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WITH A DINNER DANCE
AT THE MALTA BAND CLUB**

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

August was another busy month within many of the Maltese communities in North America. This has been particularly so in the case of the Maltese Embassy in Washington, DC with two National Conventions, the work of the Consul-on-the-Move, the screening of the film, *Simshar*, and a meeting with its director and producer, Ms. Rebecca Cremona, to name but a few of its activities. (See pages 4, 12.)

Two feasts, Santa Maria and San Gaetano, were celebrated by

the Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco and the Melita Soccer Club of Toronto respectively. (See pages 7-10, 11, and 24 respectively.

Elsewhere, the Maltese American Community Club of Dearborn, Michigan held its annual Bob Farr Tribute Picnic (pages 13-15) and the London, Ontario group had its monthly luncheon (pages 17-18).

Then, there have been a number of individual accomplishments of late.

Kevin Attard was the trainer of "Caitlingrtness", the filly which won the King's Plate horse race at the Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto on August 23rd.

Alexa Zammit has obtained her Masters in Materials Science from MIT and is currently training as an Army pilot with Apache helicopters (page 15).

Her sister, Garbielle Zammit, as coxswain, helped the Mercer boys' varsity eight of the Princeton National Rowing Association make the quarter finals in the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cut at the Royal Henley Regatta in England. She has now started her college career at Stanford coxing for its men's rowing program (pages 19-21).

Dr. Barry York of Australia has completed his 500th oral history interview, spanning 40 years. Many of these interviews were with long-departed early 20th-century Maltese immigrants to Australia (page 21).

Owing to the kindness and efforts of Evelyn and Dennis Simmons of California, all issues and the latest "Table of Contents" are posted on the web page of the Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco at <http://maltese-americanscsf.org/home.aspx>. Click on to "News & Resources."

So far in September many events have taken place within

the Maltese communities in Canada and in the United States. Many more are planned for the remainder of September and on into the coming months. It is planned to feature a number of these in the September and subsequent issues of this newsletter.

If you have ideas to share, wish to be put on the free, bcc electronic mailing lists, would like to learn the newsletter's advertising rates, etc., I may be reached at danbrock62@gmail.com.

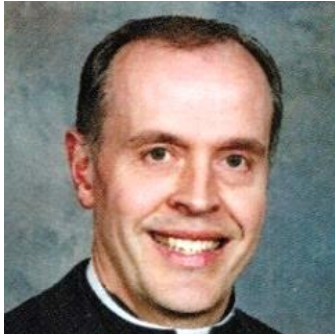
The various Maltese organizations and associations in North America are encouraged to use this e-newsletter to promote themselves and their activities.

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ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH, TORONTO, CANADA

From our Pastor's Desk...



Fr. Roy Farrell, a diocesan priest within the Archdiocese of Toronto, is pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Toronto, the only Maltese parish outside Malta worldwide.

Parish Bulletin for August 31st-September 1st

On this Labour Day weekend, let us reflect on its spiritual meaning. God created human beings to work and take care of His creation. Work is not a result of the Fall or punishment for sin, but rather a fundamental part of our design. It is through work that we participate in God's ongoing work of creation and stewardship.

Just as God worked to bring order and beauty to the world, we are called to work diligently and responsibly in our own spheres of influence. Whether we are tending a garden, managing a business, teaching, or serving others, our work is a way to honor God and contribute to the flourishing of society. It is a privilege and a responsibility to use our talents and skills to make a positive impact in the world.

This cultural mandate calls for stewardship and responsible management of the earth and its resources. It encompasses not only the physical aspect of caring for the environment but also the development of society and culture. As humans, we have the capacity to innovate, create, and build civilizations. We are called to use our abilities to improve the world around us, whether through technological advancements, scientific discoveries, artistic expressions, or social progress. This mandate also implies a responsibility to protect and preserve the natural world, recognizing that it is a gift from God that sustains us and future generations. It calls us to be mindful of our actions and their impact on the planet, promoting sustainability and ecological balance.

Ultimately, fulfilling this purpose allows us to participate in God's ongoing work of creation and contribute to the flourishing of all life on earth.

Work is honorable – it is a gift, not a curse. All professions and all kinds of work, assuming that they are legal and biblically ethical, are honorable before the Lord. There is no dichotomy between sacred and secular work. All work brings glory to God and a potential source of fulfillment, if it is done to God's glory. Work was not intended to be a burden or a punishment. In fact, God designed work to bring fulfillment and satisfaction to human beings. Even before the Fall, when sin entered the world, God gave man work as a means of purpose and enjoyment.

Ecclesiastes 2:24-25 emphasizes the significance of finding satisfaction in one's work, highlighting that it is a gift from God. It reminds us that without God, we could not sustain ourselves or experience the joy that work can bring. Therefore, work is not merely a means of survival, but also a means of finding purpose and fulfillment in life.

In our work, we can be a witness to the reality of Christ and the difference He makes in the lives of his followers. Through our actions, words, and attitudes, we can show a supernatural approach to work that sets us apart from the world. Whether it is through our integrity, kindness, or perseverance, we have the chance to show others the transformative power of Christ in our lives. This witness can have a profound impact on those around us, leading them to seek a relationship with God themselves.

Work is not just a temporary endeavor, but a lifetime mission. As Genesis 3:19 reminds us, we work as long as we live. This includes both paid and volunteer work. Retirement should not be seen as the end of meaningful work, but rather an opportunity to pursue different avenues of service.

Our vocations, whether in the workplace or in other areas of life, are meant to be carried out throughout our entire lives. They are not just a means to an end, but a way for us to contribute to the betterment of society and the advancement of God's kingdom.

Let us remember the significance of our work and the impact it can have on others. May we strive to be a witness to the reality of Christ, both in our words and actions. And may we embrace our lifetime mission, finding fulfillment and purpose in the work we do, whether in our careers or in other areas of service.

The neighbourhood of Malta, Alabama, is in Escambia County east of the City of Atmore and is 42 miles (67 km) northeast of Mobile.

TRAVELLING WITH AMBASSADOR GODFREY XUEREB

Embassy of Malta
to the United States of America

At the Republican National Convention, July 15th-18th, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



Ambassador Godfrey Xuereb, second from left

Saturday, July 27th marked the start of our busy Consul-on-the-Move Programme in the San Francisco Bay Area, which spanned over the next week. Many thanks to Hon. Consul Louis J. Vella for his continued support.



Hon. Consul Louis J. Vella second from left

Ambassador Xuereb was invited to attend the Democratic National Convention, August 19th-22nd, alongside other Ambassadors from across the world. During the week, he had the opportunity to listen to well-known politicians and individuals speak during the convention and participate in various side events throughout the day.



Together with other fellow EU Ambassadors, early in September, Ambassador Godfrey Xuereb had the opportunity to meet with Former Vice President of the United States of America, Mike Pence.



ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE MALTESE COMMUNITIES

Dan Brock

CALIFORNIA

Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco

The **Santa Maria Celebration** took place on Saturday, August 10th. (See pages 7-10.)

The **Malta Day Gala** will be held on Saturday, September 21st. It will celebrate all the anniversaries—Independence, Republic and EU admission. The greater Maltese community and all the different Maltese organizations in the Bay Area will come together. It promises to be a night of dining and dancing. Entertainment will include a young woman from Gozo who won X Factor Malta in 2019 and went on to Eurovision.



MICHIGAN

Maltese American Benevolent Society, Inc

The annual **Festa tal-Vitorja** was held on Sunday, September 8th, with the celebration of **Mass at Most Holy Trinity Church** at 11:00 a.m. and activities back at the Club, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

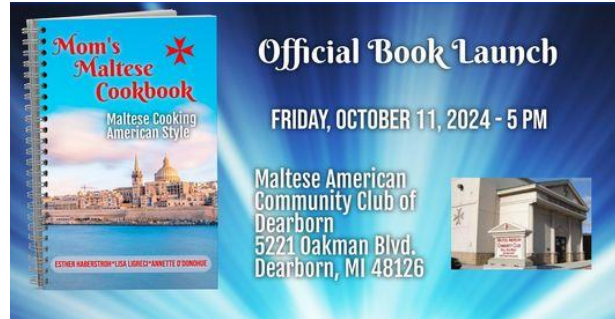
Maltese American Community Club of Dearborn

The annual **Bob Farr Tribute Picnic** was held at **Kensington Metropark - Martindale Beach** in Milford on Sunday, August 11th. (See pages 13-15, 24.)

Theresa Ann Darmanin, a longtime member, passed away on Thursday, August 15th.

A **Fundraiser Concert** for the Club was held on Saturday, September 14th with the classic rock band **Tavistock**. Clem Cassar and his group donated their time and talent for this event.

Another **Pastizzi Making Demonstration** will be held on Saturday, September 28th with Lisa Buttigieg LiGreci. Doors open at 12:00 p.m. Demo starts at 1:00 p.m.



NEW YORK CITY

Maltese Center: Astoria

Il-Madonna tal-Vitorja and Victory Day was celebrated at the Centre with a **BBQ Party** – the last of the season – on Saturday, September 14th.



ONTARIO

Greater Toronto Area

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LEHEN MALTI
(Maltese Voice)

OMNI 1 - Ontario
Saturdays 8:30 a.m.
Tuesdays 11:30 a.m.
Thursdays 8:30 a.m.

OMNI BC
Saturdays 2:00 p.m.

OMNI Alberta
Saturdays 2:00 p.m.



Malta Band Club

The **San Gaetano Dinner Dance** was held on Saturday, August 10th. (See pages 1, 11.)

A **Malta Day BBQ Celebration** was held on Saturday, August 24th. **Malta's Consul General Ms. Denise Demicoli** opened the event with the raising of the Maltese flag. This was followed by dinner and socializing.

A **Car Show** took place on Sunday, August 18th.

The **Festa Santa Maria / Il-Vittoria Dinner and Dance** took place on Saturday September 7th at 6:00PM.

The annual **Maestro Paul Gauci Concert** will take place on Saturday October 5th at 6:00 p.m.



The Club is holding a **Concert** with **Filarmonica Lira Bom Jesus**, an Oakville-based Portuguese marching band, on Saturday, October 19th.



Melita Soccer Club, Inc.

A **bus trip** to the **Fallsview Casino** in Niagara Falls, Ontario took place on Saturday, August 24th.

A **Malta Day Dinner Party** took place on Saturday, September 14th.

Another **bus trip** to the **Fallsview Casino** is set for Saturday, September 28th.

St. Paul the Apostle Parish

A **Day Trip to Our Lady of Victory Shrine and Surrounding Area in Lackawanna, New York** took place on Thursday, August 22nd.

The **94th Parish Anniversary Dinner Dance** will be held on Saturday, September 28th.

A **Day Trip to London, Ontario** will take place on Friday, October 18th and will include Mass, a luncheon, a tour of the Downtown, and shopping.

Windsor

Malta United Society of Windsor, Ontario

The **meal** served on Saturday, August 10th was **ħobż biż-żejt** and French fries.

There will be a **Thanksgiving Dinner** at the Club on Monday, October 2nd – Thanksgiving Day in Canada. This will include turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, cranberry sauce, pie, etc.

CELEBRATING SANTA MARIA

Rita Borg

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated at the Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco on Saturday, August 10th.

Doors opened at 12:00 noon. The procession with the statue of Our Blessed Lady began about 1:00 p.m. and was followed by the celebration of Mass with Fr. Andrew.



Thank you, Fr. Andrew for celebrating Mass at our club. Thank you, Robert for the procession video, to Charlotte and Dorothy for the readings, and all the volunteers and guests who prepared desserts and made this event amazing.







CELEBRATING SAN GAETANO AT THE MALTA BAND CLUB

Malta Band Club

Another night of celebrating San Gejtanu Feast took place on Saturday, August 10th.



There was great music.



And great food.



Thanks to the volunteers; they did a great job. It means a lot to us.

Come out and enjoy the events they offer us as Maltese people! Let's support our Maltese club and be proud. As befits our culture, even if you are not Maltese, we welcome you with open arms.

AN EVENING WITH MS. REBECCA CREMONA

Embassy of Malta
to the United States of America

Editor's note: The 2014 film Simshar was submitted for consideration for the Best Foreign Language Film at the 87th Academy Awards, the first ever Maltese film to be submitted for this award.

On the evening of Tuesday, August 27th, the Embassy of Malta held an event for the Maltese Diaspora living within the vicinity of Washington, D.C. The Embassy screened the film, *Simshar* (a Maltese original film), and brought the remarkable Ms. Rebecca Cremona to speak about her journey in directing and producing this film.



Ms. Rebecca Cremona
and Ambassador Godfrey Xuereb



The event was then followed by a mini reception where attendees had the opportunity to taste some scrumptious *pastizzi*, *bigilla*, *gbejniet* and *ħobż biż-żejt* thanks to our hard-working staff who prepared some of these mouthwatering Maltese dishes.

**MACC ANNUAL
BOB FARR TRIBUTE PICNIC**

Margaret Muscat Purdy

It was an awesome day on Sunday, August 11th for the Maltese American Community Club of Dearborn's annual Bob Farr Tribute Picnic. It was held at Kensington Metro Park - Martindale Beach, in Milford.

It was truly an honor to have Frances Falzon celebrate her 100th birthday with us! Frances immigrated to America in 1948 from Sliema, Malta.





Thank you, Rob Farr for supplying us with hamburgers and hot dogs and sending out your best guys, Al and Dave, to cook.





Thank you, Diane, for coming out early to help setup and Mary, Marty, Diane, Rena, Doris, Neal and Mary Mo for helping with cleanup and teardown! The Zanotti Family gets the award for Best Family Participation! Thanks for joining the fun! Unfortunately, we were unable to have a Mass celebrated at the Park this year.



RECONNECTING WITH ALEXA ZAMMIT

Dan Brock

The June 2022 issue of this newsletter contained an article on Alexa Zammit, a third-generation Maltese-American whose hometown is Princeton, NJ. She had graduated Magna Cum Laude from the United States Military Academy – West Point and had been awarded a fellowship from the US National Science Foundation.

Since then, she earned a Masters in Materials Science from MIT, has returned to the Army, and is completing training as an Army pilot flying Apache helicopters.



Alexa Zammit



With proud father, Michael Zammit

Photos courtesy of Michael Zammit

TRAINER OF THIS YEAR’S WINNER OF THE KING’S PLATE COMES FROM A LONG LINE OF MALTESE CANADIAN TRAINERS

Dan Brock

Friday, August 23, 2024 saw the 165th running of the King’s Plate horse race at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto’s Etobicoke neighbourhood. The King’s Plate (called the Queen’s during the reigns of Queens Victoria and Elizabeth II), is for Canada what the Kentucky Derby is for the United States.

This year’s \$1 million prize was won by Caitlinhergtrness, the only filly in the field, ridden by jockey Rafael Hernandez.

The trainer for this horse and two others in the race was Kevin Attard who is considered “one of the strongest trainers in Canada.”

Attard comes by his love for horses and horse racing naturally. His father, Tino, has had a decorated conditioning career, while his numerous relatives have also enjoyed great success at Woodbine.



Kevin Attard, horse trainer

Kevin’s uncle Joseph Attard and his wife Connie immigrated to Canada from Malta in the 1950s. They later were followed by Joe’s brothers Larry, Tino, and Sid. Joe, Tino, and Sid all became trainers. Larry also began training after his tremendous riding career.



ANOTHER MALTESE CANADIAN LIVED TO BE 106 YEARS OF AGE

Dan Brock

Tuesday, August 13th marked the sixth anniversary of the passing of Vincenza “Jessie” Darmanin, nee Imbroli.



Vincenza, who was born on January 31, 1917, was 106 years old at the time of her death thus making her the second eldest-living Maltese Canadian to date.*

Vincenza was born in Senglea to Henry and Mary Imbroli, the second eldest of 13 children, her siblings being: Josephine, Maria, Mike, Harry, Ernest (Fr. Gregory, ofm), Carmen, Frankie, Victor, Lina, Erminia, Antida, and Lino.

In the early 1940s she and her husband John spent some time in Egypt, where his work had taken him. Vincenza and John and their three children—Godwin, Charles, and Isabelle—immigrated to Canada in 1967.

Unfortunately, John died in 1971 and Vincenza was left to raise their three children.

She lived “a simple life of faith, determination and infinite will power.” In 2003 she became a Canadian citizen. In later years, she lived with her sister Carmen in a bungalow in Weston, Ontario, until Carmen’s passing in 2018.

Vincenza’s final days were spent at Kipling Acres long-term care residence in Etobicoke. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Toronto and interment took place in Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery.

* *Maria Carmela Farrugia, nee Sant Angelo, of London, Ontario, died in 2005 at the age of 106 years, 244 days.*

AUGUST'S LUNCHEON AT THE PICKLE BARREL

Dan Brock

The luncheon on Thursday, August 22nd, in the Knights Room at The Pickle Barrel on Wellington Road South in London, Ontario, saw more than 30 in attendance.

Unlike the July luncheon we didn't have to face a heavy downpour walking from our vehicles to the restaurant.



Charles Micallef and Mannie & Monica Micallef



**Ted & Barbara Gauci, Gerri & Joe Borg,
Mary Vella, and Lynda & Tony Galea**



Ron & Miriam McLean



**Gloria Heffler, Rose Micallef,
and Doris & Tony Schembri**



Tessie & Joe Mallia and Jim McDonald



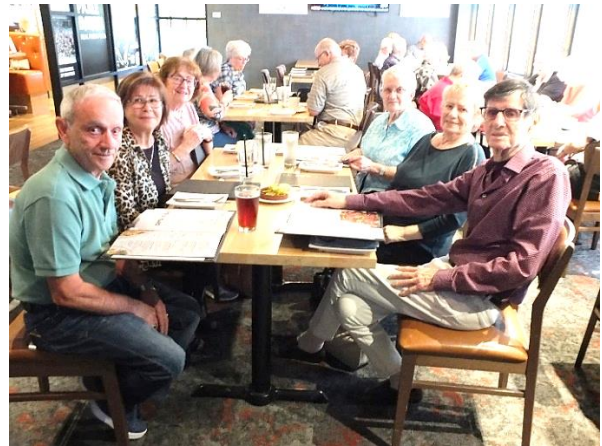
Connie Zammit and her daughter Marisa Zammit



Loretta & Dan Brock, and Charles Vella



Janice Vella, Connie Hislop, and Janet Peckham



Deo & Miranda Catania, Linda Clifford, Joyce Vella, and Doris & Joe Condorato

Our next lunch is planned for Tuesday, September 24th, again at the Swiss Chalet on Wonderland Road South.

RAPHAEL "THE BARBER" CINI

Dan Brock

Friday, August 16th marked the twelfth anniversary of the passing of Raphael Cini.

Raphael was born in Qormi to Frenč and Maria (Gatt) Cini and began barbering at the tender age of eight.

Years later, he became known as Ralph the Barber, his shop being at the corner of Keele and Dundas streets in Toronto. He retired as a barber in 1970.

At one time he worked at Sunnybrook Health Services and another at American Standard.

But he was also a musician. In Malta he played first trumpet in several marching bands. In Toronto he played in jazz and blues bands. Many fondly remember him playing at weddings and gatherings of the Maltese community in Toronto. He was also one of the founding members of the Malta Band Club.

Raphael died in St. Joseph's Hospital, Toronto, at the age of 81 and, following the Funeral Mass at St. Paul the Apostle Church on Dundas Street, was buried in Assumption Cemetery.

AFTER CAPPING HER MERCER ROWING CAREER AT HENLEY REGATTA, PHS GRAD, STAR COXSWAIN ZAMMIT HEADED TO STANFORD CREW*

Bill Alden

**Editor's note: This article appeared in the August 28, 2024 issue of Town Topics, Princeton, New Jersey, and is reprinted here with the permission of the writer, Bill Alden.*



GIFT OF GAB: Gabrielle Zammit makes a call from her coxswain spot as the Princeton National Rowing Association (PNRA)/Mercer Junior Rowing men's varsity eight competed at the Royal Henley Regatta in England earlier this summer. Recent Princeton High grad Zammit helped the Mercer boat advance to the quarterfinals of the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup at Henley. Zammit will be continuing her crew career this fall as she joins the Stanford University men's rowing program.

Photo provided by Gabrielle Zammit

Heading into middle school, Gabrielle Zammit's athletic focus centered on the ice rink.

"My whole family is like a huge ice hockey family," said Zammit, whose older siblings Alexa and Victoria starred for the PHS girls' hockey team while John was a mainstay for the Tiger boys' program. "I started skating as soon around I could walk and then I played through middle school."

But as Zammit entered high school, she shifted her sporting efforts to the water.

"I started by doing the Mercer rowing summer camps, going into 8th grade, I did a few of the camps," said Zammit. "My parents were the ones who got me into it. We had a family friend who was a rower on the Mercer women's team."

Being around the Princeton community and being around Lake Carnegie and seeing the rowing teams out there all of the time made me want to try it out."

As Zammit got into competing for the Princeton National Rowing Association (PNRA)/Mercer Junior Rowing program, she saw the coxswain spot where she could steer and guide a boat as the best role for her.

"I was rowing for the girls' team and then I wanted to start coxing," said Zammit. "They didn't really let me cox that much in my first year. Then the boys' team needed a coxswain in their bottom level boat for one of the races so they kind of just threw me in there because I wasn't really needed on the girls' team."

Thriving in that role, Zammit made a rapid ascension up the coxswain ranks. She coxed the second boys' varsity eight in her sophomore year before moving up to the first varsity eight as a junior.

In the summer after her junior year, Zammit made the U.S. U-19 team and guided the men's eight at the 2023 World Rowing Under-19 Championships in Paris.

As a senior, Zammit helped lead the Mercer boys' varsity eight to a fifth-place finish at both the Head of Charles Regatta and the US Rowing Youth National Championships. She capped her Mercer career last month by helping the varsity eight make the quarterfinals in the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup at the Royal Henley Regatta in England. Next month, she will be starting her college career at Stanford, coxing for its men's rowing program.

Zammit has found a home guiding boy rowers. "I have just stayed on the boys' side," said Zammit. "I really like the aggressiveness and competitiveness of the boys' team. There were a lot of really good coxswains on the boys' team when I was really getting into it. Having them to edge off of and feeding off of the talent that was already there on the team really helped me improve."

Getting exposed to talented rowers and coaches in her U.S. U-19 experience proved to be a key learning experience for Zammit.

"It really boosted my development as a coxswain, just being in such a high-level environment with the amazing coaches that were there," said Zammit. "It gave me a little bit of perspective on how amazing the Mercer program is. There were a lot of rowers coming from smaller programs who definitely didn't grow up with the same coaching that I did at the youth level so it made me really appreciative of Mercer."

Zammit enjoyed an amazing final season for Mercer, starting with guiding the varsity eight to a fifth-place finish last fall at the Head of Charles in Boston.

"We got a fifth to get medals at the Charles which is a huge deal," said Zammit. "It was a really stressful course. I raced it in my sophomore and junior as well so I was a little bit familiar with it. I spent a lot of time studying the course map and watching other YouTube videos, trying to get a feel for the course. A lot of preparation went into it."

In June, Zammit helped the varsity eight take fifth at the Youth Nationals at the Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota, Fla.

"It was a hard race, we were in second place for most of the race," said Zammit. "It was a densely packed field. Everyone was really close. We kind of just ran out of gas at the end. We felt really good about the race, it was a very good race."

This July, Zammit found herself in another hard competition as the Mercer boat competed in the world-famous Henley event on the Thames River near London.

"That was a more stressful course for me than the Head of Charles," said Zammit. "It was probably one of the most difficult courses I have ever practiced or raced on. It took a lot of getting used to and just adjusting. It is on a river which in a coxswains' view, you have to be really on it. You can't just sit in one spot for too long. You have to make decisions or else you are going to be pushed. It is funny because in the U.S. we race in meters and in international racing it is all in miles but on that course, the markers are in miles. It just throws you off."

Racing in Henley's Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup, Mercer posted wins over Shrewsbury and Abington to advance to the quarterfinal.

"It was such a good feeling to have all of the work we put in during the training season led up to that moment and to see where we were that allowed us to compete overseas," said Zammit, reflecting on the first-round victory. "Winning that race felt so good. We were all, yeah, we won it, it was good, but we were looking to win again the next day and stay focused. We were definitely going into it less nervous, that was a more fun race. We were relaxed and focusing on the rhythm of the boat. I could just take a deep breath out there and race the race."

In the quarterfinal, the Mercer boat got edged by just over a boat length by eventual champion St. Paul's.

"They won the Charles, they blew everyone out of the water so we knew that they were really fast," said Zammit. "They had won the English schools' national competition as well. We knew going into it that we were going to have a big fight. We just stayed internal. I think we rowed a good race. It was sad to be out of the competition but it was a respectable loss. They were such a good team."

Overall, the Henley competition was another good step in Zammit's development.

"It was a really crazy experience to be in a huge venue like that, you don't have that many spectators at an average regatta in the U.S.," said Zammit. "There were just so many people there. Every time I go to a new regatta, it definitely puts another race under my belt. It is another experience of putting myself in an uncomfortable situation where I can learn to adapt to things on the run. It definitely makes me a better coxswain. It builds my confidence a lot to make the transition into collegiate rowing. I feel like I can roll with the punches and learn as I go."

In a few weeks, Zammit will be heading west to start her Stanford career.

"There is a little bit of nerves," said Zammit. "I am definitely just really excited to be competing at the collegiate level and to be exposed to new coaches, new training, new rowers and all of that." As Zammit looks forward to collegiate rowing, she is primed to make an immediate impact.

"I would like to push for the highest crew and be on the highest boat that I can," said Zammit. "I am excited for some coxswain competition when I get there. They do have quite a few amazing coxswains. I am excited for all of the seat racing and everything."

Zammit is also planning to keep pushing on the national scene as she looks to join the U.S. U-23 rowing program.

"That is the next level, it is usually the older rowers who make the team," said Zammit. "Right now, the goal is to shoot the shot and try to get invited to camp again. I want to keep going with it and take it as far as I can."

No matter how far she takes it, Zammit has certainly come a long way since she left the rink for the water.



BARRY YORK OF AUSTRALIA ACHIEVES ANOTHER MILESTONE

Dan Brock

Over the past decade or so, I've been in contact with four Maltese Australians who have either assisted me in my work on the Maltese in North America or have been an inspiration as to the possibilities for research on the history of the Maltese on this continent.

These individuals are Dr. Maurice Cauchi, Mark Caruana, Charles Said-Vassallo, and Dr. Barry York.

Dr. Cauchi is the author of such works as *Maltese Migrants in Australia (1990)* and *Maltese Achievers in Australia (2006)*. It was he who introduced me to Mark Caruana.

Mark has recorded and published interviews with early Maltese who came to Australia primarily in the period between 1912 and 1939. He has also compiled a 4,000-entry database of all passport applications from Malta to Australia between 1887-1940. This but scratches the surface of his work on Maltese migration literally throughout the world.

It was Mark, I believe, who first introduced me to the work of Charles Said-Vassallo through his web page Maltagenealogy. This is a great resource for those tracing their Maltese family history. Like Mark Caruana's work, it extends well beyond the Maltese who settled in Australia.

I have noted Dr. Maurice Cauchi, Mark Caruana, and Charles Said-Vassallo in previous issues of the newsletter. In this issue, I wish to focus more on Barry York whom I have "known" longer.

I first became acquainted with Barry when I spotted a copy of his work *The Maltese in Australia*, in a book store in Valletta in the summer of 1987.

Since then, I have read a number of articles he has written or which have been written about him.

Between 1984 and 1987, Barry recorded 90 interviews with early Maltese immigrants to Australia for his PhD thesis. "More than 30 came to Australia in the 1910s and 1920s and represent voices of a migration vintage of more than a century ago."

Barry has continued oral history interviews now for 40 years and, this summer, in Sydney, NSW, he recorded his 500th such interview. This milestone was marked with the presentation of a trophy by his son Joseph.



Barry York
with the trophy presented by his son, Joseph
Photo courtesy of Barry York.

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Maltese American Benevolent Society

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313-961-8393
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Friday 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 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
Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday & Saturday
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
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Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco

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94080
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Friday 5:00 p.m.– 1:00 a.m.
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Maltese Canadian Association of the City of Hamilton (MCACH)

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