



LA GRANDE FAMILLE DE PROCIDA & ISCHIA

Newsletter N°26 – 3rd December 2006

Dear all,

Christmas is coming very soon and this is already our last newsletter for the year 2006!

First of all, I want to thank those of you who have renewed their membership for 2007, and welcome 17 new members. On 1st December, we count already 52 members for 2007.

The digitalization continues for Procida & Ischia

Early November, I spent 5 days in Procida and Ischia to carry on with the digitalization. I have the pleasure to announce today the following good news:

- The parish of **San Giorgio di TESTACCIO** is now completed: this will allow those of you who have ancestors in BARANO to find some missing information in this neighboring parish.
- The parish of **San Sebastiano di FORIO** is well underway and will probably be completed next time, at Easters.
- My visit to the **Annunziata of NAPLES** has also allowed me to satisfy 3 members by bringing back with me the certificates of their grand-father who was left in the orphanage.
- In **PROCIDA**, several registers of souls (censuses) have been digitalized.

Also, I had the opportunity to meet again the Mayor of Procida, Gerardo LUBRANO LAVADERA, regarding our project of digitalizing the archives of the Town of **PROCIDA** starting from 1810 until 1899. He gave me a firm agreement, confirmed since by a letter. The project should start in 2007 as soon as we will receive the requested financial contribution.

2nd Genealogical and Cultural Days on 18 and 19 November in Marseille

Two fantastic days spent in Marseille with our friends of Corse. It was another brilliant success for our Association!

I had the pleasure to welcome 7 new members and assist them in the search of their first certificate. I also received 13 membership renewals and half of the books presented were sold!



The queue at our stand did not empty for the whole week-end and you had to be patient to reach me and use our computers. Thank you.

I also want to thank Christiane PADOVANI for a perfect and very well organized event!

Pascal SCOTTO DI VETTIMO

The Volunteers Gallery

You will find on our Web site [Members section] a Gallery including most of our Volunteers... They are those who search and send you the certificates, held the offices, computerize the registers. It is time to put a face on a name and read about their story!

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For Christmas

Currently in stock, two Neapolitan movies by **Vincenzo MARRA** with French subtitles (only). This could be an opportunity to revise current Italian and Neapolitan while getting aware of another reality of the life today in the bay of Naples.

- **“Tornando a casa”** with Aniello SCOTTO D’ANTUONO (from Procida), set in Pozzuoli, Procida, Naples and on the sea!

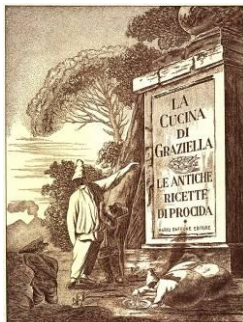


- **“Vento di terra”** with Vincenzo PACILLI (from the periphery of Naples)



On a different topic, I wish to inform you of the re-publication in 2006 of a very nice book regarding the antic and traditional recipes of Procida:

- **“La cucina di Graziella – Le antiche ricette di Procida”**. Unfortunately already out of stock after the event in Marseille, but can be ordered.



What's new on the Web site

You'll find the following:

- A press article published in October in the ProcidaOggi about the “Forum des Associations” in Paris in June 2006.
- The 2006 Volunteers Gallery.

8 new indexes computerized in November are now on line for the following parishes:

- TESTACCIO, FORIO San Vito, ISCHIA San Vito e Spirito Santo, CAMPAGNANO, and PROCIDA.
- Please note that the register M07.1 of PROCIDA has been entirely checked!
- You'll find also new additions in the “various documents” of NORTH AFRICA.

Preparation of our General Meeting

Here are some news about your participation at our second General Meeting and its excursions.

Today, I have registered **22** members (equivalent to **49** participants), and 3 promises (another 5 participants).

Early 2007, the next steps will be to organize and book the necessary flights and send you the final program for the event.

To be continued...

Reminder: Membership 2007

The 2007 brochure is now available on our Web site and you may renew your membership right now if you want to, with effect until 31 December 2007.

As last year, the volunteers in 2006 will be automatically registered as **Benefactor Members** in 2007 and will receive a **bonus of certificates** proportional to their work during the year 2006: 5 certificates per computerized index + 5 certificates for the other services to our Association.

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