



CULTURAL VISIT



The April cultural visit is being held on Sunday 10th to the Zabbar Parish Church and Museum. The Zabbar Parish is this year celebrating 400 years since it became a parish.

Members going for this cultural visit are to be in front of the parish church at 0930 since the visit to the church is being held between masses. Entrance to the museum costs 4 Euro per person.

After the visit to Zabbar, lunch will be at "La Favorita" Restaurant in Marsaskala. Members are to contact IPP Lion Victor Borg Barthet on 99485696 or email victorb@weller.com.mt or Lion Isabelle Micallef on 79378821 or email copyclub@maltanet.mt

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CLUB MEETING: The next Club meeting is on Wednesday April 6 at 6.30 p.m. The meeting is being held at the IMPERIAL HOTEL.

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ANOTHER COUNTRY JOINS LIONS INTERNATIONAL: During the recent International Board meeting held in Savannah, USA, it was decided that Palestine will be accepted as member of Lions Clubs International. Palestine will join District 351 which comprises Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq.

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2018 MEDITERRANEAN LIONS CONFERENCE: During the meeting of the Mediterranean Solidarity Organisation held during the Malta Conference it was decided that the 2018 Mediterranean Lions Conference will be held in Antalya, Turkey. Heraklion, the capital city of Crete was the other candidate.



MARCH 2016



19th MEDITERRANEAN LIONS CONFERENCE 17-19 MARCH 2016

After months of preparation the 19th Mediterranean Lions Conference is now history.

Around 400 delegates from all over the Mediterranean were present for the Conference, The International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, the First Vice President Bob Corlew and the Immediate Past International President Lion Joe Preston were also present together with two International Directors namely Lion Gabriele Sabatosanti of Italy and Dr. Helmut Marhuer of Germany besides various Past International Directors, District Governors and Past District Governors.

Thanks to the efforts put in by various members of our Club, the Conference went smoothly. Messages of congratulations for a successful conference were received from several delegations.

The attendance at sessions was high especially for the session on "Migration". 17 speakers addressed this theme. Quite a high number as the Chairperson of this session commented. Unfortunately due to time restrictions given to each speaker, a few of them were disappointed as they could not finish their presentation. The session on "Solar Energy" was also interesting with speakers outlining how the use of solar energy could help our environment.

The three social events were also well attended with 375 persons sitting for the Gala Dinner and over 280 for the Maltese evening held at the Montekristo Estate.

At the closing ceremony the Conference flag was handed over to Lion Dr. Mahmoud El Maghraby of Cairo who is the Chairman of the Organising Committee of the 20th Mediterranean Lions Conference being held in Alexandria, Egypt, from March 30th to April 1st 2017.

MEETING WITH SFAX THYNA LIONS

Prior to the Conference Gala Dinner Lions from our Club led by Club President Lion Chris Borg Cardona held a short meeting with a group of Lions from Sfax Thyna with which our Club has been twinned for a good number of years.

During the meeting it was agreed that more contacts should be kept with our Tunisian friends whose club is also twinned with Lions Club St. Nicolai of Beirut, Lebanon. It was suggested that our Club should likewise twin with the Lebanese club so that the three clubs would work together in a spirit of friendship and understanding.

The meeting was held in the presence of the International President and the District Governors of Tunisia (D414) and Lebanon (351).

Twinning between Lions Clubs from the Mediterranean is recommended by the Mediterranean Solidarity Organisation and quite a few clubs are twinned.



Recipients of Awards

WE SERVE

PROTOCOL OFFICERS

During the visit of the Executive Officers in Malta, two of our Club members namely PP Frank Galea and Lion Louis Sciberras acted as Protocol Officers to the International President and the International First Vice President Bob Corlew.



AWARDS TO CLUB MEMBERS

During the Gala Dinner held on Saturday March 20th at the Corinthia St. George's on the occasion of the Mediterranean Lions Conference, IPP Lion Victor Borg Barthet and Lions Alfred Micallef Attard and Joe Messina were awarded the Leadership Medal by the International President. Lion Tom A. Restall, Conference Chairman, was awarded the President Award. Club President Lion Chris Borg Cardona and Club Treasurer Carmelo Azzopardi were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation.



Lion Alfred Micallef Attard (left) and Lion Joe Messina (right) being presented with the Leadership Medal by the International President

Bonjour cher Tom

Au nom de la delegation tunisienne et en mon nom personnel, je te presente mes felicitations les plus sincerres pour la bonne organisation et l'excellente reussite de la 19th Mediterranean Conference, tenue les 15-16 et 17 mars 2016 Corrinthia Hotel Malte.

Mes amities

Mohamed Damak

Gouverneur District 414 Tunisie

PRESENTATION TO INTERNTIONAL PRESIDENT

Conference Chairman Lion Tom A. Restall presented the traditional Maltese dghajsa to the Executive Officers from Oak Brook. Lion Tom is seen presenting the gift to the International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada.



Gifts were also presented to IPIP Joe Preston and First Vice President Bob Corlew and his wife Diane.

The International President presented his personal bannerette to recipients of awards.

The President's Award medal was also presented to Lion Mary Ann Abela and Lion Ronne Cauchi President of Lions Club Mdina and Lions Club St. Paul's Bay.

COURTESY VISIT TO PRESIDENT OF MALTA



While in Malta the International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada accompanied by the Conference Chairman and the Presidents of Lions Club Sliema, Mdina and St. Paul's Bay paid a courtesy visit to the President of the Republic Marie Louise Coleiro Preca at San Anton Palace. Her Excellency was presented with the Lions Head of State Medal and a crystal lion mounted on a marble plinth embossed with the LIONS logo.

During the visit Her Excellency briefed the International President on the work of the Malta Community Chest Fund and how it is helping people suffering from cancer especially children to receive treatment overseas.

The two Presidents exchanged views on other philanthropic matters.

President Marie Louise Coleiro Preca praised the involvement of Maltese Lions in community activities. She said that she was fully aware of what Lions do to help in various philanthropic activities held in Malta.