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Club Garibaldi News

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Ginette Toscano Page and Donato Scioscioli cut the celebration cake

Italy's National Day function at the Club on Friday, 4 June, was very well attended with nearly 80 members sharing in the warm atmosphere of the occasion. His Excellency, Italy's Ambassador to New Zealand, Gioacchino Trizzino and Signora Trizzino, who were unable to attend, sent their apologies as did Archbishop Charles Balvo, the Apostolic Nuncio. It was a pleasure to have Mr Donato Scioscioli, Deputy Head of Mission, representing the Ambassador, Don Marinko representing the Nuncio, and nine members of the Italian Embassy join us on this special occasion.

The formal part of the evening commenced with the President, Ginette Toscano Page, welcoming everybody to the club and delivering a short speech, marking the 64th anniversary of the birth of the Republic of Italy. This was followed by the members standing to sing the Italian National Anthem, Fratelli D'Italia. In reply, Signore Donato Scioscioli gave a moving speech to which he was given a loud applause, followed by Cav Elizabeth Peek, who spoke on behalf of the Circolo Italiano di Wellington.

Following a delicious supper and dessert, members enjoyed a rousing sing-a-long of old Italian favourites, accompanied by the Mediterranean Quartet. A lot of fun was had by all. Special thanks to the musicians: Salvi Gaeta, Robin Page, Armando Gilmoni and Simon Waddington for sharing their musical talent with us.

Special thanks to Alfonso Basile: as well as catering the light supper Alfonso also baked a fantastic celebration torta which was cut by Donato Scioscioli. Special thanks also to Signora Trizzino who made a huge Tiramisu for the members to share. Sincere thanks and much appreciation to the following Executive Committee members who helped to prepare the supper under the guidance of Chef Alfonso, set up the clubrooms in preparation for the function, and cleaning up afterwards: Nina Cuccurullo, Paul and Maria Elenio, Rex Da Vanzo, Matt Amitrano, John Cao, Robin and Ginette Page and Mikey Musso. Thanks also to our young Garibaldini, Grace and Rebekah Amitrano and Sophia and Charlotte Basile who helped to decorate the club rooms and for their impromptu tarantella dance, minus a few dancers! You all helped to make the occasion very special and without your assistance, events such as this would not happen.

Ciao a presto
Ginette Toscano Page

RENATO ('MICHAEL') AMATO RESEARCH PROJECT

Some time ago we made a request to members to ask if they remembered Renato Amato (1928-1964), who was born in Potenza, studied in Turin and worked in Naples and Rome before moving to New Zealand in 1954. We had a response from a member but now we are wanting to know if anyone remembers **Pietro Mandrillo** and his wife Esther. Pietro wrote the obituary for Renato's funeral. If you can help then please contact Nina Cuccurullo and I will put you in contact with Dr Sally Hill from the Italian Programme at Victoria University.

R.I.P. MARIA CECCON (6 Jan 1920 – 4 May 2010)

by Nina Cuccurullo



Recently Maria Ceccon passed away in Turangi. She was born in Taino in the province of Varese in Italy. She and her husband Assisto Ceccon came to Turangi to work for the tunneling company Codelga Cogefar. Some of you may have met Maria when she came down to Wellington for the Santa Barbara Mass held at St Francis de Sales Church in Island Bay. Maria was a nurse whose loving care was greatly appreciated by the Italian tunnellers when they became hurt on the job, she often visited them in their homes as well as in hospital. The photo of Maria Ceccon and Maria van der Aa was taken about 3 weeks before she passed away. Maria's husband Assisto continues to live in Turangi.

A BIT OF TRIVIA

Don't Blast Belching, Says Top Italian Court

ANSA - Rome, 26 April 2010

Italians who blast neighbours for belching will be punished under the law, Italy's supreme Court of Cassation ruled. The court, whose verdict set a precedent, upheld the conviction of a Ferrara farmer who got fed up with the man working in a neighbouring field. The judges said the belching did not entitle the farmer to call his neighbour a 'pig' and dismissed his appeal that the belching had been deliberate and 'provocative'.

FORZA ITALIA !

Stuff: 6 June 2010

Francesca Schiavone became the first Italian woman to win a grand slam singles title when she beat Australia's Samantha Stosur in the final of the French Open. Schiavone, who before this week had never been beyond the last eight of a major, tamed Stosur's greater power to win 6-4 7-6. She completed victory after one hour and 38 minutes when Stosur's mis-hit backhand flew into the crowd.

Both women were making their grand slam final debuts but it was the 29-year-old Schiavone who seized her chance, hustling and harrying Stosur with some tremendous attacking tennis. Francesca is the oldest woman to win her first grand slam title since Ann Jones won Wimbledon in 1969.

As the realisation of her achievement hit home she collapsed on to her back before kissing the Philippe Chatrier Court surface and then climbing into the stands where she was embraced by her Mum, Dad and two brothers who had flown halfway around the world to watch the biggest day of her career, and her entourage.

Bravo, Francesca!

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CLUB GARIBALDI CELEBRATIONS FOR ITALY'S NATIONAL DAY

Pasquale and Caterina Morena.



Robin Page, left, Pierre Aldo Porotti and Angelo Casato with the Italian flag.

Forza Italia

Members of Wellington's Garibaldi Club in Teary St celebrated Italy's national day at the club last week. The function included speeches, a singalong (including the national anthem) and school children performing the traditional dance of Tarantella. The Garibaldi Club was established in Wellington in 1882 by the earliest Italian settlers to the region. Members of the capital's Italian community have regularly celebrated the national day since then.



Patrick Urriot and Nathalie Urriot.



Anna Simonetti, left, GINETTE TOSCARO PAGE, RINA MERLINO and CHIARA GIOVANAZZI.



First Secretary of the Italian embassy Donata Scioccoli, left, with Leslie and Linda Singh.



Pier Simonetti and Alex Palmer.



Chef Alfonso Basile proudly displays the club's national day cake.



Father Geoff Broad, left, from the Island Bay Catholic Church, and two other men.



Annalisa Merino and Elizabeth Peck.

FAMILY NIGHT

The Family Night function held on Friday, 11 June, at the club rooms was once again, an outstanding success, with sixty adults and children, enjoying a very relaxed family evening together. Once again special thanks and much appreciation to Alfonso Basile who cooked the delicious meal and dessert ~ it was excellent! As always, the ping-pong table was a great source of fun, as was the soccer game table. It is always a joy to hear the clubrooms filled with the laughter and noise of the children. The evening's raffles were won by Linda De Gregorio and Bernie O'Connor. Many thanks to those who helped the evening to run smoothly: Matt Amitrano, John Cao, Ginette and Robin Page, Vince and Wendy Costa, Lynda Amitrano, Ana Quinn, Ida Basile and Janice Basile without whose assistance the evening would not have been possible.

The next Family Night will be at 6.30 pm on Friday, 30 July. Once again, this will be along the same lines as earlier Family Nights. The bar will be open as well. For catering purposes please call Alfonso to advise how many members of your family will be attending, no later than Tuesday, 27 July. Please note that no bookings will be accepted after this date, and that it will be on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Cost: \$8.00 per adult: 12-15 years old \$5.00, and \$2.00 each for children.

HAPPY 21ST BIRTHDAY KATHLEEN

Kathleen Wickliffe, our lovely bar person, celebrated her 21st birthday recently. Congratulations, good luck and lots of best wishes Kathleen, for a very happy future from the members of Club Garibaldi.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEES ARE DUE FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING 1 JULY 2010

Current subscriptions expire on 30 June 2010

Many thanks to those members who have sent in their form and payment. We have received nearly a third of subscriptions already.

Members who have not renewed their membership or sent in their form will once again, find a renewal form. We would appreciate you sending the completed form, together with your payment, as soon as possible as this makes it easier for Caterina, Mikey and Nina to do the administration as each renewal needs to be recorded and banked.

Please ensure that you fill out the form (rather than just send the payment) as some members have the same name, and it is difficult to tell which person has sent the payment. Remember to also join up your spouses as there are several club functions which are for financial members only. In addition, if your child has reached the age of 18, they are required to pay a subscription to become a member. If they are still students, their membership will be \$20. We can send you a membership form for them.

If you have just turned 70 years old and have been a member continuously for 5 years, please notify Caterina Costa or post in the form. We look forward to your continued membership and support.

Friendly reminder: All members are supplied with a dated sticker to paste on the inside rear window of their vehicle. This enables them to use our car-park in Vivian Street each day, after 5.30 pm and also, all day Saturdays, Sundays and long weekends. After 30 June 2010 your new 2010-11 sticker must be used to avoid being towed away!

DO YOU KNOW WHO THESE FISHERMEN ARE?

Ginette Toscano Page

An enquiry was recently received for information about who the fishermen in this photo are. Between Mariano Greco of Island Bay and myself, we were able to come up with the following. The fishing launch this group worked from was called the 'Dominion' and owned by Gaetano Famularo. Can you help fill in the missing names? If you know please contact Ginette. The photo and any other relevant information will be stored in the club's archives.



Left to right: ? **Santo Saffioti**, ? ? **Gaetano Famularo**, and **Gustavo Duranti (known as Albert Duranti)**.

INTERPRETER TRAINEES REQUIRED

Are you a proficient speaker of English and Italian? Interpreting New Zealand are hoping to train up professional Italian interpreters to serve the non-English speaking members of the Italian community.

You should be:

- available at least during part of the normal working hours
- a NZ citizen or holder of Permanent Residence status
- preferably living in NZ for 18 months or more

If selected, you will join their training course (at a token charge). Successful trainees will be employed on a casual basis at an excellent rate of pay. For more information and an application form, please visit www.interpret.org.nz. The next course will start in early March 2011.

THE TARANTELLA LEGEND

By Ginette Toscano Page

The tarantella is an Italian folk dance that can be traced back to the Middle Ages and may have evolved from an even older dance. Historians have identified versions of the dance in ancient Greek vase paintings and on the wall paintings at Pompeii. The instrumental music of the tarantella is a rapid score symbolised by brief, repetitive phrases, which escalate in intensity. The modern folk dance which is often lead by a singer, is among the most recognised of traditional Italian folk music. It is said to be "unlucky" to dance the tarantella alone - so people dance in couples or groups. There are several local variations in Italy of the dance including Sicilian, Neapolitan, Apulian, and Calabrian.

Tarantella means "little spider." According to legend, the town of Taranto in Southern Italy, was afflicted with an epidemic of poisonous spiders in the 13th century for 400 years, primarily in the hot summer months of July and August. Legend also stated that when bitten, a victim would jump up, run outside, and suddenly begin dancing with "great excitement." Other victims, also bitten by spiders, would join in and they would dance to the tarantella music of mandolins, tambourines and castanets in order to rid the spider poison in their blood: failure to dance out the poison could be fatal.



The Club's Adult Tarantella Group



The Club's Children's Tarantella Group

ITALIAN MASS

On the first Sunday of every month the Mass is celebrated in Italian at the Church of St Francis de Sales, 175 Clyde Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Mass starts at 11.30 am. 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 either His Excellency Archbishop Balvo or Reverend Marinko Antolovic from the Apostolic Nunciature. ***The next Mass will be on 4 July.***

TOMBOLA

The next tombola night will be on **Tuesday, 22 June** at the usual time of 7.30 pm. Please come along and feel free to bring a friend. Contact Maria if you have any questions.

'A NIGHT AT THE GARIBALDI' MUSICAL THEATRE



Both Benefit nights on Friday, 29th and Saturday, 30th October 2010, are now sold out. Waiting list enquiries to Rex Da Vanzo.

The generous financial sponsorship of Franco and Audrey Pol of Raumati South is acknowledged.

CIRCOLO ITALIANO – JULY SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on Thursday, 1 July, Megan Cox will talk to us about her recent trip to Italy. Megan, who is a High School teacher, accompanied a group of 8 students and they visited Pompeii, Naples and Rome. Megan will tell us about the group's experiences and her Power Point presentation will include lots of exciting images. A \$4.00 cover charge towards supper will apply.

CIRCOLO ITALIANO – AUGUST SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on Thursday, 5 August, Leslie Singh will talk to us about his holiday in Italy. Prior to the holiday Leslie studied the Italian language at Perugia University for Foreigners for one month and he related those experiences at the Circolo June social. This month Leslie will give a Power Point presentation on Venezia, Milano and Roma. A \$4 cover charge towards supper will apply.

GUGLIELMO AND ENRICHETTA MELHOP TRUST AWARD

Club Garibaldi, the Wellington social and cultural organisation for New Zealanders of Italian descent, is calling for applications for funding from the Melhop Trust. The trust, established by a long-time club member, offers funding for young people of Italian descent for educational purposes involving formal study in a wide variety of fields and endeavours. Applications close on July 31, 2009 with any successful applicant(s) to be advised in September. Applications, citing the academic study and demonstrating the applicant's Italian heritage, are to be sent in writing to: The Secretary, Club Garibaldi, P O Box 6451, Wellington 6141. A list of the criteria for the annual award is also available from the Secretary.

Previous successful applicants for assistance from the trust were:

2006: Chris Di Leva, son of Maria and Giuseppe Di Leva of Island Bay, Wellington

2007: John Mollo, son of Teresa and Liberato Mollo of Island Bay, Wellington

2008: Claire Wilde, daughter of Susan Wilde (nee Battiston) of Silverstream, Upper Hutt

2009: Hannah Timms, daughter of Michele Timms (nee Wholey) of Wellington

BABY CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to the following on the recent additions to their families:

Julia Costa and Karl McDiarmid, a son, Thomas Karl. A grandson for Caterina Costa of Newlands, Wellington.

Shane and Mary O'Connor, a daughter, Lila Rose. A granddaughter for Bernadette (Natoli) and Wayne O'Connor of Island Bay, Wellington.

Deanna (O'Connor) and Murray Sloane, a son, Caiden. A grandson for Bernadette (Natoli) and Wayne O'Connor of Island Bay, Wellington.

A BIT OF HUMOUR IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL!

The Italian Secret to a Long Marriage

At St. Peter's Catholic Church in Toronto, they have weekly husbands' marriage seminars. At the session last week, the priest asked Giuseppe, who said he was approaching his 50th wedding anniversary, to take a few minutes and share some insight into how he had managed to stay married to the same woman all these years.

Giuseppe replied to the assembled husbands, *'Wella, I'va tried to treat her nicea, spenda da money on her, but besta of all is, I tooka her to Italy for the 25th anniversary!'* The priest responded, *'Giuseppe, you are an amazing inspiration to all the husbands here! Please tell us what you are planning for your wife for your 50th anniversary?'* Giuseppe proudly replied, *" I gonna go picka her up."*

SHARED LUNCH

The next shared lunch will be held at the clubrooms on **Sunday, 4 July at 1pm.** All members and families are very welcome. Please bring a plate.



VENETIAN CARNIVAL PERFORMANCE IN WELLINGTON

Ginette Toscano Page

Since the Embassy of Italy was one of the main sponsors of the Venetian Carnival with the Wallfisch Band, I had the pleasure of being among the invited guests of the Italian Embassy to attend the recent opening night concert and the private reception which followed. It was a most enjoyable evening filled with the music of Vivaldi and Locatelli. Much to my delight, as the musicians came onto the stage I became aware that my fellow Radio New Zealand work colleague and friend, Shelley Wilkinson of Radio New Zealand Concert, was part of the group. Well, not only did she look lovely in her beautiful gown, her violin playing was just wonderful! I also had the pleasure of meeting the world renowned Director and star violinist, Elizabeth Wallfisch. The following photo was taken at the reception.



Left: Shelley Wilkinson, Elizabeth Wallfisch, Italian Ambassador, H.E. Gioacchino Trizzino, Ginette Toscano Page

2010 NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Below is some information on the three Italian films to be shown at the 2010 New Zealand International Film Festival which will be screened in Wellington from July 16 to August 1. Check out the following website for information regarding the screenings and well as the dates for the film festival in other centres. www.nzff.co.nz

The Double Hour - La doppia ora

Italy 2009, 95m Director: Giuseppe Capotondi Festivals: Venice, Toronto 2009 Best Actress, Venice Film Festival 2009 □ Astonishing debut feature that manages to inhabit the crime thriller genre while remaining fresh and distinctive. The depth and intelligence of its character exploration, its sheer subtlety, and the frankly brilliant editing and cinematography, make it a very superior dramatic movie, marking its director as a new talent to watch: Adrian Wootton, London Film Festival. In Italian with English subtitles.

I Am Love - Io sono l'amore

Italy 2009, 119m Director: Luca Guadagnino Festivals: Venice, Toronto 2009. Tilda Swinton in a hyper-stylish drama about a wealthy Milanese clan. □ An exquisite, all-enveloping feast of sensual pleasures. It's almost certainly the most elegant piece of cinema you'll see this year: — *The Times*

□ *I Am Love* bewitches its viewers as thoroughly as any of its central characters seduce each other. In Italian, Russian and English, with English subtitles.

Once Upon a Time in the West - C'era una volta il West

Italy 1968, 165m Director: Sergio Leone Festivals: London, Tribeca 2008; San Francisco 2009. Charles Bronson, Henry Fonda, Claudia Cardinale, and Morricone in the Everest of Italian westerns. Superb new Cinemascope restoration of 1968 classic. □ Magnificent ... the antiquated genre's triumphant final masterpiece: — *Slant*. In Italian with English subtitles.

SHARING NEWS

We are looking for Italian items of interest, as well as special occasions to include in future newsletters. Please feel welcome to share them with your fellow members. Send to the club post box: Club Garibaldi, PO Box 6451, Wellington 6141.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Every Sunday (3.00pm to 8.00pm) Club Day

Tuesday 22 June (7:30pm) – Tombola

Thursday 1 July (7.30pm) – Circolo Italiano July Social

Sunday 4 July (11.30am) – Italian Mass

Sunday 4 July (1pm) – Shared Lunch

Friday 30 July (6.30pm) – Family Night

Thursday 5 August (7.30pm) – Circolo Italiano August Social

National Day Celebrations Friday 4 June. Viva L'Italia!



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