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from the editor

10th Anniversary

It has been 10 years since we met for the first time in 1996 and started our association. That means the Association is just 10 years young and the committee members are 10 years older. This all means we need new blood and also the need to get our younger generation involved.

It was nice to see more members coming out for the General Meeting and we hope to see more next year. Yes, as you mentioned in your notes that you sent with the nominations, you are satisfied with the committee as is, but I am a strong believer that we need others to get involved to bring in new ideas.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Emmanuel Ciappara on his appointment as Chief Representative, of The Bank of Valletta Toronto Representative Office and at the same time we thank the Bank of Valletta for their continuous support.

In February Joe Zammit and I received a surprise invitation for a reception on board HMCS Athabaskan the Canadian destroyer that was in the Grand Harbour, one of the five war ships from the NATO maritime Group 1. Thanks to Commodore J.A. Denis Rouleau; Commanding Officer, Captain(N) David C. Gardam, and Chris Dickinson, Commander, Squadron Public Affairs Officer and all the crew for their welcome and hospitality that made us feel at home.

Our coming activities are our annual Kemmuna Hike on May 1st, we are also trying to organize something for Mother's Day in May and make sure to mark July 1st on your calendar keep it open for Canada Day. All members will receive a letter with all the details.

Big thanks should go to all committee members for their time and support they give to this organization and we welcome Emmanuel Tabone the new committee member. Please note that our committee meetings are open to all the members, we try to hold our meetings on the first Thursday of each month but if you plan to attend please confirm with the secretary or one of the committee members.

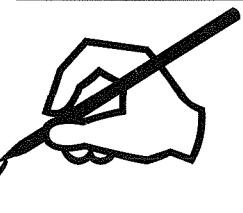
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Messaġġ tal-President President's Message



WARA L-LAQGHA ĢENERALI 2006

Għeżejż membri u ħbieb ta' din l-assocjazzjoni,

Huwa ta' pjaċir kbir u sodisfazzjon għalija li għoġobkom terġġi fil-kumitat lill-istess membri li kien hemm qabel, għal dawn it-tħaxx il-xahar li ġejjin. Jiena nittama li d-deċiżjoni ta' dawk li bagżtu n-nomini tagħhom kienet għar-raġuni li riedu jafdaw fidejna sena oħra ta' tmexxija, f'kumitat li konna diġa` mexxejna għat-ħaqra tħadha ta' qabel. Għalhekk f'isem il-kumitat nirringrazzjakom ta' l-appoġġ, il-fiduċja u s-sapport kontinwu tagħkom.

L-assocjazzjoni tal-Maltin Kanadiżi lura fi għżejt - Ġħawdex, hija assocjazzjoni li ghalkemm ma tagħtix servizz direttament f'affarijet ta' natura governattiva, f'dik li hija pensjoni u affarijet oħra, madankollu tipprova tiggwida u tghin lil kulmin għandu bżonn l-ġħajnejna skond ir-regoli u l-forma priskritta; hija wkoll għaqda li toħloq katina, riunjoni - ghidilha li trid - bejn il-familji emigrantij Għawdexin li ġew lura mis-safar.

Hawn nixtieq nieħu spunt ukoll mis-suġġerimenti li harġu fost oħrajn waqt il-laqqha ġeneral: li din l-assocjazzjoni għandha tibqa', minkejja l-fatt li hafna minn tal-kumitat diġa` huma pensjonanti u oħrajn qiegħdin fuq l-ġħażu; wieħed għandu jibda jħajjar lill-istess uliedna biex jinteressaw ruħhom u jiffurmaw grupp li jkun jista' jorganizza hu wkoll l-attivitàejiet tiegħi, u b'hekk titkompli dik il-link ta' dik li hi proprju "art twelidhom", il-Kanada.

Waqt li kont qed nipprepara dan il-messaġġ għal din il-ħarġa, jiena, flimkien mas-segretarju Alfred Camilleri u s-sinjuri nisa tagħna, li wkoll huma fil-kumitat bħala diretturi, ġejna mistiedna mill-commander Denis Rouleau għal reception fuq l-HMCS Athabaskan, li kien jinsab wieqaf fil-Pinto Wharf, il-Belt. Dan huwa żgur rikonoxximent car kemm min-naħha ta' l-uffiċċju tal-Konsolat Kanadiż f'Malta u kemm min-naħha tal-kmandant fuq il-bastiment HMCS Athabaskan, li qed iservi fin-Nato Maritime ta' Group One. Tkunu tistgħu taraw xi ritratti u storja f'din l-istess ħarġa u ovvjament fuq il-websajt ta'l-assocjazzjoni tagħna.

Hija x-xewqa tagħna li mmorru flimkien, kemm il-kumitat u kemm il-membri li jixtiequ jakkumpanjawna, biex nippresentaw l-assocjazzjoni tagħna lill-E.T. Mons. Mario Grech, isqof ġdid tagħna, fil-palazz tiegħi, liema ġurnata qiegħdin nistennew li tiġi ffissata; imma kulhadd jaf kemm huma kbar l-impenji ta' l-ċċellenza Tieghu f'dawn il-jiem.

Għal-lum xejn iżjed. Mill-ġdid nerġa' nirringrazzjakom u nitlobkom tkompli tissapportjaw lill-din l-assocjazzjoni, billi ġġeddu s-sħubja tagħkom u tattendu ghall-attivitàejiet tagħna, talinqas dik ta' darba f'sena, il-‘Canada Day in Gozo’, li tkun fl-1 ta’ Lulju. Immarkawha fid-djarju tagħkom.

**Joe Zammit
President**

WELCOME TO Our Official Website

<http://www.freewebs.com/mcagozo/>

Thanks to Joe Zammit for his time and patience for setting up our website. He is still working on it but in the meantime have a look and let us know your opinion. We also would like to make an email address list of all our members and friends so that we will keep you informed of any new updates.

We also invite all Maltese organizations around the world to send us their website address and email so that we can include them on our link list.

Ir-Rokna
tac-Chaplain

Chaplain's
Corner



Ad Multos Annos

Parroċċa ta' l-Assunzjoni, zona Tuscolana ġo Ruma. Huwa kiseb Dottorat fil-ligi Kanonika mill-Universita' Pontificja ta' San Tumas f'Ruma. Dun Mario wettaq hidma fit-tribunali Ekkleżjastiċi f'Malta u Ghawdex. Fl-2004 inħatar Kappillan tal-Parroċċa ta' Kerċem. Nhar is-26 ta' Novembru il-Papa Benedittu XVI ħatar lil Dun Mario bhala t-tmien Isqof ta' Ghawdex. Huwa ġie kkonsagrata Isqof mill-E.T. Mons. Nikol Cauchi fil-Katidral ta' Ghawdex fit-22 ta' Jannar 2006 u ta bidu ghall-ministeru Pastorali bhala Raghaj tad-Djoċesi ta' Ghawdex.

Minn qiegħi qalbna nawguraw lill-Mons. Mario Grech, l-Isqof ġdid tagħħna, ġejja twila għal ġid ta' l-erwiegħ fdati lilu. J'Alla l-Għawdxin u anki l-Maltin, jidentifikaw lilhom infuħom mieghu u jaraw fih mexxej li jmexxihom fit-toroq tal-Mulej. Nawguraw li l-Isqof Mario Grech ikun ta' ispirazzjoni għalina lkoll.

Can Joseph A. Borg
Chaplain

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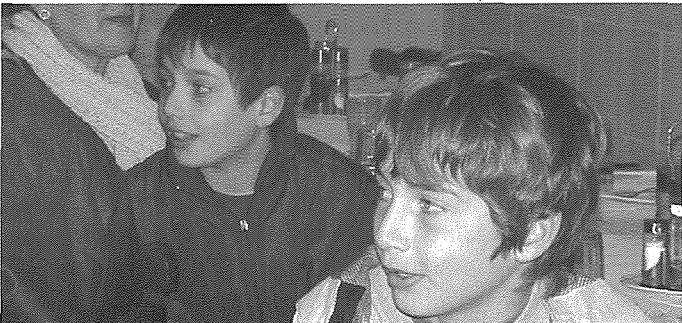
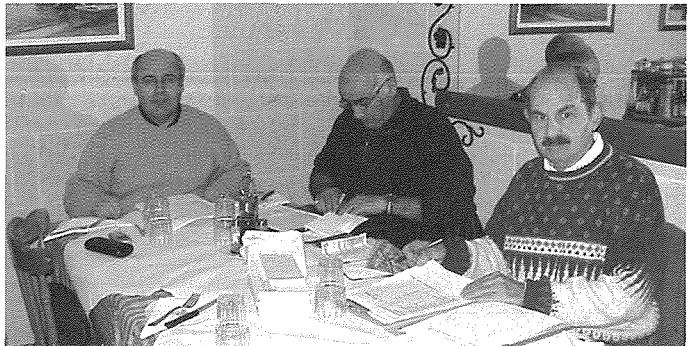
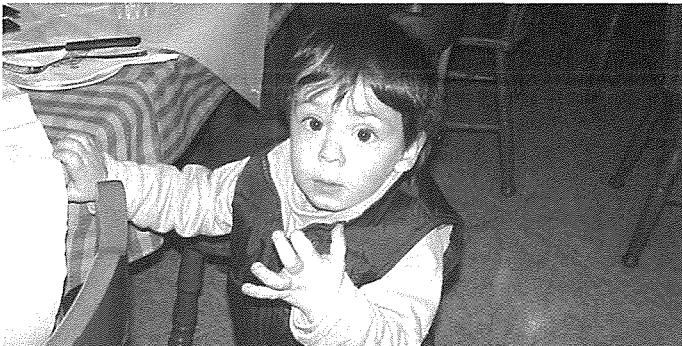
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General Meeting February 12th

2006

This year is our 10th anniversary and our General Meeting was held slightly different, twenty two members attended this meeting, not as much as the committee would like to see but definitely it was an encouragement from previous years. During this meeting it was suggested and approved that starting next year, the membership fee will go up to Lm4.00 for family and Lm3.00 for single. Nominations for the committee came in with no change with the exception of a new director Mr. Emanuel Tabone. We also received remarks that you the members are happy the way things are going, but the committee thinks that for the good of the association we would like to see new members involved especially younger members, here I would like to encourage our members to involve their children by bringing them to our activities and it was nice to see the young ones at the General Meeting as you can see from the pictures.



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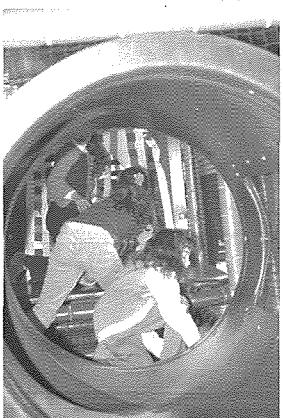
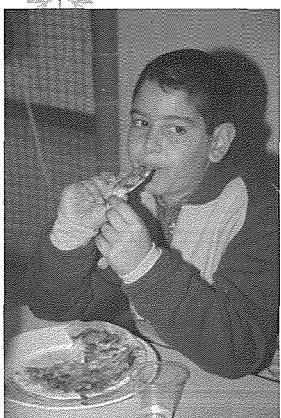
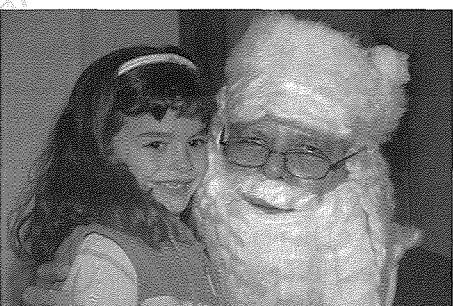
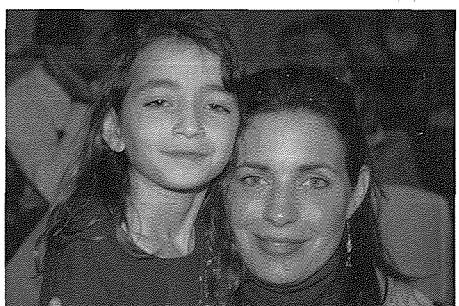
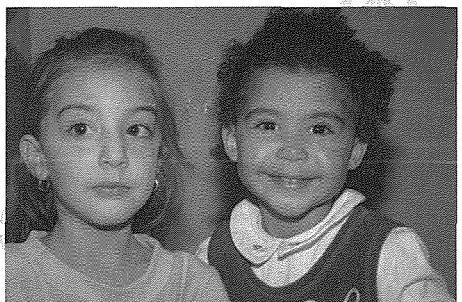
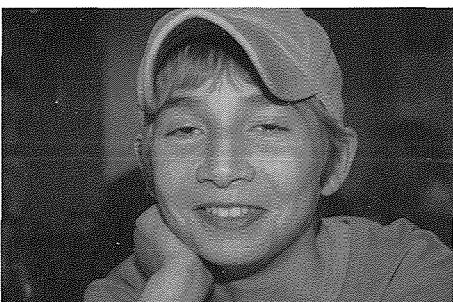
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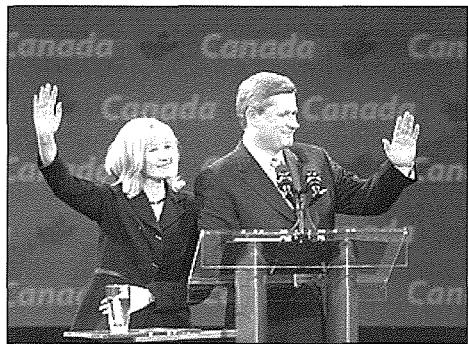
Christmas Party December 2005

As in previous years it was a pleasure seeing our young ones happy and waiting for Santa Claus coming with the gifts. This year's party was held at the Downtown Hotel 'Funtown' and it turned out to be a good choice and the children also had their turn in the jump-around.



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Stephen Harper and wife Laureen at the Conservative victory rally in downtown Calgary Monday after the Tories returned to power with a minority government.

Canada Federal Election

January 23rd 2006-03-05

The Conservative party won the election with a narrow minority government. The Conservatives won 124 seats, Liberals 103, Bloc Québécois 51, New Democratic Party 29 and 1 independent. Stephen Harper was sworn in as Canada's 22nd prime minister on Monday February 6th, 14 days after his party's narrow victory paved the way for the first Conservative government since 1993. He later said Parliament would reconvene on April 3.



Canada ranked 3rd with a total of 24 medals, (7 Gold; 10 Silver; 7 Bronze;) a big thanks and congratulation to all the athletes especially to the ladies teams that got a total of 16 out of the 24 medals.

GOLD MEDALS: Freestyle Skiing (Ladies' Moguls);

Skeleton (Men's Skeleton); Ice Hockey (Women's Ice Hockey); Speed Skating (Ladies' 1500 m); Cross-Country Skiing (Ladies' Sprint); Curling (Men); Speed Skating (Ladies' 5000 m)

SILVER MEDALS: Cross-Country Skiing (Ladies' Team Sprint); Speed Skating (Men's Team Pursuit); Speed Skating (Ladies' Team Pursuit); Skeleton (Men's Skeleton); Bobsleigh (Two-Man Competition); Speed Skating (Ladies' 1000 m); Speed Skating (Ladies' 1500 m); Short Track Speed Skating (Ladies' 3000 m Relay); Short Track Speed Skating (Men's 500 m); Short Track Speed Skating (Men's 5000 m Relay);

BRONZE MEDALS: Speed Skating (Ladies' 3000 m); Short Track Speed Skating (Ladies' 500 m); Figure Skating (Men Figure Skating); Skeleton (Women's Skeleton); Snowboard (Ladies' Snowboard Cross); Curling (Women); Speed Skating (Ladies' 5000 m);



Canada's golden Olympian Cindy Klassen carries the Maple Leaf into closing ceremonies of the Turin Winter Games Sunday.

On Board HMCS ATHABASKAN

While the Canadian HMCS Athabaskan, part of the Nato Maritime Group 1, was in the Valletta Grand Harbour, our president Joe Zammit and I the secretary were invited with our spouses on board for a reception, guests of the Commander Standing NATO Maritime Group 1, Commodore Denis Rouleau. It was a very enjoyable evening, we had a very warm welcome and made us feel verywell at home.

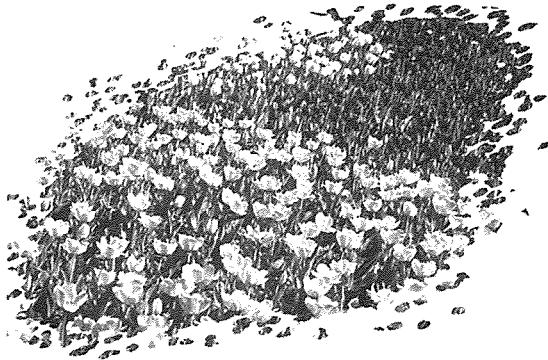


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IR-REBBIEGHÀ MAGHNA

Victor Formosa



Niftakar li meta kont l-iskola, u hawn qed immur lura 50 sena, kont dejjem nitlob li fl-eżami ta' l-ingliz wieħed mit-temi tal-komponiment ikun dwar ir-Rebbiegħa. Kull meta talbi kien jintlaqa' dejjem kont immur tajjeb fl-eżami. Għax meta titkellem dwar ir-Rebbiegħa trid titkellem dwar dak kollu li hu sabiħ fil-ħajja w-ghalkemm il-ħajja ta' madwarna hija mniċsa b'kull xorta ta' mard u problemi, xorta nsostni li l-ħajja hi sabiħa thares lejha minn kull fejn thares lejha.

Hafna minnkom kienu msefrin bħali u fil-kaž tagħna qed nitkellmu dwar il-Kanada fejn ix-Xitwa, kontra x-Xitwa tagħna, tista' tkun qalila. Ngħid għalija, waħda mill-problemi kbar li kelli l-Kanada, jekk mhux l-unika waħda, kienet ix-Xitwa. Il-kesħa, is-silġ, it-tul ta' l-istaġun xitwi kienu tista' tgħid ir-raġuni ewlenja li għamlet id-deċizzjoni tagħna li niġu lura Malta aktar faċċi. Li kieku x-Xitwa ma kinetx daqshekk kiefra u twila, naħseb li nkun qed nikteb dan l-artiklu minn Brampton. X'ma kontx nistenna r-Rebbiegħa! X'ma kontx nieħu gost nara s-siġar jibda jisposta l-aħdar fuqhom! X'ma kontx niġri għal għand tal-pjanti ħalli nibda niżra l-fjuri!

Hawn Malta, għat-tajjeb u l-ħażin, ma tantx għandna xi differenzi kbar bejn l-istaġuni għajr għax-xita ta' bejn Novembru u Frar u s-ħana karġa ta' Lulju w-Awissu. Għaldaqsekk hawn m'hijex daqstant kbira l-istennija tar-Rebbiegħa għalkemm xorta waħda nibdew nieħdu r-ruħ meta jibda jonqos il-bard u tonqos il-frekwenza tax-xita. Anke l-ħitan tad-djar tagħna jieħdu r-ruħ u nistgħu nibdew nifħtu t-twiegħi beraħ għaż-żiġi t'April qabel ma jibdew l-ir-rijeh ta' Mejju.

Naħseb li Għawdex hu eżempju ħaj tas-sbuħija tar-Rebbiegħa li ż-żomm il-kuluri sbieħ ta' l-għelieqi u l-widien li tant għandna minnhom qabel ma s-ħana tas-Sajf tibda taħraq u tnixxef kollo qoxqox. Ftit ilu qrājt frażi li laqtitni u qlibtha għall-Malti w-erfajħha fil-komputer. Kienet taqra hekk: "Jekk trid tara l-qawsalla, jkollok titqanna b'ħafna xita". U tassew hekk hu!

Jien daqsxejn għażżien di natura u għajr għal xi mixja ma' Joe u Rose Zammit meta niftaqħi magħħom Marsalforn, is-sbuħija t'Għawdex naraha biss mit-tieqa tal-karozza. Xi snin ilu kelli l-opportunita` li ntir aktar minn darba fuq Għawdex fuq ajruplan zgħir u d-dehra minn hemm fuq hija xi ħaġa li ma ninsiha qatt u hija tassew ħasra li l-maġġoranza ta' l-Għawdex qatt ma kellhom iċ-ċans jitpaxxew b'din id-dehra. Jiena nemmen li Għawdex huwa fl-isbaħ u fl-aqwa tiegħu bejn ix-xhur ta' Frar u Mejju meta dak kollu li hu sabiħ jaħbat ma wiċċek kull fejn tmur.

Qed nikteb f'jum il-Karnival mhedded il-ħin kollu mill-maltemp u jumejn wara d-dizappunt ta' hafna Maltin li ppjanaw li jiżuru Għawdex għall-jiem tal-Karnival u bejn minħabba l-maltemp u bejn li minn tliet vapuri kien qed jaħdem wieħed biss, kellhom iħabbtu wiċċhom ma' sriebet twal ta' karozzi. Hafna kienu dawk li qatgħu qalbhom u reggħu lura d-dar. Fir-Rebbiegħa ma tanx ikollna minn dawn, hux hekk? Daż-żmien jien u l-mara nitkellmu sikwit dwar meta jerġa' jmissna li niġu Għawdex u l-festa pubblika ta' Jum il-Helsien li din is-sena se taħbat il-Ġimħa, hija tentazzjoni kbira u għal din it-tentazzjoni jien naqa' malajr. L-ahħar li konna hemm kien għall-ingress ta' Mons. Mario Grech, l-Isqof karizmatiku ġdid t'Għawdex. Minn hawn insellimlu mill-qalb u nawguralu hidma sfiexa mal-merħla tiegħu. Hudu ħsiebu u aħdmu miegħu.

Ftit qabel, semmejti frazi li kont sibt. Se nħallikom bi tnejn oħra li ogħġibuni u ridt naqsamhom magħkom. L-ewwel waħda hi ta' Mahatma Għandi: "L-ewwel jinjorawk, imbagħad jidħku bik, imbagħad jiggieldulek u mbagħad tirbaħ int". It-tieni waħda hija ta' awtur mhux magħruf imma kien min kien zgur kien jaħafu: "Żomm tbissima fuq wiċċek u d-dinja tibqa' mistagħba biex inti kuntent", Inħallikom b'dik. Is-sliem.



1956

Sam and Rita's Golden Day 50th Wedding Anniversary

Sam and Rita Farrugia, are both from Victoria, Gozo and were married in Toronto's Maltese Parish Church of St Paul the Apostle, then still undergoing construction, on January 7, 1956. They have three children, John, Mike and George, who made them happy grandparents.

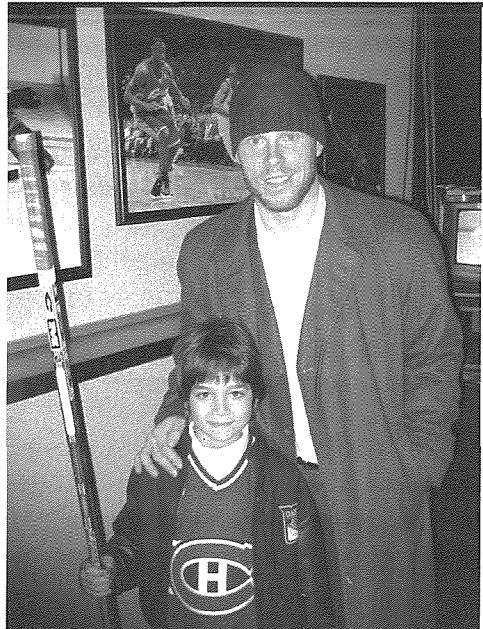
The Committee and members of the Gozo Maltese Canadian Association, send our congratulations to Rita and Sam and wish them a long and healthy life.



Malta Band Club 2006 Executive Committee

The Malta Band Club of Toronto or since they now have their premises in Mississauga one should say of Southern Ontario was established in 1971 and it takes part in various activities in the Maltese communities of Southern Ontario and also in the USA. The Malta Band Club is also well known with the Italians and Portuguese communities.

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Director	<i>Anne Cutajar</i>



Andrew Bugeja meets his hockey idol, the Montreal Canadiens Saku Koivu #11

Andrew Bugeja is the grandson of Achilles and Nancy Attard members of this association. On January 28th while the Montreal Canadiens were in Toronto, someone made arrangements for young Andrew to go and watch them practice. It was sure a memorable day for Andrew since he did not only watch his favourite team practice but had a picture taken with his favourite player, had his Habs Hockey Jersey autographed and Saku Koivu gave him one of his Hockey sticks. To top it all off that same day, while in Toronto they won the game against the Toronto Maple Leafs and Saku Koivu scored the winning goal. This is what his grandmother, Nancy, a Toronto Maple Leaf fan, had to say "Should I be crying??? Hey if it made our Andrew happy I certainly won't shed any tears for the Leafs."



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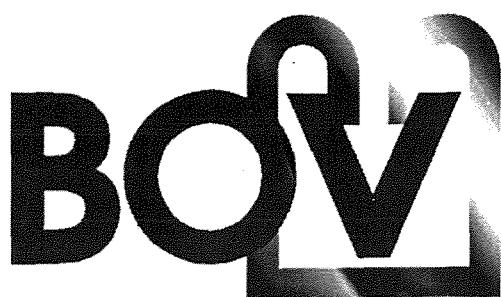
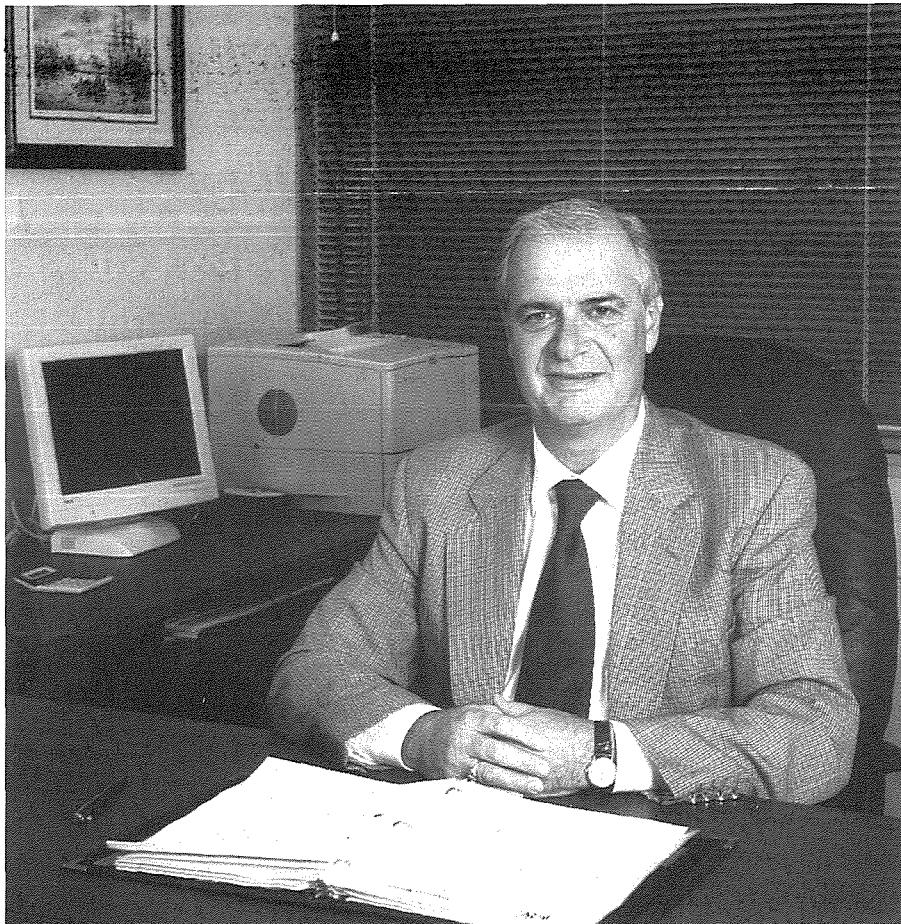
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