



Club Garibaldi News

APRIL 2008

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This year's festival was again, a huge success, drawing a crowd in excess of 12,000 patrons. Club Garibaldi would like to acknowledge and thank Angela Vinaccia and Kevin Bull of the Overseas Terminal, who supplied this fantastic venue to us at a fraction of its normal cost.

As everybody knows, functions such as the annual festival, would not happen without a hard working, dedicated core of club members and helpers; this year was no exception. Special thanks to all the ladies, including those who are not club members, who baked for the club's dolce stall, which attracts a lot of regulars each year. The customers know exactly which cake or biscotti they want as they have bought and tried them at previous festivals. This type of support is important for our festa.

Sincere thanks to Alf Basile for baking such a huge quantity and wonderful array of dolce!

Many thanks also to all the club members who shared their talent with us in the entertainment programme ~ you did us proud!

Besides all the helpers on festival day, mention must be made of the following members who gave of themselves, one hundred and ten percent: To each of you, many thanks and much appreciation.

Thursday evening set-up:

Salvi Gaeta, Jim and Lyn Marson, Lisa, Micaela and Raffaele Devitt, Robin and Ginette Page and Matt Amitrano.

Saturday morning:

Lyn and Jim Marson, Armando Gilmoni, Adriana and John Wholey, Rex and Avril Da Vanzo, Ginette Page, Matt Amitrano, Martin Van der Donk, Guglielmo Panettieri, John Cao, Marie Barnao, Robin Page (sound), Letizia Columbano Green, Ralph Green and Miriam Vendor (the children's Pinocchio's corner).

Festival Day - Cake stall:

Maria Colucci, Lucy Esposito, Lisa Devitt, Teresa Mollo, Ida Basile, Josephine Volpicelli, Lynda Marson, Josephine Petagna and Michelle Timms.

Festival Day - Bar:

John Cao, Jim Marson, Martin Van der Donk, Angela Page, Christie, Paul Elenio, Melanie Federico, Sean Keaney and Lisa Falleni

Festival Day - Membership Table:

Marie Barnao, Caterina Costa, Rex and Avril Da Vanzo, Nina Cuccurullo, and Lynda and Jim Marson's young granddaughter Marcelle, who sat at the table the entire day, selling key rings on behalf of the club.

Ciao a presto

Ginette Toscano Page

BABY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following on the safe arrival and recent additions to their families:

To Joseph and Danette Muollo of Wellington, on the birth of their son Nicholas Owen. A grandson for Tony and Eileen Muollo of Island Bay, Wellington.

To John Cao and Iona Cameron of Lower Hutt, on the birth of their daughter Caterina Cao.

To Cataldo Iaccarino and Shareen Price of Newlands, Wellington, on the birth of their son Giuseppe Elijah. A grandson for Carmela and Giuseppe Iaccarino of Berhampore, Wellington.



NEW BAR PERSON



A warm welcome to Hannah Timms, Club Garibaldi's new barperson.

Hi, I'm Hannah. I am a second-year student at Victoria University, Wellington, and am studying Italian and linguistics. I am the daughter of Michele Timms, and granddaughter of John and Adrienne Wholey, who are all club members.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members: Kerry Anne Noaro of Lower Hutt, Luca Quaglia of Wadestown, Shona and Steven Cording of Waikanae, and Martina Melis of Paremata.

THANK YOU, GIOVANNI & PAUL

Many thanks and much appreciation to club member Giovanni Martini of the West Coast, South Island, for translating this newsletter, and to Paul Muollo of Wellington, for formatting this newsletter.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW TEACHER

By Nina Cuccurullo



We are very happy to welcome Dott.ssa Sibilla Papparatti as the new teacher of Italian for the children's language classes held by Club Garibaldi. Sibilla began teaching in February of this year. Sibilla also teaches at Victoria University. At the end of last year we farewelled Giuliana Strogliu who had been teaching the classes for 10 years. The classes have now been running since 1996 and are open to members' children. We wish Sibilla and the children a great year!

THANK YOU SALVI

Our sincere thanks to Salvi Gaeta, in his role of Building Manager of the club, for all the hard work he does behind the scenes, with the maintenance of our building. It is a huge job, and we want him to know how much it is appreciated.

MORE THANKS!

By Alfonso Basile

On behalf of the executive committee and members of the club, a big thank you must go to Ginette and Robin Page, and Antonio Cacace for their leadership, energy, hard work and the all hours they spent organising and planning this year's festival.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ITALIAN MASS

The next Italian Mass will be held on Sunday 4 May 2008 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 June 2008 at 1pm. All members and families are very welcome.

Please bring a plate.



ITALIAN FILM

At 7pm on Thursday 22 May (NOTE: the 4th Thursday of the month - a change from the usual arrangement) the film **My brother is an only child (Mio fratello e` figlio unico)** (2007) will be shown.



Set in a small town in Italy during the 1960's and 70's, the film depicts the relationship between two brothers, Accio and Manrico, caught up in the political conflicts of Italy's recent past. Duration: 100 minutes.

A \$2 cover charge towards costs will apply.

CIRCOLO MAY SOCIAL

May's presentation will focus on the early Renaissance, looking in particular at leading

examples of the architecture and sculpture of Florence. Many of these will be familiar to you through your travels in Italy, and the talk will fill out details of the meaning and history of the works. 2008 Circolo Scholarship recipient, Lesleigh Salinger, art history lecturer and art consultant, will give the presentation. As part of her Scholarship, Lesleigh plans to do further art history study in Florence.

Venue: Club Garibaldi, Time: 7.30pm. Date: Thursday 1 May 2008.

A \$4 cover charge towards supper will apply.

TOMBOLA

Tombola nights are held every 4th Tuesday of the month.

The next Tombola night is on Tuesday 22 April, at the usual time of 7.30 pm. Please do come along and feel free to bring a friend.

"A Night at the Garibaldi" Jade Steele Benefit Concert

Both performance dates on 16th and 17th May are now sold out.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Tuesday 22 nd April (7:30pm) | - Tombola |
| Thursday 1 st May (7:30pm) | - Circolo Social |
| Sunday 4 th May (11:30am) | - Italian Mass |
| Friday – Saturday 16-17 th May | - A Night at the Garibaldi |
| Thursday 22 nd May (7pm) | - Italian Film |
| Sunday 1 st June (1pm) | - Shared Lunch |

CAR PARK WALL PLASTERED

Some members may have already noticed that a portion of the wall of the club's building on the car park side has been plastered. Over the last few years, this wall has continually been targeted with graffiti, which is an eye sore. The plastering is in preparation for the wall to be painted with an anti-graffiti paint, which should deter the tagging.

FESTIVAL ITALIA 2008

Once again, Wellington was blessed with a fine day for the Festival Italia. It was truly a delight to watch crowds of individuals streaming into the Overseas Terminal, all eager to enjoy some Italian culture, produce and entertainment, as well as tasting delicious foods and beverages.

This year was our 14th festival, since its inception in 1994, and visitors travelled from many parts of NZ and overseas. Its continued popularity over passing years, has truly established our Festa as a Wellington tradition which we can be proud of.

Club Garibaldi would like to sincerely thank this year's three principal sponsors for their support: La Bella Italia, Scopa and Caffè L'affare.

Our sincere thanks also to the following supporters: Peroni Birra, Salve Barnao Vision Enhancement Ltd, Freestyle-Total Print Production, Angela Vinaccia and Kevin Bull, Cash Register Doctor, Gazley Tory Ltd, Europe Modes Tailoring, Franco Pol, Zico Cucina and Bar, A Touch of Italy, Bruno Maresca, Mavericks Pizzeria, Tony and Guy Maresca, Wellington Trawling Seamarket Ltd, Fish Fins, Moore Wilson Coop Ltd, & Island Bay Butchery.

Sincere thanks also to the exhibitors and stand-holders: Club Garibaldi, La Bella Italia, Scopa, Caffè L'Affare, Gazley Tory Ltd, Rhind & Gardner – House of Travel, Kaffee Eis, Carrello del Gelato, Book Feast Ltd, Davis Trading, Genoese Foods Ltd, Pasta Mia Ltd, Medina – Laguna Seca Holdings Ltd, Motomart – Ducate, Celebration Cake Stand & Tony Chestnut.

The day began with the His Excellency, Gioacchino Trizzino, the Italian Ambassador to New Zealand, Wellington, cutting the ribbon, marking the official opening of Festival Italia 2008. This was followed by the Nuncio, Archbishop Charles Balvo, the Pope's representative in NZ, who blessed the venue and its occupancy. From thence onwards, it was all go!

The atmosphere was 'buzzing' with activity, and the wonderful food aromas drifting through the air, would tempt anyone's palate! As always, the entertainment programme was full and varied, with many club members participating.

A large screen, kindly loaned from Salve Barnao of Vision Enhancement, was erected in the downstairs area, so that patrons could see what activities were taking place upstairs.

Compare for the day was Tim Gordon who had the task of knitting everything together, whilst club member and Treasurer, Robin Page, operated the sound mixing desk. The audience in the upstairs lounge of the venue, were treated to an array of items: Tony Muollo playing the piano accordion, Salvi Gaeta, singing Neapolitan songs, La Bella Italia cooking demonstration and pasta eating competitions. Club Garibaldi children's tarantella dancers, Caffè L'Affare barista demonstration, operatic interludes, a sing-a-long of Italian favourites accompanied by Caterina Costa on the piano, Rebekah Greig playing the piano accordion, and a La Scala Lip Sync performance and competition.

This year a special tribute was made by Ginette Toscano Page on behalf of the members of Club Garibaldi, to their three most senior members: Angela Panettieri, 93 years, and Vincenzo Di Mattina and Stella Criscillo, both 92 years young! Each was presented with a small gift from the Italian Ambassador, His Excellency Gioacchino Trizzino. To acknowledge the tribute, Salvi Gaeta asked the audience to join him in singing the much-loved Italian song, 'O'e Marie' ~ the audience responded by nearly singing the roof off!

Ginette also made a special tribute and presentation of a wooden and brass plaque to each of the principal sponsors; La Bella Italia, Scopa and Caffè L'Affare, and thanked them for their sponsorship, support and hard work over the years, helping to make Festival Italia such a huge success.

Festival Italia 2008 was a very successful day which was enjoyed by those who came to experience a genuine piece of Italian culture.

FESTIVAL ITALIA 2008



Rex, Matt, John, Guglielmo, Adriana & Avril Front: Guglielmo, Armando, John, Letizia
Middle: Ginette, Matt, Marie, Avril Back: Adriana, Rex



Car drivers: Paul & Martin



Blessing & official opening:
Ginette, Archbishop Balvo, Ambassador Trizzino



Teresa & Letizia



Children playing Italian games



Pretty tarantella dancers



Club Garibaldi's 3 most senior members & family:
Stella Criscillo, Vincenzo & Ines Di Mattina, Lina & Guglielmo Panettieri

PINOCCHIO'S CORNER ~ 2008



Pinocchio' corner was very well attended this year. Forty five children from different ethnic groups enjoyed a few hours of immersion in the Italian culture, play and games.

The event started with the 5-12yrs old kids creating the longest nose with only paper and glue, and for the little ones, a colouring competition with images of the Pinocchio Story.

After 40 minutes of intense activities the winners received a large Pinocchio puppet each, the courtesy of Caffè L'Affare. All the children received a small Pinocchio ~ thank you Tony!!! The longest nose made was 1.74m.... unfortunately it collapsed during the catwalk and therefore the prize went to the second participant, who made a nose 1.64m long! Congratulations!!!

At this point, Miriam took over, with the assistance of Vicky, to play the Girotondi (Ring-a-Rosie) for the under 5 year olds, while the older children competed in 'Who would reach the beautiful Queen of the Castle (Antea Stankovic), by following some special animal steps. This is not so easy when you have a penguin, a kangaroo, a crab, an elephant and a turtle all going at different speeds and in different directions!!!

We then moved to the game of 'bandierina'...the hardest competition of all.... girls against boys! Luckily both teams reached a score of 12-12 points each ~ so there were no tears, but more prizes for all the participants.

Then it was the magical time of pentolaccia's breaking! As there were three pentolaccias all the children had an opportunity to get gifts. The style, action and the strength the children used to break open the carton pots was amazing! Then from the top, streamers tumbled down, followed by the lollies and the toys...the noise was deafening!! What can I say ~ except that it was another fantastic day: *Nel paese dei balocchi!!!*

Thank you Antonio for all the lollies and gifts.... no child left empty handed!!!

Thank you Miriam and Vicky for your help and time!!!

The Certificates for all the children who participated in the competitions and games can be collected from La Bella Italia in Petone.

Arrivederci

Letizia

Footnote:

The president and executive committee would like to sincerely thank Letizia Columbano Green for doing such a wonderful job of organising the children's programme.

NEW ZEALAND COAST GUARD SIGN AN HISTORICAL MEMORANDUM WITH ITALY

By Ginette Toscano Page

On Friday, 15 February 2008 at the Embassy of Italy, Wellington, in my capacity as President of Club Garibaldi, I was honoured to have participated in two special occasions. Being present at the first official function of the new Ambassador to New Zealand, His Excellency Gioacchino Trizzino, and to witness the union of two highly regarded organisations from New Zealand and Italy, coming together in friendship.

The following is the media release, dated 8 February 2008.



Left: Elia Manetta, Giuseppe Marino, Dr Trizzino, Ian McKinnon, Ian Coard

COASTGUARD COLLEAGUES SIGN MEMORANDUM

President Giuseppe Marino and Secretary Elia Manetta of La Società Nazionale di Salvamento, Coast Guard Auxiliary of Italy, arrived in Wellington in mid February, to sign a 'Memorandum of Understanding' with Coastguard New Zealand.

The signing took place at the invitation of His Excellency, Dr. Gioacchino Trizzino, Ambassador of Italy, who warmly welcomed Ian Coard, National President of Coastguard New Zealand. The Deputy Mayor of Wellington, Ian McKinnon, witnessed the signatures which will provide sister service status and will focus entirely on the humanitarian work of both organizations.

The delegation's week long stay also included a visit to the Maritime New Zealand's Rescue Co-ordination Centre, communication with the Italian Antarctic supply ship "Italice", attending Sunday Mass at St. Francis de Sales Church, Island Bay, Wellington, before taking part in the annual "Blessing of the Boats" in Island Bay.



Left: Ginette Toscano Page, Carl Muollo, Tony Muollo, Dr Trizzino, Giuseppe Marino

RESEARCH: ATTITUDES TOWARDS ITALY AND THE ITALIAN LANGUAGE IN THE ITALIAN COMMUNITY LIVING IN WELLINGTON

by Nina Cuccurullo

I have received notification from Dr Giovanna Miranda that she has had two articles published entitled 'Presenza Italiana in Nuova Zelanda' and 'I sentimenti de appartenza'.

The articles have also been published in an online journal called BOLLETTINO ITALS, numero di febbraio 2008, dell'università CA' Foscari di Venezia. The link is:

http://venus.unive.it/italslab/modules.php?op=modload&name=ezcms&file=index&menu=79&page_id=399



Some of you may remember Giovanna as she interviewed some of our members for her postdoctoral thesis entitled 'Gli atteggiamenti verso l'Italia e la lingua italiana dei figli di italiani (di età compresa tra i 20 e 60 anni) nati e residenti in Nuova Zelanda'. Giovanna also taught Italian language classes for Club Garibaldi.

Dr Miranda has asked me to make the articles available to the Italian Community as many of them were involved in her research and will be interested in her findings.

NEWS FROM THE CIRCOLO ITALIANO DI WELLINGTON

By Chris Monigatti, Vice President, Circolo Italiano di Wellington

Members of both Club Garibaldi and the Circolo Italiano di Wellington clubs are well aware of the extraordinary contribution that our President, Cav. Elizabeth Peek has made to 'things Italian' in Wellington.

The Committee of the Circolo Italiano is delighted to report that this has been recognised by the Societa Dante Alighieri Roma. Elizabeth has been awarded a scholarship to further her study of the Italian language. Elizabeth will attend the Dante Alighieri School, Florence, in May, then will take a short holiday in northern Italy.

The Circolo committee has also been able to award a special scholarship to assist Elizabeth with travel costs. We are sure that everyone will agree that this recognition is well deserved, and wish Elizabeth a very enjoyable trip. We look forward to hearing of her experiences on her return to New Zealand, possibly at our August social.

A BIT OF TRIVIA

By Ginette Toscano Page

ANSA) - Venice, March 20

An obese Italian man showed up for a nose operation only to be turned away because the hospital didn't have a bed big enough for him!

Michele Adami, 40, was set to have surgery to help his breathing but on the eve of the operation, staff told him not to bother coming in. "They said they did not have a bed that was suitable for me," the 195 kg, 1.90m salesman told a local paper. "I had been having tests in that hospital for months. They could have told me before," said the northern Italian, who is suing the hospital near Venice for emotional distress. "I was depressed for a week," said Adami.

"What would they do if someone as big as me needed life-saving surgery?"