



The monthly talk for April was held on Wednesday 20 when Club Member Dr. Valmor Zammit, delivered an interesting talk on **"HYPERTENSION AND ASSOCIATED DANGERS"**. The talk which was in English was delivered immediately after the business meeting. After the talk members moved to the Penny Black Pub of the Victoria Hotel for "a pasta of your choice" dinner.

RAFFLE TICKETS

The Club is holding a raffle for attractive prizes as a fund raiser. Club members are encouraged to sell tickets. Each ticket costs 50 euro cents and are in packets of 12 with sellers getting 2 free tickets. Counterfoils together with cash are to be handed in by the appointed date.

MEETINGS

Club meetings are now being held once again at the Victoria Hotel, Sliema, every first and third Wednesday of the month. The Management of the hotel have welcome the Club back to the premises thanks to the good work of Immediate Past President Lion Victor Borg and outgoing Club Secretary Lion Joe Messina.

THANKS

The Organising Committee of the 2016 Mediterranean Lions Conference which was held from March 17 to 20 thanks all Club members who helped make the conference a huge success. Special thanks goes to Lions Alfred Micallef Attard, Joe Messina and Lorna Farrugia who had the arduous task to collect funds from participants. They did a good job.

Photos on Page 7 :

(Top) : PP Lion Frank P. Galea who was the Protocol Officer with the International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada.

(Bottom): Lion Louis Sciberras and his wife Geraldine with International First Vice President Bob Corlew and his wife . Lion Louis was Protocol Officer with the Lion Bob Corlew.



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FIRST LADY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Guðrún Björt Yngvadóttir who was recently in Malta for the 2016 Mediterranean Lions Conference is the favourite to be elected Second Vice President of Lions Clubs International at the Convention being held at the 99th International Convention being held in Fukuoka, Japan, between June 24 and 28.

Gudrun was educated as a Biomedical Scientist at the Technical University of Iceland and has worked in research, education and management. She is married to PID Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson, a medical doctor. Jon Bjarni joined Lions in 1983 and since then they have cooperated in Lions. Jon Bjarni was an International Director 1999-2001 and Board appointee 2001-2002.

Lion Gudrun is a Past International Director having been elected in 2010 and served on the Leadership Committee and as Chairperson the second year.

Being the first woman to serve in various offices, Gudrun's success has set a notable example. Therefore, on many and different occasions she has been asked to advise on how to increase the membership of women in Lions, for example how to encourage women to take on leadership positions. Since 2004 Gudrun has been involved in numerous Lions events of the kind in five Constitutional Areas such as Women's Symposium for non-Lions and Women's Workshops with women in Lions.

Personal Qualities: PID Gudrun is a strong leader, she is enthusiastic, motivates people and has great impact. She is creative, and focused on the future. She sees opportunities everywhere and manifests thought into reality. Gudrun has experience in managing changes and solving problems. She is effective and productive. Gudrun gets things done. She is organised, a good planner, accurate and conscientious. She is also a good listener and good negotiator. Considerate of members and develops new leaders.

She would definitely be a good President of Lions Clubs International.



PARTY AT TA' SAWRA

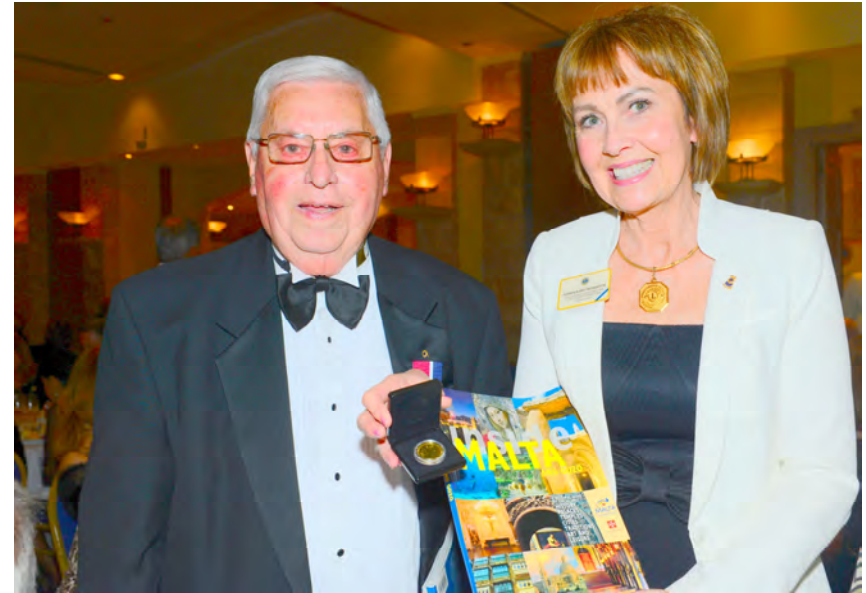
On Thursday April 14 a group of Club members visited Ta' Sawra Home for the Elderly at Rabat and entertained the residents to tea. Entertainment was provided by versatile singer Joe Cutajar.

Lion Vivienne Zammit was responsible to organize the party. Gifts were given to each resident who appreciated the gesture of our Club to visit the Home, so much so that the party went on beyond the usual time as the residents enjoyed the occasion and were reluctant to leave.



This event has been organized for some time now. It was first organized more than 25 years ago and has become more or less a regular event in the Club's calendar.

Photo: Lions Carmel Azzopardi, Piju Gatt, Lorna Farrugia, Vivienne Zammit, Isabelle Micallef, Anita Sciberras and Louis Sciberras together with Joe Cutajar (singer) and the Director of the Home (far right).



PID Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir with Zone Chairman Tom A Restall at the 2016 Mediterranean Lions Conference after being presented with a commemorative medal and a book about Malta.

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STABLEFORD GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual Stableford Golf Tournament held in memory of Lion Alex Mangion was held on March 31st at the Marsa Golf Club. Players who took part in the sponsored golf tournament raised just over Euro 800.

It is the practice that the Club will match the same amount raised by golfers and the total sum be presented to a charitable institution. Since this year it was our Club's turn to nominate the beneficiary it was agreed to donate a total sum of Euro 1600 to the Hospice Movement, a voluntary organisation which caters for persons affected by cancer. The presentation will be made in due course to the Hospice by Club President Chris Borg Cardona later this month.

WE SERVE

MONGTHLY CULTARAL VISIT

Lion Margaret Frendo reports:

The April outing on Sunday April 10th was to Zabbar where we visit the Parish Church and the adjacent museum.

On January 10th, 1614 the only Maltese bishop of Malta during the period for the Order's stay in Malta (1530-1798) Baldassere Cagliares honoured the people of Zabbar by declaring Zabbar as a separate parish from Zejtun. The new parish church was dedicated to Our Lady of Graces and soon became a centre of devotion and pilgrimage.

The building of the church of Our Lady of Graces started in 1641 and was completed in 1660. Later in 1738 Maltese architect Giovanni Bonavia re-designed the facade and also added two bell towers. The main altar piece representing the Madonna and Child is by Alessio Erardi.

After the visit to the church, we next visited the Zabbar Sanctuary Museum. The local guide Giuseppi Thewma, informed us that this museum building could be the only purposely built museum in Malta. The museum houses a great wealth in the form of paintings by leading Maltese artists among other treasures.

Zabbar was given the title of "Citta Hompesh" by Grand Master Ferdinand Von Hompesh.

Before going to lunch at "La Favorita" in Marsaskala, the group stopped at the "Tal-Grazzja" Band Club (one of the two local band clubs) for what we thought would be a drink, but we were presented with an array of food.

It was an interesting morning much enjoyed by all.



Editor's note: While thanking Lion Margaret for this report, it is worth mentioning that Lion Isabelle Micallef was responsible to arrange the lunch. It is also worth mentioning that the cultural visit served as a mini-fundraiser since the sum of Euro 82 were collected from amongst those present and which were presented to the Club Treasurer at the last meeting. Well done!

PEACE POSTER COMPETITION PRESENTATION

The winner of the 2015 Peace Poster Competition organised by our Club was Etienne Sciberras, a student from St. Elias College, Sta. Venera. Etienne's poster participated in the Lions International Competition.

Our Club's competition was sponsored by Agenda Bookshop. Prizes were presented to the winner by Ms. Anna Maria Gilson, Service Manager (Projects & Initiatives) of the Education Department at a prize giving ceremony held on April 7th.



Club President Lion Chris Borg Cardona together with other Club members and numerous students were present for the occasion.

Students from several state, church and private schools participated in the competition.

Thanks to Lion Louis Sciberras and his sub-committee the Peace Poster Competition has now become an annual event. It is hoped that more students become aware of this competition.

The International Competition has grown in quality and attracts a good number of participants.

Photo: Etienne Sciberras next to his winning poster with Ms Anna Maria Gilson and Club President Lion Chris Borg Cardona