



Club Garibaldi News

SEPTEMBER 2008

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

August was a quiet month for club activities, which gave the organizers of events and functions, a well deserved rest in anticipation for the busy times to follow, leading up to Christmas. The shared lunch was, as always, a treat for those who love a variety of home made cooking and who enjoy the camaraderie of their fellow members.

The Annual General Meeting was well attended, and I felt proud to disclose the results of yet another successful year. To achieve such results, the club depends upon the help of so many of its members, who give their time and expertise voluntarily and freely. The club would not survive without this help. Please reads further on for my yearly report.

Thank you to all the members who have paid their membership subscriptions and updated their records. The end of the financial year was 30 June 2008. **Please note: For those members who have not paid their membership subscriptions, this will be the last newsletter they will receive.**

Ciao a presto
Ginette Toscano Page

MELHOP TRUST AWARD

Congratulations to Claire Wilde, daughter of Susan Wilde, and granddaughter of Sante and Colleen Battiston of Silverstream, Upper Hutt, who is the third recipient of a study award from the Melhop Trust.

Claire recently completed a Bachelor of Arts with a major from the Victoria University of Wellington School of Asian and European languages, and has been accepted at the L'Universite Lyon, France, where she will complete the final year of her law degree, focusing on international law issues, after which she hopes to work at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade or a similar agency in the future.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN KNITTING AND EMBROIDERY?

A supply of patterns for knitting, embroidery and crocket, written in Italian, have been donated to members of the club. There is a stack of them on the shelf by the library door ~ please help yourself.

WELCOME TO DON MARINKO ANTOLOVIC - APOSTOLIC NUNCIO, WELLINGTON

In Don Marinko's own words:



I was born on 27 January 1976 in Zenica - Bosnia and Herzegovina. My parents are still, thank God, living and reside in Zenica. I have also one, older brother, who is married and has two children.

I began my theology studies in 1994 in and finished in 2000 in Sarajevo - Bosnia and Herzegovina, when I was also ordained as a priest.

Following my ordination I became an assistant priest for one year in a Bosnian parish. In 2001 I was sent to Rome to study for my Phd in Scripture and completed my licence in Scripture in 2005 at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome. That same year I entered the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy.

In 2008 I completed my Phd in Biblical Theology at the Pontifical University of Urbaniana in Rome, and also my preparation at the Academy, after which I was assigned to the Apostolic Nunciature in New Zealand, as the Attache of the Nunciature. This position is the first post in my diplomatic service to the Holy See and to the Church. I arrived in Wellington on 7 August.

You may ask, how long will I be staying in New Zealand? Hmmmm! Let's leave that to God's Providence to decide! He will know the best moment for me to leave this beautiful country and move somewhere else.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Da Vanzo family group on the occasion of Mark and Heather's wedding celebration held at the Garibaldi clubrooms on 28 June following their marriage in the English Lake District last January.

Congratulations Mark and Heather, Club Garibaldi wishes you a lifetime of love and happiness.



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Left to right: David & Fiona; Rex & Avril; Mark & Heather; Peter & Maria.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ITALIAN MASS

The next Italian Mass will be held on Sunday 5 October 2008 at 11.30am at St Francis de Sales Church, Island Bay.

Mass is held every first Sunday of the month throughout the year.

SHARED LUNCH

The next shared lunch will be held at the Club rooms on Sunday 5 October 2008 at 1pm. All members and families are very welcome.



Please bring a plate.

ITALIAN FILM



Please note there will be NO FILM IN OCTOBER as the Italian Film Festival will be on from 15 - 29 October.

TOMBOLA NIGHT

Tombola nights are held every 4th Tuesday of the month.

The next night for Tombola will be Tuesday, 23 September, at the usual time of 7.30 pm. Please come along and feel free to bring a friend.

13th ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL, WELLINGTON

The dates have been set for this year's Italian Film Festival ~ 15 to 29 October 2008, at the new home of the festival, The Embassy Theatre, Courtenay Place, Wellington.

Make up a group and enjoy an evening/s of great Italian cinema. More details in the October newsletter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 23rd September (7:30pm) - Tombola
Sunday 5th October (11:30am) - Italian Mass
Sunday 5th October (1pm) - Shared Lunch
Saturday 26th October (2.30pm) - Soccer Challenge
Saturday 26th October (6.30pm) - Shared Dinner
Sunday 27th October (1pm) - Soccer Lunch

ALDO CUCCURULLO MEMORIAL TROPHY SOCCER CHALLENGE

One of the biggest social events of the year is the annual game against Club Italia which will be held on Saturday 26th October, the first day of Labour Weekend. This year it is Club Garibaldi, holders of the Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy, to host the game which will be played at Crawford Green off Broadway in Miramar at 2.30pm. Come along and support the team.

We will host our Nelson visitors at the usual Saturday night 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 Sunday our members and our visitors are encouraged to get together for more social interaction over a meal. We are looking at having a lunch from 1pm at a yet to be confirmed venue.

CHILDREN'S LANGUAGE CLASSES

For 13 years Nina Cuccurullo has been doing a brilliant job as co-ordinator of the children's Italian language classes. She has worked wonderfully to ensure the classes are well run and organised, has liaised with teachers and parents and maintained a positive link with the Italian Government through the Embassy. We would like to find a club member to assume the duties of classes co-ordinator and spend the first few months of 2009 learning from Nina.

DO YOU RECOGNISE THESE LOVELY LADIES?

I am sure you will agree that these pretty ladies, who are all club members, also knew how to have a 'swinging time' in days gone by! Don't they look wonderful? To jog your memory, this photo was taken at the first of many club balls to be held at the Winter Show Buildings in Newtown, in either 1968 or 1969.



Maddalena Basile, Ida Basile, Rosaria Iovine and Anna Maria Muollo.

A BIT OF TRIVIA

ANSA - Reggio Emilia, August 21

A new ice-cream flavoured with Italy's king of cheeses, Parmigiano Reggiano, is proving a smash hit in China, its inventors said. Italo-Chinese ice-cream company La Perla said people were snapping up the creation, which is made with authentic Italian parmesan cheese, in Beijing and Shanghai. 'The taste was immediately excellent, but the biggest problem was getting the consistency right' said La Perla director Roberto Longoni. 'The secret was to choose an 18-month-old cheese, which is sweeter and more elastic. It is an ice-cream made entirely by hand, in the same way we traditionally make our cheese'. La Perla offers over 400 other flavours of hand-made Italian ice-cream in addition to the parmesan flavour.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY, 31 AUGUST 2008

As I enter my fourth year as President of Club Garibaldi, it gives me great pleasure to advise members that our club continues to thrive. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those who have encouraged and supported me during the years. May our achievements keep on this path in future years.

We have enjoyed another happy and eventful year, during which time the number of members who frequented club activities and functions has risen. As at the end of our financial year in June 2008, membership stood at its highest ever with 400 members! As I have stated before, it is truly remarkable that Club Garibaldi continues to prosper and move from strength to strength, in such a busy 'outside' world, which is filled with so many other activities. This proves that there is still a place for cultural clubs such as ours, in our society.

In addition to the monthly Italian Masses, bi-monthly shared lunches and tombola evenings which have been well attended, the following are some of the year's highlights: The beginning of the 2007-08 year began with our soccer team's fund-raiser dinner in August, where 91 people enjoyed a four course dinner catered by La Bella Italia at Ristorante Garibaldi. In September 126 members joined together to celebrate the club's milestone 125th anniversary with a fantastic celebration dinner and dance ~ Club Garibaldi can lay claim to be the world's oldest Italian social club outside of Italy! The month of October saw our soccer team successfully challenge Club Italia Nelson for the Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy for the third year in a row! Congratulations guys! Once again, you did us proud!

On Sunday, 25 November, we welcomed and hosted an enjoyable buffet dinner for over 40 young Italian arts students and their tutors from the Accademia di Belle Arti Di Brera, Milano. In all, close to 100 persons attended this function. At the beginning of December the 9th annual senior Christmas luncheon was held, with eighty four members attending. The following week Father Christmas made his annual trip to the club with his sack of gifts for the forty children who came to the children's Christmas party. During the second week of February the club's annual 2 day bus trip took place ~ this year's destination was Rotorua. The forty three people who went on this trip certainly had a wonderful time.

Once again, we were blessed with a fine day for the annual picnic in February, and encouraged by the many new faces amongst the 150 people who attended. Moreover, this year's Italian festival, the 14th, proved to be very popular and just as successful as in previous years, even though we were competing with four other high profile events in Wellington City on the same day. We, italo-neozelandese have certainly made our mark in today's society!

The second stage of the club refurbishment is about to start ... that is, the interior walls of the clubrooms will be painted/wallpapered and the area around the toilets lightened up. A third of the height of the exterior wall alongside the car park area has been plastered in preparation to be painted with anti-graffiti paint.

As everybody knows, with accomplishment, there is always a strong team working behind the scenes. I would like to sincerely thank these people, bearing in mind that the members of the executive committee and all those members who help in whatever way, give of their time willingly and voluntarily.

Once again, first and foremost, my sincere thanks and much appreciation to my husband Robin, who not only holds the full-on position of club treasurer, but whose continued support in every aspect of my position, has been outstanding. Besides the responsibility of finance, Robin also stocks the bar for our many functions, organizes cleaners and bar staff, and handles all the private clubroom hire arrangements, plus a hundred and one other tasks when required.

My sincere thanks to the outstanding members of the executive committee, Alfonso Basile, Robin Page, Marie Barnao, Maria Colucci, John Cao, Martin Van der Donk, Mattio Amitrano and Jim Marson as well as the club's trustees, Paul Elenio and Armando Gilmoni, and legal advisor

Rex Da Vanzo. It is a pleasure working with you all and your support and assistance has been invaluable and most appreciated. Each executive committee member possesses unique talents, which were used as required.

Special thanks and appreciation go to the Building Manager, Salvi Gaeta. This is a huge job, as the building is over 40 years old and regular maintenance to plumbing and electrical is on-going. Rent is our major income, and it is certainly not easy keeping everyone happy, and ensuring that payments are made on time. The club rents out both the lower floors plus a storage area, and of course, the car parks. He has done a brilliant job!

Our club rooms are hired out for private functions, as well as to The Circolo Italiano, who hold regular Italian language classes, social functions and meetings.

Many thanks to the members of the executive committee, and in particular, our in-house chef, Alfonso Basile, Salvi and Jo Gaeta, Lisa Devitt and Lucy Esposito for their invaluable assistance with the social side of our club. This involves planning each function, organising food, setting up tables, and a lot of hard work. There are also many others, too many to mention, who also pitch in during these functions and give a hand ~ many thanks to you all. Please accept this as a personal acknowledgement.

Thanks also to Caterina Costa, who does a great job of looking after our membership registrations. This takes up many hours of her time and I can always rely on her to maintain an accurate data-base of contact information.

Special thanks also to Paul Muollo who has the big task of formatting the monthly newsletter. It is surprising how fast 'newsletter time' comes around! Even before one has been posted out, I am already working on the next one! Special thanks also to the Italian translator of the newsletters, Giovanni Martini of Runanga on the West Coast, who does a brilliant job. Thanks also to Maria Colucci, Lucia Esposito and other members of their family, who fold and post out the newsletters each month.

To Nina Cuccurullo, another hard worker behind the scenes, sincere thanks. As well as looking after the club's historical archives, Nina also does a great job looking after the children's Italian class registrations, and negotiates with the Italian Embassy, who give the club a grant towards these class expenses.

Many thanks to Milvia Hannah for her professional guidance and advice, which she has offered free of charge, through to the completion of the club re-decorating programme.

Also many thanks to Elizabeth Peek for her continued support and encouragement, both as a member of the club and President of The Circolo Italiano. May the friendship and goodwill fostered between both clubs long continue.

Sincere thanks to all the members who helped in any way during the festival: whether it be baking dolci and/or manning the club's cake stall, or selling beverages at the bar, for the great entertainment, for helping to set up before the festival commenced and cleaning up after the festival ended. Sincere thanks also to Letizia Columbano Green who once again, did a wonderful job of organising the children's programme which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the participants.

There are many others who have helped in various ways, and to mention each and everyone of them would take forever! Finally, my thanks and appreciation to you, the members, for your continued support and encouragement. May Club Garibaldi continue to flourish, so that the young Garibaldini of today, can carry the tradition on to the next generation.

Ginette Toscano Page
President
Club Garibaldi

REPORT FROM CLUB GARIBALDI'S BUILDING MANAGER

By Salvi Gaeta

From the outcome of a meeting I had with our qualified master plumber, the following was revealed.

When Club Garibaldi was first built, it was a council law to have 3 reserve tanks up on the roof, one tank for each floor to supply water to toilets, hot water tank and general. The idea was in case the water was cut off from the mains, the building would have water in its tanks. Around the perimeter of the tanks there were holes in which rainwater was seeping through, thus flooding the kitchen area. It has now been fixed by putting flashing around it. When the new roof was installed, obviously it was decided to cut around the tanks, therefore under the tanks lies the old holes and rusty roof.

We are now having a tray made so that the tanks will sit in these trays thus eliminating any possible flooding in the future. To get rid of the tanks as suggested by some members, would not be financially feasible as the cost would be well over \$100.000. Firstly, the tanks will have to be removed either by a crane or helicopter, then new iron to cover holes left by the removal of the tanks. Applying to the council for a permit to remove the tanks, providing that the council will agree, digging up the footpath to feed pipes through would be necessary. Also, new pipes right through the building will be needed as well as new hot water tanks because of the change from low pressure to high pressure.

I hope this answers your questions. If anyone wants to know more please contact me.

My suggestion is that we leave this matter as per our discussion at the AGM

Regards to you all.

Salvi Gaeta

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2008-09

This year's executive committee members are unchanged from 2007-08.

President	Ginette Toscano Page
Vice President	Alfonso Basile
Secretary	Marie Barnao
Treasurer	Robin Page
Committee	Maria Colucci
	Matt Amitrano
	John Cao
	Martin Van der Donk
	Jim Marson
Trustees	Armando Gilmoni
	Paul Elenio
Solicitor	Rex Da Vanzo