



Club Garibaldi News

FEBRUARY 2009

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It was a real pleasure to see so many of the Italian community attend the February Italian Mass at St Francis de Sales Church, Island Bay, which was celebrated by Don Marinko Antolovic from the Embassy of the Holy See, Wellington. This is great, and I am sure that even more of our members and friends will attend the Italian Masses during 2009!

For some time now I have been thinking of a way of how to share photographic memories of our senior members, including both those who have passed away and the ones who are still with us today. An idea arose: we would begin by printing old family wedding photographs in the monthly newsletters. We will start with those dated up until 1945 which was the end of World War Two. In spite of experiencing harsh times during those early years, our fore-bearers spared no expense when it came to celebrating a marriage in their family. I have started this month with a photograph of my own parent's wedding. All photos will be returned after being copied. Remember to record all the names of the bridal party in the photograph, plus the name and place of the church, as well as the date of the wedding.

Please see further on in this newsletter an article regarding the forthcoming Festival Italia 2009.

Ciao a presto
Ginette Toscano Page

ANNUAL FESTIVAL ITALIA – 2009

Please put a big circle on your calendar ~ **Sunday, 22 March 2009** ~ the club's annual Festival Day at the Overseas Passenger Terminal. As this is the club's biggest function and fundraiser, make sure you come and support us along with your family and friends so that we can make this year's festival even more successful than in previous years.

Planning began months ago, and a lot of hard work is going on behind the scenes. Anyone who is willing to lend a helping hand please contact Ginette or Robin, or an executive committee member.

We need lots of help: to set up the club's dolce stand on the Friday evening, 20 March, at 6pm for an hour or so, at the Overseas Terminal; on Saturday morning, 21 March, to help decorate the venue with balloons etc. and on the Sunday, at the end of the festival day. It would also be very much appreciated if all members would bake cakes or biscuits for the club's dolce stall.

Remember that the money made from this stall is used for the benefit of all club members. So please ... make our telephones ring hot with offers of help!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

A warm welcome to the following new member: Cherie Jones, Tokoroa.

BABY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following families on the recent, safe arrival of their babies:

- + Giuseppe Di Mattina and Niki Monaghan, of Karori, Wellington, a daughter, Gabriella Grace Di Mattina.
- + Michael and Amanda Criscillo of Auckland, a son, Jake Michael Gilchrist Criscillo. A grandson for Vic and Merlyn Criscillo of Wellington.
- + Federica and Dominic Esposito of Wellington, a son, Tommaso Luigi. A grandson for Tony and Carolina Esposito of Island Bay, and Anna Maria and Luigi Vaino of Italy, who arrived in New Zealand just in time for the birth of their grandson.

ENGAGEMENT CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and best wishes to Paul Mollo and Darlene Shields, who recently announced their engagement. Paul is the eldest son of Teresa and Liberato Mollo of Island Bay, Wellington, and Darlene is the daughter of Naida and the late Ray Shields.

CHILDREN'S LANGUAGE CLASSES

For 13 years Nina Cuccurullo has been doing a brilliant job as co-ordinator of the children's Italian language classes. She has worked wonderfully to ensure the classes are well run and organised, has liaised with teachers and parents and maintained a positive link with the Italian Government through the Embassy. We would like to find a club member to assume the duties of classes co-ordinator and spend the first few months of 2009 learning from Nina.



WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Paolo Martini and Bernadette Hewson who were married on 2 January 2009, in Christchurch. Paolo is the son of Giovanni and Matilde Martini of Runanga, West Coast, and Bernadette, is the daughter of Mary and Brian Hewson of Christchurch. Congratulations Paolo and Bernadette, Club Garibaldi wishes you a lifetime of love and happiness.

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.

AN ARTICLE OF INTEREST

ANSA - Rome, January 23, 2009



Researchers from the United States claim to have cracked the riddle of why Italian-made Stradivari violins have a distinctive sound. Joseph Nagyvary, a biochemist at Texas A&M University, believes that wood-preserving chemicals are responsible for the 18th-century instruments' unique sound - explaining why following generations of violin-makers have never been able to recreate the famous violins from natural wood. The violin-makers would have used the potion to protect the wood from being eaten by worms, but it had another effect, according to Nagyvary. 'It influenced the mechanical and acoustic properties of the wood, giving the instruments a sound without equal,' he said.

Nagyvary's team has succeeded in identifying the special chemical cocktail used on the instruments to be borax, fluorides, chromium and iron salts which forms the base of the wood-preserving mixture. Nagyvary has been working on his theory for over 30 years since learning to play the violin on an instrument once belonging to Albert Einstein. Around 600 of the 1,000 violins thought to have been made by Antonio Stradivari still exist, each valued at around five million dollars.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ITALIAN MASS

The next Italian Mass will be held on Sunday 1 March 2009 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 April 2009 at 1pm. All members and families are very welcome.



Please bring a plate.

FIRST TOMBOLA NIGHT FOR 2009

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

The first night for 2009 will be on Tuesday, 24 February, at the usual time of 7.30 pm. Please do come along and feel free to bring a friend.

CIRCOLO MARCH SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on Thursday 5 March there will be a presentation by Don McLean from 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 in the past. The material and visuals will be new and we look forward to being taken on a virtual armchair tour of Lake Como, Tuscany and beyond.

A \$4 cover charge towards supper will apply.

CIRCOLO APRIL SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on Thursday 2 April Federica Balducci will give us a presentation. Federica will guide us around Bologna and the beautiful region of Emilia Romagna. This will be a Power Point presentation so we will be treated to lots of visuals. More info in the March Newsletter.

A \$4 cover charge towards supper will apply.

ITALIAN FILMS

At 7pm on Thursday 19 February the film **My Best Enemy** (2006) will be shown. The Italian smash hit is a delightful comedy that reunites actor-director Carlo Verdone with his "Manual of Love" co-star Silvio Muccino in a hilarious tale of two nemeses coming together for the love of a girl; one of them her boyfriend, the other her father. Duration 108 minutes.

A \$2 cover charge towards costs will apply.

At 7pm on Thursday 19 March the film **Turning Point (Il giro di boa)** will be shown. The film is No. 11 in the popular Inspector Montalbano series!!

A \$2 cover charge towards costs will apply.

ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC

A date has been set for this year's annual club picnic. A reservation has been made for **Sunday, 22 February 2009**, from 11am onwards, at Queen Elizabeth Park, Paekakariki. There will be no cancellation date. Remember to put a big circle on your calendars, to remind you of this date. Once again, the club will provide the steaks and sausages for the barbeque. All members and their families are welcome.

'A NIGHT AT THE GARIBALDI' - NAOMI FERGUSON BENEFIT



A Night at the Garibaldi" Naomi Ferguson Benefit 27th & 28th February 2009
Both Benefit nights are now sold out.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 19th February (7pm) - Italian Film

Sunday 22nd February (11am) - Club Picnic

Tuesday 24th February (7:30pm) - Tombola

Friday 27th February - A Night at the Garibaldi

Saturday 28th February - A Night at the Garibaldi

Sunday 1st March (11:30am) - Italian Mass

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

Thursday 19th March (7pm) - Italian Film

Sunday 22nd March - Italian Festival

Sunday 5th April (1pm) - Shared Lunch

Thursday 2nd April (7:30pm) - Circolo Social

TOSCANO-ZINO WEDDING

Vincenzo Toscano and Maria Grazia Zino were married at the Church of the Holy Name, Island Bay, Wellington, on 27 July 1936.



Back left: Domenico Moleta, Francesca Moleta, Giovanni Zino (father of the bride) Maria Grazia Zino, Vincenzo Toscano, Rosina Barnao, Vincenzo Barnao, Vincenzo Paino

Front left: Mick Zino (page boy) Gene Zino (flower girl), Rosa Monastra