



## May 2012 Newsletter

### MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE

A 91 year old Italian war-brides dream to ride in a red Ferrari came true earlier this year. Cicci Blake of Blenheim, formerly Francesca Paterni of Florence, left Italy in 1946 and since then has led a full and interesting life. Possessing a passion for life and a wonderful sense of humour, her advice *"don't work too hard, go out with friends and have a good time and a laugh"*.

This enjoyment of life is what led Cicci's daughter, Shirley Harvey, to contact Club secretary Gina Fletcher to see if she could organise a Ferrari ride for her mother, but how many Ferrari owners does one know! Gina contacted Club Italia members Karina Adamson and Garry Orton who were extremely helpful and willing to fulfil Cicci's dream through various contacts. And fulfil the dream Garry did. On a beautiful Sunday morning Cicci was surprised to be taken to Club Italia in Trafalgar Street where a gleaming red Ferrari was awaiting her!

As you can see from the photos Garry and Cicci got on like a house on fire and had a great time on their drive around Nelson. Garry said she was an amazing woman and they enjoyed some great laughs. Cicci said it was "the ride of her life" and she is still buzzing about it.

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings and Welcome to our May newsletter, it feels like New Years was only a few weeks ago and already we are verging on the winter months. Since our last newsletter there has been a lot of activity at our clubrooms. The Club Italia Committee decided to complete the renovations of the main hall area. This was a large-scale undertaking, with the entire area being revamped:- a new neutral paint work throughout; new bar area created with lighting, storage, divisions, wall, price boards etc; new custom built library/book storage area, also facilitating our large screen TV/DVD equipment; new lighting throughout, including up-and-down wall lights; new material false ceiling - which looks amazing at night; new blinds have been installed; and two new refrigerators have been installed in the kitchen. A particularly pleasing aspect of the renovations was getting Club Italia's memorabilia mounted on the walls, with pictures/photos reframed (and new). This ensures our history remains strong and takes pride of place on our walls. We are in the process of getting our wooden floors resealed, and our infamous mural is getting a few touch-ups where required. The remodelled Club Italia has had amazing feedback from our members, and the general public. On behalf of the Committee of Club Italia, thank you for the overwhelming endorsement. We hope members private use of Club facilities increase, we have done this for you – our Club members!

Please note that Subscription Notices are now due (enclosed with this newsletter), and we would appreciate your prompt payment to enable your Club to operate both efficiently and financially.

Recently we had our end of summer "Viva la Pizza" evening – wow, what a response! It was a huge success, with 250 people attending. It was unfortunate that many members left booking to the last minute and missed out (not the outcome desired). With our functions becoming increasingly popular we recommend that you purchase your members tickets as soon as possible, to ensure your participation at future events. Up-and-coming events on the horizon we are looking forward to hosting are: **"Over 60's Lunch"** and **"Festa alla Italiana"**. Please note dates of these events in your diary to avoid disappointment - see further information within the newsletter. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs Eleanora

Adamson on her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday held recently at Club Italia – well done Eleanora!

To all our members thank you again for your ongoing participation, and we hope you enjoy our future events. I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Saluti a tutti  
President  
David Clinton



## RADIO CARTOLINA

Radio Cartolina is a radio programme of Italian culture and life aired through Community Radio. The programme has the patronage of the Christchurch Dante Society and is supported by the Christchurch City Council. The programme is available through the internet, live or in podcast. Information about Radio Cartolina is on both Plains FM website, and on: [www.dante.org.nz/chch](http://www.dante.org.nz/chch) (click on the Cartolina page).

### May Programmes

**9 May:** Interview with Paul Elenio, on the phone from Wellington, who talks of the just released revised edition of his book "Alla fine del mondo" at the end of the world, about Italian immigration to Wellington and the Bay of Islands.

**23 May:** Luca Quaglia, on the phone from Wellington, talks about his researches and his work with building materials, his interest in astronomy, and the little village in the Italian Prealpi where he comes from (via Parigi).

### June Programmes

**6 June and 20 June:** In these two programmes we present the Italian singer-song writer Mimmo Locasciulli ([www.mimmolocasciulli.com](http://www.mimmolocasciulli.com)). On the phone from Rome, Mimmo tells of his busy life as a composer, a performer and also a surgeon! His career started almost by chance in the avant-garde environment of the mythical Folk Studio in the 70s in Rome. Then recording contracts ensued, high-profile collaborations with Italian and American composers, even a reluctant stint at the Festival di San Remo. With 17 CD's released so far, Mimmo is solidly positioned in the contemporary landscape of the Italian contemporary music.

All these programmes are available live or on podcast from: <http://plainsfm.org.nz>. A photo of the interviewees is on the Bachecca of the Christchurch Dante Society: [www.dante.org.nz/chch](http://www.dante.org.nz/chch).

If Club Italia members know of people who may be interesting to talk with, please get in touch with Wilma Laryn, Cartolina Programme Producer: - email: [laryn@xtra.co.nz](mailto:laryn@xtra.co.nz) ph: 03 337 9339; mob: 027 2738 666.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OVER 60's LUNCH

To celebrate our over 60 year's club members we are holding our annual complimentary lunch on SUNDAY 27 MAY from midday. The lunch will include a three-course meal and glass of wine/juice. Last year was our first year and it was highly enjoyed by all, and we warmly welcome you this year. *Venite a godervi!* RSVP to David Clinton, after 6pm, on 546 9980 by Wednesday 23 May.

### FESTA ALLA ITALIANA

Our almost infamous Italian tradition Festa evening is coming up in **June** with a four course meal planned. John Esposito and his team of committed Club Italia committee members will be running the kitchen, so you can be assured of an excellent meal – *delizioso!* A flyer detailing this event will be sent to Club members three weeks prior to the date. Please remember this event sells out quickly so be prompt when you receive your flyer to avoid disappointment.

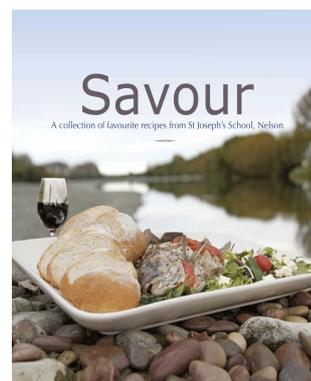
*Members \$35 per head and Non-Members \$45 per head*

## ADVERTISING ON CLUB ITALIA WEBSITE

[www.clubitalia.co.nz](http://www.clubitalia.co.nz)

Club Italia invites any members who wish to place advertising on our Club Italia website to respond in the first instance to Committee member James Cameron [james@sitejet.co.nz](mailto:james@sitejet.co.nz).

## RENOVATION PICTURES:



## SAVOUR COOKBOOK:

A cookbook filled with 'tried and true' family favorites, St Joseph's School Nelson, believes this cookbook will become a useful, well thumbed recipe book you will enjoy creating from. A fundraising venture this cookbook is available to be viewed at the school office and is available at a cost of \$30 per book. Any queries please contact [sjfosko@gmail.com](mailto:sjfosko@gmail.com). Thank you for your support - St Joseph's School PTA.