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Michigan Supreme Court Justice, Brian Zahra; Michigan State Senator, Darrin Camilleri;
Ambassador's wife, Kay Xuereb; Ambassador Godfrey Xuereb; Consul Paul Borg;
Deputy Ambassador, John Paul Gatt; and Consul Petra Grech**

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Well, there certainly was a lot of activity at the clubs in both Canada and the United States during the month of September! Much had to do with the celebration of the 60th anniversary of Malta's independence.

Undoubtedly, the most spectacular event was the lighting up of Niagara Falls in the colours of the Maltese Flag on the evening of Saturday, September 21st. (See pages 19-21, 32.)

Thanks to Ms. Denise Demicoli, the Consul General of Malta in Toronto, photos of the event appeared on Maltese National News.

A Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated at St. Paul the Apostle Church, Toronto, the next day, followed by a reception in the Lower Hall. (See pages 22-24.)

The Maltese Ambassador of Malta to the United States was among the dignitaries at the Club celebrations in Dearborn on the evening of Friday, September 20th. (See pages 1, 17-19.)

The evening of the 21st saw the 2019 winner of Malta's version of *The X Factor performing at the Club in San Francisco*. (See pages 14-15.) On the previous day, Maltese American Friendship and Heritage Day was proclaimed at City Hall and the Maltese flag was raised. (See page 13.)

While in town for the September 24th-30th gathering of world leaders at the United Nations, Malta's Prime Minister took the opportunity, on Saturday, September 28th, to pay a visit to the Maltese Center in Astoria, NY. (See page 16.)

Meanwhile, the Melita Soccer Club of Toronto had held a Malta Day dinner party on Saturday, September 14th. (See pages 8-11.)

New York City now has its first Consul General of Malta in the person of Ms. Denise Demicoli who had previously been the Consul General in Toronto. More in this in the October issue.

Once again, on Saturday, September 28th, a pastizzi demonstration was conducted by Lisa Buttigieg-LiGreci at the Maltese American Community Club in Dearborn. (See pages 28-29.)

On page 12 you will be introduced to Malta's oldest recorded person, 112 years old!

The Maltese community in the London, Ontario area continues to flourish. (See pages 7, 25-27.)

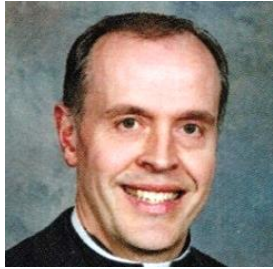
Owing to the kindness and efforts of Evelyn and Dennis Simmons of California, all issues and the latest "Table of Contents" are posted on the web page of the Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco at <http://maltese-americanscsf.org/home.aspx>. Click on to "News & Resources."

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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 September 28th-29th

As we approach the feast of St. Michael the Archangel on September 29th, I would like to reflect on the significance of this powerful heavenly protector in our lives and faith.

Why We Pray to Angels and Saints

In the Catholic tradition, we pray to angels and saints because we believe in the Communion of Saints, a spiritual solidarity between the faithful on earth, the souls in purgatory, and the saints in heaven. This practice is rooted in the understanding that those in heaven can intercede for us, offering our prayers to God. As Revelation 5-8 illustrates, the saints in heaven present our prayers to God like golden bowls full of incense! This intercession does not replace Christ's unique mediatorship but complements it, as we seek the support of our heavenly family in our spiritual journey.

St. Michael: Patron of Our Archdiocese [of Toronto]

St. Michael holds a special place in our hearts as the patron of our archdiocese. His name, meaning "Who is like God?" in Hebrew, reflects his role as a defender of the faith and a warrior against evil. He is often depicted as a mighty warrior, clad in armor, symbolizing his strength and protection.

The Importance of Praying for Protection

In a world filled with challenges and evil forces, praying for protection is essential. St. Michael is known for his role in the battle against Satan and his fallen angels, as described in Revelation 12:7-12. By invoking St. Michael, we seek his aid in our daily struggles against temptation and evil, asking for his protection and guidance.

Why Catholics Hold St. Michael in High Esteem

Catholics hold St. Michael in high esteem for his unwavering commitment to God's will and his role as a protector of the faithful. He is a symbol of spiritual warfare, reminding us of the ongoing battle between good and evil. His feast day, known as Michaelmas, has been celebrated since the early days of Christianity and serves as a reminder of the strength and protection we receive through our faith.

As we celebrate the feast of St. Michael, let us remember to call upon his protection and intercession, trusting in his strength to guide us through our spiritual battles.

Reflection on St. Thérèse of Lisieux

As we gather to celebrate the feast day of St. Thérèse of Lisieux on October 1st, we are blessed to announce that our parish has recently acquired a beautiful statue of this beloved saint. This statue serves as a tangible reminder of her presence and the profound impact she has on our spiritual lives.

St. Thérèse, also known as the "Little Flower," is a remarkable saint whose life and teachings continue to inspire countless Catholics around the world. Born in 1873 Alençon, France, Thérèse entered the Carmelite convent in Lisieux at the tender age of 15. Despite her short life, she left an indelible mark on the Church through her "Little Way" – a path of simplicity and love in everyday actions.

Saints are our spiritual companions, guiding us closer to God through their example and intercession. St. Thérèse's deep trust in God's love and her unwavering faith, even in the face of suffering, makes her a beacon of hope for many. Her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*, reveals her profound spiritual insights and her desire to spend her heaven doing good on earth.

Many Catholics, including myself, have a strong devotion to St. Thérèse. Since my childhood, I have felt a special connection to her, finding comfort and inspiration in her works and prayers. Her promise to let fall a "shower of roses" from heaven has been a source of solace and miracles for those who seek her intercession.

Next October, I am planning a pilgrimage to France, where I will visit the places where St. Thérèse lived and the convent in which she spent her final years. This journey will be a profound opportunity to deepen my devotion and to walk in the footsteps of this extraordinary saint.

Let us remember her message of love and simplicity. May her example inspire us to live our faith with the same childlike trust and fervent love that she embodied.

A FUNDRAISER CONCERT WITH THE CLASSIC ROCK BAND TAVISTOCK

Brian Vella

A Fundraiser Concert for the Maltese American Community Club of Dearborn 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. I want to thank personally TAVISTOCK for putting on a great show and help raising funds for the Club.

I also want to thank those who came out and supported the Club on a fun night. We use these events to cover cost to the building and to also help out in upcoming events. So, thank you all for supporting. We are a physical community, not online, and thanks to all who help.



**ACTIVITIES WITHIN
THE MALTESE COMMUNITIES**

Dan Brock

CALIFORNIA

Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco

The **Malta Day Gala** was held on Saturday, September 21st. (See pages 14-15.)

The **3rd Annual Car Show** took place at The Basque Cultural Center on Sunday October 6th.

A **Family Bingo and Pasta Dinner** will be held on Saturday, October 26th.

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.

A General Membership Meeting will take place on Sunday, October 20th at 3:00 p.m.

Sixty years of Malta's Independence was celebrated at the Club on Friday, September 20th. (See pages 1, 17-19.)

A **Pastizzi Demo** was conducted on Saturday, September 28. (See pages 28-29.)

The **launching** of Esther Haberstroh, Lisa LiGreci, and Annette O'Donohue's **Mom's Maltese Cookbook** took place on Friday, October 11th.

A **Halloween Dinner Dance Party** will be held on Saturday, October 19th.



Maltese American Community Club of Dearborn

A **Fundraiser Concert**, with the classic rock band **Tavistock** was held on Saturday, September 14th. (See page 4.)



NEW YORK CITY

Maltese Center: Astoria

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

On the evening of Friday, September 28th, there was an opportunity to **meet and greet Malta's Prime Minister, the Hon. Robert Abela**. (See page 16.)

An **Adults' Halloween Party** will be held at the Club on the evening of Saturday, October 26th.



ONTARIO

Greater Toronto Area

Consulate General of Malta in Toronto & the Maltese Canadian Cultural Association

The **Celebration of the 60th Anniversary of Malta's Independence** on the evening of Saturday, September 21st was organized with a **Dinner** at the **Crowne Plaza Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario** and the **Illumination of the Falls** in the colours of the Maltese Flag. (See pages 19-21, 32.)

Lehen Malti

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.

Melita Soccer Club, Inc.

A **Malta Day Dinner Party** was held on Saturday, September 14th. (See pages 8-11.)

A **Bus Trip to the Fallsview Casino** in Niagara Falls, Ontario, took place on Saturday, September 28th.

A **Bus Trip to Casino Rama** is scheduled for Saturday, October 19th.

A **Halloween Dinner Dance** will take place on Saturday, October 26th.

St. Paul the Apostle Parish

A **Mass of Thanksgiving** was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 22nd which was followed by light refreshments in the Church Hall. (See pages 22-24.)

The **Annual Parish Anniversary Dinner-Dance** was held on Saturday, September 28th. The profit of \$6,400 was donated to ShareLife.

Fr. Roy Farrell left for a visit to Malta on October 1st and returned to Toronto on the 12th.

A **Farewell to Ms. Denise Demicoli**, Consul General of Malta in Toronto, was held in the lower hall after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 6th. Her term of office in Toronto ended on Sunday, October 13th.

A **Day Trip to London, Ontario** took place on Friday, October 18th.

Malta Band Club

A **Festa Santa Marija/Il-Vitorja Dinner Dance** took place at the Club on Saturday, September 7th.

The **Maestro Paul Gauci Concert** was held on Saturday, October 5th.

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

MALTA BAND CLUB INCORPORATED
PRESENTS




Saturday October 19, 2024

(5745 Coopers Avenue, Mississauga)

Concert start time is 6:00PM.

Dinner will be served at 7:00PM.

The evening's menu will be roast beef, potatoes, vegetables, dessert, coffee or tea.

Ticket Price: \$35.00 per person



Filarmonica Lira Bom Jesus is an Oakville based, Portuguese marching band that has been serving the community since 1969. The Malta Band and the Malta Band Club welcome this band to our club and encourage everyone to make plans to attend this event!

Please make your reservations by no later than October 12 by calling Tony at (905) 450-5885 or the club directly at (905) 890-8507. Please note that payment is required at time of booking. Book early to avoid disappointment!

A **Halloween Party** will take place on Saturday, October 26th.



Maltese-Canadian Museum

On Saturday, September 14th, *Times of Malta* Journalist Sarah Carabott, her husband, and son paid a visit to the Museum in the St. Paul the Apostle Church Complex.

London

A **Monthly Luncheon** was held by members of the Maltese Canadian community and friends on Tuesday, September 24th at the **Swiss Chalet** on Wonderland Road South. (See pages 25-26.)

Another **Luncheon** took place at the **Mandarin Restaurant** on Wellington Road South on Tuesday, October 1st. (See pages 26-27.)

A **Mass and Luncheon** will be held with a group from St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Toronto, on Friday, October 15th, at the **Marconi Club** on Clarke Road.

This year's **Annual Memorial Mass** for our loved ones will take place, on Wednesday, October 23rd, at **Holy Family Mausoleum**, St. Peter's Cemetery, beginning with the praying of the **Rosary** at 2:30 p.m.

CORRECTION

Re: Vincenza Darmanin

In the August issue, on page 16, it stated that Tuesday, August 13, 2024 was the sixth anniversary of her death. In fact, it was the first as she died on August 13, 2023.



SELECT SOCCER TEAM OF PLAYERS FROM VARIOUS CLUBS, WINDSOR, ONTARIO, 1971



Back row: Charlie Carbonaro (ass. coach) (Maltese), Michelle ?? (ass. coach) (Yugoslavian), Joe Degiorgio (goal keeper) (Maltese), Charlies McGregor (Irish), David ?? (Scottish), Bobby ?? (English), David ??, Robert Lindsey (English), Austin Mangion (Maltese), Emanuel Cesare (coach) (Maltese)

Front row: "Cheesie" (goal keeper), Benny Sultana (Maltese), Michael Agius (Maltese), _____, Larry Azzopardi (Maltese), Oscar Sullivan (Maltese), Victor Seguin (Maltese)

Photo courtesy of Malta United Society of Windsor, Ontario. Names courtesy of Miriam Labadie Ditty.

MALTA DAY DINNER PARTY HELD AT THE MELITA SOCCER CLUB

Mary Ann Piscopo

A sold-out Malta Day Dinner Party was held on Saturday, September 14th and was a great success.



In foreground: Father Roy Farrell, pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Church, Toronto and Ms. Denise Demicoli, Consul General of Malta in Toronto





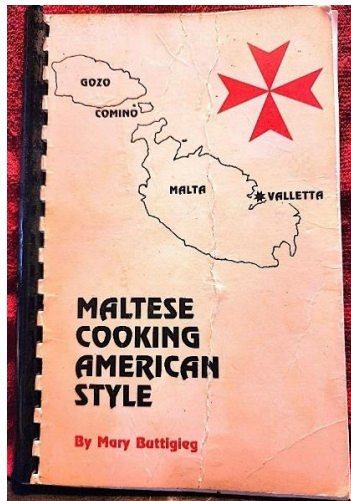




**MOM'S MALTESE COOKBOOK
MALTESE COOKING AMERICAN STYLE**

Esther Haberstroh

In 1981, Mary Buttigieg, a first-generation Maltese wife and mother, published a small, spiral-bound cookbook called *Maltese Cooking American Style* to preserve and share family recipes passed on to her by her mother and mother-in-law.



These recipes had been handed down for countless generations before her. It was the Maltese food she had taught her daughters to make. Through the years, the book has remained a staple in many Maltese/American households.

Several years after Mary's passing, the book was rediscovered on the internet and a renewed interest emerged. Only a handful of books were available. Because the original book was published before the digital age, it was impossible to have it reprinted.

It was then that three of Mary's daughters, Esther Haberstroh, Lisa LiGreci, and Annette O'Donohue, were inspired to create their own cookbook.

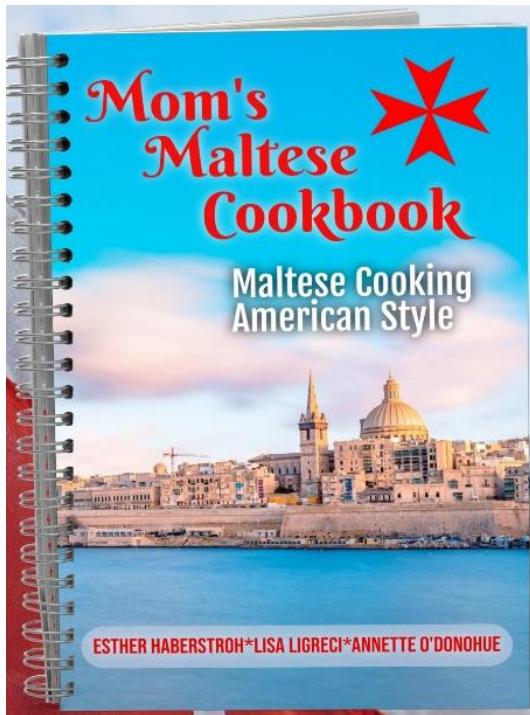


**Lisa LiGreci, Annette O'Donohue,
and Esther Haberstroh**

So, they made a list of recipes, divided them up, and started cooking. They took their own pictures of what they prepared. After spending hours on video chats discussing recipe changes, photo selections, and book formats for almost two years, Esther, Lisa, and Annette are proud to offer a book of which even their mother Mary would be proud.

Mom's Maltese Cookbook is a collaborative effort by the sisters to carry on the tradition of passing down recipes for the tasty Maltese food they grew up eating and now serve to family and friends. It also honors their parents, Vincent and Mary Buttigieg, and their own Maltese heritage.

This book has a combination of traditional recipes from the old country along with other recipes that have been modified to meet the tastes and habits of the American lifestyle, such as shortcuts and healthier alternatives, all without sacrificing the authentic Maltese flavor.



The book is only available for purchase in the United States. The cost is \$30 US (plus shipping and handling if needed). Cash or checks only. Copies may be purchased by sending an email to momsmaltesecookbook@gmail.com.

On September 20th of this year, The Maltese Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Godfrey Carmel Xuereb, introduced and officially released the cookbook at the Maltese American Community Club's 60th Anniversary of Malta's Independence Day celebration. A copy of the book was given to the Ambassador to be placed in the United Nation's Library to use for official dinners for visiting dignitaries.



Annette and Lisa with Ambassador Xuereb

Esther, Lisa, and Annette hosted a launch party on Friday, October 11th at the Maltese American Community Club of Dearborn. All three authors were there to sign their book.

Editor's note: Congratulations to the three Buttigieg sisters. I wish you every success with the cookbook!



**MARIA (GALEA) FARRUGIA
MALTA'S OLDEST PERSON ON RECORD**

Dan Brock

In chatting with the family of the late Charles Bezzina of London, Ontario, both before and after Mass on the weekend of October 5th-6th, I learned that Charlie's first cousin, Maria (Galea) Farrugia, is the oldest person on record in Malta.

Maria was born in Mosta, Malta on March 7, 1912, to Anġlu and Anna Galea. Anġlu was a stevedore whose job involved carrying baskets of coal onto barges at the port. He later went to work at a farm known as *Ta' Viku*, located where the Santa Venera Lidl now stands.

In 1941, Maria married Ġorġ Farrugia with whom she had three children: Anġlu, Josephine, and Karmena. Ġorġ died before reaching the age of 50.

Based on the Public Register, dating back to 1839, it was on June 2, 2023, that Maria surpassed all previous records for longevity among Maltese and Gozitans.

The previous record holder was Ġanni "Il-Giġa" Schembri, who lived to be 111 years, three months, and 25 days before passing away in 1868. Ġanni was born in 1757 and, like Maria (Galea) Farrugia, was also born on a March 7th.

Maria remains the only living person in Malta who lived through World War I (1914-1918), the *Sette Giugno* uprising (June 7 and 9, 1919), and World War II (1939-1945).



MALTESE-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP AND HERITAGE DAY PROCLAIMED AT CITY HALL IN SAN FRANCISCO

Connie Falzon



City Hall in San Francisco's Civic Center



Raising of the Maltese flag at City Hall, Friday, September 20th



Louis J. Vella, Honorary Consul of Malta in San Francisco, presented with the Maltese-American Friendship and Heritage Day Proclamation



MALTA DAY GALA

Rita Borg



On the evening of Saturday, September 21st, the Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco celebrated three of Malta's anniversaries – Independence, Republic, and EU admission – as well as the Club's 95th anniversary.

Twenty-three-year-old Michela Pace, our guest entertainer from Gozo, Malta, won Malta's version of *The X Factor* in 2019. She then went on to represent Malta at the Eurovision Song Contest 2019, making it to the finals as well.



Antoine Borg with Michela Pace



Michela Pace's arrival in California

It was an amazing show, with the dance floor constantly busy with guests, young and old, dancing. There were good vibes and energy.

Thank you to all who attended and supported the event.





**MEET & GREET
WITH THE PRIME MINISTER
OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA**

Maltese Center, NYC

All were welcome to an open house held at the Center on the evening of Friday, September 27th for a Meet & Greet with the Hon. Robert Abela, Prime Minister of the Republic of Malta.



Although his passport for New York City, issued on May 29, 1858, stated he was 17 years old, **Orlando Emanuel Caruana**, was actually only 13, having been born in Valletta on June 23, 1844. See issues nos. 6 and 7 of this newsletter for more on this Union Army Civil War veteran who was awarded the Medal of Honor on November 14, 1890.

CELEBRATING MALTA'S 60 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

Various Contributors



On the evening of Friday, September 20th, the Maltese American Community Club of Dearborn and the Hon. Consul of Malta, Paul Borg, hosted a dinner reception at the Club to honor Malta's 60 years of independence.



Among the dignitaries present (see page 1) was H.E. Dr. Godfrey Xuereb, the Ambassador of Malta to the United States.



Courtesy of Stephen Grima



Brian Vella, Ambassador Xuereb, and Paul Borg
Courtesy of Margaret Muscat Purdy



**Jessica & Stephen Grima
with Ambassador Xuereb**
Courtesy of Stephen Grima



Courtesy of Margaret Muscat Purdy



**Nicholas (Rena's grandson),
Ambassador Xuereb, and Rena Xuereb
with a copy of her book
*Courage of a Maltese Immigrant***
Courtesy of Rena Xuereb



Above photos courtesy of Stephen Grima



One of several who were presented with their certificates of Maltese citizenship by the Ambassador during the evening



More photos courtesy of Stephen Grima

In the words of Brian Vella, the Club’s president, “It was another great event. I want to thank everyone who helped serve and cleaned up. That is what a community does. It comes together as one to make things happen. The Ambassador had a good time, stayed late, and was pleased with everyone and everything. Thank you also to all who came to the event to show how strong we are. Those are the things that make us shine.”



CELEBRATING THE 60th ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF MALTA AT NIAGARA FALLS

**Carl Azzopardi and
Consulate General of Malta in Toronto**

The 60th anniversary of Malta’s independence was celebrated on the evening of Saturday, September 21st with a dinner at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario and the illumination of the Falls in the colours of the Maltese Flag.

This evening was organized by the Consulate General of Malta in Toronto and the Maltese Canadian Cultural Association (MCCA), as well as other members of the Maltese community in Canada, and was coordinated closely with Niagara Parks.

The reception, co-hosted by the Consulate General of Malta in Toronto and the MCCA, was limited to 100 and was a sold-out event.



Members of the executive of MCCA with Ms. Denise Demicoli, Consul General of Malta in Toronto



Ms. Denise Demicoli

A special thanks to the High Commissioner for Malta to Canada, H.E. Mark Anthony Pace, for supporting this event and joining our community in this wonderful commemoration.



H.E. Mark Anthony Pace



Giselle Sherri and Sarah Meli were presented with certificates of their appointment as the new members from Canada on the Council of Maltese Living Abroad.



Josie (Fenech) Micallef and her granddaughter, one of the directors of the MCCA



The illumination of the Falls in the colours of the Maltese flag took place between 10:15 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Some of the best viewing spots included Table Rock, along the Promenade, and the Niagara Power Station. See more photos on page 32.



Photo courtesy of Raphel Sammut.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING CELEBRATED AT ST PAUL THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Consulate General of Malta in Toronto

On Sunday, September 22nd, at 10:30 a.m., a thanksgiving Mass in Maltese and English was held at St Paul the Apostle Church in Toronto, Canada, followed by a reception which gathered 150 members of the Maltese community in the Greater Toronto Area.



Among those present were
H.E. Mark Anthony Pace,
High Commissioner of Malta to Canada
and Ms. Denise Demicoli,
Consular General of Malta to Canada





H.E. Mark Anthony Pace is presented with a painting by the Maltese Canadian artist Joseph Muscat





**Fr. Roy Farrell,
pastor of St Paul the Apostle Parish,
with Ms. Denise Demicoli
and H.E. Mark Anthony Pace**



Paul Portelli

ANOTHER LUNCHEON AT THE SWISS CHALET

Dan Brock

As in July, our monthly luncheon on Tuesday, September 24th was held at the Swiss Chalet on Wonderland Road South, here in London, Ontario. Despite the fact that the rain was nowhere as heavy as it was two months ago, our numbers were fewer.



Censa Vella, Jim McDonald, Lynda Galea, Mike Ditchfield, and Helen Ditchfield



Loretta Brock, Gena & Ted Gryn, and Dan Brock



Elsa Zammit, Paul Zammit, and Mary Vella



Carol Hilton, Tony & Lynda Galea, Mike Ditchfield, and Helen Ditchfield



Janice & Charles Vella, and Mary Testa



Carol Hilton, Terry Rogers, Tony Galea, Ted & Barbara Gauci, and Joyce Vella



Monica Micallef, Rose Micallef, Marlene Mifsud, Gerry & Joe Borg, Frank Mifsud, Charles Micallef, and Mannie Micallef



Joe Borg, Frank Mifsud, Charles Micallef, Mannie Micallef, Monica Micallef, Rose Micallef, Marlene Mifsud, and Gerry Borg

As this day was Helen Ditchfield's 90th birthday, Carol Hilton had brought a cake for this auspicious occasion.



Mike Ditchfield and Helen Ditchfield

It was also Lynda Galea's birthday.



Everyone appeared to have enjoyed their two-for-the-price-of-one meal and the pleasant atmosphere.

The group's next luncheon was set for Tuesday, October 1st, at the Mandarin Restaurant on Wellington Road South.

SENIORS DAY AT THE MANDARIN

Dan Brock

On Tuesday, October 1st, nearly 40 of us gathered at the Mandarin Restaurant on Wellington Road South in London to take advantage of the 50% off for seniors' luncheon.

As could be expected, the place was more crowded than usual. As usual, however, we had almost an entire room to ourselves.

Three new faces were seen among those joining our rather informal group, namely Tony and Josie Vella and Lois Hyde. Tony is a brother of Charles Vella and Lois is a sister of Linda Clifford.

Again, everyone seemed to have had an enjoyable time together.



Mannie Micallef, Charles and Rose Micallef, Frank & Marlene Mifsud, and Monica Micallef



Lois Hyde, Censa Vella and Joyce Vella



**Albino Ellul, Jim McDonald,
Dan Brock and Joe Borg**



**Melrose Paquet, Mary Mervin,
Linda Clifford, and Gloria Hefler**



**Gerry Borg, Loretta Brock,
Barbara & Ted Gauci, and Victoria Ellul**



Lynda & Tony Galea, Miriam & Ron McLean



**Tony & Josie Vella,
Charles & Janice Vella, and Mary Testa**

PASTIZZI DEMO AT THE MALTESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY CLUB OF DEARBORN

Margaret Muscat Purdy

It was awesome seeing so many new faces at our Pastizzi Demo on Saturday, September 28th!

Hats off to the Cauchi family of six who came all the way from Toronto to learn how to make this ages-old Maltese tradition!

We had hands-on demonstrations, wine, pastizzi, chatting, taste testing the finished product, and door prizes, where ironically two people drew their own names!

Most of all thank you to Lisa Buttigieg-LiGreci for teaching our demo with such enthusiasm and expertise! Lisa coauthored *Mom's Maltese Cookbook* with her two sisters and their pastizzi recipe is in the book that Lisa used for the demo. Lisa and her sisters will be having a book signing October 11th at the club and their book will be available for purchase.



Lisa Buttigieg-LiGreci demonstrates the art of making pastizzi



Thank you to our committee members and volunteers—John Abella, Rita Vella Cruz, Rena Xuereb, Mary Motowski, and Louise Weglarz—who gave up their afternoon to help.

Thanks to everyone who came to support our club buying merchandise, drinks, and pastizzi.

MALTESE ORGANIZATIONS IN NORTH AMERICA

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

Malta Village Association (Est. 1995)

c/o 3256 Dundas Street West, Toronto M6P 2A3
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maltabakeshopltd@gmail.com
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Maltese American Benevolent Society

1832 Michigan Ave. Detroit, MI 48216
313-961-8393
<http://detroitmaltese.com>
Opening hours:
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
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
Opening hours: Tuesday 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
(every 2nd Tuesday of the month only)
Thursday 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Friday 5:00 p.m.– 1:00 a.m.
Sunday 9:00 am.- 5:00 p.m.

Maltese Canadian Association of the City of Hamilton (MCACH)

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Maltese-Canadian Cruisers

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27-20 Hoyt Ave. S. Astoria, NY 11102
718-728-9893
info@themaltesecenter.com
Opening hours:
Wednesday and Friday 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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PO Box 698, San Carlos, CA 94070**Maltese Culture Club of Durham**

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Maltese Heritage Association San Francisco Bay Area

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Maltese Heritage Program (Toronto)

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Maltese Historical Society (San Francisco)
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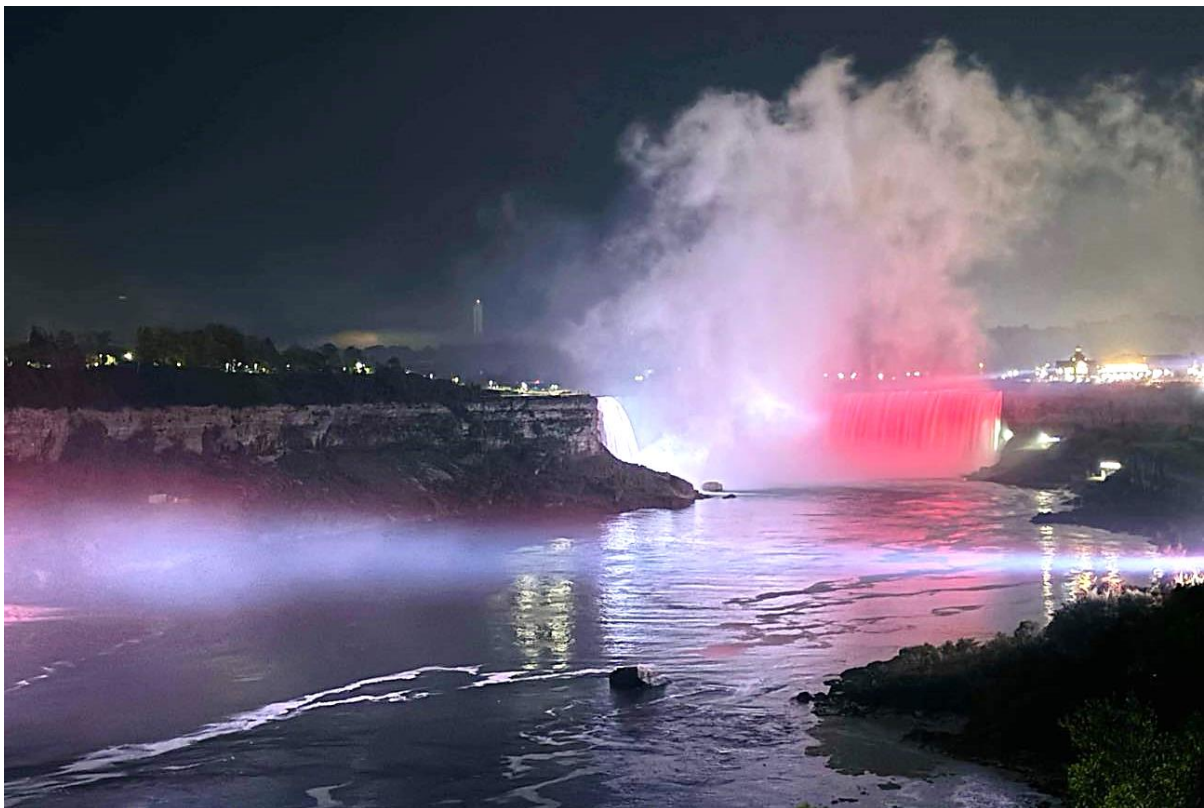
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NIAGARA FALLS LIT UP IN HONOUR OF THE 60th ANNIVERSARY OF MALTA'S INDEPENDENCE



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