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## Welcome! Merħba!

Welcome once again to another issue of Reskeon Newsletter.

The main event for last quarter of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group, naturally, was the Feast of Maria Bambina. The dinner dance was held on the 6th of September with a Mass being celebrated on the 8th in St. Paul's Chapel, Parkville. Then the feast was celebrated in St. Mary's Church, West Melbourne on the 14th.

On Wednesday, 10th October, Paul Lia gave our group a talk on Palliative Care.

On Thursday, 16th October members enjoyed a trip to Badger Creek Weir and Maroondah Dam. A good day was had by all even though it was a very wintry rainy day.

Reskeon met the Mayor of the City of Darebin on Sunday, 26th October.

Our AGM was held on Wednesday, 8th October with an election of a new committee, no changes from the old one. As this day fell during the Seniors Week, members enjoyed a free lunch of roast chicken and potato and a soft drink.

On Wednesday, 12th November, Canon Fr Emmanuel Bonello celebrated Mass for the repose of our dearly departed.

This year our members were encouraged to donate an item of food in a collection for the poor of the parish.

In this issue we read on some of the achievements of grandchildren of some of our members.

We take this opportunity to wish each one of you, your family and friends a Merry and Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year full of good health and peace.

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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## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

The President and Committee of  
Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group Inc.  
wish all our members, their families and friends a Merry and Holy  
Christmas and a New Year full of good health and prosperity.  
We extend the same wishes to all Maltese Associations,  
their committees and members and the whole  
Maltese Community in general.



## The feast of Maria Bambina organised by Reskeon

The feast of Maria Bambina in Melbourne was once again organised by Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group Inc. on behalf of the Missionary Society of St. Paul.

On Saturday, 6th September, Reskeon organised the Vittoria Dinner Dance at Firenze Receptions, Fawkner, which was well attended by more than 150 members and friends. Distinguished guests were the Fr Edwin Agius, mssp; Fr Dr Victor Shields, mssp; Honorary Life Members of Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group Inc., Dr Clemente Zammit and Mrs Mary Zammit; Life Member of Reskeon Maltese Association, Mr Laurie Bartolo and Mrs Theresa Bartolo; Ex-President of Reskeon Maltese Association, Mr Caesar Vella and Mrs Phyllis Vella, The MCCV Vice-President, Mr Victor Borg and Mrs Terry Borg; Apologies for being unable to attend were received by the Consul General of Malta in Victoria, Mr Victor Grech and Mrs Patricia Grech; MCCV Treasurer, Mr Paul Borg and Ms Pauline Borg and Life member Mrs Anne Gauci.

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

### FESTA TA' MARIJA BAMBINA

Dan kien avveniment speċjali tal-Grupp tagħna li organizza l-Festa ta' Marija Bambina għan-nom tal-Patrijiet tas-Socjeta' Missjunarja ta' San Pawl. Bdejna bil-ballu fis-6 ta' Settembru, Quddiesa fil-Kappella ta' San Pawl, Parkville, fit-8 ta' Settembru u fl-14 il-festa fil-Knisja ta' St. Mary Star of the Sea, West Melbourne.

### HARĠA GĦAL MAROONDAH DAM

Membri tal-Grupp hadu sehem f'harġa għal Badger Creek Weir u għal Maroondah Dam. Għalkemm kienet ġurnata xitwija, il-membri xorta hadu gost b'din il-harġa.

### TAHDITA FUQ PALLIATIVE CARE

Paul Lia miċ-Ċentru Malti ta' Parkville attenda waħda mil-laqgħat tal-Grupp tagħna, nhar l-Erbgħa, 10 ta' Settembru fejn ipprezenta taħdita fuq Palliative Care.

### SUČĊESSI TAL-GRANDCHILDREN

Dejjem nieħdu gost naraw il-grandchildren tagħna jagħmlu suċċess f'dak li jagħzlu li jispeċjalizzaw fih. F'din il-harġa naqraw fuq ftit mis-suċċessi ta' hafna minnhom.

### LAQGHA ĠENERALI ANNWALI

Il-Laqgħa Ġenerali Annwali ta' din is-sena inżammiet nhar l-Erbgħa, 8 ta' Ottubru. Kienet sena ta' elezzjoni imma ma kienx hemm tibdil fil-kumitat. Minhabba li din il-laqgħa kienet fil-Gimgha tal-Anzjani, il-kumitat organizza ikla b'xejn għall-membri kollha, fejn ġew servuti *roast chicken* u *roast potato* u xorb minerali.

### QUDDIESA GĦALL-ERWIEGH

Il-Kappillan tal-Paroċċa ta' San Guzepp Haddiem, North Reservoir, il-Kanonku Fr Manny Bonello, iċċelebra Quddiesa għall-erwiegh tal-familji tagħna, nhar l-Erbgħa, 12 ta' Novembru.

### IKEL GĦALL-FQAR

Din is-sena, il-membri tagħna ġew imhegga biex jagħmlu donazzjoni ta' xi haġa tal-ikel għall-foqra tal-parroċċa.

### RESKEON F'LAQGHA MAS-SINDKU

Nhar il-Hadd, 26 ta' Ottubru, membri tal-kumitat kienu ġew mistiedna biex jiltaqgħu mas-Sindku tal-Belt ta' Darebin, Cr Gaetano Greco. Is-Sindku ha gost jisma' fuq l-avvenimenti tal-Grupp tagħna.

*Rapporti bl-Ingliż flimkien ma' ritratti fuq dan li għadna kemm thaddit-na fuq ssibuhom f'faċċati oħra ta' din li Newsletter. Sakemm nergħu niltaqgħu darb'oħra, insellmilkom u ngħidilkom "Sahha"!*

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## A trip to Maroondah Dam, Badger Creek Weir and Sugarloaf Reservoir

On Thursday, 16th October, a group of 48 members boarded a Midland Coach from St Joseph the Worker Church carpark on a trip to Badger Creek Weir and Maroondah Dam. The weather bureau for the whole week forecasted showers which never eventuated. For this day they forecasted showers and once again they were wrong because we had heavy rain. We left Reservoir at 9.30 am and travelled through Yarra Glen to Lillydale arriving at Badger Creek Weir around 10.40 for free morning tea/coffee and biscuits. Goodies from members were abundant and shared between all.

When morning tea was done, the group boarded the coach once again and travelled to Maroondah Dam. This is when light showers started which developed into heavy rain during the day.

But a good day was had by all. Everyone fitted into a large gazebo. After lunch, some played bingo and others braved the elements and went for walks. Some even had the courage to go right to the top of the dam.

When it was time to go home, we boarded the coach and travelled through Yarra Glen once again, but Coach Captain Gordon decided to have a brief tour of Sugarloaf Reservoir to check the level of the water in the Reservoir. Gordon gave us a full description of the place and how water is filtered until it reaches our taps. We were back in Reservoir at around 4.30 pm.

All had a good day and thanked the committee members. Thanks to Mary Carabott for taking care of the bingo.

Thanks also to Gordon, our Coach Captain, for a good day.



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# The feast of Maria Bambina organised by Reskeon — (from Page 1)

Music was in the hands of DJ Domenic who catered for the music enjoyed by young and old.

This year we were pleased to see among us a lot of young ones who enjoyed the dinner dance and asked us to let them know for next year.

Entrée was ante pasta, second course was a ricotta cannelloni and tortellini with Bolognese sauce on each plate. Main course was chicken involtini and veal schnitzel with vegies on each plate. This was followed by Moka ice cream or Cassata ice cream, a fresh fruit platter and coffee with Continental cakes. Beer, red and white wine and soft drinks were served all night.

Later in the night the Malta Gozo Concert Band played marches for the occasion which created the merriment for the night, similar to that of the Maltese Festas.

All those attending complimented the way the night was organised, the food and the atmosphere.

On Monday, 8th September, a Mass was celebrated by Fr Dr Victor Shields, mssp, in the St. Paul's Chapel, next to the Maltese Centre, Parkville, attended by around 100 members of the

Maltese Community. Readers were Yvonne Caruana and Paul Vella. Singing during Mass was in the hands of Emmanuel Farrugia, accompanied on the organ by his wife, Margaret. After Mass, all were invited to go to the foyer of the Maltese Centre where free refreshments were served. There were sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, tea and coffee.

On Sunday, 14th September Reskeon organised the Feast of Maria Bambina on behalf of the Missionary Society of St Paul, at St Mary Star of the Sea Church, West Melbourne.

Due to the fact that there was a change in the administrative booking of St. Mary's, there was a double booking for a wedding and two christenings on the same day. Because of this there was a change in the time of the Mass from 2.30 pm to 5 pm. Extensive advertising and letters were sent indicating the new mass time. A lot of the community also knew about this change and we were surprised to see the great numbers of Maltese attending filling the church to capacity.

Among those present were the Consul General of Malta in Victoria, Mr Victor

Grech and Mrs Patricia Grech; the President of MCCV, Prof. Maurice Cauchi and Mrs Agnes Cauchi; members of the MCCV Executive; members of the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta; Mr George Portelli, Chief Representative of the Bank of Valletta in Australia; members of Sisters from religious Orders; members of the Society of Christian Doctrine and members of the Maltese Ex-Services Association of Victoria. A large number of Maltese Associations attended as well along with their banners, as well as the banners from the four villages and towns where the Bambina is celebrated in Malta and Gozo: Senglea, Mellieha, Naxxar and Xaghra, Gozo.

Rosary was recited at 4.45 pm by Mr Emmanuel Farrugia, which was followed by a Concelebrated Mass. Prime Celebrant was Mons. Benedict Camilleri, Rector of Ta' Pinu Sanctuary, who also did the Homily in English; Concelebrants were Fr Edwin Agius, mssp; Fr Dr Victor Shields, mssp; Fr Denis Carabott, mssp; Fr Karm Borg and Fr Dom Degiorgio.

Master of ceremonies was Emmanuel Farrugia assisted by Frank Siriani. The music and singing was provided by the Maltese Choir of Victoria under the direction of Mr Charles Schembri and Ms Lydia Gusman.

First Reader was Mr Victor Grech while Dr Edwin Borg-Manche' did the second Reading. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Ms Anoinette Bajada and Mrs Phyllis Vella.

The Sacrificial Offerings were brought to the Altar by Mr Joe Borg and Mrs Borg; Salvina Vella and Caesar Vella.

During Mass two collections took place: one going towards the MSSP and the second one going towards the Church of St Mary Star of the Sea.

After Mass, Fr Edwin thanked all those present and the Reskeon Maltese Association for organising the Feast on their behalf. Thanks went to Fr Anthony Bernal, Parish Priest of St. Mary Star of the Sea. A special thanks also went to George Topolcsanyi for his work in changing the lights of the halo behind the statue to LEDs – a great improvement.



**PHOTOS: (far left):**  
The Mass on September 8, in St. Paul's Chapel, Parkville. Celebrant Dr Fr Victor Shields, mssp, and Emmanuel and Margaret Farrugia in charge of the singing and music respectively. (Left): The statue carried in procession in the Church.

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## The feast of Maria Bambina organised by Reskeon — (from Page 3)

This was followed by a Procession with the beautiful Statue of Maria Bambina. Because of the time change the procession took place inside. For this reason the Maltese Own Band did not attend this year's feast.

The Procession was followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Later on refreshments were served to the distinguished guests and the helpers of the Feast.

Thanks to all those

Reskeon members who on Friday helped with taking the statue, pedestal, etc. to St Mary's Church and on Monday doing the same job back to the chapel in Parkville. Thanks to Mr Alfred Zahra, of St Bernadette's Community Centre, for providing us with his tray truck to be able to transport the feast items to St. Mary's and back.

This was the first time the Feast was held under the new President, Salvina Vella.



## Talk on Palliative Care

Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group always try to organise talks on subjects like diabetes, glaucoma or other health matters at their weekly meetings for the benefit of their members. The Group meets every Wednesday, at Merrilands Community Centre, Reservoir.

Some weeks before, Susan Trimmins, from Palliative Care Australia, Specialist health care and practical support, made contact with Secretary, Paul Vella, to organise a talk about the subject of Palliative Care.

On Wednesday, 10th September, Mr Paul Lia, from the Maltese Community Council of Victoria visited our Group to give us a talk on this subject.

Paul Lia explained what is Palliative Care. He said that this helps people with a life-limiting illness to have the best possible quality of life. It is available for everyone – of any age, race, culture, background or religion, and most services are free.

He told the 120+ members present that depending on one's needs, palliative care may include medicine and other therapies to relieve pain and manage symptoms, support the family members, help and equipment them to live comfortably at home where possible, help to meet the spiritual, religious or cultural

needs and provide regular visits from health workers and other care providers.

Paul continued by saying that when someone uses palliative care, the person with the illness and his family are always in control of decisions about their health, medical treatment and well-being.

He stressed that palliative care doesn't mean that there is no hope for life. One can continue to receive the treatment he was receiving.

Paul said that palliative care can be provided by one's own doctor, specialist doctors and nurses, physiotherapists, religious or spiritual advisors or others.

One can receive palliative care at home, hospital, hospice or other care facility. Care in a hospital or hospice is usually for a short time to treat one's symptoms and pain so that he or she will return home if possible. Paul said that most services are free but there may be some costs for equipment or medicines. He also explained about some pain-killing medicines. He finished by telling those present that if the person feels better speaking in his or her own language, they should let the palliative care service know as most of them can organise an interpreter for free.

The committee and members thanked Paul Lia and Palliative Care Victoria for providing this interesting talk.



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**Reskeon guests of Darebin Mayor President, Salvina Vella, Secretary, Paul Vella, Treasurer, Victor Pulis and Mrs Lina Pulis, were invited to meet Cr Gaetano Greco, Mayor of Darebin, for an afternoon of music and entertainment, at Merrilands Community Centre, on Sunday, October 26, 2014.**

They were among other leaders of associations and Carers and their families from the local community.

Mr Greco learned a lot about the activities and running of our associations and our members.

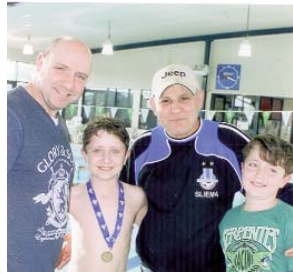
From left to right: Lina Pulis, Victor Pulis, Cr Gaetano Greco (the Mayor), Salvina Vella and Paul Vella.



*Always proud of our grandchildren's achievements....*

**The Sacco's doing well in swimming and Taekwondo**

Jett Sacco is 10 years old and is in Grade 5. Jett has been swimming since he was one year old. On 6th September, 2014, Jett swam 1 km (a total of 40 laps) in less than 28 minutes achieving his 1 km medal. He is a graceful swimmer, glides through the water. He has just been accepted to join the NWA Squad team in Windy Hill commencing at Bronze Level. It shouldn't be too long before he reaches the Gold Team and begins competing for medals. Jett is the grandson of our members Charles and Vera Sacco. Photo: Jett Sacco



*Photo (above): Jett displaying his medal with his father, Brian, on the left and grandfather, Charlie, and brother, Beau, on the right.*

Beau Sacco, right, is eight years old and is in Grade 3. Beau has been practicing and training in Taekwondo at the Fighting Lyons Club since he was five years old, training under former Australian Olympian, Paul Lyons. He progressed through from White Belt rapidly, collecting a new Dan each term and grading. He received his Black Belt



in June this year. Beau has a lethal back kick that has become his signature move. Don't mess with this Sacco!! Beau is another grandson of our members Charles and Vera Sacco.

**Golden Girl**

In August we read about Jade Colver-Vella competing in the Karate National Championships in Perth, winning gold in her division of Kumite 12/13yo -50kg, which was her a third time National Champion in a row. She also competed in the teams Kumite 12/13yo event and won gold for Victoria taking home two gold medals.

Now, Jade Colver-Vella, right, granddaughter of Caesar and Phylis Vella, has followed up her performance at the Nationals by winning two gold medals representing Australia at the World Karate Federations 16th Oceania Championships in Fiji.

Jade won Gold in the 12-13 year old girls under 50kg Kumite (sparring) and team Kumite events.

She trains at Ishinryu Karate club under Sensei Peter Hollowood who said Jade "really deserves her success".

"She trains hard and makes sacrifices to make sure that karate comes first in her life. She is chasing the ultimate goal in our sport to be world champion and I'm happy to be able to help and be part of her journey."



**Dana Volpi's painting in Federation Square**

Dana Volpi, 16, granddaughter of members Salvina and Paul Vella, had one of her paintings exhibited in the Atrium of Federation Square, in Awesome Art, Kildonan UnitingCare's annual art competition for young people aged 10-25 who live, work or study in the City of Whittlesea.

The exhibition provides a great opportunity for young people to communicate their ideas, feelings and concerns to a wider audience and gain recognition for their work by their friends, family, teachers and the general public.

As part of Awesome Art's 10th Anniversary celebrations, Federation Square has teamed up with Kildonan UnitingCare to hold the exhibition in the architecturally magnificent foyer of The Atrium for one week in November.

Dana's painting was that of the late film star, Audrey Hepburn, using a special style of painting she was experimenting with.



## The AGM was well attended

Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group Inc. held their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 8th October, 2014, at Merrilands Community Centre. Present were 111 members. The Minutes from the last Annual General Meeting, held on the 9th October, 2013, at Merrilands Community Centre, were read by the Secretary, Paul Vella. This was followed by the Financial Report read by the Treasurer, Victor Pulis.

The President, Salvina Vella delivered her Report. She started by thanking the committee for their work during the year and all members for their participation during the year. She said that this year we had lots of activities. Special thanks went to all those non committee members who in the morning help to organise the hall with tables and chairs and for staying behind to put everything back in storage as well, to those selling bingo tickets and bingo calling and to those who organise the bocce competitions.

During General Business, Caesar Vella told those present he would like to thank the committee for their hard work and reminded them that some members of the committee, apart from the four hours' work on Wednesday, they work most of the week at home or running around preparing for the following week. There were no more comments in General Business and this showed that all members approved the committee and how things were going.

This year was an Election Year for a new committee. Mr Guy Deguara was Returning Officer. After all committee members vacated their positions, Mr Deguara read the nominations for the new committee. Only one nomination was received for each position. President, Salvina Vella. Vice-President, George Colvin. Secretary, Paul Vella. Treasurer, Victor Pulis. Ordinary Members: Gerald Magro, Melita Magro, Sarah Catania, Alfred Cachia, Theresa Cachis, Joe Galea and Madeleine Vella. As the number of those nominated didn't exceed the number needed to form the new committee, Mr Deguara declared all those nominated to be duly elected.

After the meeting was closed, there was two Bingo sessions and all members were served free lunch of roast chicken and roast potato being the AGM and the Seniors Week.



Photo (left): Some of the members attending the AGM. Insert: Mr Guy Deguara. Top (left to right): Secretary, Paul Vella; President, Salvina Vella; Treasurer, Victor Pulis

## Mass for our dearly departed

On Wednesday, November 12, Reskeon organised a Mass for our dearly departed at their weekly meeting at Merrilands Community Centre. The Mass was celebrated by Canon Fr Mannie Bonello. Members brought photos of their family members no longer with us. Before the Mass Paul read a list of dead members who served on Reskeon committees over the years and placed a list of relatives of Reskeon family members on the Altar. The Mass was offered for repose of their souls. Fr Mannie delivered a lovely Homily for the occasion. Some 130 members were present.





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# FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

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- November 26:** Club Closing
- December 3:** Christmas Luncheon, Firenze Receptions, Fawkner
- February 4:** Club Opening
- March:** Barbecue at Edwardes Lake Park
- April:** Trip (by Coach) Day Out
- May 7:** Mother's Day Luncheon (Firenze Receptions)
- June 11:** Restaurant Day
- July:** Free Sausage Sizzle

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

**GEORGE BEZZINA**

Brother of members Frans Bezzina and Carmen Mizzi

**SALLY BONANNO**

Long time member of Reskeon  
Wife of member Freddy Bonanno

**MARY DAKIN**

Sister-in-law of member Sylvia Dakin  
Sister-in-law of member Joe Dakin

**Please remember them in your prayers**

**R.I.P.**

## 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.

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## Happy Birthday . . .

**September:** 1: Benny Zammit; 6: Charles Galea; 7: Yvonne Caruana, Mary Killeen. 8: Maria Bambina; 11: Mary Vella; 20: Carmen Mizzi; 22: Marlene Ciantar; 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: Phillip Debono, Mary Camilleri; 21: Carmen Debono; 22: Joe Cutajar; 23: Mary Magro; 31: Sylvia Dakin. **November:** 2: George Agius; Joe Agius; Joe Dakin; 13: Laurie Bartolo; 23: Iris Sapiano, Tonina Farrugia; 25: Fred Depares. 29: Natalie Cutajar, Elizabeth Camilleri.

## Happy Wedding Anniversary . . .

**September:** 1: Billy and Doris Dall; 5: Carmen and Tony Grech; 8: Grace and Fred Muscat; 10: Joe and Maureen Dakin; 14: Mr and Mrs E. Brincat; 15: Jim and Jane Cutajar; 19: Helen and Lino Hammett, Charles and Frances Galea; 22: George and Tessie Colvin. **October:** 4: Joe and Doris Pullicino; 5: Mary and Joe Pisani; 13: Mr and Mrs F. Depares; 17: Mr and Mrs J. Castillo; 24: Carmen and Phillip Debono. **November:** 12: Mr and Mrs Salvu Bartolo; 24: Mary and Charlie Camilleri, Terina and Joe Pace.

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The group meets every Wednesday at Merrilands Community Centre, Asquith St, Reservoir, 9.30-2 pm.

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### 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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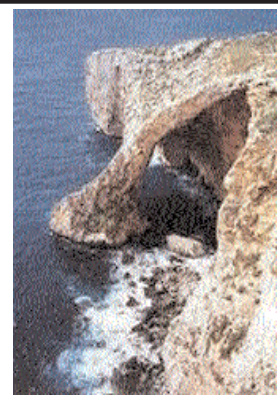
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## Free Chicken Lunch for Seniors Week

This years' AGM of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group was held during the Seniors Week.

On this occasion the Committee organised a free roast chicken and roast potato lunch for all the 111 members present. Members also enjoyed free tea and coffee or, if they preferred, a glass of soft drink.

The lunch was served after the AGM. Two bingo sessions were held as well.

All members enjoyed the day.



## FOOD FOR THE POOR

Every year, Canon Fr Mannie Bonello, the Parish Priest of St. Joseph the Worker Church, North Reservoir, organises a Christmas Tree in the Church, with paper stars as decorations and at the back of each star there is an item of food. Parishioners are encouraged to collect one of these stars and try to place that item at the foot of the tree so that at Christmas time, these food items are distributed among the poor families of the parish.

This year, the President of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group, along with the committee, came with the idea of encouraging the members of the association to take one of these stars which were placed on the table at the weekly meeting and donate a food item for the same purpose.

Our members are very generous and most of them not only brought one food item, but brought a bag full of food items. For this we thank all members for taking part in this

good hearted gesture.

The food items were taken care of by members Miriam Mizzi and Sylvia Dakin, who are volunteer workers in the parish. We thank Miriam and Sylvia for taking care of this.

Canon Fr Mannie Bonello was very pleased with the thought of organising this food collection.

*Photo: Some of the items collected in the first two weeks.*



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