

CLUB ACTIVITIES



FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

- SATURDAY JULY 9** Spare Ribs Night - Marsa Sports Club
- SATURDAY JULY 16)** Guess Number of Balloons in Car
SUNDAY JULY 17) Venue: Sliema Tower Road Promenade
- SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12** Charter Night*

- Venue to be announced
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PEACE POSTER COMPETITION 2016

The 29th Peace Poster Competition has been launched with the theme:

A Celebration of Peace

Once again our Club will be taking part in this competition. Through this competition youth will be encouraged to express their feelings of peace. Participation in this competition will also give our Club more exposure. Lion Louis Sciberras has once again been entrusted to liaise with the Education Department to encourage children to participate in this important event.



JUNE 2016



2016/17 CLUB PRESIDENT

Lion John Rusher is the Club's 38th President and will be in office for the Lionistic Year 2016/2017.



Lion John and his wife Julie moved to Malta with his children in 2007 and live permanently here owning property. His children also have their schooling locally.

John's line of work has been over 36 years experience in financial services including banking, compliance, investments and being part of some of the largest banks and insurance companies in the UK.

John sits on boards for various local NGOs. He loves computers, technology, astronomy, cricket, photography and travel.

John believes that the Lions in Malta should always strive to reach the highest principles of service and charitable enterprise, working together effectively to give more back to our community.

Above photo of Lion John Rusher and his wife Julie was taken at the 2016 Mediterranean Lions Conference last March

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DONATION TO HOSPICE MOVEMENT

On June 24 Mr Kenneth Delia on behalf of the Malta Hospice Movement was presented with a donation Euro 1600 by Lion President Chris Borg Cardona on behalf of Lions Club Sliema and the Royal Malta Golf Club. The amount was raised during the "Alex Mangion Golf Tournament" which was held in March at the Golf Club .

The tournament is a fundraiser when the 80 competitors donated a sum according to the number of points obtained on the golf course. The amount of Euro 800 that was raised by the golfers was matched by Lions Club Sliema from funds raised during fund-raising activities.

Through this tournament which is held annually in memory of Lion Alex Mangion who was Captain of the Royal Malta Golf Club and an active member of our Club over Euro 50000 have been raised and donated to various organisations.

Picture above:

Mr Kenneth Delia receiving the cheque from Lion Chris Borg Cardona in the presence of Ms Anna Zammit from Hospice Malta and Lion Joe Messina.

CULTURAL TOUR

Lion Margaret Frendo reports:

Since June was to be a busy month with overseas visits for members, the June cultural outing was held on May 29. Nancy Calamatta kindly accepted our request to guide us at the Mediterranean Film Facilities at Kalkara.

Narcy talked us through the setting up of the film making industry in Malta. He was very much involved in the setting up of the Mediterranean Film Facilities where are to be found three water tanks. The three water tanks known as Surface Marine Tank, Deep Tank and Covered Insert Tank are among the largest in the world and also among the few to operate with a natural sea horizon as a backdrop.

The tanks were built about fifty years ago and among the many films shot there are Raise the Titanic (1980), White Squall (1986), Swept Away (2002) and Captain Philips (2013). During our tour of the facilities we also saw a few scale models of boats and ships as well as sharks used in films.

Lunch was a happier experience this time. Lion George Attard arranged for us to eat at the open air restaurant of the Marsa Sports Club. He also chose a set menu. Lion Bella Micallef very enthusiastically took everyone's order and collected a handsome sum of 150 Euros, 110 of which went into the Club's Philanthropic Account. A good time was had by all those who attended. This outing was the final one for the year.

Photo below: The Lions party listening attentively to Mr Calamatta.



HANDOVER/AWARDS DINNER

The Handover/Awards Dinner which is held at the end of every Lionistic Year was held at the Palace Hotel on Tuesday June 28.

Outgoing President Lion Chris Borg Cardona presented awards to deserving Lions who merited them, amongst whom were Lion Secretary Alex Arena, Lion Treasurer Carmelo Azzopardi, Lion Vivienne Zammit who is the Membership Chairperson. Lion Margaret Frendo who organises the monthly cultural tours and Lion Isabell Micallef who books restaurants for lunch after the tour.

A new member namely Victoria Muscat was presented with the Lions badge. She will be formally inducted later on during Charter Night as is the custom with our Club.

During the evening International President Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Lions Lorna Farrugia, George O. Attard and Louis Sciberras. These certificates were presented on behalf of the International President by the Zone Chairman Lion Tom A. Restall.



Lion John

Before the convivial occasion came to a close Lion Chris Borg Cardona handed over the chain of office to the incoming President Lion John Rusher. In a short speech Lion John said that he is looking forward to being President of Lions Club Sliema and hoped that his year will be a successful one.

INTERNATIONAL SECOND VICE PRESIDENT 2016/2017

Lion Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir of Gardatbaer, Iceland, has been elected as International Second Vice President during the 2016 Convention held at Fukuoka, Japan, on June 28. This is the first time that a lady has been elected to this high office of Lions Club International. Lion Gudrun will hence become the International President of our Association within the next two years. Lion Gudrun was in Malta for the 2016 Mediterranean Lions Conference. Hopefully she will visit Malta again during her time as International President.

Lion Victor Borg Barthet reports on the recent visit to Bologna.

INCONTRI :

Visit to Lions Club Castenaso-Villanova Gozzadini at Bologna.

The aim of the visit which was held in early June was to establish closer ties with the Clubs that we are twinned with. Lions Club Castenaso have shown great interest in this and offered to host the first of such meetings to work out the way how this initiative can be brought forward.

A mini-conference meeting was organised and attended also by Lions Club Bosco Marengo Santa Croce one of our other twinned clubs in Italy. At the meeting various ideas were put forward as how we can cooperate further for the benefit of all of us. The main task is to persuade the other clubs to actively join this initiative to collaborate more closely on joint ventures. A report of what was discussed will be made available by the Host club and this will be further discussed at Board meetings.

Lions Club Castenaso prepared a well organised programme. The Sliema Lions were taken to various places of interests and superb restaurants. All the 22 participants from our Club had a good time and are already looking forward to future *"incontri"*.

The next meeting will be hosted by Lions Club Bosco Marengo Santa Croce at Alessandria, a town near Turin.

At the Club's last Board meeting, I was appointed to represent our Club for discussions relating to the *"incontri"*. I will have the invaluable help of Lion Alfred Micallef Attar and others to work out and implement ways of formulating the basis of this collaboration.

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Sliema and Italian Lions at Bologna