

– kull membru għandu jhossu parti mill-grupp u jagħti daqqa t'id fejn jista!

Hawnhekk nixtieq nagħmel xi haġa ċara. Il-membri għandhom kollha jifhmu li l-membri tal-kumitat huma nies bħal kulhadd – bil-familji, xogħol, problemi u impenji tagħhom. Donnu hemm min jaħseb li aħna nies dhalna fil-kumitat għax m'għandniex x'nagħmlu. Aħna kollha għandna l-impenji tagħna għalhekk m'għandkomx tippretendu li kull membru tal-kumitat bilfors jiġi kull attivita għax mhux dejjem tkun tista. Barra minn hekk aħna nagħmlu x-xogħol minn qalbna u volontarju għax nemmnu li johroġ il-ġid – għalhekk xi kultant tghidulna grazzi tkun apprezzata mhux nisimghu il-kritika biss.

Qegħdin inhossu li wasal iż-żmien li nagħtu daqsxejn ta' spinta lill-grupp biex jiżdiedu l-membri għalhekk se nohorġu leaflets li se jitqassmu f'postijiet fejn nahsbu li se jilhqqu lin-nies li jkunu nteressati. Dan l-inkarigu haditu f'idjeha s-sinjura Edmea Caruana, PRO tal-kumitat il-ġdid, li qed taħdem bis-shih u b'hila fuq il-leaflet. Sa dan it-tant is-sur Mark Farrugia fetah il-facebook u se jkompli jahdem biex forsi fl-aħhar illestu l-website. Irċevejna wkoll stedina biex nagħml xi promotion fuq it-TV. Aħna kull opportunita' bħad din nilqogħha b'idejn miftuħa – mhux biex nidhru imma biex nilhqu aktar nies fil-bżonn.

Nixtieq ukoll niċċara punt importanti fuq l-attendenza tat-tfal fil-grupp. Aħna qatt m'għedna li t-tfal mhumiex welcome fil-grupp – għedna biss li t-tfal wahedhom ma jistgħux jithallew jiġru 'l hawn u 'l hemm. Ma nistgħux nirriskjaw li nitilfu dan il-post li akkwistajna b'tant ġiri u tbatija. Għalhekk jehtieg li l-ġenituri tat-tfal joqogħdu magħhom fitt hin kull wiehed.

Appell ta' l-aħhar. Meta tkunu ilkom ma tiġu jekk jogħġbokom ċemplu lil xi hadd tal-kumitat qabel tiġu biex tiċċekjaw jekk hemmx xi tibdil fil-programm għax bl-email ma nilhqux lil kulhadd u bl-sms nistgħu ninsew lil xi nies. B'hekk nevitaw il-misunderstandings.

Dejjem Tagħkom

*Maria*

Avviż importanti : “Jekk tixtieq li naqgħulek ismek u l-indirizz tiegħek mid-database tal-grupp tagħna, u għaldaqstant ma tirċevix in-newsletter tagħna, jekk jgħoġbok ikkuntatjana u aħna nhassru ismek u dettalji personali tiegħek minn fuq id-database tagħna. Aħna nroddulek l-ispejjeż tat-telefonata li tkun għamiltalna minn fuq linja fissa għal linja fissa (kif stipulat skond l-Att Dwar il-Protezzjoni u l-Privatezza tad-Data

Gheżież Hbieb,

Nispera li kellkom Għid sabih u mimli paċi mal-familji tagħkom. Iż-żmien igerbeb ġmielu u dan l-aħhar kien movimentat mhux hażin. Marzu kien żmien l-elezzjonijiet u ma setgħetx tonqos l-elezzjoni tal-kumitat. Nixtieq niringrazzja lill-membri kollha li hadu nteress u ġew jivvutaw allavolja nzertat ġurnata ta' maltemp. Għall-bidu hsibna li mhux se ssir għax kien hemm ftit membri iżda mbagħad ftit ftit żdidna u kellna biżżejjed biex nagħmlu l-elezzjoni. Il-kumitat il-ġdid huwa ffurmat hekk:

Maria Borg – Chairperson

Marie Louise Suda – Secretary

Maphine St. John – Social Secretary

Edmea Caruana – PRO

Paul Ciangura – Treasurer

Joseph Farrugia – Culture Co-ordinator

Mark Farrugia – IT Officer

Filwaqt li nagħti merħba lill-membri l-ġodda tal-kumitat u nawgura li bħal kumitati ta' qabel nahdmu tajjeb flimkien, nixiteq niringrazzja minn qiegh qalbi lill-membri li hallew il-kumitat, cioe lil David Sciberras, Helen Cassar u Doreen Mercieca. Nixtieq niringrazzja lil dawn il-membri tas-sapport shih li taw, il-ko-operazzjoni tagħhom u x-xogħol siewi li għamlu fil-grupp.

Nixtieq niringrazzja wkoll lil min hareġ għall-elezzjoni u ma ġiex elett. Napprezza hafna li hafna drabi min joffri ruħhu għall-elezzjoni jagħmel hekk biex jgħin u l-grupp ma jisfax fix-xejn. Grazzi minn qiegh qalbi. Anke min mhux fil-kumitat jista' jagħti kontribut siewi li jiġi dejjem apprezzat

Unlike most of the other nonfoolish holidays, the history of April Fool's Day, sometimes called All Fool's Day, is not totally clear. It is not like Halloween, where despite an interesting history, most people just put on Halloween costumes, get candy, and leave it at that. There really wasn't a "first April Fool's Day" that can be pinpointed on the calendar. Some believe it sort of evolved simultaneously in several cultures at the same time, from celebrations involving the first day of spring.

The closest point in time that can be identified as the beginning of this tradition was in 1582, in France. Prior to that year, the new year was celebrated for eight days, beginning on March 25. The celebration culminated on April 1. With the reform of the calendar under Charles IX, the Gregorian Calendar was introduced, and New Year's Day was moved to January 1.

## April Fool's Day!

However, communications being what they were in the days when news traveled by foot, many people did not receive the news for several years. Others, the more obstinate crowd, refused to accept the new calendar and continued to celebrate the new year on April 1. These backward folk were labeled as "fools" by the general populace. They were subject to some ridicule, and were often sent on "fools errands" or were made the butt of other practical jokes.

This harassment evolved, over time, into a tradition of prank-playing on the first day of April. The tradition eventually spread to England and Scotland in the eighteenth century. It was later introduced to the American colonies of both the English and French. April Fool's Day thus developed into an international fun fest, so to speak, with different nationalities specializing in their own brand of humor at the expense of their friends and families.

In Scotland, for example, April Fool's Day is actually celebrated for two days. The second day is devoted to pranks involving the posterior region of the body. It is called Taily Day. The origin of the "kick me" sign can be traced to this observance.

In France and several other European countries, April 1 is often referred to as April Fish. The prank is to stick a paper fish on the back of another person without being noticed.

Mexico's counterpart of April Fool's Day is actually observed on December 28. Originally, the day was a sad remembrance of the slaughter of the innocent children by King Herod. It eventually evolved into a lighter commemoration involving pranks and trickery.

Pranks performed on April Fool's Day range from the simple, (such as saying, "Your shoe's untied, or I accidentally stepped on your glasses!"), to the elaborate. Setting a roommate's alarm clock back an hour is a common gag. Whatever the prank, the trickster usually ends it by yelling to his victim, "April Fool!"

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### Attivitajiet għax-xahar t'April

Il-Ġimgħa 5 t'April: Project House Floriana 8.30 p.m. Diskussjoni bejnietna – Feedback fuq l-Attivitajiet u kif nistgħu invarjaw.

Il-Ġimgħa 12 t'April: Project House Floriana 8.30 p.m. Illum is-sur Joseph Farrugia se jagħtina nformazzjoni nteressanti dwar "Superstizzjonijiet" – Dejjem tajjeb li nitgħallmu xi haġa ġdida.

Il-Hadd 14 t'April: Marsascalea 2.00 p.m. Picnic fil-park il-Ġdid ta' hdejn ir-razzett tal-Hbiberija – Family Park, Kulhadd iġib ikel u xorb. Niltaqgħu barra l-park. Min irid imur qabel jista' imbagħad iċemplilna fejn qegħdin.

Il-Ġimgħa 19 t'April: Project House Floriana 8.30 p.m. Quiz imtella' minn Doreen Mercieca u David Sciberras. Ejjew ha niehdu gost.

Il-Ġimgħa 26 t'April: Illum se naghmlu Birthday Celebrations – Il-Marina Corinthia. Niltaqgħu fit-tmienja. Għandna bhas-soltu għazla ta' pizza/pasta/salad – kafe/soft drink u biċċa birthday cake. Prezz €13 – Tfal €8.

Il-Hadd 28 t'April: Mdina: Fit-tlieta ta' wara nofsinhar (3p.m.) niltaqgħu hdejn il-bandli tar-Rabat biex nibdew Treasure Hunt. Tiġux tard għax ma ssibunieux hemm!! Rigali x'jintrebhu – ċerta li tiehdu gost.

Nixtieq infakkarkom li fl-ewwel ta' Mejju, festa pubblika, il-grupp se jagħmel ġita għal Sqallija. Se mmorru Pozzallo, Ragusa, Diga di Santa Rosalia, Modica. Prezz kollox inkluz bl-ikla ta' nofsinhar f'Agriturismo.

Kbar - €119

Žagħżagħ u Anzjani - €97

Tfal – €87

Baqa' xi fiit postijiet għal min jrid jibbukja.

Nhar il-Hadd 12 ta' Mejju se naghmlu ġita għal-Ghawdex bhas-soltu bl-ikel u bil-Coach magħna. Nisimghu l-quddies hemm għalhekk mhemmx għalfejn taħsbu qabel. Dettalji aktar tard.

Practical jokes are a common practice on April Fool's Day. Sometimes, elaborate practical jokes are played on friends or relatives that last the entire day. The news media even gets involved. For instance, a British short film once shown on April Fool's Day was a fairly detailed documentary about "spaghetti farmers" and how they harvest their crop from the spaghetti trees.

April Fool's Day is a "for-fun-only" observance. Nobody is expected to buy gifts or to take their "significant other" out to eat in a fancy restaurant. Nobody gets off work or school. It's simply a fun little holiday, but a holiday on which one must remain forever vigilant, for he may be the next April Fool!