



CLUB NEWS



CLUB MEETINGS:

The next Club meetings are scheduled for Wednesday MARCH 7th, and Wednesday MARCH 21 at 6.30 p.m at the Victoria Hotel.

FOR YOUR DIARY:

STABLEFORD GOLF TOURNAMENT - On Monday March 19 (a public holiday in Malta) our Club in association with the Royal Malta Golf Club will be organising a Stableford Golf Tournament at the Marsa Sports Ground. This has been an annual event since its inception by the late Lion Alex Mangion several years ago. The proceeds from this tournament are given to a particular charity. This year it is our Club's turn to nominate the charity and the Board of Directors had decided that this year the proceeds will be donated to the Malta Dogs for the Blind Association.

SAILING REGATTA - As already mentioned in the January newsletter the Club has appointed a sub-committee to organise a sailing regatta with the cooperation of the Malta Yacht Club. Lion Antonio Varialle, who is the Chairman of this sub-committee, together with our Club President and Lion Rosalba Marengo, a member of our twinned club Bosco Marengo Santa Croce, met the Commodore of the RMYC to discuss the logistics of this regatta. The idea is to have this regatta an annual event to be held during the summer months. Details of this event have still to be agreed to. The Sub-Committee will be meeting soon to discuss further details in the hope that the event will be held for the first time this year.

TA' SAWRA PARTY - The party is being held on Wednesday April 11th in the afternoon. Lion Vivienne Zammit is working on this event. Further details will be given in the March newsletter

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FEBRUARY 2018

15th WALLED CITIES CONFERENCE

The 15th Walled Cities Conference is being held in Malta from June 1st to 3rd. The Conference is being organized by the Lions Zone Malta after Lions Club Mdina had applied to hold the Conference in Malta.

Zone Chairperson Lion Mary Anne Abela is chairing meetings to organize this conference. Our Club has been participating fully in the organization and has also financially supported the project. It is hoped that a considerable number of Lions from cities having walled fortifications will be attending the Conference which is being held at Grand Hotel Excelsior in Floriana.

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The theme of the Conference is "WALLED CITIES - HIDDEN TREASURES". It is appropriate that the conference is being held in Malta, when our capital city which boasts of several hidden treasures is the European Culture City of 2018.

A varied programme has been planned to enable foreign Lions to see several of Malta's treasures.

Our Club's representatives, namely Lion President, Lion Joe Cassar and Alfred Micallef Attard have been attending meetings of the Organizing Committee for the last few months, giving useful input.

The Conference is being given publicity on the Walled Cities website (as seen in the photo) and through other information sent by the Director Lion Giuseppe Guerra.

Besides our capital city (Valletta) there other walled cities in Malta, notably Mdina, often referred to as the "Silent City", the three towns in Cottonera (Cospicua, Vittoriosa and Senglea) and also the Citadel in Gozo.

The foreign visitors will be taken for a conducted tour of Valletta and Mdina to see the many important treasures in these two cities. A detailed programme can be found on the Lions Zone Malta website.

More information on this conference will be promulgated in future issues of our newsletter. It is hoped that several of our Club members will be able to attend the conference and also the gala dinner.



Lion Frank P. Galea presenting the print to Lion President George O. Attard in the presence of Lion Victoria Muscat who is Chairman of the Arts Fund Sub-Committee.

MONTHLY TALK

The guest speaker at the Mr Norman Wilson about Whisky. Mr Wilson entitled his talk "Scottish New Year in February - USIGA BEATHA .

Mr Wilson who was born in Edinburgh and is now resident in Malta with his Maltese wife gave an interesting talk about the various brands of whiskey produced in Scotland.

He explained that the process of making a good whiskey depends is a meticulous job and that prime brands of whiskey are produced after a meticulous process undertaken by dedicated professionals.



Mr Wilson during his talk

During the meeting the audience (which was over 40 members and their guests) had the opportunity to taste two brands of high quality whiskey and also savour various nibbles. Past President Lion Chris. Borg Cardona is responsible to organise the is monthly talk. The next talk is scheduled for Wednesday March 21. Details will be communicated via email.

DONATIONS TO THE CLUB

At the last Club meeting, Lion Susan Galea Borg who is a talented artist presented two of her works to the Club. These will be used as raffle prizes at fund raising activities such as the "Spare Ribs Night" tentatively scheduled for July at the Marsa Sports Club.

Moreover Lion Susan donated the handsome sum of €500 to the Arts Fund. Lion President George O. Attard thanked Lion Susan for her generous donations. Members present at the meeting applauded Lion Susan's generosity.



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Lion Susan presenting the paintings together with our Club President at right and Club Treasurer Carmelo Azzopardi at left.

During the same meeting Lion Frank P. Galea who was Club President in 1990/1991 and who is still very active in the Club, presented prints of Balluta Bay as seen 50 years ago. A copy of the print was presented to each Board member and also to Mr Wilson who delivered a talk at the end of the monthly meeting. Lion Frank also presented each Board member with a small 2018 calendar which includes the dates when our Club holds its meetings. Lion Frank who runs a Printing Press has been responsible to print various material for the Club, such as the brochure for the 1999 Mediterranean Lions Conference.

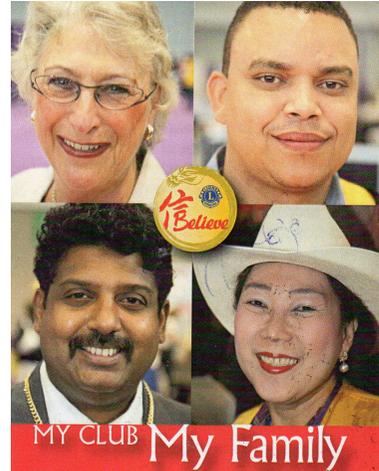
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To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through LIONS CLUBS.



WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Long term successful growth is dependent on keeping our members involved, instilling pride and treating them like. **INVOLMENT + SENSE OF WORTH + MEMBER CARE + FAMILY ATMOSPHERE = CLUB SUCCESS.** Play your part in this equation by using the checklist below as you welcome new members into your Lions family



Have I made the new members feel welcome?

- Smile and say hello
- Provide effective orientation so they know how the Club operates and feel comfortable participating

Have I given them responsibility?

- Involve them from day one
- Ask them to join a committee
- Get them started working on a service project.

Have I valued their input and respected their ideas?

- Ask them for their ideas and listen to what they have to say
- Implement one of their ideas.

Have I made them feel a member of the family?

- Treat them as you would any other member with mutual respect
- keep them involved on a regular basis.

This is an important aspect to keep new members interested in the Club. Fortunately most of our new members are participating fully in our Club's projects and activities. This encourages members to do more for our Club. The Club always new blood. It is important to have more persons joining our Club as this guarantees that the good work started over 40 years ago will continue in the future to help our community. We must not stand on our past laurels as otherwise we will slowly lose interest. Hence it is encouraging to see that our new members are seen to participate in all club activities and that they often come up with new ideas.

