



CLUB ACTIVITIES



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12 Charter Night*

Venue to be announced

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NEXT MEETING: Kindly note that our next meeting is on Wednesday September 7th at 7.00 p.m. At the Victoria Hotel, Sliema. There will be no meetings during August since most of the members will be away on holiday.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Lions who have not yet paid their membership dues for the Lionistic Year 2016/2017 are kindly requested to do so at the earliest opportunity. Cheques payable to "Lions Club Sliema" are to be sent to our Club Treasurer Lion Carmel Azzopardi at his home address (11 Main Street, Dingli DGL1830) or the Club's address (P.O.BOX 62, Sliema SLM 1000).

CLUB OUTINGS: The monthly Club Cultural Outings will recommence on the first Sunday of October. Lions Margaret Frendo and Isabelle Micallef have been appointed by the Board to organise these outings which are usually followed by lunch. The outings are very popular and Club members can also invite their friends to join. Further information will be forwarded nearer to date by IPP Lion Victor Borg Barthet.

LIONS PIN

All Lions should wear the Lions Pin with pride everywhere they go and more especially when attending Lions functions and meetings. A gentle reminder that if a Lion does not wear the Lions Pin at meetings he should be fined for failing to do so. Wear the Lions Pin with pride.



AUGUST 2016

FROM THE PEN OF OUR PRESIDENT



As the incoming President for this Lionistic year my thoughts have turned to what is Lionism all about, how can we do more, and what is the commitment of becoming a Lion?

The main reason to become a Lion is to help others, with the help of all the members of their club, we can work and raise funds to allow Lions to offer their assistance where needed in our community.

We often, perhaps glibly, utter the Lions motto **"WE SERVE"**. The challenge is-how much do we serve and how often? Are all members of a club equal in their service? Well of course note, all clubs, including Lions Clubs will have some members who are more involved, more enthusiastic and more knowledgeable than others. On the other hand, if a member can look at him/herself and say: "Can I Serve More" and the answer is "Yes", then the Club provides a means to move forward and make a difference.

It is not just Lionism that might drive us to help others, it is also part of our human nature. Lionism gives us a structure and sometimes a reward for helping others, together. Here are some quotations to think on, when considering your service.

"For it is in giving that we receive" St. Francis of Assisi

"The sole meaning in life is the serve humanity" Leo Tolstoy

"We make a living by what we get, we make a live by what we give"
Winston Churchill

"If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap.

If you want happiness for a day, go fishing.

If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune.

If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody".

Chinese proverb.

Lions Logo Refresh

In nearly 100 years of use, the Lions logo has changed and evolved. But it has always stood for the same idea:

We Serve



1917: Note the visual pun in this early logo: a Lion and a club.

1920: This rendering with monogrammed L and back-to-back lions is the basis for the logo today.



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KNOW MORE ABOUT LIONS

The first recorded meeting of Lions Clubs International was on June 7, 1917 at the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, USA. It set the stage for organisation later that year in Dallas, Texas, of today's international association.



The first Lions Convention was held in Dallas on July 21, 1917.

The first international Convention to be held outside the United States, was held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada in July 1931. Canada was the first nation outside the United States to host Lions Clubs. At this time membership had reached just over 80,000.

During the Second World War Lionism continued to grow with clubs being chartered in El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Venezuela and Peru.

It took until 1948 for the first Lions Club to be chartered in Europe this being Stockholm Lions Club on May 23, 1948. Actually the then International President Fred W. Smith had presented a charter to the Geneva Lions Club on May 19. However the Swedish Club completed organizational requirements before the Geneva Lions and hence Stockholm is considered to be the first Lions Club in Europe. England welcome Lions in March 1950. Walter C. Fisher, the then International President stated that - *The highlight of my year as international President was in presenting the charter to the first Lions Club in England*". By the end of 1950 there were 402841 members, 8055 clubs in 28 nations.

"WE SERVE" became the association's official motto at the International Convention in New York City in 1954. It symbolises the moving spirit of Lionism: to help others, to tear away the shrouds of ignorance and distrust that separate one human being from another. The dominant theme for these last 62 years, WE SERVE is daily translated from words to living reality on every continent.

EUROPA FORUM 2016 - SOFIA



The 2016 Europa Forum is being held in Sofia, Bulgaria, from 27 to 29 October.

The Forum is being held at the National Palace of Culture—Congress Centre in Sofia.

The Europa Forum brings together Lions from all over Europe every year to discuss matters relating to Lions.

The International President and other leading officials usually attend the Forum.

This year's chosen theme by the Organisers is "UNITED TO SERVE".

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TWINNED CLUB - SFAX THYNA

One of our twinned clubs in the Mediterranean is Lions Club Sfax Thyna. This club was chartered in 1982 and forms part of District 414- Tunisia.

The Club is very active and organises various activities to help the communities of Sfax and nearby villages. Among the projects undertaken in recent years were those to inoculate children to prevent chicken pox. Since various doctors are members of this Club they have also launched a programme to help people suffering from various ailments. One project was aimed for people have eye sight problems like catarrhs. Operations were not only performed at a clinic in the city but also in a mobile clinic which visited rural areas around the industrial city of Sfax.

A delegation from LC Sfax Thyna were in Malta last March for the 2016 Mediterranean Lions Conference. The occasion also served to renew contacts with the Tunisian Lions. During the meeting it was suggested that we exchange visits with Sfax and to embark on mutual projects.

ARTS FUND PRESENTATION

Three Maltese students who won scholarships from the Ian Tomlin Fund to study at the Ian Tomlin School of Music which is part of the University of Edinburgh are being supported by Lions Club Sliema to further their studies. While tuition fees are covered by the scholarship, the students have to fork out expenses for travel and lodging. After applying for help from the Lions Club Sliema Arts Fund, the Club donated a cheque of one thousand euro to each student to cover these expenses.



Their acceptance at Edinburgh was ample indication of their capabilities, so it was decided to help with the contribution.

The three students are Michael Cutajar who is studying the clarinet, Beatrix Calleja who is studying the clarinet and piano (*second left in photo*) and Gabrielle Sargent (*third left*) who is a soprano.

The presentation of the cheques was made by Club President Lion John Rusher on August 16 at the residence of Past President Ian Lochhead and his wife Elizabeth.

Lion President made a short speech about Lions Clubs International and the work that we do. He also presented the students with a copy of the Club's 40th anniversary commemorative booklet and a club bannerette.

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Lion President John asked the students to keep in touch and they not only assured us that they would, but also suggested that they might make a small concert for the Club some day soon. As Lion Ian Lochhead said "that could be good!".

While on this subject it is worth noting what is the scope of having the Lions Club Sliema Arts Fund.

The Arts Fund primary aim is "to promote the study of the arts in the Maltese Islands by providing financial support to deserving recipients".

The Arts Fund Committee, currently chaired by PP Lion Alfred Micallef Attard, is appointed by the Board of Directors for a period of two year is composed of five persons who shall be appointed for a period two years with the said period being renewable.

The Committee may invite experts to assist in the consideration of a particular item and may constitute such sub-committees as it deems necessary from time to time, such sub-committees having terms of reference and being constituted as the Committee deem fit.

The activities of the Committee shall be carried out through:

- The creation and maintenance of systems designed to facilitate the collection and distribution of funds for the financial assistance of appropriate persons.
- The organisation and/or support of complementary activities (for example publications, seminars, exhibitions, performances and conferences etc.) that are likely to enhance the activities of the Committee.
- The contribution towards any particular function considered to be in conformity with the stated aims of the Committee and that in one way or another will be of benefit to the artistic community.