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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Buona Festa Della Mamma! Happy Mother's Day!

'God could not be everywhere and therefore He made mothers'

Ciao a presto
Ginette Toscano Page
President

CLUB GARIBALDI'S NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

The National Day of Italy celebrations at Club Garibaldi will be held on Friday, 3 June, commencing at 7.30 pm. As in past years, the Club will provide a light supper, wine and juice. Please note that this function is open to financial members only.

HUMOUR IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

In a bar a German, an American and an Italian were discussing the past war, bragging about their respective navy fleets. The German said 'We had such big air carriers that in order to move from bow to stern, we had to use bicycles'. The American replied 'So what? Ours were so big that we had to use motor cycles!' Not to be outdone the Italian added 'You both make me laugh! Our air carriers were so big that there was a war going on at the stern and at the bow, no one knew what the heck was going on!'

PROFILE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER – ANNA QUINN, CLUB SECRETARY



I grew up in Island Bay in a traditional Italian household and I come from a family of fisherman. I used to love fishing with my brothers, Alfonso and Luigi Basile, pulling up crayfish pots and setting up nets. I don't think I could ever live away from the sea, I have a passion for running and you will often see me running around the coast, it has a wondrous calming affect on your body and mind and I can never get enough of the beautiful view, it reminds me so much of Italy. My other passion in life is cooking.

Throughout my life I have had a passion for food. Growing up in an Italian household, I learned to cook watching my Mother Ida and later in Italy, where I learnt traditional Italian methods and family secrets from my Great Aunt and other family members.

I have always had a love of food and as such have provided catering services as a hobby for private dinner parties, weddings and other functions as well as running cooking classes for small groups. However the demand for my services grew to such an extent that I decided to set up my own catering business – Ana Cuisine Ltd, which I have recently sold.

For many years I worked as a top level EA for General Managers, CEO's and Financial Managers in the energy industry. Recently I joined Law Staff Recruitment as a Para Consultant in a part-time capacity so that I can balance the demands of family life. I love my family life and have a wonderful husband, Anthony and two beautiful daughters, Gabriella aged 12 and Juliana aged 8.

My philosophy of life is "Live, Love and Learn".



BABY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sarina (nee Natoli) and Aaron Pratley of Island Bay on the birth of their daughter Ashlyn Anne Natoli Pratley. A granddaughter for Salve and Anne Natoli of Island Bay, Wellington.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members: Danny & Julie Martorana of Khandallah.

A BIT OF TRIVIA

Woman, 88 passes driving test

(ANSA) - Pisa, February 16 - An 88-year-old woman from Pisa, Miranda Brigiotti, has passed her driving test to become the oldest new driver on the road. Brigiotti decided to take her test after moving to a seaside town from central Pisa where she had always used public transport. Examiners said she passed "with flying colours".

REX DA VANZO – QSM



Citation: For services to the community

Mr Da Vanzo has contributed significantly to the legal profession, the arts community and the Italian community in Wellington. Through his involvement in musical theatre and the establishment of the Garibaldi Benefit Series of concerts, he has assisted the careers of young and emerging artists. As a member of Club Garibaldi, Mr Da Vanzo has worked to raise the profile of Wellington's Italian community, including involvement with the annual Italian Festival and National Day celebrations.

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to the following families:

- Ines Di Mattina of Island Bay, and Marisa, Rick, Cara and Michael Perks of Melbourne, on the passing of their husband, father and grandfather, Vincenzo Di Mattina, 10 days short of his 96th birthday. Vincenzo was Club Garibaldi's second most senior member.
- Angela and Kerry Noaro and family of Lower Hutt, on the passing of their grandmother, Maria (Mary) Noaro of Palmerston North.
- Katy, Vince, Francesca, Bob and Elizabeth and their families on the passing of their mother and grandmother, Maria Luisa Costa, late of Island Bay.

'A NIGHT AT THE GARIBALDI' NAOMI FERGUSON FAREWELL



Advance notice is given of the next Benefit evenings to be held at the Clubrooms on Friday 26th and Saturday 27th August 2011. One of our keynote performers, Naomi Ferguson from Christchurch, is leaving New Zealand in September to live with her Dutch husband in The Netherlands. So it has been decided to advance Garibaldi from its usual November slot to experience her exceptional musical talent one last time. The Friday performance is pre-sold. Preferential booking to concert regulars for the Saturday concert until 31st May. Ticket cost \$30.00 (includes light supper). No door sales. Telephone enquiries to Rex Da Vanzo.

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 11.30am. Everyone is welcome. 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 Don Marinko Antolovic from the Apostolic Nunciature.

The next Mass will be on Sunday, 5 June.

21st CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Luciano Colucci, on his milestone 21st birthday. Club Garibaldi wish you all the very best for a bright and exciting future.



Proud nonni, Lucia and Raffaele Esposito of Island Bay, with their grandchildren and first great-grandchild.

This photo was taken at a very enjoyable evening at the Club on Easter weekend, to celebrate Luciano's special day. *A message from your Mum, Maria:* "Luciano, I hope the next 21 years are full of fun, love and laughter".

EXECUTIVE AND CLUB SUB-COMMITTEES

A number of the current executive committee members are stepping down this year, having served the Club for some time. I would like Club members to consider putting their names forward for election to the committee for the next 12 months. The old saying "many hands make light work" certainly applies to our Club and I am enormously encouraged when I see people offering their help, whether it's at functions or at events such as the festival.

The work is not onerous and usually a lot of fun. We have one executive committee meeting a month, which lasts about two hours (we Italians know how to talk!). I also look for executive committee members to actively participate in one of three specialist sub-committee groups (along with other club members) –

- Management of the building and its leases
- Planning and running the club's social functions
- Managing the membership and publicity (including newsletter, website etc)

We welcome all input and I would be delighted to hear from members who can give us their time, energy and ideas and are prepared to commit for the good of this club that has had such great support for 129 years. Please call or email Ginette as soon as possible.

SHARED LUNCH



There will be **NO** shared lunch in June.

The next shared lunch will be held at the clubrooms on **Sunday, 3 July 2011**, at 1.15 pm, following Italian Mass. All members and families are very welcome. Please bring a plate.

ITALIAN GOLF DAY

By Jonathan Basile



On 1 May, a group of Club Garibaldi members, including Salvi Basile, Ines Rafferty, Jim Menara and myself, played in the Italian Golf Day at Boulcott's Farm Heritage Golf Club in Lower Hutt. All golfers helped themselves to a sausage sizzle before play began at 12:30pm. The course was in a great condition, which made for great day of golf. Afterwards we made our way to the clubhouse for prize giving and were treated to a delicious Italian dinner of lasagne and gnocchi. For me, it was a successful day as I came away with a bottle of Limoncello for winning the longest drive competition, and another prize for getting a birdie 2 on a par 3. A big thank you to Donato Scioscioli, Deputy Head of Mission at the Italian Embassy, and Boulcott's Farm for organizing the day. I'm sure I will participate next year, which would be the third year in a row that Donato has co-organised the tournament. On behalf of the Club members, congratulations Jonathan – ben fatto! - Ginette

GUGLIELMO AND ENRICHETTA MELHOP TRUST AWARD

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 involving formal study in a wide variety of fields and endeavours. Applications close on July 31, 2011 with any successful applicant(s) to be advised in September. Applications, citing the academic study and demonstrating the applicant's Italian heritage, are to be sent in writing to: The Secretary, Club Garibaldi, P O Box 6451, Wellington 6141. A list of the criteria for the annual award is also available from the Secretary.

Previous successful applicants for assistance from the trust were:

- 2006: Chris Di Leva, son of Maria and Giuseppe Di Leva of Island Bay, Wellington.
- 2007: John Mollo, son of Teresa and Liberato Mollo of Island Bay, Wellington.
- 2008: Claire Wilde, daughter of Susan Wilde (nee Battiston) of Upper Hutt.
- 2009: Hannah Timms, daughter of Michele Timms (nee Wholey) of Wellington.
- 2010: Giancarlo Cuccurullo, son of Gino and Caterina Cuccurullo of Island Bay, Wellington.

CIRCOLO ITALIANO – JUNE SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on Thursday, 9 June (note this is the second Thursday of June), Don McLean will give us a presentation on Independent Travel in Italy. Don, who is a Circolo member, is the New Zealand representative of Italian Villa Holidays - Cottages to Castles - <http://www.italy.co.nz/> , and has recently returned from a visit inspecting some new villas. Don is a regular presenter at our socials, and always conveys the very latest travel tips, especially for travellers who are looking to experience the real Italy, has some great images, and many maps and brochures. We really encourage all members who are intending (or even just dreaming) of travelling to Italy to attend. A \$4.00 cover charge towards supper will apply.

CIRCOLO ITALIANO – JULY SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on Thursday 7 July former Circolo Committee member Luca Quaglia will give us a presentation on the Unification of Italy. This year Italy has celebrated 150 years of Unification, and Luca, who has previously given several excellent presentations, will explain the processes that lead to this historic event. A \$4.00 cover charge towards supper will apply.

A GLIMPSE INTO ~~~ MODENA

By Lucia Roncalgia



This month the area of Modena is featured – the hometown of Lucia Roncalgia of Lower Hutt. Modena is the 34th known area of Italia where our Club's members originate from. Modena is located in the Po Valley, a large fertile area south of Milan and north of Florence, in the Emilia-Romagna region in northern Italy. Approximately 180.000 people live in Modena and the province has one of the higher population densities in the national average (230 inhabitants per km²). This is because of its central position, and the high concentration of industries and agriculture production that makes Modena one of the most important centres of trade between northern and southern Italy and between Italy and the rest of the world.

The first signs of human settlement in Modena date from the Palaeolithic Age and are evidenced by the numerous finds today collected in the Civic Museum. Etruscans, Celts and Romans settled in the area and the echoes of them still remain in the names of some of the city's streets. Unfortunately, not a single building from the Romans survived to modern times, but the Estense Museum has a large collection of relicts from monuments, sarcophagi and tombstones to bear witness to this former greatness.

After the fall of the Roman Empire, the area was invaded by barbarian populations from northern Europe and from the 5th to the 9th centuries Modena fell into a period of great decline. It was only at the end of the 9th century that the reconstruction process began and continued along the Medieval Age. The greatest evidence of trade and arts flourishing during the Medieval Age in Modena is given by the Cathedral, a beautiful example of Romanesque architecture built in the 12th century and regarded as one of the greatest masterpieces of Romanesque art to be found anywhere in Europe. Work on the Cathedral began in 1099, over the site of the sepulchre of Saint Geminianus, Modena's patron saint who probably died on January 31, of the year 397. The Saint's remains are still exhibited in the cathedral's crypt and his feast day is held on 31st January every year.



From the beginning of the 14th century and during the Renaissance period, Modena, like many other towns located in Italy, was under the control of an aristocratic family: the Estense family, who owned most of Emilia. For centuries, Italy was divided into several dukedoms and counties, whose existence promoted the development of different regional cultures, dialects and economies. The unification of the kingdom of Italy in 1861 merged all these cultures making Italy one nation, characterised by one common language and a common patriotic feeling. After the unification, Modena found itself no longer the capital of a duchy but an ordinary provincial town that still is.

Modena Piazza

Of primary importance in Modena is the motor industry: the names of Ferrari, Maserati, Lamborghini, Bugatti and De Tomaso, are renowned worldwide as the World's 'Supercar Capital'. Road car models are highly esteemed and have become prestigious collectors' items for someone. Most of the production is aimed at export. Engineering and mechanical sector is also particularly oriented towards agriculture machinery whose first major period of development dates back in the thirties.

Finally, it should be mentioned that Luciano Pavarotti was born and lived most of his life in Modena. In October 2007, the two-century-old Comunale opera house in town was renamed *Teatro Luciano Pavarotti*.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEES ARE NOW DUE FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING 1 JULY 2011

Current subscriptions expire on 30 June 2011

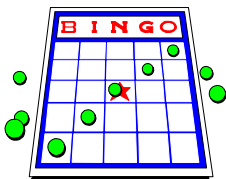
We would appreciate you sending the completed form, together with your payment, as soon as possible. This year we have supplied an addressed envelope to make this easier for you. The form is on a separate page enclosed in this newsletter. Please ensure that you fill out the form (rather than just send the payment) as some members have the same name, and it is difficult to tell which member has sent the payment.

Do not forget to also join up your spouse as there are several club functions, which are for financial members only. Also, if your child has reached the age of 18, they are required to pay a membership fee to become a member. If they are still students, their membership will be \$20. We can send you a membership form for them.

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

Friendly reminder: Members who do not display the new 2011-12 stickers on their vehicles which are parked in the club car park after 30 June 2011, risk being towed away!

TOMBOLA



The next tombola night will be on **Tuesday, 24 May 2011** 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Tuesday, 24 May (7.30pm)	Tombola
Sunday, 5 June (11.30am)	Italian Mass
Thursday, 9 June (7.30pm)	Circolo June Social
Sunday, 3 July (11.30am)	Italian Mass
Sunday, 3 July (1.15pm)	Shared Lunch
Thursday, 7 July (7.30pm)	Circolo July Social

MOLETA – BARNAO WEDDING

Leslie George Moleta and Rosina Elvira Barnao were married at the Church of the Holy Name, Island Bay, Wellington, on 18 April 1938.



Back left: *Bert Monastra, Emilio Barnao, Mary Barnao, Groom: Leslie Moleta, Bride: Rosina Barnao, Tony Moleta, Francesca Moleta and Dominic Moleta.*
Front sitting left: *Grazia Barnao - on the right: Elena Barnao*