



# Club Garibaldi News

SEPTEMBER 2012

## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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### **At the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, 26 August 2012**

As I complete my seventh year as President of Club Garibaldi, once again, it gives me enormous pleasure to advise members that our club continues to thrive. May this accomplishment continue on this positive path. This year is the club's 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary since it was founded in 1882 – an amazing achievement! Without a doubt, our fore bearers would feel very proud indeed, to see that the club they founded all those years ago still survives!

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. 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 still proves to be popular. 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 the first week of October 2011 a press conference was held at Club Garibaldi by the world travelling amputee swimmer, Salvatore Cimmino from Italy. Later that evening an official dinner hosted by The Embassy of Italy in Salvatore's honour was also held at the club. Salvatore successfully swam the Cook Strait on Monday, 10 October.

The end-of-year certificate presentation, concert and party for the Children's Language Classes was held on Tuesday, 29 November. Once again, our special guest was Dr Donato Scioscioli, Deputy Head of Mission, from the Embassy of Italy. This was the 15<sup>th</sup> year that the classes have been running, and it is great to see club members' children/grandchildren learning the Italian language.

On Saturday, 26 November, eighty four members attended and enjoyed the club's 12th annual Senior Christmas Luncheon. Official guests were New Zealand's newly arrived Italian Ambassador, H.E. Alessandro Levi Sandri and Cav. Elizabeth Peek, President of Circolo Italiano di Wellington. The following Saturday, 3 December, Father Christmas made his annual trip to the Club – for the 27<sup>th</sup> time - with his sack full of gifts for the thirty six children who came to the Christmas party. Lots of fun was had by all.

During the second week of February 2011, thirty six people enjoyed the club's annual three day bus trip ~ this year's destination was Rotorua. As always, the full bus load of people who went on the trip had a great time. After overcast skies cleared we were once again, blessed with a lovely summer's day for the annual club picnic held at Queen Elizabeth Park, Paekakariki, on Sunday, 19 February. A wonderful atmosphere and relaxed fun day was enjoyed by the 120 people who came.

On Friday, 16 March, the revised print of the book 'Alla Fine Del Mondo', voluntarily written by Paul Elenio, was launched at a cocktail party held at our clubrooms, for the people and businesses who sponsored the publishing of this book. Italian Ambassador, Alessandro Levi Sandi also attended. It is heart-warming to know that we, as a community, leave a written legacy for our descendants and future generations.

The Club's 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversario Carnevale which was held on 26 March at St Patrick's College, Kilbirnie, was a huge success! The event not only gave us a chance to celebrate this milestone anniversary, but it also gave us the opportunity to share a little of our culture and Italian heritage with all Wellingtonians. Many thanks to all those members who helped in some way.

On Sunday, 22 April, a sparkling late summer's day, the third Italian Golf Day, which is also a charity fund-raising event, was held at Boulcott's Farm Heritage Golf Club, Lower Hutt. The Diplomatic Corps Golf Society, Boulcott's Farm Heritage Golf Club and the Italian Embassy arrange this annual tournament under the direction of Donato Scioscioli. This year six club members plus two of their guests played, with three club members taking awards and prizes.

The club celebrated Italy's National Day with a function held on Friday, 1 June, and was attended by a large group of members. In the Ambassador's absence, Donato Scioscioli, represented the Embassy of Italy. Other invited guests who joined us on this special function included Mons Jean-Sylvain Emien, from the Apostolic Nunciature, Riccardo and Clara D'Usillio, Delia Benazzo and Carlo Puglia, all from the Italian Embassy, and Cav. Elizabeth Peek, President of the Circolo. Unfortunately, due to a family bereavement in Sydney, I was unable to be present at this year's celebration, however Paul Elenio did a great job standing in for me.

The clubrooms 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 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, with other executive committee members, he spent untold hours at meetings, as well as planning the club's 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversario Carnevale, plus a hundred and one other tasks when required.

My sincere thanks to the outstanding and dedicated members of the executive committee: Alfonso Basile, Catherine Monastra, Giuseppe Basile, Maria Colucci, Martin Van der Donk, Mattio Amitrano, Vince Costa and Kerry Noaro as well as the Club's Trustees, Paul Elenio and Robin Page, and legal advisor, Rex Da Vanzo. It has been great working with you all – your support and assistance has been invaluable and very much appreciated. We sadly farewell two Executive Committee members this year – Vince Costa and Kerry Noaro. 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 events, who always give a helping hand ~ my sincere thanks to you all.

Very special thanks to the Building Sub-committee: Vic Criscillo, Robin Page, David Monastra and Rex Da Vanzo who have worked very hard. The help and expertise in their respective fields with regard to the on-going building maintenance, management and organisation for the rental of our two downstairs floors, plus re-decorating projects, has been simply outstanding in every way.

Once again, many thanks to Armando Gilmoni for his on-going support, wisdom and help during the last year - this has been invaluable.

Many thanks to Carmela Massa, for doing a great job as the Co-ordinator of the Children's Italian Language classes.

Thanks also to Caterina Costa, who for many years, 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 data base 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.

My thanks to David Da Col for posting the newsletters and other items onto the club's website.

Thanks also to Lucia and Raffaele Esposito who fold and post out the newsletters each month.

My thanks also to Nina Cuccurullo for handling enquiries from the club's gmail box, including her support to me in so many ways.

Also many thanks to Elizabeth Peek for her continued support, both as a member of the Club and as President of Circolo Italiano. May the friendship and goodwill between both clubs long continue.

Finally and once again, 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 prosper, so that the young Garibaldini of today will have a Club to be proud of in the years to come, so that they in turn, can pass the Italian culture and traditions on to future generations.

Ciao a presto  
*Ginette Toscano Page*

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2012-13**

President	Ginette Toscano Page
Vice President	Alfonso Basile
Secretary	Catherine Monastra
Treasurer	Giuseppe Basile
Committee	Matt Amitrano
	Maria Colucci
	Martin Van der Donk
	Lynda Marson
	Liliane Bonafede Cacciato
Trustees	Paul Elenio
	Robin Page
Legal Advisor	Rex Da Vanzo

## **MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION CHANGE**

A motion was passed at the recent Annual General Meeting that the provision for out of town membership of Club Garibaldi (north of Waikanae and Rimutaka) be deleted, and that members living in those catchments pay the same as those in the Wellington region – that is, \$30 single and \$50 couple. The reasoning for this is that out of town members have the same benefits as others – monthly newsletter, free functions etc. if they choose to take them up.



## **CONDOLENCES**

Our deepest sympathy to the Susanna (nee Curulli) Jack and family of Lower Hutt, on the recent passing of Susanna's mother Molly Curulli, in Auckland.

## BUS TRIP – FEBRUARY 2013



To the members who are planning to go on the club's annual bus trip early next year, please pencil in the first week of February on your 2013 calendars. Destination to be advised at a later date.

## WELL DONE, RAFFAELE DEVITT!



14-year old Raffaele Devitt, son of members Lisa and Tony Devitt of Island Bay, is one of 20 boys who have been selected for the Wellington Tornadoes, a programme of soccer training and preparation leading to an overseas tour of the USA. Raffaele's dedication to training exemplifies his passion and love of soccer. He trains up to 6 days a week, often twice daily. Typically, his days begin at 5.30am with an early morning training session before school, then again in the evening for more training or a gym session.

Raffaele's performance in local games peaked the interest of Tornadoes coach Guy Smith, who asked Raff to trial after which he was chosen as one of a few players to travel with the team a year earlier than usual.

Based in Wellington, the Tornadoes offer players the opportunity to travel to the States and play in several tournaments against America's best.

As a self-funded programme, Raffaele is raising funds to get there by wearing a sponsor's t-shirt during his travel. Acting as a walking talking billboard, he is inviting family and friends to sponsor him and in return, he will put their names or logos on the t-shirt under the heading 'They've got my back!' If you would like to be a sponsor please contact Lisa.

The objective of the Wellington Tornadoes programme is to give young aspiring soccer players a high performance training environment, an insight into travelling and playing international football. It also provides fantastic life experience, offering amazing personal development and learning opportunities.



Congratulations and well done on being selected Raffaele, the members of Club Garibaldi wish you well in this exciting sports event. A big bright future awaits you!

## A BIT OF TRIVIA

ANSA – Rome, 13 August 2012

### ***Bikinis out, one-pieces are in at Miss Italy 2012 pageant! Beauty contest to focus on 'inner beauty'.***

Miss Italy contestants are saying goodbye to the bikini and hello to the one-piece at the next national beauty competition. "With this new type of swimsuit, we look back to the classic beauty of 1950's feminine icons, who are still setting trends," says pageant head Patrizia Mirigliani. Organisers say the competition, which runs on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September, will put a greater emphasis on inner beauty.

## FROM THE CLUB'S ARCHIVES

*By Ginette Toscano Page*

### ***Disturbance at Island Bay – Auckland Star – 1 July 1927***

As the result of the actions of several young men, apparently out for an evening's entertainment, a slight disturbance took place at Island Bay last night. It was at first reported to be a serious disturbance, but police inquiries showed that it was quite otherwise. It is said that several young men endeavoured to associate themselves with a number of Italians who were enjoying an informal concert. The Italians did not desire any

company and asked them to leave. The request was ignored, and the Italians decided to retire, but they were followed by the unwelcome visitors and, according to the police, one received a blow.

Residents heard nothing of any disturbance, and resent the suggestion that a fight took place between British and Italian residents. The Italians keep very much to themselves, and are very law-abiding people. This latter statement is borne out by Constable Baker, who is stationed at Island Bay. He stated that he has never experienced any trouble with the Italians.

## **BABY CONGRATULATIONS**



Congratulations to the following people on the recent additions to their families.

Robert and Niamh Zandegiacomo in Ireland, on the birth of their daughter, Emily. A granddaughter for Marcella and Liberale Zandegiacomo of Lower Hutt.

Luigi and Alexandra Muollo on the birth of their son Lorenzo Luigi. A grandson for Anna Maria and Tony Muollo of Oriental Bay.

## **HOW TO GET A COPY OF 'ALLA FINE DEL MONDO'**

### ***In Wellington:***

The book is available through a small number of retail outlets in the Wellington area. These include the Mediterranean Food Warehouse outlets in Constable Street, Newtown and High Street, Lower Hutt, and at La Bella Italia, Nevis Street, Petone, at a cost of \$35 each.

### ***Outside of Wellington:***

People from outside of Wellington can order the book in several ways.

Write to: Club Garibaldi, P O Box 6451, Wellington 6141, or email [clubgaribaldi1882@gmail.com](mailto:clubgaribaldi1882@gmail.com)

You need to provide the following information (in writing or by email):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_

(work or mobile) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of copies required: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: Cheque for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ attached (made out to 'Club Garibaldi')

or

Make bank payment direct to Club Garibaldi's bank account:

National Bank A/C No: 060513 0005579 00

*(Please add payee reference DEL MONDO)*

## **HUMOUR IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL**

An Italian priest was speeding along the autostrada when he was stopped by a policeman. The policeman smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car. He asks "Padre, have-a you bin-a drinking?"

"No, no no! Solo acqua – only water!" replied the priest.

The policeman asked "Then-a why do I smell-a vino?"

The priest looked at the bottle and shouted at the top of his voice "E un miracolo – e' un miracolo, il Signore has-a done it again!"

## CIRCOLO ITALIANO – OCTOBER SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on Thursday, 4 October, Leslie Singh will give a Power Point presentation entitled: **Italy by car:- Renting, Driving, Parking and Surviving!!** Leslie says: In the past we have enjoyed travelling in Italy's excellent trains, but have longingly looked at places as we've whizzed past and thought "wouldn't it be nice if we could just stop there for a little while". Travel by car allows just that kind of freedom to experience little towns, beautiful countryside vistas and beaches that suddenly appear and then are gone when one is confined to public transport". Leslie will talk about the requirements for renting and collecting a car (not always easy), driving, navigating and parking both in ancient cities with narrow streets and in congested places such as Palermo and most importantly the habits of Italian drivers. The talk will concentrate on wonderful locations in Sicily, unrivaled for the best-preserved monuments from Greek settlement in places such as Giardini-Naxos, Taormina, Agrigento and Segesta. This will be the last Circolo social for 2013 – don't miss the opportunity to enjoy a special evening!! A \$5.00 charge towards supper will apply.

## ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL



This year's Italian Film Festival season in Wellington will begin screening at Paramount Cinemas, 25 Courtenay Place, Wellington, on Wednesday, 10 October and will run until Sunday, 28 October. Join us as we celebrate the opening of the 17th Italian Film festival in Wellington, featuring the premier of 'Welcome to the South (Benvenuti al Sud)'. This hilarious box office sensation that has grossed over 30 million euros at the Italian box office alone proves that the north-south rivalry is alive and kicking!

When and where: 10th October 7:00 for a 7:30pm screening at Paramount Cinemas. Price: All tickets \$25 including a choice of Italian beverage. Enclosed with this newsletter is a film festival brochure for your information. Check out films and the schedule of screenings in the 2012 festival at: [www.italianfilmfestival.co.nz](http://www.italianfilmfestival.co.nz)

## ITALIAN MASS



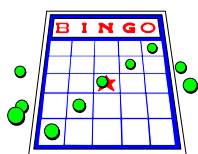
On the first Sunday of every month the Mass is celebrated in Italian at the Church of St Francis de Sales, 173 Clyde Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Mass starts at 11.30am. Everyone is welcome and it would be good to see more members and their families attend, as we are very fortunate to have this opportunity 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-Syvlain Emien from the Apostolic Nunciature.

The next Mass will be on **Sunday, 7 October 2012.**



## SHARED LUNCH

The last shared lunch for this year will be held at the clubrooms on **Sunday, 4 November 2012**, at 1.15pm. All members and families are very welcome. Please bring a plate.



## TOMBOLA

The next tombola night will be on **Tuesday, 25 September 2012**, at the usual time of 7.30pm. Please come along and feel free to bring a friend. Contact Maria Colucci if you have any questions.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday, 25 September (7.30pm)

Tombola

Thursday, 4 October (7.30pm)

Circolo October Social

Sunday, 7 October (11.30am)

Italian Mass

Sunday, 4 November (1.15pm)

Shared Lunch





# The Catholic Man Breakfast Series

with Archbishop John Dew

**Saturday 29 September**

**Club Garibaldi**

(formerly 'The Cricketers Arms') cnr Vivian and Tory Street

**7.30–8.00am start**

(finish at 9.30am)

Hear Msgr Gerard Burns, Vicar General,  
speak about the next decade for  
the Church and your role in this.

Msgr Gerard grew up with the changes of  
the post Vatican II Church and has been  
heavily influenced by eight years spent in  
the barrios and mountain villages of Peru.

**Care for your Church  
and don't pass the buck**



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**Cost** \$20 per person

**RSVP** Monday 24 September

**Be a friend and bring your friend along**