



Club Garibaldi News

June 2007

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Italy's National Day celebration at the club on Saturday, 2 June, was very well attended with over 90 members sharing in the warm atmosphere of the occasion. The official guests representing the Embassy of Italy on behalf of the Ambassador, who was unable to attend, were Dr Francesco Simonetti, Signora Anna Simonetti and their son Pier Francesco. The formal part of the evening commenced with the President delivering a short speech, marking the 61st anniversary of the birth of Italian Republic. This was followed by members standing and singing the Italian National Anthem, Fratelli D'Italia, with much passion, accompanied by Caterina Costa on the piano. Once again Caterina, thank you. Dr Simonetti then made a speech, followed by Cav Elizabeth Peek, on behalf of the Circolo Italiano.

Following a delicious supper, with some members of the Il Coro Italiano choir leading, members enjoyed a rousing sing-a-long of old Italian favourites ...and where a few budding tenors and sopranos could be heard! Looking around, there were a few moist eyes to be seen! Salvi Gaeta also gave us the pleasure of playing the guitar and singing some old Italian favourites – thank you Salvi.

Sincere thanks and much appreciation to all the hard-working people who helped to set up in preparation for National Day on the Friday night, and to those who helped on Saturday night in some way to make the occasion very special ... you know who you are, and we know who you are! Without your assistance, these occasions would not happen.

This month's Italian Mass was celebrated by Monsignor Francesco Cao, followed by a shared lunch at the club rooms. As always, these lunches are heaps of fun with a warm, friendly, relaxed atmosphere, as well as the most fantastic array of food. Again, many thanks to everyone who helped on the day.

Ciao a presto
Ginette Toscano Page

IMPORTANT REMINDER – CLUB CAR PARKING

Weekdays during the hours of 7.30 am to 5.30 pm, all the car parks in the area on the side of our building, Vivian Street and Tory Street are rented out. However, during the evenings and weekends, members who display the current green/white/red window stickers are permitted to use some of these parks. The owners of vehicles who do not display their current window sticker run the risk of being towed away.

All the car parks on the Tory Street side of the building are rented out 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and are not available to any member at any time. The club will not be responsible for illegally parked cars that are towed away.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ITALIAN MASS

The next Italian Mass will be held on Sunday 1 July 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 5 August 2007 at 1pm. All members and families are very welcome.



Please bring a plate.

ITALIAN FILM

At 7pm on Thursday 21 June the film **The Voice of the Violin** will be shown. Another film in the popular Inspector Montalbano series. To date we have shown three of the 5 films in the set.



A \$2 charge towards costs will apply.

At 7pm on Thursday 19 July the film **Manual of Love** (2005) will be shown. Four tales of love and betrayal. Thoroughly entertaining and satisfying, Manual of Love is a showcase of excellent contemporary Italian filmmaking. Duration 115 minutes.

TOMBOLA EVENINGS

The Tombola nights are held every 4th Tuesday of the month. **The next evening is on Tuesday, 26th June, at the usual time of 7.30 pm.** Please do come along and feel free to bring a friend.

CIRCOLO JULY SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on Thursday 5 July, Lesleigh Salinger will give a presentation on **Raffaello Sanzio - his life and his art**. Lesleigh is an Art Consultant and she lectures in Art History at Victoria University. This will be a good opportunity for anyone who is interested in Italian Art to see examples of Raffaello's work and to hear about his life.

A \$4 cover charge towards supper will apply.

CLUB GARIBALDI SOCCER TEAM FUND-RAISER DINNER

A fund-raiser dinner for the club's soccer team has been planned for **Saturday, 28 July 2007**. The venue is at Club Garibaldi and La Bella Italia will be catering a fantastic meal for the occasion. The price per person is \$40.00. As there will be a limited number of tables, you are asked to get in early, to ensure a reservation.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held at the clubrooms on 7.00 pm on **Sunday, 26 August 2007**. Details about the submission of motions and nominations for the executive committee can be found later in this newsletter. Remember that only paid-up members are eligible to vote at the AGM or serve as a member of the executive committee.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 21 st June (7pm)	- Italian Film
Tuesday 26 th June (7:30pm)	- Tombola
Sunday 1 st July (11:30am)	- Italian Mass
Thursday 5 th July (7:30pm)	- Circolo Social
Saturday 14 th July (7:30pm)	- The Music of Spain
Thursday 19 th July (7pm)	- Italian Film
Saturday 28 th July	- Soccer Fundraising Dinner
Sunday 5 th August (1:00pm)	- Shared Lunch
Sunday 26 th August (7pm)	- AGM

ANDALUCIAN NIGHTS – THE MUSIC OF SPAIN

Club Garibaldi warmly invite you to an evening of violin, flamenco and classical guitar music by Margaret and Miles Jackson, who have performed extensively throughout Australasia and made several recordings. With many years of performance and lives together, they have formed a repertoire which is enchanting to experience. Their diverse, amazing range of musical styles in their repertoire and their authenticity of their performance create a unique musical flavour.

Miles lived and worked in Spain during the late 60's and regular periods of study and travel, have given him the techniques and understanding to express this music with ability and warmth.



Miles Jackson

Come and join us for an enjoyable evening of fantastic music.

When: Saturday, 14 July 2007, at 7.30 pm
Where: Club Garibaldi, 118 Tory Street, Wellington
Price: \$15.00 per person, includes a light finger food supper, and a cash bar is operating
Tickets: Available from:
 . Club Garibaldi on Sunday afternoons after 3.00 pm from Armando Gilmoni
 . Send cheque to: Club Garibaldi, PO Box 6451, Marion Street, Wellington

Please note: For catering purposes tickets must be bought no later than Tuesday 10 July.

There will be no door sales.

SERATA CIBOARTE

There is only one month left to book for a Serata Ciboarte with guest artist, pianist Matteo Napoli, who performed at the Overseas Terminal two years ago. Refer to last month's newsletter advert. The piano recital will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral on 20 July, followed by an Italian dinner

Tickets are selling fast. If you wish to secure your place and enjoy a unique experience, you need to book now! For all details on Serata Ciboarte, check the website for la Bella Italia - or www.labellaitalia.co.nz

CONDOLENCES

Deepest sympathy to Francesca and Garth Williams of Tawa, and Dom and Carole Zame of Karori, and families on the recent passing of their mother and grandmother, Giovannina Zame of Gisborne.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members: Angela Collins of Northland, Wellington and Carole and Barry Stewart of Napier

ANNUAL SOCCER GAME: CLUB GARIBALDI vs CLUB ITALIA NELSON

This year the soccer game between Club Garibaldi and Club Italia Nelson will be played in Nelson on Saturday, 20 October 2007. Anybody who is interested in going as a supporter needs to book early so as not to miss out ~ remember that it is Labour weekend. We are hoping a lot of club members will travel to Nelson, to support the club's team at the game. The weekend away is a lot of fun, and is an opportunity to socialise and build friendships as it is to play football.

MELHOP TRUST

Club Garibaldi, the Wellington social and cultural organisation for New Zealanders of Italian descent, is calling for applications for funding from the Melhop Trust. The trust, established by a long-time club member, offers funding for young people of Italian descent for educational purposes involving formal study in a wide variety of fields and endeavours. Applications close on July 31, 2007 with any successful applicant(s) to be advised in September. Applications, citing the academic study and demonstrating the applicant's Italian heritage, are to be sent in writing to: The Secretary, Club Garibaldi, P O Box 6451, Wellington. A list of the criteria for the annual award is also available from the Secretary.

VERSE

One more verse for members to enjoy, written by club member Rosaria Massa of Island Bay, Wellington.

Be Glad

By Rosaria Massa

Making memories means going over old ground.
Failing to re-consider is being unappreciative.
Togetherness can make beautiful music.
Helping can mean support and gossip to cease.

Yesterday is gone, today is the only day we have.
Be glad – rejoice like there is no tomorrow.
The sun is glowing in our hearts – isn't it beautiful?
Cherishing each other is God's requisite.

Among us there are no strangers,
Only passengers going through, one train to the next.
Meet, greet, stop! Through you, I see me!
I don't like it! What do you see?
Brothers, I wish to be like you.

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

As part of a research project into the ways in which the Italian culture has influenced the wider community in Wellington, Sarah Balmain, an Honours student in Italian at Victoria University of Wellington, wishes to conduct a series of interviews with members of the Italian community. This research has been approved by the Victoria University Human Ethics Committee.

Sarah would like to invite approximately 10 volunteers from Club Garibaldi, to be interviewed at a time and place of their choosing. She would like to start conducting the interviews from Friday June 15th with final interviews completed by Sunday 15th of July, 2007. The interview will take approximately ½-1 hour, and the interviewee will receive a small gift to thank them for their time. A Participant Information Sheet can be obtained by contacting Ginette Toscano Page. If you are interested in assisting Sarah please contact her directly.

A GLIMPSE INTO ~ ~ ~ MARINA DI PUOLO

This month Marina di Puolo is featured, the area where Anna Maria Muollo of Oriental Parade, Wellington was born.



Anna Maria Muollo

Marina di Puolo, divided between Sorrento and Massa Lubrense, is the smallest village of both areas. Home to 150 inhabitants, is it a village rich in history.

The word 'Puolo' derives from the latin 'Pollius', the name of the Roman aristocrat Pollius Felix, the owner of the 'villa', extolled by Publio Papinio Stazio (the Latin poet 45AD to 96AD) in his poems 'Villa Surrentina Pollii Felicis' and 'Hercules Surrentinus Pollii Felicis'. The 'villa' was in fact built in honour of Hercules! It is not known whether the village was inhabited before the villa was built as 20 centuries ago, Stazio wrote the following words '...a desolate beach where the sailors in transit made repairs to their vessels'

The 'villa' enclosed the entire bay, from the Cape of Sorrento to the Cape of Massa Lubrense, and surrounded by beautiful gardens and vineyards. It was known as the 'treasure chest and a work of art' because it was adorned with fabulous marble from the Mediterranean.

In 1570 the inhabitants of Sorrento laid a lawsuit against the inhabitants of Massa Lubrense stating that Puolo belonged to Sorrento and demanded the fishing rights in the bay. They lost their case. However, in 1628 the Collateral Council decided that Puolo be divided between Sorrento and Massa Lubrense, along the natural border of the stream that flows into the direction of the Petrapoli (the central rock).

Proof that at the time, the village was inhabited by the presence of three churches. The Church of the Virgin Mary Addolorata was built circa 1500, then rebuilt in the eighteenth century when the Church of St Erasmus, which stood near the stream, collapsed. It is believed that it was here that the column where St Erasmus suffered martyrdom, and that the sand in front of the church was miraculous. The third church was the Chapel of St Eustacchio, which stood on the Cape of Massa. Today, all that remains of this chapel, is a small section of a wall.

At the end of the 18th century, the coast, untouched since the time when Pollio Felice built his splendid villa, was destroyed by a quarry which included the precious ruins of the famous Roman villa. However, thanks to a man named Merlino, the quarry then became a real industry, offering work to not only local people but also to many immigrants, particularly from Sardinia. The work force consisted of skilled and unskilled people, from mining engineers and blacksmiths who made tools, to carpenters and administrative staff. Fishing has always been the main activity in Puolo, and in spring and summer they usually fished for anchovies.

In recent history, apart from the destruction caused by the stone quarry, the Cape of Puolo has been untouched, thanks to Achille Lauro, who bought it at the beginning of the twentieth century to ensure it's preservation. Today, the village is a very attractive tourist resort, equipped with accommodation, restaurants, a bar and a hotel. Though the bay still hosts some fishing boats, the main economic activity is tourism. However, Puolo has kept it's charm and relaxing peaceful, calm atmosphere.



The patron of Puolo is the Madonna Addolorata, and her feast day is on 15 September, when all the inhabitants celebrate with great faith and devotion.

Maria Addolorata Patron of Marina di Puolo

A BIT OF TRIVIA

By Ginette Toscano Page

ANSA Rome - April 27, 2007

Italians are speaking Italian more than ever before, but at the same time they are refusing to abandon their dialects, with half of the population continuing to speak them in the home.

A new study shows that Italy's regional tongues, which have deep historical roots and are often unintelligible to outsiders, are refusing to give way to state education and the levelling effect of the media.

In fact, a minority of 45% Italians only exclusively use their national language when with the family. The rest of the population uses dialect some or most of the time, according to the latest research by the national statistics bureau Istat. A quarter of Italians still use dialect even when they are speaking to outsiders!

'I use dialect with my family and friends from the village where I grew up. I expect I always will' said Elena Labagnara, a 40 year old civil servant who was born in Campania but works in Rome. 'I like having this link with my roots. Its part of who I am', she added.

Istat researcher Adolfo Morrone, who carried out the study based on 24,000 families all over Italy, said the reasons why people use dialect are changing. 'In the past lots of people spoke dialect because it was the only way they could express themselves. That's no longer the case. Now it is becoming a matter of choice' he said.

Young Italians are better educated than their grandparents and are immersed in national TV and media, and travel around the country. So there is no question about their command of their native language. But while they speak Italian during their professional lives, they often also keep their local dialect and use it with childhood friends and family. 'I don't think dialect will ever disappear completely' Morrone said. However, in the long term, the future of dialects is uncertain. Experts believe it will depend on how keen people are on preserving local traditions and identities.

HAPPY REVELLERS CELEBRATING NATIONAL DAY



John & Donna Zino & Carolina Esposito



Jim Marson and Adriana Wholey



Franco & Audrey Pol & Lib Zandegiacomo



Josephine Van der Donk & Armando Gilmoni



Elizabeth Peek, Anna Simonetti & Pier-Francesco Simonetti



Francesco Simonetti & Ginette Toscano Page

HAPPY REVELLERS CELEBRATING NATIONAL DAY



Maria D'Esposito & Martin Van der Donk



Guglielmo & Lina Panettieri & Anna Zanotti



Caterina Costa, Giuseppe Iaccorino & Lina Volpicelli



Mikaela Devitt & Maria Colucci



Angelo, Liliane Bonafede & Emma Amitrano



Federica & Chiara Esposito