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Club Garibaldi News

MAY 2010

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**A special greeting goes to all mothers.
Happy Mother's Day!**

***Mothers hold their children's hands a while, and their hearts
forever (Anon)***

The National Day of Italy celebrations at Club Garibaldi will be held on **Friday, 4 June**, commencing at 7.30 pm. As in past years, the club will provide a light supper and wine. Please note that this function is open to financial members only.

Shared lunch: Over fifty people, including children, enjoyed a very happy occasion on Sunday, 2 May. Hearing the children's laughter and watching them playing stirred a lovely memory back to when I was a child in the 1950's when I frequented club functions and events on many, many occasions with my late parents. As children, long time club member Linda (Serci) Low and I, spent many happy hours playing or 'dancing on our father's shoes' at the club, which was then situated on the top floor of a building in Wakefield Street, Wellington, while our parents Vincenzo and Maria Grazia Toscano and Vincenzo and Enrica Serci socialised with other club members, often until the wee hours of the morning. After supper Linda and I would be put to bed in the club's caretaker's small flat which was through a door behind the band alcove, until it was time to go home and our fathers would carry their 'sleeping babes' down three flights of stairs! I am sure lots of other members have lovely memories too!

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Ciao a presto

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HAPPY 95th BIRTHDAY VINCENZO DI MATTINA



Club Garibaldi's second most senior member, Vincenzo Di Mattina, of Island Bay, recently celebrated his 95th birthday. Happy Birthday Vincenzo, we all wish you many more happy, healthy years to come.

BIRTHDAY GIRLS!



Five birthday girls. From left: Anna, Giuliana, Jane, Ginette and Maddalena

The following five members all celebrated their birthdays between the last week of April and first week of May. 'Buon compleanno – Happy Birthday' was sung to them at this month's shared lunch.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



GIUSEPPE DI LEVA - 60 YEARS YOUNG

Congratulations to Giuseppe Di Leva (Joe) of Island Bay, who recently reached the milestone of 60 years young! Buon compleanno Joe, Club Garibaldi wish you many more happy and healthy years to come.

GIUSEPPE BASILE – 60 YEARS YOUNG

Congratulations to Giuseppe Basile (Joe) of Island Bay, who recently also reached the milestone of 60 years young! Buon compleanno Joe, Club Garibaldi wish you may more happy healthy years to come.

BIT OF TRIVIA

Man Flees Wife for Jail

ANSA, Palermo, 22 October 2009.

A Sicilian man fled house arrest to get away from his wife, but was sent back home! Santo Gambino, 30, a bricklayer from a town outside of Palermo, reportedly begged police to put him back inside because of the 'non stop nagging' at home! But the judge ignored his pleas and put him back under house arrest. Gambino had initially been arrested in March for dumping construction waste.

ITALIAN MASS

On the first Sunday of every month the Mass is celebrated in Italian at the Church of St Francis de Sales, 175 Clyde Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Mass starts at 11.30 am. Everyone is welcome and it would be good to see more members and their families attend, as we are very fortunate to have this opportunity in New Zealand. If you can help with a reading or the offertory, please contact Ida Basile.

The Mass is celebrated by either His Excellency Archbishop Balvo or Reverend Marinko Antolovic from the Apostolic Nunciature. **The next Mass will be on 6 June.**

TOMBOLA

The next tombola night will be on **Tuesday, 25 May** at the usual time of 7.30 pm. Please come along and feel free to bring a friend. Contact Maria if you have any questions.

CIRCOLO ITALIANO – JUNE SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on Thursday 10 June (**note the change of date from our usual arrangement**) Leslie Singh will give us a presentation. Leslie was awarded a Scholarship from the University of Perugia for Foreigners and in March this year he studied the Italian language for a month. Leslie will talk to us about his experiences while attending the University and he will also give us in-depth information about the city of Perugia. This Power Point presentation will be of particular interest to anyone who intends going to Italy to study at a language school. A \$4.00 cover charge towards supper will apply.

BABY CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to the following members on the recent additions to their families:

Sharleen and Jason Mitchell on the safe arrival of their son, Cole Jesse.
A grandson for Eleanor (nee Aprea) and David Mitchell of Wainuiomata.

Matt and Martina (nee Zanotto) on the safe arrival of their daughter, Milana.
A granddaughter for Anna and Franco Zanotto of Hataitai, Wellington.

FESTIVAL REPORT

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There is much talk and excitement leading up to our big festival in September. People are asking very good questions, and contributing great ideas to the festival sub-committee. Any input from club members is welcome, and remember we are doing this together.

THE LURE OF ITALY: WATER COLOURS & PRINTS EXHIBITION

Continental Travel Pictures from 1775 to 1840



8 February to 16 August 2010
Museum of New Zealand - Te Papa Tongarewa
The Ilott Room, Level 4
Free entry

'A man who has not been in Italy is always conscious of an inferiority'
Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)

This small exhibition of watercolours and prints presents a visual record of European journeys made by eighteenth and nineteenth century British artists. The 'Grand Tour', the cultural tour of Europe made by the British aristocracy in the 18th century, established this fashionable tourist route. Italy was the ultimate destination, but France, Switzerland, and the Alps were visited along the way.

The exhibition features highlights from these journeys, with views of key scenic destinations. Also included are some of the souvenirs travellers brought back with them: Prints by artists, including Claude Lorraine, Piranesi, Canaletto, and an 18th-century fan painted with scenes of Roman monuments, which was produced for the Grand Tourist souvenir market.

CHILDREN'S ITALIAN BOOKS, CARTOON VIDEOS AND TAPES

A supply of children's books and videos were recently donated to the club. The text in the books and the language on the videos and tapes is Italian. Please help yourself from the boxes on the table by the noticeboard in the clubrooms.

A BIT OF HUMOUR IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL!

ITALIAN CUSTOMS OFFICERS

Five Englishmen in an Audi Quattro arrive at the Italian border. The Italian customs officer stops them and tells them: "It's illegal to putta fiva people ina Quattro." "What do you mean it's illegal?" asked the Englishmen. "Quattro means four," replies the Italian official. "Quattro is just the name of the automobile," the Englishman replied, not believing what he is hearing. "Look at the papers: this car is designed to carry 5 people." "You can'ta pulla thata one ona me," replies the Italian customs agent. "Quattro means four. You hava fiva people ina your car and you are therefore breakin'a the law". The Englishman replies angrily, "Call your supervisor over. We want to speak to someone with more intelligence!"

"Sorry," responded the Italian official, "he can'ta come". "He's a busy with two guys in a Uno".

"A NIGHT AT THE GARIBALDI"



Advance notice is given of the next Benefit to be held at the Clubrooms on Friday 29th and Saturday 30th October 2010. Mainly musical theatre with guest appearances from Julia Booth from Hamilton and Naomi Ferguson from Christchurch and (likely) Tim Beveridge from Auckland. Also a choreographed 1950's segment with show band in attendance. Ticket price \$30 (includes light supper). No door sales. Priority booking to concert regulars until 7 June. Additional performance (off-site) on Sunday 31st October. Phone reservations to Rex Da Vanzo.

CLUB GARIBALDI TOMBOLA NIGHTS

By Nina Cuccurullo



On Tuesday 30 March I decided to go and join in on the fun at the monthly Tombola Night. I had been told by those who had attended that everyone had a great time so was curious to see. Despite the howling wind and pouring rain around 25 people also came along. While this was my first time, the others there had been attending for over 5 years. Linda did a great job of calling out the numbers and Maria a great job of handing out the winnings.

Tombola is a great way of meeting other Club members and I was made to feel very welcome, with Maria DiLeva even giving me a hand to look at the numbers!!! We all had a lot of laughs and some of us even made some money. After the counters and boards were put safely away for another month we all enjoyed a delicious shared supper with coffee. I hope to go along to the next evening. Tombola nights are held every 4th Tuesday. See you there!



Photos: Top left Maria Colucci and Linda DeGregorio, bottom left (from left to right) Antonina Volpicelli, Carmela Iaccarino, Lina Volpicelli, Cristina Vinaccia and Emma Amitrano and top right Rosalia Amitrano.

SHARED LUNCH – MAY 2010



Happy patrons at Restaurant Garibaldi

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEES ARE DUE FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING 1 JULY 2010

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If you have just turned 70 and have been a member continuously for 5 years, please notify Caterina Costa or post in the form. We look forward to your continued membership and support.

Friendly reminder: All members are supplied with a dated sticker to paste on the inside rear window of their vehicle. This enables them to use our car-park in Vivian Street each day, after 5.30pm and also, all day Saturdays, Sundays and long weekends. After 30 June 2010 your new 2010-11 sticker must be used to avoid been towed away!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Tuesday 25 May (7:30pm) – Tombola

Friday 4 June (7.30pm) – National Day Italy Celebrations at Club

Sunday 6 June (11.30am) – Italian Mass

Thursday 10 June (7.30pm) – Circolo Italiano June Social

Every Sunday (3.00pm to 8.00pm) Club Day