



## CLUB NEWS



**CLUB'S HELP APPRECIATED:** Our Club's contributions to help foreign university students who had to learn English to continue their studies was appreciated. Ms. Guiliiana Fenech from the University of Malta informed us that of the students that four students have started Foundation School this year. One student is starting an MA in Humanitarian Action while another is in the USA reading for a PhD.

It is to be noted that one of our Club's member made a generous donation to help these students to continue their studies after they had to leave their home countries due to conflicts there.

**THIRD WEDNESDAY IN OCTOBER MEETING:** It has been decided that the second part of the meeting of the meeting due to be held on Wednesday October 18th will be an informative meeting about Lions Clubs International. This meeting is primarily intended to make new members conversant with Lions Clubs International. All new members are expected to attend. Other members will be welcomed and they are also encouraged to bring other persons who are interested in joining our Club.

**CULTURAL VISITS:** The next cultural visit is being held on Sunday October 15th to the St. Augustine Church and convent in Old Bakery Street, Valletta. The visit starts with attendance for the 0930 mass for those who wish to be present. Lunch will follow at a Valletta restaurant. A circular will be sent in due course. Lion Margaret Frendo is coordinating the visit.

**CHARTER NIGHT:** Our Club will be celebrating its Charter Night on Saturday November 4th at Palace Hotel, Sliema. Prior to this event the Club will also celebrate the Centennial of Lions Club International. It is anticipated that a group of Lions from our twinned Club and other foreign Lions will attend. Hopefully a good number of members will attend.



SEPTEMBER 2017

## UPGRADING OUR SERVICE TO YOU - AS A LION

Dr. Naresh Aggarwal, Lions Club International President, who hails from India, has sent a message to all Lions about his vision during his term of office. The International President starts his message by using the word *"NAMASTE!"* which means *"I salute the divine in you"*.

Dr. Aggarwal states that: The divine in me salutes the divine to you. Welcome to our new century. My goal over the next twelve months is very simple - to reach a new level of service to Lions and from Lions. Before I ask you to reach a new level of service, Lionism will reach a new level of service to you,.

So how can I serve our 1.4 million Lions? I cannot give everyone senior positions. I cannot give you money. I cannot meet all of you. However I plan to touch all of your lives with the power to serve.



So let's examine every stage of one's Lionistic career and how I can help. The first stage is becoming a new member. When I became a new member 43 years ago, I suddenly felt as if I had left my hometown and became a man of the world. This year I want every member to download our new mobile app. This will connect all our members on one global platform.

The next stage is beginning to serve. As a member of the Batala Smile Lions Club in Punjab, India, I was proud of how the community began to respect me. The respect depended on the number of people I served and how many people were aware of this service. We now have a new Global Service Team. Your District GST leader will identify projects that serve the maximum number of people per dollar and per hour. They will also train Lions on how to convert an internal project into a Legacy Project via Lions branding and public relations.

>>>>> 3

## FUND RAISING EVENT

A successful fund raising event was held on Thursday September 28 at the Marsa Sports Club. On the initiative of Lion President George O. Attard a "Pig Roast" was held. A good number of members and their guests together with representatives of Lions Club Malta (Host) and Mdina including Zone Chairperson Lion Mary Anne Abela attended the event.

During the evening a lottery for various prizes was organised by Lions Vivienne Zammit, Isabelle Micallef and Victoria Muscat. The lottery raised over €300 which together with any profit from the event will boost our Club's Philanthropic Account.

The friendly atmosphere prevailing during the evening was enjoyable.

It was a good decision to take as more funds were raised to the Club's funds which enables



the Club to continue with its philanthropic work which this year sees the restoration of the frescoes at St. Agatha's catacombs in Rabat being completed. It is envisaged that these works will be finalised by the end of October. Then it will be possible to inaugurate the project during the

forthcoming celebrations of Lions Club International Centennial scheduled for early November. Well done to all concerned!

## CLUB'S CHRISTMAS CARDS

During the Lionistic year 1989/1990 when the late Dr. Rene Eminyan was President of our Club, his wife Georgette painted the Christmas Card which was reproduced and sold to club members and others thereby raising funds for our Club. We still have a few cards available which can be bought by members. Though Christmas cards are nowadays are not much in vogue, if there are any members who wish to obtain some of these cards, they are kindly asked to contact Lion President George O. Attard.



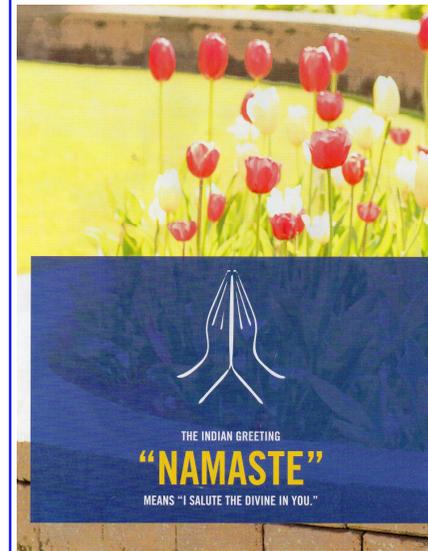
Any member buying these cards will boost our Philanthropic Funds thereby helping the Club to provide more service to the Maltese community.

**WE SERVE**

<<<<<< 2

The third stage is aspiring for leadership. While I enjoyed rising up the Lions' ladder, I sometimes wished that our leaders focused more on work than on long speeches. A new awards system will incentivize the efforts of Lion leaders in the right direction. We plan to reward retention of members hence keeping the focus on you - our existing members. New awards will also be given for involving over half the club in service and for creating the most Legacy Projects.

As a global leader of Lionism, I want to keep every Lion connected to Lionism. Our new Welcome Home programme is an international online club meetings. Members and fee payments are conducted entirely on line.



The last stage is now. I want to give every Lion the same goal for the next twelve months. My dream is that every Lion will serve 10 people each month. If this happens, we will serve 170 million people this year - a big increase from our current level of 100 million and a big step toward our goal of serving 200 million annually by 2020. This is the focus of all my meetings around the world.

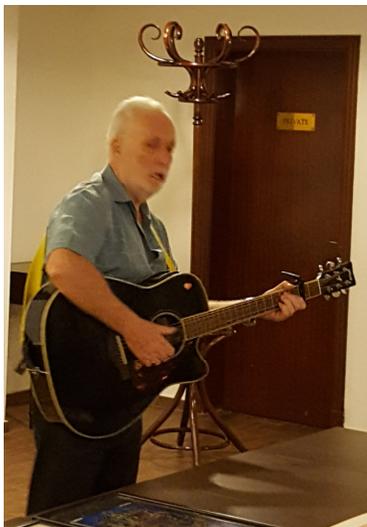
All the best. See you as I travel around the world.

**WE SERVE**

## SEPTEMBER MONTHLY TALK

The guest speaker at the Club's monthly talk in September was Mr. Frank O'Neill who gave a presentation on "Creativity". He started by singing the song "The Lions sleeps tonight" which broke the ice and was appropriate for those present.

Then encouraging audience participation, he went on to give a practical example of how lateral thinking can stimulate people's imagination and creativity.



Signature art is another of Frank's talents. His audience was captivated by his ability to sketch a cartoon in just a minute using a person's signature and personal information.

As a teacher and an artist he has always encouraged expressive art. He experiments with all mediums as was evident by a number of artworks that he exhibited.

Frank is also a composer and song writer. He has composed over three hundred songs.



He brought the meeting to a close by singing his composition "Kif Tixrobli l-Menti" which won second place in the festival "L-Għanja tal-Poplu 2014", the song addresses the way social media has impacted our lives, performed with a dash of humour, also won the Best Songwriter Award.

*Photo above - Frank O'Neill singing one of his songs.*

*<< Lion President George O. Attard thanking Frank for his presentation before presenting him with the Club's bannerette.*

*Report by Lion Louis Sciberras. Photos by Lion Victor Borg Barthet.*



## LCIF COORDINATOR

Lion James Lephew who has recently transferred to our Club from Ile de France Est, Charenton le Pont, Md103 France, has been appointed as our Club LCIF Coordinator. 28 year old James was an active member of his former club organizing the local food bank and annual yard sale to help those in his community and also recruiting new members. James will be promoting the values of LCIF and serve as the link between LC Sliema and the Foundation Headquarters in Chicago.

\*\*\*\*\*

## FEMALE MEMBERS OF OUR CLUB

Over the last three years the number of female members of our Club has increased considerably. Some of these are now occupying important posts in the Club.

For the first time ever our Club has now a female Secretary. Lion Lorna Farrugia has taken over these duties at the start of this Lionistic Year. She has taken up the post with enthusiasm and is doing a fine job.

Our membership chairperson is Lion Vivienne Zammit who goes all out to invite new members to our Club including several ladies amongst whom Lions Isabelle Micallef, who is also the Tail Twister, and Victoria Muscat.

One other lady member who is involved in the Club is Lion Margaret Frendo, who besides one year director, also organises the monthly cultural tours.

Other female members are Lions Maria Beaney, Beatrice Calleja, Mirelle Mir, Elisa Solimini and Nadette Vella Briffa. Other ladies may join our Club soon.