



LA GRANDE FAMILLE DE PROCIDA

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Hello!

Here is finally the newsletter you're all waiting for with the good news that I promised you last month! ;-)

First of all, after greeting our first American members in March, I am pleased to welcome today our first members from Belgium and Scotland, as well as another 10 new members from France, Corsica and Procida!

Today, the Association counts nearly 70 members and this is excellent news for the continuation of all our projects!

The Event! "Rencontres Généalogiques et Culturelles à Marseille"

I have had great pleasure of representing our Association in Marseille for the weekend of 3rd and 4th April, but above all the honor of representing Procida at this event, with the support of the local authorities of Procida!



This event has been a huge success for everyone, with great positive feedback regarding our cause.

Many people came over and were able to discover with interest Procida and our Association. It was also a great opportunity for us to meet the genealogical community of the South of France and Corsica, with whom we share in fact quite a lot of common culture through our common Mediterranean and Italian origins.

Many of you were able to come and meet me in Marseille, to know each other, talk about our projects and research through the past and find together information about parents of Procida. There was a certain magic and emotion when the baptism or marriage of a grand-father or grand-mother appeared on the screen of the computer!

At the end of the event, we had welcomed nearly 10 new members!



I address my special thanks to Christiane Padovani for having invited us at this event. Christiane is president of RHFC ("Recherches sur l'Histoire des Familles Corses") and also a member of our Association.

I also wish to thank the Mayor of Procida, and the community of the island* who have contributed to the quality of the information and the beautiful show "Procida" in Marseille!

* Sindaco Luigi Muro, Assessore alla Cultura Enrico Scotto di Carlo, l'Abbazia San Michele, la Libreria Graziella, Graziella Travel, Casa Sul Mare, ETP Casavacanza, Gallery Luigi Nappa, Maria Capodanno and for the lemons Ida Arezzi ;-)

Trip to Procida & Ischia

After a very short and busy trip to Procida at the end of March, here are the good news from Procida & Ischia:

- The main part of the books of baptisms of Procida Abbey has now been digitalized! You will find the updated list on our Web site.
- I also obtained the authorization of Monsignore Regine of San Vito Martire in Forio for the digitalization of the books of its parish. This only needs now to be scheduled and organized!

For information, the next trip to Procida will be at the end of May with the aim of completing the digitalization of the baptisms of Procida, perhaps start with the books of deaths, and also meet the priests of the towns of Ischia and Barano in Ischia.

Services in English

The "Services" section of our Web site has now been translated in English. It is now available to all English-speaking members and future members.

This section includes varied information: discounts on a future stay in Procida, ability to own your personal Web page on our Web site, or the service of transcription and translation of records in French or English!

Computerization of the indexes!

This work takes a lot of time as you have patiently noticed since the first books were digitalized in November 2003. Today the indexes of marriages are nearly completed thanks to the help of members.

To facilitate the use of these downloadable indexes, each "index" file has now got a version number as well as its date of last update. This version number is incremented each time the file is updated as some names will progressively be corrected and the remaining "?" resolved.

I hope you have found this newsletter useful. Please do not hesitate to let us know about your comments or suggestions.

Best wishes,

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