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Welcome! Merħba!

Welcome once again to another issue of Reskeon Newsletter.

We are reaching the end of the year.

In September once again Reskeon organised the Feast of Maria Bambina on behalf of the Fathers of the Missionary Society of St. Paul. Once again it was a great success and all went well. There was a Mass at St. Paul's Chapel and the Feast at St. Mary Star of the Sea, West Melbourne. The Dinner Dance was a great success.

The President and Secretary of Reskeon attended the launch of the Mural at PRACE Merilands Centre.

A large group of members and friends of Reskeon participated in a trip to Mulwala with a visit to SPC in Shepparton on the way back.

The committee of Reskeon and helpers were invited to the 20th Anniversary of the Federation Senior Groups.

Reskeon held their Annual General Meeting where members agreed they were very happy with the way things are run by the committee. Members enjoyed a free chicken and roast potato lunch.

As this is the last issue for this year, the President and Committee wish each and every member a Happy and Holy Christmas and a New Year full of joy and good health and we do look forward for another successful year.

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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The Feast of Maria Bambina organised by Reskeon

Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group Inc. on behalf of the Missionary Society of St. Paul once again organised the feast of Maria Bambina this year.

On Thursday, 6th September, a Mass was celebrated by Fr Lonnie Borg, mssp, in the St. Paul's Chapel, next to the Maltese Centre, Parkville. Concelebrant was Fr Edwin Agius, mssp, Rector at Parkville. Rosary was recited by Tony Buhagiar before Mass. This was attended by around 80 members of the Maltese Community. Readers were Paul Borg and Yvonne Caruana, while Miriam Belli did the Prayers of the Faithful. The Offertory items were brought to the Altar by Sylvia Dakin and Cathy Gatt. A special CD was organised with hymns for the occasion, among which was "O Marija Bambina" music by Mro Carmelo Muscat, lyrics by Keith Zammit and sung by Kimberly Grech. The Homily was delivered by Fr Lonnie Borg, mssp. Among those present were the President of MCCV, Mr Victor Borg and members of the Executive and members of the female section of SDC. At the conclusion of the Mass, Fr Edwin thanked all those who helped to make this Mass successful including Reskeon and Mr Alfred Asciak who decorated the chapel. 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. This was provided by Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group.

On Saturday, 8th September, Reskeon organised the Vittoria Dinner Dance at Firenze Receptions, Fawkner, which was well attended by around 177 members and friends. Distinguished guests were the Consul General for the Republic of Malta in Victoria, Ms Joanna Pisani; the Honorary Life Members of Reskeon, Dr Clemente Zammit and Mrs Mary Zammit; the Honorary Auditor of Reskeon, Mr Paul Borg and Mrs Pauline Borg; Ex-President and Co-Ordinator of Reskeon, Mr Caesar Vella and Mrs Phyllis Vella. Also with us were the Past President of Reskeon, Mr George Scicluna and Mrs Anne Scicluna; MCCV Secretary, Mr Andrew Gatt and Mrs Annie Gatt. We received apologies from Fr Edwin Agius, mssp; the MCCV President, Mr Victor Borg; and Life Member of Reskeon, Mr Laurie Bartolo who were not able to attend this function. *(Rest of story and more photos on Pages 3, 4 and 5)*

VALE VICTOR PULIS



With deep sorrow we learned of the passing away of our long time member and Treasurer, Victor Pulis, on Wednesday, December 12. To his wife, Lina, children Marie, Bernadine and Patrick and all their families we offer our condolences. *May he rest in peace in the arms of the Good Lord.*

A trip around the Bay

On Thursday, 8th November, 2018, a group of 57 members enjoyed a trip around the Bay organised by Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group.

Although we had a 57-seat coach, we still had members on the waiting list.

Members boarded the Nationwide Tours Coach from the carpark of St Joseph the Worker Church, North Reservoir, at 8.00 am.

We started the journey to Sorrento through Mornington Peninsula Freeway, arriving in Sorrento around 10.30 am where Coach Captain, John Saliba, stopped us near the Ferry terminus where members enjoyed free morning tea with cakes and biscuits provided by Reskeon. Some members provided some goodies as well to share among the members and we thank them for it.

We boarded the Peninsula Sea Road Ferry around 11 am, for the trip across Port Phillip Bay to Queenscliff.

We disembarked the Ferry at Queenscliff and we headed to Corio to the Gateway Hotel where we enjoyed free buffet lunch.

There we met members Yvonne and Sam Caruana and Caesar and Phyllis Vella who drove there from Point Lonsdale and Point Cook respectively, to be with us. As well, they brought some other friends who we haven't seen for a while.

Around 3 pm we boarded the coach again to make our way back to Reservoir. We arrived in Reservoir around 5.20 pm.

Members told us they enjoyed this trip which was heavily subsidised by Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group for almost half the cost. We thank our Coach Captain, John Saliba, for a safe and enjoyable trip.

The 20th Anniversary of the Federation

This year the Northern Federation of Ethnic Senior Citizens Clubs celebrated its 20th Anniversary with a luncheon. This was combined by its Annual General Meeting, which was held at the Greek Orthodox Church Hall, in Coburg.

The Reskeon committee and some of the helpers of the Group attended the AGM.

We thank the colourful and support of Spectrum team members, particularly Mr Burnie Nott, CEO, Spectrum. Guest speaker at this event was the Hon. Telmo Languiller, MP, who comes from Uruguay. He held different important portfolios including Speaker at the Legislative Assembly, 2014-2017.

One special feature of the 20th Anniversary celebration was recognition of services for John Nicolaou, Nick Nicholaou, Santosh Kumar and Paul Vella. The award to our Secretary, Paul Vella, was for producing the quarterly newsletter of Reskeon. Paul always states that he doesn't like awards, but this one was given unexpectedly on the day. Thanks to Santosh Kumar who produces an interesting monthly newsletter for the Federation.



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The Launch of PRACE Community Mural

On Thursday, 25th October, the Launch of PRACE Community Mural took place at Merrilands Community Centre, Reservoir.

Mayor of the City of Darebin Cr Kim Le Cerf, Cr Gaetano Greco and staff from Darebin City Council were in attendance along with PRACE students, staff and patrons.

Attendees gathered at the foot of the mural in the community garden for the launch presentation.

PRACE CEO, Mr Paddy McVeigh, welcomed all those present and then introduced the Chairperson of PRACE Board of Management, Ms Cheryle Michael. The Mayor of Darebin Council, Cr Kim Le Cerf addressed those present and then launched the Mural. In attendance as well was Cr Gaetano Greco.

After the launch everyone enjoyed a wonderful morning tea provided by the cheerful VCAL students.

It was wonderful to see people from a multitude of backgrounds come together to celebrate the finalisation of a project that celebrates community and lifelong learning.

We hope that this impressive piece of public art serves to continue welcoming diverse community members into PRACE and the Merrilands Community Centre for many years to come!

Salvina and Paul Vella, President and Secretary respectively, of the Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group Inc. were among those in attendance.



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BAMBINA FEAST (from Page 1)

Entertainment was in the hands of DJ King Charlie who catered for the music enjoyed by young and old and kept everyone on the dance floor dancing all night.

This year we were pleased to see amongst us a lot of young people who enjoyed the dinner dance and asked us to let them know for next year. Also with us were new members of the Community who really enjoyed the night so much that they will be with us next year and they will bring more friends with them.

MC for the night was Mr Joe Cutajar who was voted two years in a row by our members to be the best MC in the Maltese Community. After he welcomed all those present and thanked President, Salvina Vella, who single-handedly organised the dinner dance, he invited everyone to be upstanding for the singing of the Maltese and Australian National Anthems. The MC asked everyone to fill their glasses with champagne and made a toast for the Bambina Feast.

Entrée was ante pasta for each person, second course was ricotta cannelloni with Bolognese sauce. Main course was chicken Kiev and roast beef with vegies on each plate. This was followed by Cassata ice cream, a fresh fruit platter and coffee with Continental cakes. Beer, red and white wine and soft drinks were served all night.

The birthdays and anniversaries were read.

Later in the night the MMG Concert Band of Victoria, played marches for the occasion which created the merriment for the night, similar to that of the Maltese Festas, finishing with the Ave Maria and the Reskeon Theme Song, lyrics by Dr Clemente Zammit and music by the late Laurie Armato. The band played for about 40 minutes.

All those attending, especially those who attended for the first time, complemented the way the night was organised, the food and the atmosphere.

Mr Martin Gauci entertained the audience with four beautiful numbers.

Thanks to Joe Cutajar who, helped by Tanya Dunn and Miriam Volpi, decorated the hall.

On Sunday, 9th 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.

Among those present were the President of MCCV, Mr Victor Borg; members of the MCCV Executive; Chev. Joseph Borg represented the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta, members of Sisters from religious Orders and members of the Society of Christian Doctrine. A large number of Maltese Associations attended with their banners, as well the banners from the different villages and towns where the Bambina is celebrated in Malta and Gozo: Senglea, Mellieha and Xaghra, Gozo.

Rosary was recited at 3.00 pm by Ms Miriam Belli, SDC. This was followed by a Concelebrated Mass. Prime Celebrant was Fr Frank Buhagiar. Concelebrants were Fr Dennis Carabott, mssp; Fr Edwin Agius, mssp, Rector at Parkville; Fr Lonnie Borg and Fr Ivano Burdian, both of the mssp; Fr Karm Borg. Fr Edwin Agius did a beautiful Homily.

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 Ms Joanna Pisani, while the second Reading was done by Mrs Phyllis Vella. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Mr Joe Borg and Mrs Yvonne

Caruana.

The Sacrificial Offerings were brought to the Altar by Mr Caesar Vella; Reskeon Vice-President, Mrs Madeleine Vella, President, Salvina Vella; and Secretary, Paul Vella.

During Mass two collections took place: one going towards the Missionary Society of St Paul 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 Seniors Group for organising the Feast on their behalf. Thanks went to Fr Anthony Bernal, Parish Priest of St. Mary Star of the Sea. Thanks went to the statue bearers, forcinas and the Maltese Own Band Philharmonic for their participation with beautiful marches. This was followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Due to inclement weather the Procession took place inside the Church. As in every year, the Maltese Own Band played beautiful marches for the occasion during the procession. This year they did this in the Church Narthex.

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.

(More pictures on Pages 4 and 5)



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RESKEON'S TRIP TO MULWALA

On Sunday, October 28, a group of 57 members and friends of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group, enjoyed a day trip to Mulwala Ski Club.

The day was a fine sunny day. We left St Joseph the Worker Church carpark at 7 am. We stopped at Negambie with free morning tea/coffee with biscuits and cakes provided by the Group. Many members brought a lot of goodies with them to share with their friends.

Buffet lunch of pasta and pizza was provided free in the price, at La Porchetta who looked after our members very well.

On the way back Coach Captain John Saliba, stopped us at the SPC Factory Outlet where, members purchased a lot of items at very low prices.

Members were very good and very punctual on the coach when we were leaving each place. Well done!

As I always say "our members are the best"!!

Most members asked for a similar outing soon.

We would like to thank Coach Captain John Saliba for being very helpful and friendly.





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March: Members' BBQ (Edwardes Lake Park)

April: Coach Trip (Day Out)

May 9: Mother's Day Luncheon (Firenze)

June 6: 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 First Friday of the month, 5.30 pm:

St. Paul's Chapel, Parkville (Maltese Centre)

Every First Friday of the month, 6.30 pm:

St. Paul's Church, Glengala Road, West Sunshine

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 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, 5.00 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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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 some **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.



VICTOR PULIS

Husband of member Lina Pulis Victor was a member of Reskeon for many, many years and he served on the committee as Treasurer of the Reskeon Seniors Group for a long time and he was very dedicated in his role.

CARMEL SAMMUT

Brother of member Doris Mallia

Sister GUZA BAJADA

Cousin of Tonina Farrugia

JESSIE TABONE

Cousin of Tonina Farrugia

ALFRED MIFSUD

Long time Member of Reskeon
Husband of Mary Mifsud

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Happy Birthday ...

December: 3: Miriam Mizzi; 7: Joe Mercieca; 11: Paul Schembri; 16: Phyllis Vella, Lourdes Psaila, Charlie Cachia; 18: Sam Caruana. 25: Our Lord, Jesus Christ; 26: Joe Mifsud; 21: Michael Borg; 30: Joyce Scicluna; **January:** 1: Jane Ciantar; 2: Carmen Cassar, Mary Mifsud. 4: Mike Catania; 6: Grace Muscat, Pauline Borg; 10: Terrina Pace; 12: Madeleine Vella, Fred Muscat; 16: Joe Castillo; 17: Tony Debono; George Topolcsanyi; 23: Lina Falzon; 24: Helen Hammett. **February:** 1: Charles Tabone; 2: Antida Galea; Marlene Azzopardi; 10: Frank Borg; 12: Carmen Cachia; 15: Sally Bartolo; 16: Carmen Grech, David Falzon; 17: Paula Bezzina; 23: Carmen Topolcsanyi.

Happy Wedding Anniversary ...

December: 4: Lina and David Falzon. 21: Connie and Frank Gatt; Theresa and Freddie Cachia, Doris and Fred Schembri. 30: Melita and Reno Borg. **January:** 6: Sally and Sam Bartolo; 9: Carmen and James Cassar; 23: Sarah and Mike Catania. **February:** 1: Vera and Charles Sacco; 18: Geoff and Rita Mee; 22: Lourdes and Joe Mifsud; 26: Carmen and Michael Borg.

Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group Inc.

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

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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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Reskeon's AGM

On Wednesday, October 3, Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group held their Annual General Meeting at Merrilands Community Centre, Reservoir. Eighty members were present.

The meeting opened with a prayer followed by the reading of the Minutes of the last AGM by Secretary Paul Vella. Nothing was raised from the Minutes. This was followed by the Financial Report. Due to the absence of the Treasurer, Victor Pulis, who was in hospital and the Assistant Secretary, George Topolcsanyi, who had a previous appointment, the report was read by our Honorary Auditor, Mr Paul Borg. Nothing was raised from this report and was passed unanimously.

President, Salvina Vella, gave her report of what happened during the year and what's in store for next year.

This was an Election year for a new committee. As the number of those nominated didn't exceed the number of nominations needed, all those nominated were duly elected.

President, Salvina Vella; Vice-President, Madeleine Vella, Secretary, Paul Vella; Treasurer, Victor Pulis; Assistant Treasurer, George Topolcsanyi; Ordinary members: Sylvia Dakin, Fred Cachia, Theresa Cachia and Cathy Gatt.

Being Seniors Week, the meeting finished with a free lunch for all those present, roast chicken and potatoes, soft drinks, tea and coffee, biscuits and cakes.

Wishing the new committee a good term ahead.



*Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year*

*The President and Committee of
Reskeon Maltese Association
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