



## LA GRANDE FAMILLE DE PROCIDA & ISCHIA Newsletter #58 – May 2013

### 5<sup>th</sup> General Meeting and 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Association

#### An extraordinary event for an always-growing family!



5<sup>th</sup> General Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2013 in Procida

Our 5<sup>th</sup> General Meeting remains for me an unforgettable and very special event, from a personal perspective and for our Association, receiving from the attendees a fair and outstanding recognition. So many roads and paths we had to go through to find ourselves on this 5<sup>th</sup> May in Procida along with 130 people from various horizons, from France and USA.

- We celebrated **10 years of work and achievements**.
- We had the honor to welcome **3 Mayors** to our General Meeting, as much attentive and caring for our Association than willing to participate to its future!
  - **Frank SCOTTO DI GREGORIO, Mayor of Torrance (California)**, symbol of the immigration from Procida and integration in the United States, for the first time back in Procida, the birth island of his father.
  - **Gilles VINCENT, Mayor of Saint-Mandrier-sur-Mer**, from a small town in the South of France where nearly a third of its people have their roots in Procida.
- We were asked by **Vincenzo CAPEZZUTO, Mayor of Procida**, to participate actively in the set-up of the project of twinning the island with Saint-Mandrier.
- We were at the origin of a unique and international event in Procida, inaugurating a commemorative epigraph in memory of **Reverend Vincent CAPODANNO**. This very moving ceremony included official speeches by the local authorities of Procida, the Mayors of France and United States, and followed by a religious benediction and the 3 national hymns.

Today, I have not enough words to describe how I feel, but strong of this experience and with all your support, courage and determination will be mine to continue to give to our associative adventure, the necessary inflexion, that I presented during our General Meeting with my vision of 2 new dimensions for our Association:



Epigraph to the memory of Reverend Vincent Capodanno

#### A new cultural dimension

Our Association will soon be named officially by the Town of Procida to represent and promote the island in France. Our action will be based on the following principles: promote with the aim of preserving the historical, cultural and natural heritage, confirming our strong attachment to our roots.

The project of twinning with Saint-Mandrier is a very explicit example and we are currently the central point of all communications between the two towns for organizing the next milestone, with the visit of the Mayor of Procida in Saint-Mandrier for the local festivities of Saint-Peter on June 29 and 30.

#### A new genealogical dimension

The objective is to replace our existing web site with a new genealogical portal for the islands of Procida and Ischia, including the ability to browse the registers online, with several subscription options and paying services for members and non-members. [more details after the summer]

Please note some key points that I presented:

- A new service is now proposed with the help of Henri SCOTTO DI VETTIMO: **the reconstitution of the maritime career of a sailor/fisherman in Algeria**. You can see an example on our web site at the section « Registers | Maritimes Archives ».
- The **tariffs** of the various services have been reviewed.
- In July I will start a project for **digitalizing student records of the Nautical Institute of Procida** that celebrates in 2013 its 180 years!

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## Post General Meeting ...

You will now find on our web site a page dedicated to our 5<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, gathering all documents including:

- The official program
- The presentation of the 5<sup>th</sup> May
- The video of the interview of the 3 Mayors
- The newspaper articles
- The photo of the group
- etc.

Regarding our **next meeting**, the place is already known but the date has still to be confirmed. It will be in Saint-Mandrier ☺ and perhaps on October 12.

The « **souvenir book** » of the **2013 General Meeting** is currently being worked on thanks to Pascale LUDWIG and we will let you know once it will be ready.

## New indexes available

Please find below the list of new and updated indexes that have been imported in our database:

| Archive   | Registers  |
|---|--|
| <b>FORIO</b><br>San Vito Martire                  | B04 (Jean-Pierre FERRARI)  |
| <b>LACCO AMENO</b><br>Santa Maria delle Grazie    | M01 (Jean-Pierre FERRARI)  |
| <b>PANZA</b><br>San Leonardo                      | B01.2 (Sylviane MORIAU)<br>D01, D02, D03, D04, D05<br>(Carole GENZANO)     |
| <b>BUONOPANE</b><br>San Giovanni Battista         | B04, B07, B08, B09 (Colette GAUTIER)                                       |
| <b>BAGNI d'ISCHIA</b><br>San Vito e Spirito Santo | The list of registers has been imported – <u>to be indexed</u>             |
| <b>MONTE di PROCIDA</b><br>Comune [1817-1929]     | Births, marriages and deaths records will be imported in our database soon |

*Indexed with FamilySearch*

## We are still looking for volunteers to assist with:

- indexing the towns of SERRARA FONTANA and BARANO with FamilySearch,
- indexing the parish registers of BAGNI d'ISCHIA.

The table below gives you a status on the progress made with the indexing project with FamilySearch:

| Project                             | Total Images | Percent A | Percent B | Percent Arb. |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Serrara Fontana 1809-1929 (part. 2) | 4 484        | 29,21%    | 15,99%    | 13,40%       |
| Barano 1809-1929                    | 17 436       | 35,39%    | 35,16%    | 33,36%       |

*Data updated on May 31, 2013.*

Thank you in advance for your help.

**Pascal SCOTTO DI VETTIMO**

## New in our Shop



Forio d'Ischia, church of Santa Maria del Soccorso

Sold for the first time in Procida during our General Meeting, you will find in our shop the new (French) **stamp of Forio**, the associated postcard, envelop and A4 poster, painting by Jacquie GÜELL-FERRARI.

**Order now!**



A new book published 2013 that describes the story of **the traditional procession of Good-Friday in Procida**. Exists in 2 languages (French and Italian) and contains many photographs.

## Optimizing payments with

# PayPal

This message is intended for the members outside France who do not own a local bank account in Euro and use PayPal for the payment of their annual fee.

Up to now, PayPal bills its service with a commission (%) on each payment received, which means that from 2005 we have a cumulated loss of 300 Euros for the Association.

Today PayPal allows a new type of transaction without any fee for the payment recipient. There are 2 necessary conditions:

1. Have a PayPal account already provisioned in Euros
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info@procida-family.com

Amount  
40 EUR - Euros

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 I'm sending money to family or friends  
€0,00 EUR fee if you use your PayPal balance and/or a bank account.  
€1,61 EUR fee if you pay using your credit or debit card.  
As you are not paying for a good or a service, you are not eligible to PayPal buyer protection.

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