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# Club Garibaldi News

JUNE 2012

## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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This year marks the 66th anniversary of the birth of the Italian Republic. On 2 June 1946, following the results of a popular referendum, a 'new' Italy was born out of the ashes and turmoil of World War 11, and into the vibrant, free and democratic nation that it is today. Although Italy is a young republic, it is an ancient land of rich culture and great traditions. We have much to be proud of. Club Garibaldi, with other Italian communities worldwide, saluted Italy as we celebrated this special day at our club rooms on Friday, 1 June. Since Italy's Ambassador to New Zealand, H.E. Alessandro Levi Sandri was unable to attend, we had the pleasure of having Donato Scioscioli, Deputy Head of

Mission, representing the Ambassador in his absence. Other special guests included Cav Elizabeth Peek, Mons Emien Jean-Sylvain, from the Apostolic Nunciature. Riccardo and Clara D'Usillio, Delia Benazzo and Carlo Puglia from the Italian Embassy joined us as well.

Unfortunately, as I was in Sydney attending the funeral of a family member, I was unable to be present at this year's celebration, however, Paul Elenio did a great job standing in for me, also acting as emcee for the evening. The formal part of the evening commenced with Robin Page explaining my absence. Paul then welcomed everyone to the club, including a group of Circolo Italiano members, and gave a short speech. This was followed by members standing to sing the Italian National Anthem, Fratelli D'Italia. In reply, Donato Scioscioli, gave a speech, followed by Cav. Elizabeth Peek, President of the Circolo Italiano di Wellington.

Following a delicious finger-food supper served by three pretty young ladies, Sophia and Charlotte Basile and Gabriella De Gregorio, we had a host of entertainers led by Caterina and Adam Costa, Linda De Gregorio, Armando Gilmoni, Gary McFadyen and Robin Page, assisted by a group of impromptu singers including Mario Leonti, Riccardo D'Ausilio Delia Benazzo, Elizabeth Peek, and Ida Basile. A good time was had by all.

Special thanks to the following people who helped to make the night a great success: Alfonso Basile for catering the great food and organising a host of kitchen hands including: Joe and Mary Rose Basile, Vince and Wendy Costa, Maria Colucci, Ida Basile. Thanks also to Rex Da Vanzo, Paul Elenio and Vic Criscillo for opening bottles and serving drinks. Robin Page for purchasing and setting up the bar stock. Matt Amitrano for setting up the club rooms, tables and chairs, positioning flags, moving the bowls storage mobile, uncovering the

piano and setting up official tables. Paul Elenio for taking my place to welcome everyone and announcing the National Anthem which was played by Caterina Costa on the piano and sung by everyone. Robin told me that everyone pitched in to tidy up afterwards, and left the rooms all spic and span, ready for the next club event. Thank you to all those who helped.

As president of Club Garibaldi I recently dined twice during the very short visit of a four member Italian-New Zealand Parliamentary Friendship Group from Rome. During conversations I was told they had heard a lot of positive feedback about our club and were amazed to learn that even after 130 years, it still survives, is very successful and continues to fill a need within the Italian community. The group had expressed their interest in meeting the members of the club, however due to the very short notice (48 hours), it was not feasible.

A reminder that annual club subscription fees are due for the year beginning 1 July, 2012. Current subscriptions expire on 30 June, 2012. We would appreciate you sending the completed form, together with your payment as soon as possible. The form was sent to you last month on a separate page attached to the newsletter. 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 person has sent the payment.

A date has been sent for the Annual General Meeting: 26 August 2012.

Ciao a presto  
Ginette Toscano Page  
President

## QUIZ FUN NIGHT



Club Garibaldi is introducing a new event to its social calendar with a trivia quiz night which will be held at the clubrooms on **Friday, August 10**, from **7.30pm**. Many members will have been to pub or charity quiz nights so will know that it can be a lot of fun and is designed to raise some money, in this case to send our football team to Nelson in October to bring back the Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy currently held by Club Italia.

The format is as follows:

Members and their friends make up a team of six quiz contestants who pay \$12 each to compete. During the evening there will be six rounds of questions on the following topics: football (soccer), Italy, New Zealand, general knowledge, movies and TV. In addition there will be a "progressive" question where clues are given to the answers, the sooner the question is answered the more points to be scored. For teams that are out to secure winning bragging rights there will also be the ability to buy at least one answer per round.

So start preparing now! Pick your team, get everyone training (i.e. learning!), collect \$12 from each player (\$72 per table of six) and secure your table by telephoning Maria Colucci. Have some cash also available for raffles and for drinks at the bar. A light supper will be served.

We are looking for prizes from generous members. If you can help with product or a voucher please contact Maria Colucci.

Let's make this a great night of fun and teamwork!

## HUMOUR IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

Pino and Santi were out fishing when Pino spotted a dead albatross floating on the water. "Hey Santi" he shouted 'Look-a quickly at the dead-a albatross going past!' Santi looked up at the sky and asked 'Where? I cannot-a see it!'"



## MISSING ITEMS

We were kindly loaned 8 straw boaters hats during the 130-year Carnevale in March. Unfortunately only 6 were returned. They had a red band around the top of the rim (similar to this boater logo). Please check if they were taken home by mistake, as they would cost \$50.00 each to replace. If they ended up by chance in your wardrobe, please phone Vic Criscillo as we need to return them to the costume people.

## FROM THE CLUB'S ARCHIVES

By Ginette Toscano Page

### ***Evening Post – 18 March 1910 – Fire in the City***

Fire Brigade Superintendent O'Brien this morning had to deal with a fire which might easily have assumed very serious dimensions. The firemen's ambulance, the scene of the outbreak was a "nest" comprising a cluster of buildings, some of them old and flimsy, plenty of highly combustible materials, and a builder's timber yard. The brigade received the call at 8.9am, and at once proceeded to a lane in Ghuznee Street, at the back of the Club Garibaldi. Here it was found that the upholstery works of Messrs Ivan and Thompson were well ablaze, the seat of the fire being in the kapok. The materials in the place included fibre and cloths of various descriptions, all highly inflammable. The contents of the upholstery works, which were uninsured, were almost entirely destroyed, and the building was damaged beyond repair, but the flames were prevented from doing much further damage. It is owned by Mr John Myers, builder, who occupied the ground floor as a store. The contents were damaged by water. The building, including some structures only slightly damaged by fire and water, are insured for £900 in the Commercial Union Office.

The premises of the Club Garibaldi were damaged by water and slightly by fire getting in at the roof. The club property is uninsured. The ground floor of the club is occupied as a store by Egisto Rondanina, and the contents are insured for £100 with the Commercial Union.

## CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to the following members and their families:

Shaun, Michael, and Shane and Jo Marshall and their families, on the recent passing of their wife, mother, mother-in-law and nonna, Maria Luisa (nee Aprea) Marshall – known as Marie, at Wainuiomata. Marie was the sister and aunty of Lucia & Raffaele Esposito and family of Island Bay and Eleanor and David Mitchell and family of Wainuiomata.

## AN ITEM OF INTEREST

*ANSA – Rome, May 21, 2012*

### **Baby gets world's tiniest artificial heart in Rome – First operation of its kind**

Doctors in Rome have successfully implanted the world's smallest artificial heart into a 16-month old, reports said Monday. The operation, the first of its kind, used an 11-gram device to simulate heart palpitations before a real heart was later transplanted last month. The child is reportedly in good condition.



## BABY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mikey and Carla Musso of Mt Cook, Wellington, on the arrival of their son, Anthony Vincenzo Musso.

## NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members: Lorraine and Patrick Williams of Petone.

## ITALIAN MASS



On the first Sunday of every month the Mass is celebrated in Italian at the Church of St Francis de Sales, 173 Clyde Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Mass starts at 11.30am. 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 Abp Charles Balvo or Mons Jean-Sylvain Emien from the Apostolic Nunciature.

The next Mass will be on **Sunday, 1 July 2012.**

## CIRCOLO ITALIANO – JULY SOCIAL

At **7.30pm** on **Thursday, 5 July**, Luca Quaglia will give us a presentation about Italo Calvino - one of Italy's most famous contemporary writers. As an introduction, Luca will show visuals featuring Italo Calvino's life and literary works and this part of the presentation will be conducted entirely in English. To follow, Luca has chosen some favourite texts from "Invisible Cities", "The Baron in the Trees", and from "Cosmicomics", which he will read firstly in Italian and then they will be translated into English. Luca has given us several presentations in the past and we always enjoy them. He researches and prepares his material so well and we look forward to him returning to the Circolo again and again. This will be an excellent opportunity to experience an evening of Italian culture with like-minded members of both Club Garibaldi and the Circolo.

All welcome!! A \$5.00 charge towards supper will apply.

## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEES NOW DUE FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING 1 JULY 2012

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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 \$20.00. We can send you a membership form for them.

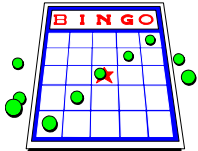
If you have just turned 70 and have been a member continuously for 5 years, please notify Caterina Costa or post in the form. Thank you - we look forward to your continued membership and support.

**Friendly reminder:** Members who do not display the new **2012-13 stickers** on their vehicles which are parked in the club car park after 30 June 2012, risk being towed away!



## SHARED LUNCH

The next shared lunch will be held at the clubrooms on **Sunday, 1 July 2012**, at 1.15pm. All members and families are very welcome. Please bring a plate.



## TOMBOLA

The next tombola night will be on **Tuesday, 26 June 2012**, at the usual time of 7.30pm. Please come along and feel free to bring a friend. Contact Maria if you have any questions.

## 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, 2012 with any successful applicant(s) to be advised late October. 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.
- 2011:** Michaela Aspell, daughter of Antonella (nee Ruocco) and Everard Aspell of Oriental Bay, Wellington.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Tuesday, 26 June (7.30pm)	Tombola
Sunday, 1 July (11.30am)	Italian Mass
Sunday, 1 July (1.15pm)	Shared Lunch
Thursday, 5 July (7.30pm)	Circolo June Social
Friday, 10 August (7.30pm)	Quiz Night

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