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Mrs. Lena Gustin
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Dear Lena,

Thank you so much for your invitation to the launching of "70 anni di ricordi" at the Apia Club on 6th May, 1988. Unfortunately, I had previously accepted to chair the annual general meeting of the Associazione Giuliani Nel Mondo which, as you probably know, had to be discontinued on the previous occasion, due to unruly conduct.

I accepted the invitation to chair the meeting not only because of my affinity with the Association's objectives, but also because I felt that my experience could lead to a cooling off of emotions and would enable the Association to continue its activities. Fortunately, the meeting did conclude in an orderly manner even though 6 members of the committee resigned. When will our people learn to forget old differences which have no relevance to present day realities and which result into widening the gap with the next generation?

Dino was kind enough to let me have a copy of the book sometime ago and what memories it brought back! I had almost forgotten some of the community activities of which I was privileged to have taken part with you.

Perhaps this is the appropriate time to state that a great part of my work within the Italian community was inspired by your own dedication and philosophy of life of those days. For this I am grateful, as it has given me great satisfaction over a long period.

This autobiographical book constitutes a unique record of a period of mass migration, relevant to the Italian community in Sydney. It is a collection of historical details which, but for being presented in this way, would be lost forever.

May I offer my sincere congratulations to you both and reaffirm my deep respect and admiration for you.

Yours sincerely,

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