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Club Garibaldi News

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



In the May newsletter, I asked that all members give consideration to who they would like to take over the mantle of the presidency and also the other positions on the executive committee. The President's position is a two year term and the executive committee, one year. Please demonstrate your faith in the club's future by offering a period of service – do it for a year as a trial. I am sure you will enjoy the teamwork and collegiality of the executive committee. Further on in this newsletter is a form, calling for nominations for the various positions.

This is the second reminder advising members that your annual club subscription fees are due for the year beginning 1 July 2013. Current subscriptions expired on 30 June, 2013.

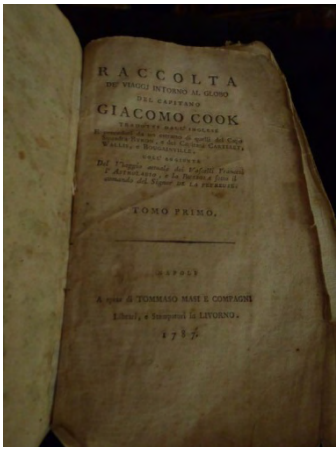
Ciao a presto
Cav. Ginette Toscano Page

CAPITANO COOK

By Cav. Nina Cuccurullo



In late May, the Victoria University Library was delighted to acknowledge the donation by club member, Cavaliere Giovanni Mersi of an almost complete set of *Raccolta de' viaggi intorno al globo del Capitano Giacomo Cook* published in 1787 by Tommaso Masi. This set of volumes offers a rich and wonderful research resource and is held by very few libraries around the world. It is a translation from English into Italian of the diary of Captain Cook. As a young boy in Pola, northern Italy, in 1943, Giovanni's home was destroyed by Allied bombers. His family were re-housed with others in a local school, which were then also bombed.



Desperate to find anything useful, a young Giovanni searched through the rubble and found 11 volumes of this 13 volume set. These he packed into a suitcase and carried with him, ignoring his father's irritated suggestions that he get rid of them. Little did Giovanni know at that time he would eventually come to live in New Zealand. When he did come here in 1951 he left them with his mother, and when he was settled in Wellington, she began posting them to him one at a time. Concerned that they might be damaged in transit, Giovanni suggested she hold on to them until he could visit. So she kept the rest in her laundry until he was able to collect them himself. Realising the importance of such an historic and valuable collection of volumes, Giovanni and his family decided to donate the books to the University library. A

function was held by the Library and NZ Centre for Literary Translation to commemorate the gifting of such a treasure.

Photos show Cav Giovanni Mersi with the International Pro Vice-Chancellor, Roberto Rabel, a page from one of the volumes and Cav Giovanni Mersi and Cav Nina Cuccurullo cutting a commemorative cake.



FROM THE CLUB'S ARCHIVES

By *Ginette Toscano Page*

Evening Post – 7 November 1934 - Garibaldi Club Ball

Under the direction of the Garibaldi Club, with the co-operation of the combined Italian Societies of Wellington, a ball will be given at the Town Hall on November 17, at 8pm, in honour of the petty officers and men of the Italian cruiser *Armando Diaz*, on the occasion of their visit to Wellington. Owing to numerous requests for tickets and to the limited number available, holders of circulars (and their guest friends) are advised to purchase tickets as soon as possible. Other particulars appear in an advertisement.

ITEM OF INTEREST



What is Sicilian? What isn't Sicilian? Sicilian is neither a dialect nor an accent. It is not derived from Italian. It is not spoken only in Sicily. Sicilian (*u sicilianu* in Sicilian and *siciliana* in Italian), is the oldest of the Romance languages derived from Latin and is spoken in Sicily and in parts of southern Italy such as Reggio di Calabria and southern Puglia. It is derived from Latin, with Greek, Arabic, French, Provençal, German, Catalan and Spanish influences. Sicilian is currently spoken by most of the 5,000,000 inhabitants of Sicily, plus another 2,000,000 Sicilians around the world. With the predominance of Italian in Italian schools

and the media, Sicilian is no longer the first language of many Sicilians. In fact, in urban centres in particular, it's more common to hear standard Italian spoken rather than Sicilian, especially among the young. Sicilian spelling of words is, like Italian, essentially phonetic. Note: The dialect spoken in Isole Eolie, which includes the island of Stromboli, is based on the Sicilian language.

The meaning of the logo: The Sicilian flag (Sicilian: *Bannera dâ Sicilia* – Italian: *Bandiera siciliana*) was first adopted in 1282, after the successful Sicilian Vespers revolt against Charles I of Sicily. It is characterized by the presence of the triskelion (*trinacria*) in its middle, the (winged) head of Medusa and three wheat ears. The three bent legs allegedly represent the three points of the triangular shape of the island of Sicily itself.

The flag is bisected diagonally into regions coloured red and yellow: red representing the municipality of Palermo, and yellow representing Corleone, which in medieval times was an agricultural city of renown. Palermo and Corleone were the first two cities to found a confederation against the Angevin rule.



CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to Ginette and Robin Page, Salve and Diane Toscano and John Toscano, and their families, on the recent passing of their brother Antonio (Tony) Toscano in Napier.

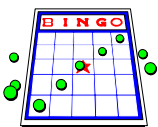
HUMOUR IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

The teacher asked a newly arrived student from Italy...
'Guido, what is the outside of a tree called?'
Guido replied: 'I'm-a sorry, I not-a know.'
Teacher: 'Bark, Guido, bark!'
Guido: Bow-wow-wow!

GUGLIELMO & ENRICHETTA MELHOP TRUST AWARD

Club Garibaldi invites applications for funding for educational purposes from the above trust. The trust, established by a long-time club member, is designed to assist young persons of Italia descent undertake a formal course of study in the following fields: language and literature, including the publication of Italian migrant histories; vocal and instrumental music; the graphic arts and architecture and engineering. Applications close on 31 July 2013 with any successful applicant(s) to be advised by late October. Applications, citing the proposed course of academic study and demonstrating the applicant's Italian heritage, are to be submitted in writing to: The Secretary, Club Garibaldi, PO Box 6451, Wellington 6141. A list of the criteria for the award is available from the Secretary: Email: clubgaribaldi1882@gmail.com

TOMBOLA



The next tombola night will be on **Tuesday, 23 July 2013**, at the usual time of 7.30pm. Please come along and join the fun – feel free to bring a friend. If you have any questions contact Maria.

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. 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 Mons Jean Sylvain Emien from the Apostolic Nunciature.

The next Mass will be on **Sunday, 4 August 2013**.

CIRCOLO ITALIANO – AUGUST SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on **Thursday, 1 August**, Phyllis Mossman, who is a Lecturer in Art History at Victoria University will give a presentation on Federico III da Montefeltro, Duke of Urbino. Federico was famous Art Patron and he lived in and around Urbino during the period 1422 - 1482. He had a very interesting and colourful life and Phyllis will give us information and also show us many images and photos in her Power Point presentation. All welcome, especially those Circolo students who have studied at the school Centro Studi Italiani, Urbania, Italy.

A \$5.00 charge towards supper will apply.

FOOD AND MIGRANT HISTORY ARE THE THEMES OF A SPECIAL AND UNUSUAL NEW BOOK LAUNCHED ON JULY 2, IN WELLINGTON.

By Paul Elenio

The book, *Food and Family – Tastes and Memories of Italy* – reproduces the memories and food recipes of migrants from Massa Lubrense who came to Wellington before and after the Second World War seeking a better life. When they came to Island Bay on the south coast of the Capital where many of them became fishermen they found a limited and uninviting food culture of beef or mutton and tasteless veg and so had to find ways of fulfilling their love of the rustic Neapolitan cuisine they had left behind.

Back home in Italy they could not afford many of the foods they enjoyed but life in New Zealand from the 1930's provided opportunity and earnings they could only dream of back home. The problem was that in their new home country there were no Italian food stores, butchers or bakers and the greengrocers didn't have the distinctive vegetables of home – zucchini, eggplant, artichokes, pulpy tomatoes, olives and fragrant herbs such as oregano and basil.

So the Italian migrants addressed this in innovative ways. The mail home to friends and family in Italy told the tale of a country blessed in so many ways but lacking in the food department. So later migrants would bring in seeds to grow the vegetables; the men built glasshouses to accommodate their tomatoes, the women would share recipes and the rivalry over who could make the best pastries grew.

Food and Family is centered on the Cuccurullo family of Island Bay whose first generation sons have established the Mediterranean Food Warehouse chain of retail stores that stock many of the foods their grandparents missed. At the heart of the book are recipes from the wider Cuccurullo family and their Italian friends in Island Bay. Needless to say with fishermen and fishmongers in the family there is considerable emphasis on seafood dishes – but the variety of dishes is wide, ranging from how to make fresh mozzarella to the best way to make rum baba.

The book is lavishly illustrated with photographs by veteran Wellington studio and food photographer Sal Criscillo whose parents were also migrants from Italy, but from Stromboli, who came up the book idea over an espresso with the Cuccurullos.

The book is available from Mediterranean Food Warehouse outlets in Newtown, Lower Hutt, Kelburn and Paraparaumu, as well as Unity Books in Willis Street, Bookfeast in Petone and online from www.medifoods.co.nz. Price \$35.

WAY TO GO MARCELLE !



In a recent sports 'College Sport' article in the Dominion Post, club members Lynda and Jim Marson's gifted 15 year old granddaughter, Marcelle Parkes, has the sporting world at her feet. And quite rightly too, for Marcelle excels in 6 different sporting codes: netball, basketball, volleyball, softball, touch and athletics.

As the article stated 'A summary of her sporting achievements would fill the space devoted to this story on its own'. She's made national junior training squads in softball and touch, and this year she was named in Netball New Zealand's talent development programme after three years in Wellington age-grade rep sides.

Marcelle's early 5.00am wake-up call is for two morning trainings a week, "full-on" fitness sessions for netball and basketball. There's also two after-school trainings a week for her other sporting codes. The year 11 student at Newlands College plays them all to a high level too, and with school fitted in, there's not much spare time left. Ben fatto, Marcelle, well done! With your sporting ability, the world is your oyster!!

CARTOLINA – ITALIAN RADIO PROGRAMME



14 August:

Denis and Wilma present: 'Inverno' - a selection of songs, poems, music and food, all related to Winter.

28 August:

The Italian doctoral student Laura Azzani is in Christchurch to study local birds. She talks of her research, as well as her upbringing in Castelvetro.

As usual all programmes are available via internet live or in podcast from <http://plainsfm.org.nz>

Cartolina producers Wilma Laryn and Denis Walker wish you all: Buon ascolto!

CLUB GARIBALDI CONTACT DETAILS

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Tuesday, 23 July (7.30pm)

Tombola

Thursday, 1 August (7.30pm)

Circolo Italiano Social

Sunday, 4 August (11.30am)

Italian Mass

Sunday, 29 September (7.00pm)

Club Garibaldi AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – NOMINATIONS AND MOTIONS

This year’s annual general meeting will be held at the clubrooms at 7.00pm on Sunday, 29 September 2013. Only paid-up financial members are entitled to serve on the executive committee and vote at the meeting.

Motions: Members wishing to submit motions for consideration at the Annual General Meeting must do so in writing. Motions must be addressed to: The Secretary, Club Garibaldi, PO Box 6451, Wellington 6011, and be in the hands of the Secretary by 5.00pm on Friday, 30 August 2013.

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Nominations: Nominations for the 2013-14 Executive Committee will be accepted up until 5.00pm on Friday, 30 August 2013. Nominations must be made on the form below, and can be sent to the above address or placed in the box on the bar at the clubrooms.

Current members of the Executive Committee are: Ginette Toscano Page, Alfonso Basile, Giuseppe Basile, Catherine Monastra, Maria Colucci, Matt Amitrano, Martin Van der Donk, Lynda Marson, Liliane Bonafede Cacciato. **Trustees:** Paul Elenio and Robin Page. **Solicitor:** Rex Da Vanzo.

Please note that the following committee members will be standing down and are *not* available for re-election: Ginette Toscano Page, Giuseppe Basile and Lynda Marson.

Please ensure that those you nominate have agreed to stand and serve on the Executive Committee, and are current financial members.

Position	Nomination for 2013-2014	Position	Nomination for 2013-2014
Patron	Italian Ambassador H.E. Alessandro Levi Sandri	Committee Member:	
President:		Committee Member:	
Vice President:		Committee Member:	
Secretary:		Committee Member:	
Treasurer:		Trustee:	
Committee Member:		Trustee:	

Name of member making these nominations: _____

Signature of member making these nominations: _____