



Club Garibaldi News

February 2007

The President's Report

It took a long time to come, but at long last summer has arrived! Trusting you are all taking advantage of the warm weather, whether it be holidaying, gardening or simply enjoying the warmth.

The monthly Italian Mass was very well attended by our community, and celebrated by Archbishop Balvo with Monsignor Janusz Urbanczyk assisting, though a little differently ~ by elevating his plastered ankle on a chair! Our commiserations, Monsignor – we hope the volleyball game was worth the fracture!

The bi-monthly shared lunch at the clubrooms, following Mass, was a great occasion, where we were joined by Archbishop Balvo, Monsignor Janusz, as well as Palmiro Sportoletti and Chiara Fazi from the Italian Embassy. Thank you to all great cooks/chefs who brought a wonderful array of delicious food ~ I am sure most of us gained a kilo or two that day! Our togetherness was tinged with a little sadness. Monsignor Janusz will shortly be leaving the Holy See in Wellington, to take up a post in Kenya, Africa. Monsignor's infectious laugh and warm personality will be missed by us all. Club Garibaldi wish him God-speed, and pray for him, as he continues God's work. Monsignor's replacement is due to arrive in New Zealand early April.

The visit by an American Italian delegation has been confirmed for **Monday, March 19**. I encourage all members to please attend this special dinner for our distinguished guests in true Italian style. The contact made may prove to be beneficial to Club Garibaldi's young people and for future generations. See article further on in this newsletter.

A reminder to put a big circle on your calendar ~ **Sunday, 25 March 2007** ~ the club's annual Festival Day at the Overseas Passenger Terminal. As this is the club's biggest function and fund-raiser, please come and support us, and help make this year's festa, as successful as in previous years. Planning began months ago, and a lot of hard work is going on behind the scenes. As the saying goes 'many hands make light work' ~ anybody wishing to help please contact me or an executive committee member ~ any offer of help would be appreciated. So pleasemake my telephone run hot with offers of help!!!!

Ciao a presto

Ginette Toscano Page

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.

Club Newsletter Translators Required

Sincere thanks to Giovanni Martini of the West Coast and Federica Vaino of Wellington, who came forward, offering their services to do the translation for our monthly newsletters. However, to make it easier on them, we still require at least two more people who could take turns. If you could help, by doing a couple per year, we would love to hear from you. If you have a good command of both English and Italian, then please contact Ginette or Robin. Note: all written transactions and communications would need to be via email. The March newsletter will be translated into Italian.

Club Garibaldi Website - www.clubgaribaldi.org.nz

The Club would like to form a small sub committee (two or three people) to monitor and control the website. This may suit a couple of younger club members. They could meet once a month and report to the executive committee, with ideas and suggestions. If anyone is interested and can help us, please contact Ginette or Robin.

New Members

A warm welcome to the following new members: Catherine Monastra of Strathmore Park, Wellington, and Dennis Monastra and daughter Kylie, of Wellington.

Wedding Congratulations

On 27 January 2007, a beautiful sunny day, Maria Mollo and Win Nguyen were married at St Francis de Sales Church, Island Bay. Maria is the only daughter of Teresa and Libby Mollo of Island Bay, and Win, the son of Nha and Lan Nguyen of Mt Victoria, Wellington. Tracey Greene was the maid of honour, and Win's brother Tim, was the best man.

Special guests were Maria's aunty and uncle, Assunta and Giuseppe D'Esposito, who travelled from Italy especially for the wedding. It is the first time they have left the shores of their home country. The wedding reception was held at The Pines, Houghton Bay, where over a hundred guests enjoyed a wonderful evening together.

Maria's proud parents declare that she could not have married a better man! The Mollo family are long standing members of Club Garibaldi, and Maria has been a member of the club's tarantella dance group for many years.



Maria with her aunt and uncle, Assunta and Giuseppe D'Esposito of Italy



Maria and Win

Radio Iris

By Micaela Mecocci

Don't miss Radio Iris' forthcoming broadcasts!

Sunday 14/1/07 in Auckland, at 12.40 pm, on Planet FM 104.6, in Wellington, at 4 pm, on Access Radio 783 AM & online from anywhere on: www.accessradio.org.nz at 4 pm

Mauro Rubino, who is going to go back to Italy soon, talks about his experience in NZ and at the Dante Alighieri Society in Auckland. Alfio Leotta interviews Fred Rousset.

Sunday 21/1/07 in Auckland, at 12.40 pm, on Planet FM 104.6, in Wellington, at 4 pm, on Access Radio 783 AM & online from anywhere on: www.accessradio.org.nz at 4 pm

Cin cin! Wine expert Paolo Frugoni tells us secrets and suggestions about Italian wine.

Sunday 28/1/07 in Auckland, at 12.40 pm, on Planet FM 104.6, in Wellington, at 4 pm, on Access Radio 783 AM & online from anywhere on: www.accessradio.org.nz at 4 pm

Congratulations to Antonio Cacace and "La bella Italia", winner of the Wellington Vibrant Gold Award! Alfio Leotta interviews Campbell, the owner of Verandahs Backpackers in Auckland.



Congratulations to John Mollo (Left) who gained an Excellence award in Economics and Math, also to Luciano Colucci for an Excellence Award in Transition. Well done boys.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Italian Mass

The next Italian Mass will be held on Sunday 4 March 2007 at 11.30am at St Francis de Sales Church, Island Bay.

Mass is held every first Sunday of the month throughout the year.



Shared Lunch

The next shared lunch will be held at the Club rooms on Sunday 1 April 2007 at 1pm. All members and families are very welcome. Please bring a plate.



Italian Film

At 7pm on Thursday 15 March the film **Unfair Competition (Concorrenza Sleale)** 2001 will be shown. Duration 110 minutes.

The story: Through the fresh and simple gaze of two children, from two families, the rather foolish adult world around them unfolds. Indeed their fathers are archrival shopkeepers, both of whom live with their families above their stores in the shadow of St Peter's dome...

A \$2 charge towards costs will apply.

Circolo March Social

At 7.30pm on Thursday 8 March (note change of date from our usual arrangement) there will be a presentation by Don McLean of Italian Villa Holidays.

Don will talk about **Independent Travel in Italy** and his presentation will be in the same style as his very popular and well-received evenings held previously. The material and visuals will be new and we look forward to being taken on a virtual armchair tour of Puglia, beautiful Basilicata and beyond!! Don will concentrate on places off the beaten tourist tracks!!

A \$4 charge towards supper will apply.

Circolo April Social

At 7.30pm on Thursday 5 April, Mattie Geary Nichol will give a presentation on Sardegna. Mattie spent a year as an AFS student - June 2005 - June 2006. She stayed with an Italian family, went to school and was totally immersed in the day-to-day Italian life. This

will be a Power Point presentation so we will be treated to lots of visual material.

Club Garibaldi Annual Picnic

Our annual picnic will be on Sunday, 25 February, 11 am at Queen Elizabeth Park, Paekakariki. It will be at the first ground which is called the children's play area. Please note: This is the only weekend available this year, so there won't be a cancellation/reserve option in the event of bad weather....so start praying for a fine day!

Directions: Turn left off SH1 into the Paekakariki township and then right into Wellington Road. Our area is the first on the left. Keep an eye out for the green, white and red signs.

Once again, the club will provide the steaks and sausages for the barbeque. All members and their families are welcome. Any enquiries please telephone Maria Colucci.

In the event of wet weather, the picnic will move to the clubrooms. Listen to NewstalkZB Cancellation Service to hear if venue has changed.



GC Benefit Series

"An evening with Anna Leese"

Both March performances are now sold out.

Tombola Evenings

The Tombola nights are held every 4th Tuesday of the month. **The first evening for 2007 will be on Tuesday, 27 February, at the usual time of 7.30 pm.** Please do come along and feel free to bring a friend.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 25th February (11:00am) - Annual Picnic

Tuesday 27th February (7:30pm) - Tombola

Friday 2nd March - A Night at the Garibaldi

Saturday 3rd March - A Night at the Garibaldi

Sunday 4th March (11:30am) - Italian Mass

Thursday 8th March (7:30pm) - Circolo Social

Thursday 15th March (7pm) - Italian Film

Sunday 25th March - Italian Festival

Sunday 1st April (1:00pm) - Shared Lunch

Thursday 5th April (7:30pm) - Circolo Social

Italian Film Festival Scholarship

The application entry period for the 2nd Italian Film festival scholarship closes on the 28th February 2007.

Members and any other possible interested people please ensure that they have registered that interest, as no applications will be considered after this date.

The application form is available on the Cathay Pacific Italian Film festival web site, on the following page:

<http://www.italianfilmfestival.co.nz/scholarship.htm>

The Italian Film festival Scholarship sponsors a New Zealand filmmaker on an experience-laden visit to Italy. The Scholarship includes internship at the Italian film production house of Due A working on a film production, internship at the National Museum of Cinema in Turin plus possible attendance at the Venice, Rome and/or Turin Film festivals, dependant on their period of residence in Italy. Due A is the production company of Pupi and Antonio Avati, and is one of the most prestigious Italian film production companies.

The inaugural scholarship winner was Paolo Rotondo. Paolo travels to Italy in the second half of 2007.

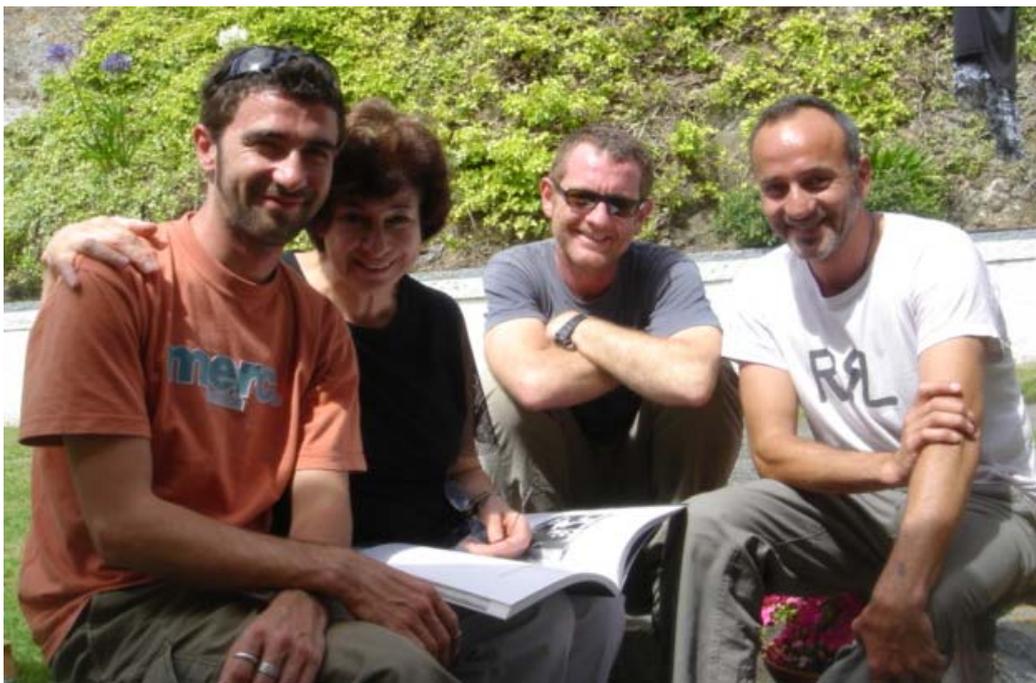
Visitors from Stromboli

By Ginette Toscano Page

Robin and I had the pleasure of meeting and enjoying a wonderful day at our home, with Lorenzo, Salvo and Domenico, three men who are part of a group of qualified volcano mountain guides from Stromboli. After holidaying and camping in New Zealand for 8 weeks, they made contact with us through the Italian Embassy.

Though not Strombolani by birth, the three highly skilled and multi-lingual men, who share a mutual passion for the island and it's volcano, have lived on Stromboli for many years. They left their highly paid professional positions and lives in Milano, Torino and Palermo, to become guides to the thousands of trampers and tourists who descend upon Stromboli every year, wanting to climb the volcano during the main season of March and October.

On their arrival in NZ, the trio bought a Hi-ace Toyota van, and equipped it with everything one would possibly need, including a big pot especially for cooking pasta! They thoroughly enjoyed their time here and thought New Zealand was a paradise with a small but friendly population, wide open spaces, beautiful scenery, fresh air and lush vegetation. However, they were not too impressed with the incessant rainfall they had experienced most of the time they were here, especially in the South Island!! Lorenzo suggested that their bodies were suffering from sun deprivation! I hastily explained that this summer was one of the wettest on record! Laughter was a plenty! After we had eaten, we sat outside, relaxing and chatting a mile a minute, with cool drinks and vino in hand ~ stretched out flat on the lawn, Lorenzo, Salvo and Domenico agreed in unison that 'this indeed, was paradise!'



From left: Salvo, Ginette, Lorenzo & Domenico

Carlo Bergamini

Earlier this month I spent a very pleasant morning with Lois Mathie, great-granddaughter of Carlo Bergamini, and her husband, Taff (Francis) of Christchurch, who were visiting Wellington.

Lois made contact late last year, asking if she might see the club's sculpture of Giuseppe Garibaldi, which her great-grandfather made many years ago.

Below is part of her letter:

'Thank you, so much! You have made me very happy! My great-grandfather Carlo Bergamini died 6 years prior to my birth, so I never met him, but have done lots of family history research about him.



My great-grandfather designed five beautiful Boer War Memorials, which are all in the lower South Island. To date, I have seen four of them. The only other piece of work he sculpted which I have been able to see, is the beautiful small figure of a young boy or girl, currently at Te Papa in the 'Qui Tutto Bene' exhibition. My late father told me about another sculpture Carlo Bergamini did of his son as a baby, which always fascinated my father as a child growing up. Goodness knows what happened to it!

My husband and I have visited Italy twice and stayed three nights in Carrara, home of those beautiful marble mountains and birth-place of my great-grandfather.'

Sincerely, Lois Mathie

Lois (nee Bergamini) Mathie beside the sculpture of Garibaldi at our clubrooms, which her great-grandfather made.

Background to Carlo Bergamini's Life:



Carlo Giuseppe Bergamini was born in Carrara, Italy on 2 January 1868, son of Oreste Bergamini and his wife, Marie de Raimondo Castopoggi. Carrara was the centre of the Italian marble industry and the family were stonemasons and sculptors. After studying at the Academia in Carrara, as a young man, Carlo arrived in New Zealand on 28 September 1887, as a travelling representative of the family firm, hoping to win orders for cemetery headstones and marble monuments.

In Dunedin, Bergamini met Elizabeth Jane Reid, who had migrated with her parents from County Antrim, Ireland. Despite his Roman Catholic faith, they were married in the Knox Presbyterian Church, Dunedin, on 18 May 1889. Family legend says that on the honeymoon in Melbourne, Carlo spent the money set aside for his return to Italy!

The couple returned to Dunedin where Carlo set up as a marble sculptor and monumental mason, first on his own account, then in 1898 in partnership with James Crawford, followed two years later, in association with his father-in-law, Hugh Reid. Marble angels and crosses were imported in sculpted form from Bergamini's family in Carrara, and Carlo would finish, inscribe and then erect them in the cemeteries of Otago.

The end of the Boer War in 1902 provided new opportunities for Bergamini. Some communities wishing to commemorate both pride in their sons' service to the empire and sorrow for those who had fallen, decided to erect war memorials. Bergamini proved to be a skilled designer, and the communities of Palmerston, Waimate, Oamaru, Riverton and Dunedin, awarded him winning prizes. He also skilfully mended the Invercargill memorial which broke as it was being erected, though he did not design it.

Despite his ability to express British imperial sentiments in stone, Bergamini remained essentially Italian. He drank red wine, made his own ravioli, and eventually took his daughter back to Italy when his father was dying. By then his life had changed, both personally and professionally. The business partnership with Hugh Reid dissolved in 1909, and Bergamini moved to Christchurch, where his marriage with Elizabeth also suffered, and they separated during the First World War. By that time, Carlo had given up work as a stonemason and became of commercial traveller.

Carlo Bergamini, a distinguished looking man with fair hair and blue eyes, died in Christchurch on 16 July 1934, and was survived by his wife, three sons and a daughter; one son had predeceased him. His children's names were William Oreste, Gabriel Hecules, Carlo Junior, Victor Emmanuel and Wilma Margaret.

A Bit of Trivia

Sicily say they will Build the Messina Bridge

Ansa - Palermo, December 2006

By Ginette Toscano Page

Sicily aims to build a bridge to mainland Italy on it's own, after the Italian government dropped the idea. Members of Italy's parliament voted 272 to 232 to remove the Messina bridge off the list of priority public works, and to allocate the funds to other infrastructure transportation projects in Southern Italy.

Salvatore Cuffaro, head of the regional government, said one billion euros of the estimated five billion euro price tag would come out of European Union regional development funds. 'The bridge will pay the rest itself in toll fees' said the regional governor. 'We'll poll the Sicilian citizens. If there is support for the project, we'll give it the green light'.

The idea of a suspension bridge across the Strait of Messina has been a source of controversy ever since the former Berlusconi government gave approval for its construction in 2002. The bridge has been opposed by environmentalists who are concerned over its safety.

If the bridge was built it would replace slow ferry services between Sicily and the mainland. The 3,690 metre long bridge, designed to handle 4,500 cars an hour and 200 trains a day would take 11 years to build.



Inca Notice

INCA is an Italian Organisation, linked to CGIL, who helps Italian pensioners in New Zealand. The service of INCA is **free of charge**.

As my wife Cettina and I will soon be leaving for France, I am pleased to announce that **Luca Quaglia** has accepted the position to be the link between you and the INCA headquarters in Melbourne, as from the 15 January 2007. Luca is a young Italian who came in New Zealand two years ago and works in a building Research Centre in the Wellington area. Luca speaks English fluently.

If you have any enquiry relating to pensions, please contact Luca. Email: inca.link@hotmail.com

Thank you for your support during the last years.

Marc-Olivier LECLERCQ

Inca -- Informazione

L'I.N.C.A. é un patronato italiano, associato alla C.G.I.L., che aiuta i pensionati italiani nel mondo. L'assistenza dell' INCA é **gratuita**.

Poiché con mia moglie lasciamo la Nuova Zelanda per recarci in Francia, ho il piacere di comunicarvi che **Luca Quaglia** ha accettato di diventare il legame fra voi e gli uffici dell'INCA di Melbourne a partire dal 15 gennaio 2007. Luca é un giovane italiano giunto da due anni in Nuova Zelanda e lavora nella zona di Wellington presso un centro di ricerca nel campo della costruzione. Egli parla bene la lingua inglese.

Se avete qualche domanda a proposito di pensioni in Italia potete contattare Luca all' indirizzo email inca.link@hotmail.com

Marc-Olivier LECLERCQ

Glimpse into ~ ~ ~ Pordenone

By Enzo S Viotto

This month Pordenone, city and provincial capital, is featured, North-East Italy, in the Friuli Venezia Giulia region, the area where Enzo Viotto, of Lower Hutt was born.

My father, Arthur Viotto, was married before leaving Italy for New Zealand and arrived in Wellington in 1925 where he found work as a cabinet-maker. Two years later, he briefly returned to Italy to make arrangements for my mother Domenica Viotto, to emigrate to New Zealand. My sister, Elia, was born in 1925, and I was born after my father returned to New Zealand. Sadly, in the winter before we departed Italy, my sister died. She was 5 years old. Naturally, it was a great shock to my parents. My mother and I arrived in Wellington in 1930, when I was less than 2 years old.



Enzo Viotto

Pordenone takes its name from the ancient Roman name for the river Noncello (Portus Naonis) meaning a river port on the Naonis. It was a river crossing and customs post, and barges used to transport goods to and from Venice and Trieste for many years until the advent of the railways and modern motor transport took over.

Today, it is a large modern city which surrounds the small historical centre of Pordenone. This old centre is picturesque and contains Roman Gothic architectural gems such as St Mark's Church and bell town (13th century); Palazzo Ricchieri, now a civic museum, containing amongst other exhibits, paintings by Il Pordenone (Giovanni Antonio de Sacchis, 1484-1539), who is regarded by some as equal to Titian, another great painter. Another historical figure was Blessed Odorico (Matiussi, 1266-1331), who journeyed on foot to China, following in the footsteps of Marco Polo.

Prior to the industrial revolution of the 19th century, Pordenone was home to industries such as textiles and metal working, and later, developed paper mills, pottery and textile industries. After World War 2, Zanussi became a large manufacturer of all types of domestic electrical appliances, electronics, TV, and heavy industrial transformers, exporting worldwide.

Historically, Pordenone has seen invasions and occupation by the lords of Styria, who seized it from the lords of Carinthia, only to hand it over to the Hapsburgs of Austria in 1276. In 1508 it was given up to the Republic of Venice. After the fall of Venice in 1797 it was briefly taken over by Austria, and in 1866, Pordenone became part of the Kingdom of Italy. Today, it is a provincial capital and thriving commercial centre.



Shared Lunch February 2007



From left: Carmela Iaccarino, Ida Basile, Maddalena Basile & Cristina Vinaccia



From left: Chiara Fazi, Italian Embassy & Carmela Iaccarino



From left: Antonio Cuccurullo, Vince Basile & Giuseppe Iaccarino



From left: Tina Dellabarca and Teresa Cuccurullo



From left: Salvi Gaeta, Mons Janusz, Palmiro Sportoletti, Ginette Toscano Page, & Archbishop Balvo



From left: Guiliana, Federica Vaino, and her parents visiting from Italy, Luigi & Anna Maria Vaino