



CLUB NEWS



NEXT MEETING: Since there will be no Club meetings in August, the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 6th.

As decided at the last meeting (July19) meetings will henceforth start at 1830 and will be at the Victoria Hotel, Sliema on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Whenever there is a guest speaker on the third Wednesday, the business meeting will end at 1930 and will continue with the talk.

LION JAMES LEPHEW: Lion James has recently transferred to our Club. He was previously a member of LC Ile de France Est, Chareton le Pont DM103. He was very active in activities organised by his Club mostly food bank, local yard sale and recruitment. Welcome to our Club.

CLUB MEMBERS DIRECTORY: The Directory has now been compiled and will be shortly emailed to members. We are attempting to have a printed copy. Thanks to all who sent in corrections.

CONDOLENCES: Sincere condolences to Club President Lion George O. Attard on the death of his mother Helma at the venerable age of 94. George's mother died on July 23 and the funeral was held the following Wednesday. Several members of the Club attended the funeral mass held at Stella Maris church in Sliema. It was fitting that members showed solidarity with Lion George on the sad loss of his dear mother. RIP.

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JULY 2017

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 2017-18

Dr. Naresh Aggarwal of Batala, Punjab, India was elected to serve as International President of Lions Clubs International at the Association 100 International Convention held in Chicago, Illinois, USA, June 30 through July 4, 2017.



Dr. Naresh is chairman of companies specialising in steel and agricultural products.

He is a lifetime member of the Batala Smile Lions Club since 1974. He has served with great distinction as club president and international director. He has also served as Chairman of the Council of Governors of MD 321 in 1989-90.

Dr. Naresh served as International Director from 1998 to 2000. He gained great appreciation by achieving membership growth while serving as Global Membership Growth Team area leader. He was a

faculty and group leader for DGE seminars at three International Conventions. He also served as international board appointee three times and as Global Team constitutional area leader.

Dr. Naresh is trustee and vice chairperson of Lions Quest India Foundation and has also served in the national SightFirst Committee. He is the chief patron of Dainik Prarthana Sabha, which operates charitable projects in Batala. He is Vice President of Age-Care India, a charitable society for the care and welfare of elderly people. He has been trustee and patron of many other projects.

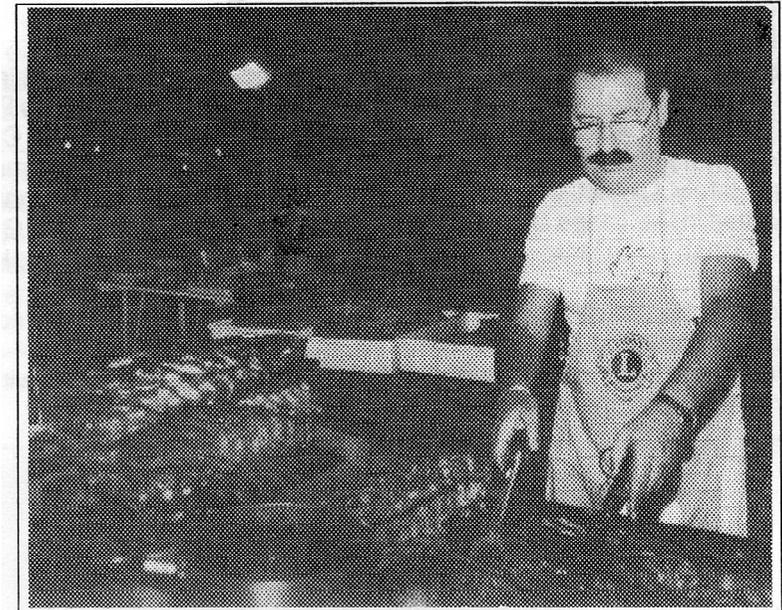
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FLASHBACK TO 1991

One major fundraising event that has been organised by the Club over the years is the "Spare Ribs Barbeque". For several years club members used to prepare all the food for the evening. Several of these events were held at the Union Club in Sliema and at times at the Razzett tal-Ħbiberija at Marsaskala.

In 1991 this fundraiser was held at the Mellieħa villa of the late Club President Lion Valmor Borg. A good number of members and their guests attended this event and a considerable sum of money was raised.

In the photo below Lion Frank Galea who was then the Immediate Past President is seen at the charcoal grill attentively cooking the spare ribs. He was ably helped by Lion Joe Messina.



FUNC FAISING AT SLIEMA FRONT BALLOONS IN A CAR



For the third year running our Club organised a fund raising event at the Sliema Seafront. People were asked to guess the number of balloons in a car for a €100 cash prize. Once again Continental Cars provided a car (Volkswagon Passat) in which balloons were put. Each contestant was asked to guess the number of balloons therein. The event was held on Saturday July 22 and Sunday July 23. The number of balloons in the car was 124. €416 were raised from this event.

Proceeds from this event were given to the Malta Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Our thanks to Continental Cars for providing the car and to all members who took time to make this fund-raiser a success. The event also gave much needed publicity to the work of Lions.

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Dr. Naresh has received 23 International Presidents medals and the Ambassador's of Goodwill Award.

He is a major lead gift donor and humanitarian partner of Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Dr. Naresh and his wife Navita, also a Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow have two have two sons, one daughter and seven grandchildren.

Dr. Naresh also shares a birthday with the Lions Clubs Founder Melvin Jones.

CLUB PRESIDENT FOR A THIRD TIME



Lion George O. Attard is the Club President for 2017-18.

This is the third time that Lion George will be leading the Club as he has served in this capacity during the years 2008-09 and 2012-13.

Lion George is a Melvin Jones Fellow . He was presented with the award by then Zone Chairman, Lion Tom A. Restall during the handover ceremony in July 2013.

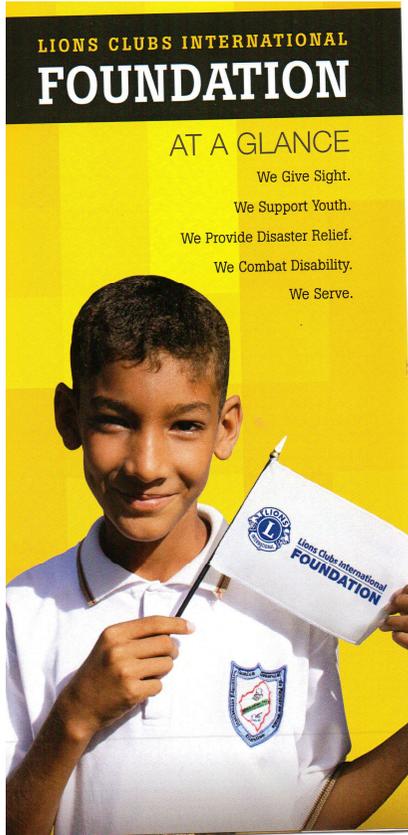
During his third term Lion George intends to finalise the restoration work of the frescoes in St' Agatha's catacombs in Rabat and to help the Malta Dogs for the Blind foundation .

We wish Lion George a fruitful and successful term as President.

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Lions Club International Foundation's Mission Statement is:

"To support the efforts of Lions Clubs worldwide in serving their local communities and the world community as they carry out essential humanitarian service projects".



One of the most important ways that Lions make a difference in their communities and the world is through LCIF, the official charitable organisation of Lions Club International. With funding LCIF, Lions carry out large-scale humanitarian projects in their communities.

Lions' support of the Foundation is critical, as donations from Lions provide the majority of LCIF'S revenue. LCIF continues to ensure that all donated funds are used as efficiently as possible. All donations are used to fund grants and programme expenses. Based on targeted investment returns, LCIF anticipates investment to be sufficient to cover projected administrative and developments expenses.

Since LCIF began in 1968, it has awarded over 13,000 grants totaling nearly one billion dollars. Together Lions and LCIF are making a difference to millions of people. "WE SERVE" better together.

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LCIF does not support Sight projects only but has programmes to support Youth. Supporting the development of youth is a major initiative of LCIF. Lions are bettering the future of children all over the world through improved education and health.

LIONS QUEST is a school-based life skills programme for children from kindergarten to tertiary education . More than 13 million children have taken part in a Lions Quest classroom and more thousands of educators have been trained to implement the programme. Lions Quest teaches responsible decision-making, effective communication and drug prevention.

HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS - Many of LCIF's successful humanitarian programmes range from combating disability to disaster relief efforts. Lions continue to develop projects that address the immediate and long-term needs of their local and global community.

DISASTER RELIEF - LCIF emergency grants enable Lions to meet immediate needs such as food, water, clothing and medical supplies. LCIF awards approximately US\$2 million for disaster relief each year. Lions often offer additional assistance through volunteering or donating supplies. When disasters occur on a large scale, major catastrophe grants are awarded for long-term reconstruction projects. LCIF has provided funding for recent catastrophes.

MEASLES INITIATIVE - Presently LCIF is working with the Measles Initiative, a worldwide effort to protect children from measles and strengthen routine immunization services. Tens of millions of children will benefit from the partnership programme fighting measles and childhood blindness.

DIABETES TREATMENT AND PREVENTION - Diabetes prevention and control programmes are funded through LCIF, which can include funding for equipment, education and awareness programmes for under served populations worldwide.

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