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Welcome! Merħba!

Welcome once again to another issue of Reskeon Newsletter.

This year flew so quick and is almost gone. A year full of activities.

Main activity was the Feast of Maria Bambina. Mass on Thursday, 7th September, Dinner Dance the following Saturday at Firenze Receptions and the Feast at St. Mary Star of the Sea, West Melbourne on Sunday, 11th December. All went well.

We lost a long time member of Reskeon: Theresa Bartolo. Along with other members she worked hard during the years. Condolences to husband Laurie and family.

Reskeon Group had a trip around the bay on Thursday, 9th November where 57 members participated.

Reskeon had the AGM on 4th October finishing with free chicken and potato lunch and drinks for all.

Fr Joe Pulis, brother of our committee member, Victor, passed away and we attended to his funeral.

Reskeon committee and other members attended the celebration for Malta's independence on 21st September, organised by the MCCV. There we met for the first time Ms Joanna Pisani, the new Consul General for the Republic of Malta in Victoria.

As the Men's Bocce Competition was not finished to present trophies at the Father's Day Luncheon, the trophies were presented at one of our weekly meetings at Merrilands Community Centre later on.

Two committee members celebrated their 80th Birthdays lately and there was a small celebration after our meeting with a birthday cake and a drink.

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, 7th September, a Mass was celebrated by Fr Dr Victor Shields, mssp, in the St. Paul's Chapel, next to the Maltese Centre, Parkville. Concelebrants were Fr Edwin Agius, mssp, Rector at Parkville, and Fr Lonnie Borg, mssp. This was attended by around 80 members of the Maltese Community. Readers were Paul Borg and Miriam Belli while Paul Vella did the Prayers of the Faithful. The Offertory items were brought to the Altar by Sylvia Dakin and Melita Magro. 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 Dr Victor Shields, mssp, who was on a visit to Melbourne from Malta. 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 Ascjak 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, 9th September, Reskeon organised the Vittoria Dinner Dance at Firenze Receptions, Fawkner, which was well attended by more than 200 members and friends. Distinguished guests were Fr Dr Victor Shields, mssp; The Treasurer of the MCCV and 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; the President of the MCCV Ladies' Auxiliary, Mrs Marlene Xerri and Mr Andrew Xerri. We received apologies from the Consul General of Malta in Victoria, Ms Joanna Pisani; Fr Edwin Agius, mssp; the MCCV President, Mr Victor Borg; Honorary Life Members of Reskeon, Dr Clemente Zammit and Mrs Mary Zammit; Life Members of Reskeon, Mr Laurie Bartolo and Mrs Theresa Bartolo who were not able to attend this function.

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Music 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 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 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.

Rest of the story and more photos on Pages 3 and 4

Għal min jippreferi jaqra' bil-Malti...

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

Nhar il-Hamis, 7 ta' Settembru Reskeon organizzaw Quddies ta' Marija Bambina, għan-nom tal-Patrijiet tal-MSSP, fil-Kappella ta' San Pawl, Parkville. Is-Sibt, 9 ta' Settembru, Reskeon kellhom il-Ballu tal-Festa fil-Firenze Receptions fejn kien hemm numru sabih ta' nies. Il-Hadd, 10 ta' Settembru, għal darb'ohra Reskeon organizzaw il-Festa ta' Marija Bambina fil-Knisja ta' St Mary, West Melbourne.

TMUT TEREŽA BARTOLO

F'Ottubru hadna l-aħbar tal-mewt ta' Tereza Bartolo. Tereza, flimkien mar-raġel tagħha, Laurie, kienet wahda mill-ewwel membri tar-Reskeon. Laurie kien fil-kumitat sa' mill-bidu. Tereza, flimkien ma'ohtha, Jane Cutajar u oħrajn hadmu hafna meta Reskeon kien jorganizzaw il-famuza fenkata u "Jum il-Maltin", f'Sunbury. Inhossu t-telfa tagħha u nitolbu għal ruhha.

HARĠA BIL-FERRY U IKLA BUFFET

Il-Hamis, 9 ta' Novembru, 57 membru hadu sehem f'harġa fejn qbadna l-Ferry minn Sorrento għal Queenscliff u minn hemm morna Corio għal ikla buffet f'The Gateway Hotel. Kulhadd ha gost b'din il-harġa u kienu hafna li rringrazzjaw lill-kumitat.

L-AGM TAR-RESKEON

F1-4 ta' Ottubru, ir-Reskeon kellhom l-AGM fejn madwar 100 membru attendew. Minhabba li dak iż-żmien kien hemm is-Seniors Week, il-membri rċevew ikla ta' roast chicken u roast potato u x-xorb ta' ma' l-ikel u dan kien kollu b'xejn.

IMUT FATHER JOE PULIS

Aħbar kerha ohra kienet il-mewt ta' Father Joe Pulis li jigi hu t-teżorier tagħna, Victor Pulis. Fr Joe kien Sależjan u kien jahdem hafna kemm li kien jivjaġġa hafna biex iqaddes u kien isiefer fil-Gappun biex jgħallim l-Ingliż u hawn kien jgħallim il-Gappuniz.

LAQGHA MA' MS JOANNA PISANI

Fil-21 ta' Settembru, iċ-Ċentru Malti ta' Parkville organizzaw serata biex jiċcelebraw l-Indipendenza ta' Malta. Dak in-nhar, membri tal-kumitat u membri ohra ta' Reskeon iltaqqu għall-ewwel darba ma' Ms Joanna Pisani, il-Konslu gdid tar-Repubblika ta' Malta fil-Victoria. Ittiehdu xi ritratti.

BOCCE COMPETITION TAL-IRĠIEL

Minhabba li l-kompetizzjoni tal-boċċi tal-irġiel ma spiċċatx fil-hin għall-ikla tal-Father's Day, it-trophies ġew ipprezentati aktar tard f'wahda mill-laqgħat ta' nhar ta' Erbgha.

MEMBRI TAL-KUMITAT JATTENDU

LAQGHAT TAN-NORTH FEDERATION

ETHNIC SENIOR CITIZEN'S CLUBS

Kull xahar, il-President u s-Segretarju tar-Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group, Salvina Vella u Paul Vella rispettivament, wara l-laqgħa tal-Grupp, jagħmlu ġirja għal Preston biex jattendu għal-laqgħa tan-North Federation Ethnic Senior Citizen's Clubs. F'dawn il-laqgħat, Salvina u Paul jitgħalmu x'inhu jigi f'għaqdiet ohra ta' nazzjonijiet differenti.

Rapporti bl-Ingliż flimkien ma' ritratti fuq dan li għadna kemm thadditna fuqu ssibuhom f'faċċati ohra ta' din li Newsletter. Sakemm nergħu niltaqqu darb'ohra, insellmilkom u nghidilkom "Sahha"!

— Paul Vella, Editor

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.



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VALE THERESA BARTOLO

On Wednesday, 25th October, with great sadness we learned of the death of our member Theresa Bartolo.



Theresa was a member of Reskeon since its foundation in 1976.

Since a few years ago, Theresa along with her husband, Laurie, were Life Members of Reskeon.

Theresa was involved in a lot of functions organised by Reskeon especially in the "Fenkata" Get Togethers, as well in "Jum il-Maltin" in Wandong and Sunbury.

Her husband, Laurie was a committee member for many, many years and worked hard for the Feast of Maria Bambina.

We were pleased to see a lot of members of Reskeon attending the funeral, along with Rita Mee and her husband, and Lino Gauci and his wife, the children of the foundation president, the late John Gauci and his wife, Anne.

We will miss her. The committee and members offer their condolences to her husband, Laurie, her children and all the family.

May Our Lord, grant her eternal rest.

CELEBRATING 80th BIRTHDAYS

Two committee members celebrated their 80th birthday recently.

First was Theresa Cachia (right) and two weeks later Sylvia Dakin (below).



Fred Cachia organised a birthday cake to celebrate his wife, Theresa's birthday, while the committee organised a bottle of bubbles. After a few weeks, the committee organised a drink and a birthday cake to celebrate Sylvia Dakin's 80th birthday.



Committee and some members joined in to wish a happy birthday on both occasions.

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BAMBINA FEAST (from Page 1)

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 Malta Gozo Concert Band, under the direction of Ms Tanya Schembri, 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, complimented the way the night was organised, the food and the atmosphere.

On Sunday, 10th 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, with another member of the Order; members of Sisters from religious Orders and members of the Society of Christian Doctrine. 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 3.00 pm by Ms Miriam Belli, SDC. This was followed by a Concelebrated Mass. Prime Celebrant was Fr Dennis Carabott, mssp; Concelebrating were Fr Edwin Agius, mssp, Rector at Parkville; Fr Dr Victor Shields, mssp; Canon Fr Emmanuel Bonello; Fr Karm Borg; and Fr Lonnie Borg, mssp, who 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 Mr Paul Vella, while the second Reading was done by Mr Edwin Borg-Manche'. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Ms Mary Bonello (Xaghra Association) and Mrs Phyllis Vella.

The Sacrificial Offerings were brought to the Altar by Mr Joe Borg and Mrs Madeleine Vella; Salvina Vella (President of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group) 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 who this year were celebrating the 40th anniversary of their foundation. The MSSP and Reskeon also were celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Feast. This was followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Procession took place in the streets around the church.

Later on refreshments were served to the distinguished guests and the helpers of the Feast at the Maltese Centre, Pakville.

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.



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Northern Federation of Ethnic Senior Citizen's Clubs AGM

On Wednesday, 18th October, President Salvina Vella, Vice-President Madeleine Vella and Secretary Paul Vella, attended the Annual General Meeting of the Northern Federation of Ethnic Senior Citizen's Clubs at the Mantra Bell City, Preston.

A large number of members were in attendance.

There were a few speakers and reports from the committee.

As entertainment we had the Sisters and Mistresses singing group who gave us about an hour of singing and dancing.

We finished with a cup of tea or coffee and cakes.



Northern Federation of Ethnic Senior Citizen's Clubs

Once a month, President and Secretary, Salvina Vella and Paul Vella, respectively, rush from the weekly meeting at Merrilands Community Centre, to travel to Bell Motel, Bell Street, Preston, to attend one of the meetings of the Northern Federation of Ethnic Seniors Citizen's Clubs.

Each month we learn a lot about other groups. Clubs representing these ethnic communities: Greek, Macedonian, Italian, Chinese, Vietnamese, Indian, Polish, Maltese, Mauritian, Spanish, East African among others.

Most of the times we have a guest speaker. At the October meeting we had Mr John Cannon, an ex-fireman. John talked to us about safety in the home on how to avoid accidents, fires among other things.



A trip around the Bay

On Thursday, 9th November, 2017, 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, Halil, took us around sight-seeing of beautiful houses before stopping near the Ferry terminus where members enjoyed free morning tea with cakes and biscuits provided by Reskeon. Some members provided some goodies as well 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.

Around 3 pm we boarded the coach again and we visited the Mill Market in Geelong.

At 3.15 we boarded the coach 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.



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Our AGM 2017

Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group had their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, October 4, 2017.

The meeting was held at Merrilands Community Centre, starting at 10 am and was attended by 89 members.

Secretary, Paul Vella, read the Minutes from the last AGM (2016) which was accepted with no matters arising. The Minutes as read were moved by Joyce Cassar, seconded by Paul Farrugia. Fully accepted.

Treasurer, Victor Pulis, read the Yearly Financial Statement from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015, as audited by our Honorary Auditor, Mr Paul Borg. The Financial Report was accepted with no matters arising. Moved by Mary Abdilla, seconded by John Hili. Fully accepted.

The President, Salvina Vella delivered her Report. She started by thanking the committee for their work during the year, especially Victor Pulis for taking care of the Finance books every week and a job well done and now receiving help from George Topolcsyani with bookkeeping. She also thanked all members for their participation during the year. She also thanked husband, Paul, for the work he does behind the scenes. Special thanks to the girls in the kitchen, Madeleine Vella, Melita Magro and Sylvia Dakin. She told members to appreciate their work and to not expect them to slave over you. Thanks to Therese Cachia at the coffee table and to those who help there as well. Thanks also to Fred Cachia who is learning the ropes at the bingo table.

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

Meeting closed 10.45 am.



If you live in the City of Darebin (Preston, Reservoir, Keon Park, Kingsbury, Thornbury, Northcote, Fairfield and parts of Bundoora and North Coburg), and would like to become a member of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group Inc. contact the Secretary, Paul Vella, on 0409 961 928.



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December 6: Christmas Break-Up (Firenze)

February 7: Club Opening

March: BBQ at Edwardes Lake Park

April: Day Out Trip

May 3: Mother's Day Luncheon (Firenze)

June 7: Restaurant Day (Roxburgh Park Hotel)

July: Free Sausage Sizzle (Merrilands)

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 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 **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.



JOE PACE

Long time member of Reskeon
Husband of member Teri Pace

CHARLIE BORG

Brother of member Sally Bartolo

SAM CACCOMO

Brother-in-law of member
Doris Caruana

THERESA BARTOLO

Foundation member and Life member of Reskeon
husband of Life member
Laurie Bartolo

EDRIC WILLIAMS

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December: 3: Miriam Mizzi; 5: Mary Barbara; 7: Joe Mercieca; 11: Paul Schembri; 16: Phyllis Vella, Lourdes Psaila, Charlie Cachia; 18: Sam Caruana. 22: Silvio Sacco; 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; 3: Therese Bartolo; 6: Mary Pisani, Joe Cassar; 10: Frank Borg; 12: Carmen Cachia; 15: Sally Bartolo; 16: Carmen Grech, David Falzon; 17: Paula Bezzina; 23: Grace Castillo; Carmen Topolcsanyi.

Happy Wedding Anniversary ...

December: 4: Lina and David Falzon. 13: Mittre and Grace Azzilla; 15: Joseph and Samira Cassar; 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 group meets every Wednesday at Merrilands Community Centre, Asquith St, Reservoir, 9.30-2 pm.

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SAINT GEORGE PRECA

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

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Let us Pray

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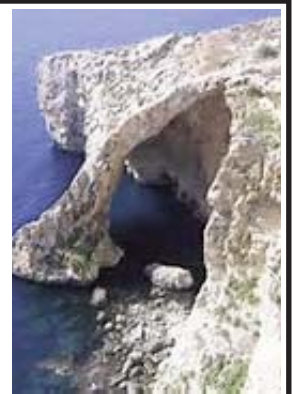
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VALE FR. JOE PULIS, SDB (1932-2017)

On Monday, 28th August, 2017, with great sadness, we learned of the death of Fr Joe Pulis, SDB, two days short of his 85th birthday.



Fr Joe was brother of Victor (Treasurer of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group) and Eddie.

Fr Joe was born in Sliema, Malta, on the 30th of August, 1932.

His brother Victor told me that when he was young he used to spend a lot of time playing with his religious model church with the altar.

He joined the Salesians as an aspirant and spent some time in the Seminary in Malta before he travelled to Australia with his cousin Joe Ellul in 1948. When he arrived he attended the Archbishop Mannix Missionary College in Oakleigh where he studied and stayed at this college.

On the 31st January, 1952, he took Religious Profession in Sunbury. From there he went to Brooklyn Park, South Australia, where he continued to study and at the same time did teaching and looking after the boarders of the college.

In 1958 he went to Naples where he continued his studies in Theology and on 25th of March, 1962, was ordained Priest.

Soon after he returned to Australia going back to Oakleigh, teaching and furthering his studies. Later on he went to Port Pirie where he served as Principal in that college.

Later he went back to Sunbury teaching and in charge of the student's Infirmary. Here, Fr Joe, was also learning Japanese.

In 1997 he went to Bairnsdale where he taught Japanese, Italian and other subjects and he was always in charge of Religion. Fr Joe spent 18 months straight in Japan where he taught English. Later on he travelled to Japan for two months every year to teach English. When he returned to Melbourne he was back in Sunbury and Bairnsdale teaching Japanese.

Each year, before Christmas, he used to take students from Bairnsdale on excursions to Japan. He did this until 2016.

When Japanese students came to Melbourne as exchange students they would be looked after by Fr Joe.

His last trip to Japan was in November 2016.

During this time Fr Joe acted as the Spiritual Director of the Maltese Salesian Past Pupils Association of Victoria for 26 years until this association stopped functioning.

He entered eternal life in Melbourne, Australia, on the 28th of August, 2017.

He is survived by his brother Victor, wife Lina, nieces Marie,

Bernadette and nephew Patrick. He is also survived by another brother, Eddie, wife Jeanette and niece Sarah. May God grant him eternal rest.



Celebrating Independence Day

On 21st September, the Maltese Community Council of Victoria organised a function to celebrate the Independence Day of the Republic of Malta.

A large number from the Maltese Community attended.

Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group were represented by some committee members and members of the Group.

During the night we had the pleasure of meeting for the first time the new Consul General of the Republic of Malta in Victoria, Ms Joanna Pisani.

After introducing ourselves we took some photos for the occasion.



MEN'S BOCCE COMPETITION 2017 WINNERS

This year's Men's Bocce Competition run by The Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group ran a bit late so that trophies were not presented to the winner and runners-up at the Father's Day Luncheon as normal.

This was because of members being sick or overseas. The competition actually finished the day before the Father's Day Luncheon. Organisor Angelo Farrugia tried to finish earlier but it couldn't be done for reasons given above.

As soon as the competition finished, President and Secretary, Salvina and Paul Vella, called at the trophy shop and organised the trophies.

Trophies were presented at the weekly meeting at Merrilands Community Centre on Wednesday, August 30, 2017. Winner was Lino Hammett, First Runner-Up was Charles Galea and Philip Debono was Second Runner-up.

The 120 members present cheered for the winner and runners-up. Thanks to all.



Photo, from left to right: Angelo Farrugia, Organisor; Phil Debono, Second Runner-up; Lino Hammett, Winner; Charles

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