

## CHARTER NIGHT



This year's Gala Dinner to celebrate the Club's Anniversary of Charter is being held at the **PALACE HOTEL** on Saturday November 7th at 8.00 p.m. For 8.30 p.m.

Paid up Members are reminded that they do not have to pay to attend the Gala Dinner. Partners and any other guests pay Euro 40 for the dinner.

It is hoped that a good number of members and their guests attend this event.

Bookings with Lion Joe Messina (email: [messi242@gmail.com](mailto:messi242@gmail.com)) or Lion Secretary Alexander Arena (email: [awe@maltanet.net](mailto:awe@maltanet.net))

Early booking is recommended.

## VISIT TO DAR TAL-PROVIDENZA

As part of the week dedicated to World Lions, the Lions Club Malta Zone are organising a visit to Dar tal-Providenza in Siggiewi. This visit is scheduled for Sunday October 11th. Mass will be said by Fr. Martin Micallef, the Director of the Home, at 1100.

As has been the practice each Club will be making a donation to the Home.

Members are invited to attend this event and show solidarity with the residents of the Home who need constant care.

## DID YOU KNOW?

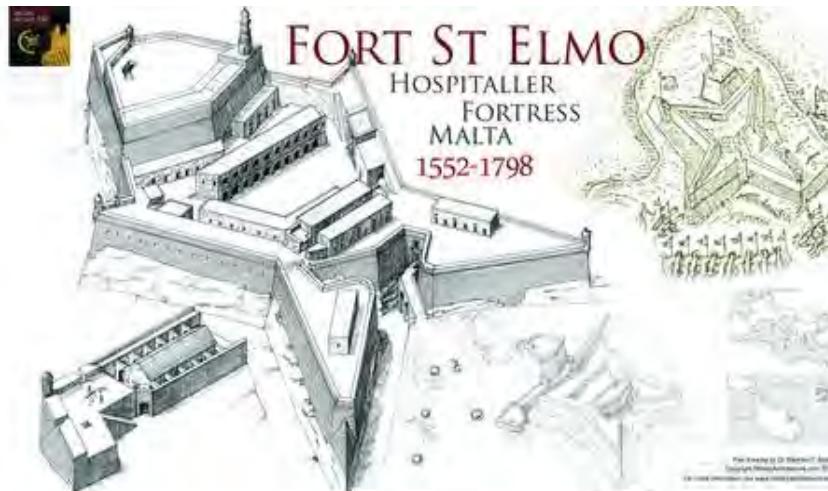
That the first Melvin Jones Fellowship Award ever given in Malta was given to the Founder of Dar tal-Providenza, the late Mons. Mikiel Azzopardi who set up the home 50 years ago.



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## CULTURAL TOURS

The first cultural tour of the Lionistic Year 2015/2016 is being held on Sunday October 18. We will be visiting the restored Fort St. Elmo which was the Knights' Hospitaller Fortress between 1552 to 1798.



Lion Margaret Frendo will be the tour guide. She will no doubt explain the importance that the fortress had during time of the Knights in Malta.

While at Fort St. Elmo, Lions would be able to see the "IN GUARDIA" enactment.

Further details will be made in a circular nearer to the date.

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*Club members are invited to contribute articles for the newsletter. Comments or ideas on how to improve the newsletter are welcome. I try to make the newsletter as informative as possible. However it is not always easy to find adequate material to keep the newsletter interesting, hence I ask for the support of members to come forward with their suggestions.      The Editor*

## THINGS TO KNOW

Each Lion Club appoints a Treasurer who administers the Club's funds. Normally a Club has two accounts the Public (Activity) Funds and the Administrative Funds.

The **Public (Activity) Funds account** is commonly known as the Philanthropic Account and is any funds therein are used solely for services of a philanthropic nature. According to Lions International statute, all funds raised from the public must be returned to public use, including money accumulated from invested public funds. The only deductions that may be made from the activity account are the direct operating expenses of the fundraising activity. Money accumulated from interest must also be returned to public use.

**Administrative Funds** are supported through contributions from members through dues, fines and other individual contributions.

The individual membership dues go into this account. From the annual dues paid by members, each Club has to forward the international dues of each member to Lions Clubs International at Oakbrook.

A Club may have other accounts as for example our Club has the Arts Fund, an account solely used to promote arts among youths. This was setup a few years ago and there is a Sub Committee whose members propose to the Board of Directors any project benefitting an individual or group to further his/her studies in arts.

It is important for members to note that the Club which is registered as a Voluntary Organisation has still to submit a yearly balance sheet to the Inland Revenue Department and also a balance sheet to the Director of Voluntary Organisations. This shows how important it is to keep accurate accounts. The Club is fortunate that for several years we have had capable and hard-working Treasurers and Lions who despite relinquishing the office of Club Treasurer continued to give advice and help the Lion acting as Club Treasurer.

Though a voluntary philanthropic organ each Lions Club must abide by the laws of the country.

*WE SERVE*



### A VISIT TO BRIGHTON

While on a private visit to Brighton, our Membership Chairperson Lion Vivienne Zammit met Lion Pete Dilloway from LC Brighton and exchanged bannerettes. Lion Vivienne was accompanied by her husband Lion Valhmor Borg

*Editor's note: Any member going abroad and having time to meet fellow Lions can obtain details of Lions Clubs in the city they are visiting from the Lions International website. It is common practice for visiting Lions to greet fellow Lions at their meetings if they happen to have a meeting at the time of the visit.*

*Our Club had a good number of overseas Lions attending our meetings during which the visiting Lions are invited to speak about their Club's activities and to also exchange views about Lionism. It is amazing how much you learn from such encounters. The spirit of friendship and cooperation always comes to the fore and often contact is kept between visiting Lions and members of our Club.*



### MALTA REPRESENTED AT THE 2015 LIONS WORLD CONGRESS IN HONOLULU

Lion Beat Hiestand who is a Member-at-Large of our Club together with his Maltese born wife Angela Hiestand-Zerafa represented Malta during the ceremonial parade at the 2015 Lions World Congress in Honolulu.

Lion Beat who has dual Maltese/Swiss citizenship and his Maltese born wife were the smallest national delegation in the parade. Their participation at the parade was possible after a lot of paperwork undertaken by Lion Beat.

Lion Beat is a founder member of LC Zurich-Alstadt while Angela who hails from Zurrieq is a member of LC Pfaffikersee. Lion Beat who often visits Malta makes it a point to attend our Club meetings whenever he is in Malta.

Also present at the Congress, although not taking part in the parade, were twin brothers Lion Paolo and Lion Danilo Gattola from LC Salerno Arecchi who are also Honorary Members of Lions Club Sliema.

Thank you Lions Beat and Angela for showing the Maltese flag in Honolulu.

## GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

One of the major projects undertaken by Lions worldwide is to provide guide dogs for the blind. In various countries Lions support this great project by donating funds to the various centres which train dogs.



One of these centres can be found in Limbiate (Italy) which is run on a professional basis training dogs not only for those in need in Italy but also for other countries. The Director of the centre is Lion Giovanni Fossati, a member of Lions Club Rho. He has a staff of 15 people who train the dogs.

The idea of having such a centre in Italy was mooted by a military pilot who served in the Second World War and who lost his sight in an accident. From humble beginnings the centre is now fully established. It moved to its present locality in Limbiate in the Province

of Milano occupying an area of 25,000 square metres. Besides the Director the centre employs 15 persons who train dogs from the time they are brought to the centre as puppies.

The training of a guide dog takes about six months and costs approximately 25,000 Euros until the dog can be handed over to the person in need of a guide dog. The cost also includes the stay of the person who would be receiving a guide dog while he is at the Centre for training.

In March 1986 the President of the Italian Republic decreed the centre as "Ente Morale". As a result the Centre was able to obtain public funds for its day to day operations. However these funds are not enough, hence the centre obtains funds through donations made by various entities. 47% of these donations come from Lions Club in Multiple District 108 ITALY. Most of the Italian Lions Club make an annual donation thereby making it possible for the Centre to continue its noble work.

## LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Lions around the world are united by a great spirit of giving and dedication to helping others. As the official charitable organization of **Lions Clubs International**, a leading humanitarian organization, **Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)** supports Lions' compassionate works by providing grant funding for their local and global humanitarian efforts.

LCIF helps Lions improve peoples' lives around the world, from combatting vision problems to responding to major catastrophes to providing valuable life skills to youth. Because LCIF helps Lions carry out large scale project through our grant programmes, Lions increase their impact in their local and global communities and serve even more people in need around the world.

**Funds come from individuals:** Donations from 1,4+ million Lions in 210 countries and geographic areas provide the vast majority of the revenue received by LCIF making the Foundation a leading humanitarian organization. Lions know their donations matter and that funds entrusted to LCIP will support initiatives that impact communities and change lives.

LCIF leverages donations received through effective partnerships with other foundations, corporations and governments on the local, national and international level. LCIF is proud that the foundation was named the No.1 non-governmental organization world wide with which to partner according to a 2007 *Financial Times* independent survey.

LCIF have key area of service to support Lions' mission of serving communities and meeting humanitarian needs, LCIF provides grants in these focus areas:

**Saving sight  
Serving Youth  
Providing Disaster Relief  
Meeting Humanitarian Needs**