



# Club Garibaldi News

SEPTEMBER 2010

## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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**"Spring is sooner recognized by plants than by men."**

**– Chinese Proverb**

Our thoughts and prayers go out to friends and relatives who reside in Christchurch and Canterbury, as they are still experiencing hundreds of after-shocks following the devastating earthquake two weeks ago. These are mentally challenging for them, and cause more stress through lack of sleep, as it is the ones that occur during the night that upsets them most.

Enclosed you will find an Italian Film Festival brochure, and also a leaflet for the Annual Italian Festival which is on this **Sunday, 26 September** at the Westpac Stadium. (See my report further down)

The Annual General Meeting has been set for Sunday, 10 October 2010 at the clubrooms at 7pm, so October will be a busy month as well with a Family Night and the visit from Nelson's Club Italia.

Ciao a presto  
Ginette Toscano Page

## ALDO CUCCURULLO MEMORIAL TROPHY FOOTBALL CHALLENGE

One of the biggest social events of the year – the annual game of football against Club Italia, Nelson – will be held on **Saturday, 23 October**, the first day of Labour Weekend. This year it is Club Garibaldi's turn, holders of the Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy for the last five years, to host the game which will be played at Te Whaea Park Artificial Turf, Hutchison Road, just above the old Winter Show Buildings, Newtown. **Kick-off is at 3.00 pm**. Come along and support the team as well as our visitors from Nelson.

The Club will also host Club Italia's football team and supporters on the Saturday night with a shared dinner to be held at the clubrooms from **6.30pm**. This is always a great night so don't miss it. Club members are asked to bring **two dishes** of their fine food to share with our visitors.

On the **Sunday, 24 October** – members, families, friends, supporters and Nelson visitors are encouraged to get together for more social interaction over lunch at midday at the **James Cook Centra** on The Terrace, Wellington. The delicious buffet meal is \$30.00 for adults, and only \$1.50 for 5 to 12 year olds. Under 5's are free. If we have enough people, James Cook Centra will give us a private dining room, so we need to know how many are attending. Please let Maria Colucci know if you are attending, and how many will be in your group (including children) **asap or before Wednesday 20 October**.

## ZOCCOLI



*Original hand-made Italian zoccoli*

In the 15th century the first zoccoli appeared in Italy. At that time zoccoli had a 20cm heel in the rear and a kind of high plateau in the front. Probably the first zoccoli might have been also the first high heels! It was very difficult to walk in those zoccoli, but of course they were pretty stylish and so zoccoli became popular in the trend-setting city centres of style, arts and culture like Venice.



*Today's zoccoli*

Florio's 1611 dictionary describes *Zoccoli* as "wooden pattins, startops, galoshes or chopinos, so called because they are made of a *Zocco*," a *zocco* being a log, branch, or stump. Zoccoli are also mentioned in Moda, where their wedge shaped wood is described as *legniacci*, from the word *legno*, which refers to "any kind of wood," from Florio.

In Italy all wooden open summer sandals are called zoccoli. In Europe and the United States, zoccoli are called clogs, which are made of wood, cork, and/or acrylic and leather, and either flat or high heeled.

## ITALIAN FESTIVAL NEW ZEALAND REPORT *Ginette Toscano Page, President*



Only a few days to go now, in fact – this coming weekend **Sunday, 26 September 2010**. I am really looking forward to this year's festival because it is going to show Wellington how far Club Garibaldi has progressed forward over the last 128 years. I am sure our forbearers would never have envisaged such growth that would facilitate us holding an Italian Festival at the largest venue in the City. I invite all our members and their families and friends to join me for a wonderful day where we can 'soak in the success' of our people in New Zealand, and be proud to be Italian. Thousands will be travelling from all over the country to enjoy our produce, food, music, entertainment, singing, dancing, fashion parades, along with that special atmosphere that only we, the people and descendants of Italia can create.

**My thanks in advance to those who have kindly offered to make home cooked dolci and cakes. Please bring them directly to our cake stall on the day. This, along with the dozens of voluntary helpers is so important. The festival is the only event in which the club is actively involved in fundraising each year.**

The entry tickets: Adults \$8.00, Children 5-12 years \$5.00 - include a chance to **Win a trip to Italy**. Under 5's free. Tickets are available at the gate, however to save time and queuing, you can book your ticket online at Ticketek at [www.ticketek.co.nz](http://www.ticketek.co.nz) or telephone: 0800 TICKETEK. **Stadium car parking is only \$6.00 for the whole day.**

**Please note: The club will be closed on Sunday, 26 September, because of the Italian Festival.**

For more information and the latest news visit [www.theitalianfestivalnewzealand.com](http://www.theitalianfestivalnewzealand.com) or you can contact Antonio Cacace direct on email: [events@labellaitalia.co.nz](mailto:events@labellaitalia.co.nz) Robin and I are also available to answer any questions.

## CLUB GARIBALDI FOOD, WINE AND CULTURAL STALLS AT THE FESTIVAL

Our sincere thanks go out to Salve Volpicelli from **Fish Fins** in Newtown, and also to **Moore Wilson Ltd**, Wellington City for sponsoring our stalls this year.

## THE THREE MUSKETEERS STAGE PRODUCTION

*By Mark Da Vanzo*



*Left: Allan Henry as Aramis, Mark Da Vanzo as Athos, and Ben Haddock as Porthos*

I have always thought that you have an advantage if you decide to take up acting and have an Italian surname as I'm sure Robert De Niro, Al Pacino and Leonardo DiCaprio would agree. So in some ways it was inevitable that one of the Da Vanzo boys would take to the stage at some point. I've been involved in Wellington theatre for the past 25 years, during which time I have been fortunate enough to work on numerous productions in a variety of front stage and backstage roles. In more recent years I have established myself as a director and again, the Italian surname is an advantage with Scorsese, Benigni and Fellini coming to mind.

I haven't acted in over 8 years so it was a real thrill to be cast as Athos in Stagecraft theatre's production of *The Three Musketeers*, an excellent stage adaptation by Dr Joy Hellyer of the Alexandre Dumas

classic. I think there is a real attraction to classic theatre in Wellington, especially classic theatre with swords! What has been especially rewarding in being involved in this particular production is to work with fight choreographer Allan Henry. Alongside our standard rehearsals we have fight training where we learn the intricacies of 17<sup>th</sup> Century swordplay. I was pleased to learn that when compared to the French, the Italians were far more flamboyant in their fighting, opting for flair over efficiency. It may have meant that they got beaten more often but they sure looked good in losing!

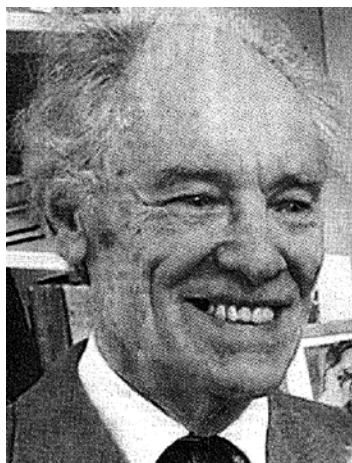
And there's more than one Garibaldi member involved too! My wife, Heather Da Vanzo, has been brought in to make and source the many props that are required for this production. From swords to strings of onions, silver trays to tankards, Heather has had her work cut out. It's not easy when every prop has to be consistent with the period the play is set in. Our kitchen has turned into a bit of a laboratory as Heather makes paper-mache hams (I'm sure it's Prosciutto) and discoloured writing paper using various strengths of tea to get the right colour!

All in all, it looks like it's going to be a great production and I have heard that ticket sales are going very well so it promises to be a great success.

***The Three Musketeers*** plays at the Gryphon Theatre, 22 Ghuznee Street from 1 – 11 September. Bookings, ph 0508iticket (0508 484253) or book online at [www.stagecraft.co.nz](http://www.stagecraft.co.nz)

*Congratulations Mark, on being cast as the character Athos – we know you will be just great! **Ginette***

## R.I.P. CAV. GIORGIO LUPI – 1921-2010



Giorgio Lupi was born in Venice in 1921 and died recently in Wellington, aged 89 years. He was a long standing member of Club Garibaldi. Giorgio was awarded the Order of Merit of the Republic of Italy for his services to the teaching of Italian and to the contribution he made to Italian culture here in New Zealand. Some of you will recall receiving the regular bulletin he produced while working at the Italian Embassy. Giorgio also taught Italian to children in Italian community in Island Bay where the start of each lesson began with the singing of 'Volare'. He will be sadly missed.

## FOUND – ITALIAN PRAYER BOOK

A very old Italian prayer book titled *Manuale di Preghiere – Madonna Di Pompei*, was recently found in the Church of St Bernard, Brooklyn, Wellington. Although the name of the owner is not written in the book, it appears the owner could be from Stromboli as most of the names on the Death Memorial Cards and a few small notes on a separate sheet of paper carry Strombolani names. I have made a few enquiries among the community but have not yet found the owner. If you know who it belongs to please contact me (Ginette).

## CIRCOLO OCTOBER SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on **Thursday 7 October**, Kate Ford will talk to us about her experiences at the Scuola Centro Studi Italiani, Urbania. Kate will show photos of Urbania and other nearby towns and cities, which will include Urbino, Assisi, Gubbio, Arezzo, Perugia and San Leo. This will be the last social in the Circolo's 2010 calendar - don't miss this opportunity!! A \$4.00 cover charge towards supper will apply.

## 2010 ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL



This year's film festival season in Wellington will begin screening at Paramount Cinemas, Courtenay Place, on 13 October and will run until 27 October.

Join us as we celebrate the opening of the 15th Italian Film festival in Wellington, featuring the premier of *'Many Kisses Later (Tanti baci dopo)'*. A romantic comedy about that crazy little thing called love. It does indeed begin with declarations of love and plenty of kisses, but the question is raised: does love go on?

**When:** 13th October, 7:00pm for a 7:30pm screening at Paramount Cinemas. All tickets \$25 including a choice of Italian beverage.

## THANKS, MELANIE!

As you are aware, the Club is run by the Executive Committee and various members who *voluntarily* give of their time to ensure that everything runs smoothly. Thank you to all those who help in so many ways – it is much appreciated. Special thanks also to the following member, Melanie Federico, who formats (lays out) the newsletter each month after it has been written, for doing a great job! ☺

## CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to the following members and their families:

Anna, Giorgio and Carolyn Canderle on the passing of their husband, father and father-in-law, Vittorio Antonio Canderle of Johnsonville, Wellington.

Rosemary Hudson on the passing of her husband, Brian Hudson of Karori, Wellington.

Paul and Maria Elenio, Antonietta and Mario Canzano, and Joe and Michelle Elenio and their families on the passing of their mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, Teresa Elenio, of Island Bay. Teresa was also the sister of Antonio and Teresa Cuccurullo of Island Bay.

## BABY CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to following on the additions to their families:

Luigi and Zella-Marie Basile of Island Bay, a daughter, Luisa Micaela. A granddaughter for Ida and Vincenzo Basile of Island Bay.

Shane and Johanna Marshall of Miramar, a son, Ethan Charlie. A grandson for Maria Luisa (Aprea) and Shaun Marshall of Wainuiomata.

Angela and Danny Newell of Lower Hutt, a daughter, Jessica. A granddaughter for Dianne and Michael Trlin and a great-granddaughter for Shirley and Felice Benvenuti of Lower Hutt.

## SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM KAREN PRICE ABOUT THE ITALIAN COMMUNITY – NELSON – HISTORICAL PUBLICATION

*'A history of Nelson's Italian community is currently being researched and written and we are keen to hear from anyone who has information pertaining to this. The history will cover all aspects of the immigration to Nelson; industries (including a history of tomato growing), social and cultural aspects, the war years etc, as well as individual histories of around twenty of the earliest families.'*

### CAN YOU HELP?

Was your family originally based in Nelson before moving to Wellington? Do you have stories or photos of family who lived in Nelson? Does your family have a historical connection to Nelson?

If so Karen would love to hear from you.

### THEY ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN:

Any information on the following:

- Italians involved in terrazzo work in Nelson or information on Italians working on tunneling, roading or quarrying projects in the Nelson region.
- Information on the Porcelli family

Contact: Karen Price  
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The research team will be in Wellington from September 29th - October 2nd. Please contact us if you would like to make an interview appointment or discuss the project in any way. Many thanks for your help. We look forward to hearing from you.

*Karen Price – Contexo*



## ARTSPLASH – 2010

*By Sophia Basile – aged 12 years*

Last month about 10,000 school children performed dance, music, theatre, wearable art and visual art over five nights to capacity crowds at the Michael Fowler Centre and Opera House. In its 23<sup>rd</sup> year, it is a special event for primary and intermediate school children throughout the greater Wellington area, which makes it unique as far as anything else in New Zealand goes. The following paragraphs is written in Sophia's own words:



'Throughout term 3, me and three friends worked on a Wearable Arts costume. The costume had to be made with a theme which was Maori myths - we decided to do a bird, from the myth Whataitai and Ngake. Our costume had lots of different parts and materials to it. We had wings, a tail, various bows throughout the costume, and a flax head piece and belt.

The first decision our group had to make was the hardest - who would model the costume? Our names were drawn out of a hat several times, and each time my name came out so I got to present our group's costume on the night. I really enjoyed doing this activity with my friends, and it was a great experience!'

*(Sophia is the daughter of Alfonso and Penny Basile of Miramar)*

## A BIT OF TRIVIA

### DECIBEL TEST TO SETTLE CELEBRITY ROOSTER'S FUTURE

ANSA - Milan, 20 August 2010



The fate of a rooster whose early morning crows have annoyed neighbours and made him a celebrity in a northern Italian town, is to be decided by a decibel test. It will be carried out by the Italian Animal Rights Association to settle a dispute between the bird's owners, who live on the ground floor of an apartment block and the tenants of the apartment above. The owners have promised that the rooster will not end up on a dinner table, even if the decibel test says the screeching is beyond acceptable levels. They said they will find him a home, which should not be hard given that the animal is something of a local star! The owners bought the rooster in the hope of having a regular supply of fresh eggs and gave it a female name, Pia, only to realize it was not a hen!



## STAY ONE YEAR IN ITALY WITH A WORKING HOLIDAY VISA

by Nina Cuccurullo

Are you searching for an option to explore the World... and moreover ITALY? With her *history, culture* and unique *way of life* ... THE WORKING HOLIDAY VISA allows you to reside and travel in Italy for 1 year, alternating holiday, study and work!!! Under the Working Holiday Agreement signed in 2001 The Embassy of Italy in Wellington offers every year up to 250 visas to young kiwis aged between 18 and 30 years. For more information visit the Embassy of Italy website [www.ambwellington.esteri.it](http://www.ambwellington.esteri.it) This is a wonderful opportunity for our members and their families. It is also an opportunity for us to welcome any people coming to New Zealand as this scheme is also available to Italians residing in Italy to come to New Zealand. Over the years we have met a few Italian visitors to Wellington.



### WELL DONE, RORY!

Rory Guglielmoni, a student at Wellington College, whose Football Youth Division 13, 2010, team won a gold medal, after beating St Pat's College 2-1. Rory is the son of Rochelle Guglielmoni, and grandson of Armando and Elsa Guglielmoni of Lower Hutt. Congratulations Rory from the members of Club Garibaldi.

## 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 11.30am. 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 Sunday, 3 October.**

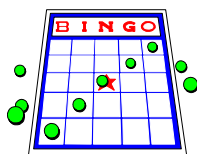
## FAMILY NIGHT

We are planning another Family Night which will be at 6.30pm on **Friday, 8 October**. 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, 4 October**. 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.

Come join us and enjoy a very relaxed family evening together.

## TOMBOLA EVENING



The next tombola night will be on **Tuesday, 28 September** at the usual time of 7.30 pm. Please come along and feel free to bring a friend. Contact Maria if you have any question

## VACANCY – NEW CLUB TREASURER FOR 2010-2011

We need someone to fill the position of Club Treasurer for the next financial year of 2010-2011. If you can help, or know of anyone who can fill this role, please contact Ginette. This is a voluntary position, the same as all other members of the executive committee. Applicants need to have some accounting skills and be able to keep spreadsheet records.

## A BIT OF HUMOUR IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

Nonna is giving directions to her grandson who is coming to visit with his wife. ' You comma to de front door of the apartmenta building – I'ma inna apartamenta 301. There issa bigga panel at the front door. With your elbow, pusha button 301. I willa buzza you in. Come inside, the elevator is onna the right. Get in, and with you elbow, pusha 3. When you get out, I'ma on the left. With you elbow, hit my doorbell.' 'Nonna, that sounds easy, but, why am I hitting all these buttons with my elbow?'  
Nonna replies: 'What ...You coming empty handed?'

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Every Sunday (3.00pm to 8.00pm)	Club Day
Sunday 26 September	2010 Italian Festival
Tuesday 28 September (7:30pm)	Tombola
Sunday 3 October (11.30am)	Italian Mass
Thursday 7 October (7.30pm)	Circolo Italiano October Social
Friday 8 October (6.30pm)	Family Night
Wednesday 13 October (7.00pm)	Opening 2010 Film Festival
Saturday 23 October (3.00pm)	Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy Football Challenge (Shared Dinner 6.30pm Club rooms)