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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Happy Mother's Day!

A mother is one who can take the place of all others, but whose place no one else can take.

Ciao a presto
Ginette Toscano Page
President

CLUB GARIBALDI'S NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS



The National Day of Italy celebrations at Club Garibaldi will be held on Italy's official national day, **Sunday, 2 June**, commencing at 7.30pm. As this is a long weekend, we are inviting financial members to bring along their children – that is, those children who are under the required age to become members in their own right. So come along and enjoy a relaxed social evening with your fellow members – either as a group or on your own – you will all be welcome. As in past years, the Club will provide a light supper, wine and juice.

A NOTE TO MEMBERS.....

By Ginette

I want to give you early notice of my intention to step down from the presidency at the annual general meeting which will be held in August or September this year. After four terms of two years – a total of eight years – I feel it is time to hand over the reins to another member to lead the club. It has been an amazing experience – exhausting, enjoyable, thrilling, demanding, challenging and satisfying. I am grateful for having the opportunity to carry on the work of our forefathers whose initiative, energy, drive and persistence led to the establishment of our club more than 130 years ago.

The reason for letting you know so early of my retirement is to give members the opportunity to consider standing for the presidency and also for the executive committee. It is important that our club is served by people that have enthusiasm and dedication for preserving the legacy of the early immigrants from Italy to Wellington.

The next president will be different from me however, I am sure, just as committed to the club's future, to its place in Wellington, to maintaining the club's reputation as a progressive and vibrant organisation. If I were to write a job description of the president's role some words would definitely be used: work, ideas, leadership, time, commitment, understanding, patience and perseverance.

I ask that all members give consideration to who they would like to take over the mantle of the presidency. In future newsletters you will be asked to nominate for the presidency and also the other positions on the executive committee. Please demonstrate your faith in the club's future by offering a period of service – do it for a year as a trial. I am sure you will enjoy the teamwork and collegiality of the executive committee.

RE-OPENING OF CLUBROOMS ON SUNDAYS

The executive committee is pleased to advise members that the clubrooms are open again on Sundays. Although the work to remedy the damage to our stormwater and sewerage system still needs a little more work, it is safe to use the clubrooms. Thank you for your patience – we know it was not a popular move to close the club on Sundays, but the decision was literally taken out of our hands. Buon divertimento! Enjoy the comforts of our lovely clubrooms!

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY – SALVI & JO

By Ginette Toscano Page



On Saturday, 20 April, Salvi and Jo Gaeta of Island Bay, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. The festivities began with Holy Mass, celebrated by Fr Mateo Kivalu at the Church of St Francis De Sales, Island Bay, where Salvi and Jo renewed their marriage vows in front of family and friends, some of whom had travelled from Argentina and around New Zealand.

Following Mass a wonderful evening was held at The Pines where the colour theme around the venue was golden! After Fr Mateo said Grace, a sumptuous buffet meal was served. After dinner it was time for the short formalities starting with Angela Gaeta, speaking on behalf of herself, her two brothers, Michael and Tony, and their families. Salvi then picked up his guitar and sang the lovely song 'Come Prima' especially for Jo. Entertainment from a live band followed. To begin, the band chose to play a bracket of songs from days gone

by, with Salvi and Jo starting off the dancing. After a few minutes the celebrating couple were joined by three of their wedding party (and partners) who were able to join them on this special day – Francie Di Leva from Nelson, Marietta (Di Mattina) Callanan from Tauranga, and Carmelina Mollo, Island Bay.

Congratulations, Salvi and Jo, on reaching this great milestone. Club Garibaldi members wish you both many more happy, healthy years together.

FROM THE CLUB'S ARCHIVES

By Ginette Toscano Page

Garibaldi Club Picnic - Evening Post – 12 January 1939

The Wellington Garibaldi Club held its annual picnic at Maidstone Park last Sunday. Over 500 members and their friends were present. The president, Mr G Pagani, and the committee were responsible for a very enjoyable day. Ice-creams, soft drinks, etc were distributed by the ladies' committee under the supervision of

Mrs Paino, and during the day 17 sports events took place. The races were competed for with keen interest, and the newly-formed Italian Athletic Squad, under the patronage of the Consul-General, Dr B D'Acunzo, showed great promise.



ANNA CANDERLE – 80 YEARS YOUNG !

Congratulations to long time club member Anna Canderle, who recently reached the great milestone of 80 years young! Buon compleanno, Anna! The members of Club Garibaldi wish you many more happy and healthy years to come.

A LINK WITH THE PAST

By Lois Mathie (nee Bergamini)



Approximately 95 years ago my great-grandfather, Carlo Bergamini, had a villa style home built at 50 Buckley's Road, Linwood, Christchurch. In this home he had entertained members an Italian opera group, enjoyed cooking and brought up a family of five. He also kept a good vegetable garden, fowls and even a house cow. Unfortunately, over the years the old villa became a very run down 'ramshackle' house. Despite this, I loved looking at the old place and always made a detour when I was in the area, just to make sure it was still standing. The devastating earthquakes hit Christchurch yet the old villa seemed to stand up well and was still standing, though minus 2 chimneys, when my husband Taf, and I checked it out post-quakes.

Recently we were in that side of Christchurch City so drove to Buckley's Road and yes.....you guessed right! The villa was gone!! All that remained was an empty section surrounded by construction site fencing! I felt so sad!! Although I've never met my great-grandfather Carlo, I used to love to hear my father tell me stories about him.....we even called our home 'Carrara', the same name he had given the old villa.

Taf and I pushed our way through a gap in the 'Keep Out – No Entry' fencing and tried to find some relic anything; maybe even a small piece of Carrara marble! All we found was two-thirds of an old chimney brick which I was happy to have. This broken brick now has pride of place in front of a mural of Tuscany, on a wall in my garden. I finally have something great-grandfather Carlo once owned.

AN ITEM OF INTEREST

Dolphin Deaths Linked to Measles Virus Epidemic ANSA - Rome, 19 April 2013

The rash of deaths among dolphins washed up on Italy's shores from the Tyrrhenian Sea since the beginning of the year, is being attributed to a possible outbreak of Morbilli virus, the same virus that causes measles in humans, scientists said. Between 30% to 40% of the dolphin carcasses analysed tested positive for the virus, which scientists believe created a gateway for other illnesses among the animals. "The mortality rate that now appears to have abruptly dropped means that the outbreak could have run its course," a report by the National Institute of Marine Scientists said. The epidemic mostly affects young dolphins under the age of 15-20 years. According to scientists "Animals born after the 1990-92 epidemic are therefore devoid of the antibodies needed to defend them against the disease".

FAMILY NIGHT – MAY 2013



On the last day of the recent school holidays, Friday, 3 May, 40 adults and children spent a most enjoyable Family Night together, in a very relaxed atmosphere. Once again, special thanks and appreciation to Alfonso Basile for catering the delicious meal. It was most pleasing to see the different age groups mingling together with ease – from toddlers, teenagers, in the middle ages and seniors. The evening's raffles were won by Marco Costa, Ida Basile and Lib Mollo. Many thanks to all those who helped in some way, ensuring a lovely evening was enjoyed by all.



HOW ITALIAN DO YOU FEEL?

By Paul Elenio

What does it mean to be Italian or partly Italian, what Italian traditions and values do you embody, do you feel part of an Italian community here?

These were just some of the questions that were asked of a large group of Italian immigrants and their New Zealand-born children and grandchildren, a number of them Club Garibaldi members, over a period of a couple of months by England-based Italian researcher Adalgisa Giorgio this year.

Adalgisa is senior lecturer in Italian Studies at the University of Bath and won a study grant from the European Union to undertake research in New Zealand, a country which she had been to twice previously. The aim of the study is to investigate whether the notion of European Identity holds currency among the Italian community and the Maori-Italian community in New Zealand.

Based at Victoria University and living on the edge of the city, Adalgisa undertook more than 110 one on one interviews lasting an hour where she sought to understand the perception of Italy, its culture and people and the European Union among Italian and Maori-Italian communities.

Many of those interviewed in the Wellington were members of the club and/or members of the Circolo Italiano, and her travels also took her to Kapiti-Horowhenua to speak to descendants of the Sciascia family and to southern Hawke's Bay, Turangi (to speak to the Italian tunnellers) and then to Auckland.

She was welcomed into people's homes as the project grew to take in people of all ages and backgrounds. The interviews were taped and where they were done with multiple members of a family no interaction was allowed between the interviewee and others in the family.

In the last 20 years various researchers have undertaken study on the migrants and first generation New Zealanders but none have been as comprehensive nor have they included any reference to the European Union, an economic and political grouping of 27 European nations and states, with its base in Brussels.

On her return home from the study sabbatical in New Zealand Adalgisa has the challenging job of transcribing the interviews and writing up interpretations and conclusions. And, before she knows it, the break from her day job will be over and she will be teaching again at Bath, an old spa town of Roman origins 156km from London where Adalgisa's husband works.

CIRCOLO ITALIANO – JUNE SOCIAL

At 7.30 pm on Thursday, 13 June (**Note** – the change of date from our usual first Thursday of the month arrangement), Mary Nixon will give us a presentation. Mary was the recipient of the 2011 Circolo/Charles Bell Memorial Scholarship and in 2012 she attended the Madrelingua School of Languages, Bologna, for a month. Mary will talk to us about the school and also give us some information about her holiday in Italy. More details in the May Newsletter.

FESTA ITALIANA T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

Good quality cotton T-shirts, with round neck. Black or White, with the words 'Festa Italiana' in red on the front and the Club's logo on the left sleeve. Sizes available are Medium, Large & XL. Only 25 for sale at a cost of \$25 each. To Order: Phone or Email Vic Criscillo.

Please give the following details; name, address and telephone number, colour and size of T-shirt required.

HUMOUR IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

An Italian doctor from Milan, Sergio Turrino, had an very busy week at his surgery – luckily he had a good nurse to help him out.

Nurse: Dottore, Luigi thinks he is invisible.

Dottore: Tell-a hem I no canno see hem!

Nurse: Dottore, Armando thinks that he is a pack of cards.

Dottore: Tell-a hem I will-a deal with hem later!

Nurse: Dottore, Ferdinando has swallowed a roll of film.

Dottore: Tell-a hem to wait and we'll see-a what develops!

Nurse: Dottore, Salvi said he has ringing in his ears.

Dottore: Tell-a hem not to answer it!

Nurse: Dottore, Lorenzo said that you gave him 6 months to live, and he hasn't paid his bill yet.

Dottore: Tell-a hem that I will-a give hem anudda 6 months!

A NIGHT AT THE GARIBALDI" – TRE-BELLE BENEFIT



Both show nights on 12th and 13th April were sold out for the highly regarded pop-opera group, Tre-Belle, who had previously performed at Club Garibaldi's Festa Italiana in March.

Tre-Belle was ably supported by a number of other singers including professional performers Ali Harper and Naomi Ferguson both from Christchurch and local comedienne, Jane Keller. Other highlight performances came from Dame Malvina Major Emerging Artist, Isabella Moore from Auckland, and tenor Thomas Atkins, singing excerpts from La Boheme and the six person Motown group with a selection of Motown standards.

The Garibaldi Benefit Series is now in its 21st year and continues to prosper on the back of widespread community support.



Left to right: Jennifer Little, Jess Segal and Karyn Andreassend.



Isabella Moore and Thomas Atkins singing the O Soave Puccini aria from La Boheme



Left to Right: Naomi Ferguson and Ali Harper

CARTOLINA – ITALIAN RADIO PROGRAMME



5 June:

Lucia Digirolamo is an Italian restorer presently in Christchurch. Lucia is specialized in stone, both statues and buildings, and is looking for work in this field. She tells about the surprising discoveries made while restoring the Basilica in Padua.

19 June:

On the phone from Wellington, Carolina Izzo tells about her career as an art restorer in Italy and in New Zealand, where she worked for 6 years at Te Papa. Already dividing her time between her two studies in Auckland and Wellington, she's just being assigned the task of restoring the dome of the Isaac Theatre Royal in Christchurch.

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!

GUGLIELMO AND ENRICHETTA MELHOP TRUST AWARD

Club Garibaldi, the Wellington social and cultural organisation for New Zealanders of Italian descent, is calling for applications for funding from the Melhop Trust. The trust, established by a long-time club member, offers funding for young people of Italian descent for educational purposes involving formal study in a wide variety of fields and endeavours. Applications close on July 31, 2013 with any successful applicant(s) to be advised late October. Applications, citing the academic study and demonstrating the applicant's Italian heritage, are to be sent in writing to: The Secretary, Club Garibaldi, P O Box 6451, Wellington 6141. A list of the criteria for the annual award is also available from the Secretary.

Previous successful applicants for assistance from the trust were:

2006: Chris Di Leva, son of Maria and Giuseppe Di Leva of Island Bay, Wellington.

2007: John Mollo, son of Teresa and Liberato Mollo of Island Bay, Wellington.

2008: Claire Wilde, daughter of Susan Wilde (nee Battiston) of Upper Hutt.

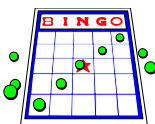
2009: Hannah Timms, daughter of Michele Timms (nee Wholey) of Wellington.

2010: Giancarlo Cuccurullo, son of Gino and Caterina Cuccurullo of Island Bay, Wellington.

2011: Michaela Aspell, daughter of Antonella (nee Ruocco) and Everard Aspell of Oriental Bay, Wellington

2012: Not awarded.

TOMBOLA



The next tombola night will be on **Tuesday, 28 May 2013**, at the usual time of 7.30pm. Please come along and feel free to bring a friend. Contact Maria if you have any questions.

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, 2 June 2013**.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEES ARE NOW DUE FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR 1 JULY 2013

Current subscriptions expire on 30 June 2013

We would appreciate you sending your completed form, together with your payment, as soon as possible. Once again, we have supplied an addressed envelope to make this easier for you. The form is on a separate page enclosed in this newsletter. Please 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 member has sent the payment.

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 or post in the 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, 28 May (7.30pm)

Tombola

Sunday, 2 June (11.30am)

Italian Mass

Thursday, 13 June (7.30pm)

Circolo Italiano June Social