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Club Garibaldi News

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Note from the President

This month has been a busy one. We had the club annual picnic. We are currently liaising with the promoters of AC Milan Soccer Club who we hope will visit our Club and meet with members in July this year. We have had inquiries from an Italian school in northern Italy, who has asked for our help with a student who wishes to come to NZ for a gap year. We have also had a meeting with Victoria University's Italian Society. Both myself, and their President are keen for both our Club and their Society to interact in the future, so we have both agreed to keep each other up-to-date with events happening at both camps. Along with a few queries on cultural issues, our club's name has been well promoted and it's good to see that people all over the world are aware of our existence.

"A grant of \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) has been made from the Guglielmo and Enrichetta Melhop Trust (The Melhop Trust is administered by Club Garibaldi), to K. Stade and K. Price T/A Italian History Project to facilitate the publication of *Pasta, Prayer and Promise*. This is the Story of Nelson's Italian Community covering the period from 1862-2014. The history is due for release in April with a book launch planned in both Nelson and in Wellington (at our clubrooms) – More information in this newsletter.

This month my daughter Gabriella and I attended the Variety Show held at our Clubrooms, which is organized by Rex Da Vanzo, and what a great night out! Both shows were sold out weeks in advance, and now I know why. The talents that performed at these shows were world class acts. We were entertained by the cast of the stage show *Grease*, *Mamma Mia* and other Andrew-Lloyd Webber shows, and we were treated to snippets from the operas such as Puccini to name one. If you love musicals, stage shows and light opera rolled into one, then these 'Nights at the Garibaldi' are not to be missed.

Tanti Saluti – Linda

Can anyone please help? Sorrento bay, Eastbourne

We have had a request from a resident in Eastbourne, asking why Sorrento Bay was named as such. She wants to know if there is any connection between Sorrento in Italy and the Italians that arrived in Eastbourne. Can anyone help with this query please? If so, please reply to the Club email at the top of this newsletter, and we will make sure it is forwarded to our resident. Thanks.

Club Picnic 2015

On Sunday 1 March, approximately 120 members arrived at Bishop's Park in Eastbourne and spent a lovely day out in the sun.

Delicious steaks, sausages and fruit were served. Later in the afternoon we had running races and games and of course the traditional tug of war. The treasure hunt once again proved very popular with both the kids and adults. Thanks to the social committee and for all those who helped in one way or another, for all their hard work in making this a great day out. And of course, thanks to those members who came out to play – it was nice to see you all.



Club Garibaldi Bus Trip 2015 – Waikato (written by Susan Wilde)

This year's club Garibaldi trip took us to the Waikato region for four fun-filled days celebrating our Italian heritage through conversations, music, laughter, food, wine and a real sense of belonging to an extended famiglia italiana. Morning tea at Mangaweka woke us up properly after our early start to il primo giorno and from there the bus became increasingly noisy (that's not hard to imagine with a group of Italians!) as we headed to Taupo for a delicious lunch. Several hours later we arrived at our accommodation in Hamilton to warm weather that continued throughout our stay. Once we'd deposited our bags in our rooms we had free time to socialise in smaller groups, explore the surrounding area and walkways or swim in the pool.

Day 2 started with a cooked breakfast followed by a tiki-tour of Hamilton before attending mass at midday. The beachside suburb of Raglan was our next port of call and we enjoyed lunch and a wander around the shops and beach front followed by a visit to the spectacular Waireinga/Bridal Veil Falls. We enjoyed a short picturesque bushwalk and for some, the challenge of walking over 300 steps to the base of the 55m waterfall. The views were magnificent and the walk back up was a good cardio workout for those who braved the path down. At Caffe Centrale later that night we enjoyed a sumptuous dinner to complete a very enjoyable day.

Another cooked breakfast awaited us the following morning before our visit to the stunning Hamilton Gardens. The Italian Renaissance Garden was being re-constructed (just like visiting places of significance in Italy!) but the Chinese Scholars' Garden; Japanese Garden of Contemplation; English Flower Garden; American

Modernist Garden and Indian Char Bagh Garden were a treat for our eyes, ears and souls. Many of our group particularly enjoyed the expansive Sustainable Backyard Garden. Constructed and maintained mainly by volunteers, it is predominantly a visual spectacle of a working garden organically growing a myriad of vegetables and fruit, which is donated to the local foodbank. Later in the afternoon we were treated to a relaxing cruise along the Waikato River.



Our Italian meal that night was enhanced by the musicality of our own Italian superstar, Salve Gaeta. The only sad note this year was the absence of his piano accordion playing partner-in-crime, Armando Gilmoni who wasn't with us physically but spiritually I'm sure he was enjoying the night and fondly reminiscing about previous club trips and sing-alongs.

Our final breakfast the following morning meant that as usual, the time had flown by quickly and it was time for la nostra famiglia italiana to head home to Wellington via Huka Falls, The Taupo Honey Farm and to enjoy another delicious lunch at Taupo.

Once again Salve and Jo Gaeta, Maria Colucci, Josephine and Martin van den Donk and helpers who created fabulous memories of another enjoyable bus trip. Our sincere thanks go to all these club members for their continued hard work which we truly appreciate.

Grazie a Dio sieme italiani – Thank God we are Italian.

Searching for Eugenia Falleni:

We have received an email from Rose Montillo – email as follows:

"I am researching and writing a book about the life of an Italian who moved to New Zealand from Tuscany during the 1870s. Her name was Eugenia Falleni, and she was born in the city of Livorno, in Tuscany. She moved to Wellington in the mid-1870s, along with her parents, Isola and Eugenia Falleni. They arrived on the ship the Waitako, I believe, though the spelling may be wrong. In the early 1920s she became infamous due

to what was called "the man-woman case," or the "she-man case," where she stood accused of masquerading as a man and murdering her wife, Annie Birkett. Answer to rosemontillo@yahoo.com Thanks. "

Seeking a photo of Roma House, Island Bay – Can you help?

The Stromboli Connection Group is looking for a photograph of the old Roma House, Trent Street, Island Bay. The house used to be the first post office in Island Bay before becoming 'Roma House'. It was a rambling house where the fishermen, single and married, but living away from their families, lived together and used like a hostel. Although we have the photograph of a large group of men standing/sitting in front of the house, we would like to see other photos different to this one. A photo of the house on its own would be great!

If you are able to help please contact Ginette Toscano Page - email: clubgaribaldi1882@gmail.com

Congratulations

Congratulations to Nicolas Volpicelli (son of Anthony and Krissy) who has been named one of the head boys at Scots College Prep School – Head of Bedding House -2015. Well done Nicolas.

Welcome to New Members

Welcome to David Barnes of Wellington (family name Boglio) and Elisa Romani of Lower Hutt. We hope to meet David and Elisa at one of our upcoming events at the Club.

Emailing the Newsletter

We are trying to get our newsletter out to as many Members as possible by using email. Obviously there will be some people who don't use email – that's fine. If you wish your newsletter to be emailed to you in the future, please email your address to clubgaribaldi1882@gmail.com

Thank You

Club Garibaldi would like to thank Federica Esposito who has kindly donated four bags of Italian childrens and adult books to the Club. These books are available for all members. They include learning to read and write Italian, through to novels. Please feel free to use these books. They will be placed on the table outside the kitchen for now.

Pasta, Prayer & Promise: Book Launch



We invite you to join us for the long awaited Wellington book launch of:

PASTA, PRAYER & PROMISE – the story of Nelson's Italian community 1862-2014.

Nelson's Italians form a small but vibrant community, which is historically significant and nationally important as a distinct migrant group. Yet their place in the city's social, heritage and economic fabric has gone largely unrecognised, until now. Following five years of research and interviewing Pasta, Prayer & Promise records Italian contact with the Nelson region

The city was one of three main centres of early Italian settlement in New Zealand and Italian business people, gold miners, fishermen and farmers can be found living and working in and around Nelson from the 1860s.

Although many became integrated into the wider community, in some cases anglicising their surnames, a second wave of migrants from 1890-1920 developed as a culturally distinct community. It was this group which helped establish Nelson as a major tomato growing area, providing employment and business opportunities for later arrivals. Exploring the subsequent waves of chain migration (the 1950s and more recent

arrivals), Pasta, Prayer & Promise includes the individual family migration stories of 32 families with their connection to the Wellington region.

It charts the development of The Wood's tomato industry over several generations, examining its contribution to national research, through to its eventual demise and the redevelopment of the inner-city land once described as a sea of glass.

Delving into social history relating to family, home, church and school, the authors explore contact with family in Italy (including the arrival of brides); the establishment of Club Italia and its ongoing role as a community hub, and the thorny issue of enemy alien status during World War II.

Painstakingly researched and lavishly illustrated, Pasta, Prayer & Promise examines why Italians chose to leave the country of their birth and travel to 'the ends of the earth' to settle in Nelson, New Zealand. The book is 448 pages, hard back, full colour and will retail at \$55.

The Wellington launch of Pasta, Prayer & Promise will take place **Friday 8th May, 6.30pm** at Club Garibaldi, 118 Tory Street. Cash bar and book sales only. No EFTpos facilities will be available.

RSVP and any pre-book orders to Karen Price – info@contexo.co.nz or (03) 546 6394 / 027 238 1819. Please note, spaces will be limited, so first in, first served.

Circolo – April Social

At 7.30pm on **Thursday 2 April**, Don McLean, of Italian Villa Holidays will give us a presentation on Independent Travel in Italy. Don is an accomplished speaker on all aspects of travel in Italy and he speaks to us every year!! He will give us invaluable information and useful hints and we can benefit from his extensive knowledge. Don's Power Point talk will include fantastic photographs and other visuals of Siena, Perugia and the surrounding villages. This is a "not to be missed" presentation and it will be of particular interest to anyone planning a trip to Italy. Come along and start getting your Italian holiday plans under way!!

Club Garibaldi members very welcome to attend. A \$5.00 charge towards supper will apply.

Just Like Mamma's

Pizza Dough:

250 ml warm water
1 tbsp dried yeast
½ tsp sugar
400g High Grade Flour
100g fine semolina
1 tsp salt

Put water into mixing bowl and add yeast and sugar. Let it stand in a warm place until yeast has dissolved and mixture is frothy. Mix well. Add flour, semolina and salt. Mix well. Knead for 10 minutes until smooth and elastic. Place the dough in an olive-oiled bowl – cover and let rise.

Roll out onto oiled tray or pizza stone. Add your favourite toppings. Cook in high oven till brown. Enjoy!

Cartolina in March



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!

And don't forget to listen to **Made in Italy**, the all-in-Italian radio programme, produced in Italy and made available world-wide, that Dante Alighieri of Christchurch has brought to Plains fm 96.9, every Wednesday at 7.15 to 7.30pm. For more information and pod casts visit www.madeinitalyradio.it

Centenario - Commemorative Service | Wed 22 April, 5.00pm, Hunter Council Chamber, Victoria University of Wellington

The Victoria University of Wellington Italian Society are hosting a commemorative service and wreath laying to mark the centenaries of the ANZAC Landings and the opening of the Alpine Front. With a significant guest list of important members of our community in Wellington and New Zealand, the event has been by invite only however they are excited to invite **ALL CLUB GARIBALDI MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES** to the service.

There is limited space, so RSVP by **April 15** to vuwitaliansociety@gmail.com or call 566 1275 and let them know you would like to go, and how many will be attending.

Italian Mass has come to an end



Sadly, after nearly 35 years, Italian Mass has come to an end. Numbers have been dropping and the Nunciature is shifting to Khandallah. We would like to thank Archbishop Martin Krebs and Mons. Ramon for celebrating Mass for the Italian community.

Thank you also to Ida Basile, Caterina Costa, the singers who led the singing, the readers and all who have helped the Mass to keep going all these years.

Dates for your Diary



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| Thursday, 2 April (7.30pm) | Circolo April Social |
| Wednesday, 22 April (5pm) | Centenario – Commemorative Service (Victoria University) |
| Friday, 8 May (6.30pm) | Pasta, Prayer & Promise Book Launch (Club Garibaldi) |
| Sunday, 31 May | Italian National Day Celebrations (more in next newsletter) |
| July 2015 | Visit of AC Milan Soccer Boys (more in next newsletter) |
| August/September | Club Social (TBC at later date) |

CLUB PICNIC 2015



Rosalia Lavia, Louisa Tomlinson & Carolina Esposito enjoying a chat.





CLUB TRIP TO HAMILTON – MEMORIES 2015



