



## CLUB NEWS



**CLUB MEETINGS:** The November meetings are scheduled for Wednesday November 3 and Wednesday November 17. Meetings will be held at THE IMPERIAL in Sliema. After the business meeting of November 17, Lion Treasurer Alex Arena, a connoisseur on whisky will deliver a talk on "Whiskey and Whiskey Tasting". Should be interesting!

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**CHARTER GALA DINNER:** As already announced the Charter Gala Dinner will be held on Saturday November 13 at the Hotel Phoenicia in Floriana. It is expected that some members from our twinned clubs will also be present for this occasion. During the event the President will induct the new club members. Induction of new members has always been conducted during Charter Night.

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**FUND RAISING EVENTS:** It is planned to hold other fund raising events later in the Lionistic year to raise enough funds to enable the Club to buy a car for the Hospice Movement, a project which Club President Lion Norman Wilson wishes to fulfill during his year in office. Members have so far supported all of the events held for this cause. Their support is appreciated and it is hoped that they will continue to help. **One way to support this project is by buying more raffle tickets. We still have a few more to sell to reach our target from this raffle, hence it would be great if members get more tickets. Get your tickets from Lion Tom A. Restall now.**

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**2022 EUROPA FORUM:** At the Europa Forum held in Thessaloniki (Greece) it was decided that the 2022 Europa Forum will be held in Zagreb (Croatia) on 27/29 October.

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## VISIT OF FRENCH LIONS

A group of French Lions from District 108 Ile France Est led by Immediate Past Governor Monsieur Philippe Meignan, member of LC De Montlery were in Malta earlier this month. Their visit was organised by our Club member Lion Stephane Moyet.


During their stay in Malta the group visited several places amongst which St. John's Co-Cathedral where they had occasion to view the Caravaggio masterpiece "The Beheading of St. John". The group also visited Muza and Upper Barakka. They also visited Gozo going to the Citadella and the Marian Sanctuary at "Ta Pinu".

On Friday October 15 members of our club joined the French visitors for dinner at the Palace Hotel during which they exchanged views about activities organised by the two clubs. At this event gifts were exchanged between our Club President, the Past Governor and other French Lions. The event was a great success thanks to Lion Stephane and club members Lion George Attard and Joe Messina.

The occasion also turned out to be a fund raiser as two separate raffles for several prizes was organised, one for the French visitors and the other for our Club members. The sum of Euro 535 was raised, thereby augmenting funds for our club's main project to buy a car for the Hospice Movement. Such visits are beneficial for Lions as these are means to exchange views and learn more about each other's activities.



*Photo: Lion President Norman Wilson exchanging presents.*

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### News From Our International Lions Friends



We are very happy and proud to introduce you to Club Sliema, one of the oldest and most prestigious Lions Clubs in Europe and Malta.

We have been in correspondence with them for a few months laying the foundation of a solid friendship. Since then we started to send our monthly newsletters to each other in order to get to know each other better and be informed about what both of us are doing. In this month's issue, we present you one of their activities. Hopefully, we will share with you the news of the joint events that we will do together in the coming days.

**Majjalata "The Siding Pig"**

The Mirkas Club was once again the venue of a fund raising activity when members and their guests sat down to enjoy a traditional meal called "majjalata". The event was coordinated by Lions George Attard and Doreen Davis.

Besides enjoying the meal, those present raised a nice sum. In an email Lion President stated: "Yesterday was a quite magical day with 70 people present. Seven pulled out due to circumstances beyond their control. Together with a donation of Euro 200 we netted Euro 1292 bringing the Hospice Car Fund nearly Euro 5000".



## OUR CLUB'S RECOGNITION BEYOND MALTA.

For the last few months I have been in contact with Lions Club Lefkosa Baskent an Undistricted club in the Cyprus Turkish sector. The club together with another club in the area had contacted me to explain our relationship with Oakbrook as an Undistricted Club. I have been sending our newsletter to their President to show what our club does to raise funds and to highlight other club activities. The Cypriot Turkish club has now started to issue their own newsletter and in the second issue

of their monthly newsletter the President devoted a full page to our Club. The article highlights our Club's recent fund-raising activity namely the "Majjalata" together with a photo of the event and our Club's bannerette.

Lion President Berna Yilmazoglu Ozdaga stated "*Receiving your club's newsletter made us start issuing a monthly newsletter to keep our members aware of what we are doing*". In the opening sentence of her article Lion Berna wrote: "*We are very happy and proud to introduce you to Club Sliema, one of the oldest and most prestigious Lions Clubs in Europe and Malta*". It is great for our Club to get recognition beyond our shores. This also shows that it is important to have and keep contacts with overseas Lions Clubs.

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## LOOKING BACK TO 1997

Hereunder are two extracts from the 1998 January/February newsletter which shows our Club's involvement in various projects in 1997.

Caring Awareness Fair: Past President Lion Frank P. Galea was entrusted to organise the Lions stand at the Caring Awareness Fair held at the Trade Fair Grounds from May 8 to 11. Although there was a paucity of publicity material available, the stand featured part of the ophthalmic equipment which was donated by the Lions Clubs International Foundation through the Sightfirst programme. Members will recall that LCIF together with the Maltese Clubs donated ophthalmic equipment to six government health centres.

Sightfirst Project: The SightFirst project has proved highly successful. From information to hand it is estimated that thousands of Maltese and Gozitans have benefited from the project by being examined for glaucoma and other eye diseases at the health centres. The Zone will soon be embarking on another publicity campaign to promote the project. This will be aimed at all sections of the Maltese community and is hoped that publicity leaflets in both English and Maltese be printed and distributed to all households.

The above are extracts from our Club's Newsletter in which we used to devote space to bring to the members' attention our Club's involvement in projects organised by the Provisional Zone which at that time consisted of five Lions clubs.



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TO SERVE

He/she who cannot serve cannot lead.  
It is being a servant that you recognise  
that followers also have needs.

TRUE LEADERS ARE SERVICE  
ORIENTATED

## MONTHLY TALK - ARCHITECTURE IN MALTA *IPP Lion Margaret Frendo reports on the talk about Architecture in Malta.*

On Wednesday 20th November Lions Club Sliema, members and friends, were once again privileged to have professor Konrad Thake as the guest speaker. Prof Thake showed the audience slides from his forthcoming publication, "Art Nouveau to Modernism, Architecture in Malta, 1910 - 1950".

He started his talk by defining Art Nouveau as a decorative, colourful style which blends itself well with our local soft stone. A few architects who built in Art Nouveau style are Andrea Vassallom, Guiseppe Psaila, Gustavo Vincenti, HJ Borg and E. Mannara. This style is also used in wrought Iron works, glass works and paintings.

Typical decorations found in this style are flower stalks, buds, vine tendrils, wings, and other natural objects. It is an elegant and graceful art form. In Malta this style of architecture is mostly to be found in St Julian's, Sliema, Valletta and Attard.

A few buildings in this style survived the onslaught of being replaced by multi storey buildings, others were not so lucky. A few examples of standing buildings in Art Nouveau are:

Villa Rosa in St Julian's, Architect Andrea Vassallo, 1920s

Rose Ville in Attard, Architect Alessandro Manara/Emmanuel Borg 1912/21

Balluta buildings in Sliema, Architect Giuseppe Psaila, 1928

Orpheum Theatre in Gzira, Architect Harold J Borg, 1932

Ta' Pinu church in Gozo, Architect Andrea Vassallo, 1922.

Vincenti Buildings in Valletta, Architect Gustavo Vincenti, 1930s.

The unlucky few that have been demolished were:

Chateau Bertrand at Ta' Qali in 1930s.

Casa Said in Sliema, Architect Andrea Vassallo

Broadland Mansions Sliema, Architect Giuseppe Psaila, 1926.

Argotti Garden's greenhouse in Floriana, Architect Andrea Vassallo, 1903

## WEAR YOUR LION'S BADGE WITH PRIDE

When one becomes a member of a Lions Club he or she is given a badge with the international Lions emblem or the club's emblem. This badge should be worn every time and everywhere, especially when attending a club meeting or any other event organised by Lions or the member's parent club.



Unfortunately, members often do not wear the badge. It is the norm that members who fail to wear the Lions badge at official meetings or functions to be fined. The Club's Tail Twister is empowered to fine members one euro. This is in accordance with the duties of the Tail Twister as stipulated in para.

4.5.7 of our Club's Constitution and By-Laws. According to the said by-laws there should be no ruling from the Tail Twister's decision. However no member can be fined more than twice at such meetings. The fine imposed by our Club's statute is minimal when one considers that in other overseas Lions Clubs the fine is higher.

Wearing the Lions emblem is also a matter of pride. Lions should be proud to show they are members of the International Association of Lions Clubs. Several clubs have their own badge. Lions Club Sliema is no exception and during the past years the club produced badges. As can be seen from the picture on the right, the badge shows the tower on the promenade in Sliema superimposed on the Maltese cross. The club also had a special badge to commemorate its 40th anniversary. It is envisaged that a special badge to commemorate the golden anniversary of our club be issued in 2024.

Worldwide there are hundreds of Lions who collect the Lions badges. Our club badges were in great demand whenever our club members were present at international conventions.



## CLUB MEMBER HONOURED

Italian President Sergio Mattarella has conferred the decoration of "*Official OMRI*" in the *Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana* to our Club member Lion Tonio Portuguese.

The decree is also signed by former Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte. It recognises the special role and outstanding contribution by Lion Tonio to the development of political, economic and cultural relations between Malta and Italy, and the international milestones in his successful career over 40 years.

The decree and the decoration were presented to Lion Tonio by the Italian Ambassador to Malta Fabrizio Romano.



In the photo at left Lion Tonio is seen with his decree while the Ambassador is reading the citation sent by the Italian President. Lion Tonio's wife is seen on the right. Congratulations Lion Tonio.

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**SERVICE BY OTHER CLUBS:** Lions all over the world are committed to serve their communities in several ways, but it is the first time that I read about a club taking "Circumcision Action". This was done by our twinned Club Sfax Thyna when through their member Lion Dr. Mohamed Fourati, 11 boys from poor income families were taken for circumcision at the Sfax General Hospital with the Lions Clubs footing the bill for this medical intervention. Service comes in various ways for those in need.