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Welcome! Merħba!

Welcome once again to another issue of Reskeon Newsletter.

It's March and we hope you started the new year well.

On Wednesday, December 5, Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group had their Christmas Break-Up at Firenze Reception Centre where a large number of members and friends attended and had a good time.

In December, the Reskeon Committee were invited by the Northern Federation of Ethnic Senior Citizens Clubs to a Christmas Luncheon. This was very well organised and all members enjoyed the event.

Vera and Charles Sacco celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in February and our Group presented them with a bouquet of flowers.

The granddaughter of our member Rosemary Sacco, Madison Conwell, did well in her sport, Indoor Netball. Well done, Madison.

Every year, Canon Fr Manny Bonello, Parish Priest of St Joseph the Worker Parish, North Reservoir, asks for donations of food for the poor. Reskeon every year purchase food to make a large hamper for this reason.

First week in February, our Group had the first meeting after not meeting for almost three months because of alterations at Merrilands. Canon Fr Manny Bonello celebrated Mass and this was followed by a free sausage sizzle for all members.

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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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Reskeon Seniors' Christmas Break-Up - another great success

The Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group organised a Christmas Luncheon for their members at the Firenze Receptions, Fawkner, on Wednesday, December 5, 2018. Around 140 members and friends attended. When members sat at their tables, they were served hors d'oeuvres and pre-dinner drinks. Distinguished guests were the Consul General of the Republic of Malta in Victoria, Ms Joanna Pisani; the Secretary of Malta Consulate Office in Victoria, Ms Miriam Cassar; Father Edwin Agius, mssp, Rector at Parkville; Parish Priest of St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Canon Fr Emmanuel Bonello; the Honorary Members of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group, Dr Clemente Zammit and Mrs Mary Zammit Our Honorary Auditor, Mr Paul Borg and Mrs Pauline Borg; the ex President of Reskeon Maltese Association and ex Co-Ordinator of Reskeon Seniors Group, Life Members Mr Caesar Vella and Mrs Phyllis Vella; the President of the Xaghra Association of Australia, Mr Tony Bonello and Mrs Mary Bonello; and the Director of First National Real Estate Borg & Associates and sponsor of our Association, Mr Joe Borg and Mrs Josephine Borg. We had a special visitors from Malta (Luqa) Martin and Josette Cilia La Corte and Mrs Marlene Bonnici (Floriana).

Paul Vella, acted as MC for the day. After he led the singing of the Maltese National Anthem and Advance Australia Fair, he welcomed the distinguished guests and all those present. Afterwards he invited all present to fill their glasses with champagne to make a toast for Christmas and the New Year. The entrée was a plate of ante pasta to each present. This was followed by a serving of lasagne. The main course consisted of baked chicken and roast beef on each plate with vegetables. Dessert was Cassata/Tartufo ice cream followed by fresh fruit and tea and coffee accompanied by Continental cakes.

Red and white wine, beer and soft drinks were served throughout the day. Music was in the hands of DJ Domenic who kept the guests dancing all day.

We were very honored to have with us the Consul General for the Republic of Malta in Victoria, Ms Joanna Pisani who gladly accepted our invitation. This was her last function she attended before leaving Melbourne to her new post in Tel Aviv. Ms Pisani spoke about her stay in Melbourne and the friends she made and that she was so happy to attend our functions. Finally she wished one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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L-IKLA TAL-MILIED

L-Erbgha, 5 ta' Diċembru, kellna l-Ikla tal-Milied fil-Firenze Receptions fejn 140 membri u hbieb attendew. Kull min kien hemm kulhadd ha pjaċir. Magħna kien hemm il-Konslu Ġenerali ta' Malta fil-Victoria, Ms Joanna Pisani u Miriam Cassar, kif ukoll reġa' kien magħna Dr Clemente Zammit u s-Sinjura tiegħu, Mary.

IL-KUMITAT MISTIEDEN GĦAL IKLA

F'Diċembru, il-Kumitat tar-Reskeon kien mistieden għal ikla tal-Milied mill-Federazzjoni tal-Anzjani li saret fl-Abruzzo Club, Brunswick. Il-Kumitat ha gost b'dan l-avveniment.

VERA U CHARLES SACCO JIĊĊELEBRAW

Il-membri tagħna, Vera u Charles Sacco, matul Frar, iċċelebraw il-50 Anniversarju taż-żwieġ tagħhom. Bħalma s-soltu jagħmel il-kumitat, Vera u Charles ġew ipprezentati b'bukkett fjuri.

WELL DONE MADISON CONWELL

Il-granddaughter tal-membri tagħna, Rosemary Sacco, reġġet ibbrillat fl-indoor netball. Madison qed ikollha hafna suċċessi.

FOOD HAMPERS GĦALL-FQAR

Kull sena il-Kanonku Fr Manny Bonello, Kappillan tal-Parroċċa ta' San Ġużepp Haddiem, North Reservoir, jorganizza għir ta' ikel biex jitqassam fost il-fqar. Il-Grupp tagħna tar-Reskeon, ta' kull sena jagħmel xirja ta' ikel għal dan il-ghan u jittiehed il-Knisja.

L-EWWEL LAQGA TAS-SENA

Wara waqfa ta' tliet xhur minhabba xogħol li kien qed isir fi-Centru ta' Merrilands, Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group kellhom l-ewwel laqgħa tagħhom fl-ewwl ġimgħa ta' Frar. Bdejna s-sena billi l-Kanonku Fr Manny Bonello, Kappillan tal-Parroċċa ta' San Ġużepp Haddiem, North Reservoir, qaddes Quddiesha għall-Grupp. Wara l-Quddiesha l-membri kellhom sezzjoni ta' Bingo u wara il-Grupp provda sausage sizzle bla hlas għal kulhadd.

Rapporti bl-Ingliz flimkien ma' ritratti fuq dan li għadna kemm thadditna fuqu ssibuhom f'faċċati ohra ta' din li Newsletter. Sakemm nerġġu niltaqgħu darb'ohra, insellmilkom u ngħidilkom "Sahha"!

— Paul Vella, Editur



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The President, Salvina Vella, delivered her Christmas message where she thanked the committee and all members for their help throughout the year and wished them and their families all the best for a Merry and Holy Christmas and the New Year filled with good health and happiness. A list of birthdays and anniversaries that occurred around this time was read.

A Christmas gift was given to all those present. The men received a good bottle of red or white wine while the ladies received a Panettone cake.

It was a very good day and all those attending enjoyed themselves and many thanked members of the committee for the way it was organised. The event finished with the Reskeon theme song composed by the late Laurie Armato and lyrics by Dr Clemente Zammit where members joined in singing and dancing all the way.

Thanks to all those involved in helping to make this luncheon a successful one as always, especially President, Salvina Vella, who almost single-handedly did all the organising and preparations. Thanks also to the owners and waiting staff of Firenze Receptions, for the way they always look after us.



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Reskeon Committee invited to a Christmas function

Once a month the President and Secretary of the Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group Inc., Salvina and Paul Vella respectively, rush from our Wednesday meetings at Merrilands to travel to Bell Street, Preston, for a meeting organised by the Northern Federation of Ethnic Senior Citizens Clubs. The Federation is co-ordinated by Spectrum. There they meet other members from different groups and learn a lot about how they organise their affairs and, as well, have talks from specialist speakers about health, well-being, safety in the home, etc. Chairperson at these meetings is Ms Filomena Ciociola. Mr Kumar Santosh organises a monthly newsletter.

In December, the Northern Federation of Ethnic Senior Citizens Clubs organises a Christmas break-up for its members. This year the Reskeon committee was invited to attend.

It was a well-organised function at the Abruzzo Club, Brunswick.

Thanks to Ms Filomena Ciociola for the invitation and organising this function so well.

Our Committee enjoyed this function and thank the group and Ms Ciociola.



THANKS TO OUR HALL MAINTENANCE PERSONS

Every morning hall maintenance persons, Aubrey and Pedro, help with setting up the tables and chairs before our members arrive. Aubrey also very professionally takes care in setting up the audio equipment. Thank you.



Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary

In February, our members, Vera and Charles Sacco celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Reskeon committee presented them with a bouquet of flowers for the occasion.



We thank Salvina Vella, Cathy Gatt, Charles Sacco, Vince Borg and Phyllis Vella who help in running and the calling of the Bingo. Thanks also to the kitchen ladies, Madeleine Vella and Sylvia Dakin and Joe Pace at the coffee table. Much appreciated.

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Well done, Madison!

Well 2018 was a big year of indoor netball for Madison Conwell (Rosemary Sacco's granddaughter).

In May 2018 Madison represented Queensland in the Under 19 mixed indoor netball national competition. From these nationals she was selected to represent Australia in October 2018. Madison travelled over to South Africa representing Australia again in the Under 19 mixed indoor netball team. This was her Australian indoor netball mixed selection. She previously represented Australia in the Under 16s ladies competition in 2015.

Madison competed in the 6s New Zealand game where she came away with a silver medal. The Australian side going down to New Zealand in the grand final.

Madison also competed in the 7s Australian game where she came away with a gold medal. The Australian team were undefeated. Madison represented Australia very well all week and even overcame a severe gastro bug where she was hospitalised on grand final day. But this didn't stop her, Madison showed guts and determination and she still managed to play a quarter of the grand final. Her family and friends were extremely proud of the grit that she showed even though she was not feeling well.

At the end of October after returning from representing Australia, Madison again had to compete at the Zones competition representing the Gold Coast. From this competition she has been selected to represent Queensland in the top Under 23 mixed indoor netball team for 2019. This is an extraordinary achievement as she was competing against players who are 2, 3 and 4 years older than her. She will now represent Queensland at Nationals to be held on the Gold Coast in May 2019.

To round up the year Madison was also voted Most Valuable Player (MVP) at club level for the Beenleigh Indoor Sports superleague Under 23 mixed team. This award was awarded to Madison from her efforts throughout the 2018 superleague season.

Well done Madison!



Food Hampers for the Poor and the Homeless

Every year, the Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group organises a large hamper of food and toiletries to be distributed among the poor and the homeless. Fr Bob Maguire Foundation organises the collection of such food to be distributed to the needy.

Reskeon would ask members weeks before Christmas to bring items of food to the weekly meetings. Members are always willing to help this way. Then Reskeon organises a shopping spree to add to these items.

In the picture along with the items of food is Canon Fr Manny Bonello, Parish Priest of St. Joseph the Worker Church, North Reservoir, with Reskeon President, Salvina Vella, and Vice-President, Madeleine Vella. Not in the photo is committee member Sylvia Dakin who helped organising this donation.

Fr Bonello each year organises "stars" on the Christmas Tree at the Church, with an item of food so that parishioners take it home and return it with the item to the church the following week.

If more associations take the same initiative a lot of needy people and young children will have a better Christmas.

Fr Manny Bonello said that from our Advent/Christmas Giving Tree in St Joseph the Worker Parish North Reservoir, 39 boxes of food, toys and other gifts were sent to the Father Bob Maguire foundation, helping the homeless and others in need. www.father-bobs.com These were picked up by the foundation's van called Hope Mobil.

Thanks to the helpers and to all generous parishioners, groups and friends. Happy Christmas and happy new year to you all.





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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

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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**, our Honorary Auditor, 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.



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Brother of member Victor Vella

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Happy Birthday...

March: 2: Joe Pace; 3: Doris Schembri; 8: Licia Bartolo, Teddy Farrugia; 9: Tony Mizzi; 14: Charles Sacco; 20: Vincent Abdilla; 21: Mary Abdilla; 27: Billy Dalli; 28: Rita Zammit; 31: Rosemary Sacco. **April:** 1: Mary Camilleri; 4: Doris Pulicino; 5: Charles Psaila; Doris Dalli, Frances Galea; 8: Tony Grech; 10: Angela Mizzi, Toni Hili; 13: Reno Borg, Tony Bartolo; 15: Caesar Vella; 17: Lucy Fabri; 21: Freddie Pisani; 25: Rose Pace; 27: Jim Cutajar. **May:** 6: Charlie Zammit, Carmen Mizzi; 8: Lourdes Mifsud; 9: Melita Magro; 10: Tony Scicluna; 12: James Cassar; 19: Vince Borg, Mary Zammit, Elvira Sacco; 21: Guido Ciantar; 25: Connie Gatt; 26: Doris Caruana; 30: Maureen Dakin.

Happy Wedding Anniversary...

March: 16: Carmen and George Topolcsanyi; 27: Charles u Carmen Cachia. **April:** 2: Teddy and Antonia Farrugia; 9: Frances and Paul Schembri; 11: Joe and Rose Pace; Helen and Frans Bonavia; 21: Caesar and Phyllis Vella; 22: Yvonne and Sam Caruana; 25: Doris and Frank Mallia. **May:** 4: Paul and Pauline Borg, Frank and Jane Zahra; 6: Tessie and Lou Vella; 7: Mary and Vince Abdilla; 25: Joyce and Frank Borg; 26: Vivienne and Charles Tabone; 30: Salvina and Paul Vella.

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

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

Let us Pray

Lord, you called Dun George Preca to be a teacher and father to the young, and now you have numbered him with your saints in heaven. We thank you for this glory you have given him. We ask you to fill us with love like his: may we give ourselves completely to your service and to the salvation of mankind. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant we beseech Thee O Lord that Thou wilt glorify Thy humble servant who worked with so much zeal for the salvation of souls and that through his intercession it will please Thee to grant this favour.....



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First Meeting for 2019 – Holy Mass and Free Sausage Sizzle

First meeting for 2019 was held on Wednesday, 5th February, 2019.

This was the first meeting after the Group didn't meet for the previous three months.

Because of the alterations at Merrilands, with alterations and maintenance to the main hall, kitchen and toilets, the Group, had to stop meeting from the last week in October. Although the hall was available once again in the first week in December, that was when the Group was supposed to stop meeting for the year, so didn't meet in November, December and January.

We were very happy that we had a good number of members attending the first meeting on the 5th of February. Paul organised public notices re the first meeting date on 3ZZZ and SBS radios.

Canon Fr Manny Bonello, Parish Priest of St Joseph the Worker Parish, North Reservoir, accepted our invitation to celebrate Mass for us on the first meeting.

Fr Manny, in his Homily, welcomed all members and wished them a successful year. He wished members Vera and Charlie Sacco all the best on celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The Mass was dedicated to the Feast of St. Paul which was going to be celebrated on the 10th of the month.



After Mass there was a session of 10 games of Bingo, followed by a free Sausage Sizzle to all members with free tea, coffee, cakes and soft drinks for all.

All members enjoyed this free gesture by the Committee.

Thanks to the members of the Committee who helped to make this first meeting a great success.



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