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**Chris Mizzi, Winner of the 2021 Car Owners Choice Award,  
with His 1956 Studebaker Golden Hawk**

Courtesy of Martin Micallef  
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**EDITORIAL COMMENT**

Canadians celebrate Canada Day on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Many of us can recall when it was known as Dominion Day. Then, in 1982, after 103 years, the government of the day changed it to Canada Day.

Americans will celebrate Independence Day on July 4<sup>th</sup>. As early as 1777 this day has been celebrated in one place or another in the United States.

Latest estimates are that this newsletter is read by more than 20,000 individuals on five continents and in at least 30 countries. As well as being posted online by the Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco, it is archived by the Migrant Museum in Valletta, Malta.

Again, you are encouraged to forward this newsletter to your relatives and friends and to print off copies, especially for the elderly,

shut ins and those not having access to computers or finding it more comfortable to read this in hard copy.

As with each issue, two pages of Maltese organizations in North America have been listed with telephone numbers, email addresses, postal addresses and hours of opening, where possible.

The news in both Canada and the United States in this war against the COVID-19 pandemic is encouraging. As more and more people are being vaccinated our institutions are gradually opening up more. This is reflected in "Activities within the Maltese Communities" (see pages 15-16) and the Car Show held in Dearborn, Michigan (see pages 1, 17-19, 32).

Again, I encourage various Maltese organizations and associations to use this newsletter to promote themselves and their activities. I also invite individuals to use this venue to share accounts of the Maltese in North America. These can be broad, such as a particular community, or focused on a family or individual.

Your attention is also directed to Maria Pia Gauci's invitation to contribute material about your organization, your family, yourself, etc. to BKRRadio 94.5 FM in Malta. Note also that the parameters for the program, entitled *Armonija*, are broader than for submissions to this newsletter.

The accounts of the Maltese Sisters of the Sacred Heart who went to Chicago (see pages 9-15), Derrick Rossi (see pages 4-5), the Psaila siblings (see page 20), the group who sailed on the *Vulcania* in July 1949 (see pages 7-8) and the account of family get togethers in the decade following the Second World War (see pages 5-6) are generally based on information shared with the writers.

Again, my heartfelt thanks for the contributions from Fr. Mario Micallef, Dr. Raymond Xerri and Lisa LiGreci.

Go to "News & Resources" at <http://maltese-americanscsf.org/>

[home.aspx](#) on the web site of the Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco to see past issues and the updated "Table of Contents, courtesy of Evelyn and Dennis Simmons of California.

Comments and suggestions from the readers are appreciated. Those of the past month are found on page 28.

If you have ideas to share or wish to be put on the free, bcc electronic mailing list, etc., I may be reached at [dbrock40@worldline.ca](mailto:dbrock40@worldline.ca).

**CORRECTION**

On page 5 of the June issue it should be noted that it was **Fr. Chris Cauchi**, not Gauci, who was appointed pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Etobicoke, Ontario. My apologies.

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**GLEANINGS FROM THE SUNDAY BULLETIN****PASTOR'S THOUGHTS...**

*Fr. Mario Micallef, M SSP, is pastor of St. Paul the Apostle, Toronto, the only Maltese national parish in North America. These "Pastor's thoughts..." are extracts from his commentaries on the Sunday readings which are published in the Parish's Sunday Bulletin.*

***Jesus and the Church Are  
One and the Same Thing***

...we are the Body of Christ in our world. In one of his Easter Sermons, St. Augustine says: "If we receive the Eucharist worthily, we become what we receive." This is also a constant theme in St. Paul's writings where he insists that we, as Church, are one body and if one member of the body is in pain then the whole body suffers with it. What had happened on the road to Damascus, when Jesus asked Paul "Why are you persecuting me?", when Paul was only persecuting members of the church, must have marked Paul for the rest of his life. Jesus and the Church are one and the same thing.

Yes, the Eucharist is the sacrament of "communion". Isn't it this what we call it in our everyday jargon? It is communion with our God, and communion with each other. Living the Eucharist in my everyday life implies that I rejoice with those members of the body that are joyful, and feel the pain of the rest. It means that I strive for healing whenever there are rifts within the body, because a member cut off from the rest of the body cannot survive, whilst the body misses the missing part. In our present circumstances, as a Christian I feel the pain of the loneliness and isolation experienced by some of our members during this time of "stay-at-home" periods. It is very un-eucharistic. I also share in the shame and pain caused by what happened to the 215 children of Kamloops[, British Columbia], at the hands of our Church, As our Archbishop [Thomas Cardinal Collins] reminded us in his letter, quoting St. Paul, "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it." (1 Cor 12:26)

Today the Church is offering us a good opportunity to reflect on something that is so important for us, and yet something which we often take for granted. What does participation in the Eucharist mean to me?....

**Each and Every One of Us is a Part of This Church**

...each and every one of us is a part of this Church. Each according to our own personal vocation, we share the church's mission of bringing the Good News to "others" whom we happen to meet in our lives. As we go along trying to live our lives as good Christians, we often encounter storms in our lives. We go through times when we think God is not listening or that He does not care. Like the psalmist we cry out, "Awake, Lord! Why do you sleep? Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever," It is a cry that comes out from the heart, maybe a broken heart, and Jesus can never remain indifferent to that.

**God Acts in Our Lives without Us Knowing**

....Very often in our lives God is acting without us knowing. As long as the seed is there and we do not reject it, growth happens – sometimes in a surprising way. This can happen on different levels:

In my personal life. How often do I enter into prayer without feeling anything in those "unproductive" moments, when it seems to me that nothing good is happening, that God may be doing wonderful things which will sprout and surprise me at the right moment?

With our loved ones. Often, I meet people (parents in particular) who are worried because their children or other loved ones have "lost the faith." We can never underestimate the power of the little seeds those people have received in their lives. Good upbringing and examples from home, a good word which they might have once heard at church or from someone else, or a word from the Bible which they would once have read and which has stayed with them. From that little seed, God can bring forth great things.

In our Church or parish community, these months of pandemic have created a lot of uncertainties in all of us. We do not know what the future holds, or how a post pandemic Church will be. All we know is that God is in charge of everything. He can make great things happen from the poor, little seeds we have to offer.

**Jesus Will Never Fail Us**

[Suffering] is part of everybody's life... God is not indifferent to our pain.... He feels with us, suffers with us, but is not overcome by it. Eventually the story of Jesus would tell us that he himself had to go through suffering, but then overcame it through his resurrection....

....Whenever he was asked about the law, Jesus always insisted that the greatest law is the law of love. All other laws are there to help us live love. No wonder he had no problem in disregarding the sacred law of the Sabbath when he had to heal someone on that day .... This is something we should keep in mind whenever we speak about our various legislations dealing with life (such as abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment, dealing with migrants, etc.).

Jesus' wish is that we have life, and have it in its fullness. In those moments when we feel that life is being drained out of us, let us remember the faith of Jesus and of the... woman [who touched his garment]. Jesus, the Lord of life, will never let us down.

**DERRICK ROSSI: MOLECULAR BIOLOGIST,  
ENTREPRENEUR, HOCKEY DAD**

**Dan Brock**

Derrick Rossi, a co-founder of Moderna, maker of one of the key vaccines in the fight against COVID-19, is urging businesses, universities and governments in Canada to establish a biotech hub in this country like the ones in Boston and San Francisco so it can rely less on foreign nations the next time there is a global health crisis.

As Canadians are well aware, this current pandemic caught the country with its pants down and we were and still are very dependent on sources outside Canada for the badly-needed vaccines to counteract COVID-19 and its variants.

Dr. Raymond Xerri, Consul General of the Republic of Malta to Canada, wrote a little about Dr. Derrick Rossi in his monthly message for the January 2020 issue of this newsletter. An account of the material branch of Derrick's family appears on page 4 of this issue.



Derrick J. Rossi was born in Toronto on February 5, 1966, the youngest of five children of Alfred "Fred" and Agnes Lorenza (Psaila) Rossi, natives of Valletta and Qormi, Malta respectively.

While at Dr. Norman Bethune High School in Scarborough, Derrick took a biology course and was introduced to molecular biology. Fascinated by the inner

working of cells, he decided to become a molecular biologist. Charles Darwin became his hero. While mixing travel with studies, he obtained a Bachelor's degree in molecular science at the University of Toronto and later a Master's degree from the same university. He studied for his PhD both in Paris and in Finland, completing it in 2003 at the University of Helsinki. It was there that he met his future wife, Finnish biologist Nina Korsisaari.

Between 2003 and 2007, Derrick held a post-doctoral position at Stanford University. Subsequently, he was appointed Associate Professor at the Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology Department at Harvard Medical School and Harvard University. At the same time, he was a principal faculty member of the Harvard Stem Cell Institute and an investigator at the Immune Disease Institute as well as in the Program in Cellular and Molecular Medicine at the Children's Hospital Boston.

In 2010, Derrick, along with Kenneth R. Chien and Robert Langer, founded the biotech firm Moderna to exploit his discovery of the ability to transform and reprogram pluripotent stem cells. In 2014 Rossi retired from his functions at the board and as a scientific advisor at Moderna but, as a shareholder, he retains a significant amount of stock in a company said to be worth \$60 billion.

In 2015, Derrick became scientific co-founder of Intellia Therapeutics, which used CRISPR gene editing for developing new drugs for treating genetic diseases. In 2016, he co-founded Magenta Therapeutic focusing on hematopoietic stem cell transplantation in order to reset the patient's immune system in case of autoimmune blood cancers and genetic diseases. Derrick was also involved in the foundation of Stelexis Therapeutics, which develops new medication for treating cancerous stem cells.





In 2018, he retired from all of his Harvard positions, with the intention of really retiring and pursuing other interests such as reading more books which had nothing to do with science, taking his three daughters to and from school and hanging around hockey rinks in the greater Boston area as a hockey dad. All three girls have a serious passion for the game and Derrick himself is a diehard Toronto Maple Leaf fan.

But his passion to make a difference and develop life-changing medical technology remains strong. Derrick currently serves as a board member of the New York Stem Cell Foundation and is now the Chief Executive Officer of Convelo Therapeutics, a biotechnology company founded in 2016, and developing a new class of medicines which unlock the regenerative capacity of the central nervous system.

Derrick has a vacation home overlooking Squam Lake in New Hampshire.



**Motoring on Squam Lake**

**SUNDAY GET TOGETHERS FOR MALTESE CANADIAN FAMILIES IN LONDON AND BRANTFORD, ONTARIO IN FORMER YEARS**

**Dan Brock**

The families who arrived in London and Brantford in 1948-49 brought with them the Maltese tradition of spending Sunday afternoon and evenings, following Mass, at the beach. More than enough food and drink were prepared beforehand, as the picnic was probably more important than swimming and sunbathing and second only to gathering with family and friends.

During these first years, the beaches of Port Dover, Port Bruce, Port Burwell and Port Stanley on Lake Erie were generally the destinations for the London families. Later, Ipperwash on Lake Huron became the favoured site.

For the smaller group who settled in Brantford, the families tended to spend their summer afternoons and evenings in Port Dover, Long Point or Turkey Point. Over time Turkey Point became the favourite.

As to the individuals seen in the photos on the next page, Frank Gatt, Peter Campbell, George Porter, Edward Scicluna, Mike Portelli and Paul Chetcuti were among the men who came out on the *Vulcania* in June 1948. Joe Gatt had arrived a month earlier, in May 1948, on board the *Marine Perch*.

Yvonne (Grixti) Gatt and Connie Darmanin arrived by plane on Flight 2201 in September 1948. Espedita (Vella) Campbell, her son, Carmel and Jane (Farrugia) Porter came out on the *Radnik* in October 1948. Frank, Tony and Joe Scicluna, arrived with their mother and siblings via the *Vulcania* in June 1949.

George Gatt, Jane Campbell and Mabel Porter were born in London, Ontario while Gaetu Chetcuti was born in Brantford.



**A Rossi Family Hockey Team Photo on Squam Lake**

**Front row: Lumi and Oona**

**Back row: Derrick, Inka and Nina**



**On the Dock at Port Dover, 1950**  
Front Row: Carmel Campbell  
Back Row: Frank & Yvonne Gatt, George Gatt, Jane Campbell, Espedita & Peter Campbell  
Courtesy of late Frank & Yvonne Gatt



**Spending the Day at Port Stanley**  
Front row: George Gatt, Mabel Porter  
Back Row: Yvonne Gatt, Jane Porter, George Porter, Frank Gatt, Connie Darmanin  
Sunday, June 25, 1950  
Courtesy of late Frank & Yvonne Gatt



**Front row: Joe Gatt (kneeling) Middle Row: Gaetu Chetcuti (young boy)**  
Back row: Frank Scicluna, Ed Scicluna (father of Frank, Tony and Joe), Tony Scicluna, Mike Portelli, Joe Scicluna and Paul Chetcuti (father of Gaetu), all of Brantford, c. 1955



**WORKING  
FROM AN UNDATED NEWSPAPER CLIPPING**

**Dan Brock**

Shortly after the appearance of a new group on Face-

book, "From Malta to Motown," Mary Galea Sandoval posted the undated newspaper clipping shown below. Further communication with Mary revealed that, from her mother's passport, she learned she and her mother had left Malta on July 7, 1949 and arrived at New York on July 19<sup>th</sup>.



The second person from the left in the back row is Mary's mother, Maria (Muscat) Galea. Mary herself is the little girl with the bow in her hair standing to the left of O. Galea. Neither O. Galeo nor A. Galea, squatting in the front row, were known relatives of Mary Sandoval.

After arriving in New York Harbor on the 19<sup>th</sup> Maria Galea and her young daughter, Mary, took the train to Detroit, where they were once more reunited with Paul Galea, their husband and father. Paul, a carpenter and electrician, was born in Hamrun in 1919 and had come out on the *Marine Perch* in May 1948. His father,

Joseph, was already living at 1324 Trumbull Street, in Detroit. Meanwhile, Paul's family was living on Zerafa Street in Marsa. Sadly, Joseph Galea died before seeing his daughter-in-law and granddaughter.

Shortly after Mary had posted the clipping, Maggie De Bono responded on Facebook to say that her mother and two older siblings were also in this group photo on board the *Vulcania*. The third woman from the left is Dolores (Cutajar) DeBono who was from Hal-Lija. She is holding her son Lawrence, and to the right of her is her daughter Giovanna.

They were coming out to join their husband and father, Edouard DeBono, who was also living in Detroit. Edouard had boarded the *Vulcania* in Naples on December 18, 1948 and had arrived at New York on the 28th. His destination was 1803 Church Street in Detroit.

Now, while it was relatively easy to find data on the arrival of both Paul Galea and Edouard DeBono at New York, such information is lacking for those on board the *Vulcania* who may have disembarked at New York on July 19, 1949. The reason for this is that most of the ship passenger lists for Ellis Island in 1949 were inadvertently destroyed before being scanned. Thus, we currently have no record online by which we can document these Maltese emigrants.

This is why such a clipping as the above is of even greater significance than if it were taken a year or two earlier or later, as ship passenger lists of disembarkations at New York before and after 1949 exist and are online.

My next step was to attempt to identify the newspaper and date the old clipping in Mary Sandoval's possession. I suspected it was from the *Times of Malta* and contacted Charles Said-Vassallo, an acquaintance living in the one of the suburbs of Sydney, NSW, Australia. I knew Charles had had a subscription to the *Times of Malta* online. Charles replied that this subscription had expired but that I should contact Mark Caruana, a mutual acquaintance who lives in another of Sydney's suburbs.

Mark suggested I contact a staff member he knew at the *Times of Malta*. As I was acquainted with Joseph Grech, Sub-Editor (Features), I contacted him instead, enclosed a copy of the clipping and stated that the photo was probably taken in Malta's Grand Harbour on July 7, 1949 and, if it appeared in the *Times of Malta*, it would have been on July 7th or 8th.

Joseph was unable to find anything for those dates but did not give up and finally discovered that the photo did appear in *The Times of Malta*, but not until the July 30th issue of the paper. It was located on page 8. Joseph kindly send me a copy of the page in question as shown in the column opposite.

The small write-up below the caption for the photo, entitled "Malta's Migrants for U.S.A" gives us some valuable information about the group shown in the photo.

First, the photo was not taken in Malta as they would have left the Grand Harbour on July 7th by another vessel for Naples, as had Edouard DeBono the previous December. Secondly, the Maltese migrants did not board the *Vulcania* at Naples until July 9th so the photo

could not have been taken any earlier. Thirdly, since the *Times'* caption implies that all the individuals were going to the United States, it would seem that none of them would have disembarked at Pier 21 when the *Vulcania* stopped in Halifax, Nova Scotia on July 17th before proceeding to New York.

**Times of Malta, Saturday, July 30, 1949.**

**Second National Lottery**  
Finance Minister's Statement

**FROM A CORRESPONDENT**

A Report on the working of the Second National Lottery, which was drawn on July 19, 1949, was laid on the table of the Legislative Assembly by the Minister for Finance during a recent sitting of the House.

The Report details the activities of the Malta Lottery Regulations enacted during 1949 in order to ensure that the name of a winning ticket, a joint-decision was not made public. Another innovation was the award of a bonus of £15 to the holder of a ticket which, in respect of consecutive drawings, had participated in an additional sum of the draw.

Out of a total number of 141 prizes, 10 were won by local residents and 133 by overseas holders. This unexpected success was made the day after the draw in order to attract attention to the lottery.

**Helping Hands**  
The Maltese official lottery is proceeding all concurrently with the Head Office and Maltese branches. All receipts were forwarded to the Head Office by the 25th inst. On the 26th inst. the Head Office drew the prizes and the certificates of the public and the certificates were sent to the Maltese branches. The Head Office declared the prizes and the certificates to all and sundry who had not been treated through the post.

The number of tickets sold was 2,318. The proceeds of the lottery were duly deposited and the proceeds of the £15,000 allocation of the Government to the lottery were granted to all and sundry who had not been treated through the post.

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The Maltese migrants aboard the *Vulcania*. (Left to right) Standing: Mrs. J. Cassar, Mrs. M. O. Galea, Mrs. A. Fenech and Mrs. L. Fenech, Mrs. A. Galea, and Mr. P. Cassar. Seated: Mrs. A. Galea, Mrs. M. O. Galea, Mrs. A. Fenech and Mrs. L. Fenech, Mrs. A. Galea, and Mr. P. Cassar.

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**NECTAR TEA**  
"IT EVER REIGNS WHERE IT POURS"

**Loyalty of Czech Clergy**  
DECLARATION READ IN CHURCHES

The public statement read from the pulpits of the churches in Malta on July 19, 1949, was a declaration of loyalty to the Church and to the Holy See, the Catholic Pope, and to the Government of the Republic of Malta. This declaration was made in the presence of the Bishop of Malta, the Archbishop of Malta, and the Maltese Bishops.

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**MALTESE SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEART TO CHICAGO - PART II**

**Dan Brock, Carmen Vella, Mark Caruana**

In the last issue, we noted that 11—actually there were 12—sisters from the Sacred Heart Convent in St. Julian's, Malta arrived at the Sacred Heart Convent near the southwest corner of Sheridan and Rosemont in Chicago between the years 1932 and 1934. The July issue outlined the two who arrived in 1932, namely Sr. Agnese Grech and Sr. Annunziata Micallef.

Here, we will provide some information about the six who arrived in 1933, namely Paulina Xuereb, Salvina Sammut, Adelina Attard, Emmanuela Camilleri, Spiridiona Gauci and Assunta Grech. All six sisters applied for passports on June 26<sup>th</sup>, were granted them on July 10<sup>th</sup> and left Malta for Naples on August 4<sup>th</sup>. On the 13<sup>th</sup> they set sail from that city on board the *Roma* and arrived in New York on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The next day found them at their destination, the Sacred Heart Convent in Chicago.

**Paulina Xuereb** was born in Birkirkara on January 31, 1906, the seventh of eight children of Francisco and Vincentia (Mifsud) Xuereb. She had her first thoughts about perusing a religious life in her teens when she learned about the Society of the Sacred Heart from two friends in her parish. On July 5, 1929, Paulina joined the Society. As such, she was to be both the oldest and earliest of the six women to join the Society and to leave for the United States in August 1933. A write-up on Sr. Paulina Xuereb appeared in the January 2020 issue of this newsletter. What follows is a more detailed account of her life.

Sr. Paulina took her first vows on November 21, 1932. Upon her arrival in Chicago she appears to have been posted, almost immediately, to Lake Forest where, until 1938, she served as an aide in the kitchen and was the refectorian.

Lake Forest, 30 miles (48 km) north of Chicago, was the home of the Academy of the Sacred Heart and Barat College, which shared the large "Old Main" building. Their origins date back to 1858 when Mother Margaret Crawley, RSCJ, established the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Chicago. In 1860, it moved to Taylor Street and was renamed the Academy of the Sacred Heart. The Sisters moved the school to Lake Forest in 1904. Barat College, named after St. Madeleine Sophie Barat, the foundress of the Society of the Sacred Heart, was chartered by the state of Illinois as a four-year college for women in 1918.



**Barat College**

The College is now defunct and the Academy of the Sacred Heart is now Woodlands Academy.

Meanwhile, between 1938 and 1939, Sr. Paulina served as refectorian and in the vestry at the Sacred Heart Convent, on Sheridan Road in Chicago. Her next posting was in 1939 to Forest Ridge in Seattle, where she was to serve as cook and refectorian and did housework.

The Sisters of the Sacred Heart had opened a convent at 1013 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Seattle in 1907. Two years later, they built a convent and day school at what became 1617 Interlaken Drive E. The school was named Forest Ridge owing to its location. It operated on this site until 1971 when the Sisters moved to larger quarters in Bellevue, a city just east of Seattle and separated by Lake Washington.



**Forest Ridge Convent of the Sacred Heart, Seattle, WA**

Between 1963 and 1970 Sr. Paulina lived at the San Francisco College for Women/Lone Mountain College serving as infirmarian and working in the laundry and vestry. For several months in 1970, she was the infirmarian at Menlo Park, 25 miles (41 km) southeast of San Francisco. Her next posting was to Convent of the

Sacred Heart Elementary School on Vallejo Street in San Francisco, where, from 1970 until 1972, she served as an aide in the kindergarten class and did housework. She is also known, at some point, to have taught elementary school at Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart in Houston, Texas.

This Academy was opened on September 8, 1960 and named in honour of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne who, with four other Sacred Heart nuns, was among the first members of the Society to come to the United States. Located at 10202 Memorial Drive in Houston, this all-girls private school goes from K3 through the 12<sup>th</sup> grade.



The Old "White House" of Duchesne Academy, Houston, Texas, 2008



Sr. Paulina Xuereb, RCSJ

Between 1972 and 1982, Sr. Paulina lived at the Provincial House on Miller Avenue in South San Francisco. This building, formerly the convent for the Immaculate Heart Sisters, was opened in 1965 and stood between All Souls Church and the parish school. After the Immaculate Heart Sisters left the parish, the convent was rented out to the Religious of the Sacred Heart as their Provincial House.

While at the Provincial House, Sr. Paulina served as teacher's aide and as "Community Homemaker," welcoming countless visitors. She also tended the chapel and garden and cooked delicious meals.

In 1982 Sr. Paulina moved to Oakwood, in Atherton, California, serving as refectorian and tending to the garden until her health no longer permitted it.

Oakwood Retirement Center for the Sisters of Sacred Heart opened in 1971 on the Sacred Heart Schools campus.

Sr. Paulina died at Oakwood on January 11, 2004 and was interred on the grounds.



Oakwood, 140 Valparaiso Avenue, Atherton, CA



Gravestone, Oakwood Grounds, Atherton, CA



**Salvina Sammut** was born in Mellieħa on December 24, 1911 to Angelo and Joanna (Sant) Sammut and was one of 12 children—four boys and eight girls—some of whom died in infancy.

Salvina entered the Sacred Heart Convent in St. Julian's, on January 21, 1930 and made her final profession there before leaving for Chicago in August 1933. There, she served as a helper in the infirmary before being transferred to Menlo Park, California, in 1934, where she worked in the kitchen and did housework.

By 1936, Sr. Salvina was serving as refectorian at Forest Ridge School in Seattle. She was posted to San Francisco College for Women in 1937 where, unfortunately, she suffered from ill health. She had recovered by the following year and was transferred to Convent of the Sacred Heart, San Francisco, where she served in the infirmary.



**Convent of the Sacred Heart,  
2222 Broadway Street, San Francisco**

Sr. Salvina took her final vows while serving at Barat College in Lake Forest, Illinois in 1939-40.

For the next 30 years, she served as refectorian, worked in the linen room and did housework at the Sacred Heart School in Chicago. It was while living at the Sacred Heart Convent at 6250 Sheridan Road that Sr. Salvina petitioned to become a naturalized American citizen. This was granted on November 30, 1965.

Several members of Sr. Salvina's family were in Australia by this time. In 1971, Sr. Salvina was working at Kincoppal-Rose Bay School of the Sacred Heart in Rose Bay, an eastern suburb of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

Sr. Salvina was a woman of prayer, offering her prayers for the suffering all over the world. She had a special love for children. While living at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Braybrook, a suburb 10 km west of

Melbourne, Victoria, between 1972 and 1993, she was refectorian, did housework and visited parishioners, especially the Maltese immigrants who would share their problems with her and ask for her prayers. During her stay in Victoria, she was able to visit her family in Malta in 1977, 1982 and 1987.



**Sr. Salvina Sammut, RCSJ**

Owing to failing health, Sr. Salvina spent the last two years of her life, between 1994 and 1996, in prayer at the Sacred Heart Convent in Karlaminda, Kensington, a suburb in southeastern Sydney, NSW. There she died on February 26, 1996.

**Adelina Attard** was born in Valletta, Malta, on December 5, 1908 to Giuseppe and Marianna (Borg) Attard and was baptised at the Church of Santa Maria Porto Salvo in Valletta. She was the second child and first daughter in a family of eight children, six of whom died very young.

Her mother died at the age of 31 when Adelina was nine years old. Her father, who had been educated by the Christian Brothers and was a master tailor, later remarried. Adelina was sent to live with her grandparents who sent her, along with her sister Ines, to the Sisters of St. Joseph at the age of 10. There she learned English and Italian and developed the sewing skills in which she was later to excel.

Adelina joined the Society of the Sacred Heart, at St. Julian's, on January 25, 1930, four days after Salvina

Sammut, and made her first vows there on November 21, 1932. On arriving in Chicago in late August 1933, Sr. Adelina served in the vestry and the children's refectory.

On being transferred to San Francisco College for Women in 1934, she served as vestry aide, infirmarian and refectionarian and also made caps. Her next posting, in 1939, was to Menlo Park where, in addition to making caps, she served in the vestry and children's dining room.

Next, Sr. Adelina was moved to Lake Forest where, until 1959, she served in the vestry and laundry and made habits. Between 1959 and 1960, she worked at making caps and serving as infirmarian at the Sacred Heart Academy and Convent in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The original part of this complex, at 525 Lafayette Avenue, was the residence of William C. Neff between 1868 and 1876. Prior to purchasing the property in 1876, the Academy was located on Grandin Road. The Academy closed entirely in 1970.



**The Academy and Convent of the Sacred Heart,  
Clifton, Cincinnati, 1908**

As for Sr. Adelina, she returned to Lake Forest in 1960, where she was sewing instructor in addition to her duties in the vestry and laundry until 1971.

Between 1971 and 1972, Sr. Adelina lived in Highland Park, a suburban city about 25 miles (40.3 km) north of downtown Chicago. There, she served as a dressmaker and did apostolic work in Immaculate Conception Parish, on Deerfield Road. Sr. Adelina, also known as Sr. Adeline, returned to Lake Forest once more in 1972 and worked in the vestry as well as sewing for the Community.



**Sr. Adeline Attard, RSCJ**

From 1978 till 1994 Sister Adeline lived at the Sacred Heart Convent in Kenwood, Albany, New York, dressmaking for the Community and doing Community Service.



**Sacred Heart Convent,  
Kenwood, Albany, New York**

The Sisters of the Sacred Heart had first arrived in Albany in 1852 and opened a convent and school on



North Pearl Street. They soon outgrew this location and in 1859 purchased "Kenwood," the estate of the late Jared Rathbone in the hamlet of Kenwood. In subsequent years, the mansion was pulled down and new buildings were constructed for both the convent and academy. In time, all of the hamlet of Kenwood was annexed by Albany.

As noted in the June issue of this newsletter, two of the four Maltese Sisters of the Sacred Heart who had arrived in New York Harbor in August 1932, namely Sisters Angela Attard and Antonia or Antoinette Camilleri were first posted to the Sacred Heart Convent in Kenwood.

It was at Kenwood that Sr. Adeline died on September 24, 1994.

**Emmanuela "Mani" Camilleri** was born in Naxxar on May 15, 1911, to Joseph and Carmela (Vella) Camilleri, the eighth of nine children. As a child she was sickly and frail but she was a good student and was sent away to boarding school. She often thought of becoming a religious and definitely wanted to become a missionary.

Her older sister entered the Good Shepherd Order and went to Egypt; her sister Marianna became a Religious of the Sacred Heart; and her brother Carmelo became a Dominican. Soon after, on January 27, 1930, two days after Adelina Attard, Emmanuela joined the novitiate of the Society of the Sacred Heart at St. Julian's in Malta. She made her first vows there in 1933 and immediately left for Chicago in the United States.

Between 1933 and 1935, Sr. Emmanuela served as refectorian and did housework at Lake Forest. In 1935 she returned to Chicago where she served in the refectory and vestry. Sr. Emmanuela was transferred to the San Francisco College for Women in 1938 where she was engaged in housework. The following year, she moved to Menlo Park, to the southeast of San Francisco, where she worked on caps in addition to housework.

Sr. Emmanuela's next posting was in 1941 to the Sacred Heart Convent on Broadway Street, in San Francisco. There, for 30 years, she was engaged as a seamstress, making habits and caps. While here, in the late '60s, she became a teacher's aide in the nursery school. She had a quieting and loving effect on the children and they felt right at home with her.

In 1981, Sr. Emmanuela returned to Menlo Park where she assisted in the fledgling day care center for children of the faculty. One often saw her in a large sun hat walking with one or two of her charges in a stroller.

While walking back to the convent on Sunday,

September 16, 1984, after attending Mass, followed by a festive brunch in the parish hall, Sister Emmanuela was struck by a car outside the convent. She died a few hours later at Stanford Hospital, having received the Sacrament of the Sick. During her funeral Mass, with six priests concelebrating, the celebrant kept repeating his tribute to Sister Emmanuela, "Our gentle, humble, prayerful and loving Sister, special friend of little children...."



**Sr. Emmanuela "Mani" Camilleri, RSCJ**

**Spiridiona "Spira" Gauci** was born in Mellieħa on February 11, 1911, the eleventh of 12 children of Andrew and Carmela (Abela) Gauci. Three of Spira's siblings died as babies.

According to Spira, her paternal grandfather had an unusual background. About the mid-nineteenth century, he was one of five young boys playing in a street in Turkey when all five "were snatched by a man, put in a big basket and shipped to Malta." Following a search by the Turkish authorities, three of the boys were found but two were concealed from authorities at L-Aħrax tal-Mellieħa. When the search was called off, one of the boys was taken out of hiding and sold by his captor to a rich Maltese man. At the age of 12, the boy was baptised, given the name "Paul" and the surname of his adoptive master, "Abela." Later, Paul Abela married and had a number of children, including Carmela, Spira

Gauci's mother.

Spira's father, Andrew Gauci, a stonemason, was one of the builders of the steeples of the Mellieħa Parish Church, *Twelid tal-Vergni Marija* (the Church of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary). Her mother, Carmela, was a skilled dressmaker.

Spira, who started school at the age of five or six, was a keen and hardworking pupil. After finishing school, she began to think about becoming a religious. About once a month in the 1920s, she would walk from Mellieħa to the Sacred Heart Convent in St. Julian's with two of her sisters and a friend. Being that she was also born in Mellieħa in 1911 and presumably continued to live there, it is quite possible that Salvina Sammut was this friend of Spira's.

In any case, one of Spira's sisters, Rosaria, entered the Sacred Heart Convent in 1928. Spira followed on July 2, 1930. She took her first vows on June 8, 1931, having been conveyed, on that auspicious day, from her home in Mellieħa to the Convent in St. Julian's in a horse-drawn carriage.

On arriving at the Sacred Heart Convent in Chicago, in August 1933, Sr. Spira spent a year serving as community refectorian. Her subsequent postings were in the states of New York and California. She returned to Chicago in 1955, where she worked in the laundry, vestry and cafeteria and was also engaged in making caps. Sr. Spira was at the Sacred Heart Sisters' complex in Lake Forest, Illinois by 1960. There, she worked in the community refectory and the linen room.



**Sr. Spira Gauci, RSCJ**

Sr. Spira returned permanently to Malta in 1971 and, like Sr. Annunziata Micallef four years earlier, as noted in the June issue of this newsletter, she was sent to the Sacred Heart Convent in St. Julian's. Owing to ill health, in 1984 Sr. Spira was transferred, as Sr. Annunziata had been in 1978, to the Convent of the Sacred Heart, at Tal-Virtù, in Rabat, Malta, a community for elderly Sacred Heart sisters, on Triq tal-Virtù, in Rabat.

Also, at Tal-Virtù was Sr. Rosaria Gauci, Sr. Spira's older sister. Both were to live out their final years together at this facility. Sr. Spira's death occurred on June 1, 1990.

**Assunta Grech** was born in San Lawrenz, Gozo, on July 9, 1907, to Gużeppi and Rosa (Grima) Grech. She was one of eight children—three boys and five girls.

On July 4, 1930, two days after Spira Gauci, Assunta entered the Sacred Heart Convent in St. Julian's. She took her first vows on July 26, 1933. Upon arriving in Chicago the following month, she was sent to Lake Forest. Later, Sr. Assunta was posted to Menlo Park, Seattle and San Francisco.

Sr. Assunta's work in the United States was mostly with school children and later with university students, helping in the refectory, the kitchen or as infirmarian.



**Sr. Assunta Grech, RSCJ**

She returned to Malta permanently in July 1970. There, she continued to serve, first in the infirmary at St. Julian's, then at visiting the sick and aged who lived on their own in Żejtun and later at doing babysitting in the



parish in Fgura.

A woman of prayer who used to love reading spiritual books, at the age of 70 she took a course in Scripture at the Catholic Institute.

Her last five years were spent at the Sacred Heart Community for the Elderly at Tal-Virtù in Rabat. There, as in Żejtun, she worked among the sick and elderly who lived on their own. Sr. Assunta died at Tal-Virtù on April 11, 1998.

Thus, we see that, of the six Maltese Sisters of the Sacred Heart who arrived in Chicago on that day in late August 1933, three—Sisters Emmanuela Camilleri, Adeline Attard and Paulina Xuereb— continued to serve out the rest of their lives in their adopted country; two— Sisters Assunta Grech and Spira Gauci—returned to Malta; and one—Sr. Salvina Sammut—spent her remaining years in Australia. Ironically, the eldest of the group, Sr. Paulina Xuereb, was the only one who lived to see the 21<sup>st</sup> century, dying less than three weeks short of her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday, while Sr. Assunta Grech was the only one of the group to have been a native of Gozo.

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*To be continued.*

### AN INVITATION TO THOSE OF MALTESE BIRTH OR DESCENT LIVING IN NORTH AMERICA

**Maria Pia Gauci**



BKRRadio 94.5 FM



<https://www.birkirkarafc.com/BkrRadio.php>

BKR Radio, since its outset and up to this very day, has been run totally and solely by volunteers. This team of radio hosts from all ages and walks of life come together to produce 24/7 broadcasting that covers a large selection of topics and music and offers interesting programmes to everyone's liking.

Every **Friday** evening, between **17:00 and 19:00 CET**, with a repeat the following **Sunday** between **14:00 and 16:00 CET**, the variety show *Armonija* is on air, produced and presented by Maria Pia Gauci. The programme offers a mix of general information on numerous topics, various genres of music, literary works by established or budding Maltese writers, recordings of special events happening at Birkirkara or main localities on the Islands, and much more.

One very prominent feature, which is the pride of Maria Pia, is the link with Maltese communities abroad. It comes in recorded segments by Maltese broadcasters on community radios in Australia, namely Melbourne and Sydney. *Armonija* aims at being the radiophonic harmonious link keeping together the Maltese and Gozitans wherever they may be around the globe. The latest link has been established with a Maltese lady living in Qatar.

It is Maria Pia's dream, embraced by the official authorities of the radio station, to reach out to any interested person of Maltese birth or descent who is willing to participate in this outreach. Any up-to-standard contribution, in any format, is most welcome. Preference is given to recorded segments about any topic under the sun, whatever your contribution may be. As long as it brings to life our everlasting bond as Maltese and Gozitans of any generation, it is granted air time on the programme.

**All contributions are to reach Maria Pia Gauci on [happy\\_lark.maria@gmail.com](mailto:happy_lark.maria@gmail.com) or via What's App or Messenger.**

Looking forward to be inundated by your messages! Join us to enhance the *Armonija* (harmony) of our Maltese DNA.

**Your voice becomes our voice.**

### ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE MALTESE COMMUNITIES

**Dan Brock**

#### **Gozo**

#### **Maltese Canadian Association (Gozo)**

Owing to the lack of bookings and other circumstances, the Canada Day celebration which was to be held at the Country Terrace in Mgarr, Gozo, will be transferred to Ir-Razzett by the windmill in Xagħra. This is where it was held 25 years ago. By Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, the place was fully booked for the event.

**The Greater Toronto Area, Ontario**

**Consul General of the Republic of Malta to Canada**

Dr. Raymond Xerri was rushed to St. Joseph’s Hospital on Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and was placed in the intensive care unit. Fortunately, he was able to be removed from the ICU the next day and the prognosis was that he should be released from the hospital within a few days.

**Leĥen Malti**

<b>LEHEN MALTI</b>
<b>(Maltese Voice)</b>
<b>OMNI 1 Southern Ontario</b>
<b>Saturdays 8:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Mondays 3:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Tuesdays 11.30 a.m.</b>
<b>Wednesdays 11:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursdays 8:30 a.m.</b>
<b>OMNI British Columbia/Pacific</b>
<b>Saturdays 2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>OMNI Alberta/Prairies</b>
<b>Saturdays 2:00 p.m.</b>

**Malta Band Club**

Each Saturday, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. the Club is offering curbside pickup of traditional Maltese cuisine—*timpana*, *għaġin fil-forn*, *ross fil-forn*, meat and ricotta pies, *braġoli*, *pastizzi* and *qassatat*.

**St. Paul the Apostle Parish**

With revisions to the current COVID-19 lockdown announced by the Ontario Government on July 7<sup>th</sup>, the church was once again opened up to 15% capacity beginning on Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

As the Province entered Stage 2 on Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, indoor services, including weddings and funerals, could be increased to 25% capacity. Owing to the size of the church, however, St. Paul’s will only be able to have a maximum capacity of 60 at any one time.

**Metropolitan Detroit**

**Maltese American Benevolent Society Inc.**

A steak & hamburger fundraiser will be held on Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

The general membership meeting is to be held on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

The current executive board consists of:

- President – Carmen Nino
- Vice President – Lino Sammut
- Secretary – Tanya Caruana
- Treasurer – Sandra Chavarria
- Sergeant at Arms – open
- Trustees – Lily Micallef, Paul Scicluna, Cecilia Said

**Maltese American Community Club of Dearborn**

The deadline for dropping off Board nominations was 4:00 p.m., Friday June 4<sup>th</sup>. The Election Committee counted them later.

The First Friday Rosary, Mass and Dinner was held on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The Rosary was at 6:40 p.m., followed by Mass upstairs with Fr. Joe Mallia at 7:00. Dinner was served between 6:00 and 8:00.

The Car Show was held in the parking lot on the afternoon of Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. (See pages 1, 17-19, 32 for more details.)

**New York City**

**Maltese Centre, NYC**

The annual Blessing of the Bikes was held at the Center at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> with Deacon Val Hili officiating.

L’Imnarja and the feast of San-Gwann were celebrated on the evening of Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, with food, drink and music.

**GOLD CUP FOR SPELLING  
CONTEST WINNER AT U.S. SCHOOL**

*Editor’s Note: This item appeared in The Times of Malta, August 17, 1959, page 12. Nothing further on Yvonne Falzon or her parents was found online.*

Miss Yvonne Falzon, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at Our Lady of the Scapular, New York, was the winner of a Gold Cup on behalf and in the name of her school.

The occasion was a Spelling Contest for those schools which are run by the Sisters of Mercy. Yvonne was one of 30 contestants all of them top spellers, and representing at least 15 schools.

The School feels justifiably proud that one of its pupils should have carried away the much sought after prize in the first contest conducted by the Sisters of Mercy.

Yvonne, who is only 14 and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Falzon, formerly of Pawla, went to the U.S.A. in 1956.



**THE CAR SHOW HELD AT THE MALTESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY CLUB OF DEARBORN, MICHIGAN**

**Lisa Buttigieg LiGreci and Martin Micallef**

The afternoon of Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> was a great day for the Car Show held at the Maltese American Community Club (MACC) of Dearborn, Michigan. The parking lot was jam packed with classic vehicles spanning the decades.

The sponsors were Jeff Schembri of Oval Auto, who provided the tee shirts, Christine Micallef of Fast Time Racing Engines, and John Seguna and Chris Mizzi who

donated the giveaways. The flyers and tee shirts for the event were designed by Miranda Micallef.



Maltese-themed products were sold by Rachael Darin (Petit Patriots), Grace Muscat-Harris (Graceful Stained Glass), and Rena Xuereb (The Malta Store).



**Graceful Stained Glass**



**The Malta Store**





**Petit Patriots**

BBQ meals consisting of pulled pork, baked beans, and slaw were served up.



**Neal Durkin Grilling Up Some Burgers**



**Bob Cassar's 1954 Ford Customline**



**The Grima Family aka *The Maltese Mafia* Provided Live Classic Rock Music**





**John Nelson's 1946 Chevrolet 350 TPL Sedan Complete with a Vintage Car Cooler in the Window and a Verner's Cooler and a Case of Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer on Top**



**Chris Mizzi with MACC First Vice President Martin Micallef after Being Presented with the Owners Choice Award**



**1964 Chevy Malibu with a Retro Picnic Set Up**

**2021 Owners Choice Award**



The Car Owners Choice Award was won by Chris Mizzi for his 1956 Studebaker Golden Hawk.

A big thank you to John Abela, John Cassar, Rita Vella Cruz, Michael Anthony Cutajar, Delores Micallef Durkin, Neal Durkin, Joe Formosa, John Galdes, Mary R. Micallef, Margaret Muscat Purdy, Brian Vella, Mckenna Vella who, like ourselves, were volunteers at this event. We also wish to thank all those who brought their vehicles to the Car Show. Without you we would have had no show.



**THE PSAILA SIBLINGS OF QORMI  
MIGRATED TO TORONTO  
IN THE YEARS FOLLOWING THE  
SECOND WORLD WAR**

**Dan Brock**

In the concentrated attack by the enemy of Tuesday, July 20, 1943, bombs were dropped over a widespread part of the Island of Malta, causing "considerable civilian damage." Three civilians were killed in Valletta, four in Sliema and 10 in Qormi. Among those who died in the latter city was 45-year old Lewis Psaila. He was mortally injured by shrapnel in his home, "Lourdes House," on Sciberras Street, and died the same day at Bugeja Hospital in Hamrun.



**Lewis Psaila**



**Dolores Maria Psaila**

See Angela Duggan Family Tree, Ancestry.ca

Lewis, a son of Giuseppe "Joseph" and Concetta (Pace) Psaila, is said to have been born in April 1897, in Algeria. At the time of his death, he was survived by his wife, the former Dolores Maria Zammit, and their children: Carmela, Maria, George, Concetta, Agnes, Peter and the youngest, Josephine, who was about six years old at the time.

Dolores Maria was born in Qormi in March 1900 and died in Sliema on December 1, 1945.

Carmela, the eldest of the seven siblings, was married to a British soldier by this time, and appears to have taken on the role of raising her siblings. At some point, it was decided that they immigrate to Canada. It is not presently known when Carmela,

her husband and her sister Mary came to Canada, but George, Agnes, Peter and Josephine came over on the *Italia*, via Naples, and arrived in New York Harbour on October 11, 1949.

Concetta, who was born in 1931, appears to have been married by this time. In any case, she stayed behind in Malta and came out with her husband, Ronald Stagno Navarra in the late winter of 1950. They too sailed from Naples, boarding the *Conte Biancamano* on March 8<sup>th</sup> and arriving at New York 11 days later.

All appear to have initially settled in Toronto. For our purposes, however, we will only focus on the fifth sibling, Agnes Lorenza. She was born in Qormi on February 14, 1932. Sometime after arriving in Toronto, she met and married Alfred "Fred" Rossi.

Fred was from Valletta and had also arrived in Canada as a teenager, having migrated with some friends. Fred and Agnes were to have five children: Donna, Steve, Cindy, Rick and Derrick. Derrick is the subject of the article which follows.

Fred worked in auto body shops for 50 years. For a short while his wife co-owned the Valletta Bakery on Dundas Street, near St. Paul the Apostle Church with her first cousin George Portelli. Fred died at home, age 80, on November 17, 2010. Agnes passed away five years later, at Scarborough General Hospital, on December 28, 2015.



**Fred and Agnes Rossi  
Visiting Harvard University  
where Their Youngest Son, Derrick,  
Was a Professor**

## MALTESE CHEESELETS (*ĠBEJNIET*)

**Lisa Buttigieg LiGreci**



*Lisa is a regular contributor to this newsletter and has provided us with many traditional Maltese recipes over the past several months, together with historic background and her own personal twist to the preparation.*

I don't think I've ever met a cheese I didn't like. I love any kind from any country, be it feta from Greece, provolone from Italy, brie from France, Swiss cheese, or Vermont cheddar from the U.S. Give me a cheese platter with some wine, fruit and crusty bread and I am a happy camper. But there is one cheese that stands above all others. My absolute favorite is the Maltese *ġbejna*.

*Ġbejna*, or *ġbejniet* (plural), is a Maltese cheese produced from sheep or goat's milk using rennet to set the curds. In the past, shepherds used sea water instead of rennet. Cow's milk is also used today, as I did in this recipe. The next time I make it, however, I'll try to get sheep's milk. The Maltese term *ġbejna* comes from the Arabic word *ġobon* for cheese. They are perfect little cheeselets formed in cheese baskets called *qwieleb*, traditionally made of dried reeds woven together. Today, they are made of plastic. *Ġbejna's* characteristic texture comes from the imprint of the *qwieleb*.

The actual origin of cheese is unknown, but it's closely related to the domestication of milk producing animals, (mainly sheep), which began 10,000 years ago. It is believed to have been discovered accidentally. Rumor has it that while crossing the desert, travelers would store their milk in the stomachs of animals. By the time they reached their final destination, the stomach enzymes had separated the milk into curds and whey. Another explanation comes from the practice of salting curdled milk to preserve it. Still another theory involves adding fruit juice to milk. The acid in the fruit would curdle the milk. As ancient as these theories are, it's pretty much how we still make cheese today.

Cheese was introduced to the Maltese islands during the Phoenician period circa 725-218 BC. The

Phoenician's westward expansion out of Lebanon resulted in their gradual colonization of Cyprus, Sicily, Malta, Sardinia, and Spain. They specialized in farming and introduced many agricultural techniques such as cheese making, as well as cultivating vines and olives for the production of wine and olive oil.

*Ġbejna* is best prepared during the warmer months of the year so it can be dried outdoors in special boxes made with screens that allow the wind in and keep the bugs out. These cages are called *qanniċ* or *nemusiera*, from the word *nemusa*, for "mosquito." We will be using a picnic net instead.

Making *ġbejna* is not for people in a hurry, unless you want it fresh. Depending on how hard you want your cheese, it will take patience and time—about two weeks to complete the process for a semi-hard consistency. The final result will be just like the ones you get in Malta.

I can't find *ġbejniet* in the U.S., and there is nothing here that compares to it, so I do take the time to make my own. It is well worth the effort.

*Ġbejna* is a very versatile cheese. You can use it in multiple ways, such as a filling for *ravjul* or *pastizzi*, and even a pizza topping. It is most commonly used in widow's soup, (*soppa tal-armla*) or simply spread on some fresh Maltese bread, (*Ħobż*). When dried, to a semi hard consistency, it can be seasoned with herbs and spices to serve on a cheese board. Taking the process even further to a hard consistency, it is used to grate over pasta or flavor soup stocks.

But, how can one cheese be used for so many recipes? It all depends if it is used fresh from the first stage or how much it has been dried or if it has been salt cured, peppered, seasoned with herbs, or preserved in vinegar, olive oil, or a mix of both. The longer you dry it, the harder the cheese gets and with a sharper, nuttier flavor. There are many varieties of *ġbejna* but it is typically prepared and served in two forms, fresh and dried, though it can also be cured in salt (in which case it is called *ġbejna maħsula*) or covered in pepper, to make *ġbejna tal-bżar*. Some of the many terms and varieties for *ġbejna* are as follows:

*Ġbejna Friska*: Fresh cheese, soft and milky, used immediately.

*Ġbejna Tal-ilma*: Fresh cheese, stored in whey to use in a few days.

*Ġbejna Maħsula*: Cured in a salt water brine. Lasts longer.

*Ġbejna Moxxa*: (*niexfa*, *bajda* or *t'Għawdex*), Semi-hard, cured with salt, has a nuttier taste.

*Ġbejna tal-Ħabaq*: Semi-hard, seasoned with basil and garlic.

*Ġbejna Mħawra*: Semi-hard, seasoned with chives, onions and chili.

*Ġbejna tal-bżar*: Semi-hard, seasoned with fresh cracked pepper.



**Varieties of Ġbejna**

In this recipe, I will take you through the process from making the *ġbejna friska* to *ġbejna tal-ilma*, *ġbejna moxxa*, and *ġbejna tal-bżar*. Here's what you will need to begin.

**EQUIPMENT:**



- Large non-reactive pot and lid (stainless steel is best)
- long knife
- slotted spoon
- 6 cheese basket forms (*qwieleb*)
- airtight jar(s)
- food thermometer
- baking sheet
- Picnic insect screen
- cooling rack (not pictured)
- cheesecloth (not pictured)

**INGREDIENTS:** Serves 4-6

- 1 gallon of whole milk

- ½ tsp. liquid rennet (animal or vegetable)
- Salt
- Fresh cracked black pepper to taste
- Extra virgin olive oil
- White vinegar
- Red wine vinegar (not pictured)

NOTE: I've seen recipes that also add powdered milk to the recipe. Personally, I think it has an aftertaste I don't care for. This recipe works just fine without it, but if you want to use it, add 2 cups of low-fat powdered milk to the whole milk.



**DIRECTIONS:**

1. It's very important that all equipment used to prepare the cheese, as well as your hands, are clean and sanitized. It must be a bacteria-free environment.
2. Warm the milk on low heat to 98-100 degrees F.



3. Once your milk is up to temperature, mix ½ tsp. liquid rennet with a little water and stir it into the milk. Immediately remove from heat, cover and let it set for 1-3 hrs.





NOTE: You can also use rennet or junket tablets dissolved in water instead of the liquid. Follow the directions on the package for the amount.



4. Once the milk has set, slice into the curds to separate it from the whey.



5. Place a rack over a baking sheet for drainage. Using a slotted spoon, fill your *qwieleb* with the curds all the way to the top.



(Hold the *qwieleb* over the pot to avoid a drippy mess, unlike my picture—I learned from experience).

6. When they are all filled, place them on the rack and sprinkle ¼ tsp. of salt over each.



7. Cover with a moistened cheesecloth and place the baking sheet in the refrigerator for 12 hours to drain and cure.

Meanwhile, pour the remaining whey from the pot into a container and store in the refrigerator to use for *gbejna tal-ilma*. You can also freeze the whey and use it instead of water when making *ftira*, Maltese *ħobż*, or soups.

8. After 12 hours in the fridge, you can see most of the whey has drained and they have shrunk down.



9. Flip them over to expose the imprint on the bottom side.



10. Again, sprinkle each one with ¼ tsp. of salt. Cover with moistened cheesecloth and refrigerate for another 12 hrs.



11. After the second 12 hours of curing, the fresh cheese (*gbejna friska*) is ready. At this point you can carefully remove the cheeselets from the *qwieleb* to use presently or store in the saved whey to make *gbejna tal-ilma* and use for another day. At this stage, it should be used within a week.



12. If you want to continue the process to make *gbejna moxxa*, you can dry them indoors or outdoors. Carefully remove the cheeselets from the *qwieleb* and set aside on a plate. Turn the *qwieleb* upside down on the rack and place the cheeselets on top of the *qwieleb*. Flip them over twice a day, (every 12 hours) for one week. It is typical to dry the cheeselets outdoors. Cover them with dry cheese-cloth or the picnic net to

keep insects, leaves and other particulates away. Be sure to weigh the covering down so it doesn't blow away. To dry indoors, you may want to place a fan nearby to circulate the air and expedite the drying process. I would still cover them when drying indoors to be safe. If you want the cheese to be harder for grating, it will need more than one week.

13. To make *gbejna tal-bżar*, roll the *gbejna friska* in cracked black pepper. Use the same technique from step #13 to dry to a semi hard consistency. I like a lot of pepper. You don't have to use as much as I did. It's your choice.



14. Once they have dried for one week, or to the consistency you like, put them in an airtight sealed jar filled with white vinegar and refrigerate for 24 hrs.
15. After 24 hours, discard the white vinegar. Cover them with olive oil and a bit of red wine vinegar to taste. Seal the jar and store them in a cabinet for at least 1 week. It will safely store for up to 3 months. I've actually heard it will store up to a year, but they would never last that long in my house. Just make sure to shake them up once in a while to keep them moist.
16. After one week the *gbejniet* are ready to serve.



17. Arrange on a platter or a cheese board with fruit, raw vegetables, nuts, deli meats, sausage, anchovy, crackers, crusty bread, or whatever tickles your fancy. Just don't forget the wine!



**MONTHLY MESSAGE FROM THE CONSUL GENERAL  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA TO CANADA**

**Dr. Raymond Xerri  
Il-Konslu Ġenerali/  
Consul General**



**Il-Konsolat Ġenerali issa qiegħed jopera fil-massimu tiegħu**

Issa il-Provinċja ta' Ontario fl-aħħar ta' Ġunju gradwalment neħhiet il-lockdown wara it-tielet mewġa ta' din l-imxija tal-COVID19. Nisperaw li s-sitwazzjoni f'Barrie ma tikkirix u l-varjanti tal-COVID19; Alpha, Beta, Delta, Delta+ u oħrajn ma' jinfirxux aktar u joħolqu r-raba' mewġa.

Matul ix-xahar ta' Ġunju, il-Konsolat Ġenerali tar-Repubblika ta' Malta għall-Kanada ħadem bla heda sabiex jaqdi dawk l-appuntamenti li kienu tħassru f'Ottubru, Novembru u Diċembru li għadda minħabba l-lockdown li sar f'dak il-perjodu. L-appuntamenti pendenti ser jiġu skedati għax-xahar ta' Lulju. Ser ikunu dawk li kienu stabbiliti f'Jannar u Frar ta' din is-sena u dawk li huma urġenti ħafna. Għalhekk, l-appell tiegħi hu li jekk għandek bżonn appuntament sabiex tapplika għaċ-ċittadinanza u/jew passaport Malti fis-sitt xhur li ġejjin, aghmel dan mill-aktar fis possibbli sabiex jien u l-istaff tal-Konsolat Ġenerali jkollna idea tajba ta' l-ammont t' appuntamenti u l-volum ta' xogħol li jkun jirrekjedi. Dejjem nisperaw li, dak li qiegħed jiġri f'diversi bliet madwar id-dinja bħal f'Sydney b'lockdowns mill-ġdid, ma' jiġrix hawn.

**Komplu segwu l-Facebook webpejġ tal-Konsolat Ġenerali**

Għal l-aħħar żviluppi għal min jixtieq isiefer lejn Malta, tajjeb li dak li jkun ikompli jsegwi il-posts fuq il-Facebook webpejġ tal-Konsolat Ġenerali ta' Malta, 'Consulate General of the Republic of Malta to Canada' jew iċċempel fuq 416-207-0922 jew 416-207-0989. Minbarra hekk, tistgħu tikkonsultaw il-websajt uffiċjali tal-Gvern ta' Malta fuq <https://deputyprimeminister.gov.mt/en/health-promotion/covid-19/Pages/travel.aspx>

**The Consulate General is working full speed ahead**

Now that Ontario is gradually removing the latest lockdown after the third wave of COVID-19 at the end of June, let us hope and pray that the situation in Barrie does not allow the new variants of COVID-19, Alpha, Beta, Delta, Delta+ and others to spread to other parts of the province and create a fourth wave.

Throughout the month of June, the Consulate General of the Republic of Malta to Canada has worked tirelessly to attend to appointments that had to be cancelled from the months of October through December 2020, when the previous lockdown was in place in the province of Ontario. The pending appointments that are going to be scheduled in July are those of January and February of this year, but also including the very urgent ones that come along. Therefore, I appeal to all those Maltese Canadians who require an appointment to apply for Maltese citizenship and/or passports in the coming six months to, please, contact us at the earliest so the Consulate staff and I can plan and have a good idea of the amount of appointments and the volume of work required. Hopefully, what is happening around the world, in cities like Sydney where the variants Delta and Delta+ have increased, does not hit Ontario or the rest of Canada.

**Continue to follow the Facebook Consulate General website**

For the latest developments for whoever wants to visit Malta please continue to follow the posts in the Facebook webpage, 'Consulate General of the Republic of Malta to Canada' or call the Consulate General number on 416-207-0922 or 416-207-0989. Besides the Consulate General webpage, consult the official website of the Government of Malta on <https://deputyprimeminister.gov.mt/en/health-promotion/covid-19/Pages/travel.aspx>

**Maltese Canadian Business Network Association (MCBNA) has a new website – [www.mcbna.com](http://www.mcbna.com) and a Consulate General wall for business networking**

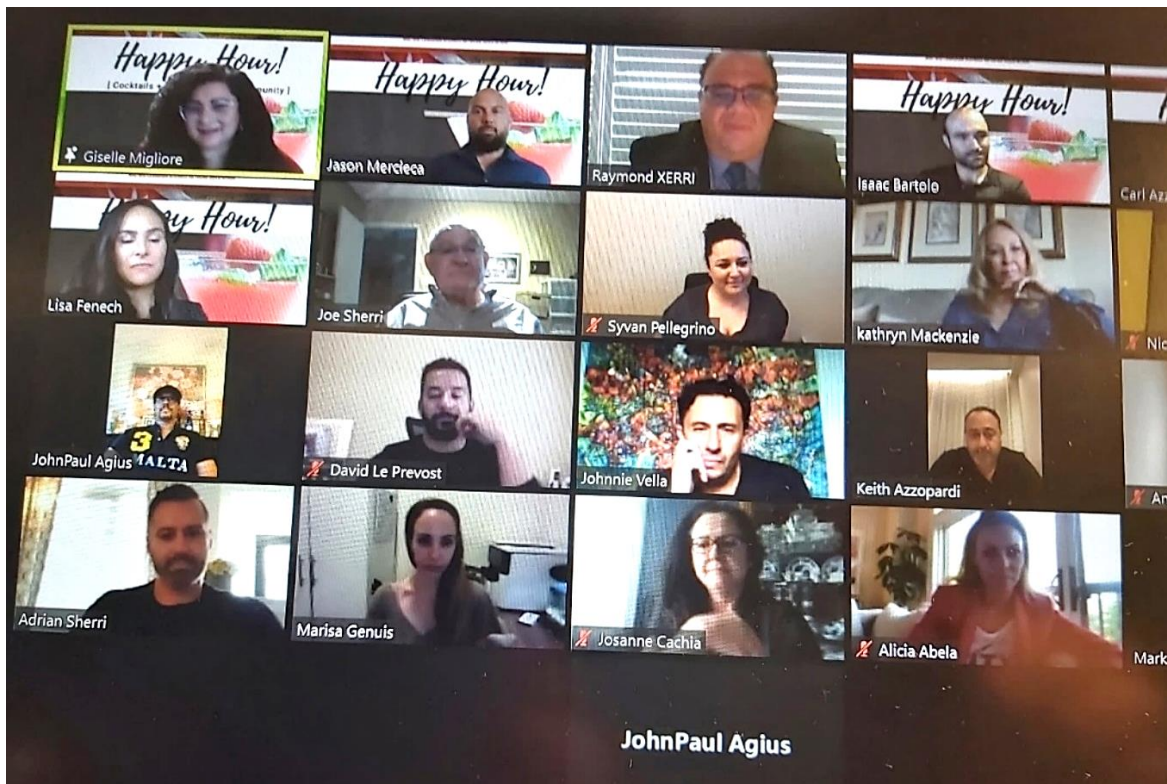
A big congratulations to Isaac Bartolo for his work in developing a new website which is accessible, modern and much needed for networking – [www.mcbna.com](http://www.mcbna.com).



**Il-Maltese Canadian Business Network Association (MCBNA) għandha websajt ġdida – [www.mcbna.com](http://www.mcbna.com) u hajt fil-Konsolat Ġenerali għal business cards**

Prosit tassew li Isaac Bartolo tax-xogħol li għamel fuq websajt ġdida li hi ħafna aktar aċċessibbli, moderna u meħtieġa – [www.mcbna.com](http://www.mcbna.com). It-tnedija saret virtwalment u kellha attendenza sabiħa ħafna. Saru diskorsi mill-Kummissarju Għoli Malti għall-Kanada, I-E.T. Keith Azzopardi, minni bhala Konslu Ġenerali, mis-Sur Joe Sherri, il-President u fundatur tal-MCBNA u oħrajn. Il-Konsolat Ġenerali qed jaħdem id f'id mal-MCBNA sabiex tikber il-lista ta' negozji Maltin-Kanadiżi li jin-għaqdu mall-MCBNA permizz ta' *business cards* li jitpoggew mal-ħajt fil-*waiting room* tal-Konsolat Ġenerali. Awguri lill-MCBN u prosit tax-xogħol li qed tagħmlu.

The virtual launch was well-attended and speeches were made by H.E. Keith Azzopardi, High Commissioner of the Republic of Malta to Canada, from me as Consul General, from Joe Sherri, President and founder of MCBNA and others. The Consul General is coordinating with the MCBNA to increase the list of Maltese Canadian businesses that join the MCBNA by means of business cards placed by visitors and clients to the Consulate General on one of the walls of the Consulate General waiting room.



**GRAZZI tas-Solidarjetà, l-Awguri u t-talb tagħkom**

L-aħħar ġimgħa tax-xahar ta' Ġunju 2021 ser tibqa' ttimbrata f'moħħi u qalbi bħala ġranet diffiċili ferm. Ma' tkunx taf l-ugiħ veru xi jfisser qabel ma tesperjenzah. Nixtieq li pubblikament nringrazzja l-ewwel lill-familja tiegħi li għaddew minn ġranet diffiċili ferm għaliex jinsabu għewwa Malta mingħajr il-possibilità li jiġu f'ideja minnhabba r-restrizzjonijiet estensivi fil-Kanada. Ringrazzjament imur lill-istaff tal-Konsolat Ġenerali, Amanda Vella u speċjalment lil Natasha Delicata li kienet katalista sabiex nitiehed l-isptar u li jkolli aċċess għall-Isptar – l-Isptar ta' San Guzepp ta' Toronto.

Ringrazzjament finali jmur lill-bosta persuni fil-Kanada, f'Malta u madwar id-dinja li wrew solidarjetà, l-awguri u talb. Għamilt kuraġġ bikom għaliex indunajt li minix waħdi minkejja li l-familja tiegħi qiegħda 'l bogħod. It-telefonati, l-imejls, il-messaġġi u anke ittri ma waqfux. Grazzi mill-qalb u t-talb tagħkom dejjem apprezzat ferm.

**Jum il-Kanada u l-eqqel tal-Istaġun tal-Festi u s-Sajf fil-Gzejjer Maltin**

Fl-ewwel jum tax-xahar ta' Lulju fil-Kanada jiġi ċċelebrat Jum il-Kanada. Din is-sena ser ikun iċċelebrat b'lockdown imnaqqas. Allura, iddevertu! Minkejja li qiegħdin fil-bidu tal-eqqel tal-istaġun tal-Festi f'Malta u Għawdex, dawn il-festi qed isiru fil-knejjes biss biex ikunu evitati l-folol.

Fl-aħħarnett, f'ismi, f'isem marti Marlene u familti nixtieq lil kull wieħed u waħda minnkomm Jum il-Kanada mill-isbaħ. Komplu aġħtu każ ta' xulxin, ċemplu lil xulxin u qattgħu ftit ħin titkellmu mall-anzjani tagħna fuq it-telefon, fuq Zoom jew mezzji oħra fejn tista' żżomm id-distanza u araw jekk għandhomx bżonn l-għajjnuna tagħkom sa fejn tistgħu...tinsewx li s-solitudni hija kerha wisq. Telefonata jew skype, zoom jew messenger tista' tagħmel id-differenza għal min jgħix waħdu.

O Mulej, bierek dejjem lil Malta u lill-Kanada!

**THANK YOU for the solidarity, best wishes and your prayers**

The last full week of June 2021 will remain in my mind and heart for the rest of my life as a very difficult time. One would not know what real pain feels like until one experiences it. I wish to publicly thank first and foremost my family who is in Malta without the possibility of coming to Canada owing to the restrictions in place. A special thanks goes to the Consulate General staff, Amanda Vella and especially Natasha Delicata for her quick thinking and invaluable assistance in admitting me into St Joseph Hospital in Toronto in such an emergency.

A final thanks goes to the many many Maltese, in Canada, Malta and around the world who expressed their solidarity, best wishes and prayers. These messages served as an encouragement for me despite my family not being by my side. The telephone calls, emails, messages and even letters did not stop. A whole-hearted thanks and your prayers are always welcomed.

**Canada Day and in the midst of the Festa Season and the Summer in the Maltese Islands**

The first day of July is Canada Day, this year with a lesser lockdown, so enjoy yourselves. Although Malta is at the beginning of the festa season, festi are confined to the churches to avoid big crowds.

Finally, on behalf of my wife Marlene and my family, I wish you and your families an enjoyable Canada Day. Let us continue to care for each other. Whenever we can, call one another and spend some time talking to our elderly. Zoom or use other social media means which keeps the distance between us but at the same time attacks loneliness and offers a hand where we can. A call, Skype, Zoom or Messenger can make the day for someone who is lonely.

O Lord, always bless Malta and Canada!

**EXCERPTS FROM THE TIMES OF MALTA**

From London, Ontario comes news of the recent marriage of Mr. and Mrs. T. Pavia<sup>1</sup>, and of Mr. and Mrs. J. Vella,<sup>2</sup> and of the recent parenthood of Mr. and Mrs. R. Harmsworth<sup>3</sup> and Mr. and Mrs. E. Said.<sup>4</sup>

From Ontario we hear that Tony Farrugia was recently promoted a Corporal in the Royal Canadian Air Force. Corporal Farrugia is married and has one daughter, Susan.

Oshawa's Malta United Football Team seem to have passed the 'growing pains' stage of its earlier days and now show a definite improvement in its standard of play. In the team's last match, played against the Uxbridge Team, the Malta United had a clear victory by five goals to nil.

*Times of Malta, Aug. 17, 1959, page 12*

1. Anthony "Tony" & Joy (Mepsted) Pavia
2. Joseph Vella died in London on April 21, 2015
3. Roger & Catherine "Kitty" (Cachia) Harmsworth
4. Emanuel & Connie Said





## PRESS RELEASE

### PART OF A WALL FOR BUSINESS CARDS OF MALTESE CANADIAN BUSINESSES AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA TO CANADA

There are thousands of Maltese Canadian businesses throughout Canada in different areas of the economy – services, professionals, self-employed and others. Since 2019, the Consul General of the Republic of Malta to Canada, Dr Raymond C. Xerri has designated part of a wall of the waiting room at the Consulate General for Maltese Canadians business people who visit and have space to leave their business card(s) on this wall.

The thousands of people who wait and/or pass through this waiting room all year round, now can be informed of the array of Maltese Canadian businesses that exist throughout the country. This initiative promotes Maltese Canadian business, promotes networking and promotes Maltese Canadians buying from Maltese Canadian businesses.

The Consulate General of the Republic of Malta to Canada has cooperated and continues to liaise with the Maltese Canadian Business Network Association (MCBNA) which has just recently launched its new website – [www.mcbna.com](http://www.mcbna.com). The Consul General, Dr Xerri, encourages many more Maltese Canadian businesses to send their business cards to the Consulate General of the Republic of Malta to Canada, 3280 Bloor Street West, Suite 1060, Centre Tower, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Etobicoke, ON M8X 2X3.

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### READER COMMENTS

Thank you for the latest issue and the article [on the two Maltese Canadian marathon runners]. Very interesting and informative to read all about other Maltese and their history.

Joseph Camilleri, Vancouver Island, British Columbia

Thank you for sending me your journal....Keep them coming....

Professor Stephen Gatt, Kensington, NSW, Australia

May we thank you for your newsletter of the Maltese in North America.

Antoine Apap, Safi Local Council, Malta

### PARTI MINN HAJT GĦAL BUSINESS CARDS TAN-NEGOZJI MALTIN KANADIŽI FIL-KONSOLAT ĠENERALI TAR-REPUBBLIKA TA' MALTA GĦALL-KANADA

Hemm eluf ta' negozji Maltin Kanadiži madwar il-Kanada kollha f'diversi setturi tal-ekonomija – is-servizzi, il-professjonisti, min jaħdem għal-rasu u oħrajn. Sa mill-2019, il-Konslu Ġenerali tar-Repubblika ta' Malta għall-Kanada, Dr Raymond C. Xerri alloka ħajt fil-*waiting room* tal-Konsolat Ġenerali għal negozjanti Maltin Kanadiži li jzuru l-post, hekk ikollhom spazju fejn ipoġġu l-*business card(s)* tagħhom fuq dan il-ħajt.

B'hekk l-eluf ta' persuni li jistennew u/jew jgħaddu mill-*waiting room*, *matul* is-sena kollha, issa jistgħu jsiru jafu dwar xelta kbira ta' negozji Maltin Kanadiži li jezistu madwar il-Kanada. Din l-inizjattiva mhux biss tippromwovi n-negozji Maltin Kanadiži, imma tippromwovi *networking* u tippromwovi li Maltin Kanadiži jixtru mingħand negozji Maltin Kanadiži.

Il-Konsolat Ġenerali tar-Repubblika ta' Malta għall-Kanada qiegħed u se jkompli jikkopera mall-*Maltese Canadian Business Network Association* (MCBNA) li riċentament nhdew websajt ġdida – [www.mcbna.com](http://www.mcbna.com). Il-Konslu Ġenerali, Dr Raymond Xerri jikkoraġġixxi lill-ħafna negozji Maltin Kanadiži sabiex jibgħatu l-*business cards* tagħhom lil Consulate General of Malta to Canada, 3280 Bloor Street West, Suite 1060, Centre Tower, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Etobicoke, ON M8X 2X3.

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I saw the email that the newsletter was ready, but rather than open it I put my phone down made myself a nice cup of Maltese tea then I was ready. It took me a few hours to finish but I enjoyed it from top to bottom as usual. You never disappoint. Thank you for your commitment.

Rena Xuereb, Metro Detroit

I really enjoy reading the Maltese recipes. She [Lisa Buttigieg LiGreci] does them herself, explains them in detail, includes stupendous photos, not one but many, and most importantly, she tried them herself beforehand.

They can make a very good booklet, if she is so inclined.

Mark Caruana, NWS, Australia



**Important notice: Travel to Malta**

All countries from where travel is permitted are currently classified as amber. The list is currently reviewed and updated. Kindly log on <https://deputyprimeminister.gov.mt/en/health-promotion/covid-19/Pages/travel.aspx> for latest updates.

As of 17 June 2021, the United States of America will be included in the amber list, but only limited to the following states: Washington, Oregon, Louisiana, Arizona, West Virginia, Colorado, North Dakota, Indiana, Georgia, Texas, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Tennessee, Iowa, Nebraska, Ohio, South Carolina, New Mexico, Florida, Virginia, Maine, South Dakota, Michigan, Illinois, Delaware, Wisconsin, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, New Jersey, Minnesota, Connecticut, Alaska, New Hampshire, Maryland, New York, Rhode Island, District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Vermont, California.

Anyone travelling to Malta from one of the above-mentioned States, must show a negative COVID-19 PCR test certificate before boarding the flight. This swab test must be taken at least 72 hours prior to arrival in Malta. If a negative PCR test is not presented, a swab test must be taken on arrival or otherwise, a 14-day quarantine period would be mandatory. Passengers would bear the costs for both the swab test on arrival and the mandatory quarantine (hosted in government allocated accommodation and not the accommodation of the passenger's choice). Pre-authorization from the office of the Superintendent of Public Health in Malta is still required. This may be requested on: [covid19.vetting@gov.mt](mailto:covid19.vetting@gov.mt)

Maltese citizens or registered residents currently in Red Zone States (States NOT listed in the above list) and persons who have been granted exceptional approval to travel to or from a red zone by the Superintendent of Public Health, would be given the opportunity to return to Malta, subject to presenting a negative PCR test result for COVID-19. The test would need to be taken no longer than 72 hours prior to arrival in Malta. Upon arrival additional testing may be required on arrival in addition to 14 days of mandatory quarantine. The quarantine address and the test results are to be forwarded to [quarantine.covid19@gov.mt](mailto:quarantine.covid19@gov.mt).

The above appeared on the "From Malta to Motown" Facebook page, Wednesday, June 16th

Ambassador Keith Azzopardi advises that, for persons travelling to Malta, some airlines are requesting passengers to present the Passenger Locator Form prior to boarding. These forms may be downloaded from the Malta International Airport's (MIA's) website at: <https://mia-prod-s3-cdn.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/MIA-PLF-HDF-2021.pdf>

## MALTESE ORGANIZATIONS IN NORTH AMERICA

### **Festa San Gejtanu Association**

c/o 5745 Coopers Avenue, Mississauga, ON  
L4Z 1R9  
647-232-8845

### **Festa San Gorg Association of Toronto**

c/o 36 Sequoia Road, Vaughan, ON L4H 1W6  
905-216-8432/416-277-2291

### **Gozo Club Toronto**

c/o 1205 Royal York Road, Toronto, ON M9A 4B5  
416-231-9710  
[gozoclub@gmail.com](mailto:gozoclub@gmail.com)

### **Inanna on Stage**

[www.joannedancer.com](http://www.joannedancer.com)  
c/o 356 Pacific Avenue, Toronto, ON M6P 2R1  
416-707-2355  
[desertdancer007@yahoo.ca](mailto:desertdancer007@yahoo.ca)

### **Knights of Columbus - Canada – Council # 12782**

c/o St Patrick's Church, 921 Flagship Drive,  
Mississauga, ON, N4Y 2J6  
905-270-2301 (Church)  
[stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org](mailto:stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org)  
Grand Knight Amadeo Cuschieri

### **Legion of Mary – “Our Lady of the Migrant”**

c/o St. Paul The Apostle Parish  
3224 Dundas St. W., Toronto M6P 2A3  
Tel: 416-767-7054  
[www.saint-paul-Maltese.com](http://www.saint-paul-Maltese.com)  
[stpaulmssp@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulmssp@gmail.com)  
President: Mary Vella

### **Lehen Malti**

<https://www.omnity.ca › shows › lehen-malti>  
c/o 2387 Chilsworthy Avenue., Mississauga, ON  
L5B 2R4  
Contact Person: Joe Sherri  
416-571-3944  
email [lehenmalti@hotmail.com](mailto:lehenmalti@hotmail.com)

### **Malta Band Club**

5745 Coopers Ave., Mississauga, ON L4Z 1K9  
905-890-8507  
[www.maltabandclub.com](http://www.maltabandclub.com)  
[maltabandclub@bellnet.ca](mailto:maltabandclub@bellnet.ca)

### **Malta United Society of Windsor, Ontario**

2520 Seminole St., Windsor, ON N8Y1X4  
519-974-6719  
[maltaunitedsociety.windsor@gmail.com](mailto:maltaunitedsociety.windsor@gmail.com)  
Opening hours: Saturday 6:30 p.m.-12:00 a.m.

### **Malta Village Association (Est. 1995)**

c/o 3256 Dundas Street West, Toronto M6P 2A3  
Tel: 416-769-2174  
Fax: 416-769-2174  
[maltabakeshopltd@gmail.com](mailto:maltabakeshopltd@gmail.com)  
att: Antonia Buttigieg

### **Maltese American Benevolent Society**

1832 Michigan Ave. Detroit, MI 48216  
313-961-8393  
<http://detroitmaltese.com>  
Opening hours:  
Thursday & Friday 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Sunday 12:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.

### **Maltese American Community Club of Dearborn**

5221 Oakman Blvd, Dearborn, MI 48126  
313-846-7077  
[info@malteseamericanclub.org](mailto:info@malteseamericanclub.org)  
Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
10:00 am. – 1:00 p.m.  
Dinners served: Friday evenings 6:00 p.m. – 10:00  
p.m.  
Before and after 7:00 p.m. first  
Friday Mass

### **Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco**

924 El Camino Real, South San Francisco, CA  
94080  
650-871-4611  
[contact-us@Maltese-AmericanSCSF.org](mailto:contact-us@Maltese-AmericanSCSF.org)  
Opening hours: Tuesday 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
(every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month only)  
Thursday 5: p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Friday 5:00 – 1:00 a.m.  
Sunday 9:00 am.- 5:00 p.m.

### **Maltese Canadian Association of the City of Hamilton (MCACH)**

c/o 381 Fairview Drive, Brantford ON N3R 2X7  
[mcach1964@gmail.com](mailto:mcach1964@gmail.com)

**Maltese Canadian Association (Gozo)**

c/o Trillium, Sqaq Nru 1, Triq it-Tigrija, ix-Xagħra  
Tel: 011 356 21560656  
[mcagozo@hotmail.com](mailto:mcagozo@hotmail.com)

**Maltese Canadian Business & Networking Association (MCBNA), (Toronto)**

c/o 2387 Chilsworthy Avenue, Mississauga, ON  
L5B 2R4  
416-980-1975  
[mcbna2018@gmail.com](mailto:mcbna2018@gmail.com)

**Maltese-Canadian Cruisers**

c/o 5745 Coopers Avenue, Mississauga, ON  
L4Z 1R9  
416-524-2573  
att: Gianni Borg

**Maltese-Canadian Cultural Association (Est. 2018)**

c/o 2387 Chilsworth Avenue, Mississauga, ON  
L5B 2R4  
416-571-3944  
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**Maltese Canadian Federation, The (Toronto)**

c/o 2387 Chilsworth Avenue, Mississauga, ON  
L5B 2R4  
416-571-3944  
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**Maltese-Canadian Museum Archives and Visitors Centre**

St. Paul the Apostle Church Complex  
3224 Dundas St. W., Toronto, ON M6P 2A3  
416-767-7054

**Maltese Canucks**

c/o 3336 Dundas Street West, Toronto, ON,  
M6P 2A4  
416-909-7357/414-670-2662  
[carl@isqtransport.com](mailto:carl@isqtransport.com)/[b\\_azzo18@yahoo.com](mailto:b_azzo18@yahoo.com)

**Maltese Center, NYC**

27-20 Hoyt Ave. S. Astoria, NY 11102  
718-728-9893  
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