



CLUB NEWS



CLUB MEETINGS: Kindly note that meetings will not be held in August. The next meetings are now scheduled for Wednesday September 1 and Wednesday September 15. Venue details will be given later as hopefully we would be able to meet at the Victoria Hotel, Sliema, our meeting place before the pandemic restrictions.

LEARN MORE ABOUT LIONS: After the business part of the September 15 meeting, we will have a presentation on “WHO ARE THE LIONS” and “OUR CLUB”. This will give an insight on Lions and also on our Club. It will be of interest for all members but particularly for the new members whereby they can gain more knowledge on Lions Clubs International and the activities of our Club. The presentation will be made by Lion Tom A. Restall and Lion Secretary Lorna Farrugia.

CHARTER NIGHT: Preparations are in hand to organise Charter Night on Saturday November 13. Details about this important event for the Club and its members will be made known as soon as arrangements are finalised. Members are requested to keep this date free so to enable them to attend. Our twinned Clubs are also being informed of this date and hopefully some of their members will come over for this special occasion.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER: Notwithstanding that in August we do not have Club activities except for the poolside barbeque on the 7th, the newsletter will still be published. There is always something to report be it current news or a look at the past to bring back memories of what was done in the Club's 47 years.

“WE SERVE”



LIONS CLUB SLIEMA
NEWSLETTER

A JULY 2021

**2021/22 LC SLIEMA
PRESIDENT NORMAN PETER WILSON**

Norman Wilson was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1947. After attending Bathgate Academy he went on to university in Glasgow where he graduated with a degree in Economics. After a further year in Glasgow Norman obtained a Post Graduate Certificate of Education. Norman taught Economics and Economic History at The High School of Glasgow, a top grant-aided private school, and was promoted head of department after 2 years. During this time he co-authored an Economics Text Book aimed at bankers for their AIB. He then went on to a very different kind of school in Clydeside, Govan High School, and a year later he received further promotion to Portobello High School in Edinburgh.



It was then that Norman studied for a Masters Degree in Philosophy and Psychology at Edinburgh University graduating with distinction. During this time Norman was also involved in voluntary work with the Roman Catholic Church as Managing Director of Laetare Youth Hostel that offered restful holidays for disadvantaged overseas students.

A move to London saw him as a Senior Teacher (Assistant Head) in Billericay High School, one of the largest secondary schools in England where he was promoted to Deputy Headmaster.

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SPARE RIBS NIGHT

The "Spare Ribs" Night ably organised by Lions George O. Attard and Doreen Davis was an outstanding success. In a pleasant atmosphere members and their guests enjoyed good food. During the evening a raffle for various prizes donated by members was held.

Lion President Norman Wilson, who was presiding over his first fund-raising event welcomed Lions and their guests, stating that funds raised from this event will be going to the Club's project of buying a car for the Hospice Movement. His appeal did not fall on deaf ears as Euro 340 were raised from the raffle held which together with the funds raised from the meal raised the sum to Euro 660. Well done to all who made the evening such a success, especially to Lion George O. Attard who liaised with the caterers to provide a good meal and to Lion Vivienne Zammit who organised the raffle. Thanks too to members who donated raffle prizes. Proceeds from this fund raising event are earmarked for the main project of Lion President Norman



Wilson - the purchase of a car for the Hospice Movement.

Photo: Lion President Norman Wilson seeing that all was going well during the event.

DONATION TO LCIF INDIA RELIEF FUND

Following a request from LCIF to make donations towards the India Relief Fund which was set up to help the Indian population during the COVID 19 pandemic and those affected by natural disasters, our Club made a donation of US\$1000 to the Fund. The sum was raised by donations from members, proceeds from the In House Raffle and personal donations by members. The Club is now entitled to nominate a member for the Melvin Jones Award. A decision on the Lion nominated for this Award will be made at a later date, since regulations for the award allows a club to nominate a Lion later.

DONATION OF BEEHIVE

Our twinned Club Bosco Marengo Sta. Croce have launched a project to encourage people to protect bees which are a major source to produce honey. The Club donated beehives to various people in their home town. Lion Rosalba Marengo, a member of our twinned Club, took the initiative to send over a beehive to our club to be given to a Maltese apiarist. The hive was sent to Lion George O Attard.



While she was in Malta earlier this month on the occasion of Club's Award Night, the beehive was given to Mr Nicholas Baldacchino at

his farm in Fawwara limits of Siggiewi. Lions Alex Arena and George O. Attard made the necessary arrangements to present the hive to the apiarist.

Photo: (from left) Immediate Past President Margaret Frendo, Mr. Baldacchino, Lion Paolo Ravera and Lion Rosalba Marengo

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PRESENTATION OF FUN

Following a request from the St. Jeanne Antide Foundation, a charity that helps people in need, the Club presented a fan to the foundation which will eventually be given to a needy family. Lion Robert Arrigo (MP), who has been a member of our Club for many years, kindly paid for the purchase of the fan. Lion Victor Borg Barthet and Lion Treasurer Alex Arena made the necessary preparations for the presentation. Thanks Lion Robert for footing the bill and to Lion Victor and Lion Alex.

WHERE THERE IS A NEED THERE IS ALWAYS A LION

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Norman has always wanted to live in Malta and so in 2000 his wish became reality. He obtained a post as Director of Studies and Deputy Headmaster at St Edward's College, Malta, retiring 6 years later.

In 1973 Norman married Victoria and has one son and 2 grandsons.

Norman was invited to join Valletta Circle, Catenian Association, where he became Secretary, Vice-President, then President in 2012. In 2016 he became Area Councilor then Provincial Councilor.

Lion President, Margaret Frendo introduced Norman to the Lions Club, Sliema, to give a talk on Antique Glass in Malta a subject he has written several papers on, some of which have been published, and has been a glass consultant to MUZA. He has also given talks to the Club on Malt Whisky, Wine, Port, Sherry, Chinese Snuff Bottles (2 talks), George Fenech (Artist) and Persian Carpets.

During the Club's holiday in France in 2018, Norman was officially asked to join by the Membership Officer Lion Vivienne Zammit. He has recently resigned his post as Provincial Councilor with Valletta Circle to take on the Presidency of our Club.

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SUPPORT TO HOSPICE MOVEMENT - At the first meeting of Lion President Norman Wilson, which after months due to the pandemic, was held at the Marsa Sports Club attended by a good number of member, the President stated that the main support under his presidency would be the Hospice Movement. The President stated that the movement has dire need to replace two vehicles which in their last legs. He stated that he will be concentrating fund raised throughout his presidency to purchase a car. This message was reiterated in his welcome speech at the fundraising "spare ribs night". Let's all make this project become a reality.

**INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
2021-2022**



Douglas X. Alexander, from Brooklyn, New York, USA, was elected to serve as international president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 103rd International Convention, June 25 through June 29, 2021. President Alexander is a retired vice president for J.P. Morgan Chase Bank.

A member of the Brooklyn Bedford Stuyvesant Lions Club since 1984, he has held many offices within the association, including club presi-

dent, zone chair, region chair, vice district governor, district governor, cabinet secretary, cabinet treasurer and DGE group leader. He also served as a Lions Eye Bank transporter, a member of the District and Multiple District PDG Association, a trustee of the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation, and was appointed as the Lions representative to UNICEF-New York from 2012-2014. He has served on the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Planning and Host Committees and has been a presenter at several USA/Canada Forums.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the club Lion of the Year, Club President's Award, the Robert J. Uplinger Service Award, several District Governor Appreciation Awards, and the Multiple District Membership Growth Award. He is also the recipient of numerous International President's Certificates of Appreciation seven International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honour the bestows upon its members.

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He is a Dr. Franklin G. Mason Fellow, a W. P. Woods Fellow and a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, President Alexander is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has served as chairperson of the advisory board for the New York Urban League and as a board member of the St. Francis De Sales School for the Deaf. He is also a recipient of the Congressional Record Award.

President Alexander has two daughters, and his partner in service, Shabiki Cazabon is a Lion and Progressives Melvin Jones Fellow.

2021 Lions International Presidential Theme: Service from the Heart.

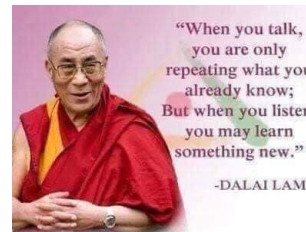
We serve with love and compassion in communities around the world.



The selfless giving of our time and effort is precisely what makes Lions so special. When we give, we expect nothing in return. Yet we gain so much. Our service offers hope and connection in the face of great need and also extends an invitation to the world to join us. We embrace the joy that comes with

"SERVICE FROM THE HEART".

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