



## CLUB NEWS



**CLUB MEETINGS:** As you may already know, as from the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday September 1, we will now be meeting at 126 HOTEL, Margeaux Restaurant, Thorthon Street (corner Lockker Street, Sliema. Lion President Norman Peter Wilson will give more details at the coming meeting.

After more than two decades meeting at the Victoria Hotel we had to move out.

**EARN 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.



If giving back was an Olympic Sport, Lions would have a gold medal!



**CHARTER NIGHT:** Preparations are in hand to organise Charter Night on Saturday November 13 at the Hotel Phoenicia, Floriana. Further details about this important event for the Club and its members will be made known shortly. 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.

**KINDLY NOTE :**

Lion Vivienne Zammit is also a Melvin Jones Fellow. This was



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## FUND RAISING EVENT AT MARSA SPORTS CLUB

The much awaited fund raising event due to be held by the pool of Lion President Norman Wilson at Mellieha could not be held there due to the pandemic restrictions regarding the number of persons attending.

Thanks to the good offices of Lion George O. Attard the event was held on the lawns of the Marsa Sports Club. 2nd Vice President Lion Karl Grima Bezzina also had a great helping hand to make the event a success as besides preparing some of the food served at the evening, he also provided his refrigerated van to transport the food which was prepared by Victoria the wife of our President. Karl also arranged to hire tables and together with his wife Danielle set up the tables.



*Photo of the set up on the lawns of the Club*



**Lions Clubs International  
FOUNDATION**

Lions around the world are united by a great spirit of giving and dedication to helping others. As the official charitable organization of Lions Clubs International, a leading humanitarian organization, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) supports Lions' compassionate works by providing grant funding for their local and global humanitarian efforts.

LCIF helps Lions improve peoples' lives around the world, from combating vision problems to responding to major catastrophes to providing valuable life skills to youth. Because LCIF helps Lions carry out large-scale projects through our grant programs, Lions increase their impact in their local and global communities and serve even more people in need around the world.

Donations from over 1.4+ million Lions in 210 countries and geographic areas provide the vast majority of the revenue received by LCIF, making the Foundation a leading humanitarian organization. Lions know their donations matter and that funds entrusted to LCIF will support initiatives that impact communities and change lives.

LCIF has key areas of service to support Lions' mission of serving communities and meeting humanitarian needs, LCIF provides grants in these focus areas: Saving Sight, Serving Youth, Providing Disaster Relief and Meeting Humanitarian Needs.

Imm. Past International President Dr. Jung-Yui Choi, the current Chairperson, has recently stated "As you know Lions continue helping the world come back from the pandemic, LCIF is there to support you in serving your community's needs. He thanked Lions for supporting LCIF and Campaign 100 through donations or pledges and by spreading awareness. The Chairperson encourages all Lions to be a champion of our foundation and to continue to make donations to LCIF especially now that several people around the world are in dire need of support not only because of the pandemic but also by the natural disasters inflicting suffering to people all around the world.



## WHY ARE WE LIONS?

This was the question asked by our Club's 1986-87 President Lion Albert Mamo when he wrote an article in the Club's newsletter in 1989 on the occasion of the 15th Anniversary of our Club's Charter. Since this question is still relevant 32 years later, I am reproducing what Lion Albert wrote then.

*This simple question is one that a lot of us may find difficulty in answering. Have we become Lions because our friends were? Have we become Lions to have a good time at social functions? Have we become Lions because there is an element of personal prestige? Or was it the possibility of helping others through the collective effort? I think it is a combination of the first three that lead to the fourth.*

*Our official manuals issued by International Headquarters tell us to "Orientate - Induct - Involve". But do we want to be involved? Do we shy away when approached? Are we always too busy or are we like the fellow at a football match who is always telling everybody what to do without wanting to kick the ball himself.*

*Many of us are not like this fellow at heart but in today's world side stepping seems to have become part of our life. To those who came forward, I can guarantee one thing - the personal satisfaction of a job well done. Can we find words to describe that smile of gratitude that comes from those to whom our effort has been addressed?*

*Many people who only know Lionism from the outside tell us that we are an organisation of badges and awards. What they do not say is that when a member is entitled to receive one of Lionism's awards it is because he has earned it. The award itself is really only a symbol of his achievement, what is far more important is the meaning of the award. This represents a special effort by the member. It recognises that he has fulfilled a special responsibility and through his efforts he has helped to "Bring Quality to Life".*

### Editor's Note:

Luckily we have a good number of members who give their time and efforts to help the club in fulfilling its motto WE SERVE. In 1989 the Club was an all male club as female "Lions" joined much later.

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Lion President welcomed members and their guests for supporting the fund raising events, stating that proceeds from this event will be going towards the main project during his presidential year to purchase a car for the Hospice Movement. He encouraged those present to also buy raffle tickets for a big number of prizes donated by Club members, firms (Gozo Abrahams - Vini e Caprice, Meridiana Wine Estate, Mellieha The Caterer, Jardinaland Garden Centre, Adore More, Petrolea, Joweta wife of Lion George, Toni and Ninu (two Mellieha farmers) and David (greengrocer).

Lion President thanked all those members who helped to make the event possible namely Lions George O. Attard, Lorna Farrugia, Vivienne Zammit, Doreen Davis (Fund-Raising Chairperson) and Vice President Victoria Muscat, and three anonymous donors.



Lion President also welcomed Lion Isabelle Micallef (seated left in photo) who was back with us after a long absence due to health reasons.

All those present had an enjoyable evening. The sum of Euro 2500 was raised from this event. This augments the sum already raised from other fund raising activities. We are still far from the sum required to buy the brand new car for the Hospice Movement.

*Above photo: Lion President looking exhausted but happy and pleased.*

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### ONE SIMPLE WAY TO DONATE

For a few years I have been saving loose change (i.e. one, two, five and ten cents) in a piggy bank , When I think that there are enough coins to make a donation, I go across to the supermarket in my street and exchange the coins to euros.

It is amazing that you can collect sums varying from 40 to 100 Euros. I then put in an extra euros and send a cheque to Dar tal-Providenza. I have been doing this for a number. I know that there are a few members who do this too. One particular member has donated a nice sum to the Club's Philanthropic account.

I encourage fellow Lions to do the same thing thus helping our club's philanthropic cause. Every cent helps. Hence think about doing this simple thing. Once you reckon you have enough coins to make a donation, exchange the coin to paper money and forward the amount to our Club's Treasurer.

**"EVERY LITTLE THING HELPS"**

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### QUOTE:

*"The most beautiful things in life are not material ones.  
They are people, places, memories and pictures.  
They are also feelings, moments, smiles and laughter".*

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However through the members' generosity and through funds raised from activities the target should and would be reached during Lion President Norman term of office. There is a long way to go to reach our target but being LIONS we will attain our aim.

Note: In 2005 our Club made a handsome donation to the Hospice Movement to provide essential commodities for the movement.

### LIIONS BADGES

Most of the Lions Clubs have their own Club badge. Our Club had badges made for special anniversaries one of which was the badge at right which commemorates the 40th anniversary of its foundation.



Lion Alfred Micallef Attard was responsible for its execution. As can be seen from the picture at left, he really made an ideal badge, showing the landmark tower in Sliema with the Lions badge superimposed in the centre. The badge clearly shows the reason behind its issue. Previous to this badge, the Club had also issued a badge to commemorate its 10th anniversary. Both badges were in big demand by the thousands of overseas Lions who collect badges.



At most of the International Lions and/or District Conventions there is an area dedicated to badge collectors where Lions from across the world exchange badges. When the 19th Mediterranean Lions Conference was held at Malta in April 2016, a special badge (at left) was produced. This was given to each delegate attending the event.

There are thousands of Lions around the world who collect badges. Lions in the United States do not only have lapel badges but often produce a very big badge. At conventions one can often meet a Lion wearing a waist coat full with badges (or pins as they are known by several people).

Perhaps in 3 years time our Club will produce another badge to commemorate our Club's Golden Anniversary. Whoever is on the Board of Directors nearer to the date should endeavour to produce the golden anniversary badge to keep our Club known overseas.