



## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

**Membership Dues:** (a) Semi-annual membership dues of twenty one dollars and fifty cents (US\$21.50) denominated in US dollars shall be levied on each club member based upon the membership of each club as shown by its membership report of June and December and shall be paid by each club to the international office as shall be determined by the International Board of Directors, except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) herein.

(b) For family membership programmes as adopted by the International Board of Directors, the following dues shall apply:

1. The first family member shall pay semi-annual membership dues as provided in sub-section (a) above.
2. Subsequent qualifying family members, not to exceed four additional qualifying members per household, shall pay semi-annual membership dues equal to one half (1/2) of the total amount paid by the first family member as described in subsection (b) (1) above.

(c) For student membership programmes as adopted by the International Board of Directors, eligible student members shall pay semi-annual membership dues equal to one half (1/2) of the total amount of dues as provided in sub-section (a)

**Carrying Charge:** The International Board of Directors shall be empowered to levy a carrying charge, as it may set from time to time, at a rate not to exceed the maximum amount permitted by law, on past due club account balances as determined by the board.

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## GENTLE REMINDER



**Membership subscription for 2015/2016 is now due. Members who have not yet paid the fee, are kindly requested to affect this at their earliest convenience, preferably by cheque payable to Lions Club Sliema and sent to the Club Treasurer Lion Carmel Azzopardi P.O. Box 100, Sliema.**



JULY 2015

## 2015-2016 PRESIDENT



64 year old Lion Chris Borg Cardona who is the incoming President has been a member of our club since 2002. He has already served as President during the 2006/07 Lionistic Year.

Lion Chris who is married to Victoria nee Soler has a son and daughter and grandfather of two.

Before going into business on his own, Lion Chris was an accountant in his family's business.

In 1984 left the family business and set up a new company dealing with the importation of veterinary pharmaceuticals, veterinary and surgical equipment, livestock equipment and laboratory supplies. Lion Chris was President of the Society for the Protection and Care of Animals (SPCA) for two years,

In his younger Lion Chris who was educated at St. Aloysius College was a keen sportsman and won the Malta Amateur Wrestling Cup in 1971 and the Christmas Clay Pigeon Shooting Cup in 1974 and a member of the Maltese Bowling team to win the amateur American tournament in 1975.

As a Lion he was Chairman of the Fund-Raising and the Events Committee organising cultural talks and outings.

Lion Chris is also a Melvin Jones Fellow. As the new Club President intends to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors to keep Lions Club Sliema in the forefront of Lionism in Malta, and to increase membership.



## MEDITERRANEAN LIONS CONFERENCE

Preparations for the 2016 Mediterranean Lions Conference are in full swing. Representatives from LC Mdina and St. Paul's Bay and our Club have been meeting regularly under the Chairmanship of Zone Chairman Lion Tom A. Restall. The Conference will be held at the Corinthia San Gorg from March 17 to 19.

It is envisaged that the incoming International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada and the First Vice International President Robert E. Corlew will be present for this important international manifestation which is being held in Malta for a second time. Moreover other officers have expressed their intention to attend the conference amongst whom is the outgoing International President Joe Preston.

The theme of the conference is **"Cultural Diversity in the Mediterranean"**. Speakers from various countries bordering the Mediterranean have signified their intention to attend.

With the expert help of Club member Jan Pantzar a web site is being set up and will become operative in the next few days. Information about hotel accommodation and the conference programme will be available.

Club members IPP Victor Borg Barthet and outgoing Secretary Joe Messina have been doing sterling work in preparation for the conference. The representatives of the other two participating Clubs have also given their output.

For the Conference to be a success besides having a good number of Lions from all countries bordering "mare nostrum", the participation of local Lions during the conference is important. During this event there will be a need for several volunteers.

The Organising Committee is confident that Maltese Lions will do their utmost to help. The Committee is also confident that several Lions will be in Malta for the occasion. No stone is being left unturned to make this conference a success. To date there has been several enquiries from Italy, Spain, Lebanon, Tunisia, Turkey and Greece. We are sure other countries will follow suit.

## AWARDS NIGHT & END OF LIONISTIC YEAR DINNER

The Awards Presentation Dinner which also served as the end of social activities for the Lionistic Year was held at the Victoria Hotel on Saturday June 21st. The evening was also the occasion for Lion Victor Borg Barthet to hand over the chain of office to the incoming 2015/16 President Lion Chris Borg Cardona.

Outgoing President Lion Victor Borg Barthet thanked all members who made his two years as President memorable since these coincided with the 40th anniversary celebrations held in November 2014 for which IPP Barry Palmer was present. The President also thanked Lion Joe Messina who after ten years as Club Secretary was relinquishing his post. He also welcomed Lion Alexander Arena who was appointed Club Secretary.

Awards were presented to various Lions for their contribution to the Club's successful year, amongst whom John Towell, the Fund-Raising Chairman, Carmel Azzopardi, Treasurer, Margaret Frendo and Isabelle Micallef, who organised the monthly cultural meetings, Louis Sciberras, Hans Wijnberg and Matteo Lamanna.

Two new members were introduced to the gathering. They are Maria Beaney and Edward Zammit.

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### NEW CLUB SECRETARY



Lion Alexander Arena has been appointed Club Secretary after Lion Joe Messina decided to relinquish the post.

Though Lion Alexander is a relatively new member he has shown enthusiasm and dedication in the short time he has joined the Club. So much so that he was instrumental to obtain 12 food hampers which were given to needy families.

Lion Alexander is a Graduate in Business Law and Accountancy and is currently employed as a Divisional Manager Food & Beverage with P. Cutajar & Co. Ltd.

He is married to Silvana nee Galea and has one daughter Jessica Ruth.

## OUTING TO HAL MILLIERI



14th of June saw the last outing of the season to be organized by Lions Club Sliema.

The visit took us to the lost village of Hal Millieri, where one can still visit the chapel of the Annunciation.

The Chapel is one of the best remaining example of a Maltese Medieval Chapel. Its frescoes single it out as a unique surviving example. We also visited the nearby chapel dedicated to St John the Evangelist.

The Annunciation Chapel is looked after by Din L'Art Helwa. It was also Din L'Art Helwa which saw to its rehabilitation and restoration after years of abandonment

*Editor's Note: Thank you Lion Margaret Frendo for providing this write-up.*

*As Lion President Victor Borg Barthet stated at the June 17th meeting, monthly tours to places of interest will be resumed in September.*





*Group photo LC Salerno Arechi and LC Sliema Malta at twinning gala dinner—June 4, 2015*



*Cutting Celebration Cake*

## **RETURN TWINNING WITH LIONS CLUB SALERNO ARECHI**

A group of Club members led by Lion President Victor Borg Barthet spent six days in Salerno in early June. The purpose of the visit was to conclude the twinning with Lions Club Salerno Arechi.

The official ceremony which was held at the Club Cannotieri in Salerno was held on June 5 and was attended by over 100 Lions from LC Salerno Arechi and other clubs in Campania.

The event also commemorated the 28th Charter Anniversary of our twinned club whose President Dott,essa Carmela Fulgione Sessa will be leading the club for another year. Among the distinguished Lions present were Past District Governors and First Vice Governors of Multiple District 108YA.

Our hosts organised cultural tours to Pompei, Paestum and Naples visiting interesting historical sites. Expert guides conducted the tours, while several LC Salerno Arechi members also accompanied our members. Special thanks are due to Lions Paolo and Danilo Gattola who accompanied our club members on every occasion and who left no stone unturned to make this visit a success.

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## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**

During the Arts Festival along the Sliema Seafront on Saturday July 18 and Sunday July 19, the Club will be organising a fund-raising activity. A car kindly put at our disposal by Continental Cars will be filled with inflated balloons and passers-by during the evening will be asked to state how many balloons are in the car. They will be asked to make a donation of one euro and with the person guessing the exact number of balloons will be given a cash prize of one hundred euro.

The usual popular "Spare Ribs" Night will be held possibly in late July. Further details of this fund-raising activity will be announced in due course. The Organising Sub Committee is hoping to have a good number of members and their guests attending.