



Club Garibaldi News

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Introduction from the President

Hello, my name is Linda DeGregorio. I am married to John and have 2 teenage children, Antonino and Gabriella. I was born and raised in Island Bay and Club Garibaldi has been part of my life throughout the years.

Firstly, I wish to thank everyone for their best wishes, and the many offers of support that have come my way since my appointment as President. I intend to reward you all by doing my best to represent this club over the next 2 years. Since my appointment, we have had two Executive Committee meetings, and I am impressed with the high calibre of people who sit on the Executive and Social committees, and the work they have done for this Club.

I had no idea what went on behind the scenes with the building maintenance, leasing contracts and the general day-to-day running of the club's finances. We can all rest assured, the Executive committee have run this place like a slick oiled machine and Club Garibaldi is in very good hands.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Alfonso Basile, Rex Da Vanzo, Paul Elenio, Vic Criscillo, Robin Page, Maryrose Basile, Matt Amitrano, Larry Greco, Catherine Monastra, Caterina Costa, Maria Colucci, David Monastra, Melanie Federico, David Dacol, the Social Committee and others for all the hard work they do in keeping this Club alive and ticking – and all on a voluntary basis.

As I mentioned at the special general meeting, my goal is to get Club Garibaldi and its members united. We have a Club with a proud 132 year history, and this will only continue if it is unified and members share a common goal of working together for the good of the organisation.

I understand that we all lead busy lives, so the opportunity of getting together at least one or two times a year to catch-up with each other and celebrate memorable events is the immediate goal that I have set for the Club.

Along with the Executive and Social committees, over the next couple of months we plan to discuss possible social/cultural events that cater for all ages. Functions that will make you want to come to the Club and leave with great memories. In saying that, we need you as members to come along and support these initiatives.

I believe there is no time like the present, and to that end on Wednesday 31 December we plan to hold Club Garibaldi's New Year's Eve party. More on that below.

At the Special General Meeting some members voiced their concerns about the future of our club. It is clear to me that this is something we will all need to discuss at some stage in the future.

Finally, I wish to take this opportunity to wish you all a Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo, and a safe holiday season. Good health and happiness to you all in 2015.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club at some stage soon.

Ciao for now
Linda

New Year's Eve Party – Arrivederci 2014 – Benvenuti 2015!



Join us at the Clubrooms on **Wednesday 31 December 2014** as the Club farewells 2014, and welcomes in the New Year.

Live entertainment by Grant Quinn, (*who will have you dancing with great hits from the past and present, and of course some Italian numbers*), will set the scene to what will be a fun and memorable evening.

So rather than sit at home – bring yourself, your family and friends to the Club; put on your dancing shoes and your best dress and party the night away. We want this to be a family affair, so everyone is welcome.

Start time 8pm. Financial Members \$5 per head (*17 years and under free*); and non-members \$10 per head. This will help cover the cost of a light supper. Cash bar will be available. **Bookings are essential, and spaces will be limited – so first in first served.** Please contact either Linda on 3838376 or Josephine on 934 8720 to confirm your attendance.

Lunch at the Italian Embassy

On Saturday 6 December, my husband John and I were honoured to be invited to the Residence of Ambassador Carmelo Barbarello for a 'house-warming' lunch. A lovely lunch was served outside in the garden, and fortunately the weather stayed fine. Thanks go to the Ambassador for a lovely afternoon.

Linda DeGregorio, Ambassador Carmelo Barbarello and John DeGregorio



A Note from the Italian Ambassador Carmelo Barbarello

Caro Presidente, cari soci del Club Garibaldi, cari connazionali ed amici dell'Italia,

Accolgo con piacere l'invito rivoltomi di far giungere a tutti voi attraverso questa vostra newsletter i miei migliori auguri per un sereno e allegro fine anno ed inizio 2015.

Ormai da quasi 4 mesi a Wellington, ho avuto l'opportunità ed il piacere di conoscere molti di voi, di avvicinarmi a tante delle vostre storie e di ammirare ed apprezzare l'audacia e l'intraprendenza che vi ha portati fin qui.

E non mi riferisco solo a quelli di voi che sono giunti in Nuova Zelanda decenni orsono, o che sono nati qui e rappresentano la seconda o terza generazione italiana nel Paese, ma anche ai tantissimi giovani e brillanti professionisti che hanno solo di recente scelto di venire a trascorrere una tappa della loro vita agli antipodi.

Con voi tutti, conto di avere nei prossimi mesi ed anni un intenso e proficuo rapporto. La vostra esperienza ed il vostro inserimento nella società neozelandese rappresenteranno per me un supporto indispensabile per il perseguimento dei nostri obiettivi comuni. Intensificare i rapporti fra i nostri due Paesi, infatti, non è solo mio dovere istituzionale, ma anche un piacere e motivo di soddisfazione e orgoglio, che so di poter condividere con voi.

Solitamente alla fine di ogni anno si fanno bilanci di ciò che si è fatto nei 12 mesi precedenti. La mia esperienza in Nuova Zelanda è ancora troppo breve per permettermi di avventurarmi in questo esercizio; valgano pertanto di più i miei propositi per il 2015.

La presenza italiana all'estero, grazie al patrimonio di simpatia, stima, riconoscimento che ci siamo guadagnati, è sempre apprezzata, ma va rafforzata continuamente, qui come altrove. Servono azioni concrete che possano stabilire nuovi e utili contatti a livello sociale, culturale, commerciale, politico fra l'Italia ed il paese che ci ospita. Il COMITES che si eleggerà nel 2015 sicuramente sarà un partner importante per il raggiungimento di questi obiettivi.

Questo è il mio impegno per il prossimo anno, che desidero attuare anche con la collaborazione del Club Garibaldi, un club che mi aspetto sia sempre più aperto, capace di operare in una logica di sistema, moderno, nel quale regni un clima di rispetto reciproco, armonia ed inclusione.

Da parte mia e di mio marito Javier, dunque, buone feste a tutti voi!

Carmelo Barbarello, Ambasciatore d'Italia e Patron del Club Garibaldi

Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon

They came, they ate, they drank, they socialised, some danced and we all shared a wonderful afternoon together. On Sunday 30 November, the Club came to life when seventy-two of our senior citizens sat down to a three-course lunch, cooked by our Chef extraordinaire, Alfonso Basile. The menu included antipasto, cannelloni and limoncella pannacotta with berries. The atmosphere was electric! Tony Muollo provided pre-lunch entertainment on the piano accordion, while Grant Quinn and Robin Page had the crowd singing along and dancing to a mix of Italian songs and music from the 50's and 60's. Our dance stars Anna and Vince Basile led the dancing and everyone went home feeling very full and happy. We were privileged to have the company of Archbishop Krebs and Monsignor Romano as well as Circolo Italiano President, Elizabeth Peek. Special thanks go out to the social committee who organised such a fantastic event.

New Members

Welcome to new members David Famularo of Featherston and Gisele Lupi of Upper Hutt.

Happy Birthday

On 7 December 2014, Salvatore (Salvi) Amitrano of Island Bay turned 90 years young. Salvi is married to Isabella and is club members', Matt and Peter Amitrano's father. Happy Birthday Salvi – auguri per altri cento anni.

Italian Picnic

The Italian picnic will be held on **Sunday 1 March 2015** at Bishops Park in Eastbourne. As usual, the club will provide steaks and watermelon. There is a swimming pool next door, so you can bring your togs. Cancellation date is the following Sunday, 8 March 2015.



Congratulations

Our warmest congratulations go to Anna Cacace, who has been named Head Girl at St Catherine's College for next year. Anna is daughter of Cav Antonio and Luisa Cacace. Well done Anna and best of luck for 2015.

Melhop Award Winner

The club administers the Melhop Trust and each year calls for applicants who satisfy the eligibility criteria. This year's successful applicant is Luigi Cacace, the eldest son of Cav. Antonio and Luisa Cacace of Island Bay. Congratulations Luigi.

In addition, a smaller grant of \$1000.00 has been made from the Trust to K. Stade and K.Price T/A Italian History Project to facilitate the publication of **Pasta, Prayer and Promise**. This is the Story of Nelson's Italian Community 1862-2004. The history is due for release sometime in the New Year with a book launch planned in both Nelson and in Wellington.

Children's Italian Language Class 2015

Registrations are being taken now for the Children's Italian classes for next year. Classes are held every Tuesday. The annual fee is \$160 per child to be paid at the beginning of the year. If you wish to enrol your child, please contact Maryrose Basile on phone 3834905 as soon as possible. The first lesson for 2015 will be Tuesday 10 February.

Island Bay's – Blessing of the Boats

On **Sunday 15 February 2015**, fishing boats, pleasure boats and any type of water vessel will sail into Island Bay beach to get a special blessing by the Arch Bishop. This is an annual event and co-incides with the Island Bay festival. Blessing time for the boats is at 2.30pm at the beach.

Items for the Club Newsletter

If you have any special birthdays, anniversaries, births/deaths notices, achievements that you wish to share with other Members, please email the club Secretary: clubgaribaldi1882@gmail.com and we will add to our newsletter. In addition, if there are any ideas you want to see implemented by the committee, please forward these to the same email, or phone me direct and we will discuss and endeavour to turn into fruition.

Cartolina Broadcasts



30 December:

New Year's resolutions. Who makes them? Who keeps them? We talk with some Kiwi and Italian friends, and play their favourite songs. 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 e Buon Anno!

And don't forget to listen to **Made in Italy**, the new all-in-Italian radio programme, produced in Italy and made available world-wide, that Dante Alighieri of Christchurch has brought to Plains fm 96.9, every **Wednesday at 7.15 to 7.30 pm**. A variety of guests talk about fashion, technology, design, the arts, cuisine, science and tourism ... in fact everything interesting about Italy. Made in Italy is produced in Italy, for Italians living overseas, and for the people who speak Italian all over the world. So be part of a community and a network of friendship... Italian style...Every Wednesday, at 7.15pm.

You can listen to the programme live from <http://plainsfm.org.nz>

For more information and pod casts visit www.madeinitalyradio.it

"Just like a Mamma's" - Recipe

PASTE DI MANDORLE – ALMOND TARTS – Makes 24 tarts

Short Sweet Pastry:

1 x cup flour; ¼ c castor sugar; 80g butter; 1 egg yolk; 2 tbsp ice cold water.

Sift flour and rub in butter until it resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in sugar. Add egg yolk and water. Mix to a stiff dough. Chill for 30 minutes before using. OR buy 1 x pack Edmonds short sweet pastry (cheat's version)

Filling:

210g ground almonds; ¾ cup sugar; 4 eggs; ¼ cup vermouth; 1 tsp mixed spice; 1 tsp ground cinnamon; 2 tsp almond essence

Method:

Butter 2 x 12 pastry cases; Roll out pastry and cut using the rim of a standard glass. Line pastry cases with the pastry.

Mix all the filling ingredients together to form a runny batter; Fill pastry cases to the top with the batter. Cook in oven 180c for approx. 20 minutes or till firm to touch.

Cool and ice with white almond icing and add either a cherry on top or a toasted almond. Enjoy with cup of strong espresso coffee – Buonissimo!

Dates for your Diary



Wednesday, 31 December (8pm)

New Year's Eve Party (Clubrooms)

2–5 February 2015

Seniors' Bus Trip 2015

Tuesday, 10 February 2015

Children's Italian Classes begin

Sunday, 15 February 2015 (2.30pm)

Blessing of the Boats (Island Bay Beach)

Sunday, 1 March

Italian Picnic (cancellation date 8 March)

Friday 6 & Saturday 7 March, 2015

A Night at the Garibaldi Concert Series **SOLD OUT**

SENIOR CLUB MEMBERS 2015 CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Tony Muollo with pre-lunch Entertainment





The Official Table – Monsignor & Arch Bishop with Elizabeth Peek Mr Neil Lavia & 2 lovely ladies – Maria Colucci and Teresa Mollo



Our dance stars, Anna & Vince Basile and the social committee with Chef Alfonso