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Club Garibaldi News

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Auguri di un Buon Anno

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year and auguri di un Buon Anno. May 2012 be great one for us all!

I hope you are all enjoying the holiday season, the warmth of the summer sun, the relaxing days and long evenings in the company of family and friends.

Our club calendar is already filling up with upcoming events and activities. Club Garibaldi was founded in 1882 and this year we will be celebrating our 130th anniversary, an important milestone for us all. The Executive Committee are always working on these projects in advance. Members' support and suggestions are always welcome, so if you have any ideas, or wish to join in on certain projects, please feel free to contact me.

Ciao a presto
Ginette Toscano Page
President

SHARING NEWS

We are looking for Italian items of interest, as well as special occasions to include in future newsletters. Please feel welcome to share them with your fellow members. Contact Ginette or Robin.

HUMOUR IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL!

A dietician was addressing a large audience at a health seminar. "The material we call food which we put into our stomachs today is enough to have killed most of us sitting here, years ago. Red meat is awful! Soft drinks erode your stomach lining! Asian food is loaded with MSG! Pasta is very fattening! Vegetables can be disastrous, and none of us realises the long-term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water.

But there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all, and we all have eaten, or will eat at one point in our lives. Can anyone tell me what food produces the most long term damage to us even years after eating it?"

A 75-year-old Italian man in the front row stood up and said, "It'sa d' Wedding a cake!"

AN ITEM OF INTEREST

ANSA - Rome, 5 January 2012



The mayor of the Sicilian city of Agrigento said that he would not sell one of Italy's prime archaeological treasures even for 40 billion euros, after it reportedly attracted the interest of Russian industrialist Mikhail Prokhorov. The precious-metals billionaire, who plans to run in this year's presidential elections in Russia as an independent candidate, has set his sights on buying the ruins of the Temple of Zeus in Agrigento's famed Valley of the Temples. But Agrigento Mayor, Marco Zambuto has moved to nip the notion in the bud. "I wouldn't sell the Temple of Zeus even for 40 billion euros, the figure Premier Mario Monti had to find to save Italy's finances," Zambuto said referring to the government's austerity package, which was

actually nearer to 30 billion. "It's simply unthinkable that a billionaire could buy our historical wonders and take them to their own country!" Zambuto said, however, that the city was interested in attracting foreign investment in the UNESCO World Heritage site.

The seven Doric temples at Agrigento, most of which probably date from the fifth century BC, are one of the glories of Magna Graecia, a swathe of southern Italy which was once dotted with wealthy and culturally lavish Greek cities. The name Valley of the Temples is misleading as the site is located on a ridge on the edge of Agrigento.

CHILDREN'S ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR 2012

By Carmela Massa



Have you tried to learn another language as an adult? It can be a challenge!! Just as well children are very receptive and can absorb a new language much easier! I am thankful to Club Garibaldi for providing my children with the opportunity to learn the Italian language and to help maintain the Italian culture within my family. If you would like your child to attend Italian language classes in 2012, and your child's name is not on the waiting list, please contact me, Carmela Massa. The classes are held on Tuesdays during the New Zealand primary school terms.

An indication of any interest would be appreciated so books can be ordered and arrive in time for term 1.

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to the following members and their families:

- Ralph, Letizia, Lorenzo and Veronica Green, of Wadestown, Wellington, on the recent passing of their mother and grandmother, Tamara Green, at Wellington.
- To the family of the Lorna Sylvia Comis of Johnsonville, Wellington, who recently passed. Lorna was the wife of the late Italo Comis.
- To the family of Denise Dellabarca of Paraparaumu, late of Island Bay, who was tragically killed in the recent hot air balloon accident in Carterton. Denise was the daughter of the late Frank and Marjorie Dellabarca.

PROFILE OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER KERRY NOARO

Felice anno nuovo a tutti!



I'm Kerry and I've been a member of Club Garibaldi since 2007. I enjoy three very rich and vastly different cultures, having an Italian New Zealand father, Anthony Noaro, and a mother Patricia (nee O'Shea) who is of Irish and English heritage. My grandfather, Arturo Noaro, came from Sandrigo, Vicenza and settled in Opiki, whilst my grandmother, Maria Meo's (nee Muollo) family originated from Massalubrense. The Meos settled in Eastbourne and were fishermen.

I have travelled Europe several times and have taken advantage of staying with relatives in both Northern and Southern Italy, taking the opportunity to get to know the diverse ways and traditions of the people of the Veneto and Napoli regions, not to mention their differing dialects! My many visits in Italy have allowed me to travel the country extensively, from Bolzano at the top of the North down to Siracusa in Sicily, plus other more untravelled areas such as Calabria and Sardinia. Although there are too many remarkable places in Italy to choose favourites from, Venice, Rome and Sorrento all hold an element of magic for me.

For the moment, long, frequent trips abroad are on hold as I'm too busy being a full time mother to my beautiful children, Giovanni, 6yrs and Lucia, 3yrs. I also work part time for my local Catholic church whilst being on extended leave from my role in Credit Management at the National Bank.

I hope to see the youth of the club become more encouraged and enthusiastic in embracing their wonderful Italian heritage and to have more involvement in club activities, as they are our future!

TOMBOLA



The first tombola night for 2012 will be on **Tuesday, 28 February 2012**, at the usual time of 7.30pm. Please come along and feel free to bring a friend. Contact Maria if you have any questions.

CIRCOLO ITALIANO – MARCH SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on **Thursday, 1 March**, Don McLean, Managing 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 in Italy and he has spoken to Circolo members and friends on many occasions. He will give us invaluable practical and useful travel 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!! Don's Power Point talk will include photos and in-depth information about the Lakes Maggiore and Garda, also Venezia and Roma.

This will be a "not to be missed" presentation!! Club Garibaldi members are warmly invited to attend!! A \$5.00 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, 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 Abp Charles Balvo or Mons Jean-Sylvain Emien from the Apostolic Nunciature.

The next Mass will be on Sunday, 5 February 2012.

CLUB ARCHIVES – CLUB GARIBALDI PICNIC – 1935

The following article was published in the 'Evening Post' on 21 January 1935.

Six buses were loaded to capacity with members and friends of the Garibaldi Club for its annual picnic at Hutt Park Recreation Ground on Sunday.

Fruit, soft drinks, and lollies were supplied in abundance for the children and there was a fine sports programme for all.

Lunch was taken in the shade of the trees with a real Italian string orchestra to add to the enjoyment of the day. There was dancing in the late afternoon.

Results of races are as follows:—

Ladies' Egg and Spoon Race, 50yds.—Mrs. Williams, 1; Mrs. Gestro, 2.

50yds Boys' Race (5 to 12 years).—A. Barsotti, 1; G. Zino, 2.

Girls' Race (5 to 12 years).—Miss Morris, 1; Miss Alfano, 2.

Girls' Three-legged Race.—Miss Roma Zino and Miss Gini Lupi, 1.

Boys' and Girls' Treacle Bun Race.—Master G. Girardini, 1; Master R. Falleni, 2.

Men's Race, over 50.—O. Gini, 1; V. Barnao, 2.

Ladies' Handicap, 50yds.—Mrs. F. Ferretti, 1; Miss F. Albanese, 2.

Men's Handicap, 100yds.—M. Meazza, 1; V. Barnao, 2.

Committeemen's Race, 75yds.—P. Girardini, 1; J. Paino, 2.

Thread the Needle Race.—Mrs. Woodward and J. Barnao, 1.

Club Championship, 100yds., for members and members' sons only.—J. V. Barnao, 1; J. Dellabarca, 2. Won by $1\frac{1}{2}$ yards with a great finish between second and third.

Married Women's Race, 50yds.—Mrs. Woodward, 1; Mrs. Donaldson, 2.

Francesco Julius Sack Handicap.—S. Dellabarca, 1; —, Smallbone, 2.

Single Women's Race, 75yds, Donaldson Handicap.—Miss Meo, 1; Miss F. Ferretti, 2. Won by a yard. Another great finish.

High Jump Championship, open to members and members' sons only.—J. V. Barnao, 1; A. Paino, 2. Barnao won this event at 4ft 11in, afterwards giving a demonstration jump with the bar at 5ft 4in, which he cleared easily.

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ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC



A date has been set for 2012 annual Club picnic. A reservation has been made for **Sunday, 19 February 2012**, from 11am onwards, at Queen Elizabeth Park, Paekakariki, with the reserve/cancellation date of **Sunday, 26 February**. In the event of wet weather, listen to NewstalkZB cancellation service. Put a circle on your calendar to remind yourself of this date. Once again, the club will provide the steaks, sausages and bread for the barbeque. All members and their families are welcome.

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE BOATS



Island Bay – traditionally a fishing strong-hold in Wellington – will once again, host the annual Blessing of the Boats during the Island Bay Festival on **Sunday, 12 February 2012 at 2.30 to 3.30pm**.

The following is a short history of its origins. The blessing of fishing boats is a tradition in Italy that goes back centuries. In southern Italy, the blessing would be undertaken by the local priest at the start of spring. The boats, many of which were named after saints, were decorated with flags and bunting, would file past to have holy water sprinkled on them while the priest recited prayers and made the sign of the cross. The blessing was part of the religious belief that if the boats

received the grace of God, they and the fishermen would be protected from the elements and would also reap the bounty of the sea. Many of Island Bay's Italian immigrants came from the fishing villages of Massalubrense and Puolo in the Gulf of Naples, and the island of Stromboli, near Sicily. Today all sea craft and vessels are welcome to take part in this special ceremony.

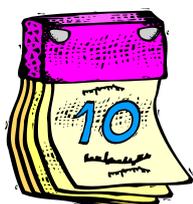
THE MEDITERRANEAN TRIO HAS GROWN!



Salvi Gaeta, Armando Gilmoni and Robin Page have been performing traditional and popular Italian music in Wellington for almost a decade. They now have a fourth member with the addition of Ian Hull-Brown on percussion instruments and drums, so their name has been changed to The Mediterranean Quartet. For larger events they invite other musicians to join the line-up such as a violist and mandolinist to become a Sextet.

The Mediterranean Sextet will be performing at the Island Bay Festival on **Sunday, 12 February 2012** (the same day as the Blessing of the boats) **between 11am and Noon**. You can check the Island Bay festival website next month, for their exact performance time.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Sunday, 5 February (11.30am)

7-10 February

Sunday, 12 February (2.30pm)

Sunday, 19 February (11am)

Tuesday, 28 February (7.30pm)

Thursday, 1 March (7.30pm)

Italian Mass

Annual Club Bus Trip

Annual Blessing of the Boats

Club Picnic (*Reserve Day 26 February*)

Tombola

Circolo Italiano March Social

CIRCOLO ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES 2012

Enrolments in the 2012 Circolo Italiano di Wellington Beginners 1 classes are being accepted. The classes will be held at Club Garibaldi on Monday or Wednesday evenings. The classes commence on **13 and 15 February** and finish in October 2012. Check the website: www.circoloitaliano.org.nz for more information.

Before completing an enrolment form

please telephone President Elizabeth Peek on (04) 4759781 or email: president@circoloitaliano.org.nz. If there is a place in your preferred class you can then post your application and cheque to Circolo Italiano di Wellington, PO Box 9706, Marion Square Wellington 6141. We also offer Internet banking: Westpac Wellington Branch, account number 03.0502.0855498.00. Please ensure you put your surname in the reference box.

To ensure a place in your preferred class it is advisable that enrolments be made by post or through the Internet prior to Friday 31 January 2012. **We cannot guarantee you a place if you leave enrolment until the General evening on Monday 31 January (between 5.30 and 7pm).**

The Classes Opening Ceremony for **ALL** students will be at 6.30pm on Wednesday 8 February 2012 at Club Garibaldi. It is not necessary for Club Garibaldi members to join the Circolo and course fees are offered at the reduced rate of \$185 for 30 fifty-five minute lessons.

The textbook required is: **Buongiorno Italia (2005)** for Beginners Stage 1 and 2. The textbook is available from Whitcoulls Bookstore, (Information Counter) 312 Lambton Quay, Wellington. A 10% discount is available on proof of enrolment in a Circolo course. It is essential that each student has a copy of the relevant textbook. The textbook Buongiorno Italia (2005) can also be purchased Online. Visit websites: www.fishpond.co.nz/Books and www.amazon.com

CIRCOLO SOCIAL EVENTS

Monthly social evenings are held from March to November inclusive. Topics vary from time to time but they all have an Italian flavour. A light supper is served during or after the events. A small charge of \$5 towards the cost of the food/wine usually applies. Garibaldi House is the usual venue but other venues may be selected during the course of the year. Further information on the topics and venues will be made available with the monthly Circolo Newsletter and will also be advised to the Executive committee of Club Garibaldi. Club Garibaldi members are very welcome to attend all Circolo Italiano social functions.

2012 Circolo Subscriptions Renewal Form and/or 2012 Courses Enrolment Form

Full name (Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms) _____

Postal address _____

Telephone no.(home) _____ (work) _____ Email: _____

Subscription to Circolo Italiano: Single Couple Student under 18/Superannuitant\Member Club Garibaldi

Where did you hear about the Circolo? _____

Classes enrolment: (tick box)

Beginners Stage One **Monday** **5:30 – 6:25pm**

Beginners Stage One **Wednesday** **5:30 – 6:25pm**

I enclose cash/cheque for \$ _____ to confirm my enrolment in the course selected.

I understand that my course fee(s) cannot be refunded.

Signature _____ Date _____