



Club Garibaldi News

September 2015

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Note from the President

On Sunday 13 September, Cardinal John Dew celebrated a lovely Mass in Italian at St Francis de Sales Church, Island Bay. We had an overwhelming turnout at the Mass. After Mass the Club welcomed well over 80 people who sat down to a shared lunch. What a wonderful afternoon it was! – the food was fantastic, company was brilliant and the conversation never-ending.

Thanks so much to Nina Cuccurullo and Ida Basile who organized the Mass. Thanks to Il Coro Italiano, for their fantastic singing, and of course thanks to Cardinal Dew for taking the time out of his busy schedule to spend the day with us. Thanks also to Ambassador Carmelo and Javier for being there too. And last, but not least, a big thanks to all the people who helped serve the food and clean up afterwards.

The Club presented Cardinal Dew with two copies of the book "Alla Fine del Mondo" – one for himself to keep, and the other for him to give to his new parish in Rome.

Saluti – Linda

Club AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be held at **7pm on Sunday 27th September 2015** at the Club rooms. You are encouraged to attend and show your support for your committee.

The deadline for nominations to the committee has now closed. Please note that only financial members are entitled to speak and vote at the AGM.

Nominations Received for the Executive Committee:

President (2nd Term)
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Linda De Gregorio: No vote needed this year
Alfonso Basile
Caterina Costa
Maryrose Basile

Committee Member (Under 30)	Catherine Monastra
Committee Members	Larry Greco Rex Da Vanzo Maria Colucci
Trustees	Vic Criscillo Robin Page

Annual Club Garibaldi vs. Club Italia Soccer Match (for the Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy) – Saturday 7 November 2015 – Pot Luck Dinner Social Evening

This is a special event for both the Wellington and Nelson Italian communities – a chance for us to unite together in the spirit of sport and meet/catch-up at a wonderful social occasion. And as previously mentioned, this year marks the 20th game played between the two sides – So, a good excuse to celebrate!

The game will be played at Te Whaea Park soccer ground, which is behind the old Wellington Show Buildings, John Street, Newtown. Kick-off is 2.30pm, and we would love to see as many members, families and friends pack the park (rain or shine) to support our boys. We would like to get the Trophy back to Wellington this year!

A half-hour curtain raiser will be held for our junior soccer enthusiasts at 1.45pm that day. So if your child (approx. 8-12 years) wants to take part in this event, please make sure they turn up to the park with their soccer boots by 1.45pm.

Presentation of the Trophy will take place at our Clubrooms from 6pm that evening, and Ambassador Carmelo Barbarello will give a speech, and an anniversary cake will be cut. Dinner will follow.

Entry: This is a shared Pot Luck Dinner. We ask that everyone please bring a generous plate of food (preferably two plates of food), bearing in mind we will also need to feed our Nelson guests. Cash bar will be available and there will be plenty of raffles with great prizes to be won.

So get your family and friends together and come along and celebrate what will be a great day/night out! Please note: we need to know numbers attending for table placements. Please confirm your attendance by contacting either Josephine on 934 8720 or Maria on 383 8620 ASAP.

Condolences



We wish to express our condolences to George Marson and family, on the passing of their mother Lina Marson of Petone. Our thoughts are with you all at this sad time. RIP.

New Members

Welcome to Kath May of Wellington, and also to Matthew Dicken of Lower Hutt.

We look forward to catching up soon.

Baby Congratulations

Congratulations to Luigi & Alexandra Muollo on the arrival of their baby boy. This is the 12th grandchild for Tony & Annamaria Muollo.

Club Car Parks

There have been some changes to the hiring arrangements for the car parks around the Club's building. The only car parks available for **Club members** are in the Vivian St Car Park, numbered **1 to 13 only**, all day Saturdays and Sundays, and only after 6.00pm Monday to Friday. (Note, change of time)

The other car parks on the Vivian and Tory St footpaths are leased to private clients at other times.

PLEASE NOTE: The car parks are now more strictly monitored, therefore if you are illegally parked then you risk being towed away. A current Club car park label (2015-2016) must be attached visibly in your vehicles rear window.

Children's Christmas Party

The Children's Christmas party will be held at the Club on Sunday 22nd November 2015.

Seniors Christmas Luncheon

The annual senior members' Christmas lunch will be held at the Club on Sunday 29th November 2015.

More details on both these events in the next newsletter. In the meantime, keep those dates free.

Il Coro Italiano

Practice will be held on 26 September and 24 October at 2.30pm in the clubrooms. Anyone who would like to join the singing group please contact Caterina 478 3899 or clubgaribaldi1882@gmail.com



Bus Trip 2016 – Destination, Rotorua

Next year the Bus Trip will travel to Rotorua – land of geysers, hot pools and great tourist attractions. Travel time is the first week in February 2016, so keep that week free for now. To register your interest, please contact Maria on 383 8620.

Circolo October Social

At 7.30pm on Thursday 1 October, Barbara Pezzotti will give a presentation. She will go through the highlights of her tour this year entitled: "**Commemoration and Celebration: In the footsteps of World War II Kiwi Soldiers in Italy**" that took place in Italy last May. She will talk about many places, such as Montecassino, Tavarnelle Val di Pesa, a village liberated by the Maori Battalion in 1944 and Trieste; the many fascinating locals the group met and food, of course. This presentation will be the last one for the year 2015 and it is highly recommended you attend. Barbara Pezzotti is the Circolo's Senior Tutor and she is an excellent speaker, particularly on Italian topics!!

Club Garibaldi members are very welcome to attend this special evening. A \$5 charge towards supper applies.

Cancer Foundation Diplomatic Charity Ball

The Cancer Foundation is holding a Diplomatic Charity Ball on **3 December** at Shed 5, Wellington and Ambassador Carmelo Barbarello has asked if any Members/friends/family would be interested in getting a table together and attending the Ball (or alternatively, donating in some other way). This is all for a great cause.

Details from the Ambassador below – please reply directly to the Embassy if you are interested.

"The Spouses of Head of Mission Association (SHOM) and the Friends of Cancer Society (FOCS) are organizing a Diplomatic Ball on December 3rd, at Shed 5, Wellington. It will be a Black Tie Gala Dinner and Ball. Members of the Government, Parliament and the City Council of Wellington, as well as many other distinguished guests, will attend the Ball.

Last edition was in 2012 and was a big success, more than 400 people and 30 Embassies attended the Ball. This new edition, this year, tries to be at least as successful as it was in the past, and for this reason SHOM and FOCS need your help.

Companies have the opportunity to participate in several ways and help struggling an illness that touch unfortunately many Kiwi families. Companies and individuals can:

- Sponsor the gala dinner making a financial contribution;
- Buy tickets, also for clients, distributors etc. Ticket price is NZ\$250 per person or NZ\$ 2,500 for a table of 10;
- Donate products or services for a minimum value of NZ\$250 for the Mystery Boxes.
- Offer products or services for the Auction.

Attached to the end of this newsletter, is a letter from the Friends of Cancer Society providing details on the initiative and think about how you, your group, your company can be part of this endeavour.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, or my spouse Mr. Javier Barca of the SHOM javierbarca@hotmail.com; tel. 022-1698230 for further information about the ball.

Ambassador Carmelo Barbarello."

News from Comites

Cari Connazionali,

Sono passati circa quattro mesi dall'insediamento del primo COMITES in Nuova Zelanda ed il vostro Comitato, conscio della necessita' d'incominciare bene, si e' impegnato a costruire delle solide basi sulle quali potra' sviluppare e portare a termine progetti d'interesse alla comunita' italiana.

Vi invitiamo ad informarvi sul lavoro che abbiamo fatto fin'ora e visitare il nuovo sito (www.comitesnz.com), che, nonostante sia un "lavoro in corso", vi da ora la possibilita' d'incominciare ad esprimere le vostre idee e commenti, a leggere il resoconto dell'ultima riunione del Comitato, tenuta il 16 agosto (<http://www.comitesnz.com/verbal.html>), ed il progetto appena iniziato con il nostro Ambasciatore, Carmelo Barbarello, e l'On. Marco Fedi sul tema delle pensioni (<http://www.comitesnz.com/progetti.html>), una questione tra le piu' sentite fra gli italiani residenti in Nuova Zelanda.

Inoltre abbiamo indetto un bando nazionale per l'assunzione a tempo determinato di un Assistente Amministrativo (<http://www.comitesnz.com/amministrazione.html>), un ruolo che, non solo agevolera' l'adempimento piu' effettivo della parte amministrativa, ma permettera' al Comitato di dedicarsi con piu' tempo ai temi principali del suo incarico. Invitiamo quindi gli interessati a fare domanda.

Il cammino davanti a noi non sara' facile ma contiamo di percorrerlo con voi.

Cordiali saluti dal vostro presidente
Sandro Aduso

The Stromboli Connection Get-together

by Ginette Toscano Page

A wonderful get-together of Strombolani originals and descendants was held at Club Garibaldi on Saturday, 29 August. The afternoon began with nearly seventy people attending an emotional Remembrance Service which was held on the 1st floor. A mini altar had been set up with a statue of Our Lady of the Rosary, a framed image of San Bartolomeo, Isole Eolie's patron saint, a framed list of surnames of the known 29 Strombolani families who migrated to New Zealand, circa the late 1880's until 1940's. Also, a large candle amid two bowls of sand from Island Bay beach, as on arrival in New Zealand, most initially lived in Island Bay.

The twenty-nine large family photo boards, which were exhibited at our first reunion at Parliament Buildings in 2000, were taken out of storage and displayed around the walls. Msgr. Gerard Burns officiated at the Service. Following a welcome by Vic Criscillo, David Monastra, delivered a reading, then a short homily was given by Msgr Gerard and prayers from Tony Muollo. Il Coro Italiano, accompanied by Caterina Costa, sang two hymns in Italian during the service. The 'Blessing of the Candles' began with Catherine Monastra reading out the family names, one by one, and a member of each family lit a small candle from the the large candle and placed it into the bowl of sand. This was in remembrance of our departed loved ones. The Service ended with a blessing from Msgr Gerard.

After the Remembrance Service guests went upstairs to the club rooms. Ginette Toscano Page gave a short speech, the Italian Ambassador, H.E. Carmelo Barbarello, said a few words to the ninety guests, some of whom had travelled long distances to be with us. Afternoon tea followed with everyone catching up with each other or viewing the display panels downstairs.

As written in the book 'famiglie Strombolane – Isole Eolie' ... "The Strombolani family gives us a strong sense of who we are, where we come from, and what values we hold". How fitting these words are!

Radio Cartolina Programme for September/October



23 September: Recently returned from his Italian holiday, Cartolina co-producer Denis Walker talks about visiting the Milan World Fair, and some connected events throughout Italy. With the theme "Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life", it certainly has inspired this foodie's thoughts!

7 October: Viviana Zanetti moved to New Zealand from Ferrara two years ago. She's been blogging her family about her new life, and she's been answering FB questions from other Italians recently arrived, or thinking of the big move. Realizing how important it was to learn about the experiences of others, she established, with help from other friends, a website and FB page titled: "Leaving Italy, Living New Zealand". Rich of comments and people's stories, all well told and often humorous, with interviews and side-by-side video sparring, this website is a trove of information and entertainment alike: <http://leavingitalylivingnewzealand.weebly.com/>

21 October: When talking in a previous programme about the EXPO in Milan, Denis Walker mentioned that there were some 400 exhibitions throughout Italy related to the same theme, 'Nourishing the Planet'. In this programme he talks of two of them, both in Rome. One is: 'The Elegance of Food' at the Mercati di Traiano, that explores the links between food and fashion. His favourite however was: 'Food: from Spoon to the World', set in the MAXXI, the National Museum of the 21st Century Arts, itself well worth a visit. It was designed by London-Iraqi architect Zaha Hadid, and acclaimed by The Guardian as "her finest built work to date".

Cartolina is the radio programme "For those who remember Italy and who dream of it"

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

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

Dates for your Diary



Saturday, 26 September (2.30pm)	Il Coro Italiano Practice (Club Garibaldi)
Sunday, 27 September (7pm)	Club Garibaldi AGM (Club Garibaldi)
Thursday, 1 October (7.30pm)	Circolo October Social
Saturday, 24 October (2.30pm)	Il Coro Italiano Practice (Club Garibaldi)
Saturday, 7 November	Club Garibaldi vs. Club Italia Soccer Match
Sunday, 22 November	Children's Christmas Party
Sunday, 29 November	Seniors Christmas Luncheon
Thursday, 3 December	Cancer Foundation Diplomatic Charity Ball
February 2016	Annual Club Bus Trip Rotorua (date to be confirmed)

The Italian Programme and Wai-te-ata Press warmly invite you to:

Remembering Italo Calvino (1923-1985). A Literary Happening
24th September, 5:30-7:00pm, Wai-te-ata Press, VUW

Thirty years ago, on 19th September 1985, Italo Calvino – one of Italy’s most distinguished intellectuals and acclaimed writers – died suddenly, just before his planned travel to USA to deliver the prestigious Charles Eliot Norton Lectures at Harvard University. Published posthumously as *Six Memos for the Next Millennium*, these lectures are one of the most insightful and engaging contributions to literary criticism.

This interdisciplinary event is intended as a homage to Calvino's life and genius, as well as a reflection on his impact across a wide range of disciplines. His multifaceted work has been a source of inspiration for many and continues to be so thirty years since his death.

Contact and RSVP eleonora.bello@vuw.ac.nz by 20th September (spaces are limited)
(Wheelchairs accessible venue)

Looking forward to seeing you there!
Eleonora Bello & Francesca Benocci

“ We are in 1985, and barely fifteen years stand between us and a new millennium. For the time being I don't think the approach of this date arouses any special emotion. However, I'm not here to talk about futurology, but of literature... My confidence in the future of literature consists in the knowledge that there are things that only literature can give us, by means specific to it. ”

– Six Memos for the Next Millennium 1988

REMEMBERING
ITALO CALVINO
A Literary Happening 1923 - 1985

When	Where	Presented by	Light refreshments	Info
Thursday September 24 2015 5:30pm	Wai-te-ata Press Room 006, Rankine Brown Gate 3 Kelburn Parade Kelburn Campus, Wellington	Eleonora Bello PhD Italian Studies, SLC Francesca Benocci PhD Translation Studies, SLC	courtesy of the Embassy of Italy to follow the event	eleonora.bello@vuw.ac.nz francesca.benocci@vuw.ac.nz tel. 04 463 6503

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PUBLIC SCREENING



ROME, OPEN CITY (Roberto Rossellini, 1945; PG, 101') Legacies of Loss and Liberation Through the Neorealist Gaze

Victoria University of Wellington's Film, History and Italian Programmes, with the support of City Gallery Wellington and the Embassy of Italy, invite you to a screening of Roberto Rossellini's neorealist masterpiece *Rome, Open City*, on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of its first release. This event is part of Victoria's '1945-2015: Legacies of Loss and Liberation Seminar Series'.

Otto Preminger said that the history of cinema is divided into two eras: one before and one after *Rome, Open City*. At once raw and polished, classical and revolutionary, conservative and progressive, universal and firmly rooted in its time and place, *Rome, Open City* is both the paradigm of Italian Neorealism and perhaps the least 'neorealist' of its works. Shot while the war still raged, and set in 1944 during the Nazi occupation of Rome, the film chronicles the life of Pina (Anna Magnani) and the ordinary Romans of her working class tenement in their struggle for survival and resistance. Constantly beset by tragedy, they are unmistakably suffused with the hopes and urgency of the Liberation. Rossellini's work remains today a unique depiction of an occupied city: a film charged with an uncompromising yet deep-seated empathy that has ensured its enduring global legacy.

To reflect on the film's legacy seventy years after the end of World War Two, the screening will be followed by a panel discussion and Q&A, featuring New Zealand filmmaker Stuart McKenzie, and Victoria University's Claudia Bernardi (Italian), Thierry Jutel and Alfio Leotta (Film Studies), and Giacomo Lichtner (History).

The event is free and open to the public, but spaces are limited.

City Gallery Wellington, Tuesday 22 September 2015, 7:00-9:30pm.

Contact: Giacomo Lichtner, (giamomo.lichtner@vuw.ac.nz; 04 463 6756).

Speakers:

Stuart McKenzie is an award-winning New Zealand director, writer and producer;

Claudia Bernardi is the Director of the Italian Programme at Victoria University;

Thierry Jutel is Associate Professor of Film Studies at Victoria University;

Alfio Leotta is a lecturer in Film Studies and is the author *The Bloomsbury Companion to Peter Jackson*;

Giacomo Lichtner teaches History at Victoria University, and is author of *Fascism in Italian Cinema Since 1945*.



**PUBLIC SCREENING
DETAILS:**

**TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2015 - 7:00-10:00 PM
CITY GALLERY WELLINGTON**