



Club Garibaldi News

December 2018

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Note from the President

We had a very successful Children's Christmas party in November. Twenty children and their families enjoyed arts and crafts, Nigel the Magician's show and lunch consisting of fish & chips and pizzas followed by ice-cream and jelly and fruit kebabs. Santa visited later and the children all got presents and chocolates. Thanks to the social committee who worked hard to make this the fantastic event it was. And thanks to all who helped clean up afterwards. Thanks also to Antony who helped Santa distribute the gifts.

A week later and we hosted the other spectrum of Club members at the Senior's Xmas Lunch. This was a fabulous day out and everyone commented on how much they enjoyed the occasion.

Another two successful functions done and dusted!

Thanks to all those who supported these events.

And one more event to finish off the year – yes, our New Year's Eve party. See you there!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all Buon Natale and Felice Anno Nuovo – 2019! If you are travelling over the Christmas holidays, have a wonderful and safe journey.

Thanks to all those members who have supported our events this year - your committees look forward to putting on some great functions in 2019 – so we hope to see you then!

Ciao for now

Linda



Photo: Some of the children seated with Santa



Seniors Christmas Lunch



The table was set for over 60 senior members. As usual Alf reigned supreme with his menu which consisted of 4 courses. Crostini with crayfish, crème freshe and dill for entrée. Primo Piatto was pasta, Secondo was freshly caught Moki fish done in a tomato and olive puree, served with potato salad and fresh green salad. Followed by Limoncello Tira Mi Su and passionfruit cream. Tea and Coffee was served with mini Christmas mince pies, truffles and cream puffs.

We were entertained by Brian who played the piano accordion for an hour as background music. The conversations and laughter flowed all afternoon.

Our thanks go out to Jo Bevis, Lynda Marson and Maria Colucci who made the Christmas mince pies, truffles and cream puffs. And HUGE thanks also go out to Alfonso and all the social committee and helpers who worked wonderfully together on the day. (More photos on the back of this newsletter).

Goodbye 2018 – Hello 2019! - Party time – Monday 31 December 2018 *An amazing supper will be provided*

GOODBYE 2018 – HELLO 2019! – PARTYTIME – MONDAY 31 DECEMBER 2018

The date is set – Monday 31 December 2018. The Club will rock!
Come and celebrate! Goodbye to 2018 and welcome 2019.
Alf is preparing a fantastic supper, and we have booked the jukebox with over 12,000 songs. Bring along your family and friends to what will be a great night out!

Start time 8pm onwards till 12.30am, and then you can head on down to Courtenay Place to continue the celebrations if you wish. Cash Bar available.

Members \$10 per head, Non-Members \$15 per head. Children 13- 16 years \$5, and Under 12-year olds Free. RSVP to Josephine on 9348720, or Maria 3838602 before 22 December.



Arise Cavaliere Criscillo

It's with great pleasure that we announce we have yet another Cavaliere in our midst. Congratulations go out to Victor Criscillo who was awarded the Italian Government Medal, 'Stella D' Italia' for all his work for Club Garibaldi and the Italian community in Wellington. The announcement was made at the Italian Embassy last month and awarded by his Exc. Fabrizio Marcelli at a cocktail party which included Vic's family.

Vic has been instrumental in making sure our Club and Italy is kept alive both culturally and in the physical sense in NZ.

He has helped organise a number of past Italian Festivals in Wellington.

Vic has been a member of the Club for over 30 years, previously an Executive Committee member for 5 years, and currently a Trustee for 6 years.

He is a member of the Stromboli Connection Group, that published the book 'Famiglie Strombolani', which tells the stories of the original immigrants and their families to New Zealand, and organised associated functions at Parliament Buildings.



Vic's father, the late Vince Criscillo was also awarded with the same medal and honour, so it's nice to see Vic keeping the "family tradition" alive. Well done Vic – you are a well- deserved recipient. All the best.



Condolences

The Club sends its deepest condolences to the family of Jim Menara who died suddenly last month. Jim was a long-time member of the Club and will be missed by all. Jim was also the brother of Ines Rafferty, so our thoughts are with Ines and her family as well at this sad time. RIP

And condolences also go out to Colleen Battison and family on the passing of Sante Battison. Sante and Colleen and their family have been long time members of the Club and Sante will be sorely missed by all. RIP.

Our thoughts and prayers are with both families at this sad time.



Jim Menara

Children's Classes 2019

If you wish to enrol your child for the Italian Classes 2019, please get in touch with the Club via our email and register your interest. More information will be available once we have a general idea of numbers. Thanks.

Club Picnic – February 2019

The club picnic will be held on Sunday 17 February at Bishop Park, Eastbourne (Rainout date Sunday 24 February).

As usual the Club will provide ham, breads and fruit and games/prizes – all you need to do is bring along your families and whatever other lunch you wish to enjoy. Start time 11am onwards.

This always proves to be a great day out – so come along if you've never been before and experience the event for yourself.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Liberato Cacace of Island Bay who made it as a Finalist in the Wellingtonian of the Year Youth Section.



Sincere Thanks

A big thanks to club members who came to Sante's Vigil or funeral service and sent condolences and messages to our family. From Colleen Battison, Marcus Menara and Denise Menara (Battiston), Susan Wilde (Battiston) and Kevin Wilde, Granddaughter Jen Ilston (Wilde), Claire Wilde.

Happy 60th Birthday!

Happy Birthday to Nina Cuccurullo who turned 60 years young this month.

We wish you all the best in this new decade
Nina. Xx



Irish Dancing success at National Championships in Auckland

Congratulations to Lucia Noaro of Lower Hutt who has won the girls' under 10 national title in the Irish Dancing Competition.

Lucia is the daughter of club member Kerry Noaro.
Well done Lucia on a wonderful achievement.



Dates for your Diary



Monday 31 December

New Year's Eve Party at Club Rooms – 8pm onwards

Sunday 17 February
(rain out 24 Feb)

Club Picnic – Bishop Park, Park Eastbourne 11.00am

Seniors Christmas Photos

