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Welcome! Merhba!

Welcome once again to another issue of Reskeon Newsletter.

We are half way through the year already. This year we celebrated the 70th Anniversary of the Award of the George Cross to the People of Malta. Consul General for Malta in Victoria, Mr Charles Mifsud, along with a special committee, organised special functions and Reskeon attended all of them.

Reskeon Seniors Group enjoyed a trip to Ballarat on April 12, where they had the chance to visit the Begonia Exhibition.

On March 4, we learned of the passing away of our ex-committee member and member for many years of both Groups, George Bezzina. A good number of members attended the funeral at St Joseph the Worker Church, North Reservoir.

Reskeon Maltese Association organised another Get Together for all members on March 18, with members first attending a Mass at the Chapel and afterwards they enjoyed refreshments and a movie on the big screen. Once again this was provided free of charge to all members.

Members of Reskeon Seniors Group enjoyed a barbecue at Edwardes Lake Park on March 12. The day was enjoyed by all as the weather was quite warm.

We would like to remind you that the Bambina Feast will be celebrated in September. There will be a Bambina Mass on Thursday, September 6, at the Maltese Centre. The Vittoria Dinner Dance will be on Saturday, the 8th and on Sunday the 9th we celebrate the Feast of Maria Bambina at St. Mary's, West Melbourne. We encourage you to participate and to try to organise a table with family and friends for the dinner dance.

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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Trip to Ballarat



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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

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HARGA GHAL BALLARAT

Il-Hamis, 12 ta' April, grupp ta' 48 membru tar-Reskeon Seniors Group hadu sehem f'harga ghal Ballarat fejn fost affarijiet ohra kellhom ic-cans li jzuru l-wirja tal-Begonias, fjuri mill-isbah. Kienu hafna li xtraw minn dawn il-fjuri. Wara l-ikel kien hemm hafna li marru ghal mixja f'dan il-post tant sabih.

IKLA GHAL JUM L-OMM

Ir-Reskeon Seniors Group iccelebraw Jum l-Omm b'ikla fil-Firenze Receptions. Numru sabih ta' membri attendew. Kulhadd ha pjacir. Matul din l-ikla saret prezentazzjoni ta' trophies ghar-rebbieha tal-Kompetizzjoni tal-Bocci, sezzjoni tan-nisa, fejn ir-rebbieha kienet Agostina Sultana waqt li Carmen Grech kienet ir-Runner-up.

RESKEON JIEHDU SEHEM

FIC-CELEBRAZZJONI TAL-GEORGE CROSS

Din is-sena qed niccelebraw is-70 Anniversarju mill-Ghoti tal-George Cross lil Malta. Il-Konslu Generali ghal Malta fil-Victoria, is-Sur Charles Mifsud, flimkien ma' kumitat li waqaf apposta, organizza hafna celebrazzjonijiet ghal dan il-ghan. Membri tar-Reskeon hadu sehem fl-attivitatijiet kollha. Fjuri tqieghdu fix-Shelter of Peace minn Phyllis Vella fil-waqt li Salvina Vella qeghdet fjuri fuq il-mafkar tal-George Cross li hemm hdejn ic-Centru Malti ta' Parkville.

MEWT OHRA TA' MEMBRU TAL-KUMITAT

Ghal darb'ohra kellna ngarrbu telfa ohra, din id-darba ta' George Bezzina, ex-Membru tal-Kumitat tar-Reskeon Seniors Group. George kien membru tar-Reskeon Maltese Association u dak tar-Reskeon Seniors Group tista' tghid mill-bidu nett. Zgur se nhossu t-telfa tieghu. Noffru l-kondoljanzi taghna lill-membri tal-familja tieghu u nitlobkom tiftakru fih fit-talb taghkom.

"GET TOGETHER" TA' MARZU

Ir-Reskeon Maltese Association organizzaw *Get Together* iehor, din id-darba il-Hadd, 18 ta' Marzu. Numbru sabih ta' membri attendew. L-ewwel bdejna b'Quddiesia fil-Kappella ta' San Pawl u wara kulhadd mar fis-Sala fejn kien hemm xi haga tal-ikel u xorb u ntwera film bil-Malti. Dhul kien b'xejn.

BARBECUE GHAS-SENIORS

Nhar il-Hamis, 12 ta' Marzu, grupp sabih tar-Reskeon Seniors Group attendew ghal Barbecue li nzamm fil-Park ta' Edwardes Lake, Reservoir. Wara xi tliet ijiem keshin, insertat gurnata sabieha u f'it shuna. Dawk li attendew kollha hadu pjacir tant li kien hemm hafna li wrew ix-xewqa taghhom li l-Grupp jorganizza aktar attivitatijiet bhal dawn.

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

— Paul Vella



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Another loss of a good friend

Almost after a month after we lost a good friend and committee member, Emmanuel Agius, we had to go through the same grief with the death of another friend and ex-committee member.



This time it was George Bezzina, who passed away on Sunday, 4th March, aged 88.

George was a member of Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group for a very long time.

He joined the Reskeon Seniors Group from its foundation and served on the committee since then until a couple of years ago when he retired because of ill health.

During his time on the committee, George was a very hard worker in both groups.

Over the years, George was always there to help both at "Jum il-Maltin" and during the Feast of Maria Bambina.

With the Seniors he always worked in the kitchen preparing lunches for the members. He was well-loved and was always ready to help others.

In the last few years he lost the sight of his eyes, but he was always happy to come to Merrilands Community Centre and enjoy a chat with the members.

To his family we offer our deep condolences.

We will miss you, George.



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Trip to Ballarat to see the Begonias

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The day was Thursday, 12th April. The Good Lord was kind by giving us a beautiful sunny 24 deg. day after of few days with chilling weather.

Our Coach Captain was Bill and we left the carpark of St Joseph the Worker Church at 9 am.

We arrived at around 10.45 am and all members enjoyed a free cup of tea or coffee with biscuits and many goodies that members brought with them and shared around.

Afterwards, members entered the Conservatory to visit the Begonias display... and what a beautiful display it was. Large flowers of exotic colours that attracted hundreds of photos.

Some members had a chance to purchase flower pots of Begonias which were available for sale at very reasonable prices.

Then it was time for lunch which was BYO. There were plenty of seats in the opposite park and even a shelter from the warm sun under a number of gazebos.

After lunch, most members enjoyed a walk along the Botanical Gardens and a visit to the Statuary Pavilion was well worth it viewing the fine white artis-

tic marble statues. The sculptures are by Charles Summer and depict "The Flight to Pompeii", "Ruth", "Modesty", "Rebeka" and "Susanah".

Others had a walk in the park along Lake Youille's Swamp (now Lake Wendouree) and the bird life and beautiful swans.

At around 3 pm we boarded the coach for our trip back to Melbourne.

All members enjoyed this trip so much that they requested more such trips are organised.

It is always a pleasure travelling with our members who are always well behaved and very punctual.

Thanks to all those taking part in this outing and thanks to our Coach Captain, Bill, for looking after us and kept us informed of spots of interest during the trip.

This outing was subsidised by Reskeon Seniors Group. **(More pictures on Page 4)**

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The Seniors' Mother's Day Luncheon (from Page 5)



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Mother's Day Luncheon for the Seniors Group

On Thursday, 3rd May, Reskeon Seniors Group organised their Mother's Day Luncheon for their members.

This was held at the Firenze Receptions, McBryde Street, Fawkner.

Around 160 members and friends attended.

Members started to arrive at around 11 am and when they entered the hall they were served with pre-lunch drinks and hors d'ouvres.

Secretary Paul Vella welcomed guests and members and invited them to stand for the Maltese and Australian National Anthems.

After Champagne was poured into the glasses, all male members were asked to be upstanding to offer a toast for all the Mothers on the occasion of Mother's Day.

The entrée of baked fish and rice and vegetables was served.

This was followed by a serve of lasagne.

Main Course was grilled chicken and beef with vegetables on each plate.

Dessert was cassata ice-cream.

This was followed by a platter of fresh fruit.

Then tea and coffee was served along with Continental cakes.

The music on the day was in the capable hands of Mario Sammut of Moods Music. As usual, Mario kept all those present dancing on the floor most of the day.

Distinguished guests present were the Consul General for Malta in Victoria, Mr Charles Mifsud and Mrs Anna Maria Mifsud; Fr Edwin Agius, mssp, Rector at Parkville; Life Member of Reskeon

Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group, Mrs Anne Gauci; Vice-President of the Maltese Community Council of Victoria, Mr Gejtu Deguara and Mrs Mary Deguara; Honorary Treasurer of the MCCV, Mr Paul Borg and Ms Pauline Fenech. Apologies were received from Honorary Life Members, Dr Clemente Zammit and Mrs Mary Zammit.

Among those present we welcomed Ms Doris Smith, sister of member Mary Falzon, who was on a holiday from Ipswich, England.

Later in the day, Acting Co-Ordinator Salvina Vella spoke a few words for the occasion wishing a good day on Mother's Day to all members with their families and asked to remember and pray for all those mothers who are no longer with us.

Then she invited the Consul General for Malta in Victoria, Mr Charles Mifsud to say a few words. He said that all mothers deserve a special day for what they provide to their families.

Then there was the presentation of trophies for the winner and runner-up of the Ladies' Bocce Competition which finished two weeks before this event. Acting Co-Ordinator Salvina Vella invited Mr Charles Mifsud to present the trophies to winner Agostina Sultana and runner-up Carmen Grech. All participants in the competition were asked to join them for a group photo.

We thank those who helped in some way or another to make this day a very successful one. We thank all members for being present and enjoying the day together as one big family.

Thanks to all those mem-

bers who found the time to approach members of the committee to pay their compliments for this well-organised function.

Thanks also to the management and waiting staff of Firenze Receptions for the way they look after us.

(More pictures Page 4)



A BBQ for the Reskeon Seniors

On Thursday, 12th March, around 95 members of Reskeon Seniors Group, enjoyed a BBQ organised by the Committee of the Group. This was held at the beautiful park of Edwardes Lake in Reservoir.

The Good Lord provided us with a beautiful warm sunny day. This was a big contrast from the day before when we experienced chilling temperatures and rain. Thursday turned up to be a nice summer day.

This BBQ is organised every year and is very popular and much awaited by all members.

The cooking of the meat and sausages was in the hands of Joe Galea, George Colvin, Vince Borg and Charles Sacco with Alfred Cachis lending a hand.

Salvina Vella and Phyllis Vella prepared the salads and served the food with a helping hand of Anne Gauci and Melita Magro.

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

After the meal some members enjoyed a chat together while others preferred to take a 2.5 km. walk around the lake.

Later on, all members enjoyed a serve of fresh fruit.

All members enjoyed the day and the BBQ and requested more days like this to be organised during the year.

This would not have been the success it was without the help of many committee members and friends. We thank all of them and all members who attended.



The March Get Together

Reskeon Maltese Association organised their first Get Together for the year on Sunday, 18th March, at the Maltese Centre in Parkville.

Around 75 members attended.

Fr Edwin Agius, mssp, Rector at Parkville, and Chaplain of the Group, celebrated Mass for the members in St. Paul's Chapel, before the Get Together.

After Mass, members went to the hall where they were greeted with a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits.

Some nibbles were served on the tables.

After the first session of a Maltese comedy on the big screen, members were served a selection of sandwiches and pastizzis.

Then the second session was screened followed by a serve of fresh fruit.

The night ended with another comedy session on the screen. All those attending enjoyed this Get Together which was once again provided free of charge to all members.



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July 12: Day Out (Reskeon Maltese Association)

July 28 and 29: Weekend Trip

August 9: Father's Day Luncheon (Firenze Receptions) (Seniors)

August 19: Get Together (Parkville)*

September 6: Bambina Mass (Maltese Centre, Parkville)

September 8: Vitoria Dinner Dance (Firenze Receptions, Fawkner)

September 9: Bambina Feast (St Mary's Church, West Melbourne)

* 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.

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, 6.00 pm:

St. Thomas More Church, 65 North Street, Hadfield

Every Fourth Saturday of the month, 5.00 pm:

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Childs Road, Mill Park

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Happy Birthday ...

June: 3: Vivian Tabone; 7: Emily Depares, Fiona Cutajar; 17: John Saliba, Charles Magro; 22: Tessie Colvin; 25: Jane Cutajar; 27: Tony Cassar; 30: Charles Caruana, Pauline Busuttill.

July: 1: Frank Micallef, Charlie Camilleri; Emmanuel Brincat, Charlie Ciantar; 15: Lina Bonnici; 19: Melita Borg, Tonina Cassar; 22: Freddie Cachia; 25: Annie Scicluna; 30: Carmen Borg. **August:** 2: Salvina Vella (Reservoir), Fred Mifsud, Lino Hammett; 4: Mary Attard; 6: Salvina Vella (Coolaroo); 7: Edward Fabri; 11: Doris Farrugia; 12: Annie Gauci; 13: Godfrey Camilleri; 16: Gejtu Vella; 18: Dolly Agius; 20: John Hili; 23: Joe Agius; 24: Frank Mallia; 25: Sam Bartolo; 30: Manwel Mifsud; 31: Tessie Sacco.

Happy Wedding Anniversary ...

June: 1: Doris and Charlie Farrugia; 5: Gwido and Jane Ciantar; 12: Mr and Mrs Scicluna; 25: Mr and Mrs G. Magro; 27: Mr and Mrs G. Vella. **July:** 7: Mr and Mrs Tony Scicluna; 8: Doris and George Caruana; 10: Lucy and Edward Fabri; 15: Mr and Mrs T. Debono; 16: Lisa and John Saliba; 19: Charles and Frances Galea; 27: Toni and John Hili; 28: Doris and Jim Galea. **August:** 7: Moses & Pauline Busuttill; 8: Joe and Julie Fenech; 11: Rita and Charlie Zammit; 14: Antida and Jim Galea.

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

GEORGE BEZZINA

Ex-Committee Member of Reskeon Seniors Group and a long time member of Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group

Fr. TONIO MIFSUD, OFM Conv.

Cousin of member Joe Camilleri and a great friend of members Paul and Salvina Vella

Please remember them in your prayers

R.I.P.

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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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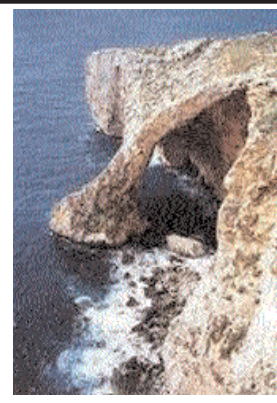
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Reskeon attend the George Cross Celebrations

This year we celebrated the 70th Anniversary of the Award of the George Cross to the People of Malta.

The Consul General for Malta in Victoria, Mr Charles Mifsud, prepared an extensive program to celebrate this event.

Members of Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group attended all functions.

First function was by the Australian Maltese Association at the Shelter of Peace on Sunday, April 15, where Secretary of Reskeon Maltese Association, Phyllis Vella (pictured right) laid flowers at the Shelter of Peace.

Then there was a talk on the George Cross by Mr Charles Mifsud at a meeting organised by the Maltese Historical Association of Australia at the Maltese Centre on Tuesday, April 17.

This was followed with a Cocktail Party and the showing of the film "Heroes in the Sky" at the Maltese Centre, Parkville, on Saturday, April 21.

Last event was a Mass and Service at the George Cross Monument next to the Maltese Centre, Parkville, organised by the Maltese Ex-Services Association, where Acting Co-Ordinator of Reskeon Seniors Group, Salvina Vella (pictured right), laid flowers at the Monument.

Thanks to Mr Charles Mifsud and his special committee, and all the other organisations that helped to make these celebrations so successful.



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