



# Club Garibaldi News

NOVEMBER 2011

## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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The Executive Committee and members of Club Garibaldi warmly welcome their new Patron and Italian Ambassador to New Zealand, His Excellency, Alessandro Levi Sandri, who arrived in the country at the end of October. Further on in this newsletter there is an article on the printing of the second edition of the book 'Alla Fine Del Mondo', written by Paul Elenio. Family or individual sponsorship to help fund the production would be much appreciated.

Ciao a presto  
Ginette Toscano Page

## CHILDREN'S ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES 2012

*Carmela Massa*

Have you tried to learn another language as an adult? It can be a challenge!! Just as well children are very receptive and can absorb a new language much easier! I am thankful to the Garibaldi Club for providing my children with the opportunity to learn the Italian language and to help maintain the Italian culture within my family. If you would like your child to attend Italian language classes in 2012, and your child's name is not on the waiting list, please contact me, Carmela Massa. The classes are held on Tuesdays during the New Zealand primary school terms. An indication of any interest would be appreciated so books can be ordered and arrive in time for term 1.

## 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. Contact Ginette or Robin.

## WORKING BEE THANK YOU!

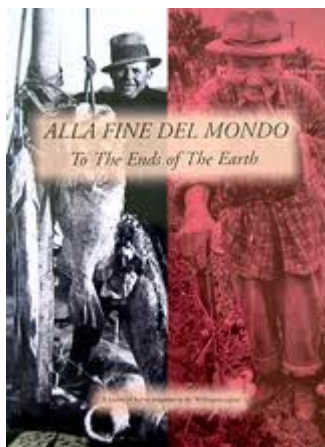


Sincere thanks to the following executive committee members Matt Amitrano, Robin Page, Vic Criscillo, Rex Da Vanzo, Giuseppe Basile, and Alfonso Basile (and Ginette for supplying the food!) who once again, voluntarily gave up their leisure time on four Saturdays in the month of October, to clean and remove three skip's full to the brim of rubbish and demolition debris from the premises of level 1. On the second and third Saturdays the working bee removed the false floor and bar in preparation for painting, after which the premises will be put on the market to lease. If the club were to get contractors in to do these jobs it would have cost a small fortune. They did a brilliant job! ☺

## CHRISTMAS SENIOR MEMBERS' LUNCHEON

This year's Christmas senior luncheon date has been set for **Saturday, 26 November**, with the meal to be served between 12.15 and 12.30pm. It would be appreciated if everybody were at the clubrooms and seated by around 11.45am. This invitation is extended to all members aged 60 years or over. If you are a couple, both people must be members. For those who plan to come, it is important you confirm your attendance as soon as possible. Please call Maria Colucci.

## FAMILY SPONSORSHIP – ALLA FINE DEL MONDO



Paul Elenio, author of the book "Alla Fine del Mondo" (published by the Club and the Petone Settlers Museum) has been working on a second edition. Some of you may have been involved already, by giving of your time. The second edition is planned to be launched at the beginning of next year and Paul has included new chapters on the lives and conditions of immigrants of the country they left behind, Italy, and the country they came to, New Zealand. The chapter on Club Garibaldi has also been updated and a new chapter written about those Italians who were forced to work in market gardens which provided food for New Zealand and American troops in the Second World War. The cost of printing the book is \$12,000 for 750 copies and any contribution you make will assist the Club with this.

While we will also be approaching businesses for sponsorship we would like to give an opportunity to families to contribute as well. The cost per family or person would be \$150 plus GST (\$172.50). Please note any donations of whatever amount would be welcome however only those donations of \$150 plus GST would be acknowledged by being listed on the front inside cover of the book and on the Club Garibaldi website. Entry would be in this format:

*Family of Giovanni and Maria Garibaldi or Giuseppe Garibaldi*

If you need further clarification on any matters you can contact Nina Cuccurullo. Included in the newsletter is a form for you to fill in and details of where payment can be made. Please send the form along with details of payment to Nina Cuccurullo, Sponsorship Co-ordinator, Club Garibaldi, PO Box 6451, Wellington 6141, by 5 December 2011.

## WANTED – OLD PHOTOGRAPHS

We are seeking for the book 'Alla Fine del Mondo' any photos showing people in New Zealand making tomato sauce, sausages, pasta etc during the 1930's until the 1960's. If you have any photos would you please contact Nina Cuccurullo or Paul Elenio and we will come and collect them from you. We will ensure that your photos will be kept safe. So get out the photo albums and shoe boxes and start hunting!! We look forward to hearing from you soon - feel free to contact us if you need more information.

## A BIT OF TRIVIA

ANSA - Ravenna, 14 October 2011

An Italian hairdresser claiming disability benefit for blindness has been charged with defrauding the state after the tax police filmed her working in her salon and riding a bike, officials said. The woman, 62, was judged "completely sight-impaired" by a medical panel and had been claiming benefits "for at least three years," they said. Authorities will now try to get their money back and are suing for damages. "Not only was she styling hair but we also filmed her cycling, crossing the street with a keen eye on the lights and even reading the paper," the police said.

## HUMOUR IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

Franca and Marco, a newly married Italian couple, were sitting at the dinner table and Marco looks down at his plate. His wife had cooked pasta for the third time this week! Marco is slowly picking at the food when Franca asks 'Do you love me?' Her husband replies 'Yes, I do! You have been asking me that everyday since the month after we got married, but you have never asked me if I love spaghetti!'

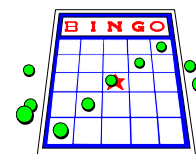
## DOLORES DI LEVA – 80 YEARS YOUNG

Congratulations to Dolores Di Leva of Island Bay, who recently reached the wonderful milestone of 80 years young! Buon compleanno Dolores, Club Garibaldi wish you many more happy and healthy years to come.



## TOMBOLA

The final tombola night for 2011 will be on **Tuesday, 22 November 2011** at the usual time of 7.30pm. Please come along and feel free to bring a friend. Contact Maria if you have any questions.



## 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, including those that are visiting from overseas, or other parts of the country. It would be good to see more club 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 Abp Charles Balvo or Monsignor Jean-Sylvain Emien of the Apostolic Nunciature.

**The next Mass will be on 4 December 2011.**

## CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to Luisa, Ilma, Luigi, Tony, Antonella and John Ruocco, and their families, on the recent passing of their husband, father and grandfather, Luigi Salvatore (Salvie) Ruocco of Island Bay, Wellington.

## NEW ZEALAND'S NEW ITALIAN AMBASSADOR

The Ambassador for Italy to New Zealand, Dr Alessandro Levi Sandri, is a career diplomat and has served in a number of senior roles in the Republic's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He also served in Paris, Belgrade and Berne (Switzerland).



## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



This will be held on **Saturday, 10 December**, at the clubrooms, and will be from 11.30am until 2.30pm. Once again, Father Christmas will be visiting ~ please ensure that your child/children have a wrapped gift with their name on it, for Santa's bag. The value of the gift should be no more than \$15.00 each. This function is for members' children only. Grandparents are welcome. Please confirm attendance by **Tuesday, 5 December**, to Maria Colucci.

## PROFILE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER – CATHERINE MONASTRA



*Ciao a tutti!* My name is Catherine. I am 24 years old and excited to have recently taken on the Club's secretary position. I am the eldest child of David and Robyn Monastra, granddaughter of Salve and Lola Monastra, and great granddaughter of Salvatore and Eleanora (nee Criscillo) Monastra. Born and raised in Wellington, I have enjoyed growing up in our capital city surrounded by a wonderful, large and loving family.

When I was six years old my brother (Michael) was born, it was a dream come true and through spending time with him I discovered one of my passions in life...caring for and teaching young children. This realisation led to my ongoing employment as a nanny for two wonderful girls and a year in Maryland, USA as an au pair for two other bright and bubbly girls.

I really enjoyed experiencing another culture first hand, living as a member of an American family and exploring different cities.

My education has included Saint Anthony's Primary, Saint Mary's College and now I am studying towards a BA/BTeach (Early Childhood Education) at Victory University. During my spare time I love doing things with my family and friends especially sharing special occasions, meals and holidays. My other hobbies include walking our family dog Holly, reading, dancing, cooking, creative projects, swimming, learning new things and travelling – hopefully Italy will be next!

## CONGRATULATIONS CAMILLO & ROSALIA AMITRANO – DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Sixty years ago, on 27 October 1951, Camillo Amitrano married Rosalia Maria Volpicelli at St Francis de Sales Church, on The Parade in Island Bay. The wedding party were Angelo Volpicelli, Carolina Volpicelli (Petagna), Raffaele Volpicelli, Teresa Basile (Dellabarca) and flower girl Carmelina Mollo. In their first 30 years of marriage Camillo & Rosalia lived in Brighton Street, Island Bay, together with Rosalia's parents, the late Salvatore and Giuseppina Volpicelli, and Rosalia's aunty, Palma Aprea (Mimi). Brighton Street was where they raised their four children, Antonietta, Nino, Josephine and Linda. In 1981 they moved to their house on The Parade, Island Bay, where they still reside. Their family has now grown and they have 6 grandchildren - Ferdi, Francesca, Carlo, Rosalia, Antonino and Gabriella, and one great grandson, Lorenzo. Congratulations Camillo and Rosalia on this milestone event.

Club Garibaldi wish you both many more happy and healthy years together, and the best for your future life together.

## ANNUAL BUS TRIP – 2012



Next year's annual bus trip dates have been set for Tuesday to Friday, **7th, 8th, 9th** and returning on **10 February 2012** ~ destination Rotorua. This is always a great trip and thoroughly enjoyed by all those who go on it. If you are interested in going contact Maria Colucci, Tel: 383 8476 (evenings) by 30 December. Be in quick as there are only a few seats left! Please remember that priority is given to club members, however the bus trip is now open to members' friends.

## NEW MEMBER

A warm welcome to new member Salve Famularo of Masterton.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Tuesday, 22 November (7.30pm)

Saturday, 26 November (Seated by 11.45am)

Sunday, 4 December (11.30am)

Saturday, 10 December (11.30am)

7-10 February 2012

Tombola

Christmas Senior Luncheon

Italian Mass

Children's Christmas Party

Annual Bus Trip – Rotorua