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## Welcome! Merthba!

Welcome once again to another issue of Reskeon Newsletter.

Two months are already gone and we are looking forward to Autumn.

We ended the year with the Christmas festivities and break-ups.

Reskeon Maltese Association had their Christmas Break-up at the Maltese Centre, Parkville, on Sunday, December I. We had a good crowd and DJ for the day was DJ Markiz. It was a good day with plenty of food and dancing. We even had a visit from Father Christmas. All those present enjoyed the day.

On the other hand, Reskeon Seniors Group had their Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 1I. This was held at Firenze Receptions, Fawkner. DJ Tony kept those present dancing all day. His young daughter, Emily, entertained us with her lovely voice giving us some Christmas Carols. As always, catering was first class and members received a free gift, a bottle of wine to our male members while the ladies received a large Christmas Panettone.

The Seniors had their first meeting for 2014, at Merrilands Community Centre, on Wednesday, February 5. Fr Emmanuel Bonello, Parish Priest of St. Joseph the Worker Parish, North Reservoir, accepted our invitation to celebrate Mass for us as thanksgiving for last year and praying for a good year 2014.

Our long-time members Margaret and Victor Tanti, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary and at this first meeting were presented with some flowers as it's the custom of the Group. They also received special blessings from Fr. Bonello. We thank Fr. Bonello for celebrating Mass for us even though he had a Funeral Mass as soon as he finished.

Reskeon members enjoyed a oneday trip across the border to Mulwala on November 14 where 48 members enjoyed a day together.

On Page 8 we can have a look at some of our male members on the bocce rink, while another group meet outside or inside for a talk or discussion on different topics.

You can read these stories in full on the inside pages of this newsletter. We encourage you to use the services of the advertisers in our Newsletter because they help financially in producing it for you. Tell them that you have seen their advert in our Newsletter.

Until we meet again, take care and drive carefully. In your prayers, remember those with no one to pray for them. Thank you.

PAUL VELLA, Editor

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Reskeon Maltese Association Christmas Break-Up


On Sunday, Ist December, Reskeon Maltese Association organised the Christmas Break-Up for their members. This was held at the Maltese Centre, Parkville, at 12 noon. Around 85 members attended.

Members started to arrive around II. 30 am . They helped themselves to cups of tea and coffee. (Story and pictures continues on Pages 2 and 3)

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Rapporti bl-Ingliz flimkien ma' ritratti fuq dan li ghadna kemm thadditna fuqu ssibuhom f'faċċati oћra ta' din li Newsletter. Sakemm nerġgћu niltaqgћu darb'oћra, insellmilkom u ngћidilkom "Saћћa"!

- Paul Vella



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This was followed by a lunch of roast chicken, roast potatoes and salad.

Red and white wine, beer and soft drinks were served all day.

Dessert was fruit and ice cream.
We were lucky to get a visit from Father Christmas who went around all the tables to share the Christmas spirit.

Music was in the hands of DJ Markis (Reno) who kept members on the dance floor most of the time.

All members complemented the committee on a wellorganised afternoon and told them how much they enjoyed the event.

Thanks to Social Secretary, Salvina Vella, who organised the whole event.

Thanks to all those who helped in one way or another in the kitchen. Thanks as well to all members who attended and showed their appreciation.

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## Reskeon Seniors Group Christmas Break-Up

The Reskeon Seniors Group organised a Christmas Luncheon for their members at the Firenze Receptions, Fawkner, on Wednesday, December II.

Around 153 members and friends attended.

When members sat at their tables, they were served hors d'ouvres and pre-dinner drinks. Distinguished guests were the Honorary Member of Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group, Mrs Anne Gauci, the Honorary Members of Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group, Dr Clemente Zammit and Mrs Mary Zammit, the VicePresident of the Maltese Community Council of Victoria, Mr Gejtu Deguara and Mrs Mary Deguara; the Treasurer of the Maltese Community Council of Victoria, Mr Paul Borg and Mrs Pauline Borg. We received an apology the MSSP Rector at Parkville, Fr Edwin Agius who was unable to attend due to other commitments. Secretary, Paul Vella, acted as MC for the day. After he welcomed the distinguished guests and all those present he led the singing of the Maltese National Anthem and Advance Australia Fair. The entrée of baked fish and rice was served. This was followed by penne and tortellini pasta on each plate. The main course consisted of baked chicken and veal schnitzel with vegetables on each plate. Dessert was white tartufo ice cream followed by fresh fruit and tea and coffee accompanied by Continental cakes. Red and white wine, beer and soft drinks were served throughout the day. Music was in the hands of DJ Tony who kept
the guests dancing all day.
DJ Tony's daughter, Emily, provided a floor show where she sang a number of Christmas Carols. Emily has a beautiful voice and she was a hit with all those present.

Co-Ordinator, Salvina Vella, delivered her Christmas message where she thanked all members for their help throughout the year and wished them and their families all the best for a Merry and Holy Christmas a the New Year filled with good health and happiness.A list of birthday and anniversaries that occurred around this time was read. There was a presentation of flowers to a special couple, Doris and Fred Schembri, who were celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. A Christmas gift was given to all those present. The men received a bottle of wine while the ladies received a large Christmas Panettone.

Father Christmas paid us a visit and cheered all those present and gave out lollies. It was a very good day and all those attending enjoyed themselves and many thanked members of the committee for the way it was organised. Thanks to all those involved in helping to make this luncheon a successful one as always, especially Co-Ordinator, Salvina Vella, who did all the organising and preparations. Thanks also to the owners and waiting staff of Firenze Receptions for the way they always look after us.
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Young singer, Emily Buttigieg, daughter of DJ Tony Buttigieg entertained us on the day by singing some Christmas Carols.


Father Christmas paid us a visit during the Christmas Luncheon and went around the tables of guests and showered them with lollies and Christmas wishes


Co-Ordinator Salvina Vella gave her Christmas message to all those present wishing them and all their families a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year


## Reskeon Seniors' first meeting for 2014

Reskeon Seniors Group met for the first time in 2014 on Wednesday, 5th of February, at Merrilands Community Centre, Reservoir, at 10 am .

As thanksgiving for last year and praying for a good new year, the Group organised a Mass on this first meeting. The Mass was celebrated by Fr Emmanuel Bonello, Parish Priest of St. Joseph the Worker Parish, North Reservoir. Fr Emmanuel was kind to accept our request to celebrate Mass although he had a funeral at II am.

After Co-Ordinator, Salvina Vella, welcomed all 130 members present and wished them a happy new year, Secretary, Paul Vella, read the birthdays and anniversaries for that week. He also welcomed the couple Joe and Lina Zammit who were on a visit to Melbourne from Malta.After the singing of the Maltese National Anthem and Advance Australia Fair, Paul told those present that because Fr Emmanuel had a funeral to conduct, to save time the names of loved ones dearly departed were not going to be read as normal but the intention will still be there. Only the name of founder of the Group, the late John Gauci, was mentioned.

Fr Emmanuel gave a lovely Homily.
At the end of the Mass Fr Emmanuel lead those present in the singing of a Maltese religious hymn written by Malta's National Poet, Fr Karm Psaila.

Thanks to Miriam Mizzi who helped with the Holy Communion and Margaret Tanti for providing the music during Mass.

After Mass, the couple Margaret and Victor Tanti were presented with some flowers on the occasion of celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary, as it is the custom of the Group.

Then it was time for members to play two 10-game Bingo sessions. While the men enjoyed a game of bocce outside, others preferred to stay in the spare room discussing different topics.


## Celebrating 50 years of married life

Members Margaret and Victor Tanti celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, 8th of February, with their family. After the celebration of Holy Mass on the first day of the Group for 2014, the couple were presented with some flowers as it is the custom of the Group when member couples celebrate this occasion. We wish Margaret and Victor many years of happiness and good health. Photo: from left, Victor and Margaret Tanti, Fr Emmanuel Bonello, and Co-Ordinator, Salvina Vella.


A couple visits the Group from Malta
On the first meeting of Reskeon Seniors Group, we had a visit by a couple who were on a visit to Melbourne from Malta. The couple, Lina and Joe Zammit, enjoyed the day with us and promised to attend more meetings while holidaying in Melbourne. Lina is the sister of member Paul Azzilla as well as the daughter of the late Annetta Azzilla, who passed away last year after celebrating her 100th birthday with the Group. Both Paul and his mother Annetta, have been members of Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group for a long number of years.
Photo: from left to right: Paul Azzilla, Lourdes Psaila, Lina Zammit, Vivian Micallef (sister of Paul and Lina) and Joe Zammit.


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April 3: Day Out (Reskeon Seniors)
April 26-27: Two days across the border (Reskeon M.A. and Seniors)
May I: Mother's Day Luncheon (Seniors, Firenze Receptions)

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Ms Rita Mee for helping with proofreading, Dr Edwin BorgManche', who takes care of the MCCV website for his help in advertsing our activities, to Mr Paul Borg, Treasurer of the MCCV, for his ongoing help in auditing our books, to Darebin City Council and the Victorian Multicultural Commission for grants received, and to all those who help in organising the Bocce competitions. We also thank the Maltese Radio Stations for advertising our functions and all those who assist us from time to time. Thanks also to the many members who give their help and assistance when needed.


With great regret we announce the death of our members' and friends' loved ones which occurred recently: MARIA BRINCAT
Long time member of Reskeon Seniors Sister of Josephine Scicluna
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## Happy Birthday...

March: 3: Doris Schembri; 8: Licia Bartolo, Teddy Farrugia; 9: Tony Mizzi; I0: Joe Pullicino; I4: Charles Sacco; 16: Salvu Bartolo; 20: Vincent Abdilla; 21: Mary Abdilla, Joe Pisani, Doris Fenech; 22: Mary Anne Brincat; 27: Billy Dalli; 28: Rita Zammit; 31: Rosemary Sacco, Violet Portelli. April: I: Mary Camilleri; 4: Doris Debono, Doris Pullicino; 5: George Colvin, Doris Dalli, Frances Galea; 6: Lola Calleja; 8:Tony Grech; 7: Chris Buttigieg; I0:Angela Mizzi,Toni Hili; I3: Reno Borg,Tony Bartolo; I4: Sarah Catania; 15: Caesar Vella; I7: Lucy Fabri; 19: Melda Farrugia; 20: Lisa Saliba; 25: Charlie Farrugia; 27: Jim Cutajar; 29: Mary Baldacchino, Mary Falzon. May: 5:Therese Scicluna; 6: Charlie Zammit, Carmen Mizzi; 9: Melita Magro; I0: Tony Scicluna; I2: James Cassar; I9: Elvira Sacco; Stephen Tabone; 21: Guido Ciantar; 26: Doris Caruana; 28: Sarah Tabone; 30: Maureen Dakin; 31: Marie Stafrace.

## Happy Wedding Anniversary...

March: 27: Charles u Carmen Cachia. April: 2:Teddy and Antonia Farrugia; 21: Caesar and Phyllis Vella; 22: Lina andVictor Pulis, Yvonne and Sam Caruana; 25: Doris and Frank Mallia. May: 4: Frank and Jane Zahra; 5:Tessie and Silvio Sacco,Violet and Spiro Portelli; 6:Theresa and Laurie Bartolo; 7: Mary andVince Abdilla; 26:Vivienne and charles Tabone; 30: Salvina and Paul Vella.

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## One-day trip to Mulwala

Another one-day trip to Mulwala Ski Club was organised by Reskeon Seniors Group on Thursday, 14th November. Forty-eight members participated on this trip. The list filled up very quickly and there was a number of other members on the waiting list.

Mulwala Ski Club is a beautiful club set on the lake with a nice large outside deck where patrons can enjoy a drink and a chat.

We boarded the coach at 7.30 am from St Joseph the Worker Church carpark. On the way we stopped at Negambie for morning tea. The committee provided free hot water, tea and coffee and cakes to members. While at Negambie members enjoyed the new bronze statue of the famous racing horse Black Caviar which was erected near the lake not long ago.

Our next stop was a three-hour stay at Mulwala Ski Club.
Most members enjoyed lunch at La Porchetta, where apart from the normal pizza or meal menu, they had special $\$ 2$ meal offers.

Members also enjoyed a stop at SPC Warehouse in Shepparton where most of them stocked up on a lot of cans of fruit at very discount prices.

The trip was with Harlan Coaches. Harrison was the Coach Captain and he looked after us very well as usual.


## Male members enjoy the game of bocce

While our lady members enjoy their game of bocce in the hall, our male members enjoy a game of bocce outside. Later on in the year, they will be competing for the Reskeon Seniors Group Men's Bocce Competition, while the ladies will be organising the competition for the Ladies' Bocce Competition as well.


Those male members who don't play bocce always spend time together, either reading or discussing things at the weekly meetings.


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