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# RESKEON NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome! Merhba!

Welcome once again to another issue of Reskeon Newsletter.

Each year, Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group organise a free BBQ to say thanks and show appreciation to all the helpers of both groups.

Moods Music DJ Mario Sammut retired from the work he loved so much. Both groups would like to say "thank you" to Mario for his faithful and reliable service for a long number of years.

Reskeon Seniors Group had their Christmas Luncheon for their members at Firenze Receptions. All those attending enjoyed the event like always.

Reskeon Maltese Association also had their Christmas Luncheon. This time it was held at Merrilands Community Centre as the Maltese Centre in Parkville was not available for hire.

During November Reskeon Seniors Group held a Mass for the repose of the souls of our faithfully departed. This was held at one of the Seniors' Wednesday meetings. The Mass was celebrated by Fr Manny Bonello, Parish Priest of St Joseph the Worker, North Reservoir.

Reskeon Maltese Association organised a day at Mornington on February 24. As this outing was late to make it in this edition, the report will appear in next issue.

Don't forget Reskeon Maltese Association are organising their first Get Together at the Maltese Centre, Parkville, on Sunday, March 17. Another Get Together will be held on Sunday, May 26.

We remind you of the Bambina Dinner Dance on Saturday, September 7, at Firenze Receptions. Please keep this date free to attend. Hope to see you there along with relatives and friends.

You can read these stories in full on the inside pages of this newsletter.

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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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## Thank you, helpers!!



Every year Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group organise a free BBQ to say "thank you" to all those who, in one way or another, help our groups to organise functions throughout the year.

Not just the committee members, but there are other members of both groups who offer their help when we meet, especially the weekly meetings of Reskeon Seniors Group at Merrilands Community Centre, and the Get Togethers and the Feast of Maria Bambina of the Reskeon Maltese Association.

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**Keep this date free . . .**

**BAMBINA DINNER DANCE, Sept. 7, Firenze Receptions**

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**RESKEON MALTESE ASSOCIATION**

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**Another GET TOGETHER on SUNDAY, MAY 26, at Parkville**

## 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.

### BBQ GHAL MIN JGHIN

Kull sena, Reskeon Maltese Association u Reskeon Seniors Group jorganizzaw BBQ b'xejn ghal dawk li jghinu z-zewg ghaqdiet matul is-sena. Dan biex nuru l-apprezzament taghna lejhom li avolja ma jaghmlux parti mill-kumitati, imma dejjem lesti biex jaghtu l-ghajjnuna taghhom.

### GRAZZI MARIO SAMMUT, MOODS MUSIC

Moods Music DJ Mario Sammut, irtira minn dan ix-xoghol li tant kien ihoob. Mario dejjem ta s-servizz tieghu kemm lil Reskeon Maltese Association u r-Reskeon Seniors Group, sa mill-bidu meta beda f'Melbourne. Ahna nixtiequ kull success ghal dak li jaghzel jaghmel fl-irtirar tieghu.

### L-IKLA TAL-MILIED

#### RESKEON MALTESE ASSOCIATION

Reskeon Maltese Association organizzaw l-ikla tal-Milied fil-bidu ta' Dicembru. Din id-darba din inzammiet fil-Merrilands Community Centre minhabba li c-Centru Malti ta' Parkville ma kienx qiegħed jinkera. Dawk li attendew hadu gost b'dak li gie organizzat.

### L-IKLA TAL-MILIED

#### TAR-RESKEON SENIORS GROUP

Ir-Reskeon Seniors Group organizzaw l-ikla tal-Milied taghhom fil-Firenze Receptions. Kien hemm numru sabih ta' membri li attendew. Il-membri gew mogħtija rigal zghir bhas-soltu: in-nisa hadu *Panettone* waqt li l-irgiel hadu flixkun imbid. Din kienet l-aħhar darba li kellna lil Mario Sammut u z-zewg gruppi ipprezentawlu plakka bhala ringrazzjament.

### QUDDIESA GHALL-MEJTIN

Fix-xahar ta' Novembru, ir-Reskeon Seniors Group organizzaw Quddiesa ghal ruh il-mejtin taghna. Din giet iccelebrata minn Fr Manny Bonello, Kappillan ta' San Guzepp Haddiem, North Reservoir. Il-membri giebu ritratti tal-gheziez taghhom u ghamluhom fuq mejda apposta.

### FTAKKRU FIL-FESTA U L-BALLU

#### TAL-BAMBINA

Nixtieq infakkrkom fil-festa u l-ballu tal-Bambina. Din is-sena il-ballu se jinzamm fil-Firenze Receptions, Fawkner, is-Sibt, 7 ta' Settembru. Zommu din id-data u nisperaw li narawkom biex tissappurtjaw l-ghaqda taghna. L-ghaqda tipprova zzomm il-prezz tal-ballu baxx hafna. Napprezzaw jekk tippruvaw hajjru lill-qraba u l-hbieb u organizzaw mejda.

**Rapporti bl-Ingiliz flimkien ma' ritratti fuq dan li ghadna kemm thad-itna fuqu ssibuhom f'faccati ohra ta' din li Newsletter. Sakemm nergghu niltaqghu darb'ohra, insellimkom u nghidilkom "Sahha"!**

— Paul Vella

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## Thank you, Mario!!

**DJ Moods Music, Mario Sammut, decided to retire from this work he loved so much at the end of the year.**



Mario played for Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group almost from the very start he played in Melbourne. He played for Reskeon Maltese Association at the Vittoria Dinner Dance and the Christmas Break-Up, and for the Seniors at their Mother's and Father's Day Luncheons and the Christmas Break-Up. He was also there when we used to organise "Jum il-Maltin".

We always found Mario very reliable and our members never stopped dancing to the music he chose to play for them.

While we thank Mario for his services, we wish him all the best for the future.



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# Free BBQ for Reskeon Helpers

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This year's BBQ was held on Sunday, November 11, at Edwardes Lake Park, Reservoir. We were lucky to get a nice warm day. Just over 50 attended.

Once again, even on this day, we were lucky to have some helpers with us to cook the meat and sausages, prepare the salads and to serve the meal. Red and white wine, beer and soft

drinks were provided, along with fresh fruit dessert.

After the meal, some members went for a long walk around the park while others sat down for a chat.

Thanks goes to all those who helped on the day and those doing all the shopping and running around to prepare for the BBQ. Once again a big thank you to all those who helped during the year.



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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 13.

Over 160 members and friends attended.

When members sat at their tables, they were served hors d'ouvres and pre-dinner drinks.

Distinguished guests were the Consul General of Malta in Victoria, Mr Charles Mifsud and Mrs Anna Maria Mifsud; the 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 and Ms Pauline Demanuele; the Honorary Members of Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group, Dr Clemente Zammit and Mrs Mary Zammit; Apologies for not being able to attend because of other commitments was the MSSP Rector at Parkville, Fr Edwin Agius and the Honorary Member of Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group, Mrs Anne Gauci. Also present were Mr Joseph Montebello, reporter and cameraman of "Waltzing Matilda" and his wife, Mary.

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 lasagne and speccatelle pasta. The main course consisted of baked chicken and roast beef with vegetables on each plate.

Dessert was 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 the capable Mario Sammut's Moods Music, which incidentally was his last DJ service with us before he retired at the end of the year.

The Consul General of Malta in Victoria, Mr Charles Mifsud, delivered his Christmas message and said that his wife, Anna Maria, will leave Australia because of her work commitments in Malta. He said, among other things, how they are always happy to attend Reskeon functions. Afterwards, Co-Ordinator, Salvina Vella, delivered her Christmas message.

There were two presentations. The first one was to Phyllis Vella in appreciation of her services to the Reskeon Seniors Group for many years. She was presented with a gold bracelet. The second presentation was to DJ Mario Sammut of Moods Music. Mario gave his services as a DJ to Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group since around 1997. He was presented with a memorable plaque with appreciation words for his services. The plaque carried as well the Reskeon logo and the Moods Music logo. Mario was always reliable and dedicated in his work and our members always enjoyed his music. In his few words Mario thanked Reskeon for believing in him and he said he started with Reskeon almost at his start of his DJ work in Melbourne. We will miss you, Mario.

Then, a list of birthday and anniversaries that occurred around this time was read. At the same time, Bon Voyage wishes went to Carmen Rossiter, sister of Phyllis Vella, who that very night had to fly back to Malta after a stay in Melbourne.

A small Christmas gift was given to all those pre-

sent. The men received a bottle of wine while the ladies received a large Christmas Panettone.

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 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.

(More photos Pag 5)



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# Reskeon Maltese Association Christmas Break-Up

Reskeon Maltese Association organised their Christmas Break-Up on Sunday, 2nd December, at Merrilands Community Centre, Reservoir, at 1.30 pm. This time there was a change of venue as there was a problem re booking the Maltese Centre, Parkville, because of an ongoing dispute re noise caused at functions with the Melbourne City Council.

Members start arriving at 12.30 pm, even when they knew the time of the Break-Up was 1.30 pm. We only had access to the hall at 1 pm because the hall was booked for another earlier function and even though there was only one complaint that we were still organising the tables in the hall at 1 pm, the person should know that we only accessed the hall at 1 pm and we tried our best to organise everything in the very short time available to us.

Apart from this, it was a very enjoyable afternoon. Around 90 members attended.

Members were greeted with nibbles on the table and later on enjoyed a light meal of chicken,

roast potato and salad. This was followed by a fresh fruit platter and ice-cream for dessert. Red and white wine, beer and soft drinks was available all afternoon, as well as tea and coffee.

During the afternoon there was a presentation to Caesar and Phyllis Vella, ex President and Secretary of Reskeon respectively. Caesar was presented with a voucher and Phyllis with a gold necklace. This was in appreciation of their long service to our association.

Music was in the hands of Mario Sammut's Moods Music who, unfortunately, was retiring from his DJ services at the end of the year. Thank you Mario for your many years of service to Reskeon.

This Christmas Break-Up was provided to all members free of charge. All those attending enjoyed the afternoon and showed appreciation. Thank you to all those who helped to make this function the success it was especially Salvina and Paul Vella who organised most of the shopping and running around. Thanks to all those members attending.



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**March 17:** Get Together (Resk. Maltese Assoc.) (Maltese Centre, Parkville, 2 pm)\*

**March 21:** Seniors Group BBQ (at Edwardes Park Lake)

**April:** Trip to Ballarat to visit the Begonias Display (Seniors)

**May 2:** Mother's Day Luncheon (Seniors) (Firenze Receptions, Fawkner)

**May 26:** Get Together (Resk. Maltese Assoc.) (Maltese Centre, Parkville, 2 pm)\*

**June 13:** Restaurant Day (Seniors) (Roxburg Park Hotel)

**July:** Weekend Trip Across the Border

**August 15:** Father's Day Luncheon (Seniors) (Firenze Receptions, Fawkner)

\* Ring Charles Tabone 0417 354 637 or Salvina Vella 9460-4404 with number attending. (\*)These functions 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.

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:

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Every Second Saturday of the month, 5.15 pm:

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Every Fourth Saturday of the month, 5.00 pm:

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### Reskeon Maltese Association Committee

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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 Pisani, 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; 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.

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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Maltese Centre, Parkville

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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:

#### TONY LAURIA

Husband of member Doris Lauria  
Son-in-law of members  
Joseph and Dolly Agius

#### CARMEN BUHAGIAR

Mother of member Sylvia Dakin

#### ELISEO (ELLY) SPITERI

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The group meets every Wednesday

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### SAINT GEORGE PRECA

Those receiving special favours through the intercession of Father George Preca, are requested to report this to:

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

#### Let us Pray

Lord, you called Dun 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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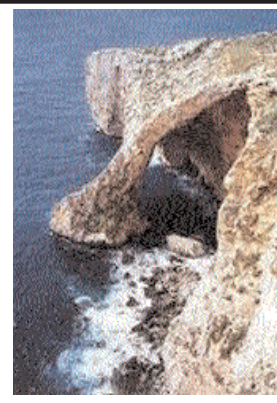
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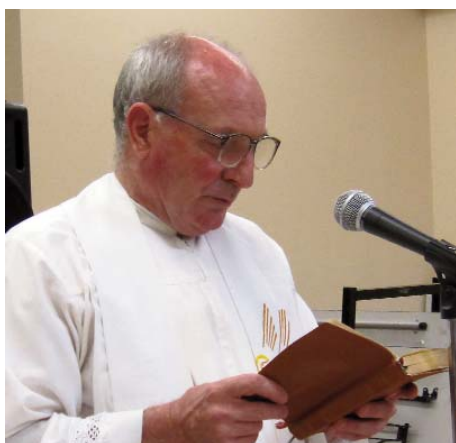
## Mass for the faithfully departed

As in every year during November, Reskeon Seniors Group organised a Mass for the repose of the souls of the faithfully departed.

This was held at Merrilands Community Centre, Reservoir, on Wednesday, November 21. The Celebrant was Can. Emmanuel Bonello, Parish Priest of St Joseph the Worker Parish, North Reservoir.

Most of those present brought photos of their loved ones who are no longer with us and put them on a special table on the side of the Altar.

Fr Bonello delivered a special Homily for the occasion. We thank him for finding the time to celebrate with us on this occasion.



*Photos: (left) Fr Manny Bonello during Mass. (Right, top) members during Mass. (bottom) photos of our dearly departed.*

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