

## CLUB ACTIVITIES



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12 Charter Night\*

Venue to be announced  
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### CHORAL SINGERS CONCERTS

TUESDAY DECEMBER 13 - ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL  
SATURDAY DECEMBER 16 - ST. PUBLIUS CHURCH, FLORIANA  
TIME AT 7.30 P.M. BOTH DAYS.

### COMMEMORATING HUNDRED YEARS OF LIONISM

At a recent Zone meeting it was decided that the four Lions Clubs in Malta will commemorate this special event in the annals of Lions Clubs International by planting 100 olive tree saplings in the private garden of Dar tal-Providenza in Siggiewi. At first it was thought to hold this event on Sunday October 16 at the end of a special week dedicated to Lions worldwide. However since on this particular Sunday there is already another event being held at the Home, it was agreed that the planting event will be held on Tuesday December 13 after the 11a.m. Mass.

What's more we were advised that the soil was still very dry there was a risk of losing several of the saplings because of this condition.

This event will serve a twofold purpose since besides commemorating the Lions Centennial Celebrations, we will be also enriching the local environment. Five years ago some olive tree saplings were planted at Dar tal-Providenza and have since produced olives which were pressed to oil.

Details of the programme will be announced in due course. It is planned to erect a commemorative plaque in the particular area dedicated for this project.



SEPTEMBER 2016



## INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Lion

We recently reached the 100 million people served milestone in the Centennial Service Challenge. This incredible accomplishment is proof that when Lions join together for the benefit of humanity, there's nothing we can't achieve.,

I hope you'll join me in celebrating the achievement in true Lions style—by renewing your commitment to serving the people who need us most. The Centennial Celebration is a great opportunity for every Lion to get involved in service.

You can plan a project for the Worldwide Weeks of Service, dedicate a Centennial Community Legacy Project in your community, and continue supporting the Centennial Service Challenge by hosting youth, vision, hunger and environmental projects. And keep reporting your activities to LCI so we can share our impact with Lions and the world.

I'd like you to a minute to watch our **100 Million Served video** and reflect on the millions of lives changed by your service. Then keep serving to see how high we can climb.

Very yours truly  
Chancellor Bob Corlew  
Your International President



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These Agape Tables are of great archaeological and historical interest, as although there would have been several scattered around the Roman Empire, very few survive. From Pagan, Jewish and Christian symbols and graffiti found on pottery and on the walls it is evident that the burial site belonged to various religious denominations. Therefore there is no founded truth in the popular myth that Christians hid in these catacombs in times of persecution.

Lunch was held at Karrot & Co. We were served a delicious and generous meal. One could find no fault with the service and quality and quantity of food. It was difficult to leave the premises as we were all bounding and having a good time.

We were pleased to welcome on the tour to the Catacombs Lion Mary Anne Abela (Chair person Lions Club Zone Malta) and her husband Lion Paul.

The tour was organised by Lion Bell Micallef and Lion Margaret Frendo. The sum of Euro 92.50 was collected in the form of participation donation towards the club. It is also to be noted (and encouraged) that Lions Chris Borg Cardona, Victor Borg Barthet and Victoria Muscat, all regular attendees of the tours, gave the donation al-



though they could not attend the activity.

*Lion Margaret Frendo reporting —photos Lion President John Rusher*

## CULTURAL VISIT TO ST. PAUL'S CATACOMBS

On September 25th Lions Club Sliema resumed with the cultural outing after the summer recess.

31 members and friends turned up for the visit to St. Paul's Catacombs despite the inclement weather. The upgrade of the catacomb complex



made the visit a safer place but also the new museum gives a good interpretation of the funeral process practiced by the Romans. The visit starts with an audio-visual show lasting about 20 minutes. Malta belonged to the Roman Civilization from 218 BC to around 535 AD. The museum panels depict the funeral procession which took place in honour of the dead person, making sure that the soul is given a respectful farewell to the next world. Both an inhumation and cremation burial was practice at the time. There are also artefacts in glass and pottery which were found in tombs at Rabat.

From the museum we walked on to the Catacomb itself. On entering one can see a pair of Agape Tables around which the family partook of a symbolic meal in honour of the dead person about to be buried. This ceremony ended the office nine days of mourning. >>> 7

## DONATION TO MD108A

At the Board meeting held on September 7th it was decided that our Club makes a donation towards the funds being collected by MD 108A to help the victims of the August 24 earthquake which devastated large areas of Central Italy leaving several persons without a home.

The Club made a donation of Euro1000 which was sent to District Governor Dott. Marcello Dassori.

The District Governor sent the following message in appreciation of the solidarity shown with the victims and to thank the Club for its donation:

*"Carissimo amico Lion Tom*

*Ringrazio te e tutti soci del LC Sliema, col tutto il cuore, per la vicinanza e la solidarieta` espresso.*

*Grazie per il Vostro importante contributo che alliviera di molto le sofferenze e i disagi dei fratelli colpiti dal grave terremoto del 24 agosto.*

*Vi abbraccio in amicizia augurando Vi ogni bene*

*Marcello Dassori  
DG 108A"*

It was later learnt that two active members of LC Amartrice were amongst the victims.

This is not the first time that our Club has donated funds to people hit by earthquakes or other natural causes. Similar donations were made when earthquakes left hundreds of people homeless in Algeria and Sicily and more recently when there was the devastating tsunami in Sri Lanka. Showing solidarity to others is enshrined in the Mission Statement of Lions clubs International which states:

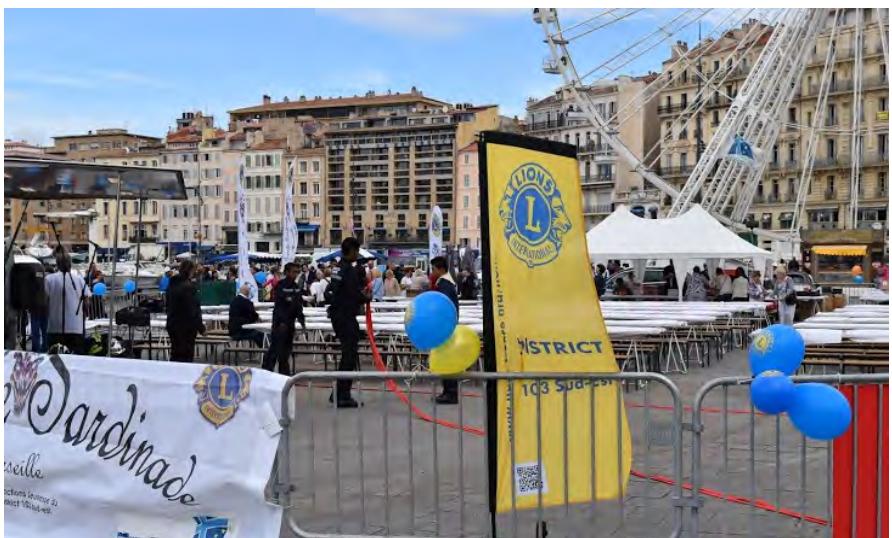
*"To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs."*

## LION PRESIDENT NOTES

I have just returned from another short holiday to Marseilles where the local district was putting on a large lunch in the main square, with banners and hundreds of people sitting down to eat. There was also a demonstration by the fire brigade. [ see photo]. A great demonstration of spreading the word about Lionism.

As you know I am involved with a Choral Society - The New Choral Singers - and some members of our club have enjoyed the concerts especially the Christmas concerts we put on in Malta's Churches last year. These are free events, with donations. I have proposed to the Singers that we combine this with the Lions in 2016, raising money for specific charitable purposes. This will be great PR for Lions too. The wide variety of classic, Maltese and popular Christmas music will be led by the world famous conductor and organist - Wayne Marshall. A committee has been appointed to liaise with the New Choral singers headed up by Victoria Muscat. We hope that all members can enjoy the music as well as spare time to serve arranging and collecting money and acting as hosts.

The dates are Tuesday December 13th at St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral in Valletta and Saturday December 16th at St. Publius Parish Church in Floriana. Both concerts start at 7.30 p.m.



## PRESIDENT MEETS VISITING LION FROM MD105I



Lion President John Rusher met Lion Peter Marren of LC Bantry Bay, Ireland, who was in Malta on holiday.

Lion Peter has been a Lion for the last year. He recounted what his Club members do to raise funds, amongst which a Treasure Hunt which raises a considerable sum towards the philanthropic fund. Lion Peter was presented with the Club's 40th anniversary bannerette, while he presented his Club's bannerette.

For the record MD105I is the District embracing all the Lions Clubs in Ireland.

Members are reminded that whenever they are abroad they can meet fellow Lions who, as happens in Malta, are always made welcome to attend their meetings to meet informally. When travelling abroad make sure to obtain information about Clubs in the town/city you will be visiting.