



# Club Garibaldi News

**AUGUST 2011**

## **THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Unfortunately, H.E. Ambassador Gioacchino Trizzino's tour-of-duty to New Zealand has unexpectedly finished five months earlier than scheduled, and he is to take up a post at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome. The Ambassador said it was a difficult decision to make as he and Signora Trizzino liked it here very much, and although their sons and other family members live in Rome, they had expected to stay until late January 2012. They left our shores on Saturday, 6 August.

Due to lack of time, the Ambassador was very disappointed he did not have the opportunity to farewell the members of Club Garibaldi, for whom he holds in high esteem – in all that we do, and what we stand for. On His Excellency's behalf, he asked me to bid you all arrivederci and to thank you for making he and his wife so welcome in our community. Since his arrival here 3½ years ago, he certainly extended his hand in friendship to us, and thus, the Club and the Italian Embassy enjoyed a very warm and positive relationship with each other. The Ambassador was most popular, not only with his contemporaries, but also by those who knew him. Moreover, he will be remembered always for his kindness, generosity, hospitality and respect of others. We were very fortunate to have had him as our Ambassador and representative of Italy. At a farewell reception held at the Embassy, a gift was presented to him on behalf of all our Club members.

In regard to the forthcoming film evenings to be screened at the club during September – see invitation/details further on in this newsletter. You will note it reads 'Free admission by invitation only – limited seats – attendance must be confirmed 10 days before the screening of each film. Note: **As numbers of attendees will be limited due to safety restrictions and high outside interest, it is suggested that you telephone the Italian Embassy at least 14 days before each screening to ensure a seat.**

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the following members who carry big responsibilities and voluntarily give of their time to ensure the club and its events run smoothly: The Executive Committee Members; Trustees: Paul Elenio and Robin Page; Club Solicitor, Rex Da Vanzo; the Building Manager and assistants: Vic Criscillo, Rex Da Vanzo, David Monastra and Robin Page; Caterina Costa, the Club's Membership Secretary; Melanie Federico, who formats the monthly newsletter and Sira Ballara, the children's Italian Language Classes Co-ordinator. Today's world is very busy and we all have families and full lives, yet these people willingly make time in their busy schedules for the club – please support them all.

Many thanks to those members who have sent in their completed membership form and payment. **This note is a also a friendly reminder to those members who have not renewed their membership yet.**

Ciao a presto  
Ginette Toscano Page



**On the occasion of the 150th anniversary of Italian Unification  
Ambassador Gioacchino Trizzino has the pleasure to invite you to**

**CINEMA ITALIANO**

**a series of films screened by the Embassy of Italy  
in association with Club Garibaldi and Te Papa**

**free admission, by invitation only - limited seats - attendance must be confirmed  
10 days before the screening of each film**

**SEPTEMBER - Films screened at Club Garibaldi - 118 Tory Street**

**Friday 16 at 7.00 pm**      **VIVA L'ITALIA (1961)** (English subtitles)

Rating G - Director: Roberto Rossellini - Commissioned 50 years ago to mark the centenary of the Italian Nation, this movie follows acclaimed revolutionary Giuseppe Garibaldi as he liberates southern Italy from the Bourbon Monarchy.

**Saturday 17 at 7.00 pm**      **ALLONSANFAN (1974)** (English subtitles)

Rating M - Cast: Marcello Mastroianni, Lea Massari - In the early 19th century, Lombard aristocrat Fulvio Imbriani is finally released from an Austrian jail after a long term sentence due to his involvement in the activities of a secret society. He would like to resume a normal life but he is going to get involved in the activities of a secret society.

**Friday 23rd at 7.00 pm**      **NUOVOMONDO (2006)** (Italian version, no subtitles)

Rating G - Cast: Francesco Casisa, Vincenzo Amato - It's the beginning of the 20th Century. A family moves from Sicily to America. They are going to get disenchantment about the world they have always dreamt of.

**Saturday 24th at 7.00 pm**      **IL VENTO FA IL SUO GIRO (2005)** - English subtitles

English subtitles - Rating M - Cast: Thierry Toscan, Alessandra Agosti - Into a small village in the Occitane Alps comes a French shepherd. Initially he is welcomed, but the newcomer's experiences start to turn sour as the villagers begin to resent the intrusion.

**NOVEMBER - Films screened at Te Papa – Soundings Theatre**

**Saturday 19 at 2.30 pm**      **ITALIA OPERA UNICA** (English version)

A fantastic journey through Italy. A single play with twenty characters: Italy's twenty Regions, small or large jewel-chests which shelter diverse treasures, all of them equally valuable: geography, nature, archeology, history, art, people, traditions, life... Like so many pieces united to form a unique mosaic, Italy, as beautiful as a film.

**Sunday 20 at 2.30 pm**      **SAN MICHELE AVEVA UN GALLO (1972)** (English subtitles)

Rating M (contains violence) - Cast: Giulio Brogi, Daniele Dublino, Renato Cestie' - Set in 19th century Italy, the film, released in 1972 and directed by the Taviani brothers, Paolo and Vittorio, tells the story of Giulio Manieri, a romantic idealist and leader of an anarchist group. Sentenced to life imprisonment for illegal activities, Italian International member Giulio Manieri holds on to his political ideals while struggling against madness in the loneliness of his prison cell. The brothers Taviani were inspired by a short story written by Lev Tolstoj.

## ENVOY SAYS FAREWELL WITH CONTEMPORARY ART SHOW

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A pop-up exhibition of contemporary art is outgoing Italian ambassador Gioacchino Trizzino's last gift to New Zealand. After 3½ years based in Wellington, Mr Trizzino has farewelled New Zealand in the true Italian tradition – with art.

Little Museum of Contemporary Italian Art was held at the Italian embassy in Thorndon this week and featured paintings from Italian artists who have works in museums throughout Europe and the world. They included Piero Nincheri, who studied in Florence and has work in the city's famous Uffizi Gallery, the Tuscan-style watercolours of Walter Sabatelli and the hyper-realistic works of Luca Zampetti. The exhibition highlighted the importance of art as a universal language that facilitated dialogue and understanding, Mr Trizzino said. "On a planet that is never at peace with its torments, in which peoples and nations are more often overpowered by sins of greed, pride and arrogance rather than those of generosity, we must construct ever newer temples to artistic expression ... which make us all feel like citizens of the same world," he said. The exhibition was part of a series of activities to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Italian Unification, the political movement that led to the different states of the Italian peninsula combining to create the nation of Italy.

Ambassador Trizzino will be returning to Rome to take up a position at the Foreign Affairs Ministry.



His Excellency with several Executive and Building Committee members: Ginette Toscano Page, Ambassador & Signora Trizzino, Giuseppe Basile, Maria Colucci, Vic Criscillo, Alfonso Basile, John Cao, Robin Page, Paul Elenio and Rex Da Vanzo.

## ANNUAL FOOTBALL CHALLENGE

Club Garibaldi is scheduled to play Club Italia (Nelson) for the annual Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy challenge football game in Nelson over Labour weekend. Club members and their sons who are footballers, fit, able to attend practices in September and October, and able to travel to Nelson for the game (and take back the trophy won by Nelson last year!) should advise of their interest in playing to Maria Colucci.

## BABY CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Melanie Federico and Sean Keaney of Newtown, Wellington, on the birth of their daughter Lucia Frances Keaney. A granddaughter for Maureen Federico, Kapiti Coast. Melanie is the lady who formats the Club's newsletters after it has been drafted, in preparation for printing.

## NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members: Michaela Aspell of Wellington and Gemma Aspell of Wellington.

## CLUB MEMORABILIA

Did you know that the Club has a collection of materials that we have over the years, put aside to be part of our Archives? In 1991 Nina Cuccurullo started the collection with materials that were in boxes that came from the old Wakefield Street Club premises. Unfortunately, there was not a lot of historical material prior to 1991 when we moved to the present clubrooms so we are now asking members if you have at home any items of interest to the Club. We are happy to make copies or you may like to donate items eg, photos of club events, articles etc. Please be assured we would take very good care of anything you would give us. You can contact either myself Ginette or Nina. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

## HUMOUR IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL!

An Italian man immigrates to the United States of America and moves in with some distant relatives in New Jersey. They tell him he should apply for citizenship and they will help him study for the test. They go over all the U.S. history from the revolutionary war to the present day. Finally, he feels he has enough knowledge to pass the test so he sets an appointment. He walks into the testing room and the agent giving the test thought he would have a bit of fun, so he said to the man "We have a very simple test for you today. If you can use three English words in one sentence, you will be granted citizenship! The words are green, pink and yellow". The Italian man thought for several minutes and finally said "OK, I thinka I cana do that". Then he said "I hearda the telephone go green, green, green, so I pink it uppa and I say yellow - who isa this?"

## TOMBOLA



The next tombola night will be on **Tuesday, 23 August 2011** 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.

## ALLE FINE DEL MONDO

There are plans to publish a second edition of our great Italian history book *Alle Fine Del Mondo* (To the Ends of the Earth) in time for the celebration of the club's 130th year. The edition will include two chapters that will concentrate largely on the economic and social conditions of the migrants, first in Italy and then in New Zealand, and additional material for the chapters on the fishermen and on Club Garibaldi. Author Paul Elenio will be interviewing a number of migrants over the next few months and will be seeking photographs that include major functions such as weddings and funerals of the early migrants. If members believe they have valuable material please contact Paul. The book has been reprinted twice since it was first launched in 1995 and there are only a handful of copies left with ongoing demand for them.

## GIUSEPPE GRECO'S VISIT TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE



Left: Giuseppe Greco

By Giuseppe Greco, Island Bay

On Sunday, 19 June 2011, the Feast Day of Suzanne Aubert, foundress of the Daughters of Our Lady of Compassion in 1892, known today as the Sisters of Compassion, their Excellencies, the Governor General of New Zealand, the Right Honourable Sir Anand Satyanand and Lady Susan Satyanand, hosted an afternoon tea at Government House, for all a large group of volunteers who work at The Compassion Centre, in Wellington, of which I am one. Following the formal part of the afternoon, His Excellency invited us to a tour and to take photos of the recently refurbished Government House, which was amazing! We were warmly welcomed and a wonderful, memorable afternoon was enjoyed by all.

## CIRCOLO SEPTEMBER SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on Thursday, 1 September, Irene Baleani will give us a presentation on her home city - Trieste. Previous Circolo presenters have touched on Trieste but we will look forward to gaining in-depth information about this city which has a very rich and fascinating history. Trieste is amongst Italy's most unique cities and Mediterranean resorts. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy an evening with Irene! A \$4.00 cover charge towards supper will apply.

## 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, Wellington. Mass starts at 11.30 am. Everyone is welcome. 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 Don Marinko Antolovic from the Apostolic Nunciature. **The next Mass will be on 4 September 2011.**

## GIUSEPPE GRECO – 60 YEARS YOUNG!

Congratulations to Giuseppe (Joe) Greco of Island Bay, who recently reached the wonderful milestone of 60 years young! Buon compleanno Giuseppe, Club Garibaldi wish you many more happy and healthy years to come.

## FERRAGOSTO

Ferragosto is an Italian holiday celebrated each year on 15 August. Originally, it may have related to a celebration of the middle of the summer and the end of the hard labour in the fields. The Catholic Church celebrates this date as a Holy Day of Obligation to commemorate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - the real physical elevation of her sinless soul and incorrupt body, into Heaven.

Before the Roman Catholic Church came into existence, however, this holiday was celebrated in the Roman Empire to honour the gods - in particular Diana - and the cycle of fertility and ripening. In fact, the present Italian name of the holiday derives from its original Latin name, *Feriae Augusti* ("Festivals [Holidays] of the Emperor Augustus").

Almost the entire month of August was taken as a holiday and leisure time in Italy in honour of this feast day. Today, Ferragosto is mainly a short holiday when Italians take brief vacations. The holiday often coincides with peak activity of the Perseid meteor shower, leaving Italians at a particular advantage to view the astral event seen best at pre-dawn hours.

Ferragosto is a national holiday celebrated in Italy. It is held on the 15th of August. On ferragosto, many Italians get the day off. People celebrate on the streets in many cities of Italy. It's important to note that this was just a celebration of Mary; the modern dogma that she was transported to Heaven on Ferragosto took hold in the 18th century, and was only formally proclaimed by Pope Pius XII in 1950.

## A BIT OF TRIVIA

*Cat mourned in National Paper*

(ANSA) - Milan, July 13 - A bereaved owner of a deceased cat took out a full-page ad in Italy's leading newspaper Wednesday to mourn the death of her feline companion. "My profound feelings are beyond financial measure," said Luciana Matalon, 77, reflecting on the death of Sky, her 15-year-old cat, and her decision to publish a lavish obituary in *Corriere della Sera*. Matalon, a well-known artist in Milan, explained that Sky had filled a void left by the passing of her husband some years earlier. "I don't even know how I continued to work after his death," she said. "Sometimes I would wake up in the morning and find an artwork completed that I didn't even remember doing".

Apparently, Sky changed that, giving the artist a zest for life she describes as "catitude", the feline version of gratitude. Matalon originally wished to transport Sky's remains in a helicopter to her home in Sardinia but encountered "obstacles". Nothing, however, could stop her from publishing a solemn epitaph in the paper. "I will soon be with you," it concludes. "And we'll never leave each other ever again".

## SHARED LUNCH



The next shared lunch will be held at the clubrooms on **Sunday, 4 September 2011**, at 1.15 pm, following Italian Mass. All members and families are very welcome. Please bring a plate.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Tuesday, 23 August (7.30pm)

Thursday, 1 September (7.30pm)

Sunday, 4 September (11.30am)

Sunday, 4 September (1.15pm)

Friday/Saturday, 16/17 September (7pm)

Friday/Saturday, 23/24 September (7pm)

Tombola

Circolo September Social

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