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Club Garibaldi News

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Note from the President

Just a reminder that Club Garibaldi will be holding the Italian National Day celebrations at the Club on Sunday 29 May starting at 7pm.

Saluti – *Linda*

Italian National Day Celebrations

As advised above, we will be celebrating Italian National Day at the Club on **Sunday 29 May** starting at 7pm.

Please note this is for financial members only. Finger food will be available and a free bar will operate for the first hour. Live entertainment will be provided.

Spaces are limited so be in quick. **RSVP: Before Thursday 26 May** please to either Josephine 9348720, or Maria 3838602. Thank you.

Aldo Cucurullo Memorial Trophy – Wellington vs. Nelson Soccer Game 2016

Club Italia, Nelson have set the date for the challenge of the Aldo Cucurullo Memorial Trophy – Saturday 5 November 2016. If anyone is interested in playing for our team, please contact the club via our email before 30 June.

COM.IT.ES News

For the latest updates regarding the Comites, please visit their website as follows: www.comitesnz.com
If you wish to receive regular updates/newsletters from this group, please enter your name and email address under "Mailing" which is found under Contatti on that website.

Mother's Day Lunch – Mamma Mia! What a Lunch!!!



On Sunday 8 May approximately 65 members and their families sat down to what I believe would have to be "the best deal in town". In typical Alfonso fashion, what was supposed to be a two-course light meal turned into a 4-course feast. And what a feast it was! We started with anti-pasta platters, followed by a big plate, or in some cases plates, of pasta ragu and salad. Dessert consisted of Berry Pannacotta and we finished the meal off with tea/coffee and sweets. Each Mother received a complimentary glass of bubbly and a Ferrero Roche chocolate, and went into the draw to win a mystery prize. Congratulations to Madeleine Basile of Island Bay who won the mystery prize.

Ambassador Carmelo and Javier weren't able to attend the lunch, but they did drop in just before lunch for a quick visit to say hi to everyone. Fr David Dowling gave the Mothers a special blessing and said grace for us.

Two of our new members, Fernando and Bruno brought along their guitars, and we're glad they did. They entertained everyone later in the day. We sang along to a few familiar Italian tunes. Thanks boys for that – it was fantastic.

We have received positive feedback from members.

A big thanks go out to Alf for the cooking a great meal, and to Gabriella DeGregorio, who made the sweets. Thanks also to all the members who helped with the set-up of the Club, the serving of the food working the bar and of course, cleaning up afterwards.

A few words of thanks: –

"Ciao everyone, Grazie per una bella giornata ieri e per avermi fatto sentire benvenuto. Abracci" – Fernando Della Pasqua

Ciao Linda, members of the Executive and social Committees and the extra helpers

Thank you so much for the invitation to the Mother's Day Lunch yesterday. It was fabulous and I enjoyed very much!! From the time I entered the Clubrooms until I left after the function it was so lively and welcoming - my kind of party!! The Club certainly has some lovely members and I chose a good spot to sit down with nice people all around. There was lots of laughter and frivolity - some surprises - all nice and I'll look back on the day with a smile on my face. The function was well-planned and everything ran like clockwork and we were so well looked after; no-one had reason to complain. Alfonso prepared a marvellous lunch and we ate heartily - I love Italian food and there was plenty of it!! The social Committee work so well together - the dream team!! and with all the extra helpers they made my day!!

I loved the entertainment, which was played with such feeling and enthusiasm - the music added to the special ambience of the day. Thank you all for giving us such lovely memories to treasure - it's times like this that make me happy that I am a member of Club Garibaldi!!

*Happy Days!
Elizabeth Peek*

Congratulations



Club members, Tony and Eileen Muollo of Island Bay were each presented with a Benemerenti medal by Cardinal John Dew, in St Francis de Sales Church, Island Bay on Sunday 17 April 2016. The presentation coincided with the community celebrating the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Church.

The Benemerenti medal was awarded in recognition of Tony and Eileen's generous service in the St Francis de Sales Parish and community over many years. Benemerenti means "well merited". Congratulations to you both on such a prestigious award.

Sunday Club Day – 12 June

Don't forget the Club will be open from 2.30pm-4.30pm on Sunday 12 June. If you've got nothing planned, come on down for a coffee or drink and chat. Even a game of poker? Or just chill out with others. Hope to see you then.

Cineforum Wellington 2016 – Italian Film Series

The Italian Programme at Victoria University of Wellington and the Victoria University of Wellington Italian Society, with the support of Club Garibaldi and the Circolo Italiano di Wellington, welcome you to the 2016 Italian Film Series

These new and recent Italian films will be presented free of charge. They will be screened in Italian, with English subtitles.

All screenings will be hosted in the School of Languages and Cultures at the Kelburn Campus of Victoria University von Zedlitz Building, Room 606, Kelburn Parade.

Films will start at 6pm on the following Thursday nights:

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| 14 July | <i>Bar sport</i> - Massimo Martelli |
| 4 August | <i>L'intrepido</i> (A Lonely Hero) - Gianni Amelio |
| 8 September | <i>Il sole dentro</i> (Bright Flight) - Paolo Bianchini |
| 29 September | <i>Terramatta</i> - Costanza Quatriglio |

Many thanks to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Embassy of Italy in Wellington for making the films available.

The Stromboli Connection

By Cav. Ginette Toscano Page

Check out the website link below. Listen to a lively discussion between Jack Perkins, Producer-Presenter of Radio New Zealand's programme 'Spectrum' and a group of Strombolani: Silvio Famularo, Joe Barnao, Guglielmo (Willie) Panettieri, Francesca (Aprea) Natoli and Ginette Toscano Page, as they stroll along the Island Bay beach front, Trent Street and the lower end of The Parade, reminiscing of days gone by. This programme was initially recorded and went to air in early 2000, and was repeated on Radio New Zealand on Sunday, 1 May 2016. Although it was recorded sixteen years ago it is surprising how 'fresh' it still sounds today. Statistics taken from two websites that posted the link, indicate that the programme has been extremely popular.

Website link:

<http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/spectrum/audio/201799214/the-stromboli-connection>

Radio Cartolina Programme for June



1 June: To celebrate the Italian National Day, the Ambassador Carmelo Barbarello offers a concert in Auckland (7 June, Concert Chamber of the Auckland Town Hall), and in Christchurch (8 June, St Mary's Pro-cathedral). Cartolina interviews the two international Artists: violinist Francesco D'Orazio and pianist Giampaolo Nuti, who will present music by Marco Betta, Igor Stravinsky, Nino Rota and Ferruccio Busoni.

15 June: Paolo Rotondo and Renee Mark are the creative machine behind the "Cinema Italiano Festival", in its first edition this year. Paolo knows the film industry from within, and has valiantly overcome all kind of difficulties to bring back the Italian Film Festival, to the joy of Italians and non-Italians alike. The Festival in Christchurch starts on the 15th and goes to the 25th of June, at the Academy Gold.

<http://plainsfm.org.nz/podcasts/programme/cartolina> is where you can find all recent programmes in podcast.
Buon Ascolto from the producer Wilma Laryn

Italian Film Festival – 2016

On Thursday 2 June the Italian Film Festival begins, with the Opening Night being held at the Empire Cinema, Island Bay that evening. For ticket purchases and further details, please visit the Empire website.

The other Wellington venues screening the movies are the Light House, Petone and the Lighthouse, Cuba Street – movies at these cinemas will commence on 3 June.

To view all movie programme reviews and screening times, please visit the website – cinemaitalianonz.com and click on "View official programme"

This is a fantastic opportunity to view some great Italian movies, so we hope you support this venture.

THE ANZAC SPIRIT – 2016

By Cav. Ginette Toscano Page

On ANZAC Day, Monday, 25 April, club member and former president Ginette Toscano Page, represented Club Garibaldi at a commemoration Service that was held at the Takapuwahia Marae, Porirua. This is the 5th time Ginette has been invited and attended ANZAC services at this marae.

The Takapuwahia Marae has a close bond with Italy as many of their members were soldiers who fought at Cassino during WW2...dozens did not return back home to NZ and today, they lie in Italian soil.

Representatives from various countries including myself and the Commissioner of Police, laid wreaths and flowers on the Memorial Stone, which sits just below the NZ flag pole. Then members of the marae were invited to place photos of their dead soldier family members on the stone.

Members of all armed services, dressed in formal uniform also attended. Dedications were made, followed by two guest speakers who spoke of family stories which had been handed down from returning soldiers.

After prayers and singing, a One Minute Silence was observed followed by a young bugler playing 'The Last Post'. It was very moving.

After the service, the official guests were escorted to the dining room for luncheon by three young women dressed in authentic 1940's attire to suit the occasion; one of whom was in full army uniform.

While the service was formal it was filled with warmth and love, and as always, I felt very comfortable, welcome and honoured to be there.



Dates for your Diary

Sunday 29 May (7pm)

Italian National Day Celebrations

Thursday 2 June

Italian Film Festival begins

Sunday 12 June (2.30-4.30pm)

Club Day (Club Garibaldi)

Saturday 5 November

Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Soccer Game (Nelson)