Attivitajiet ghax-xahar ta' Frar

Il-Gimgha 3 ta' Frar 2017 Education meeting room fit 8.00pm. Illum se jkollna talk interessanti ferm mill-awtur Malti Trevor Zahra. Zgur li se tiehdu gost. Titilfuhiex!

Il-Hadd 12 ta' Frar 2017 12.30pm. Illum se naghmlu fenkata l-Imgarr ghand il-Barri restaurant. Menu: Antipasto: Bigilla, bebbux u galletti. Main course: Fenek jew Chicken breast bis-salad / haxix u chips. Tazza nbid u soft drink. Prezz 15 ewro. Niltaqghu hdejn ir-ristorant bejn nofsinhar u l-kwarta. Drinks ordnati extra jridu jithallsu dak il-hin. Bookings ma Joseph Bonello 99234677.

Il- Gimgha 17 ta' Frar 2017 Education meeting room fit 8.00pm. Illum se jkollna loghob ma' Silvio u Connie. Kif dejjem naghmlu, zgur li niehdu gost u Silvio ma jonqosx li jdahhaqna xi wahda! Ejjew ha tiehdu pjacir.

Il-Gimgha 24 ta' Frar 2017 fit 8.00pm. Angelo's Diner Bugibba (faccata ta' fejn kien il-McDonalds). Menu: Starter = Soppa jew Spaghetti Bolognese jew Prawn Cocktail. Main Course = Steak jew Half Chicken jew Baked Cerna. Tazza nbid jew soft drink, Birthday cake u kafe'. Extra drinks jithallsu dak il-hin. Prezz 15 ewro. Bookings ma Catherine Deguara 99278570.

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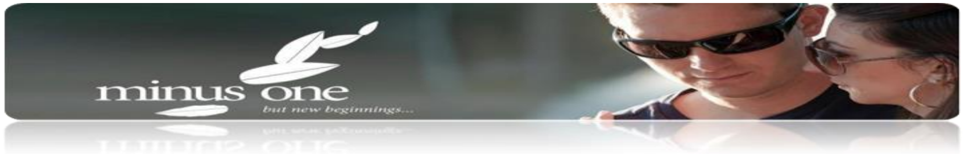

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Għeżież ħbieb,

Nispera li tinsabu tajbin. Ghadda diga xahar mis-sena u s'issa komplew jidhlu membri godda fil- grupp tant li kwazi l-meeting room ta' l-Education saret zghira ghalina.
S'issa hemm hafna nies li hallsu l-membership. Nispera li min ghadu ma hallasx, ihallasha malajr kemm jista jkun halli nirregolarizzaw ruhna. Jehtieg li l-membership ikun imhallas biex nistghu nohorgu lista aggornata tal-membri u nkunu nistghu nafu lil min nibaghtu n-newsletter u xi avvizi ohra. Importanti li jkollna l-mobile number, indirizz u email address ta' kull membru. Il-bqija kull meta jkollna bzonn nikkomunikaw maghkom, ma nkunux nistghu insibukom.
Importanti li navzawkom li min ma jgeddidx il-membership sa nofs Frar se jigi meqjuz li ma ghadux membru u allura jkollna anki naqtugh minn 'friend' tal-Facebook. Ghalhekk min ma jistax jigi, jibghat jghidilna jew icemplilna u jibghat il-flus tal-membership ma xi hadd iehor. U la qed nitkellmu fuq il-Facebook, nixtieq nghid li qed ikollna xi friend requests ta' persuni li mhumiex membri. Lil dawn ma nistghux naghmlulhom "accept friend". Hag'ohra li nixtieq insemmi fuq il-Facebook hija li ghal ragunijiet ovvji, nuzaw kawtela meta nixxerjaw xi ritratti li jkunu dehru fil-pagna taghna.
Dan ix-xahar se jkollna talk interessanti hafna minn kittieb u illustrator tajjeb-Trevor Zahra. Is-sur Zahra huwa midhla tal grupp taghna ghaliex huwa romol zghir ukoll u xi zmien kien proprju membru fil-grupp taghna. Fil fatt meta stedinnieh jigi fil grupp, accetta l-istedina bil-ferh ghax il-grupp ihobbu. Darba xi snin ilu kien gie jaghmel tahdita fil-grupp u kienet tassew interessanti. Kien uriena wkoll xi illustrazzjonijiet li penga hu stess ghall-kotba tieghu. Trevor kien ghalliem ta' l-arti u ghandu mhabba kbira lejn il-ktieb. Fil-fatt ihobb mhux biss jikteb il-kotba, imma jhobb jaqra wkoll. Titilfux it-tahdita tieghu. Ahna fil-grupp ma nixtiqux li nispiccaw nieklu u nixxalaw biss izda nixtiequ li jkollna element ta' taghlim u kultura wkoll.
Se jkollna wkoll zewg ikliet dan ix-xahar. Fenkata ghand 'il-Barri' u birthday celebration ghand Angelo's gewwa Bugibba. Nisperaw li tattendu u tiehdu gost.
Nispera li narawkom matul dan ix-xahar u niehdu gost flimkien.

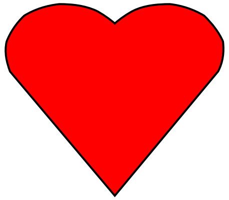
Dejjem taghkom,
Maria.

The Legend of St. Valentine

The history of Valentine's Day and the story of its patron saint is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance and that St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. But who was Saint Valentine, and how did he become associated with this ancient rite?

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl, possibly his jailor's daughter, who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today.

Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories all emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and most importantly, a romantic figure. By the Middle Ages, perhaps thanks to this reputation, Valentine would become one of the most popular saints in England and France.



Karnival ta Malta - Malta Carnival

Carnival is a passion shared by many people, including the Maltese. It has been celebrated in Malta since the arrival of the Knights of St. John in 1535, but some studies even date the first Carnival revelry back to the year 1470. Up until 1751, carnival was an activity exclusive to Valletta. Nowadays, revellers gather in every corner of the islands during the five days preceding Ash Wednesday from Nadur in Gozo to Ghaxaq in the south of Malta. One thing is for sure, the Maltese have had valid excuses to mark Carnival for hundreds of years and the celebrations have come long way since.

Beyond any doubt the centre of attraction of today's Maltese Carnival are the grand defiles of floats in the streets of Valletta and Floriana. Though the controversy over the restriction imposed by the authorities on the themes that can be represented in floats has marred the past few editions, the celebrations involving these often ingenious devices remain as colourful and popular as ever.

Perlini u prinjolata
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matul il-karnival
Dawn huma jiem ta briju
ghall-kbar u ghalina tfal
Min jilbes ta xi buffu
min jilbes ta pirat
Ilkoll incapcpu u nidhku
hadd ma jkun irrabjat
Evviva l-maskarati
evviva l-hmerijiet
Ninghqadu Ilkoll mal-follol
naraw il-karrijiet
Viva viva l-karnival
Viva viva l-karnival!!!