



CLUB NEWS



NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 6 at 1830 at the Victoria Hotel, Sliema.

Members who are unable to attend are kindly requested to inform our Club Secretary Lion Lorna Farrugia (lorna.farrugia@yahoo.co.uk).

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Membership dues for the Lionistic Year July 2017/June 2018 are now due. Most members have already paid. However there are a few who have not. The latter are requested to affect payment as soon as possible since the Club has to inform Lions Club International Headquarters. Members are reminded that the payment of membership also entitles them to attending the annual Charter Gala Dinner without payment, having only to pay for their wife/partner. Payment can be made by cheque payable to Lions Club Sliema and sent to the Club's Treasurer Lion Carmel Azzopardi, 11 Triq il-Kbira, Dingli DGL 1830 or P.O. Box 62, Sliema SLM 1000.

INVOCATION: Let us bow our heads and call upon God as we perceive Him in our hearts. Lord, bless our gathering not that we accomplish great things, but that we grow as one. Unite us in the cause of serving our fellow man. Make us slow to lead and quick to bow. And help us to give that we may gain in Your eyes. AMEN.

KINDLY NOTE.....The Club is now on Facebook. Lion Secretary Lorna Farrugia is responsible to post information on our page, while IPP Lion John Rusher is looking after the Club's website (www.lionssliema.com)

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LEO CLUB PROGRAMME

LEADING IN LIFE: Leo Clubs provide young people with an opportunity for development and contribution individually and collectively as responsible members of their local and international communities:

LEO CLUB MOTTO

- **LEADERSHIP** - Leo members acquire skills as project organisers and motivators of their peers
- **EXPERIENCE** - They discover how teamwork and cooperation can bring about change in their community and the world.
- **OPPORTUNITY** - Leos develop positive traits and receive recognition for their contributions.

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO CARE

Leo Clubs are open for young people with good character who have an interest in serving their communities. Leo Clubs are divided into two tracks - Alpha and Omega.

Alpha Leo Clubs are designed for youth between 12 and 18 years old. Their track focuses on the individual and social development of teens and preteens.

Omega Leo Clubs are tailored for young adults between 18 and 30 years old. Their track encourages the personal and provisional development of young youths.

Connections to young people can bring new energy to a Lions Club and increase Lions visibility in the community. Through Leo Club sponsorship, Lions have a unique opportunity to mentor potential community leaders and recruit future Lions Clubs members.

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CLUB'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

Lions Club Skuena will be commemorating Lions Clubs International Centennial Celebrations in the first week of November to coincide with the Club's Charter Night celebration and the return twinning with Lions Club Licata.

The draft programmes is as follows:

Thursday November 2 - 2000

Welcome Party and Twinning with Lions Club Licata at Capua Palace
Buffet Supper
Dress Code: Suit/Cocktail Dress

Friday November 3 - 0900

Tour of Valletta visiting St. John's Co-Cathedral and Upper Barrakka
Lunch at a Valletta Restuarant
Afternoon at 1630
Conference: "Lions in the Next 100 years
Free evening

Saturday Novembdf 4 - 0900

Tour of Rabat and Mdina visiting St. Agatha Catacombs and Mdina
Lunch at a Rabat/Mdina Restaurant
Gala Dinner - 1930
Centennial and Lions Club Sliema Charter Anniversary at a hotel (to be decided)
Dress Code: Black Tie or Dark Suit/Evening Dress

Sunday November 5 - Departure of foreign guests.

This programme may be amended and is only being sent for members to know about these celebrtions.

Invitations are being sent to our twinned clubs in the hope that besides the Licata Lions others will attend.

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RED LETTER DAY

July 12, 1974 was a Red Letter day for our Club as on this day the Club received its Charter from Lions International Headquarters in Oakbrook, Illinois U.S.A.

In early 1974 a group of members of Lions Club Malta G.C. as the present Lions Club Malta (Host) was then known decided to form another Lions Club. The new Lions Club Sliema received its charter dated July 12, 1974 with the then Lions Club International President Johnny Balbo signing the official Charter. Our Club which became the second Lions Club in Malta was sponsored by Lions Club Malta G.C.

The first President of Lions Club Sliema was Lion Valhvor Borg who held office until June 1976. The other Charter Members were Charles Philip Bartolo, Patrick J. Beacom, Joseph Borg, Roger Castillo, Peter Michael Curry, Donald Darmanin, Geoffrey Paget Davidson, David J. De Maria, Frank Diss, John Fletcher, Joseph M. Galea, Michael Gilleney, Anthony Grech, Charles Grech Orr, Joseph Hersey, Ambrose Austin Howell, Joe Mizzi, Albert V. Salomone, James Rankine Steel, Patrick J. Stubbs, Tony Terreni, Robert Philip Wright and Jack Windham.

Lion John Fletcher was appointed as Club Secretary a post he held for a considerable number of years (1974/80) with Lion Tom A. Restall taking over as Secretary in July 1980. A post he held until June 1979.

Five of the original Charter Members namely Robin Wright (197/77), Joe Mizzi (1977/78), Tony Terreni (1978/99), Paddy J. Stubbs (1979/80) and David J. Demaria (1980/81), went on to serve as Club Presidents.

The Club President during the Lionistic Year 1981/82 was Lion Victor Borg father of Lion Victor Borg Bsrthet who followed in his father's footsteps by serving as Club President in 1988/89, 1999/2000 and for a further two years from 2013 to 2015.

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FIRST LEO CLUB: Coach Jim Graver started the Leo ball rolling 1957 and chances are that ball was a baseball. Graver was the baseball coach of the Abington High School in Pennsylvania, USA, and active member of the Glenside Lions Club. With help from his fellow Lion, William Ernst, the first Leo club was chartered on December 5, 1957.

As the world's first Leo Club, the Abington High School Leo Club created the Leo acronym - Leadership, Equality, Opportunity - and chose their school colours, maroon and gold to serve as the Leo Club colours. Later, Equality was changed to Experience/

In October 1967, the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International adopted the Leo Club Programme as an official programme of the Association.

The Leo Club Programme has continued to grow within the last 50 years. Leos now constitute an international network of over 6500 clubs in over 140 countries. Community service remains the cornerstone of the programme, fostering a lifetime commitment to helping others. Like their Lion counterparts, Leo Club members enjoy serving their neighbours and watching positive results unfold.

In the early 1980's we had a Leos Club in Malta. It was mostly made up of University students. Unfortunately due to various reasons amongst which studies the Leo Club was dissolved.

The four Lions Clubs in Malta should make an effort to launch a new Leos Club as this will ensure that Lions Clubs will continue to prosper in Malta. This issue has often been discussed at Zone meetings but it never got off the ground. Efforts should be made to have a Leos Club and Club members who have adults should encourage them to form a Leos Club. University students despite their studies can play a major role in having such a Club. With an ever aging membership it is of utmost importance to encourage our youth to become Leos. Let's at the start of the second centenary of Lions Clubs International make more efforts to reach this goal. Maltese youth are involved in various philanthropic organisations so why not LIONS.

MESSAGE FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Following the recent events in various parts of the world, our International President posted the following message on Facebook which deserves being shared by Lions worldwide

"My dear Lions

Like me I'm sure you have followed the recent tragic events in Charlottesville, Virginia (USA) and Barcelona (Spain). Acts of terror and loss of innocent lives must never become the norm.

Lions International and its over 1.4 million members around the world stands for peace, unity and service to others. For over 100 years we have upheld that people of diverse backgrounds, culture, religions and ideologies can work together to make a positive difference.

We are an example that where there is peace there is no hatred. Where there is love, there is no hatred. Where there is understanding there can be no hatred. And where is no hatred, it can be a better world for all.

We stand together as one against hate, bigotry and violence in all its forms.

And we pray for the victims of the recent attacks at Barcelona and Charlottesville.

May peace and love prevail."

Namaste
Dr. Naresh Aggarwall
International President



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CLUB LCIF CO-ORDINATOR



The Club LCIF Coordinator is an ambassador for LCIF at the club level and is crucial to the promotion of our foundation. This person shares LCIF stories, motivates fellow Lions to support LCIF, and enables LCIF to advance its humanitarian work both locally and globally. Club LCIF Coordinators will be equipped with resources that will allow them to champion the goals of the foundation to Lions.

A new policy has been put into effect to help fill this vital role at the club level. In addition to serving as mentors to the club president and vice presidents, immediate past club presidents will now serve as Club LCIF Coordinators. If he or she is unable to serve in this capacity, the position may be filled by another club member .

Since Immediate Past President Lion John Rusher has opted not to take up this position, the Club have appointed Lion James Lephew as Coordinator. Lion James has transferred to our Club from a French Lions Club.

It is hoped that our Club will continue to support LCIF in its worldwide humanitarian programme which benefits all humanity irrespective of race, creed or colour.

The foundation has helped numerous projects worldwide and is always ready to help whenever natural catastrophes (tsunamis, earthquake etc) occur all around the world.

Lions worldwide are proud to be of service to help others who are faced with problems due to various reasons.