family.

"Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart" (Eleanor Roosevelt).

A BIT OF TRIVIA

By Ginette Toscano Page

ANZA – December 2007

The presence of swordfish in the seas off Italy, confirms that climate change is rapidly taking place and is rising the temperature of the Mediterranean waters, marine biologists warn.

Experts at the Scientific Research and Applied Technology Institute for the Sea (ICRAM) say abnormal numbers of swordfish are staying in the strip of sea between mainland Italy and Sicily well beyond their normal summer visiting time. This has been confirmed by local fishermen who catch the fish from traditional 'felucca' boats using harpoons. For over 400 years the last day for the fishing of swordfish has been August 10!

'This year swordfish were still being caught in the Strait of Messina during the first week of October' said ICRAM's scientific director, Silvio Greco. 'This is alarming information as it confirms the impact of climate changes'.

Swordfish are highly migratory by nature. They usually congregate in the Strait of Messina and around the Aeolian Islands in May and June, where they spawn, before heading for other areas such as the Liguria Sea and the Sardinian Sea. However, this year droves of the fish were lingering off the coast of Calabria well into autumn. Experts say this is particularly disturbing as the schools of fish include hundreds of newly spawned young swordfish. Greco added that 'catching swordfish at this time of the year is most peculiar. Climate change is modifying the state of Italian seas which is a worrying trend'.

CLUB KITCHEN PLATTERS

Please return any club platters or plates which have by mistake found their way into your cupboards, after being used to carry food home. No questions asked ... please just leave them on the bench in the kitchen.

INTERESTED IN HAVING FUN AND BEING A TEAM MEMBER IN A TEN PIN BOWLING COMPETITION?



The Wellington Filipino Sports Association is organising an inaugural 'Country of Origin' ten pin bowling competition on 14-15 June 2008, at Bowland, Porirua.

Given Wellington's diverse mix of people, the Filipino Sports Association views this as a great way to promote close contact and co-operation amongst the different ethnic communities in the city.

The Mayor of Wellington, Kerry Prendergast is supporting this event and has donated the 'Mayor's Cup', which will be awarded to the winning team.

The tournament is a 4-bowler team format and must have at least one female bowler in the team at any given time.