

CLUB NEWS



CULTURAL TOURS:

The monthly cultural tours will recommence on **SUNDAY JANUARY 22**. Details will be sent by circular in due course. These tours have become quite popular with members who often bring guests with them.

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Club meetings are held every first and third Wednesday of the month at the Victoria Hotel, Sliema. While the first monthly meeting is usually dedicated to Club business, on the third Wednesday we usually also have a talk on various topics of interest delivered by a guest speaker.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 4, 2017 at 6.30 pm at the Victoria Hotel, Sliema.

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As Lion Victor stated a lot of work has to be put in to organise this event, however, I am sure that fellow Lions would rise to the occasion and give a helping hand to make this event a success. Lion Victor in his email 8 December 2016 wrote that volunteers would be required to help organise his event. This will be part of our Club's activities to celebrate 100 years of Lionism worldwide.

Another project worth discussing and perhaps implementing is that to help young refugees from various African and Middle East countries who were studying at university to continue with their studies in Malta. Lion Victor has outlined how the Club could help in this regard. Let's give it a try.

I am sure that the Club would continue with all routine activities and that members will participate'

Allow me to thank all those who visited me or sent messages during my confinement at home. Hopefully I will be back with you all at our meetings and be able to help in our activities..... Tom A. Restall



DECEMBER 2016

NEW CHORAL SINGERS CONCERTS

Lions Club Sliema were pleased to support two concerts held in the lead up to Christmas 2016 with the New Choral Singers Choir. The Concerts were held in St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral on December 13 and in St. Publius Parish Church, Floriana, on December 16. Both events were well attended.

As well as assisting the churches with donations the Lions targeted three very worthwhile charities namely the Malta Guide Dogs Foundation, Helen Keller Foundation and the Ursuline Crèche. Indeed guide dogs and their owners were present which helped to raise more donations! The sight related charities



Were selected to support the LIONS drive to improve life for sight impaired people in our Centennial Year. The donations will be used for an interactive centre and for care facilities.

Both concerts passed off admirably with great singing of local, international and specialised Christmas music. Audience participation was encouraged by the virtuoso Director and Organist, Wayne Marshall.

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GOODBYE 2016.....

.....WELCOME 2017

As we bid "goodbye" to 2016 we reflect on what our Club has achieved during the past year. Undoubtedly the major event in which our Club was fully involved was the organisation of the 19th Mediterranean Lions Conference which was held 17th to 20th March.

By all accounts the Conference was a success not only judging by the number of congratulatory messages received but also a financial success. The Conference was organised together with Lions Club Mdina and Lions Club St. Paul's Bay.

The team from our Club who worked from the outset to make this event a success were Lions Alfred Micallef Attard, who meticulously supervised funds, Victor Borg Barthet who did a hundred and one job and Joe Messina who was responsible for dealings with hotels and other establishments vis-a-vis accommodation and catering. With these one must also include various Lions who helped during the Conference amongst whom Lion Lorna Farrugia, Chris. Borg Cardona (then Club President), Frank Galea and Louis Sciberras who acted as Liaison Officers with the International President and First Vice President.

During 2016 organised various fund raising activities amongst which the Spare Ribs Night, collection of food stuffs from Smart Supermarket, the Balloons in a Car etc. The Club organised various cultural tours which have now become very popular and thanks to the generosity of members and their guest also a means of raising funds. Once again the Club organised the Peace Poster Competition and also sponsored students to attend courses overseas.

As we welcome 2017 we have to continue to keep our Club in the forefront amongst the other clubs and organise further fund raising activities and continue to help those in need.

Lion Victor Borg Barthet has put forward some ideas which are worth pursuing, especially that to organise a Centennial Gathering in Malta to coincide with our annual Charter Night celebration in November.

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LION PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

Greetings IL-LEJL IT-TAJJEB

My name is John Rusher, I am President of Lions Club, Sliema, and also a member of the New Choral Singers. We are pleased to support this concert,

Lions Club Sliema is one of the four Maltese Clubs that form the Lions Club Zone Malta. Internationally it is a philanthropic organization within Lions Clubs International. Worldwide there are 46,000 clubs and over 1.4 million members.

Our members do whatever is needed to help their local communities. Everywhere we work, we make friends. Helping children who need eyeglasses, with older people who don't have enough to eat and with families we may never meet. We also assist local Maltese talent with our dedicated Arts Fund. Our club is open to all men and women who want to serve the community.

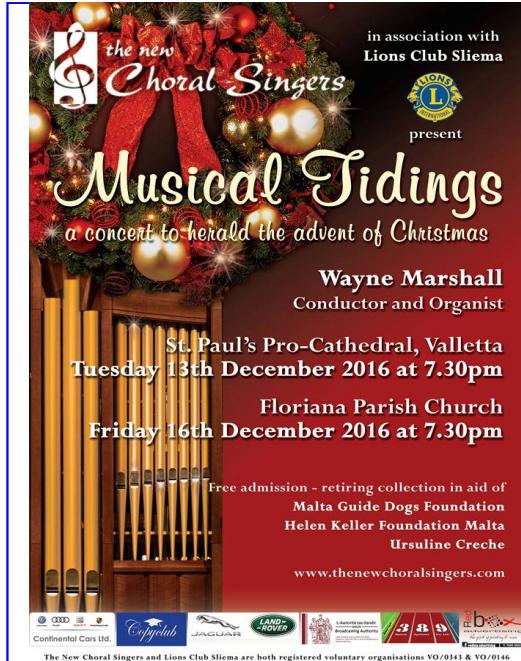
We came up with the idea to combine my interest in Lions Club with my enjoyment of singing with this choir to benefit local charities. My thanks go to the members of the New Choral Singers, Wayne Marshall and Lions Club Sliema, the cathedral and church and our sponsors for making this possible. The proceeds of tonight's concert are going to very worthy charities. So please prepare some cash notes (we have heard a lot of musical notes) and give generously after the concert on your way out.

May I wish you a Merry Christmas to all and I hope you continue to enjoy the performance.

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WE SERVE



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Mr Marshall plays for the BBC proms and is a regular feature on Classic FM.

Lions Club Sliema assisted in the production of promotional material, collection of funds and other arrangements.

Lion Victoria Muscat was Chairperson of the Committee for these events and performed marvellously and tirelessly with her team to make them a success.

Our Club President John Rusher sang in the choir, raised sponsorship and made a short speech to promote Lions.

All in all it was a great success and augurs well for a future collaboration.



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Lion President addressing audience. (See also page 6)

Above; Poster of concerts

Packed audience at St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS OLIVE TREES PLANTING

To mark the Centennial of Lions Clubs International the four Lions Clubs in Malta planted 100 olive trees at Dar tal-Providenza in Siggiewi. Her Excellency the President of Malta honoured Lions with her presence. In a short speech she spoke highly of the work being done by the



Lions Clubs in Malta.

Several Lions from the four clubs attended the ceremony during which each club made a donation of €250 towards the needs of Dar tal-Providenza.

The four Club Presidents together with the Zone Chairperson planted a tree. A commemorative plaque was also put up in a prominent place of the orchard.

Photo above the President addressing the gathering .with Fr. Martin Micallef (Director of the Home) and Zone Chairperson Mary Anne Abela.



DONATION OF FOOD HAMPERS

Following the collection of food stuff during the activity held in October at Smart Supermarket, Lion Louis Sciberras together with some helpers made 26 hampers which were donated to the five Parish Priests of Sliema (Stella Maris, Madonna tas-Sacro Cuor, Ģesu Nazzarenu, San Girgor and Madonna tal-Karmnu) to be given to needy families in their parish. Each Parish Pries received 5 hampers. The remaining hamper was donated to the



Ursuline Sisters at Fatima House, Sliema.

Thanks to all the Lions who were present at Smart Supermarket when the activity was held and special thanks to Lion Louis Sciberras who packed the hampers and took care to have them delivered to the parishes in good time for Christmas.

Once again our Club has shown solidarity with those in need. It is hoped that next year we will once again be able to help.