



CLUB NEWS



CLUB MEETINGS: The December meetings are scheduled for Wednesday December 1 starting at 1830 and Wednesday December 15 starting at 1800 since a talk will be delivered on this date at the end of the business session of the meeting. Meetings will be held at THE IMPERIAL in Sliema.

The meeting on December 15 will be followed by a talk on "Arts and Medicine" given by Dr. Benedict Vella Briffa son of our Club member Lion Nadette Vella Briffa. **Kindly note that the talk will not be followed by a meal on this occasion.**

RAFFLE TICKETS: We still have some tickets available for the IN-HOUSE raffle. Members are encouraged to buy tickets @ one euro each so that we will be able to make the draw possibly before Christmas. Any member wishing to have more tickets is requested to contact Lion Tom A. Restall. Members support is necessary to help the Club achieve its aim to buy the car for the Hospice Movement. We count on you.

CHRISTMASS GET TOGETHER: This is being planned for Friday December 17 at THE IMPERIAL. This event will serve as a Get Together prior to Christmas. Lion Doreen Davis is coordinating this event. It is hoped that a good number of members will attend this event. Further details will be sent to members shortly.

**LEADERSHIP is not a position or a title.
It is action and example.**

"WE SERVE" TO HELP OTHERS



LIONS CLUB SLIEMA
NEWSLETTER

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CHARTER CELEBRATION

After a lapse of one year due to COVID 19 the Club's 47th Charter celebration was held at the Phoenicia Hotel Ballroom on Saturday November 13. A good number of members and their guests attended the function, which was well organised and held in a congenial atmosphere.

President Norman Wilson delivered a speech which is being reproduced hereunder.

"Lions Zone Chairperson, Presidents, Immediate Past President, Vice Presidents, Lions and honoured guests welcome to Lions Club Sliema Charter Night.

It is such a pleasure to be here all together tonight. I can't help but noticing that the ladies are all beautifully dressed this evening but the men all look identical.

Well at least the men all look dandy – d a n d e - lions!

When composing this address I was going to write "I am so thrilled to stand here as a member of Lions Club Sliema" but thrilled is such a platitude so I looked up an electronic thesaurus and it came up with "intoxicated!" I'm so intoxicated to stand here.

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MEDITERRANEAN LIONS CONFERENCE

The organising Committee of the Mediterranean Lions Conference which will be held in Tunis from March 24 to 27, 2022 have announced the themes of the conference. During the first session scheduled for Friday March 25 the main theme will be "Global warming and its influence on the rise of water levels in the Mediterranean" while in the second session scheduled for Saturday March 26 the theme will be "Mediterranean solidarity in the face of pandemics and natural disasters". These are two subjects which affect all the Mediterranean countries meriting the attention of all Lions in the region.

The Organising Committee is appealing to see a great number of Lions to be in Tunis for the Conference which is being held after a lapse of two painful years of missed opportunities to meet in person in order to strengthen the bonds of friendship which are the heart of our Mediterranean being.

Further details about the Conference will be given in due course when hopefully things will ensure that the conference will be held without any health restrictions.

ARTS FOUNDATION

At Club meetings members are always given an update on the Lions Club Sliema Arts Foundation but few perhaps know how this started. The foundation was the brainchild of Past President Lion Ian Lochhead. It was constituted on 25th March 2005 by public deed drawn up by Notary Dr. Margaret Heywood. Apart from being a non-profit making organisation the primary aim of the Foundation is to promote the study of the arts by persons requiring financial assistance and deemed appropriate recipients of assistance by the Foundation. The overall responsibility of the Foundation and its activities are vested in a Committee of Management appointed by the Board of Directors of our Club. The first Board of Directors was chaired by Lion Lochhead and had Prof. Dione Buhagiar, Dr. Stella Borg Barthet, Mr. George Apap and Past President Lion Joe Caruana as members.

Editor's Note: This is an extract from the Club's newsletter of December 2005. In a future edition of the newsletter it is hoped to give further information about what the Foundation has done to further its aims.

LCIF - LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

LCIF is the charitable fundraising and grant-making arm of the Lions global organisation. Its mission is to support the efforts of Lions Clubs and partners in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants.

Thanks to the Lions membership, LCIF has been able to grant more than US\$1 BILLION TO Lions service project and partnerships around the world, supporting Youth, providing disaster relief and addressing humanitarian needs. Lions Clubs International is the world's largest and most effective service organisation and Lions themselves are respected worldwide for the service they provide. LCIF allows us to extend and magnify the impact on a global scale.

How can Lions participate? LCIF relies on Lions to help make its mission possible and Lions can participate in three ways:

As Donors: Lions are the biggest supporters and provide the vast majority of contributions. Lions donations sustain the foundation and make it possible

As Advocates: Lions are better than anyone at telling our story and sharing the message and impact of our work.

As Volunteers: Lions implement the projects that the foundation supports. Lion service allows us to achieve our aims through the grant application.

In Malta we have benefitted from LCIF funds since a few years ago we had been able to install glaucoma screening monitors in various health centres. Our Club has also sent funds to LCIF, however these are always necessary to enable LCIF to meet the demands made for funds. Several club members have made donations to the fund but as Past President Lion Joe Messina our Club's LCIF Co-Ordinator has often said our members can help make donations to the fund.

HOW ABOUT PUTTING ASIDE ONE EURO A DAY TO ENABLE OUR CLUB TO MAKE FURTHER DONATIONS TO LCIF. THINK ABOUT IT?.....ONE EURO A DAY WILL MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.



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Did you see how very very carefully your temperature was taken at the entrance? That's because you're lions.

When I joined our club exactly 2 years ago, I looked in the official handbook to see what I should do and not do and there I found:

Lion Tamer -The Lion Tamer shall have charge of and be responsible for the property and paraphernalia of the Club, including flags, banners, gong, gavel and song books!! I'm looking forward to the sing-song!

The Tail Twister - He/she shall promote harmony, good fellowship and enthusiasm in the meetings through appropriate stunts and games – no wonder our meetings are such fun - and the judicious imposition of fines on Club members. Right all those without badges Euro1 each please!

But seriously, I am very proud to be a member of Sliema Lions Club, a club that has raised enough funds to buy a guide dog so that a blind person can "see", sent thousands of pairs of spectacles to Africa, established a foundation to provide bursaries and support to Arts students who are abroad, provided food and domestic appliances for the needy, has participated with Caritas Malta in drug awareness, provided book binding equipment for our National Library, has restored 12th century frescoes at St Agatha's Catacombs in Rabat, planted trees to provide better air quality and much needed greenery, help those who are caught up in natural disasters, and much much more for the Hospice Movement to transport doctors, nurses, family councilors, physios and equipment to the homes of the sick and to transport children and their families to hospital and back home in a civilised manner.

Lions Club Sliema. I am proud of you."



MESSAGE FROM ZONE CHAIRPERSON

Zone Chairperson Lion Judith Debono was guest at Charter Night delivered the following address which was well received by all: *Fellow Lions, Honoured guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is a distinct honour and privilege, as Zone Chairperson, to extend a profound welcome in celebrating the anniversary of this evening's charter. Charter nights are a time for celebrations of past achievements, reflection of projects and a time for anticipations of the future service to our community. In order for a club to achieve its goals, it is essential that we unite and strengthen ourselves at all levels. Together we can render exceptional services to society and leave a lasting mark in the history of Lionism. Lastly, I would like to say that when one joins a Lions club one is given a pin and we need to put this pin into action. It we want to connect with our members, we need to touch their hearts. This is something that every Lion can help with. Therefore, reach out to your club members, connect with them and get them involved. Congratulations again on your anniversary, and I look forward to many years of continues service.*

PHOTO:

Lion President Norman Wilson with Zone Chairperson Lion Judith Debono



INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

At the Charter dinner five new members were formally induct as Lions of the International Association of Lions Clubs as members of our Club. The new members are:

Daniel Borg who was sponsored by Immediate Past President Lion Margaret Frendo. Lion Daniel who was unable to attend the ceremony was sponsored during Lion Margaret's presidency.

Lion Malek Smaoul sponsored by Lion Vivienne Zammit who was accepted as member when Lion Alex Arena was Club President.

Three members accepted as members during Lion Norman Wilson presidency: namely:

Marie Therese Cuschieri sponsored by Lion Secretary Lorna Farrugia ,
Arlette Grech sponsored by Past President Lion George O. Attard
Steven Gatt sponsored by Lion Vivienne Zammit.

KNOW YOUR WHISKY



Lion Treasurer Alex Arena gave an interesting talk about whisky at the monthly talk . Lion Alex who is a connoisseur on whisky highlighted how one can recognise a good blend of whisky and explained the process to produce the blend whisky. He also mentioned the requirements imposed on distillers such as that bottle

labels must have all the details required by law. After his interesting talk which was appreciated by all present including the ladies present, those present could taste three blends of high quality brands and were asked to give their opinion on each brand. Lion Alex's talk was appreciated by all those present and also helped to raised funds for our philanthropic causes.

Photo: Lion Alex Arena delivering his talk.