



Club Garibaldi News

MARCH 2010

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The club's annual picnic held at Queen Elizabeth Park, Paekakariki on Sunday, 21 February, was a great success! As the day progressed we were once again blessed with warm sun and a light breeze for over one hundred members including their families. Everyone enjoyed the mountain of barbecued steak and sausages cooked by the four chefs of the day- Alf Basile, Vince Costa, Matt Amitrano and Karl McDiarmid. Many thanks guys, you did a tremendous job! When everyone had finished their lunch, trays of fresh, sweet, sliced watermelon and rock melon were passed around. The meat, sausages, bread, tomato sauce and melons were supplied by the club.

As always, the games were popular and a lot of fun! We were in fits of laughter watching the toddlers and older children, trying hard to smash open the colourful horse, lolly filled 'pinata' which was hanging from a tree branch, with a long stick, then scrambling on the grass looking for them! There were running races for all age groups, including the Mums and Dads, tugs of war, and really funny egg and spoon races! Picnic day is always enjoyable as it gives members and their families the chance to mix and mingle in a relaxed atmosphere. Sincere thanks to Alfonso Basile who bought the meat and melons on the club's behalf, Maria Colucci for organising the housekeeping side of the picnic, and to all the members who also helped to make the picnic a great day.

Ciao a presto
Ginette Toscano Page

A HEART-WARMING TALE

By Ginette Toscano Page

German Shepherd dog walks 700 kilometres home!
ANSA, Pisa, 22 January 2010

A dog named Rocky tugged at Italy's heart-strings after trekking half way up Italy to find the man he was stolen from 3 years ago. The German shepherd walked 700 km in two months on his long journey home. Fwal, a Syrian National who lives in Carrara, Toscana, said he adopted Rocky from the dog pound 5 years ago when he was a puppy. Fwal added that he and the dog were inseparable and loved long rides on his scooter, which the two took on a summer holiday to Salerno. It was after that ride that Rocky was stolen while Fwal and his family were swimming. Eventually, Rocky found a way to escape his captors and was taken in by a Salerno family. His new owners said Rocky never stopped trying to run away and finally

succeeded in November 2009. Two months later Fwal was contacted by a man in Pisa, 700 km away, who had found his dog heading north on the roadway. Rocky was skinny, dirty and limping on blistered paws. The dog's condition prompted a visit to the vet who discovered a tattoo pointing to his original owner. Fwal said that he'd never given up hope his dog would come home one day as he rushed to collect his long-lost friend.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

On Saturday, 6 March 2010, Paul Mollo son of Lib & Teresa Mollo of Island Bay, and Darlene Shields, daughter of Naida and the late Ray Shields, were married at the Church of St Francis De Sales, Island Bay, Wellington. Wellington put on a beautiful day for the ceremony and the reception which followed, at The Pines, Houghton Bay. Congratulations Paul and Darlene, Club Garibaldi wish you a lifetime of love and happiness.



GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Adriana Marson and John Wholey of Churton Park, Wellington, were married at the Church of St Joseph, Newtown, Wellington, on 5 March 1960. Congratulations Adriana and John on reaching this great milestone. Club Garibaldi wishes you many more happy, healthy years together.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Antonino Di Leva and Maria Muollo of Island Bay, were married at the Church of St Francis de Sales, Island Bay, Wellington, on 5 March 1960. Congratulations Antonino and Maria on reaching this great milestone. Club Garibaldi wishes you many more happy, healthy years together.

FAMILY NIGHT

The recent Family Night function held at the club rooms was an outstanding success, with sixty adults and children enjoying a very relaxed family evening together. Special thanks and much appreciation to Alfonso Basile who cooked the delicious meal and dessert ~ it was excellent! The new ping-pong table was a great source of fun for not only the children but also the not so little children! The first and second prize in the meat raffle was won by Maria Maresca and Bettina Serci.

FAMILY NIGHT – continued

Many thanks also to those who helped in some way, in particular Matt Amitrano, Ginette and Robin Page, Vince and Wendy Costa, Anna Loughnan, Ida Basile and Paul Elenio without whose assistance the evening would not be possible.

LIBERATO MOLLO - HAPPY 60 YEARS YOUNG!

Congratulations to Liberato Mollo of Island Bay, who recently reached the wonderful milestone of 60 years young. Buon compleanno Liberato, Club Garibaldi wish you many more happy and healthy years to come.

LINA VOLPICELLI – HAPPY 70 YEARS YOUNG!

Congratulations to Lina Volpicelli on the celebration of 70 years. Lina and Raffaele have been members and supporters of the club for many years. Lina celebrated with a family get-together and a trip to the Gold Coast with son Antony, Krissy and family. Buon compleanno Lina, Club Garibaldi wish you many more happy and healthy years to come.

TERESA MOLLO – HAPPY 50 YEARS YOUNG!

Happy belated birthday greetings to Teresa Mollo of Island Bay, who has reached the wonderful milestone of 50 years young! Buon compleanno Teresa, Club Garibaldi wish you many more happy and healthy years to come.

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to Signora M Trizzino, Ambassador Trizzino, Giuseppe and Jonathan on the recent passing of Signora Trizzino's father in France. On behalf of the members of Club Garibaldi, flowers and a card were sent to the family. The message in the card read:

Gentilissima Signora Trizzino, a nome mio e a nome di tutti i Soci, Membri e Amici del Club Garibaldi di Wellington desidero porgere a Lei, a suo marito e ai vostri figli, le più sentite condoglianze per la scomparsa del Papà. Lo ricordiamo, insieme a voi, nelle nostre preghiere e vi siamo vicini in questo momento di grande dolore.

*Ginette Toscano Page
President, Club Garibaldi*

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to Rosina and Rafaele Ferrer of Wellington on the recent passing in Cuba, of Rafa's mother, Josefina Noel Hunt.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members: Christopher and Vivian Trento of Strathmore, Wellington, and Stephen & Selena Natoli also of Strathmore, Wellington.

BUILDING MANAGER POSITION

Cav Salvi Gaeta has resigned from the position of Building Manager. The Executive Committee and members of the Club would like to thank Salvi for the tremendous job he has done and the commitment he has shown to this role. The new Building Manager is Vic Criscillo and we welcome him to the team of voluntary workers for the Club.

SHARED LUNCH



Please note: As Easter Sunday this year falls on the same date as our next shared lunch date, the executive committee have postponed the lunch until the following month, **Sunday 2 May**.

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 His Excellency Archbishop Balvo or Reverend Marinko Antolovic from the Apostolic Nunciature.

The next Mass will be on Easter Sunday, 4 April.

SHARING NEWS

We are looking for Italian items of interest, as well as special occasions to include in future newsletters. Please feel welcome to share them with your fellow members. Send to our club post box, Club Garibaldi, PO Box 6451, Wellington 6141.

SUNDAY IS CLUB DAY

Winter is on its way, and that means the cold temperatures! However, you can be assured of a warm reception at the clubrooms every Sunday afternoon from 3pm to 8pm. The heaters are very efficient, so wrap yourselves up and come on down for a cappuccino (or something stronger). If you have never played indoor bowls, this would be a great opportunity to have a go. I am sure our regular players will be more than happy to guide you through a friendly game with them. If you prefer to play cards, or simply would like to chat or watch television, you are all very welcome.

VISIT BY MARION HUGHES TO THE FONDAZIONE PRIMO CONTI FIESOLE IN TUSCANY – 2009



Please find below an article written by Marion Hughes' after her recent visit to the Fondazione Primo Conti in Italy. Please see this website for further information about this Foundation: www.fondazioneprimoconti.org

Marion Hughes on left presenting her book 'The Book of Oscar' to staff at the Fondazione Fondazione Primo Conti.

Visit to the Fondazione Primo Conti, Fiesole, Tuscany, 2009 by Marion Hughes

"...You hear a lot about your education yet some beautiful, sacred memory preserved from childhood is perhaps the best education..." Fyodor Dostoevsky (from 'The Brothers Karamazov')

Despite any verifiable Italian ancestry, there was certainly a strong Italian flavour in my childhood. Growing up on an orchard in Longlands, in Hawkes Bay, our neighbours were Cacace, Gargiulo, Cacciopoli and Cassin. And then there were visits from Mrs Green of Lombardi Wines. I have very fond memories of Joyce Cacciopoli's warm smile, Rosa Gargiulo's awesome cooking and Mrs Green's wondrous coiffure. Moving to Hawkes Bay, after having served in Italy in World War Two, my father, a boy from Island Bay, must have felt almost at home.

On a visit to Wellington in 1958 my mother, who had recently produced her first child, went to Catholic Supplies to buy an artwork for her new house. She was drawn to a picture called the Mater Passionis, and on her return home, she hung the new print above the kitchen doorway. The Mater saw all our comings and goings for many years after that. In 2009 I published a book about maters, and grieving, and the healing power of art. 'The Book of Oscar' contains fourteen of my art works, which loosely refer to the Stations of the Cross. There is also a short chapter about each painting. As I wanted to include my mother's Mater print in the book, I searched for some information about the painting. I was delighted to discover the artist was Italian, a Florentine, by the name of Primo Conti. Conti had completed the work in 1954, during a period when he was living as a Franciscan. When I emailed the Fondazione Primo Conti to seek permission to include this painting in my book of icons, they graciously agreed, and requested a copy of my book for their records. In December last year, I was privileged to be able to deliver the book to the Fondazione in person. This was a huge personal triumph.



Nina Cuccurullo, a visitor to Longlands in the 1970's, suggested I write about this for your newsletter. Viva Italia!

CIRCOLO ITALIANO - APRIL SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on Thursday, 15 April (Note the change of date from that previously advertised)

there will be a presentation by Don McLean of Italian Villa Holidays. Don will talk about Independent Travel in Italy and his presentation will be in the same style as his very popular and well-received evenings held for the Circolo in previous years. The material and visuals will be new and we look forward to being taken on a virtual armchair tour around Italy. This presentation will be of particular interest to all of the new members of both Clubs. The more you know about Italy the better, and your holiday will be so much more enjoyable. Start making your plans for your next trip!! A \$4.00 cover charge towards supper will apply.

CIRCOLO ITALIANO – MAY SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on Thursday, 6 May we will be treated to a special presentation by Annie Brown. Gardening enthusiast Annie Brown will present a pictorial journey through the ancient gardens of Pompeii and she will explain the important role of the garden in Roman life. The content of the Power Point presentation will appeal not only to gardeners but also to those people who love Italian art and to anyone who wants to learn more about the ancient history prior to the violent eruption of Mt Vesuvius on 24 August 79AD. A \$4.00 cover charge towards supper will apply.

THANK YOU TO ARMANDO GILMONI

Many thanks to Armando for filling in as temporary bar person while Kathleen took time off over the summer months. It was very much appreciated.

'A DAY IN POMPEII' EXHIBITION AT TE PAPA

If you have yet to visit the Pompeii Exhibition at Te Papa Museum, it is highly recommended that you do so soon as the last day of this wonderful exhibition is on **25 April 2010**. Discover what life was like in Pompeii before rock and ash from Mt Vesuvius engulfed the bustling Roman city. A Day in Pompeii features more than 250 priceless artefacts. Don't miss this opportunity to step back in time to ancient Pompeii.



Bus Trip photograph which appeared in the Bay of Plenty newspaper.

FUN IN THE SUN – PICNIC DAY – MARCH 2010



FUN IN THE SUN – PICNIC DAY continued



MOUNT STREET ROMAN CATHOLIC CEMETERY

By Nina Cuccurullo

We have been asked to publicise this project to our members as you may have descendants or know of the Italians buried at this cemetery. Please read on...

The historic Mount Street Roman Catholic Cemetery is located in Mount Street, Kelburn, adjacent to Victoria University. You may recall an article written in the Dominion Post recently about this cemetery. The Cemetery was consecrated on 6 January 1841 during the first visit to Wellington of the French Bishop, Jean Baptist Francois Pompallier, who had arrived in the small town of Wellington on Christmas Eve, 1840. A presbytery was built on the site in 1846 for Wellington's first resident priest, Father Jeremiah Joseph O'Reilly.



The Cemetery remained open for 50 years and until its closure in 1891 was the main Catholic burial ground in Wellington. Burials continued to take place there until 1954, provided there was an existing family plots. It has remained under the ownership and control of the Church ever since. Archbishop Jon Dew recently agreed to the establishment of a committee under the Archdiocese to obtain the resources and expertise to restore the Cemetery. Some initial tidying up work has been done in the Cemetery and some graves of Italian pioneer families in Wellington have been located.

The following families have had family members buried at Mount Street:

Biancini, Cenci, Cimino, Corrado, Rosetta Lulah Kane, Livorno, Joseph Brennan **Ligouri** McDonald, **Vitali-Innocenti**, and **Matteo Tanzabel**. The committee would be interested to hear from anyone who may be a descendant of these families or know any information about these families in Wellington, or have information about others who may have been buried in the Cemetery.

Please contact Karen or Nina Cuccurullo if you have any information to offer.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Easter Sunday 4 April (11.30am) – Italian Mass

Thursday 15 April (7.30pm) – Circolo Italiano April Social

Sunday 2 May (1pm) – Shared Lunch

Thursday 6 May (7.30pm) – Circolo Italiano May Social

HELP NEEDED FOR RESEARCH

A Research Project by Regina Pernice, Massey University, School of Health & Social Services

Enjoyment of life after 70: Comparisons between pre 1980's migrants

The impact of ageing on health and well-being has featured prominently in studies worldwide. In countries with large immigrant populations such as the USA, Great Britain, the European Union and Australia research has increasingly focused on the older migrant population and explored the ageing Asian, Indian or African migrant groups. New Zealand also has significant numbers of older immigrants from Asia and India, but also from non-English speaking European countries who migrated to New Zealand since the late 1950s. As research in this country has mainly focused on the ageing Chinese populations, **the intention of this project is to explore how older migrants (from non-English speaking European countries) experience and hopefully enjoy their life after age 70.**

My name is Regina Pernice, I am teaching a new course: "Health and Ageing" in the School of Health and Social Services at Massey University at Palmerston North. During the preparation for this course I became very interested in older migrants, not only because very little is known about older non-English speaking European migrants and how they experience life in New Zealand, but also because I am German and immigrated to Palmerston North in 1980, I am approaching retirement age and intend to continue to live in New Zealand. Therefore I initiated this research in 2009 and together with my colleague Vivien Rodgers we conducted 8 preliminary interviews in the Manawatu with German and Dutch migrants in their 70s and early 80s and compared them with interview data which Vivien collected from NZ born older persons. The findings from this small pilot study highlighted some very interesting differences and similarities between the two groups (migrant and non migrant) but as we had only very few participants, we applied for some university funding to allow us to extend the project. Vivien for example, will interview older Pacific Island immigrants in the lower North Island and she will continue to interview the NZ born older population. I intend to interview a larger number of Dutch and German migrants but also hope to find two groups (about 8 participants in each) of non-English speaking older migrants from Southern Europe (Italians and Greeks) in order to compare their experiences with the other three groups - North European older migrants, persons from the Pacific Nations and the New Zealand born.

I would very, very much appreciate your help as I am looking for about 8 persons who are Italian migrants and over the age of 70 and who would be willing to talk to me.

The topics of the interview include questions on health and healthcare and social service use, family relationships, close friends, hobbies and leisure activities, memberships in associations/clubs/societies and religious organizations, cultural and national identity and involvement in work/voluntary work and questions on the factors which contribute to enjoyment in life and those which are considered barriers to enjoyment.

If you are interested in this study PLEASE contact me and provide me with your name, address and telephone number. I could meet you wherever it is most convenient for you, which could be in your home, at a church, a community centre, or a nearby coffee place (where I would love to invite you for a nice morning coffee/tea with muffins or cake). Or if you would not like to meet with me personally, I could send you the brief questions by post which you could return in the FREE post envelope provided.

Many, many thanks to you all for considering participation and I very much look forward to meeting with you.

FESTIVAL ITALIA - 2010

Press Release: For immediate release

The highly popular annual Italian Festival, usually held at Chaffers Marina in March, has found a new home and will be held at a different time of the year.

The festival, which this year will be in its 16th year, draws crowds of 12-15,000 at the Overseas Terminal and showcases the best in Italian food, beverages, products and services to the wider public.

The festival has outgrown its traditional home and, with the plan to convert the terminal eventually to apartments, the decision has been made to move it to Westpac Stadium to be held on Sunday 26 September 2010.

Organisers Antonio Cacace from La Bella Italia and Club Garibaldi President Ginette Toscano Page said the decision to shift away from the highly crowded late summer events calendar made a lot of sense.

"In the past we have competed for time and attention with many other attractions. A September date gives us the chance to stand out from the crowd," they said.

With the bigger venue it is hoped to have a larger number of Italian producers and exporters represented in the festival which already draws exhibitors of everything from travel and books to fashion.

"We are planning to develop this from a local celebration of Italian heritage to a premier event on the social calendar.

"A bigger venue gives our merchants a better chance to present their wares and to accommodate the crowds who like to linger, trying different foods," Mr Cacace said. A large amount of parking and easy access for stall holders are also regarded as pluses.

The stadium is a proven exhibition venue, hosting the annual Food Show and home and garden expos.

Mr Cacace said uncertainty about how long the Overseas Terminal would continue to be available was a prime reason for the shift.

"We have really appreciated the support of Angela Vinaccia and Kevin Bull, the leaseholders at the terminal. Their backing allowed the festival to grow from its origins on the waterfront at Petone, but it is now time for us to take another step forward."

For further information contact Antonio or Miriam at 566-9303

For updates see www.labellaitalia.co.nz or write to events@labellaitalia.co.nz