



Club Garibaldi News

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Three cheers for summer! Hope you are all enjoying the lazy, hazy long days of summer with your family and friends. I draw your attention to the invitation below from the Ambassador of Italy, H.E. Gioacchino Trizzino, on the occasion of the Celebrations for the 150th Anniversary of Italian Unity, to una 'Serata Italiana' at Te Papa, on 10 March. Do come along or better still, make up a group of family and friends, and enjoy the beautiful music of our homeland in very pleasant surroundings – admission is free. Happy reading!

Ciao a presto
Ginette Toscano Page

INVITATION FROM THE EMBASSY OF ITALY

On the occasion of the Celebrations for the

150th Anniversary of Italian Unity

*The Ambassador of Italy
has the pleasure to invite you and family at an evening of Italian Music*

"Serata Italiana"

and to sing together the Italian National Anthem

*Arias by Giuseppe Verdi and Giacomo Puccini
Amelia Berry and Polly Ott Sopranos, Andrew Grenon Tenor
Daniel O'Connor Baritone, Marc Dorrell Pianist*

Thursday 10 March 2011 at 7.00pm
Wellington at Te Papa, the Marae on Level 4
FREE ADMISSION

FIRST EVER VISIT TO WEST COAST BY AN AMBASSADOR OF ITALY



Giovanni Martini, Club member of Runanga, H.E. Gioacchino Trizzino, Chris Auchinvole, Member of Parliament for West Coast-Tasman

Club member Giovanni Martini is part of the small but strong Italian community on the West Coast of the South Island. Recently this group of people warmly welcomed and hosted the Italian Ambassador, H.E. Gioacchino Trizzino, the first visit ever to be made by a representative of Italy to the region. His visit coincided with not only the wish to meet Italians and people of Italian ancestry, but also to show Italy's deep sympathy for the tragic loss of lives in the Greymouth area a few weeks earlier, following explosions in the Pike River coal mine. Fortunately, no Italians were involved in the tragedy, but many in past decades lost their lives while mining coal and gold, the West Coast's main economic resource.

The social meeting was made possible by Giovanni Martini and John Rubbo, who hosted the visit in his home. Mr Chris Auchinvole, the Member of Parliament elected to this region and President of the Italy-New Zealand Parliamentary Friendship Group, also attended and confirmed the great esteem Italians enjoy in the region. A wonderful day was enjoyed by all.

MEMORIAL FOR THE 'SANTINA' FISHING LAUNCH AND CREW

By Annalisa Devitt (Amitrano)

Wellington turned on a stunning day for the annual Blessing of the Boats and the unveiling of the memorial seat for the 'Santina' fishing launch and crew, held at Island Bay beach on Sunday, 13 February.

Descendants of the Costa and Amitrano families were joined by family and friends, Island Bay residents, generations of Italians and many others, to witness the wonderful blessing and dedication ceremony performed by Archbishop John Dew and Father Geoff Broad. It was a truly moving service and such fitting words were said to commemorate those lost. It tied in beautifully with the Blessing of the Boats, which also marked the occasion. I am sure those who attended will always have a lasting memory of the day.

In memory of the four brave men who were lost at sea in 1933, a seat has been erected right in the heart of the Bay and on the water's edge, where no doubt, these men walked along hundreds of times.

For those who have not seen it, the memorial seat is situated next to the old bait shed, facing the beach. A place where one can watch the fishermen row to shore with their catch of the day, while reflecting on how the 'Santina' crew did not make it back to shore that fateful day in 1933. Their names were: Gennaro Amitrano, Paolo Panozzo, Vincenzo Costa and Ronald Alley.



Some descendants of the Amitrano family



Some descendants of the Costa family



The dedicated memorial seat at Island Bay

I would like to thank all that attended and showed their respect and love to the Costa and Amitrano families. It was truly appreciated.

DOCUMENTARY EDGE FILM FESTIVAL

The festival will take place from 17 February to 6 March 2011 in Auckland, and 10 to 27 March 2011 in Wellington.

'Out of the Darkness', a documentary by Italian film director, Stefano Levi, has been selected as one of the 50 films to be screened at the Documentary Edge Film Festival. Levi, a freelance photographer and filmmaker, specializes in documentary films, reportage photography and commercial advertisements. He has an extensive international experience and travels regularly worldwide for assignments, also in very remote regions of the planet.

Synopsis of the film:

Director Stefano Levi. Producers Per Schnell, Werner Kubny, Stefano Levi.
Duration: 73 mins

More than half of the world's preventable blindness is caused by cataract disease, a clouding of the clear lens of the eye. In developing countries like Nepal, it is not only a personal tragedy, but can devastate the economy of entire communities. Fortunately it is also easy to cure. Cataract surgery is one of the most effective medical interventions on earth, but until recently was considered too expensive to provide to the rural poor. Most of the world's blind people live in remote, impoverished areas. The majority of doctors able to cure them work in cities. Dr. Sanduk Ruit from Nepal, and his American partner, Dr. Geoff Tabin, have set their life's work at perfecting a portable low cost surgical procedure to restore sight. They trek to Nepal's remote Northeast, carrying an entire hospital on porters' backs. Their mission is to bring the needlessly blind out of the darkness. Director Levi follows the men as they humbly go about bringing hope and light to those who don't have any in the most difficult of conditions.

'Out of the Darkness' confirmed screenings – Wellington:

10/03/2011 - Wellington City Gallery - 2.00 pm

19/03/2011 - Angelika at Reading Cinemas Courtenay Place - 12.15 pm

25/03/2011 - Angelika at Reading Cinemas Courtenay Place - 5.30 pm

Below are some links to the documentary and the Festival:

www.outofthedarkness-film.com

www.facebook.com/outofthedarknessfilm

www.documentaryedge.org.nz/2011/

AN ITEM OF INTEREST

'PESTO DAY' TO BE CELEBRATED ANSA – Genoa, 14 January 2011

Over 2,000 participating restaurants in roughly 40 countries will honour real Genovese pesto on 17 January, marking the fourth annual International Day of Italian Cuisine (IDIC). Genovese pesto was chosen as the official dish of IDIC 2011, a worldwide celebration of authentic Italian food that will even see pesto-based Ligurian specialties served on 14 ships of the Italian cruise company Costa Crociere.

"Pesto Day" will be an important showcase for our manufacturers to publicize, promote and distinguish real Genovese pesto from false imitations' agricultural councillor Giovanni Barbagallo told reporters in Genoa. 'Defending the traditional pesto recipe from imitations is a priority for Liguria'. To that end, the oily green sauce beloved by Italian food fans the world over may also soon have its own certification. The word 'pesto' comes from 'pestare', or to crush with a pestle and mortar, a reference to the original method for creating the Genovese sauce. Hence pesto is also known as 'battuto genovese'.

BABY CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to the following on the recent additions to their families:

- Donato Scioscioli, Primo Segretario/Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of Italy, Wellington and Veronica, in China, a daughter, Filomena Scioscioli.
- Lance and Sarah Reynolds of Auckland, a son, Joseph Vincenzo Reynolds. A grandson for Maria (Panettieri) and Rick Reynolds of Eastbourne. A great-grandson for Angela Panettieri of Kilbirnie, Wellington.
- Maria (Mollo) and Win Nguyen of Newtown, a son, Daniel Antonio Nguyen. A grandson for Teresa and Liberato Mollo of Island Bay.



TINA DELLABARCA – 80 YEARS YOUNG!

Congratulations to Tina Dellabarca of Island Bay, who recently reached the wonderful milestone of 80 years young! Buon compleanno Tina, Club Garibaldi wish you many more happy and healthy years to come.

ANNUAL BUS TRIP 2011 – DESTINATION: HAMILTON

By Joe and Maryrose Basile



When it was made known that the 2011 bus trip was going to Hamilton, we asked ourselves, why would anyone want to go to Hamilton and what would we do there? But on the last evening of the holiday at the Italian restaurant where we had dined, Joe said to Salvi, "Even if you only decide to go to Berhampore next year I'll be coming"! It's not the places we go to that make the trip so memorable...it's the company, the Italian sing-a-longs, the meals we share together and the le conversazioni. The evening we had at the Caffè Centrale on the Thursday night in Hamilton will stay with us forever. "So, thanks Salvi, Jo and Maria - please put our names on top of the booking list for next year's trip".

Our itinerary read like this:

Tuesday: First stop was at Flat Hills Cafe for morning tea, then it was on to Milano's restaurant in Taupo for a pizza lunch with salad and drinks. Delizioso! Our hotel in Hamilton was the Kingsgate, where we were truly spoiled. Each room had two double beds; the perfect resting place for our late afternoon siestas.

Wednesday: Saw the group visit the zoo in the morning, then head off to Mass at midday at the cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary (a beautiful modern church built just 18 months ago). After lunching at Cambridge we went on to visit Lake Karapiro and walk across the dam. We dined both nights at the Caffè Centrale, a truly authentic Italian restaurant, with real Italian food, Italian chefs and Italian waitresses.

Thursday: We visited the Hamilton gardens where the most impressive display we saw was the 'Italian Roman garden'. The afternoon saw us relaxing on a boat while we cruised the Waikato River. That evening we ate again, at the same restaurant but dined from a different Italian set menu that was just as delicious. Then it was time for the 'Finale' of the holiday – singing and crooning, clapping and cheering as we made our way through a variety of Italian songs. On Friday, we headed home, completely relaxed and satisfied from a fantastic holiday.



ANNUAL BUS TRIP 2011 – CONTINUED



SEEKING ASSISTANCE FOR RESEARCH

Hi, my name is Karen Warren and I live in Nelson. I am keen to pursue an interest in New Zealand history and have recently embarked on writing a book about early immigrants to New Zealand. I'm particularly interested in the places immigrants came from and where they ended up in New Zealand. The book will concentrate on the period from 1840 to the beginning of the First World War. Italians feature strongly in their contribution to early New Zealand and I have so far identified some particular villages and towns where Italian emigrants left from. These include:

- Palmi and the islands of Capri and Sicily (small numbers)
- Stromboli
- Potenza (3 or 4 villages nearby) and around Naples
- Massalubrense (e.g. Puolo village)
- Treviso, Vicenza and Belluno (small villages around these locations) and also in the Udine province, Conco
- Livorno
- Pistoia (villages nearby e.g. Pupigliana)
- Sondrio (small numbers)
- Firenze and Tuscany
- Valtellina valley

I am following up my research with a trip to Italy in April/May this year and am planning to visit a number of these villages and towns. I'd like to get an idea of what these settlements were like when the emigrants left, why they left, and how the settlements have changed over the years. I'd like to identify villages that would be interesting for New Zealanders going to visit for both historical and tourist reasons. Unfortunately, I'm not able to follow the stories of individual migrants because that would become rather too detailed for my book. At this stage, in southern Italy I am planning to visit Potenza and the nearby village of Pupigliana, Massalubrense (Marciano, Santa Baia di Puolo, Sant'Agata sui Due Golfi, Santa Maria and Santa Teresa), and Stromboli. Further north, I am planning to head to Livorno, Pistoia and Vicenza. I am very much looking forward to my trip to Italy in a few months time. In fact, my husband and I love Italy so much we are possibly looking for a place to buy while we are there!

I am keen for Club Garibaldi members to know of my project. If you have any information you think might help my research and travels I would love to hear from you. You may have suggestions of specific places to visit or source information, or possibly people it might be useful to contact. I'd also be very interested in any very old photos of Italian or NZ settlements. I will take extremely good care of any material loaned to me. I will be leaving on 14 March so my apologies in not giving much time between now and then. Thank you for reading this article - I intend to give you an update about my progress in a follow-up article.

Kind regards,
Karen Warren

NEW MEMBER

A warm welcome to the following new member: Shirley James of Lower Hutt.

SHARED LUNCH



The next shared lunch will be held at the clubrooms on **Sunday, 3 April 2011** at 1.15 pm, following Italian Mass. All members and families are very welcome. Please bring a plate.

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 6 March.**

MARTIN VAN DER DONK – 60 YEARS YOUNG!



Congratulations to Executive Committee member, Martin Van der Donk of Island Bay, who recently reached the wonderful milestone of 60 years young! Buon compleanno Martin, Club Garibaldi wish you many more happy and healthy years to come.

NELSON REGION GLOBAL ETHNIC FOOTBALL



This tournament is an annual event run by the New Zealand Police. At Labour weekend, 30 and 31 October 2010, eight teams competed for a trophy. Club Italia Nelson's group consisted of teams from England, Burma and New Zealand. Club Italia's first match was against England. It was a hard fought, close affair with the Nelson team having the better of the game and winning 2-0. These two goals were scored by the two invited guest players, who are members of Club Garibaldi, Luciano Colucci and Tom Kelly. The next game was against Burma who competed admirably, however Club Italia were too strong, winning 6-0. The final match of the day was against a New Zealand side (also unbeaten) who were as determined to stay in the tournament as were Club Italia, ensuring a 0-0 result! The semi-final, Club Italia versus the China Republic, was the match of the tournament and would have been a worthy final. Club Italia were victorious, winning 4-3, after a frantic last 5 minutes when 3 goals were scored! The four goals scored by Club Italia were from the captain, George, Luciano, Tom and Marco. The final game which was against Croatia, was a tight closely fought match, with Club Italia dominating at times but unable to score. In extra time, a penalty shoot-out added extra excitement for the large crowd of spectators, with the Italians holding their nerve to emerge as Tournament Champions!

The Club Italia squad contributed their success, with special thanks to Luciano and Tom for travelling to Nelson from Wellington's Club Garibaldi, for their assistance in the tournament.

ITALIAN VIDEOS

A club member has donated a supply of used Italian video tapes to the Club. There is a large assortment of titles including movies and soccer games. The videos will be in a box on the table outside the kitchen area with an honesty box beside it - \$2.00 per video please.

MORE ITALIAN HAND GESTURES

Italians use body language and hand gestures to punctuate an expression and give it a shading that the word or phrase itself lacks. The Italian hand gestures illustrated here are some of the more common gestures that are recognized in the country. Be aware that, like dialects, certain hand signals can mean different things within different regions — and can have completely different interpretations in other cultures. Practice these gestures on your Italian friends first to be sure you've got the right movement, otherwise a potentially embarrassing situation could develop! Have fun!



Perfetto!
English translation: Perfect!



Lo giuro! or Giuro!
English translation: I swear it.



Me no frego.
English translation: I don't give a damn.



E' un po' toccato."
English translation: He's a little crazy.



Ora ricordo!"
English translation: Now I remember!



Chissà che è?!
English translation: Who knows what it is?!

CIRCOLO MARCH SOCIAL

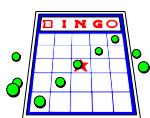
The Circolo's 2011 social programme will commence with a presentation by Circolo members Marisa King and Phil Saxby. Marisa was the recipient of the Circolo's 2010 Charles Bell Memorial Scholarship and together with her partner Phil, she studied for one month at Scuola Romanica, Modena. Marisa and Phil will talk about their experiences at the school and they will also give us their impressions on the beautiful city of Modena and many nearby cities. Expect to see some stunning Power Point photos and take the opportunity to enjoy socializing with other Italiophiles!!

Thursday 3 March, 7.30pm Venue: Club Garibaldi, top floor, Cnr Vivian and Tory Streets, Wellington. A \$4.00 cover charge towards supper will apply.

CIRCOLO APRIL SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on Thursday 7 April, Don McLean, the Director of Italian Villa Holidays will give us a presentation on 'Independent Travel' in Italy. Don is a very accomplished speaker on all aspects of travel within Italy and he has spoken to Circolo members and friends on many occasions. He will give us invaluable practical information and useful hints and we will benefit from his extensive knowledge. The material and visuals will be new and we can look forward to being taken on a virtual armchair tour around Italy!! A \$4.00 cover charge towards supper will apply.

TOMBOLA



The next tombola night will be on **Tuesday, 22 March 2011** at the usual time of 7.30pm. Please come along and feel free to bring a friend. Contact Maria if you have any questions.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Thursday, 3 March (7.30pm)	Circolo March Social
Sunday, 6 March (11.30am)	Italian Mass
Thursday, 10 March (7pm)	'Serata Italiana' (Te Papa)
Tuesday, 22 March (7.30pm)	Tombola
Sunday, 3 April (1.15pm)	Shared Lunch
Thursday, 7 April (7.30pm)	Circolo April Social