

RESKEON NEWSLETTER

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Welcome! Merħba!

Welcome once again to another issue of Reskeon Newsletter.

It seems like yesterday we started a new year and we are already in the third month of the year. How time flies.....!

On December 2 members of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group attended the Christmas Break-up at Firenze Receptions. It was a good gathering and all enjoyed themselves.

A group of members enjoyed a trip across the border to Mulwala on November 5.

Canon Fr Emmanuel Bonello came to one of our meetings on February 3, our first meeting of the year, and celebrated a Mass for us as thanksgiving for the year past and praying for a new year.

After Mass members enjoyed a free sausage sizzle for lunch, along with soft drinks, tea and coffee and biscuits.

Sister of Fr Bonello, Grace, paid us a visit while she was holidaying in Melbourne.

Reskeon committee organised the purchase of food for a hamper to be distributed among the poor of the Parish.

Canon Fr Emmanuel Bonello celebrated his 60th birthday on January 21. The Parish organised something special for him and members of our Association were in attendance.

A young singer from Malta, Veronica Rotin, visited Melbourne and while here she was interviewed on 3ZZZ by Mario Sammut and Paul Vella.

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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 Seniors' Christmas Break-Up

The Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group organised a Christmas Luncheon for their members at the Firenze Receptions, Fawkner, on Wednesday, December 2, 2015. Around 136 members and friends attended.

When members sat at their tables, they were served hors d'ouvres and pre-dinner drinks. Distinguished guests were the Parish Priest of St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Canon Fr Emmanuel Bonello, the Honorary Members of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group, Dr Clemente Zammit and Mrs Mary Zammit, the Treasurer of the Maltese Community Council of Victoria and our Honorary Auditor, Mr Paul Borg and Mrs Pauline Borg, ex Co-Ordinator of Reskeon Seniors, Mr Caesar Vella and Mrs Phyllis Vella; Director of First National Real Estate Borg & Associates and sponsor of or Association, Mr Joe Borg and Mrs Josephine Borg; the President of the Xaghra Association of Australia, Mr Tony Bonello and Mrs Mary Bonello. We received apologies from the Consul General of Malta in Victoria, Mr Victor Grech and Mrs Patricia Grech; the MSSP Rector at Parkville, Fr Edwin Agius who were 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. Afterwards he invited all present to fill their glasses with champagne to make a toast for Christmas and the New Year. The entrée of baked fish and rice was served. This was followed by a serve of lasagne and tortelini carbonara on each plate. The main course consisted of chicken involtini stuffed with spinach and cheese and roast pork with vegetables on each plate.

Dessert was Cassata and/or Baci 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 Domenic who kept the guests dancing all day.

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L-IKLA TAL-MILIED

Grupp sabiħ ta' membri attendew għall-ikla tal-Milied fil-Firenze Receptions. Kellna żewġ koppji li kienu qed jiċċelebraw il-50 anniversarju taż-żwieg tagħhom. Father Christmas ma naqasx li jattendi wkoll u dar ma' l-imwejjed kollha.

QUDDIESA U SAUSAGE SIZZLE

L-ewwel laqgha tas-sena kienet nhar l-Erbgha, 3 ta' Frar. Ghal din l-okkażjoni, il-Kanonku Fr Emmanuel Bonello, Kappillan tal-Parroċċa ta' San Gużepp Haddiem, North Reservoir, iċċelebra Quddiesa ghalina. Wara l-Quddiesa il-Kumitat organizza sausage sizzle b'xejn ghall-membri kollha, flimkien ma' xorb minerali, te u kafe` u gallettini.

HARGA OHRA GHAL MULWALA

Harġa oħra kienet fil-5 ta' Novembru, din id-darba kienet għal Mulwala. Morna fil-*Mulwala Ski Club* u fil-vjaġġ lura d-dar waqafna Shepparton fl-SPC Warehouse fejn ħafna xtraw frott u affarijiet oħra.

ŻJARA MINN GRACE BONELLO

Grace Bonello, li tiġi oht Fr Bonello, ghamlet żjara f'wahda mill-laqghat taghna waqt li kienet fuq btala minn Ghawdex. Grace soċja tal-Mużew u ghadha kemm irtirat mix-xoghol taghha, bhala *nurse* fl-isptar ta' Ghawdex.

IKEL GHAL DAWK INQAS IXXURTJATI MINNHA

Il-Kumitat tar-Reskeon organizza xiri ta'ikel biex jitqassam ghall-fqar tal-Parroċċa. L-ikel jitqieghed taht is-siġra tal-Milied u wara tqassam.

IL-KANONKU BONELLO JAGHLAQ 60

II-Kanonku Fr Emmanuel Bonello, Kappillan tal-Parroċċa ta' San Ġużepp Haddiem, North Reservoir, iċċelebra gheluq sninu, 60, fil-21 ta' Jannar. Membri tal-Parroċċa organizzaw affarijiet speċjali għal din l-okkażjoni b'Quddiesa u riċeviment wara. Hadna gost naraw membri tal-Għaqda tagħna li jkunu preżenti.

IL-KANTANTA VERONICA ROTIN F'MELBOURNE

II-Kantanta ĉkejkna, Veronia Rotin, 11, dan I-aħħar kienet fuq btala minn Malta, flimkien ma' ommha u oħtha. Waqt li kienet hawn, ix-xandar Mario Sammut stedinha biex tkun fuq il-programm tiegħu, "Ejjew Oqgħodu" fuq ir-Radju Komunitarju 3ZZZ 92.3 FM. Mario talabni biex immur fuq il-programm ukoll. Kantanta b'vuċi sabieħa u potenzjal kbir.

Rapporti bl-Ingliż flimkien ma' ritratti fuq dan li ghadna kemm thadditna fuqu ssibuhom f'faċċati ohra ta' din li Newsletter. Sakemm nerġghu niltaqghu darb'ohra, insellmilkom u nghidilkom "Sahha"!

— Paul Vella



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Day trip to Mulwala

On Thursday, November 5, 2015, a group of 48 members and friends enjoyed a day trip to Mulwala.

We left the carpark of St Joseph the Worker Church at 7.30 am and we stopped for free morning tea at Negambie.

From there we travelled to Mulwala Ski Club for a stay of three hours. Members enjoyed lunch at La Porchetta and at other food outlets.

Around 2 pm members boarded the coach once again and we travelled to Shepparton were we visited the SPC Warehouse where members did some shopping. Members loaded their purchases in the luggage compartment of the coach.

We arrived in Reservoir around 6 pm.

Thanks to Coach Captain Harrison for organising this trip for us.





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President, Salvina Vella, delivered her Christmas message where she thanked the committee and all members for their help throughout the year and wished them and their families all the best for a Merry and Holy Christmas and the New Year filled with good health and happiness. A list of birthday and anniversaries

that occurred around this time was read. On the day we had two special anniversaries, two couples who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary: Vince and Rose Borg and Carmen and James Cassar. They were both presented with a nice bouquet of flowers.

A Christmas gift was given to all those present. The men received a bottle

of red or white wine while the ladies received a large German Marzipan Christmas Stollen.

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 President, 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.

We look forward to next luncheon for Mother's Day.













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We started the year with a Mass

On Wednesday, February 3, our first meeting of the year, Reskeon organised a Mass as thanksgiving for the year past and hoping for a good year. This was held at Merrilands Community Centre.

The Mass was celebrated by Canon Fr Emmanuel Bonello.

Before the Mass Paul read a list of dead members who served on Reskeon committees over the years starting with the founding President, John Gauci, and his wife, Anne.

The list also contained the names of relatives of Reskeon family members and was placed on the Altar. The Mass was offered for the repose of their souls.

Fr Emmanuel delivered a lovely Homily for the occasion. Some 120 members were present.





Free Sausage Sizzle for all members on the first meeting of the year

After Mass there was a game of Bingo and afterwards all members enjoyed a free sausage sizzle with soft drinks, tea and coffee and cakes.

Cooking was done by Committee members Madeleine Vella and Sylvia Dakin, while Alfred and Tessie Cachia looked after the soft drinks and tea and coffee.

All members enjoyed the first day.



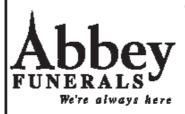




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Some of the distinguished guests, from left, Mr Tony Bonello (President, Xaghra Association of Australia), his wife Mary; Fr Emmanuel Bonello, Parish Priest St. Joseph the Worker Church; Josephine and Joe Borg, Director, First National Real Estate, Borg and Associates, great sponsors of our Association at the Bambina Feast.

A Third visit to Reskeon by Grace Bonello

Grace Bonello is the sister of the Parish Priest of St. Joseph the Worker, North Reservoir.

This is her third visit to Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group, and every time she is on holidays from Xaghra, Gozo, she always enjoys attending one of our meetings and take part in an outing that happens to be during her stay.

Lately she was in Melbourne on a visit to co-incide with the Christening of Paul the grandson of her brother Tony and wife Mary. During her visit, her brother, Canon Fr Emmanuel Bonello celebrated his 60th birthday (story on another page).

Grace, now retired, worked as a dedicated nurse at Gozo's Hospital and is a member of the Society of Christian Doctrin, which we know as *Muzew*.

In the photo (back, from left to right): Sylvia Dakin and Miriam Mizzi. (Front, from left to right): Lina Pulis and Grace Bonello.



Food Hamper for the Poor

Last year Reskeon's committee asked members to bring some food items to put under the Christmas tree at St. Joseph the Worker Church to be distributed among the poor of the Parish. Because there was not enough time to do this, the committee decided to vote a sum of money and bought food items for the same purpose.

In the picture below the Parish Priest, Canon Fr Emmanuel Bonello looks on while our committee members Miriam Mizzi (left) and Sylvia Dakin (right) are putting the food items under the Christmas tree.



Parishioners help Can. Fr. Many Bonello celebrates his 60th birthday

On the 21st January, Can. Fr. Manny Bonello, Parish Priest of St Joseph the Worker Parish, North Reservoir, celebrated his 60th birthday.

The parishioners made sure to help him celebrate in full this special birthday.

On Sunday 24th January, a special thanksgiving Mass was celebrated by him and concelebrant was Fr Dom Degiorgio.

The Church was full. Present were his brothers and sisters, Tony, Victor, Charles, Domitilla and Grace and their families. In fact, Grace was on holidays in Melbourne from Gozo. They helped with the readings and sacrificial offerings.

On the left hand side of the church was a large banner with birthday wishes.

At the end of the Mass, Fr Manny had another surprise when a hymn to Our Lady was sung along with the Band "Victory" of Xaghra, Gozo, where he hailed from.

After Mass there was a reception in the hall adjacent to the Church which was attended by a large number of parishioners. There was the cutting of the birthday cake by Fr Manny who was surrounded by his family.

Members of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group attended both Mass and reception.

Our committee member, Miriam Mizzi, worked hard in organising most of this event and the banner.

Нарру birthday, Fr Manny.







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April: Weekend Trip or Dayout

May 5: Mother's Day Luncheon (Firenze Receptions, Fawkner)

June 9: Restaurant Day (Roxburg Park Hotel)

July: Free Sausage Sizzle

August II: Father's Day Luncheon (Firenze Receptions) September 8: Bambina Mass (St Paul's Chapel, Parkville)

September 10: Vittoria Dinner Dance (Firenze Receptions)

September II: Bambina Feast (St Mary's Church, W. Melbourne)

MASSES IN MALTESE

For those members wishing to attend Mass in Maltese, we are publishing these times and locations.

Every Saturday, at 6 pm:

St. Paul's Chapel, Parkville (Maltese Centre)

Every Sunday, at 8.00 am: St. Paul's Church, Sunshine Avenue, Kealba

Every First Friday of the month, 6.30 pm:

St Paul's Church, Glengala Road, West Sunshine

Every First Friday of the month, 7 pm:

Resurrection Church, 5 | Gum Road, St. Albans West

Every First Saturday of the month, 6 pm:
St. Joseph The Worker Church, Wilson Blvd, Reservoir

Every First Saturday of the month, 4.45 pm: St. Joseph Church, Springvale

Every Second Saturday of the month, 5.00 pm: St. Luke's Church, Ia David Street, Lalor

Every Third Saturday of the month, 4.00 pm:

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Childs Road, Mill Park

Every Fourth Saturday of the month, 6.00 pm: St. Thomas More Church, 65 North Street, Hadfield

(Confessions about half an hour before Mass)

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Thank you!

Ms Rita Mee for helping with proofreading, Dr Edwin Borg-Manche`, 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 Victorian M cil and the 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.

If you live in the City of Darebin and you would like to become a member of Reskeon Maltese **Association Seniors** Group, phone the Secretary 9460-4404 or Mobile 0409 961 928

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Support our <u> Нарру Birthday . . .</u>

March: 2: Joe Pace; 3: Doris Schembri; 8: Licia Bartolo, Teddy Farrugia; 9: Tony Mizzi; 14: Charles Sacco; 20: Vincent Abdilla; 21: Mary Abdilla, Joe Pisani, Doris Fenech; 27: Billy Dalli; 28: Rita Zammit; 31: Rosemary Sacco, Violet Portelli. April: 1: Mary Camilleri; 4: Doris Pullicino; 5: Doris Dalli, Frances Galea; 8: Tony Grech; 7: Chris Buttigieg; 10: Angela Mizzi, Toni Hili; 13: Reno Borg, Tony Bartolo; 14: Sarah Catania; 15: Caesar Vella; 17: Lucy Fabri; 20: Lisa Saliba; 25: Charlie Farrugia, Rose Pace; 27: Jim Cutajar; 29: Mary Baldacchino. **May:** 5: Therese Scicluna; 6: Charlie Zammit, Carmen Mizzi; 9: Melita Magro; 10: Tony Scicluna; 12: James Cassar; 19: Mary Zammit, Elvira Sacco; 21: Guido Ciantar; 26: Doris Caruana; 30: Maureen Dakin.

Happy Wedding Anniversary . . . March: 27: Charles u Carmen Cachia. April: 2: Teddy and Antonia Farrugia; 10: Joe and Rose Pace; 11: Helen and Frans Bonavia; 21: Caesar and Phyllis Vella; 22: Lina and Victor Pulis, Yvonne and Caruana; 25: Joe and Rose Pace; Doris and Frank Mallia; Godfrey and Mary Camilleri. May: 4: Paul and Pauline Borg, Frank and Jane Zahra; 5: Tessie and Silvio Sacco, Violet and Spiro Portelli; 6: Theresa and Laurie Bartolo; 7: Mary and Vince Abdilla; 26: Vivienne and Charles Tabone; 30: Salvina and Paul Vella.

Reskeon Maltese **Association Seniors** Group Inc. President: Salvina Vella

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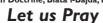
> Sarah Catania Alfred Cachia Theresa Cachia Madeleine Vella Sylvia Dakin

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Grant we beseech Thee O Lord that Thou wilt

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Maltese singer Veronica Rotin on 3ZZZ

Recently, Maltese young singer Veronica Rotin, II, was on a visit to Melbourne and NSW along with her mum, Fiona, and sister, Kelly.

Veronica Rotin was born on 4 March 2004 in Tarxien, Malta. When she was 2 years old her family moved to Melbourne, Australia. She started singing along with her older sister, Kelly when she was 3 years old and quickly started singing to everything she heard on the radio. At 8 years of age, after the family had returned to Malta, Veronica started taking singing lessons.

Veronica has had her share of national and international achievements through music. She started taking vocal lesson at the tender age of eight from Gillian Attard at La Voix Academy, and since then has participated in numerous musical events and talent competitions.

While in Melbourne, Veronica was interviewed on Mario Sammut's Maltese program "Ejjew Oqghodu", on Saturday, January 16. Mario invited me to be on the program as well as I had previous contact with Veronica.

During the interview, Veronica told us that her first endeavour was her participation in the prestigious Italian TV show on Canale 5, "Io Canto" with Gerry Scotti. There she was selected to be on the show after a series of auditions and managed to make it to the finals. She performed on the television show on seven different occasions, getting great feedback from the judges.

Veronica also managed to win the overall prizes on several local singing competitions, one of which awarded her with the participation in an internation singing competition in Lake Pearls, Macedona in July 2014. Veronica won her category as well as the overall prize, placing her above other contestants including those much older than her. Naturally, this exposure presented Veronica with an opportunity to

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take part in the "XIII International Children Music Contest" (VITEBSK 2015) which was part of the "XXIV International Festival of Arts" (Slavianski Bazaar in Vitebsk) which took place in July 2015, in Belarus.

In September 2014, Veronica won the junior section of the popular Italian singing contest "II Cantagiro" in Rome. Not very long after, she was chosen to be one of the interval acts in the lunior Eurovision 2014 held in Malta.

Veronica told us that in the same year, she was invited to sing in the Romanian TV Talent Show "Next Star". She performed two of her favourite numbers, namely "Mamma Knows Best" and "And I am telling you". These are two powerful songs made famous by Jessie J, and Jennifer Hudson, respectively.

In July 2015 Veronica participated in the popular Italain show "II Tra Sogno e realta" on "La Cinque" Channel, which was transmitted in Malta from November 8, 2015.

Both broadcasters Mario and Paul where impressed by her beautiful spoken Maltese and the way she handled the interview in a very relaxed manner.

During the interview Mario mentioned the Maltese Nation Anthem to her and he asked her to sing part of it, which she did very beautifully.

Veronica enjoyed her visit to 3ZZZ and was presented with a Boomerang and a miniature panettone.

We wish Veronica more success in her singing career. She has a very beautiful voice.



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