



# Club Garibaldi News

**MARCH 2009**

## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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In spite of a gloomy weather forecast, we decided to go ahead and hold our annual picnic. Well, as it happens, the decision was a correct one! Although the skies were not always clear blue, there was plenty of warm sun for over one hundred members and their families who enjoyed a day of fun, good food and togetherness. It was a great day! We also managed to have a group photograph taken ~ with a special guest sitting in the centre, Angela Panettieri, the club's most senior member. As always, there are those individuals who need to be acknowledged and thanked: To the chefs who cooked a great barbeque, Alfonso Basile, Paul Elenio, Matt Amitrano and Vince Costa: Maria Colucci for organising the housekeeping side of the picnic. Robin Page for the sound system and for those one hundred and one other tasks which need to be done. Jim and Lyn Marson, Vince and Ida Basile for their help in cleaning the picnic grounds at the end of the day. To those who helped with the games: Paul Elenio, Josephine Van der Donk, Josephine Volpicelli and Maria Elenio. Thanks also to those who helped in some way. Please accept this as a personal acknowledgement.

This month Tony Muollo of Island Bay, Wellington, shares a wedding photograph of his parents, Giuseppe Muollo and Francesca Barnao.

**Remember the festival date:** Sunday, 22 March 2009 at the Overseas Terminal Function Centre, Oriental Bay, Wellington. See you there!

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 dolce stand 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!

## CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to Carmela, Cataldo, Orazio, Shareen, Daniella and Giuseppe Iaccarino of Wellington, on the recent passing of their husband, father and Nonno, Giuseppe Iaccarino.

## BABY CONGRATULATIONS

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

+ To Geoff and Nicole Zame of Auckland, a son, Bart Michael Zame. A grandson for Dom and Carol Zame of Karori, Wellington.

+ To Robert and Niamb Zande of Dublin, Ireland, a daughter, Grace Cara Zande. A granddaughter for Marcella and Liberale Zande of Lower Hutt.

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

A warm welcome to the following new member: Anthony Dellabarca of Eastbourne.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW TEACHER

By Nina Cuccurullo

We are very happy to welcome Dott.ssa Eloisa Ascoli as the new teacher of Italian for the children's language classes held by Club Garibaldi. Eloisa began teaching in February of this year. The classes have now been running since 1996 and are open to members' children. We wish Eloisa and the children a great year!



## A BIT OF TRIVIA

(ANSA) - Agropoli, 30 January 30 2009

An Italian teenager skipped school and won 10,000 euros with a lotto scratch card. He was so pleased he phoned home to tell his father, forgetting he should have been in class. But the parent was equally thrilled and "just started shouting down the phone with joy" the card vendor told reporters.

## ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE BOATS IN ISLAND BAY



This great photo was taken by Rob Di Leva of Island Bay, on Sunday, 15 February 2009. This year's blessing was administered by Archbishop John Dew, assisted by Island Bay parish priest, Father Geoff Broad and Rev Canon Jim Pether, Port Chaplin.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## ITALIAN MASS

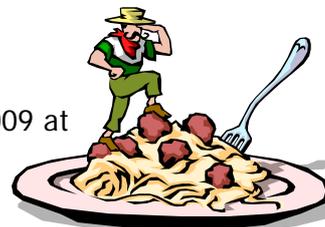
The next Italian Mass will be held on Sunday 5 April 2009 at 11.30am at St Francis de Sales Church, Island Bay.

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.



## TOMBOLA

Tombola nights are held every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.

**The first night for 2009 will be on Tuesday, 24 March, at the usual time of 7.30 pm.**

Please do come along and feel free to bring a friend.

## 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.

A \$4 cover charge towards supper will apply.

## ITALIAN FILM

At 7pm on Thursday 16 April the film *The Legend of 1900* (dialogue in English) will be shown. Directed by Giuseppe Tornatore, this magical fable tells the tale of an extraordinary man who lives a remarkable life on a ship without ever setting foot on land. Based on a novel by Alessandro Baricco and with a beautiful score by Ennio Morricone, this film is sure to move you.

A \$2 charge towards costs will apply.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Italian Festival

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March (7:30pm) – Tombola

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April (7:30pm) – Circolo Social

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April (11:30am) - Italian Mass

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April (1pm) - Shared Lunch

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April (7pm) - Italian Film

## **ANNUAL BUS TRIP 2009 – DESTINATION: HAWKES BAY**

By Jim & Lynda Marson

Another year, and another town invaded by "Forza Italia". This time Napier, and, what a great time had by all. A quicker trip this year only taking 5 hours including a stop for coffee at Dannivirke.

Arriving in Napier for a beautiful buffet lunch at the Pier Hotel resort on the west port side of Napier, then checking in where we were going to stay at the Marineland Motel. (Great accommodation arranged by Maria). With nothing formal organised for the first evening, everyone either relaxed or went for a swim, however most headed to the city for a bite to eat.

I will never complain about the weather in Wellington again. Napier was just too hot!! Temperatures were in the mid 30's and when it came to sleep, I don't think hardly anyone did, as it was so hot.

Day 2 was fine, and comfortably cooler. We had a busy schedule: We went first to The Possum Shop ~ very interesting, and then to the Marineland Aquarium ~ fantastic, followed by a stop for lunch at the Chocolate Factory (lots of money spent)! Mid afternoon and we headed back to motel for some down time before dinner (there was a fully licensed restaurant on the premises).

A lovely night, with the restaurant overlooking a lagoon; we all ate, sang and drank to the music of Armando and Salvi. A special highlight for an Italian couple, Murray and Sue Selwyn, who just happened to be at the restaurant celebrating their 30th Wedding Anniversary. When Salvi found out he and Armando had them on the dance floor, serenading them with a couple of Italian ballads as they danced. The couple were very thankful and it will be a night that they will always remember.

With the restaurant closing at 10 pm, everyone were in full swing, so the party continued in the court yard of one of the motels; the band played on and the people kept singing until ... the motel manager told us that there had been a complaint, so could we please finish. So ... off to bed we went.

Day 3. Another busy schedule, followed by our trip home. First stop, a group photo on the Marine Parade; all back on the bus and off to the Honey Factory, a fascinating place (more money spent), back on the bus and next we arrived at a cheese factory. This looked very interesting but, you had to pay to taste the cheese! Can you imagine a bunch of Italians paying to taste cheese??? So on the bus we went and were out of there. Final stop The Selini Vineyard: The bus arrived around 11.45 am and after a guided tour through the wine making process, off we went for lunch. This was a fantastic setting with great wine and food enjoyed by all. As everybody were enjoying themselves so much, we did not leave Napier until about 4pm.

After a nice sleepy drive with a coffee stop at Otaki, the bus finally arrived at Island bay around 9.00 pm.

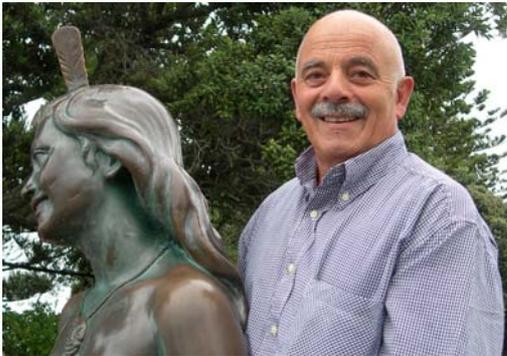
Again, a special thanks to Salvi, Jo and Maria for the organising and negotiating, to ensure that all those who came on the trip had a brilliant time.

Make sure you all book for the next one!

Club Garibaldi picnic, Queen Elizabeth Park, Paekakariki - February 2009



## Club Garibaldi bus trippers - February 2009



**Congratulations Murray & Sue**



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## MUOLLO – BARNAO WEDDING ~ 1928

Giuseppe Muollo and Francesca Barnao were married at St Francis De Sales Church, Island Bay, Wellington, by Fr Moloney SM, on 28 July 1928.



**Back Left: Maria Grazia Zino, Giuseppe Muollo, Francesca Barnao, Katie Barnao, Alfonso Basile, Katie Boffa**

**Front left: Flower girls: Gene Paino and Maria Cataldo**