



MerHbA

Maltese Historical Association (Aust) Inc
(Għaqda Storika Maltija (Awstralija) Inkorporata)

No 8/2012

OCTOBER Newsletter

This Month's Program:



Maltese Folklore

Presentation by Mr. Charles Mifsud, Consul-General of Malta for the State of Victoria



About Mr Charles Mifsud

Mr. Charles Mifsud was born in Msida, Malta. He was educated at the Msida Primary School, Naxxar Secondary Technical School and St Joseph Secondary Technical School in Paola. Between 1979 and 1983 he read for his Bachelors' degree in Public Administration at the University of Malta. He obtained his Masters' degree in Business Administration from the Henley Management College in the United Kingdom in 2003.

Charles joined the Malta Civil Service in 1976 and following numerous selection processes, he was promoted until appointed Director in 2002. His work experience in the Civil Service took him through various departments and ministries. He served in Education, Inland Revenue, Posts and Telecommunications, Trade and Foreign Affairs.

At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Charles served in the EU Directorate where he was responsible for the Transport, Audiovisual, Social and IT policies of the EU. In 2002 he was appointed Director, Corporate Services in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. His duties included serving in official delegations to China, United States and many European countries. Charles also attended various international meetings concerning the workings of his Directorate and several administrative meetings overseas. He was responsible for the financial and administrative aspects of organising CHOGM in Malta in 2005. He was responsible for the setting up of the European Commission –League of Arab States Liaison Office in Malta in 2009.

Charles was appointed Consul – General of Malta for the State of Victoria, Australia on 1st December 2009. He is married to Anna Maria and they have a son, Bernard Charles, also a diplomat and currently serving in New York. Charles's pastimes are aviation, photography and cinema.



Venue: **Maltese Community Centre**

477 Royal Parade, Parkville

Time: 7.30pm

Date: Tuesday 16th October, 2012.

Last Month

Dear Members

On Tuesday 18th September the committee held the association's AGM. After the acceptance of the Minutes, the president Frances Bonnici reported on the activities held between October 2011 and August 2012. The committee arranged a presentation every month except for December and January, which were the holiday months. Although there was no lecture in August 2012, the association was still active and held two events.

In early August, the Language Immersion Morning (LIM) for students who are currently studying the Maltese Language was organised by the committee members and VSL teachers at the Parkville. Edwidge Borg from the MCCV classes also assisted with managing the event.

In late August, a group of 15 members and friends attended a guided tour of the Napoleon Exhibition at the National Gallery. This excursion was organised by Lewis Zammit and we thank him for co-ordinating the whole exercise of booking tickets and advising members.

The new committee is as follows:

President: *Frances Bonnici*

Vice President: *Vacant*

Treasurer: *Mario Bonnici*

Secretary: *Emmanuel Cilia*

Committee Members:

Charlie Portelli

Marija Cilia

Nino Xerri

Agnes Cauchi

Lewis Zammit

Maria Catania

The committee has already met to outline a program for next year. Further details will be in the monthly newsletters.

Frances Bonnici
President

SOME NEW IDEAS FOR 2013

What would you say if you were asked?

“What was the most important period in the history of Malta?”

We are considering a different kind of presentation for the coming year, whereby groups made up of two members per group debate this question. We are looking for interested parties who wish to take up this challenge next year.

One speaker of each group will choose a period and will highlight why it is important. The second member of the group will need to convince the audience against these arguments.

If you think you are up to this challenge then contact a member of the committee so you can be booked in for next year.

Our second idea is that we are looking for members or their friends to share their views about a specific period in Maltese history.

These presentations would be for around 15 minutes with the intention to have 4 or 5 speakers on one evening.

There is still time to consider this further. If you wish to participate, please let us know by our last presentation in November.

We are trying to introduce new formats so as to add more vitality to our monthly presentations and encourage members to take an active role by attending more often. It is envisaged that the new ideas will be used at least once next year. And if they prove to be popular, we hope to continue the same the following year. The committee puts in a significant amount of effort which goes towards making the monthly presentations interesting and socially enjoyable. It always gives the committee great pleasure to see more members and others attending the MHA presentations regularly. I wish to thank our members for their regular support in the months and years to come.

Frances Bonnici
President



THE ORDER OF MALTA IN VICTORIA

Invites you to a Fundraising Film Premiere in aid of Eastern Palliative Care
and the Timor Leste Disabled Children's Project

Thursday 18th October 2012

PALACE CINEMA COMO

Corner Toorak Road & Chapel Street, South Yarra

Parking offers secure parking in the Como Centre for a flat rate of \$5 for Palace Cinema Como patrons.
Car park tickets can be validated at the box office. Entrance is via River St or Chapel St.

Tickets \$30

6.30pm – Drinks and savouries
7pm sharp – Film

PRESENTING



