

CLUB ACTIVITIES



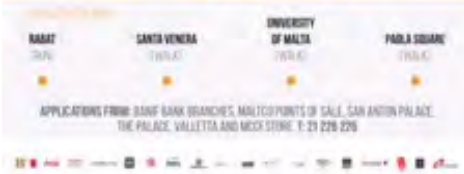
Charter Night is being held at the Palace Hotel, Sliema, on Saturday November 12. Bookings should be made with Lion Joe Messina as soon as possible. Members are reminded that they have to pay only for their companion for the dinner as their participation at the Charter Night is covered by the yearly membership fee.



PRESIDENT'S FUN RUN

At the last Zone Meeting it was agreed that in order to give more publicity to Lions activities in Malta, that members of the four clubs in Malta participate in public manifestations organised for charitable causes in Malta.

Zone Chairman Lion Mary Anne Abela is urging Lions to take part in the Fun Run which is being held on Sunday November 6 starting from St. Joseph Home in Santa Venera,



Each participant is expected to make a donation of Euro 10. Lions will be wearing a yellow T shirt with the Lions logo against payment. These shirts can be worn at other Lions' activities

and will give a larger exposure to the voluntary work done by Lions in Malta.



OCTOBER 2016

AN EXCEPTION...

When we restarted issuing the monthly newsletter it was agreed that we do not have a "Sunshine" namely announcing birthdays and/or special events of members, or to announce who is unwell. However allow me to make an exception this time.

As you all know I was unwell and also spent some time in hospital. Now I am back home but still not 100% fit. I hope that with courage I will surmount my health problems.

I wish to thank all those members who visited me in hospital, those who sent "Get well soon" messages or who rang up to enquire about my health. I really appreciated this. Moreover I wish to thank all the members who signed the GET WELL card at the last Club meeting I can assure this fine gesture was much appreciated and I thank all those who signed the card.

It is frustrating not to attend Club meetings. In my 38 years as a Lion I always made it a point to attend meetings and to say a word or two at the meetings (must be joking as I never stop).

I am glad that the Club is always looking forward to SERVE not only the Maltese community but also less fortunate people overseas, that is why we are members of the greatest philanthropic organisation in the world. When one stops to think of the many problems facing mankind, it is important to realise how lucky we are in Malta. Despite the various problems we face daily in our small nation, these are nothing compared to other problems facing mankind.

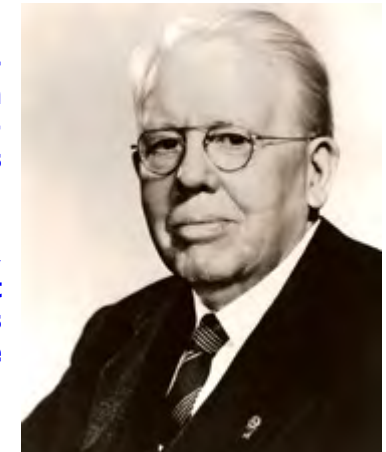
So once again thank you all for the kind messages.

WE SERVE

Tom A. Restall

WHO WAS MELVIN JONES

As Lions worldwide commence celebrating the centennial of the formation of Lions Clubs international it is appropriate to know who Melvin Jones (picture at right) was.



Melvin Jones was born on January 13, 1879 at Fort Thomas. He studied at the Union Business College in St. Louis and in 1899 he received his law degree from Chaddock College, Quincy.

In the year 1900 he became well known in Chicago as a tenor after studying at the Apollo Club where he devoted himself to classical music.

In 1901 he started work with an insurance company and in 1912 he started his own insurance agency "The Melvin Jones Insurance Agency".

He joined the Business Circle (Chicago) in 1913 and the next year he was elected Secretary of the Club, A year later he was nominated as President of the Circle, but he refused the nomination.

June 7, 1917 was the day of putting the corner stone of the International Association of Lions Clubs, at the East Room of the La Salle Hotel, Chicago. The meeting started at 12:15 noon and adjourned at 2:30 pm,

Elected Secretary/Treasurer of the Association during the first annual convention of the Association in Dallas on October 9, 1917.

His dream of internationalizing the Association was fulfilled in the year 1920 with the foundation of the Lions Club in Windsor, Ontario, Canada.



FOOD HAMPERS

For the second consecutive year the Club has organised an event to help the needy people in the Sliema area. The activity was to collect foodstuffs to be later packed as hampers and distributed to deserving people.

The event organised on October 15 at SMART SUPERMARET in B'Kara was a success. The idea of organising this event was first suggested by Lion Beat Hiestand-Zerafa. After the success of last year's event, this year between Euro 800 and Euro 1000 worth of goods were donated by people who were shopping at Smart's.

Without the participation of Lions Alex Arena, Chris Borg Cardona (and his wife Vicky), Victor Borg Barthet, Maria Beaney, Lorna Farugia, Margaret Frendo, Angela Hiestand-Zerafa, Joe Messina, Louis Sciberras, Vivienne Zammit and Club President John Rusher the event would not have been possible. Special thanks to Lion Louis who has offered to store the goods until they are made into hampers for eventual distribution at Christmas time.

Photo: Lion John Rusher and Louis Sciberras looking after the collected goods and proudly standing in front of the Club's flyer. This gave good publicity to our Club.



CONTINUING CONTACTS WITH GHANA

On Friday October 28 Lion President John Rusher together with Lions Vivienne Zammit and Margaret Frendo paid a visit to the High Commissioner of Ghana Kenneth Tachie to discuss how our Club can help needy persons in Ghana.

The visit was made after through our Club, Gauda Shoes donated a number of brand new shoes to be sent to Ghana. During the visit to Gauda Shoes, Lion President John presented the Club's 40th Anniversary bannerette to the owner of Gauda Shoes.

This donation follows the collection of used eye glasses to be given to Ghanaian patients which the High Commissioner will be personally handing over to a hospital in Ghana.

This was another good deed by our Club and shows that Lions can help people not only in their home land but also in countries overseas.

OCTOBER CULTURAL TOUR

Lion Margaret Frendo writes:

"Every cloudy has a silver lining" This was the case for the October Cultural Tour. Because of the predicted stormy weather on the day of the outing, the much awaited tour to Fort St. Angelo was postponed. However it was decided to meet for lunch anyway. Twenty one members and friends turned up for lunch at the Cargo Restaurant on the Birgu Waterfront.

A big "Thank you" to Lion Isabelle Micallef for selecting there restaurant and meal. We all enjoyed the delicious food, good service and one another's company.

.....and the *silver lining*? Oh yes and the storm never arrived and the sun came out to say "hello". We did not take photos this time. I think that we were so busy chatting that we forgot.

(Tom's note: I assume that the visit will be held on another day hopefully when the weather is better than the predicted one for Sunday 30th October. I have been told that the restored Fort Saint Angelo is worth a visit.)

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2019 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The 2019 International Convention is being held in Milan in late June. This is an occasion not to be missed as it is the only convention which will be held in Europe in the near future. All other conventions are held in the United States or other countries which make it difficult and expensive to attend. It is anticipated that a good number of European Lions attend this Convention. We shall keep you informed of developments so that any one of you who wishes to attend would be prepared. The Centenary Convention is being held in Chicago (USA) in late June 2017. It is understood that this event will be a big celebration for Lions.

GUEST SPEAKER



The guest speaker in October was Mr Norman Wilson who delivered an audio visual presentation of ancient and antique glass found in Malta.

The speaker who was introduced by IPP Lion Chris Borg Cardona spoke on various glass objects found in Malta some of which are considerably old and perhaps not found anywhere else in

nearby countries. Several objects were connected with medicine while others were ornamental pieces.

After the talk members continue the evening at the Victoria Hotel Restaurant.

The next meeting when a guest speaker is invited is scheduled for Wednesday November 16. Further details will be promulgated by Past President Lion Victor Borg Barthet who is responsible to inform members of such meetings. The meeting whenever we have guests speakers is brought forward to 6.30 pm so as to have time to discuss Lions' business. Guests are welcomed to attend the speaker's part of the evening.