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Club Garibaldi News

JUNE 2011

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



This year Italians worldwide have two significant and special occasions to celebrate – the 150th anniversary of the Unification of Italy and Italy's National Day. The Club's National Day celebrations on Friday, 3 June was very well attended, with over 80 members sharing in the warm atmosphere of the occasion. Since His Excellency, Italy's Ambassador to New Zealand, Gioacchino Trizzino, was unable to attend as he was celebrating this special day with the Italian community in Christchurch, we still had the pleasure of having Signora Trizzino, Donato Scioscioli, Deputy Head of Mission, who represented the Ambassador in his absence, the Nuncio, H.E.

Archbishop Charles Balvo, as well as nine members of the Embassy staff and three of their teenage sons with us on this special occasion.

The formal part of the evening commenced with the President, Ginette Toscano Page, welcoming everyone to the Club and delivering a short speech, marking the 65th anniversary of the birth of the Republic of Italy. This was followed by members standing to sing the Italian National Anthem – Fratelli D'Italia. In reply, Donato Scioscioli gave a speech, followed by Archbishop Charles Balvo. Luca Quaglia spoke on behalf of the Circolo Italiano di Wellington, in President Cav. Elizabeth Peek's absence.

Following the delicious finger food supper served by four pretty young ladies, Sophia and Charlotte Basile and Grace and Rebekah Amitrano, dressed in tarantella dress, we enjoyed two sets of popular Italian songs by the Mediterranean Trio – Armando Gilmoni, Salvi Gaeta and Robin Page – thank you guys! This year we were also treated to a group of songs from the Sanremo Music Festival sung by club member, Lucia Roncaglia. Thank you Lucia, you were terrific! And last but not least, three cheers and thanks to Archbishop Charles for his rousing rendition of Santa Lucia backed by the Med Trio! Another highlight of the evening was the conga dance, initiated by Signora Trizzino and led by Rina Merlino from the Embassy! While in the conga line, looking over my shoulder I saw over 40 people weaving their way between the tables and chairs! Lots of fun!

Special thanks to Alfonso Basile – as well as catering the light supper, Alfonso also baked a fantastic celebration torta, which was cut by Signora Trizzino and Donato Scioscioli. Sincere thanks and much appreciation to the following Executive Committee members and their spouses who helped to make the night such a success: Matt Amitrano, Giuseppe and Maryrose Basile, Jim and Lynda Marson, Maria Colucci, Paul Elenio, Rex Da Vanzo and Robin Page. Many thanks also to the members who helped clean up after the function – it is very much appreciated. As I encountered problems with my camera at our National Day event, many thanks to Anna Fraioli Simonetti and Serena Bronda from the Embassy, for sharing their photos with us.

A reminder that annual club subscription fees are due for the year beginning 1 July, 2011. Current subscriptions expire on 30 June, 2011. We would appreciate you sending the completed form, together with your payment as soon as possible. The form was sent to you last month on a separate page attached to the newsletter. 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 person has sent the payment.

Ciao a presto
Ginette Toscano Page

ITALIAN FILM EVENINGS



As part of the 150th anniversary celebrations of the Unification of Italy, His Excellency, Ambassador Gioacchino Trizzino, is kindly giving us the opportunity to view several wonderful Italian films.

Where: Club Garibaldi, 118 Tory Street, Wellington

When: Saturday and Sunday, 13 & 14 August, 7pm
Friday and Saturday, 19 & 20 August, 7pm

Admission: Free to all members, their families and friends, by invitation only. The evenings are not open to the general public.

More information in the July newsletter!

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following news members: Paula Tesoriero and Chris Bishop of Karori, Wellington and Marcus and Marion Pol of Paraparaumu.

A BIT OF TRIVIA

(ANSA) - Rome, May 12

An Italian bus driver has been caught on film using *two* cell phones while steering the vehicle with his elbows! A video of the driver taking his passengers to Rome's Ciampino Airport was posted on Rome daily 'La Repubblica' website. The governor of the Rome region, Renata Polverini, deplored the driver's unacceptable and reckless conduct. "People who are responsible for the safety of others must not behave like that," she told reporters, amid calls to have him sacked. "I immediately asked the Transport Councillor to take action!" she said. Using a cell phone while driving is against the law in Italy.

THE DAY CLUB GARIBALDI WAS FOUNDED IN WELLINGTON!

By Ginette Toscano Page

By chance, I recently found the following very interesting and exciting article on the internet – the first public announcement of the founding of our Club in 1882! The headings and text are exactly as it was written at that time.

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MEMORIAL OF GARIBALDI

At a meeting of Italians on Sunday night at which an Italian Working Men's Club was formed, a letter to be forwarded to Italy in reference to the death of General Garibaldi which the committee had prepared was approved of, and it was resolved that it should be forwarded to the Italian press through Cav. Luigi Castellazzo, Garibaldi's greatest friend.

Signor Frandi, in a most interesting and appropriate speech, referred to the late General. He mentioned the many nobles services Garibaldi had rendered regardless of himself; how on one occasion, when his troops were stopped and fired upon by the Italian army sent to recall him, and while his own son lay wounded at his side, the General ordered his men to lay down arms rather than fire on their own countrymen. Signor Frandi also spoke of the simplicity of Garibaldi's private life, and mentioned that in 1864 a party, including himself, went to Caprera on a mission to the General, whom they found in the fields mowing hay, and who, after hospitably entertaining them, apologised for the absence of wine, saying that for some time he had deprived himself of luxuries so as to be enabled, with the money, to help the Poles, who were then fighting for their country's liberty. Messrs Grazzini, Nigiotti, Buti, Rondanina, Tani and Creber, who had fought in the General's ranks during the campaigns of 1860, 1866, 1867 and 1870, also spoke briefly of their admiration of Garibaldi's character, and of the loss sustained by his death. It was resolved that the club was to take its name from the late General in honour of his memory.

THE CLUB'S ANNUAL BUS TRIP – FEBRUARY 2012

Although the dates and destination of next year's bus trip have not yet been finalised, this note is a reminder to keep in mind, or to mark your 2012 calendars for either the first or second week of February 2012 for the club's annual bus trip. More details will follow in due course.

YOUTUBE OF THE MONTH

This month's featured YouTubes will amaze you! They can only be described in one word – WOW!

In May 2009, three fresh-faced teenagers, Piero Barone, 15 years old, Ignazio Boschetto, 14, both from Sicily, and Gianluca Ginoble, also 14, from Abruzzo, appeared on the popular Italian talent show *Ti Lascio Una Canzone* and dazzled viewers with their flawless rendition of the Italian standard "O Sole Mio." It was at this moment *Il Volo* (which means 'flight' in English) was born. Their self-titled debut album, released in Italy in November 2010, has already been certified platinum. The album was released in the USA in April 2011. *Il Volo* made their American television debut in March 2011 singing "O Sole Mio" on CBS' *The Talk*, and had the audience jumping out of their seats for a standing ovation.

YouTube Links:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJcTNYuTsxA&feature=fvwrel>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KRhwckWqt4M&feature=fvwrel>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ohRM_MkhL74&feature=fvwrel

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMdcePYCvPA&feature=fvwrel>

<http://www.interscope.com/artist/player/default.aspx?meid=6314&aid=1200%3e>

If you know of a website that you think would be of interest to other members, please email the URL to Robin Page and it will be included in the next month's newsletter.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS – MARCELLE PARKS



Marcelle Parkes, 13 years old, granddaughter of club members Lynda and Jim Marson of Johnsonville, Wellington, has been selected for the Wellington Under 15 A netball team, a squad of 11 girls. At Queens Birthday weekend there was a three-day tournament at Porirua, with 10 teams competing from the lower North Island and upper South Island. Wellington won the tournament, which was a major achievement. Only two players from Wellington were named in the tournament team with Marcelle being one of them. The team will now compete in a one-day tournament at Palmerston North and Levin, followed by the NZ Netball Nationals in New Plymouth during the first week of the school holidays. Marcelle has also just represented Wellington in the Under 15 Softball Team, and selected for the tournament team at the National Tournament held in Wellington where they were placed second.

Club Garibaldi congratulates you, Marcelle! Wow! A Wellington representative in two sporting codes! Ben fatto! A big bright future awaits you!



'A NIGHT AT THE GARIBALDI' NAOMI FERGUSON FAREWELL

Both Benefit evenings on Friday 26th and Saturday 27 August 2011 are now sold out. Waiting list enquiries to Rex Da Vanzo.

WANTED...TOYS FOR THE CLUB'S TOY BOX



Our toy box at the club is looking rather tired and some of them are broken! If your children have out grown and no longer play with certain toys, how about donating them to the Club so that our young Garibaldini have some 'new' toys to play with when they come to the clubrooms. The toys must be clean and in good condition – please, no broken ones. If you have pre-loved toys to donate, contact one of the Executive Committee members, or bring them to the club on a Sunday afternoon, a family night, or a shared lunch.

FAMILY NIGHT

Another Family Night is planned for 2011 is on **Friday, 8 July**, at 6.30 pm. Once again, this will be along the same lines as previous Family Nights. The bar will be open as well. For catering purposes please call Alfonso to advise how many members of your family will be attending, no later than **Tuesday, 5 July**. Please note that no bookings will be accepted after this date, and that it will be on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Cost: Adults and children 12 years old and over \$8.00 ea
5 to 11 years old – \$4.00 ea
4 years and under – free

Come join us and enjoy a very relaxed family evening together.

EXECUTIVE AND CLUB SUB-COMMITTEES

A number of the current Club executive committee members are stepping down this year, having served the Club for some time. I would like Club members to consider putting their names forward for election to the committee for the next 12 months. The old saying "many hands make light work" certainly applies to our Club and I am enormously encouraged when I see people offering their help, whether it's at functions or at events.

The work is not onerous and usually a lot of fun. We have one executive committee meeting a month, which lasts about two hours (we Italians know how to talk!). I also look for executive committee members to actively participate in one of three specialist sub-committee groups (along with other club members) –

- Management of the building and its leases
- Planning and running the club's social functions
- Managing the membership and publicity (including newsletter, website etc)

We welcome all input and I would be delighted to hear from members who can give us their time, energy and ideas and are prepared to commit for the good of our club that has had such great support for 129 years. Please call or email Ginette Page as soon as possible.

CIRCOLO ITALIANO – JULY SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on Thursday, 7 July, Luca Quaglia, will give a presentation on the Unification of Italy. This year Italy is celebrating 150 years of Unification, and Luca, who has previously given several excellent presentations, will explain the processes that lead to this historic event. A warm invitation is extended to Club Garibaldi members - come along and enjoy this special evening with members of the Circolo. A \$4.00 cover charge towards supper will apply. Note: All Circolo functions are held at the Club Garibaldi venue.



SHARED LUNCH

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

HUMOUR IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

Vincenzo ordered a pizza at his favourite Italian restaurant, and the waiter asked if he wanted it cut into 8 pieces. Vincenzo replied, "No, better make it 16 pieces, as I am very hungry!"

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. 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 3 July.**

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Do not forget to also join up your spouse, as there are several club functions 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. 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. Thanks and we look forward to your continued membership and support.

Friendly reminder: Members who do not display the new 2011-12 stickers on their vehicles which are parked in the club car park after 30 June 2011, risk being towed away!

TOMBOLA



The next tombola night will be on **Tuesday, 28 June 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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| Tuesday, 28 June (7.30pm) | Tombola |
| Sunday, 3 July (11.30am) | Italian Mass |
| Sunday, 3 July (1.15pm) | Shared Lunch |
| Thursday, 7 July (7.30pm) | Circolo July Social |
| Friday, 8 July (6.30pm) | Family Night |
| Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 August (7pm) | Italian Film Evening |
| Friday 19 & Saturday 20 August (7pm) | Italian Film Evening |

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