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Club Garibaldi News

SEPTEMBER 2011

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, 11 September 2011.

As I complete my sixth year and third term as President of Club Garibaldi, once again, it gives me enormous pleasure to advise members that our club continues to thrive with new membership numbers steadily rising. May this achievement continue on this positive path.

The club has enjoyed another happy, full, and busy year during which time the number of members who frequented club activities and functions has risen significantly, which is really pleasing to see. Membership stands around 400. Club Garibaldi continues to prosper in spite of the busy 'outside' world which is filled with so many other activities.

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 is very popular and most successful, with numbers of people attending as high as 85 on one of the nights! It is also very encouraging to see teenagers join us, for it is they, the young Garibaldini, who are the future of Club Garibaldi.

The following are some of the year's highlights:

During Labour weekend, October 2010, the club's soccer team challenged Club Italia Nelson in Wellington, for the Aldo Cucurullo Memorial Trophy. After a very close encounter, which included extra time and played in good spirit, the trophy went south this year! Nonetheless, the Club's team did us proud – thank you guys – and thank you to those who supported the team.

The end-of-year certificate presentation, concert and party for the Children's Language Classes was held on 30 November. Mrs Delia Benazzo, the Cultural Officer from the Embassy of Italy, presented the children with their certificates. This was the 15th year that the classes have been running, and it is great to see club members' children/grandchildren learning the Italian language.

On Saturday, 27 November, ninety members attended the Club's 12th annual Senior Christmas Luncheon. Guests included Donato Scioscioli, Deputy Head of Mission, from the Embassy of Italy, the Nuncio, Archbishop Charles Balvo and Don Marinko from the Holy See and Fr Geoff Broad, Parish Priest of St Francis de Sales parish, Island Bay. The following Saturday, 4 December, Father Christmas made his annual trip to the Club with his sack full of gifts for the forty four children who came to the Christmas party.

During the second week of February 2011, the club's annual three-day bus trip took place ~ this year's destination was Hamilton. As always, the full busload of people who went on this trip had a great time.

Once again, we were blessed with a sparkling summer's day for the annual club picnic held at Queen Elizabeth Park, Paekakariki, on Sunday, 20 February. A wonderful, fun day was enjoyed by the bumper number of people who attended...160. It was a pleasure to have the Italian Ambassador, H.E. Gioacchino Trizzino and Signora Trizzino join us for the entire day, along with two other members of the Embassy staff.

On 26 March, a large group of club members including 20 young children accepted Ambassador and Signora Trizzino's invitation to join them for an informal luncheon at their official residence. We were warmly welcomed and a wonderful time was had by all. As far as I am aware, this is the first time an Italian Ambassador to New Zealand has opened his home exclusively to members of Club Garibaldi for such an occasion. This act of kind-heartedness further cements the warm relationship Club Garibaldi now enjoys with Ambassador and Signora Trizzino and the Italian Embassy.

The club celebrated Italy's National Day with a function on Friday, 3 June, which was attended by over 80 members. In the Ambassador's absence, Donato Scioscioli, Deputy Head of Mission, represented the Embassy of Italy. We were delighted to have Signora Trizzino, the Nuncio H.E. Archbishop Charles Balvo and nine members from the Italian Embassy staff join us for this special function.

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

I am aware that each year, I always repeat the following paragraph, but I truly believe it is very important that I mention it. 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 those members who assist us in many ways, give of their time willingly and voluntarily for our enjoyment. Sometimes people forget this! I urge you to please support your executive committee as they give up significant personal time and forgo many things to ensure the club runs smoothly.

As always, first and foremost, my sincere thanks and much appreciation to my husband Robin, who holds the position of Club Trustee, and whose continued support in every aspect of my position, has been outstanding. Robin also stocks the bar for our many functions, organizes the cleaner and bar staff, and handles all the private clubroom hire arrangements. He is my right hand man! Together we spent untold hours at meetings, and planning the club's involvement at the Italian festival, plus a hundred and one other tasks when required.

My sincere thanks to the outstanding and dedicated members of the executive committee: Alfonso Basile, Anna Quinn, Giuseppe Basile, 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 much appreciated. We sadly farewell three Executive Committee members this year—John Cao, Jim Marson and Anna Quinn. Many thanks to John and Jim, who have been a long

standing executive members, and to the club's Secretary, Anna Quinn. We wish them all the best for the future.

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 on-going support, wisdom and help during the last year - this has been invaluable.

Special thanks to our Building Committee: Vic Criscillo, Robin Page, David Monastra and Rex Da Vanzo. The help and expertise in their respective fields with regard to the building maintenance and re-decorating projects, is very much appreciated.

Many thanks to Sira Ballara, for doing a great job as the Coordinator of the Children's Italian Language classes. Best wishes also to Sira, who is standing down at year's end.

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.

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

Many thanks to David Da Col for posting the newsletters onto the website. Thanks also to Lucia Esposito and other members of her 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.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you, the members, who have encouraged and supported me over the years. Please continue to do so.

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
September 2011

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2011-12

President	Ginette Toscano Page	
Vice President	Alfonso Basile	
Secretary	To be filled	
Treasurer	Giuseppe Basile	
Committee	Matt Amitrano	Vince Costa
	Maria Colucci	Martin Van der Donk
	Kerry Noaro	
Trustees	Paul Elenio	
	Robin Page	
Legal Advisor	Rex Da Vanzo	

VACANCY: OFFICE BEARER – SECRETARY 2011-2012

We need someone to fill the vacancy of Secretary for the next financial year of 2011-2012. If you can help, or know of anyone who can fill this role, please contact Ginette asap. This is a voluntary position, the same as all other members of the executive committee. Applicants need to have computer skills and a good command of English.



BABY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to John Cao and Iona Cameron of Lower Hutt, on the birth of their son, Alessandro Giovanni Cao.

UNPAID MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please note: For those members who have not paid their 2011-12 membership subscriptions this will be the last newsletter they will receive.

MONSIGNOR MARINKO'S DEPARTURE

For the second time in a month, we have farewelled yet another popular associate and very good friend of Club Garibaldi and the wider Italian community. In July, whilst on annual leave overseas, Don Marinko, Attaché of the Nunciature in Wellington, was promoted to the position of Monsignor, and has been assigned to a new post in Vienna. Mons Marinko, we heartily congratulate you and wish you well in your new appointment.

Following the final Italian Mass to be celebrated by Mons Marinko at St Francis de Sales Church in Island Bay, as always, he joined us at the club's bi-monthly shared lunch. Just prior to grace Mons Marinko gave a short speech; thanking the club community for making him feel so welcome since his arrival in New Zealand in August 2008. He wished us well and said he would never forget the warm hospitality he had received over the years and would remember us in his prayers. In reply, Ginette paid tribute to Mons Marinko and also wished him well, as he went about the Lord's work – that New Zealand's loss was Vienna's gain! She asked him not to forget his family of friends at the club and within the Italian community; that we will miss his great homilies, his courtesy, friendship, and great sense of fun.

After a delicious lunch at the best restaurant in the city, Alfonso Basile brought out a beautifully decorated cake which he had specially baked for Mons Marinko as well as for the fathers present, as it was Father's Day, which the Monsignor had the honour of cutting. The night before Monsignor departed the country a most congenial farewell party/dinner was held at the Apostolic Nunciature. The guests who attended attested to the huge number of friends Mons Marinko had made in his short time here. Both Abp. Charles and Mons Marinko gave two wonderful speeches and had us both laughing and tearful. These were followed by an equally wonderful speech from Abp. John Dew.

HUMOUR IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL!

My cousin Luigi was immigrating to New Zealand in 1958 and would have to attend a formal welcoming committee. He wrote and asked me what should he wear, and I told him to wear a suit and tie. He asked 'What colour should the suit be?' I said 'The same colour as your hair. If your hair is black, then wear a black suit, if your hair is brown, then wear a brown suit, if it is grey, then wear a grey suit'. He wrote back a week later - "Eh, Vincenzo, I'ma balda and gotta no 'air at all!"

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS! LIBERALE ZANDEGIACOMO – 70 YEARS YOUNG!



Congratulations to Liberale Zandegiacomo of Lower Hutt, who recently reached great milestone of 70 years young. Buon compleanno - Club Garibaldi wish you many more happy and healthy years to come.

A BIT OF TRIVIA

ANSA - 1 September 2011

A woman has given birth aboard an Alitalia flight from Milan to Paris. The mother, a French national, went into labour halfway through flight AZ3508 from Milan Linate airport en route to Charles de Gaulle airport, Paris, on Wednesday. The plane landed just in time for a medical team to board the aircraft and help deliver the baby boy to the applause of the passengers on board. (I'm sure this little baby boy will be given a life time of free flights on Alitalia!)

This year's Alfa Romeo Italian Film Festival season in Wellington will begin screening at Paramount Cinemas, 25 Courtenay Place, Wellington, on 12 October and will run until 30 October 2011.



Join us as we celebrate the opening of the 16th Italian Film festival in Wellington, featuring the premier of 'The First Beautiful Thing (La Prima Cosa Bella)'. This touching and nostalgic drama, from Paolo Virzi, director of the 2009 festival's opening night smash-hit 'Her Whole Life Ahead', was Italy's nomination to the 2010 Academy Awards.

12th October, 7:00 for a 7:30pm screening at Paramount Cinemas.

All tickets \$25 including a choice of Italian beverage. Make up a group and enjoy an evening/s of great Italian cinema. Enclosed with this newsletter is a film festival brochure for your information.

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to Franco, Martina and family, Mauro and Michele Zanotto, on the recent passing of their wife, mother and nonna, Anna Zanotto. Anna was a faithful member of the Italian Choir since its' beginning, and a fully participating member of the Club.

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, including those that are visiting from overseas, or other parts of the country. It would be good to see more club 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 from the Apostolic Nunciature. **The next Mass will be on 2 October 2011.**

'A NIGHT AT THE GARIBALDI' NAOMI FERGUSON FAREWELL



The concerts held at the Clubrooms on 26th and 27th August passed a twenty year milestone assisting singers to progress in their chosen field and have provided entertainment to many. Naomi Ferguson from Christchurch is a hugely talented and versatile performer and will be sadly missed when she leaves NZ to take up permanent residence overseas. She was ably supported by NZ Aria winner, and previous beneficiary, Julia Booth from Hamilton and a raft of local singers. Thanks are due to those who have financially supported these evenings over the years by their attendance and in many other ways.



Operatic soprano Julia Booth

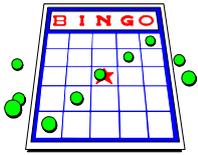


Naomi Ferguson Presentation



Ellie Neal and three friends from the Wizard of Oz sequence

TOMBOLA



The next tombola night will be on **Tuesday, 27 September 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.

SHARED LUNCH



The next shared lunch will be held at the clubrooms on **Sunday, 6 November 2011** at 1.15pm. All members and families are very welcome. Please bring a plate.

CIRCOLO ITALIANO – OCTOBER SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on **Thursday 6 October** Dana Jackson will give us a presentation. Dana is an experienced artist who travels extensively abroad and around New Zealand in search of inspiring images to paint. On this occasion Dana will concentrate on sharing her experiences while travelling around Italy in her campervan come art studio. She will bring along samples of her work and you can check out more information by visiting her website: www.artydana.co.nz. Dana's presentation will be the last Circolo social for 2011 so make the most of the opportunity to come along and enjoy a special evening! A \$4.00 charge towards supper will apply.

ALLA FINE DEL MONDO

There are plans to publish a second edition of our great Italian history book *Alla 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 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.

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.

SHARED LUNCH & FAREWELL TO MONS MARINKO – SEPTEMBER 2011



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Tuesday, 27 September (7.30pm)
Sunday, 2 October (11.30am)
Thursday, 6 October (7.30pm)
Sunday, 6 November (1.15pm)

Tombola
Italian Mass
Circolo October Social
Shared Lunch