



## LA GRANDE FAMILLE DE PROCIDA & ISCHIA Newsletter #59 – July 2013

### PROCIDA and SAINT-MANDRIER-SUR-MER now twin towns

#### A second extraordinary event this year for our growing family!

At the end of June 2013, we had the honor to attend in Saint-Mandrier to another historical full of emotions, with the inauguration of a « Procida Square » on June 29 and the signature of the twinning charter between Procida and Saint-Mandrier on June 30 at the occasion of the traditional festivity of Saint-Peters -Pierre, patron of Saint-Mandrier and fishermen.



Vincenzo CAPEZZUTO and Gilles VINCENT  
Signature of the twinning charter on June 30, 2013 in Saint-Mandrier

Present for Procida: Vincenzo Capezzuto (Mayor of Procida) Maria Capodanno (Deputy), Menico Scala (Deputy) Luigi Muro (Vice-President of the City Council), Maria Iovine (primary school teacher) et Francesca Borgogna (Italian teacher).

That way, we are carrying forward the values of courage and determination of our ancestors when they had to leave their island and move to new countries. They made us realize what we are working on together today and what we will realize in the future.



« Procida Square » inaugurated on June 29, 2013 in Saint-Mandrier

This great and unique event was reported in the local newspapers (Var Matin and ProcidaOggi). You will find a copy of these articles on our web site.

The first projects have already been initiated, they include the various schools and the project of nautical race from Procida to Saint-Mandrier in 2014, following the route that the people of Procida followed in the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century to reach France and in particular Saint-Mandrier. Other local associations have also started to plan various kind of activities around the traditions (typical clothing and gastronomy for instance).

To conclude, we have also planned together with the association « Les Racines Mandréennes » and the Mayor of Saint-Mandrier our next “family” reunion on Saturday 2 November in Saint-Mandrier.

#### Meeting in Saint-Mandrier on Saturday 2 November 2013

The programme of the day will be as follows:

- 10:00 : Projection of the film « Procida » produced by Ken Nicolas (cineaste of Saint-Mandrier)
- 11:00 : Conferences on Procida, the Association and the twinning project with Saint-Mandrier
- 12:30 – 15:00 : Lunch with the « Racines Mandréennes » and the Mayor’s team
- 14:30 – 15:30 : Presentation of the current projects
- 16:00 – 18:00 : Genealogy workshop

The cost is 30 Euro per person.

The following conditions apply:

- Only 1 additional person per member will be accepted (partner, spouse, parent, child)
- The maximum seating is 100 people. The inscriptions will be recorded as they are received.
- The deadline is set on 28 September.

If you wish to attend, please let me know as soon as possible and send me your payment, mentioning :

- Your name and surname
- Your membership number
- The name and surname of the second person

Thank you in advance.

# La Grande Famille de Procida & Ischia

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## New indexes available

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

Archive	Registers
<b>CASAMICCIOLA</b> Santa Maria Maddalena	M05 (Jean-Pierre FERRARI)
<b>BAGNI d'ISCHIA</b> San Vito e Spirito Santo	B01, B02, M01 (Carole GENZANO)
<b>Comune di PROCIDA</b> Comune [1817-1929]	N47 (1856) to N59 (1868) (Marc LOROTTE)
<b>Inscrits Maritimes d'ALGERIE</b> Archives de Toulon	Alger: IM122, 147, 170, 171 (Henri SCOTTO DI VETTIMO)
<b>SERRARA</b> Santa Maria del Carmine [FamilySearch 1641-1928]	Our database will be updated soon with the list of registers for these two parishes. The records are available on FamilySearch site.
<b>FONTANA</b> Santa Maria della Mercede [FamilySearch 1659-1928]	

## 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:

Projet	Total Images	% indexed	% arbitrated
Serrara Fontana 1809-1929 (part. 2)	4 484	17,51%	16,88%
Barano 1809-1929	17 436	40,50%	39,80%

*Data updated on July 31, 2013*

Thank you in advance for your help.

## New digitalization projects

As discussed in May at our General Meeting, I have started this month the digitalization of the registers of the Nautical School « Francesco Caracciolo » in Procida. I have already digitalized 20 registers (inscriptions, teachers, scores and diplomas)!

We are also initiating a new project for storing and indexing the old photographs of our families of Procida and Ischia. How many times, watching old photographs, did we regret not to have written down the names of the people, the date and the place?

Please scan your old photographs and send them to us with as much information as possible (names, years...) and we will create a database. You will then be able to search for someone (like records) and view the matching photographs. Maybe will you discover a parent or a cousin on someone else photographs...

## A new cultural dimension

Our Association has been delegated officially by the Town of Procida to represent and promote the island in France. This is a new major step in our story.

As explained at our General Meeting, our action is based on the following principles: promote with the aim of preserving the historical, cultural and natural heritage, confirming our strong attachment to our roots.

Alessandra BARONE is in charge to initiate the first contacts and actions with a number of towns, associations and other organizations. Today, we are thinking of participating to the Forum of the Italian Associations in Paris in 2014, as we did it for 4 consecutive years from 2004 to 2008.

## 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.

In the coming weeks, I will present in more details this project to the Mayor of Procida and Barano, in order to attempt to obtain their support for this project that they will need to co-finance... If everything goes well, I hope to start the development of the new web site from October, in order to go live with the first registers online from January 2014.

To be continued...

## Our friends in California

You will find on the web site the extract from the newsletter of the South Bay Cities Genealogical Society, telling the moving story of Frank SCOTTO DI GREGORIO, the Mayor of Torrance, and his brother Michael, discovering their roots in Procida last May. A once in a lifetime experience for all of us that work on this family reunion, and especially Lisa Schumacher who initiated this research before finding me on the other site of Internet ☺

## New in our Shop



Souvenir book  
(prepared by Pascale Ludwig)

**The souvenir book of our 2013 Meeting and 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary has been released.**

Those of you who have already ordered and paid will receive their order towards the end of August.

**Order now!**  
Only 30 copies still available

**25 Euros**  
Including postage