

dinner at this ethnic event, and it seems that the Maltese in that ethnic community, on certain occasions forget to watch their diet! At his point, one could stop to comment about ravioli. They have an exact European counterpart only in Poland, and if I remember well, they are there called *pyroggi*.

Mr. Pavia also informs us that the late Johnnie Catania is very sadly missed by the Maltese emigrants of that community. He was a great promoter of events and presented many a show at the club. Other frequent visitors to the Maltese Canadian Club of London (Ontario) are Maltese folk singer groups (*għanneja*) and guitar players, where they have a great following among the Maltese migrants. The Namru Station group of Detroit, led by that veteran of Maltese *għana* the octogenarian and excellent folk singer Karmnu Xuereb *in-Namru*, and other groups from Toronto. They perform in summer at open air gatherings and at the Club, and they have always a full house.

As one could see, with these activities, Maltese folklore is still very much alive among our compatriots in London (Ontario), Canada.

Nota Dwar Folklor Malti f'Detroit, Michigan

Fil-*ħarga* ta' L-*Imnara* Vol.3 No. 2 & 3, 1989, konna ktibna dwar il-mewt tal-*ħabib* tagħna *Salvu Vella l-Puwta*, prim kitarrist tal-grupp tan-Namru Station ta' Detroit. Bil-mewta tiegħu, *Salvu* kien *ħalla vojta* kbir; kien kitarrist imħarreġ tajjeb fid-daqq tal-kitarra u tal-"prejjem". Sirna nafu, li issa, il-post tiegħu ta' prim kitarrist imlieh il-*ħabib* tagħna *Ġanni Buħaġiar* minn *Hal Luqa*, li ilu f'Detroit sa mill-1969. Konna nafu li kien dilettant tal-mużika, u li kien idoqq ma' waħda mill-baned tar-raħal tiegħu, imma dik il-*ħabta* ma konniex nafu li kellu namra daqshekk kbira għall-kitarra u għall-*għana* folkloristiku Maltija. U mgħaġġbin kemm hu tajjeb għall-"prejjem"! Dan it-tip ta' daqq jintgħogob minn kulħadd. Nifirħu lin-Namru Karmnu Xuereb; nixtiequ lilu u lill-grupp ta' *għanneja* u daqqaqa tan-Namru Station, kull ġid u suċċess, u li jkomplu jżommu *ħajjin* it-tradizzjonijiet Maltin fin-Nord Amerika. U nixtiequ lil *Ġanni Buħaġiar* kull suċċess fid-delizzju sabiħ tiegħu!

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