



## 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.

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## MEDITERRANEAN LIONS CONFERENCE—MALTA

The website of the Mediterranean Lions Conference being held in Malta from March 17th to 19th, 2016 has now been launched. Members can view the website at <http://www.medconf2016.org/>

Members are kindly requested to let any Lion friends from the Mediterranean littoral know about the site and encourage them to attend the conference.

Lion Jan Pantzar did an extremely good job to construct the site. Without his expertise this would not have been possible. Thanks Lion Jan for your contribution.

The organisers of the conference are counting on the support of all Lions and it is hoped that in the days leading to the conference meetings will be held to discuss how each and every Lion could help. There are various things that need to be done to have a successful conference. Success cannot be only measured by the number of foreign Lions attending but also on the contribution given by local Lions. As Chairman of the Organising Committee for the Conference I appeal to members to give a helping hand and be ready to be available during the period leading to the Conference and on conference days. There is still a lot of work to be done, but I am sure that help would be forthcoming and confident that at the end of the event we will all be satisfied with what we achieve.

**Tom A. Restall**



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## LIONS PRESENCE AT EXPO MILANO 2015

*Lion Rosalba Marengo member of our twinned club LC Bosco Marengo Santa Croce writes about her Club's participation at Expo Milano 2015.*

Through their participation at Expo 2015 in Milan, Lions intend to outline the key role of civil society in solving many of the great problems of humanity. From this stems the motto "LIONS4EXPO". Starting from the fight against blindness, the worldwide know effort of Lion4Expo aims to engage visitors in the activities that the Association conducts in many countries on a daily basis, such as the fight against hunger and thirst, the efforts for food quality and authenticity, the promotion of food education, healthy lifestyles, healthcare prevention, the respect for the environment, the fight against wastefulness, the respect for every society's traditions, the defence of biodiversity and the promotion of innovation for society's wealth.

Throughout the six months of Expo 2015, the Lions are showing material about their work, while hosting thematic exhibitions, conferences, seminars and roundtables and even musical and theatre productions.

"Lions4Expo" is aimed not only for clubs' members but for every visitor, including families and your people in order to show them the Lions' constant and worldwide efforts.

As the Expo official site reports, the 1081a2 District has hosted the Lions' pavilion from 8th to 14th June. Lions Club Bosco Marengo Santa Croce was represented on the 13th and 14th by its members Rosalba Marengo and Maria Vittoria Delpiano *(photo at left)*.



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## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW :

### EMBLEMS, COLOURS, SLOGAN AND MOTTO

**EMBLEM:** The emblem of the Association and each chartered club shall be of a design as follows:

**USE OF NAME AND EMBLEM:** Use of the name, goodwill, emblem and other logos of the Association shall be according to the guidelines established from time to time by the by-laws.

**COLOURS:** The colours of the Association and of each chartered club shall be purple and gold.

**SLOGAN:** Its slogan shall be:

**Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety**

**MOTTO:** Its motto shall be: **WE SERVE**

*Most of the readers of this newsletter are undoubtedly aware of the information reproduced above. Nonetheless it is important to remember this as quite often one may meet persons who are unaware of the Association and ask "What is Lions Clubs International?" and/or why members of this Association are called Lions. Just like the lion is considered to be the king of the jungle and a leader, members of this Association should be leaders in their community and should be ready to help whenever help is needed. As the slogan states Lions should be at liberty and have enough intelligence to ensure that their nation is safe. Members of the Association should maintain a spirit of friendship and understanding among themselves and others irrespective of colour, creed and political affiliation. Lions should respect one another and that is why political and religious matters are never discussed at Club meetings.*

## 28th Annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest



Once again our Club will be sponsoring the Peace Poster Competition. Lion Louis Sciberras has been appointed Co-Ordinator of this event and he will be responsible to bring to the attention as many students as possible to participate in this international competition which attracts various children from all over the world.

The contest is open to 11-13 year old students on November 15, 2015. Participating students are asked to create posters visually depicting the contest theme "**Share Peace**". Entries are judged at all levels on originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the theme.

During the final judging 23 merit award winners and one grand prize winner are chosen to represent the many entries submitted from around the world.

**Awards:** Artists of poster advancing to the final international judging are recognised as follows:

- **International Grand Prize Winner** receives a trip to an award ceremony where he/she will receive a cash prize of US\$5000 (or local equivalent) and an engraved plaque. Two family members (one being the winner's parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring Lions club president or a club member (as designated by the club president) will accompany the winner to the award ceremony.
- **23 Merit Award Winners** each receive a cash award of US\$500 (or local equivalent) and a certificate of achievement.

Club members are requested to encourage children to participate in this contest.

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During the two days when Lions from our twinned club were at the Lions Pavilion the Roto-Tanica was displayed and promoted as part of the "Water for Life" project undertaken by the MD108 as a national project. The Roto-Tanica is a system for water transportation which takes advantage of the wheel principle whereby the load is not lifted but rolled instead. It is a circular jery can equipped with handlebars which makes it possible for women and children in various African countries where water wells are scarce to carry up to 18 litres of water without much effort.

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*Editor's note: Thank you Lion Rosalba for describing your Club's participation at Expo2015 and for an informative article.*



### FROM THE CLUB'S ALBUMS



32 years ago Lions Club Sliema was twinned with two Sicilian Clubs namely Enna and Sciacca.

The Club President at the time was Lion Lino Debono (centre in photo) who later was founder member of Lions Club St. Paul's Bay is seen with the Sciacca Club President and the then MD108YB District Governor..

## **PROFILE : Lion Carmel Azzopardi (Club Treasurer)**

Lion Carmel Azzopardi who hails from the picturesque village of Dingli has been a Lion since 1994 having been encouraged to do so by the late Lion Henry Calleja.

Lion Carmel who is a quiet intelligent person was Club President in 2005/06 and has now been Club Treasurer since 2011. Lion Carmel hardly ever misses a meeting and is always there to answer any queries about club funds.

Lion Carmel had a chequered career. He joined Malta Drydocks as an apprentice in August 1967. During his apprenticeship he followed the MCAST City and Guilds course to obtain the Ordinary and Higher Technician Diploma in Mechanical Engineering. In 1971 Carmel qualified as a journeyman. During the following three years he worked on board ships as an engine fitter.

Thanks to the award of a scholarship in February 1975, Carmel attended a course at the Hamburg University of Applied Sciences and qualified a Shipbuilding Engineer in 1979. The following year he qualified as a Welding Engineer. During the following six years Lion Carmel was the Quality Control Manager at Malta Drydocks and was also responsible to develop its welding capabilities.

A highlight of his career was his employment with the Norwegian Ship Classification Society Det Norske Veritas (DNV) from 1986 to 1995. During the same time he was also Joint Exclusive Surveyor of the German Ship Classification Society Germanischer Lloyd. One of his major duties was to survey ships and oil rigs to confirm that these complied with the functionality and safety rules-personnel, vessel, cargo and environment of both societies.

In 1996 opted for a less strenuous job. He thus followed a Post Graduate Certificate in Education course at the University of Malta. Until his retirement in 2012, Lion Carmel used the knowledge gained in his former activities to enhance the career changes of young students at the Mikelang Sapiano Technical School and later at MCAST. *Continued page 5*

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Lion Carmel Azzopardi speaks fluent German and is an active member of the German/Maltese Circle. His main hobbies are trekking and reading classics.

When one speaks to Carmel one can immediately find out his vast knowledge of classics. It is a pleasure listening to him about various subjects but mostly when he speaks about ships and marine technology.

Lion Carmel is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

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*Photo taken at Salerno on June 5, 2015 during the Gala Dinner on the occasion of the return t w i n n i n g meeting with Lions Club Salerno Arecchi.*

*Lion Treasurer Carmel Azzopardi is first left together with Lions Valhvor and Vivienne Zammit and Frank Galea.*

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