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Welcome! Merħba!

Welcome once again to another issue of Reskeon Newsletter.

Almost September: we had a very cold winter and from now on we expect some warmer days.

During the past three months we had a lot of events happening. The most important one was the celebration of our 40th Anniversary of Reskeon Maltese Association and the 20th Anniversary of the Reskeon Seniors Group, now one association. The Committee organised a special Anniversary Luncheon and this was offered free of charge to all members.

Another Luncheon was organised for Father's Day, which was heavily subsidised by more than half the cost by the Committee. This was organised a bit early so that there is a small gap before the Bambina Dinner Dance.

But before all this there was the luncheon at Roxburgh Park which again was subsidised by half by the committee.

Fr Dr Victor Shields, mssp, celebrated Holy Mass for our Group at one of our meetings.

During this time we lost some members and friends, in Gaetana Armato, Charles Camilleri and Fr Paul Kierce, mssp.

In September Reskeon organise the Feast of Maria Bambina on behalf of MSSP. On Thursday, Sept. 8, there is a Mass at St. Paul's Chapel, Parkville at 7 pm and the feast is held on Sunday, Sept. 11, at St Mary's Church, West Melbourne, 2.30 pm. On Saturday, Sept. 10 the Bambina Dinner Dance, at Firenze Receptions. Help our Association: organise a table.

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 still alive and well, still getting stronger... still celebrating... Celebrating the 40th and 20th Anniversaries



The cutting of the anniversary cake by President Salvina Vella, and ex-Presidents Caesar Vella and George Scicluna. Insert, top left, the late John Gauci; top right: the late, George Colvin, both ex Presidents. (Story and more pictures Pages 3 and 4)

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RESKEON JICĊELEBRAW . . .

Reskeon iċċelebraw l-40 anniversarju tar-Reskeon Maltese Association u l-20 anniversarju tar-Reskeon Seniors Group (li illum saru għaqda waħda) b'ikla għall-membri kollha li għet offruta lilhom bla ebda ħlas. Kienet ċelebrazzjoni kbir fejn kien hemm il-President preżenti, Salvina Vella u l-eks Presidenti Caesar Vella u George Scicluna. Membri tal-familja taż-żewġ presidenti oħra, li llum m'għadomx magħna, John Gauci u George Colvin biw mistiedna biex jirrappreżentawhom, imma ma setgħux jattendu.

IKLA GĦAL JUM IL-MISSIER

Ikla oħra għet organizzata biex niċċelebraw Jum il-Missier. Din ukoll kienet issussidjata b'aktar min-nofs għall-membri kollha. Kulhadd ha gost bil-mod kif din għet organizzata.

IKLA OĦRA F'ROXBURGH PARK

Il-membri kollha ġew mistiedna biex jattendu għal ikla oħra f'Roxburgh Park Hotel li għal darb'oħra kienet issussidjata mill-kumitat. Dan hu restaurant favorit mill-membri tagħna u jiehdu gost li jattendu.

QUDDIESA MINN FR DR VICTOR SHIELDS

Kull darba li Fr Dr Victor Shields, mssp, jagħmel żjara f'Melbourne, l-ewwel haġa malli jarana jgħidilna biex norganizzaw Quddiesa. Niftakru li kien hu li 40 sena ilu kien għar numru ta' Maltin f'Reservoir u Keon Park biex twaqqfet l-Għaqda tagħna.

AHBARIJET OĦRA

F'din il-ħarġa nsibu hafna rapporti oħra. Il-Membru tal-Kumitat, Melita Magro, f'it ilu marret Malta għall-btala u l-kumitat organizza kejk u xi xarba biex xtaqnilha vjaġġ tajjeb 'l hemm u 'l hawn. Hemm hafna rapport oħra wkoll f'paġni differenti.

F'SETTEMBRU NIĊĊELEBRAW IL-FESTA TAL-BAMBINA

Ir-Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group, kull sena jorganizzaw il-Festa ta' Marija Bambina għan-nom tal-Patrijiet tas-Socjeta' Missjunarja ta' San Pawl. Il-Hamis, 8 ta' Settembru jkun hemm Quddiesa fil-Kappella ta' San Pawl f'Parkville u l-Festa ta' Marija Bambina issir il-Hadd, 11 ta' Settembru, fil-Knisja ta' St. Mary, West Melbourne. Is-Sibt, 10 ta' Settembru, Reskeon jorganizzaw il-Ballu tal-Bambina (Vittorja) f'Firenze Receptions, Fawkner. Nisperaw li intom, il-Membri, tagħtu s-sapport tagħkom u tattendu u forsi anki torganizzaw xi mejda bil-membri tal-familja u l-hbieb.

Rapporti bl-Ingliż flimkien ma' ritratti fuq dan li għadna kemm thadditna fuqu ssibuhom f'faċċati oħra ta' din li Newsletter. Sakemm nergħu nil-taġġu darb'oħra, insellmilkom u nghidilkom "Sahha"!

— Paul Vella



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We lost some friends

Lately we lost a few friends of ours.

Gaetana Armato was a member of Reskeon for a number of years. She was always eager to attend our meetings. She was always a singer with the Maltese Choir of Victoria.

Alfred Depares, a member and committee member for many years.

Charles Camilleri was a friend and a great helper of Reskeon Seniors Group for a long number of years. Along with his wife, Mary, they were always there early in the morning helping with the tables and chairs. We will miss you.

Fr Paul Kierce, mssp, was always there when needed. Sometimes we attended a Mass he used to celebrate at St Joseph, West Brunswick. Once I remarked about his short (5 minute) homily. He used to tell me that he will give the congregation three points and if they take one of them home, he is happy.

May God grant them eternal rest.

IN SEPTEMBER WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF MARIJA BAMBINA Thursday, September 8:

There will be a Mass at 7.00 pm, at St. Paul's Chapel, Parkville. This event is organised by Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group. After Mass Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group provides refreshments in the foyer of the Maltese Centre. The Australian Xaghra Assoc. hold their Mass at the Maltese Cultural Centre, Albion on September 8 as well.

Saturday, September 10:

On this day, our association is organising the Vittoria Dinner Dance at Firenze Reception Centre (see advertisement on page 1). As always this event is very popular and tickets will be selling fast. We would like to see a great number of Reskeon members attending. Bring your friends with you and organise a table. For full information and bookings, phone — Salvina Vella 9460-4404 Mobile: 0409 961 928.

Sunday, September 11:

At **St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, West Melbourne**. Rosary at 2.30 pm. Immediately after, there will be a Mass followed by benediction and (weather permitting) the procession with the statue of Our Lady accompanied by the Malta Gozo Concert Band. Everyone is invited to attend all these functions and let us be united as one Maltese Community. Be there and take part. As in every year Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group organises the Feast of Marija Bambina on behalf of the Fathers of the Missionary Society of St. Paul.

BAMBINA DINNER DANCE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2016
FIRENZE RECEPTIONS, FAWKNER
*Help our association and organise
a table of family and friends*

Reskeon celebrates 40th-20th Anniversaries with a free luncheon to all members

The Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group organised an Anniversary Luncheon which was provided free of charge to all members. The luncheon was to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Reskeon Maltese Association (founded in 1976) and the 20th anniversary of the Reskeon Seniors Group (founded in 1996).

This was held on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at Firenze Receptions. Around 134 members attended.

When members entered the hall they were served with hors d'ouvres and pre-dinner drinks.

Secretary, Paul Vella, introduced DJ Tony who was to provide the music for the day and Mr Joe Cutajar who acted as MC.

Joe Cutajar asked the members to be upstanding for the Maltese National Anthem and Advance Australia Fair. After this he welcomed the distinguished guests who were Fr Victor Shields, mssp; 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 President of Reskeon Maltese Association and ex Co-Ordinator of Reskeon Seniors Group, Mr Caesar Vella and Mrs Phyllis Vella; Ex President of Maltese Association, Mr George Scicluna and Mrs Anne Scicluna. We received apologies from the MSSP Rector at Parkville, Fr Edwin Agius who was overseas. Apologies were also received from Mr Mario

Gauci, who was to represent the founder of the Reskeon Maltese Association, Mr John Gauci and Mrs Anne Gauci (his parents); and Mrs Tess Colvin, who was to represent ex President, Mr George Colvin. Finally he welcomed all those present.

The entrée of baked fish and rice was served. This was followed by a serve of lasagne and tortellini carbonara on each plate. The main course consisted of chicken Parmigiana and roast beef with vegetables on each plate. Dessert was Cassata and/or Tartufo ice cream followed by fresh fruit on a platter.

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.

After the main meal, the MC read a short history of the Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group with special mention of how it all started with Fr Victor Shields, mssp, going to Reservoir to form a committee with the late John Gauci, being the foundation President as well how Dr Clemente Zammit teamed up with the late member Laurie Armato to create the Reskeon theme song.

President, Salvina Vella, delivered her special message on the occasion of the anniversaries being celebrated. She reminded those present of

the hard work of the founding President of the Association and the following presidents. She wished that the two ex presidents who are no longer with us, John Gauci and George Colvin could have been represented as well.

The present President, Salvina Vella, then was presented with a lovely bouquet of flowers by committee members Alfred and Tess Cachia, and a lovely flower plant from the committee and members of the Association.

After this there was the cutting of the anniversary cake nicely decorated with the Reskeon logo while the Reskeon theme song was played. There was singing and dancing for a long time.

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.

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Another Father's Day Luncheon... another success

The Reskeon Seniors Group celebrated Father's Day with a Luncheon at Firenze Receptions, Fawkner, on Thursday, 11th August. Around 130 members attended.

Pre-drinks and hors d'oeuvres were served while members entered the hall and were seated at the tables. Secretary, Paul Vella, was MC for the day. He greeted all those present and the distinguished guests: Fr Dr Victor Shields, mssp; Honorary Life Members of Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group, Dr Clemente Zammit and Mrs Mary Zammit; MCCV Treasurer, Mr Paul Borg and Mrs Pauline Borg. Apologies were received from Fr Edwin Agius, mssp; and Life Member and ex-President and ex-Co-Ordinator of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group, Mr Caesar Vella and Mrs Phyllis Vella.

This was followed by the singing of the Maltese National Anthem and Advance Australia Fair, after which, the champagne bottles on the tables were opened and a toast offered to all fathers present. Then the meals were served. Entrée was a serving of fish with rice, followed by a serving of lasagne and fusilli lunghi on each plate with Bolognese sauce. The main course was chicken involtini and roast beef on each plate with roast potatoes and vegetables. Red and white wine, beer and soft drinks were served all day. Dessert was Cassata and/or tartufo ice-cream and a fruit platter, followed by tea/coffee and continental cakes. DJ Tony provided the entertainment for the day. Members were on the dance floor all day dancing to his music. President, Salvina Vella, gave a

short message for Father's Day and wished them a good day and asked to pray for the fathers who are no longer with us. After reading the birthdays and wedding anniversaries for those celebrating these events around this time, there was a special welcome to Joyce Micallef on holidays from Malta.

As all the winners and runners-up of the Men's Bocce Competition were unable to be present on the day, the presentation of trophies took place at one of the previous Wednesday meetings. Winner was Frans Bonavia, First runner-up Tarcisio Xuereb and Joe Pace, 2nd runner-up. Thanks to Mr

Angelo Farrugia who organised and ran the bocce competition this year.

The function finished with the Reskeon Theme Song, music by the late Laurie Armato, lyrics by Dr Clemente Zammit. A good day was had by all those attending this function. Thanks to President, Salvina Vella, who worked so hard to make this luncheon a very successful one. We would also like to thank the management of Firenze Receptions and their waiting staff for the way they looked after us.

Thanks to all those present and especially to those who helped set up flags, etc. before the luncheon.



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Reskeon meets the Hon. David Feeney

President, Salvina Vella and Secretary, Paul Vella, were representing Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group when they met the Hon. David Feeney, MP, Federal Labor Member for Batman.

The main reason for this meeting was for the presentation of certificates to local associations which were "Australian Government Certificate of Appreciation for Volunteers".

The certificate provides an effective way to formally acknowledge the efforts of outstanding and well-deserving volunteers in his Electorate of Batman.

The certificate went along with the receiving of a grant for volunteers for small equipment.

In his letter of appreciation, the Hon. David Feeney, said: "Volunteers play a critical role in helping shape Australia and building stronger and more resilient communities and supporting individual participation in community life. Volunteering touches all aspects of Australian society, whether it be helping out with local sporting teams and land care groups, responding to natural disasters and emergencies, or helping local charities support some of our most disadvantaged people".

He continued by saying: "More than six million Australian volunteer each year, freely giving their time, energy and skills to supporting others".

Among those present to receive a certificate were seniors groups from different nationalities, including Reskeon. Others were from charitable organisations, the Police Force and other groups.

One of the certificate recipients was Ms Lauren Rizzacasa, Marketing Co-ordinator with PRACE.



Reskeon Seniors enjoy lunch at Roxburgh Park Hotel

Over 90 members of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group enjoyed lunch at the Roxburgh Park Hotel on Thursday, June 9, 2016.

Members started to gather in the foyer around 11.30 am and were given a ticket to hand in on their way into the restaurant. Members have to be praised for the way they conducted themselves in forming a queue, entering one by one.

As always, Roxburgh Park Hotel provided a good variety of hot and cold food and all members enjoyed the day.

Members sat at different table in an area allocated for our Group.

As always, members found the time to approach some committee members to thank them for the way this day was organised.

Members paid only half the cost and the rest was subsidised by Reskeon. We will try to organise another day like this later in the year.

Thank you, members.



David Feeney MP

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September 8: Bambina Mass (St Paul's Chapel, Parkville)
September 10: Vittoria Dinner Dance (Firenze Receptions)
September 11: Bambina Feast (St Mary's Church, W. Melbourne)
October 5: Annual General Meeting
October: Day Out
November 30: Club closing (last meeting)
December 7: Christmas Break-Up (Firenze Receptions)

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, 51 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, 1a 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 advertising 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.



GAETANA ARMATO

Ex member of Reskeon

CHARLES CAMILLERI

Husband of member Mary Camilleri

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Husband of ex-member Emily
 Member and Committee Member of Reskeon for many years

Fr PAUL KIERCE, mssp

Mssp member in Parkville

RITA CURMI

Sister of member Cathy Gatt

Please remember them in your prayers

R.I.P.

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Happy Birthday ...

September: 7: Yvonne Caruana, Mary Killeen. 8: Maria Bambina; 9: Frank Gatt; 11: Mary Vella; 16: Charles Galea; 20: Carmen Mizzi, Lou Vella; 26: Cathy Gatt; 29: Ines Mifsud. **October:** 4: Lina Pulis, Doris Mallia; 5: Rosemary Vella. 7: Samira Cassar; 8: Victor Pulis; 10: George Caruana; 17: Theresa Cachia; 19: Philip Debono, Mary Camilleri; 21: Carmen Debono; 22: Joe Cutajar; 23: Mary Magro; 31: Sylvia Dakin. **November:** 2: George Agius; Joe Dakin; 13: Laurie Bartolo; 21: Tessie Vella. 23: Iris Sapiano, Tonina Farrugia; 27: Rose Borg (Craigieburn); 29: Natalie Cutajar.

Happy Wedding Anniversary ...

September: 1: Billy and Doris Dalli; 5: Carmen and Tony Grech; 8: Grace and Fred Muscat; 10: Joe and Maureen Dakin; 15: Jim and Jane Cutajar; 19: Helen and Lino Hammett; 27: Vince and Rose Borg. **October:** 5: Mary and Joe Pisani; 17: Joe and Grace Castillo; 24: Carmen and Phillip Debono. **November:** 10: Rose and Nino Angelone; 24: Terrina and Joe Pace.

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Grant we beseech Thee O Lord that Thou wilt glorify Thy humble servant who worked with so much zeal for the salvation of souls and that through his intercession it will please Thee to grant this favour.....



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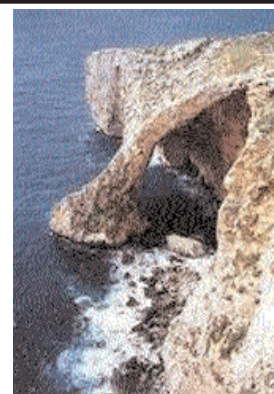
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Madison participated in the 2016 National Indoor Netball Championships

Madison Conwell participated in the 2016 National Indoor Netball Championships which were held in Mackay between 30 April and 7 May 2016.



Madison was selected for the Under-18s Queensland ladies' team, the only Under-18 ladies team participating in these championships. This team competed in the Under-21s age division. The average age for Maddie's team was 16/17 and the average age of the teams they were playing against was 20/21. They competed all week in both the New Zealand 6s format and the Australian 7s format.

Madison and her team were extremely competitive only losing to the Qld21s and NSW21s teams.

In both formats of the game her team was placed third. This was an extraordinary achievement for such a young team. Madison is granddaughter of our member Rose Sacco.

Darebin Mayor's Event 2016

On Friday, August 19, the President, Salvina Vella, and Secretary, Paul Vella represented Reskeon when they were invited to attend a cocktail party organised by the Mayor of Darebin, Cr Vince Fontana, to meet leaders of the community. At this occasion they met the Mayor (centre).



They also met the Hon. Jenny Mikakos, MP, Member for Northern Metropolitan, Minister for Families and Children, Minister for Youth Affairs



Bon Voyage to Melita Magro



Before our committee member, Melita Magro, left for a holiday in Malta, the committee organised a farewell drink to wish her a safe trip to Malta and back.

Ladies' Bocce Winner 2016

In our last issue we missed to insert the photo of the Ladies' Bocce winners for 2016. From left: President, Salvina Vella; Toni Hili, first runner-up; Carmen Grech, winner; Cathy Gatt, second runner-up.



Mass by Fr Dr Victor Shields, mssp

On Wednesday, August 3, Fr Dr Victor Shields, mssp, celebrated Mass for our Group at Merrilands.



Rebecca Cremona writes from Malta...

Rebecca Cremona, writer and director of the movie "Simshar" wrote to us from Malta.

Dear Paul, I hope this finds you and your lovely wife well. I wanted to let you know that the Simshar DVD has just been made available for pre order from this Monday. The official site is: [zaar.com.mt](http://www.zaar.com.mt) and this link will take you to the Simshar page directly: <http://www.zaar.com.mt/projects/simshar-official-dvd/>

On the site there is all the information about what the DVD contains, other possible things like posters and bundle special prices etc. Should you like any further information just let me know.

Best regards from sunny Malta,
Rebecca Cremona, Writer/Director



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