

Attivitajiet għax-xahar ta' Diċembru

Il-Ġimgħa 4 ta' Diċembru: 8.30 p.m. Project House Floriana. Illum se nagħmlu l-logħob "Staqsini Għoxrin" imtella' minn Marija. Ejjew ha tiehdu gost magħna.

Il-Ħadd 6 ta' Diċembru: Illum se nagħmlu l-Irtir tal-Avvent. Se jsir Porziuncola House, Baħar iċ-Ċagħaq, u nibdew fid-disgħa u nofs ta' filgħodu (9.30 a.m). Nisimgħu il-quddies u jmexxi r-riflessjonijiet Fr. Saviour Chircop. Ikollna l-ikel u waqtiet għal-kafe'. Prezz €16. L-irtir jispiċċa għat-tlieta u nofs (3.30 p.m)

Il-Ġimgħa 11 ta' Diċembru: 8.30 p.m. Project House Floriana. Illum Silvio Ellul se jgħallimna kif nagħmlu fanal għall-Milied. Ġibu magħkom: Kartonċina tal-kulur, riga, lapes, imqass

Illum ukoll se ntellgħu ħamper tal-Milied bħala għajjnuna għall-fondi tal-grupp.

Il-Ġimgħa 18 ta' Diċembru: Watson Holiday Ltd - 8.00 p.m. Illum se mmorru Euroclub Hotel Triq il-Fliegu Qawra biex nagħmlu Christmas buffet u niċċelebraw ukoll il-Birthday Celebrations. Jekk tridu jkollna l-karaoke u ċans niżfnu. Niltaqgħu fuq il-post fit-tmienja ta' filgħaxija Prezz €15

Il-Ħamis 31 ta' Diċembru: Lejlet l-ewwel tas-sena. Bħal kull sena se nqattgħu l-aħħar siegħat tas-Sena 2015 flimkien u nilqgħu flimkien is-sena l-ġdida 2016 b'dak kollu li se ġgħib magħha. Dettalji iktar tard.

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Għeziez ħbieb,

Diga wasalna għall-aħħar newsletter tas-sena 2015. Kif itir iż-żmien! Għadni kif ktibt l-ewwel newsletter ta' din is-sena qisu l-bieraħ. Waslet ukoll il-festa sabiħa tal-Milied iżda naħseb ilkoll se nkunu niċċelebraw il-Milied b'ċertu dieqa wara t-telfa kiefra tal-għażiża membru tagħna Monica.

Żgur li qatt ma bsarna li Monica kienet se tinfired minn magħna hekk ħesrem. Kollha se nimmisjaw il-preżenza tagħha. Mara prudenti, edukata u dejjem titbissem. Monica kienet maħbuba minn kulħadd. U naturalment mhux inqas mill-partner tagħha Benny Bonnici li huwa wkoll membru magħna u rrispettat u maħbub minna lkoll. Niftakru f'Monica fit-talb tagħna u jeħtieġ li f'mument bħal dawn ningħaqdu aktar bejnietna u nagħtu support lil xulxin, lill-għażiż membru tagħna Benny u lill-familja ta' Monica.

Jiena nixtieq nuri l-apprezzament tiegħi bħala chairperson u niringrazzja lill-membri kollha tas-sapport li taw f'dawn il-mument diffiċli u li attendew il-funeral bi ħgarhom. Hija haġa sabiħa ħafna li lil ħbieb tagħna nibqgħu magħhom sal-aħħar.

Dan huwa l-messaġġ tal-grupp tagħna – Nifirħu flimkien u nibku flimkien u nagħtu dejjem is-sapport tagħna. J'Alla s-sena li ġejja ġgħib risq, paċi, hena u saħħa lil kull wieħed u waħda minnha.

Nixtiqilkom Milied mimli hena u paċi u sena Ġdida mimlija risq u barka.



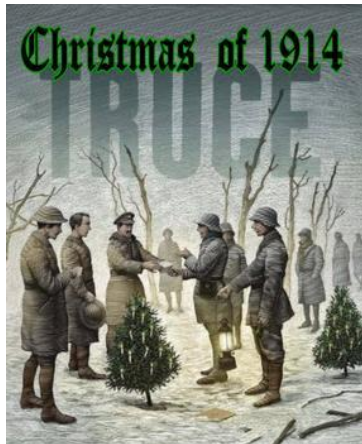
Dejjem tagħkom, *Maria*



The Christmas Truce

by David G. Stratman

From his book [*We Can Change the World*](#)



It was December 25, 1914, only 5 months into World War I, German, British, and French soldiers, already sick and tired of the senseless killing, disobeyed their superiors and fraternized with "the enemy" along two-thirds of the Western Front (a crime punishable by death in times of war). German

troops held Christmas trees up out of the trenches with signs, "Merry Christmas."

"You no shoot, we no shoot." Thousands of troops streamed across a no-man's land strewn with rotting corpses. They sang Christmas carols, exchanged photographs of loved ones back home, shared rations, played football, even roasted some pigs. **Soldiers embraced men they had been trying to kill a few short hours before. They agreed to warn each other if the top brass forced them to fire their weapons, and to aim high.**

A shudder ran through the high command on either side. Here was disaster in the making: soldiers declaring their brotherhood with each other and refusing to fight. Generals on both sides declared this spontaneous peacemaking to be treasonous and subject to court martial. By March 1915 the fraternization movement had been eradicated and the killing machine put back in full operation. By the time of the armistice in 1918, fifteen million would be slaughtered.

Not many people have heard the story of the Christmas Truce. On Christmas Day, 1988, a story in the *Boston Globe* mentioned that a local FM radio host played "Christmas in the Trenches," a ballad about the Christmas Truce, several times and was startled by the effect. **The song became the most requested recording during the holidays in Boston on several FM stations.** "Even more startling than the number of requests I get is the reaction to the ballad afterward by callers who hadn't heard it before," said the radio host. "They telephone me deeply moved, sometimes in tears, asking, 'What the hell did I just hear?'"

You can probably guess why the callers were in tears. The Christmas Truce story goes against most of what we have been taught about people. It gives us a glimpse of the world as we wish it could be and says, "This really happened once." It reminds us of those thoughts we keep hidden away, out of range of the TV and newspaper stories that tell us how trivial and mean human life is. It is like hearing that our deepest wishes really are true: the world could be different.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL MANKIND

