



Club Garibaldi News

June 2006

The President's Report

An enjoyable evening was spent on Friday, 2 June, when over 120 members, including Dr Massimo Carnelos, representing the Italian Embassy, attended Italy's National Day celebrations at our clubrooms. Festivities commenced when members stood and sang the Italian National Anthem with much gusto, accompanied by Caterina Costa on the piano – thank you, Caterina. During the formal part of the evening, on behalf of the club's membership, I had great pleasure in congratulating our two new Cavalieri – club members, Nina Cuccurullo and Elizabeth Peek, who have been awarded the Order for the Star of Italian Solidarity for services to Italian language and culture. See further on. A lovely bouquet of flowers was presented to each of the ladies. Well done, Nina and Elizabeth!

After a delicious supper, we were entertained by the Il Coro choir Italiano singing a bracket of Italian songs, accompanied by Caterina, andconducted by Armando Gilmonifollowed by a most enjoyable, rousing sing-a-long of lots of old Italian favourites. Looking around, there were a few moist eyes to be seen!

After a short break, the Mediterranean Trio comprising of Salvi Gaeta, Armando Gilmoni and Robin Page, played a bracket of popular Italian music and songs...after which favourite 'requests' were coming in, thick and fast, from all over the clubrooms! Sincere thanks and much appreciation to the hard working social committee, the wonderful choir, the great musicians and anybody who helped in some way to make this occasion very special.

In early March, Valerio, an Italian film-maker from Rome, came to make a documentary. He travelled long distances - from the top of the North Island to the bottom of the South Island, to capture the 'heart' of New Zealand. Although Valerio's focus was to film New Zealand, he did 'shoot' a segment about Italians. You may have noticed him filming activities at the festa in late March, at the Overseas Terminal. Just prior to his departure from New Zealand, he also interviewed some members of our community.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I wish to thank Ida and Vince Basile, of Island Bay, who are always willing to lend a hand when asked. And once again, many thanks and appreciation to Luca Quaglia and Paul Muollo for their invaluable assistance in helping to put the newsletters together. Many complimentary comments have been received on Luca's Italian translation.

Ciao a presto

Ginette

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.

Can You Help?

We are looking for a volunteer who can assist in providing and updating material for the club's website, which is to be launched shortly. Some skills in managing electronic files and text/image management would be an advantage.

Important Notice

It has been brought to the attention of the executive committee that on several occasions, more than 3 people at one time, have been seen to be using the moving platform. Once again, it is stressed the importance, not only for safety but also for mechanical reasons, that **only** three persons use it at any one time.

Queen's Birthday Honour Award

In the recent Queen's Birthday Honours, Caterina Maria De Nave of Auckland, was awarded a CNZM – Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to television and film.

You will recall that in the late 90's, Caterina produced the television documentary 'An Immigrant Nation' which featured many of the Island Bay Italian community.

Caterina is the daughter of the late Giuseppe and Dulcie DeNave of Auckland.

Italian Radio Programme Comes to New Zealand

I hope all members have taken the opportunity to tune in to listen to RADIO IRIS, ASCOLTANDO L'ITALIA. This is an Italian radio programme covering different issues about the Italian culture and the Italian community in New Zealand. Micaela Mecocci, the producer/presenter, talks about music, art, culture, cuisine, stories of Italians in the southern hemisphere, and current events in Italy.

On Fridays at 6.30 pm in AUCKLAND on PLANET FM 104.6

On Sundays at 4 pm in WELLINGTON on ACCESS RADIO 783 AM

On Sundays at 4 pm you can also listen to RADIO IRIS on the INTERNET from anywhere you are

(<http://www.accessradio.org.nz/>)

Grazie Mille

Club Garibaldi wishes to acknowledge and sincerely thank Circolo Italiano member, Elizabeth Fejos, for her kind donation towards our moving platform/lift expenses. It is very much appreciated.

Welcome to New Members

A warm welcome to the following new members: Liliana Bonafede of Island Bay, and Armida Geremia of Lower Hutt.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Italian Mass

The next Italian Mass will be held on Sunday 2 July 2006 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 6 August 2006 at 1pm. All members and families are very welcome. Please bring a plate.

Italian Films

Italian films which have English sub-titles are shown on the third Thursday of every month. They are held at Club Garibaldi at 7 pm. A \$2 donation will be appreciated.



At 7pm on Thursday 20 July we will show the film **After Midnight (Dopo mezzanotte)** 2004. The magical Mole Antonelliana in Turin, the building that houses the Italian National Museum of Cinema, is the setting and inspiration of an unlikely love story. Duration 93 minutes.

At 7pm on Thursday 17 August we will show the film **The Cruellest day (Il piu crudele dei giorni)** 2003. On 20 March 1994, Rai TV news reporter Ilaria Alpi and her cameraman Miran Hrovatin were murdered in an ambush in Mogadishu. "The cruelest day" traces what happened to the two through a maze of plot twists that contain all the rhythm and gripping tension of the best spy stories. Duration 96 minutes.

Tombola

The Tombola nights are held every 4th Tuesday of the month. The next evening will be on Tuesday the 27th June at the usual time of 7.30pm. Please come along, and feel free to bring a friend.

Circolo July Social

At 7.30pm on Thursday 6 July Robert Carew will talk to us about his experiences while studying and holidaying in Cefalu` (Sicily). Robert has collected some very interesting information, which includes many photos and other visual material. This will be a Power Point presentation so come along and enjoy the beautiful scenery of Sicily.

A \$4 cover charge towards supper will apply.

Circolo August Social

At 7.30pm on Thursday 3 August, Carolina Izzo will give us a presentation on an Italian topic. Carolina is presently in Italy and on her return she will let us know what she has chosen to talk about. More details in our next Newsletter.

Kid's Movie Night

Will be held on **Monday, July 3**. Bring your children along to a movie night at the club - entry \$2 per child. Just drop off your children (aged 4-12) around 5.30pm. We will provide dinner and a movie, after which you can collect them at 7.30pm.



Family Shared Lunch

Come join us! Bring your family to a shared lunch at the club on **Sunday, July 23**, at 12 noon. Please bring plate. Enjoy an afternoon of togetherness, which will include some fun and games for the children.



Annual General Meeting

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held at the clubrooms on 7.00 pm on Sunday, 20 August 2006. 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.

Italian National Day Celebrations



Vittorio & Anna Canderle



Lots of lovely smiles!



Marcella! Look at the camera!



Vince DiMattina & Maria D'Esposito



Our translator Luca on the left & partner Greg



Fifi & Lib with matching mo's!



Daughter & mother – Dianne & Shirley



The Benvenuti boys!

Baby Congratulations

Best wishes to Raffaele and Rebecca Maresca on the safe arrival of their daughter, Accalia Caitlin. A grand daughter for Maria and Tony Maresca of Island Bay.



Raoul Bargiacchi – 80 Years Young!

Congratulations to Raoul Bargiacchi who recently reached the wonderful milestone of 80 years young. Buon compleanno Raoul. Club Garibaldi wish you many more happy and healthy years to come.

A Bit of Trivia!

DANTE'S TOMB

Ravenna, March 24, 2006

The tomb of Italy's greatest poet, Dante is to be restored.

The Florentine author, died in exile in Ravenna in September 1321, aged 56. His ashes were placed in a tomb in cloisters next to a Franciscan church, which were later hidden in a wall when Napoleon's troops forced the friars guarding the tomb to disband.

The friars had refused repeated requests from Florence to return the remains of Toscana's most famous son, even when backed by two Medici Popes and Michelangelo!

The ashes were re-discovered in 1865, after which a neo-classical building was erected to house the remains. The ashes have remained there ever since, apart from a brief re-burial in a cloister garden to keep them safe from re-treating German soldiers in 1944.

Every year, Dante's tomb draws thousands of visitors to Ravenna, rivalling the lure of the world famous Byzantine mosaics. Florence has had to be content with an empty tomb in the Church of Santa Croce, which many tourists believe is the real thing!

Elizabeth and Nina's Award

L'Ordine della Stella della Solidarietà Italiana
Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity

An honorific, originally established in 1947, to recognize the achievements of Italians and foreigners who played a distinguished role in the reconstruction of Italy after World War II.

In more recent times it has been bestowed on individuals who have helped to promote the country abroad.



Cavaliere Salvi Gaeta with newly appointed Cavalieri Elizabeth Peek & Nina Cuccurullo

Congratulations Antonio & Luisa Cacace

Heartiest congratulations to Antonio, our vice-president, and Luisa Cacace, owners of La Bella Italia, for winning an award in the business category, at the annual Wellington Gold Business Awards sponsored by The Dominion Post, a black tie function at the Events Centre, attended by 700 dinner guests. The award was for enterprise and excellence, for the best destination. Namely, 'Spotlighting excellence in facilities that help enliven our community and draw visitors to our region'. It was the second year they had been a finalist. In his acceptance speech Antonio said he was proud of what had been achieved at his Petone headquarters and, of course, thanked his wife, Luisa.

Club trustee Paul Elenio put in a visual appearance in the social page of the newspaper he is General Manager of, pictured along with the Prime Minister, his wonderful boss, Joan Withers, and the editor, Tim Pankhurst.



Photo by Robert Catto



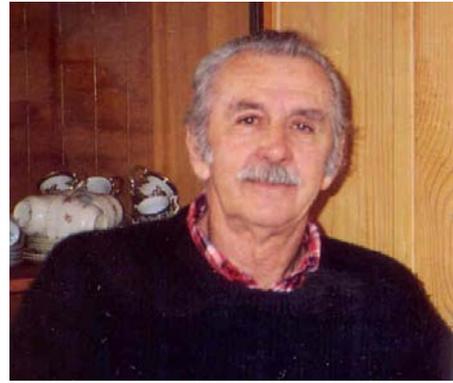
Paul Elenio, Joan Withers, Helen Clark & Tim Pankhurst

Glimpse into ~ ~ ~ Cervignano del Friuli

By Ginette Toscano Page

This month Cervignano del Friuli is featured, the area where Luigi Furlani of Lower Hutt, was born and raised.

Cervignano del Friuli, is a town situated 33 kilometres from Udine, in the province of Udine, and 90 km east-north-east of Venice. The territory of the municipality lies between 1 and 15 metres above sea level, and has a population of nearly 13,000 inhabitants, who are locally known as 'Cervignanesi'.



Luigi Furlani

Cervignano has a rich history, and bound to the history of the 'Mother Aquileia', in the geographical area of the River Aussa – from the Via Julia Augusta (northwards) and the Via Annia (south-west) routes. Archaeological finds in neighbouring villages have discovered that Cervignano played a leading role even before Aquileia's foundation in 181 BC, when the roads that linked Rome to the rest of the Empire, were nothing more than sheep-tracks. Because of its importance as an economic centre in Aquileia Campagna, Cervignano also shared the city's fate during the barbarians forays. After the Longobard's take-over in 518 BC, Cervignano became part of the Dukedom of Friuli, until 1420 when, with the rest of Friuli, the town was passed to the Republic of Venice. After the so called 'War of Gradisca' in 1615, which nearly ruined the town, Cervignano focused its economic life on the river port, a business which became profitable, since all goods coming via sea – whether it be wine from Southern Italy, or oil from Istria, grain from the Polesine plains, onions or watermelons from Romagna – they were transported inland through the Aussa River.

Following a brief Napoleonic period between 1806-1815, and the Third Independence War in 1866, a new boundary line between the Habsburg Empire and the Reign of Italy was made about 2 kilometres from Cervignano. The area was, and is still known as 'Tre Ponti', where the Rivers Taglio and Aussa meet. The town remained under Austria until 24 October 1915, when it was overtaken by Italian troops, after which it became an important military command outpost, headquarters for strategic decisions in war, and a hospital care centre. Cervignano suffered badly from heavy bombing during World War II, but even worse was to come from the fierce reprisals of the re-treating German troops.

Today, Cervignano del Friuli is a modern town, whose economy is focused on tourism, service sectors, and the major international railway junction at the cross-roads of Middle Europe – the Interporto Alpe Adria, an international transport centre. The town has many wonderful, historical features, including the magnificent Abbey of San Michele Arcangelo, built in 912 BC which contains newly restored frescoes painted by the renowned Venetian artist Sebastiano Santi in 1846, an 18th century Villa Bresciani-Attems which has the Cappella of Santa Croce, that houses a 13th century processional crucifix, Villa Chiozza, the former residence of scientist Luigi Chiozza, a famous botanist, and a 'modern' Duomo, designed in 1964 by Giacomo Della Mea, devoted to the Holy Virgin of Fatima.

Melhop Trust Applications

The following advertisement is to be published shortly in The Dominion Post.

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 such as study and academic projects in a wide variety of fields and endeavours. Applications close on July 14, 2006 with any successful applicant(s) to be advised in early September. Applications, citing the academic study or project 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.

The GC Benefit Series

By Rex Da Vanzo

Members may be interested to know of the origins of the GC Benefit Series cabaret evenings held in the clubrooms since 1992. The next Benefit Concert, tentatively scheduled for November, will be the 27th in a series which draws together a wide range of musical expression from light opera to songs from the shows and choreographed dance routines. The Benefits which run for two successive nights (Friday and Saturday) are well patronised by members of the general public and draw support from a wide audience base which is essential to its financial success.



The assistance of stage lighting professionals, a dedicated stage crew and others, including the MC Howard Tong, Merlyn Criscillo and Jane Di Mattina, ensures that a consistent standard is maintained both in food preparation and general decor. The bar which operates at intervals during each show provides an additional source of revenue to the Club.

About the time of the purchase of a new upright grand piano for the Club in 1994 (substantially funded by show proceeds), the emphasis was changing from largely unfocussed variety evenings to providing financial assistance to generally young vocal performers who were either completing their musical studies or continuing their vocal development. Friends and associates of the beneficiary performer, often well established performers in their own right, provided support by volunteering their services, thus resulting in well-rounded programmes and ensuring that meaningful benefits could be paid. In 1994, retired builder and friend of the Club, Cliff Hendry, constructed a sturdy purpose-built portable stage at cost which is stored in the basement area and assembled for each show. Completing the picture, the long-drop black stage curtains which hang on the South facing wall on show nights were also made over a number of years by Wendy Browne, again at cost. The generous financial support of Franco and Audrey Pol is also acknowledged.

In 2002, thanks to a bequest of \$60,000 from the estate of the late Don Haliburton, a frequent attendee from his home base in Tauranga, the dynamics changed once again, it now becoming possible to meet the cost of flying in guest performers from places as far afield as Christchurch and Auckland. Mobil song winner Anna Leese and Jaimee Marshall both returned from London for their Benefits in 2004 and 2006 respectively. In August 2003, in a joint promotion with Wellington Rotarians, A Night at the Garibaldi was successfully transported to the stage of the Michael Fowler Centre featuring performers such as Shaun Dixon, Tim Beveridge and Ali Harper.

A later article will highlight some of the performers who have appeared at the Garibaldi over the years.



Ali Harper



Chris Crowe

12 Morning View
Onepoto
Titahi Bay
9.05.06

Dear Members of Club Garibaldi,

Thank you all very much for inviting our 28th Maori Battalion Veterans, their wives, our widows and us the associate members in sharing time with you on your day at the overseas terminal. The welcome and hospitality was awesome.

I felt very emotional at one stage thinking about my dad John Te Wainohu Keefe who fought and was injured at Sango River, Orsonga. 24. 12.1943. He was taken to Bari hospital until he was well enough to be shipped back to Wellington hospital. Dad passed away 31.12.2004. Age 85.

2000 dad was given the opportunity to travel to Italy. Sadly he wasn't well and he felt he would never have managed the long trip. Dad asked me if I would go in his place. He specially wanted me to go to Bari where his first cousin is buried.

After 20 years listening to dad talk about his war years, the countries he fought in Egypt, North Africa and Italy, his mates, those who were killed in action and those who came home, I never thought in a million years that I would get the chance to visit these countries and see for myself what he did and saw.

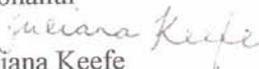
2000 myself and 30 cousins from Ngati Kahungunu Iwi (Hawkes Bay) D Company went to Italy. We did get to Bari. It was emotional but we all came away feeling calm and peaceful. We found Cassino Cemetery very sad. I cried when I saw the 1,100 polish headstones as we were heading towards the Abbey of Cassino. Only sorry we never got to visit the Naples Cemetery where dad's commanding officer at the time is buried and Bolsena where an uncle is. The other cemeteries we did get to visit, Ancona, Cesena, Forli, Moro Canadian, Sango River, Florence and Assisi.

We made a very special trip to Casa Bianca (the white house) where the Tamburini brothers wanted to meet us, the family of Dick, Ossie and Wi Huata. The hospitality was fantastic. We had a wonderful couple of hours with them.

It was a very emotional time for all of us visiting our loved ones buried there, but we came away feeling happy and contented knowing they are well looked after. We did get to go sightseeing and enjoyed every minute. Italy is a beautiful country. I would love to go back one day as I have not completed my albums.

Once again thank you for your wonderful hospitality and I hope we get to meet again one day.

Arohanui


Juliana Keefe



Dear Radio Iris listeners,

There have been many emails and newsletters in the past few weeks – that's what happens when a project is starting out and everything needs to be organised properly. Sorry about that! From now on, there will just be a monthly newsletter, which you can subscribe to by emailing the following address: radioiris@mail.com

We also have a website that you can visit, and from which you can download some of the audio files that have been broadcast by Radio Iris.

Here is the link:

<http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/departments/index.cfm?P=9920> (the website will be more complete soon)

We are receiving lots of really positive feedback and are always happy to get your comments and suggestions.

Ciao a tutti

Micaela Mecocci

(Project coordinator)

RADIO IRIS' next broadcasts:

16/6/06 (Auckland Planet FM 104.6, 6.30 pm)

18/6/06 (Wellington Access Radio 783 AM, 4 pm)

We talk about Mafia, and the arrest of the Mafia boss Bernardo Provenzano, with HERMAN SALTON; the movie "I cento passi" by Marco Tullio Giordana; and we present a very interesting interview with RITA BORSELLINO, the sister of Paolo Borsellino, the judge who was killed by the Mafia in 1992.

23/6/06 (Auckland Planet FM 104.6, 6.30 pm)

25/6/06 (Wellington Access Radio 783 AM, 4 pm)

We talk about "food and art" with SIMONA MADONNA, an Italian artist and chef living on Waiheke Island, and we read for you a really nice short story by Erri De Luca called "La pasta"

30/6/06 (Auckland Planet FM 104.6, 6.30 pm)

2/7/06 (Wellington Access Radio 783 AM, 4 pm)

We start a new series of interviews we are extremely excited about: we talk with the Italian psychologist PAOLO OTTAVI who tells us about "emotions" – what they are, what they mean in our culture, how they have been expressed in art, literature and music.

We talk with LORA BARGIACCHI and GIOVANNI PRIVILEGIO MERISI who started the first Italian radio programme "Un'ora per voi" in Wellington for Access Radio in 1980.

We interview ALESSIO GUARINO, an Italian physician who lives and works in Tahiti.

7/7/06 (Auckland Planet FM 104.6, 6.30 pm)

9/7/06 (Wellington Access Radio 783 AM, 4 pm)

We interview ELISA DI NAPOLI and listen to her music and beautiful voice.

As required by some of you we give you a new recipe "Radicchio fritto ripieno di polenta e bitto" (yummy...).

We talk with MARIA PIA DE RAZZA about her book "Mangiare Italiano".

14/7/06 (Auckland Planet FM 104.6, 6.30 pm)

16/7/06 (Wellington Access Radio 783 AM, 4 pm)

We explore the "Dante Alighieri Society". We talk with SANDRO ADUSO, the president of the Auckland Society, and with MARCELLA MONTI and her students who meet every week and work on Italian culture and music.

21/7/06 (Auckland Planet FM 104.6, 6.30 pm)

23/7/06 (Wellington Access Radio 783 AM, 4 pm)

We interview NINA CUCCURULLO, ELISABETH PEEK and SANDRA FRESIA who have recently been nominated "Cavalieri" by the Italian government for their efforts in the development of the Italian culture in New Zealand.

28/7/06 (Auckland Planet FM 104.6, 6.30 pm)

30/7/06 (Wellington Access Radio 783 AM, 4 pm)

We keep on with our conversations about emotions with PAOLO OTTAVI: why do we cry when we are sad, how sadness has been represented in the movies "The son's room" and "The piano".

ALFIO LEOTTA tells us about the image of New Zealand that is provided overseas by New Zealand's movies.

4/8/06 (Auckland Planet FM 104.6, 6.30 pm)

6/8/06 (Wellington Access Radio 783 AM, 4 pm)

We talk with LUCY MITCHELL and MEI NG, who organized a "serata italiana" at Auckland University and with OLIVER DEAN who wrote and directed a theatre play called "Amore Italiano" at Victoria University in Wellington.

And then...

We talk with OWEN SCOTT, the author of "Deep Beyond the Reef", and hear of his father's romantic with Italy during WWII.

We continue the series on emotions with PAOLO OTTAVI.

We talk with RICHARD KLEIN, ANTONIO FORCIONE, LUCA MANGHI, SERGIO CHIERICI E MICHELA DELL'AGNELLO, LORENZO BUHNE, ALESSANDRA ZECCHINI, ANTONIO CACACE, GIANNI ATZENI, TONY LAMBERT, FEDERICO GRILLI (ATERBALLETO), RAFFAELA DEL MONTE, REMIRO BRESOLIN and many others.

And of course.... A lot of music!!

Enjoy Radio Iris

Ciao!

Micaela