



Club Garibaldi News

OCTOBER 2010

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

For The Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, 10 October 2010

As I complete my fifth year as President of Club Garibaldi, once again, it gives me great pleasure to advise members that our club continues to do well. May this achievement keep on this positive path.

The club has enjoyed another happy and eventful year, during which time the number of members who frequented club activities and functions has risen significantly, which is really pleasing to see. Club Garibaldi continues to prosper in spite of the busy 'outside' world, which is filled with so many other activities. This proves there is still a place for cultural social clubs such as ours in society.

In addition to the monthly Italian Masses, bi-monthly shared lunches and tombola evenings which have been well attended, the introduction of Family Nights in mid-2009 has proved very popular and most successful, with numbers of people attending as high as 80 in one night! The following are some of the year's highlights:

October 2009, Labour weekend, the club's soccer team successfully challenged Club Italia Nelson in Nelson, for the Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy for the fifth year in a row! Congratulations guys! Once again, you did us proud! Thank you to all those who supported the team.

The end-of-year certificate presentation, concert and party of the Children's Language Classes was held on 24 November. Donato Scioscioli, First Secretary/Deputy Head of Mission, representing the Embassy of Italy, presented the children with their certificates. This was the 14th year that the classes have been running, and it is great to see club members' children learning the Italian language.

On Saturday, 28 November, the club's 11th annual senior Christmas luncheon was held, with ninety-six members attending. The following week, 5 December, Father Christmas made his annual trip to the club with his sack of gifts for the forty-two children who came to the children's Christmas party.

During the second week of February the club's annual 2-day bus trip took place ~ this year's destination was Tauranga. The full busload of people who went on this trip had a wonderful time.

The annual club picnic held at Queen Elizabeth Park, Paekakariki, was also held in February. A wonderful, fun time was had by the 120 people who attended.

Italy's National Day function was held on 4 June, and attended by 80 members including nine members of staff from the Embassy of Italy. In the Ambassador's absence, Donato Scioscioli, Deputy Head of Mission, represented the Ambassador. The next day a large group of photos taken on the night was published in the Dominion Post newspaper.

The clubrooms are hired out for private functions, as well as to The Circolo Italiano, who hold regular Italian language classes, social functions and meetings.

As everybody knows, there is always a small but strong, dedicated team of members working behind the scenes. I would like to sincerely thank these people, bearing in mind that the members of the Executive Committee and all those members who help in whatever way, give of their time willingly and voluntarily for our enjoyment. Please support your Executive Committee as they give up significant personal time and sacrifice to ensure the club runs smoothly.

Once again, first and foremost, my sincere thanks and much appreciation to my husband Robin, who now holds the position of Club Trustee, and whose continued support in every aspect of my position, has been outstanding. Robin also stocked the bar for our many functions, organized cleaners and bar staff, handled all the private clubroom hire arrangements, was my right hand man as he and myself spent untold hours of meetings, planning and organising the club's segment of the Italian festival, plus a hundred and one other tasks when required.

My sincere thanks to the special and outstanding members of the executive committee, Alfonso Basile, Cav Nina Cuccurullo, Mikey Musso, Maria Colucci, John Cao, Martin Van der Donk, Mattio Amitrano and Jim Marson as well as the club's trustees, Paul Elenio and Robin Page, and legal advisor Rex Da Vanzo. It has been a pleasure working with you all. Your support and assistance has been invaluable and must be appreciated. Special thanks to Nina and Mikey who are standing down as the Club's Secretary and the Treasurer. Wishing you both best wishes for the future. And a very warm welcome to the two new incoming office bearers – Treasurer, Giuseppe (Joe) Basile, and Secretary, Anna Quinn – thank you for accepting these positions.

There are many other people, too many to mention personally, who also pitch in during club functions and give a hand ~ sincere thanks to you all.

Many thanks to Armando Gilmoni for his ongoing support, wisdom and help during the last year, which have been invaluable.

Our thanks to Salvi Gaeta, who until he resigned at the beginning of March, was the Building Manager. This position has been taken on by Vic Criscillo who is also doing a tremendous job.

This is a huge job, as the building is over 40 years old and regular maintenance to plumbing, electrical, structural repair, and safety regulations is ongoing. Rent is our major income, and it is certainly not easy keeping everyone happy, and ensuring that payments are made on time. The club rents out both the lower floors plus a storage area, and of course, the car parks.

Many thanks also to David Monastra, for his help and expertise with regard to the building maintenance and re-decorating projects.

Many thanks to Sira Ballara, Coordinator of the children's Italian language classes. Sira has been doing a great job.

Thanks also to Caterina Costa, who continues to do a great job of looking after our membership registrations. This takes up many hours of her time and I can always rely on her to maintain an accurate database of contact information.

Special thanks also to Melanie Federico for doing such a great job of formatting (lay-out) the monthly newsletter after I have written it, for just over a year.

Thanks also to Lucia Esposito and other members of their family, who fold and post out the newsletters each month.

Also many thanks to Elizabeth Peek for her continued support and encouragement, both as a member of the Club Garibaldi, and President of Circolo Italiano. May the friendship and goodwill between both clubs long continue.

From humble beginnings 16 years ago, the Club Garibaldi Italian Festival has grown to such proportions that we, as a social and cultural club, can no longer satisfy the needs and demands of the greater New Zealand public's thirst for a 'touch of Italy'

From the Petone foreshore to the Westpac Stadium is a stunning achievement, and without the professional business expertise of fellow club member Cav. Antonio Cacace, the Italian Festival New Zealand last month would not have happened. Antonio's family business, La Bella Italia, took on and guaranteed 100% financial responsibility.

Thousands more people turned up than expected, and Antonio is already planning to hire the whole of the Westpac Stadium next year. I am sure that our club will continue to support and in turn reap the benefits, both culturally and financially for years to come.

Sincere thanks to all the members who helped in any way during the festival: whether it be baking dolci and/or manning the club's cake stall, selling beverages at the bar, manning the cultural stall, the great entertainers and tarantella dancers, and to those who helped to set up before the festival commenced and clean up after.

There are many others who have helped in various ways, and to mention each and every one of them would take forever! However, please accept our grateful thanks.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you, the members, who have encouraged and supported me during this and previous years.

May Club Garibaldi continue to flourish, so that the young Garibaldini of today, will have a club to be proud of, so that they in turn, can pass the Italian culture and traditions on to future generations.

Ginette Toscano Page
President
Club Garibaldi
October 2010

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2010/11

President	Ginette Toscano Page
Vice President	Alfonso Basile
Secretary	Anna Quinn
Treasurer	Giuseppe Basile
Committee	Matt Amitrano
	Maria Colucci
	John Cao
	Martin Van der Donk
	Jim Marson
Trustees	Paul Elenio
	Robin Page
	Rex Da Vanzo
Legal Advisor	

GINETTE'S SPEECH AT OPENING OF ITALIAN FESTIVAL NEW ZEALAND WESTPAC STADIUM, WELLINGTON, 26 SEPTEMBER 2010

For those who were unable to attend the festival or the opening ceremony, below is a copy of the speech that I made on behalf of the club:

Your excellencies Gioacchino Trizzino, Archbishop Balvo, the Honourable Chris Finlayson and Mayor Kerry Prendergast.

Benvenuti – welcome to The Italian Festival New Zealand!

My name is Ginette Toscano Page and I am the President of Club Garibaldi. This year Club Garibaldi marks the 16th Italian festival. The first one in 1994 was held on the Petone foreshore, in conjunction with The Petone Settlers Museum. I am sure our Italian forebearers who founded Club Garibaldi in 1882, would never have envisaged such growth that would facilitate us holding an Italian Festival, 128 years later at the largest venue in Wellington City. I take this opportunity to sincerely thank our club members for their support over the last months, and in particular Antonio Cacace, whose constant dream is to bring a slice of our beloved Italy to New Zealand, for the enjoyment of all who love Italy. I invite you to join Antonio and I, along with our sponsors and all the Italians in New Zealand to a wonderful day - so let's enjoy some of our traditions, culture, produce, food, music, and dancing.

Buona giornata a tutti

FESTIVAL HELPERS

Functions such as the annual festival would not happen without a hard working, dedicated core of club members and helpers; this year was no exception. Special thanks to all the people, including those who are not club members, for their tremendous support in baking for the club's dolce stall. Please accept this as a personal acknowledgement. The dolce stall is always very popular and attracts a lot of regulars each year who know exactly which cake or biscotti they want as they have bought and them at previous festivals! Sincere thanks to Alfonso Basile, Anna Quinn, Maria Colucci and Lisa Devitt for baking large quantities of dolce.

Many thanks also to those members who spread the word to family and friends about the festival.

Our sincere thanks to **Salve Volpicelli** from **Fish Fins**, Newtown and also to **Moore Wilson Ltd**, Wellington City, for sponsoring our stalls this year.

Special thanks also, to the following club members and friends who shared their talent with us in the entertainment programme.

- Mediterranean Sextet comprising of club members, Armando Gilmoni, Salvi Gaeta and Robin Page, and musician friends, Simon Waddington, Jane Boyers and Justin Reed.
- Caterina Costa who accompanied the audience on the piano for the ever-popular sing-along of old favourite Italian songs.
- Father and son duo, Antonio and Phillip Muollo for playing popular songs on the piano accordion and mandolin.
- The young ladies in the tarantella dance group: Grace and Rebekah Amitrano, Sophia and Charlotte Basile, Anna Cacace and Gabriella Quinn.

You all did us proud!

In addition, to each of the following members, in *alphabetical order*, who gave of themselves, one hundred and ten percent, our sincere thanks and much appreciation.

Set up Saturday morning:

Matt Amitrano, Vincenzo Basile, Ida Basile, Sante Battiston, Delia Benazzo, John Cao, Luciano Colucci, Nina Cuccurullo, Paul Elenio, Fifi Esposito, Jim Marson, Mikey Musso, Carla Musso, Ginette Toscano Page, Guglielmo Panettieri, Carlo Puglia and Enzo Viotto.

Festival Day Cake stall:

Marie Barnao, Ida Basile, Mary Rose Basile, Silvia Canessa, Maria Colucci, Lisa Devitt, Maria Elenio, Teresa Elenio, Lynda Marson, Denise Menara, Teresa Mollo, Carmela Morrison, Carla Musso, Anna Quinn, and Josephine Volpicelli.

Cultural Stall:

Eloisa Ascoli, Sira Ballara, Delia Benazzo, Carolyn Canderle, Caterina Costa, Nina Cuccurullo, Carlo Puglia, and Tina Zino.

Wine Stall:

Giorgio Canderle, John Cao, Virginia Dicken, Paul Elenio, Peter Elenio, Melanie Federico, Sean Keaney, Jim Marson, and Mikey Musso.

Take Down after Festival:

Matt Amitrano, Ida Basile, John Cao, Nina Cuccurullo, Paul Elenio, Maria Elenio, Suzanna Jack, Jim Marson, Lynda Marson, Mikey Musso, Carla Musso, Ginette Toscano Page, and Anna Quinn.

Extra special thanks and acknowledgement to the following members:

- Cav Nina Cuccurullo for planning and organising the Cultural stand.
- Matt Amitrano, who as always, was the power horse of the festival; who never had a moment to himself as he was here, there and everywhere!
- Anna Quinn for organising and overseeing the cake stall.
- John Cao and Jim Marson for organising and overseeing the wine stall.
- Anthony Quinn for handling the financial side of the stalls.
- Robin Page for the management of his sound equipment and the running of the sound desks in the entertainment, cooking classes and fashion shows on the two stages, and for the untold hours of attending meetings, planning and organising the club's segment of the Italian Festival.
- Maria Elenio for coaching the tarantella dance group.
- Antonio De Gregorio for the loan of the fish net, gumboots and crayfish pot for the Cultural stand.
- Sante Battiston for the loan of market garden implements for the Cultural stand.
- Matt Amitrano and John Cao for erecting then taking down the festival signs from roadways.
- Many thanks to team of members who blew up 300 balloons and then hanging them on all the stalls and walls of the stadium.
- The Embassy of Italy for the loan of 20 Italian flags which were put up around the stadium concourse by a team of club members.

CHRISTMAS SENIOR LUNCHEON

This year's Christmas senior luncheon date has been set for **Saturday, 27 November**, with the meal to be served between 12.15 and 12.30 pm. It would be appreciated if everybody were at the clubrooms and seated by around 11.45 am. This invitation is extended to all members aged 60 years or over. If you are a couple, both people must be members. For those who plan to come, it is important you confirm your attendance by **Monday, 22 November**. Please telephone Maria Colucci.

HAPPY 40TH BIRTHDAY SALVE!

By Janice Basile



Salve Basile of Island Bay, recently turned 40 and had a great function up at the Club Garibaldi rooms. It was a great night with a potluck dinner and a great opportunity to catch up with friends and family. Salve and Janice pulled out their dancing shoes and performed a couple of demonstrations of ballroom dancing for their guests, which was very well received. After a fine dinner we got almost everyone up on the floor for some group dancing and activities. It was a fantastic night and we have had many comments on how much fun was had all round. Special thanks go out to Robin Page for helping us set up, Alf Basile for helping us throughout and all the help with tidying up in the kitchen from the lovely Italian contingent that was there!

Buon compleanno, Salve. Club Garibaldi wish you many more happy and healthy years to come.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members: Thomas Kelly of Hataitai, Michael Martelli of Johnsonville and Joanne Lander, also of Johnsonville, Wellington.

ANNUAL BUS TRIP - 2011



Next year's annual bus trip dates have been set for **8th, 9th, 10th** and returning on **11th February 2011** ~ destination Hamilton. This is always a great trip and thoroughly enjoyed by all those who go on it. If you are interested in coming contact (evenings) Maria Colucci or Salvi and Josephine Gaeta, as soon as possible. Please remember that priority is given to club members until the end of November after which it will be open to members' friends.

GOLDEN WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Carmela (Lina Cangiano) and Raffaele Volpicelli of Island Bay, Wellington, who were married 50 years ago in the Chiesa Santa Maria delle Grazie, Massalubrense, Italy, on 23 October 1960. Club Garibaldi wish you both many more happy and healthy years to come.





ALDO CUCCURULLO MEMORIAL TROPHY FOOTBALL CHALLENGE

One of the biggest social events of the year is the annual game of football against Club Italia, Nelson, will be held on **Saturday, 23 October**, the first day of Labour Weekend. This year it is Club Garibaldi's turn, holders of the Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy for the last 5 years, to host the game which will be played at Te Whaea Park Artificial Turf, Hutchison Road, just above the old Winter Show Buildings, Newtown. **Kick-off is at 3.00 pm**. Come along and support the team as well as our visitors from Nelson.

The Club will also host Club Italia's football team and supporters on the Saturday night with a shared dinner to be held at the clubrooms from **6.30pm**. This is always a great night so don't miss it. Club members are asked to bring **two dishes** of their fine food to share with our visitors.

On the **Sunday 24 October** - members, families, friends, supporters and Nelson visitors are encouraged to get together for more social interaction over lunch at midday at the **James Cook Centra** on The Terrace, Wellington. The delicious buffet meal is \$30.00 for adults, and only \$1.50 for 5 to 12 year olds. Under 5's are free. If we have enough people, James Cook Centra will give us a private dining room, so we need to know how many are attending. Please let Maria Colucci know if you are attending, and how many will be in your group (including children).

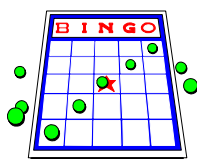
ITALIAN MASS

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 is on 7 November.**

ALDO MICCIO

Since being elected as a first-term Nelson city councillor in 2007, Aldo Miccio has steadily raised his profile over the past three years to become the Mayor of Nelson. Well done, Aldo, Club Garibaldi congratulates you on your great achievement.

TOMBOLA EVENING



The next tombola night will be on **Tuesday, 26 October**, at the usual time of 7.30 pm. Please come along and feel free to bring a friend. Contact Maria if you have any questions.

A BIT OF TRIVIA

ANSA – Campobasso, 29 September 2010



A mushroom weighing 15 kilograms was found in the Italian southern state of Molise on Tuesday, but has already been eaten 'because it would have gone bad' the finder and consumer said. The giant mushroom, circumference of 145cm, was found in the countryside near the town of Vinciatiuro. September has been a boom month for Italian mushroom hunters, although there has been a record number of deaths from falls.

CHILDREN'S ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR 2011

If you would like your child to attend Italian language classes in 2011 and your child's name is not on the waiting list, please contact Sira Ballara.

HAPPY 96TH BIRTHDAY ANGELA PANETTIERI

Club Garibaldi's most senior member, Angela (Lina) Panettieri of Kilbirnie, Wellington, celebrated her 96th birthday on 4 October. Happy Birthday Lina, we all wish you many more happy, healthy years to come.

BUSY FINGERS!

By Ginette Toscano Page

Every second and fourth Tuesday of each month, a group of wonderful women, many of them club members, meet at St Francis de Sales Church Presbytery, Island Bay. These ladies knit and crotchet peggie-squares for shawls, matinee jackets, baby shawls, booties and hats for St Vincent de Paul Social Services and Teenage Pregnancy Help, as well as sorting out and preparing used stamps for the Sisters of Compassion to raise money for the Missions. A few ladies also knit tiny pure woollen booties, singlets and bonnets for the premature babies at Wellington Hospital.

If you would like to help these ladies to carry on with this important work, which would be much appreciated, you could donate knitting yarns, either wool or acrylic, and used stamps. Please contact Lucia Esposito.



Displaying some of the completed items:

From Left: Isobel Amitrano, Maria Luisa Marshall, Teresa Mollo, Joan, Eleanor Mitchell, Maureen Gordon, Judith, Barbara Hoskins, Eileen Muollo, Wanda and Lucia Esposito.

NAMES DAY: ONOMASTICO

By Ginette Toscano Page

A names day is a tradition celebrated in many countries in Europe and Latin America of celebrating on a particular day of the year associated with one's given name. The custom originated with the Catholic and Orthodox calendar of saints, where believers, named after a particular saint, would celebrate that saint's feast day.

In Italy, one's names day is referred to as his or her "Onomastico" and is viewed as at least as important as a birthday. Often people receive small gifts on their Onomastico. In Italy, especially in the South, children are often named after saints. Some children are named after the saint on whose feast day they were born, others are named after the patron saint of the town they live in, while still others are named after a saint that the parents feel a connection with. Towns also have patron Saints, and if someone visits a town who has his or her name as its patron saint on that person's Onomastico it is considered to be very special and the person can expect a warm welcome. In Naples, for example, many boys are named 'Gennaro,' as San Gennaro is the patron saint of Naples, and in Stromboli and Isole Eolie, Bartolomeo, after their patron saint San Bartolomeo. It would be considered especially special for a person named Gennaro to visit Naples, and Bartolo/Bartolomeo, in Isole Eolie, on his Onomastico.

CONDOLENCES

Deepest sympathy to the following members and their families:

Antonio and Teresa Cuccurullo of Island Bay, on the recent passing of Antonio's brother, Pasquale Cuccurullo in Sardinia. Pasquale was also the uncle of Joe Cuccurullo, Gino Cuccurullo, Nina Cuccurullo, Paul Elenio, Antonietta Canzano, Joe Elenio, and their families.

CLUB MEMBERS PULL IN GREAT WHITE SHARK FROM WELLINGTON HARBOUR

Stuff: 5 October 2010

Two Wellington men out fishing for their tea have hauled in a great white shark off the capital's southern coast. Alfonso Basile and Peter Amitrano were pulling up their Moki net in Breaker Bay just on dusk last night when the big eyes and even bigger teeth appeared out of the water. "I could tell something was there because the floats were so close together," Basile said. "The water was quite murky, it was quite freaky seeing the teeth two eyes and teeth come up, it was just huge." The men immediately thought the shark was a great white. It has now been measured at 2.6m long. Basile said his friend wanted to throw the shark back but he suggested they tow it in to shore. "I felt sorry for the thing really, it was such a beautiful creature, and it was tangled and dead."

The journey back to shore, with the shark hooked on the back of the boat, took more than half an hour. Basile - who used to be a commercial fisherman - said he's been expecting to see a great white for years, so the find was quite exciting. He believed the shark may have been feeding on seals in the area, on a coastline also popular with surfers.

The great white will now be given to Te Papa, which plans to figure out why it was in those waters.

Te Papa fishes collection manager Andrew Stewart said it was very exciting to find a great white that was small enough for the museum to deal with. "When you consider they can get up to five metres long, two and a half metres is pretty good." The museum would be picking the shark up this morning, Stewart said. Under the Fisheries Act it is illegal to hunt, kill or harm a great white shark within the New Zealand Exclusive Economic Zone.



Back left: Peter Amitrano and Alfonso Basile

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

This will be held on **Saturday, 4 December**, at the clubrooms, and will be from 11.30am until 2.30 pm. Once again, Father Christmas will be visiting ~ please ensure that your child/children have a wrapped gift with their name on it, for Santa's bag. The value of the gift should be no more than \$15.00 each. This function is for members' children only. Please confirm attendance by **Tuesday, 1 December to Maria Colucci**.

FURTHER TO THE ARTICLE IN EARLIER ISSUES OF THE NEWSLETTER CAPTIONED 'DO YOU KNOW WHO THESE FISHERMEN ARE?'

By Ginette Toscano Page

Since this article was published in earlier issues of the newsletter a few months ago, various names have been bandied about as to who the fishermen were in the photo. John Basile, club member of Island Bay, has confirmed that the correct names of these men are as follows: Left to right in the dinghy: Francesco Cataldo, Santo Saffioti, Pasquale Oliva, Pietro Federico, Antonio Aprea and Gennaro Amitrano. Many thanks to those people who submitted possible names.

A BIT OF HUMOUR IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

An old Italian man lived alone in New Jersey. He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work as the ground was hard. His only son Vinnie, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament:

Dear Vinnie,

I am feeling pretty sad because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over. I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like in the old days.

Love Papa

A few days later he received a letter from his son.

Dear Papa,

Don't dig up that garden. That's where the bodies are buried.

Love Vinnie

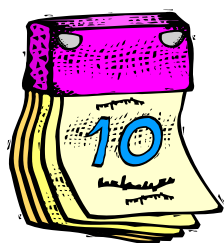
Early the next morning FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologised to the old man and left. That same day the old man received another letter from his son.

Dear Papa,

Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances.

Love you, Vinnie

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Every Sunday (3.00pm to 8.00pm)

Club Day

Saturday 23 October (3.00pm)

Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy Football Challenge
(Shared Dinner 6.30pm Club rooms)

Sunday 24 October (Midday)

Buffet Lunch James Cook Centra

Tuesday 26 October (7:30pm)

Tombola

Sunday 7 November (11.30am)

Italian Mass

Saturday 27 November (11.30am)

Christmas Senior Luncheon

Saturday 4 December (11.30am)

Children's Christmas Party

FESTIVAL ITALIA 2010





