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**DR. JITSUHIRO YAMADA
INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT**

Dr. Jitshiro Yamada of Mino-kamo, Gifu, Japan, who is a neurosurgeon, was elected to serve as president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 98th International Convention held in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA June 26 through 30, 2015.

A member of the Minkamo Lions Club, President Yamada has been a Lion since 1985. He has held many offices in the association, including district governor and GLT constitutional area vice leader. He served on the international board from 2005 to 2007 as a member of the Executive Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee and Vice Chairperson of Convention Committee. He also served as a board appointee for 2011-2012.

In recognition of his service to the association, President Yamada has received numerous awards, including the Humanitarian Partner Award, 10 International President's Awards and an Ambassador Good Will Award, the highest honour the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, President Yamada is chairperson for several organisations including the Social Medical Corporation Kosekai, the Kizawa Memorial Hospital, the Social Welfare Corporation Jikeikai, Nozominooka Hospital and Ajisa Nuring College. He is a standing director of the Japan Hospital Association and an affiliate professor of Gifu University.

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President Yamada has been active in the area of international relations, serving as president of the Gifu-Hungary Friendship Association, Gifu-Morocco Association and Gifu-Salzburg Association. He is a recipient of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary, the Medal of Honour of the Alouite Dynasty of the Kingdom of Morocco and a honorary citizen of Beijing City, China, in recognition of his service to international friendship building.

President Yamada and his wife, Dr. Toshiko Yamada, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have one son, one daughter and three grandchildren..



The logo of President Yamada is as seen at left.

President Yamada is encouraging Lions around the world in bringing dignity to others by hope and dignify through service and to strength one's club to better serve its community.

Lions can also create harmony through effective leadership and also build bridges for humanity by learning about LCIF life-changing work and how to support its work. Bridges can also be build through Club Twinning. This makes friends and build harmony as a Lions club twin. The President encourages clubs to join in partnership in an international humanitarian mission, to sponsor the next generation of leaders and ambassadors of peace through Youth Camps and Exchange Programmes and to participate in the Peace Poster Contest which is held annually for kids.



GUESS NUMBER OF BALLOONS

An idea by Lion John Towell, Fund Raising Chairman, to raise funds by getting people to guess the number of balloons in a car was realised during the weekend July 18-19 at the Sliema promenade. Several Lions led by Lion President Chris Borg Cardona took turns to encourage passersby to make a donation of one euro and guess the number of balloons in the Volkswagen Polo made available by Continental Cars of Msida, and have a chance to win a hundred euro.

Among those helping out were Lions Louis Sciberras, John Towell and his wife Christine, newly appointed Secretary Lion Alexander Arena and his wife Silvana, Maria Beaney, Vivienne Zammit, Joe Messina, Edwin Camenzuli and two new members Edward Zammit and

Despite various attempts to guess the number of balloons in the car, no one manage to guess the exact number of 104 although there were close guesses above 100.

Photo: Lion Secretary Alexander Arena explaining the competition to a passerby.



SPARE RIBS NIGHT

One of the major fund-raising events organised by our Club has always been the Spare Ribs Night.

Once again this year this event was held at the Marsa Sports Club and attracted a good number of members and their friends.

For many years the Spare Ribs Night was held at the

Malta Union Club and on other occasions at "Razett tal-Hiberija" at Marsaskala always attracting a good number of people who could also see members of our Club preparing the spare ribs. Amongst these were Lions Victor Borg Barthet, Frank Galea, the late Anthony Savona, and several others.

Though presently the Club does not organise social events to raise funds, the Spare Ribs Night held in July still attracts a good number of members and non members.

During this year's event a raffle for various prizes was held. This raffle raised a nice sum of money for the philanthropic funds. Raffles tickets were drawn by Ms. Jowita Mircea seen above with Lion President Chris Borg Cardona and Lion Louis Sciberras.

CLUB SUB COMMITTEES

At the last meeting before the summer recess, various sub committees were approved amongst these the Fund-Raising sub committee which is composed of Lions John Towell as Chairman, Louis Sciberras and Maria Beaney.

The Fund Spending sub-committee is chaired by First Vice President Lion John Rusher with Lions Carmel Azzopardi and Pio Gatt as members.

Outgoing Secretary Lion Joe Messina together with the new Secretary Lion Alexander Arena and Lions John Rusher and Pio Gatt form the Welfare Sub Committee.

Lion Louis Sciberras will be co-ordinator of the Peace Poster Competition.

The International Liaison sub-committee will be formed by Immediate Past President Lion Victor Borg Barthet, Lions Maria Beaney and Tom A. Restall.

Chairman of the Arts Fund is Past President Alphonse Mac Donald with Lions Ian Lochhead, John Towell and IPP Victor Borg Barthet as members.

Lions Vivienne Zammit and Betty Calleja will be responsible to organise the party for the residents at Ta' Sawra, while Lions Margaret Frendo and Isabelle Micallef will continue to organise the cultural tours which are held once monthly from October to June.

Lion Edwin Camenzuli together with Lion Joe Messina will be responsible to organise the lottery (another source to raise funds), while Lions Hans Wijnberg, Ian Lochhead and Joe Messina will be responsible to co-ordinate the visit of the Tenby Welsh Choir.



MEDITERRANEAN LIONS CONFERENCE MALTA

Preparations are in full swing for the 19th Mediterranean Lions Conference which is being held in Malta from March 17 to 19, 2016.

The conference which is being held at the Corinthia San Gorg is expected to attract a good number of Lions from the Mediterranean Littoral. Zone Chairman Lion Tom A. Restall is Chairman of the Conference which is being held jointly by Lions Club Sliema, Mdina and St. Paul's Bay. Initially Lions Club Malta (Host) were also going to be one of the organisers but the club opted out.

It is not easy to organise a conference of this importance but the Organising Committee have done a lot of work to ensure that the conference will be a success. Club members IPP Victor Borg Barthet and Joe Messina have been done a lot of preparatory work for the conference.

Lion Jan Pantzar has set up the conference website in a professional manner. Hopefully this will be on line in the second week in August so that overseas Lions would be able to start booking for the conference.

Lion Alfred Micallef Attard who has vast experience in the financial sphere has accepted to be the Financial Officer for the conference together with a representative of the other two clubs.

Whilst there is still a lot of work to be done before the conference takes place despite lack of sponsorship the Organising Committee are looking forward to make the 2016 Malta Conference a success. There is still a lot to be done but **where there is a will, there's a way** and we will succeed.



THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

LION TAMER:

The Lion Tamer shall have charge of and be responsible for the property and paraphernalia of the club, including flags, banners, gong, gavel, song books and button board. He/she shall put each in the proper place before each meeting and return the same to the proper storage area after each meeting. He/she shall act as sergeant-at-arms at meetings, see that those present are properly seated, and distribute bulletins, favors and literature as required at club and board meetings. He/she shall give special attention to assure that each new member sits with a different group at each meeting so that he/she can become better acquainted.

TAIL TWISTER:

He/she shall promote harmony, good fellowship, life and enthusiasm in the meetings through appropriate stunts and games and he judicious imposition of fines on club members. There shall be no ruling from his/her decision in imposing a fine, provided, however that no fine shall exceed an amount fixed by the Board of Directors of this club, and no member shall be fined more than twice at any one meeting. The Tail Twister may not be fined except by the unanimous vote of all members present. All monies collected by the Tail Twister shall be immediately turned over to the Treasurer and a receipt is given.

Note: The office of a Lion Tamer and that of the Tail Twister is optional. This means that a club may not appoint these officers.

