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Welcome! Merhba!

Welcome once again to another issue of Reskeon Newsletter.

We start this Editorial with a very sad note. On Thursday, 9th February we received the sad news of the passing away of the Seniors' Committee member, helper and good friend, Emmanuel Agius. Emmanuel was always there to help when he was needed. He always helped with the Bambina Feast and the "Jum il-Maltin" when it was on. We are sure going to miss him. We offer our condolences to his family.

Caesar Vella resigned from Co-Ordinator of the Seniors for personal reasons. For seven-and-a-half years he co-ordinated the group and we thank him for his hard work. Salvina Vella will be acting Co-Ordinator until the next AGM and elections.

The Seniors started to use new digital equipment for the Bingo games. We hope that members will get use to the new system.

Reskeon Maltese Association had their Christmas Break-Up and was well-attended and enjoyed by all.

The Seniors had their Christmas Luncheon as usual at Firenze Receptions and all members commented on how well it was organised.

The Seniors started the year with a Mass celebrated by Fr Edwin Agius.

Reskeon Maltese Association had a two-day trip across the border on the weekend of the 25th and 26th February. Around 48 members participated and enjoy the weekend together.

Our members, Mary and Edwin Baldacchino celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at the end of the year and were presented with a bouquet of flowers for the occasion.

We remind you that the next Get-Together for the members of Reskeon Maltese Association will be held on Sunday, 18th March at the Maltese Centre, Parkville. Mass at 4.30 pm followed by the Get-Together.

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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Death of a Committee member...

Last farewell to a dear friend

On Thursday, 9th February, we received the sad news of the passing away of Emmanuel Agius, who served on the committee of the Reskeon Seniors Group.

He is survived by his children: Katherine and husband Emmanuel; Steven, wife Linda; Monica and husband Tim; all their children. He left behind a sister and brothers, among them, our members Lina Pulis and George Agius.

Emmanuel was a member of Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group for a number of years and served on the Seniors Committee almost since the beginning.

He was always a good committee member and hard working, especially in the kitchen every week, where we estimate he must have cooked more than 60,000 pastizzis over the years.

Emmanuel was always there every year when Reskeon organised the Feast of Maria Bambina on behalf of the Fathers of the MSSP. On the 8th of September he was there to put the Statue in the hall, then

transport it to St. Mary's, West Melbourne for the Sunday Feast and on Monday back to St. Paul's Chapel.

He was always there, as well, when Reskeon organised "Jum il-Maltin" at Sunbury. On the Saturday night from 6 to 10 pm to clean up and prepare for Sunday, then returning on the Sunday at 5 am and then at the end of the day back to Reservoir to put everything in its place.

We are going to miss his happy face and friendship.

Rosary was recited at St. Joseph the Worker, North Reservoir on the 14th of February, and the day after, the Funeral Mass was celebrated by the friend of the family, Fr Edwin Agius, mssp, attended by around 700, where a large number of Reskeon members were present.

The committee decided not to hold the weekly meeting on the day of the funeral and held a minute silence to his memory on the first meeting.

To his family, we offer our deepest sympathy.

God grant him eternal rest.



**MALTESE NEWS
ON SBSTV
Every Sunday at 8 am**

A weekly news bulletin prepared by the PBS (Malta) is presented on SBS every Sunday at 8 am. Repeated on SBS2 1.30 pm same day

**WALTZING MATILDA
ON CHANNEL 31**

The TV program from Malta "Waltzing Matilda" is televised on Channel 31 on alternating Tuesdays (twice a month) at 1.00 pm.

Another program in Maltese on Channel 31 is on Tuesday, (fortnightly, alternating with the week of Waltzing Matilda) at 1.00 pm.

RESKEON MALTESE ASSOCIATION

GET TOGETHER

**at the MALTESE CENTRE, Parkville
on Sunday, March 18, 5.30 pm
for Memers of Reskeon Maltese Association
Mass at St. Paul's Chapel, 4.30 pm**

We request that all those intending to attend this Get Together to please ring one of the following telephone numbers to help with the catering arrangements

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Ghal min jippreferi jaqra' bil-Malti...

Naf li hafna jixtiequ jaqraw xi haga bil-Malti f'din li Newsletter u allura se nippruvaw naghtu xi dettalji fil-qosor.

AHBARTA' MEWT

Fid-9 ta' Frar hadna l-ahbar kerha tal-mewt tal-Membru tal-Kumitat u habib, Emmanuel Agius. Emmanuel dejjem kien hemm meta tlabnih biex jaghti l-ghajna tiegħu, kemm fil-Festa tal-Bambina u meta konna norganizzaw "Jum il-Maltin". Zgur se nhossu l-vojt li halla. Noffru l-kondoljanzi tagħna lill-familja tiegħu kollha.

FESTIN TAL-MILIED TAR-RESKEON

Fit-tmiem is-sena, ir-Reskeon Maltese Association organizzaw il-Festin tal-Milied għall-membri tagħhom li bhas-soltu kien b'xejn. Dan inzamm fic-Centru Malti ta' Parkville u kull min attenda deher li ha pjacir.

IKLA GHALL-MILIED GHAS-"SENIORS"

Ir-Reskeon Seniors Group ukoll kellhom l-ikla tal-Milied bhas-soltu fil-Firenze Reception u numru sabih ta' membri attendew u hadu pjacir. Dak in-nhar, il-koppja Mary u Edwin Baldacchino gew ipprezentati b'bukkett fjuri fl-okkazzjoni li kienu qed jiccelebraw il-50 Anniversarju taz-Zwieg tagħhom.

IL-"BINGO" IMUR DIGITALI

Bhalma tafu s-Seniors jorgaizzaw il-logħob tal-Bingo kull nhar t'Erbgha fil-laqgħa tagħhom. Mill-ewwel tas-sena bdejna nuzaw tagħmir gdid digitali. Nisperaw li l-membri jidraw is-sistema l-gdida.

QUDDIESA FIL-BIDU TAS-SENA

Fl-ewwel laqgħa tas-Seniors Group, Fr Edwin Agius, mssp, kien fostna u ccelebra Quddiesa għall-membri fejn tlabna biex ikollna sena tajba.

CAESAR VELLA JIRRIZENJA MINN

KO-ORDINATUR TAS-SENIORS

Wara seba' snin u nofs bhala Ko-Ordinatur tar-Reskeon Seniors Group, Caesar Vella rrizenja minn din il-kariga għal ragunijiet personali. Ahna nirringrazzjawh għax-xogħol li wettaq matul dan iz-zmien. Salvina Vella se tagħmel ix-xogħol ta' Ko-Ordinatur sakemm ikollna elezzjoni oħra din is-sena.

HARGA TA' JUMEJN GHAL RESKEON

Fil-25 u 26 ta' Frar, Reskeon Maltese Association organizzaw harga ta' jumejn "across the border" fejn madwar 48 membru hadu sehem. Dawk li marru ma' dan il-Grupp hadu gost fejn qattgħu jumejn flimkien bhala hbieb.

Rapporti bl-Ingiliz flimkien ma' ritratti fuq dan li għadna kemm thad-ditna fuqu ssibuhom f'faccati oħra ta' din li Newsletter. Sakemm nerggħu niltaqgħu darb'ohra, insellmilkom u ngħidilkom "Sahha"!

— Paul Vella



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Celebrating 50th Years Together



On Saturday, 31st December, 2011, our Members Edwin and Mary Baldacchino, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. At the Reskeon Seniors Group Christmas Luncheon, on 8th December, at Firenze Receptions, the couple were presented with a bouquet of flowers to celebrate this occasion. In the photo, the happy couple are congratulated by the then Co-Ordinator of Reskeon Seniors Group, Caesar Vella and his wife, Phyllis. Congratulations from all of us and we wish you a very long and healthy life together.

Weekend across the Border

On the Weekend of the 25th and 26th February, a group of 48 members and friends of Reskeon Maltese Association enjoyed a weekend trip across the Border.

We left St Joseph the Worker Church at 7.30 am and arrived at Euroa for morning tea. From there we kept going to the Corowa Services Club for lunch and then straight to the Corowa Motor Inn, our accommodation. In the evening we visited the Mulwala Services Club for dinner.

In the morning, after a cooked breakfast we went to the Sacred Heart Church at Yarrawonga for Sunday Mass. We were greeted by the Parish Priest Fr Steve Bohan who posed with us for a photo.

Then all enjoyed a free barbecue at Yarrawonga Park. Thanks to all those cooking the meat and the sausages and the ladies who prepared the salads.

Thanks to our Coach Captain, Gordon, for looking after us during this trip.

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New Digital Equipment used in Bingo

New digital equipment has been introduced for the Bingo at the weekly meetings of Reskeon Seniors Group, at Merrilands Community Centre.

After some research, Caesar and Phyllis Vella organised the purchase of a TV Digital Screen and Bingo Digital Equipment, on behalf of the Group.

This should prove to be an easier way of organising the game of Bingo every week.

As with anything new, there may be some teething problems to be solved, but we are sure that this will be the best solution for the future.

We thank PRACE Manager, Paddy McVeigh, for organizing Darebin Council Staff to install the equipment in the hall.



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Reskeon Maltese Association's Christmas Break-up

On Sunday, 4th December, Reskeon Maltese Association organised the Christmas Break-up for their members at the Maltese Centre, Parkville.

Around 110 members attended. This was organised at 12 pm in consideration of those members who find it hard to drive late at night.

Members were greeted with a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits.

Later on they were served with a plate of ante pasta as entrée.

Main course was roast chicken and roast potatoes with vegetable.

Later on members were served with a platter of fruit and a Cassata ice-cream for

dessert.

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

Music was in the hands of Mario Sammut's Moods Music who kept our members on the dance floor all day.

Father Christmas also paid us a visit, then later on in the day he came and danced with members to Christmas tunes and he even managed to pose for a group photo with them.

All members enjoyed this Christmas Break-up which was provided



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Christmas Luncheon for the Seniors Group

The Reskeon Seniors Group organised a Christmas Luncheon for their members, at the Firenze Receptions, Fawkner, on Thursday, December 8.

Around 170 members and friends attended.

Members were served hors d'oeuvres and pre-dinner drinks when they sat at their tables.

Distinguished guests present were the Consul General of Malta in Victoria, Mr Charles Mifsud; Vice-President 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; Honorary Life Members, Dr Clemente Zammit and Mrs Mary Zammit; Mr Joseph Montebello, reporter and cameraman of "Waltzing Matilda" and his wife, Mary. Apologies for not being able to attend were received from Mrs Anna Maria Mifsud; the MSSP Rector at Parkville, Fr Edwin Agius; and Mrs Anne Gauci. Apologies were also received from Paul and Salvina Vella.

MC for the day was Mr Caesar Vella. Caesar invited Edwin Baldacchino to lead those present in the singing of the Maltese National Anthem and Advance Australia Fair.

Then the entrée was served which was baked fish and rice. This was followed by a pasta dish of tortellini. The main course consisted of baked chicken and roast beef with vegetables on each plate.

Dessert was Cassata 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 the capable Mario Sammut's Moods Music.

The Co-Ordinator, Caesar Vella, delivered his Christmas message. He also announced his

resignation as Co-Ordinator of the Reskeon Seniors Group and from the Committee although he will retain his position as President of the Reskeon Maltese Association. He thanked all Committee Members, helpers and members for their support they have given him during the time he served as Co-ordinator. Then he congratulated Dr

Clemente and Mrs Mary Zammit for becoming grandparents for the sixth time with the birth of Andrew Christian. Caesar also congratulated Mario Sammut for the award he received as Best Community Program in Gippsland.

Mr Charles Mifsud, Consul General of Malta in Victoria, then gave his Christmas message mentioning how he and his wife always enjoy attending Reskeon functions while apologising for her not being able to attend. He also mentioned that they were going to spend some time in Malta for the Christmas break, where he will be attending a course whilst there.

Then, a list of birthday and anniversaries that occurred around this time was read out.

Edwin and Mary Baldacchino, who were celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary were presented with a bouquet of flowers for the occasion.

A small Christmas gift was given to all those present. The men received a bottle of wine while the ladies received a Christmas fruit cake.

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 organising this luncheon which as always was a great success, and thanks to the owners and waiting staff of Firenze Receptions.

Special thanks to George Topolcsanyi for taking the photos of the occasion.

There are more photos from the Christmas Luncheon on Page 6





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May 3: Mother's Day Luncheon (Firenze) (Seniors)
May 27: Get Together (Parkville)*
June 14: Restaurant Day (Seniors)
July 12: Day Out (Reskeon Maltese Association)
July 28 and 29: Weekend Trip
August 9: Father's Day Luncheon (Firenze) (Seniors)
August 19: Get Together (Parkville)*

* Ring Sam Caruana 9749-2005 or Phyllis Vella 9395-3103 with number attending
 These functions(*) are for members of Reskeon Maltese Association only

MASSES IN MALTESE

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

- H Every Saturday, at 6 pm:
St. Paul's Chapel, Parkville (Maltese Centre)
- H Every Sunday, at 8.00 am:
St. Paul's Church, Sunshine Avenue, Kealba
- H Every First Friday of the month, 7 pm:
Resurrection Church, 51 Gum Road, St. Albans West
- H Every First Saturday of the month, 6 pm:
St. Joseph The Worker Church, Wilson Blvd, Reservoir
- H Every Second Saturday of the month, 5.15 pm:
St. Luke's Church, 1a David Street, Lalor
- H Every Third Saturday of the month, 6.00 pm:
St. Thomas More Church, 65 North Street, Hadfield
- H Every Fourth Saturday of the month, 5.00 pm:
St. Francis of Assisi Church, Childs Road, Mill Park
 (Confessions about half an hour before Mass)

Reskeon Maltese Association Committee

President: Caesar Vella
 Vice-President: Joe Cutajar
 Secretary: Phyllis Vella
 Asst. Secretary: Joe Cutajar
 Treasurer: Victor Vella
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 Members: Salvina Vella
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 Charles Zammit
 Charles Tabone

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Happy Birthday . . .

March: 1: Tony Xuereb; 8: Licia Bartolo, Teddy Farrugia; 10: Joe Pullicino; 14: Charles Sacco; 16: Edwin Baldacchino, Salvu Bartolo; 20: Vincent Abdilla; 21: Mary Abdilla, Joe Pisanì, Doris Fenech; 22: Mary Anne Brincat; 27: Billy Dalli; 28: Rita Zammit; 31: Rosemary Sacco, Violet Portelli. **April:** 1: Mary Camilleri; 4: Doris Debono, Doris Pullicino; 5: George Colvin, Doris Dalli, Frances Galea; 6: Lola Calleja; 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; 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; 10: Tony Scicluna; 12: James Cassar; 19: Elvira Sacco; Stephen Tabone; 21: Guido Ciantar; 25: Josephine Grech; 26: Doris Caruana; 27: Joe Gauci; 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 and Victor 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 and Vince Abdilla; 14: Joe and Rita Agius; 26: Vivienne and Charles Tabone; 30: Salvina and Paul Vella.

SAINT GEORGE PRECA

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The General Secretary, Society of Christian Doctrine, Blata l-Bajda, Malta

Let us Pray

Lord, you called Saint George Preca to be a teacher and father to the young, and now you have numbered him with your saints in heaven. We thank you for this glory you have given him. We ask you to fill us with love like his: may we give ourselves completely to your service and to the salvation of mankind. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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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.



With great regret we announce the death of our members' and friends' loved ones which occurred recently:

EMMANUEL AGIUS

Member of Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group (Committee Member)
 Brother of Member Lina Pulis
 Brother of Member George Agius

MOSE VELLA

Member of Reskeon Maltese Association from its foundation and ex member of Reskeon Seniors Group. Husband of Member Salvina Vella Father of Member Viv Tabone

MARIA DEMANUELE

Mother of member Pauline Fenech

ALFRED FABRI

Brother of member Edward Fabri

CONNIE RIZZO

Ex-Member of Reskeon Seniors Group

TESSIE MALLIA

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 and Mrs Mary Zammit

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Brother of member Elizabeth Camilleri

AGATHA MALLIA

Mother of member Frank Mallia

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 in your prayers

R.I.P.

Reskeon Seniors Group Sub-Committee

Acting

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Caesar Vella resigns from Co-Ordinator of the Seniors Group

In a letter handed in to the Secretary of the Reskeon Seniors Group at their last committee meeting, Caesar Vella, Co-Ordinator of the same Group, offered his resignation from that position, and from the Committee. The reason given for this resignation was "for personal reasons".



Caesar Vella

It was with deep regret that the committee accepted his resignation. During the last seven and a half years, Caesar has put in a lot of time and energy running the Group. He thanked all Committee Members, members and helpers for their support they have given him during the time he served as Co-Ordinator.

The Committee and members of Reskeon Seniors Group would like to thank him and show their appreciation for his work. At the December 9, Group meeting at Merrilands Community Centre, Mrs Salvina Vella, on behalf of the Committee and Members of Reskeon

Seniors Group, presented Caesar Vella with a watch in appreciation of the long years faithfully serving the Group as Co-Ordinator.

Vice-Co-Ordinator, Salvina Vella, will be acting Co-Ordinator until the next Elections in August. We wish her all the best in her new role.



Salvina Vella



Pictured on the left: Some of the Committee Members with Caesar Vella after the presentation.

Mass at the Seniors' first meeting

At the first meeting for the year of Reskeon Seniors Group a Holy Mass was celebrated as thanksgiving for last year and praying that this year will be a good one for the Group and all members.



The Mass was celebrated by Fr Edwin Agius, mssp, Rector at Parkville.

Around 150 attended the first meeting.



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