



## JULY 2023 - NEWSLETTER

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### 2023/24 LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT DR. PATTI HILL



Dr. Patti Hill is a Canadian psychologist and educator who was elected as International President of Lions Clubs International at the association's 105<sup>th</sup> International Convention held in Boston USA in July 2023. She was elected as First Vice President at the 104<sup>th</sup> International Convention in June 2022. She has been a Lion for more than 32 years and her life and career have been defined by her passion for social justice, her dedication to helping others reach their full potential and her devotion

to making the world a better place for all people.

At her inaugural speech President Patti Hill stated that "CHANGING THE WORLD" is the motto chosen for her Presidential Year. The President stated It is a journey. There is no middle and no end. There is only a beginning which starts with us (Lions). It happened through the many small choices and acts of kindness we make every day. Together the sum of our efforts makes the world a better place, one life, one relationship and one communit at a time.



President Hill's programmes and initiatives will focus on four key priorities for Lions International that critical for our mission of service. Her programme is 1. to create a greener, clearer environment, 2. Sharing our stories with the world, 3. Reaching our full potential as Lions and Leaders and 4. Supporting our global found LCIF.

## **PROFILE OF CLUB PRESIDENT LION KARL GRIMA BEZZINA**

Lion Karl has been a Lions member since 2019. Born in Malta on 14<sup>th</sup> January 1982, Karl started his studies at the University of Malta, graduating in Agriculture in 2002. During his time at University Karl has been involved with a number of student organisations, such as AISEC as well as SDM. He also served on the University Students Council as a social policy officer.

After graduating, Karl started his career as a Senior Officer with the Government of Malta, working on Agricultural EU affairs, representing Malta on a number of high-level committees dealing in Agricultural affairs within the European Union. Karl was promoted to Principal Officer within the Ministry for Rural Affairs. During this time, he continued his studies, graduating with a BSc. (Hons) in Mediterranean Agro-Eco Systems from the University of Perugia. He furthered his studies by following his passion in the culinary arts where he graduated once again from the University of Malta in Gastronomy.

In 2012, Karl took the leap and founded Karrot & Ko, a catering company offering B2B solutions, contract catering and canteen management. Now a days, Karl still manages Karrot & Ko, which is in its' eleventh year of operation. His passion for food and service continues as he even provided various services to the Sliema Lions Club during a number of events organized. Karl apart from his passion in the kitchen, he is also keen on fitness where he regularly participates in runs and obstacle races both locally and abroad.

Lion President Karl has been a regular attendant to a number of Lions events, through the introduction by his late Aunt, Lion Isabelle Micallef, whom she also introduced to the club and eventually as a regular member. Karl is married to Daniela.

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### **CHANGE OF STATUS OF CYPRIOT CLUBS**

As from July 2023 Lions Clubs in Northern Cyprus have now been recognised as Provisional Lions District, Lions Club Sliema and Nicosia Lefkosa has co-sponsored the newest Club in the region, namely Nicosia Pandora.

## MESSAGE ON FACEBOOK FROM PRESIDENT LION KARL GRIMA BEZZINA



As some of you might be aware, I've been elected as President of Lions Club Sliema, Malta VO 0146 for the coming year. Adhering with our motto: "WE SERVE". Lions Clubs International is a Voluntary Organisation working hard towards making a difference with our community. We form part of an international organisation of 48,000 Clubs throughout the world managing to make a great difference within our community as well as on a world platform.

My ethos for this coming year is: "Never abandon them as it may be all that they have". During this year we will strive to continue our service as well as raise funds for a variety of projects, with our main project being party financing a new "Child Care Centre" managed by the Ursuline Sisters within the Sliema community. I do humbly invite you to participate in our events together with our families and friends, help us achieve such important goals, providing hope and a future.

### CLUB NEWS

**NEXT MEETINGS:** There will be no Club meetings in August. The first meeting after the Summer break will be on Wednesday September 4 followed by a meeting on September 20.

Meetings will be held every first and third Wednesday every month.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS – AUGUST 2023/JUNE 2024

- Saturday August 5 – BBQ -- Tigne Beach
- Saturday September 16 – Spare Ribs - Marsa Sports Club
- Saturday October 14 – Quiz Night and dinner – Victoria Hotel
- Sunday October TBN – Olive Pressing at Stella Gardens
- Saturday November 11 – Bingo Pasta at Victoria Hotel
- Sunday November 12 – Visit to Dar tal-Providenza/Lunch
- Tuesday November 14 – Diabetes Testing (place TBN)
- Sunday November 18 – Charter Night (place TBN)
- Saturday December 16 – Christmas Party
- Sunday January 21 – Visit to Maypole Bakery
- Saturday February 10 – Carnival Party
- Saturday March 3 – Walk in the country side
- Saturday March 20 – Afternoon Tea
- Friday April 19 – Wine Tasting
- Sunday May 19 – Buffet lunch at Excelsior Hotel
- Saturday June 8 – Beer Tasting/dinner - Farsons Brewery
- Friday July 28 – President's Handover and Awards Night

## WHO WAS MELVIN JONES

Many a time at Club meetings the name Melvin Jones is mentioned. Hence it is worth knowing who was Melvin Jones, the Founder of Lions Clubs International.

Melvin Jones was born on January 13, 1879 in Fort Thomas, Arizona, the son of a United States Army captain who commanded a troop of scouts. Later his father was transferred and the family moved east. As a young man, Melvin Jones made his home in Chicago, Illinois, and became associated with an insurance firm. In 1913 he formed his own agency.



Jones soon joined the Business Circle, a businessmen's luncheon group, soon being elected Secretary. This group was one of many at that time devoted solely to promote the financial interests of their membership. Because of the limited appeal, they were destined to disappear. Melvin Jones, then a 38-year-old Chicago business leader had other plans.

Melvin Jones stated "What if these men who are successful because of their drive, intelligence and ambition, were to put their talents to work improving their communities"? Thus, at his invitation, delegates from men's club met in Chicago to lay the groundwork for such an organisation and on June 7 1917. Lions Clubs International was born.

Melvin Jones eventually abandoned his Insurance Agency to devote himself full time to Lions at International Headquarters in Chicago. It was under his dynamic leadership that Lions Clubs earned the prestige necessary to attract civil-minded members.

The Association's founder was also recognised as a leader by those outside the Association. One of his greatest honours was in 1945 when he represented Lions Clubs International as a consultant in San Francisco at the organisation of the United Nations.

Melvin Jones, the man whose personal code: *"You can't get very far until you start doing something else"* became a guiding principle for public-minded people the world over died June 1, 1961 aged 82,

**THE INTERNATIONAL LION realises that Lions rise above differences in culture, race, religion and political persuasion to bring service to humanity.**

## TALK ON CYBER CRIME

During the Club meeting on Wednesday July 19 Police Constable gave an interesting on Cyber Crime and how to deal with it if ever you are victim of this. He explained in the detail the various types of cybercrime and advised how to deal with this scourge which is becoming persistent. At the end of the talk, the Police Constable was presented with our Club bannerette by Club President Lion Karl Grima Bezzina and later joined a group of Club members for dinner. Also present at the meeting was Lion Tuncay Ebgü, member of Lions Club Nicosia Pandora (the Club we co-sponsored in North Cyprus) who was on a private visit to Malta and found time to join us at our meeting. She was also presented with a bannerette by our Club President.

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## PRIVACY NOTICE – LIONS CLUB SLIEMA

This privacy notice tells you about the information we collect from members when they join our Club. In collecting this information, we are acting as a Data Controller and by law, we are required to provide you with information about US, why and how we use your data, and about the rights you have over your data.

***WHO ARE WE?*** Our address is: P.O. Box 62, Sliema. You can contact the Secretary by post. We are not required to have a Data Protection Officer, so any enquiries about our use of your personal data should be addressed to the Secretary.

***WHAT PERSONAL DATA DO WE COLLECT?*** When a member joins Lions Club Sliema we will ask him/her for the following – ID Card, First and Last Name, Home Address, Home phone and Mobile numbers, Date of Birth and Personal email address.

### ***WHY DO WE COLLECT THIS INFORMATION?***

This information is needed to contact you about Club events that we may have from time to time and also to forward a copy of the minutes of our meetings.

***WHAT DO WE DO WITH YOUR INFORMATION?*** Your information is collected and stored as securely as possible. We do not use the information provided to make any automated decisions that might affect you.

**HOW LONG DO WE KEEP YOUR INFORMATION?** This information remains active with us until you remain a member.

**YOUR RIGHTS OVER YOUR INFORMATION** – By Law, you can ask us what information we hold about you. You can ask us to correct it, if it is inaccurate. You can also ask us to give you copy of the information and/or to stop using your information for a period if you believe we are not doing so lawfully. To submit a request by post, kindly use the contact information provided above.

**YOUR RIGHTS TO COMPLAIN** - If you have a complaint about our use of your information you can contact the Information and Data Protection Office via their website: <https://idpc.or.mt/en/> or write to the Commissioner at this address: Level 2, Airways House, High Street, Sliema SLM1540 Malta.

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### FUND RAISING EVENT

The first fund-raising event of the Lionistic Year 2023/24 was the “Majjalat” held at the Marsa Sports Club. Unfortunately, due the change of date of this event some members who had intended to come could not do so due to other commitments hence there was not a large number of members and their guests present as in previous years. Nonetheless the evening was enjoyable and the Club still managed to raise a nice sum from the raffle organised by the Fund-Raising Sub Committee. It is hoped that there will be more Club members and guests attending the next fund raiser which is the Barbeque at Surf Side, Sliema on Saturday August 5.

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**PEARLS OF WISDOM:** I expect to pass through life but once. If therefore, there can be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again. *William Penn*

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### PROUD TO BE A LION - WE SERVE

**LEADERSHIP:** It is not about being the best.

**LEADERSHIP:** Is making everyone else better.

**“WE SERVE”**

## REFRESHING OUR MEMORY

### THINGS TO KNOW AND REMEMBER

**ORIGIN OF NAME “LIONS”.** On June 17, 1917 at the invitation of Melvin Jones, delegates met in Chicago. The only point of contention was the selection of a name for the new organisation. Melvin Jones researched the idea of calling the new organisation LIONS. The name Lions was chosen on a secret ballot over several others because the lion stood for strength, courage, fidelity and vital actions. The official name of the Association is “The International Association of Lions Clubs” or simply “Lions Clubs International”.



**LOGO:** The Lions emblem or logo is a recognised and respected symbol around the world. Although it has been modified and modernised, the basic design dates back to 1919. It consists of a gold “L” on a blue field surrounded by a gold circle. On either side of the circle is the profile of a Lion’s head, one looking back upon a proud past and the other looking optimistically toward the future.

**WHO ARE THE LIONS.** Lions are men and women dedicated to serving those in need, in our own community and around the world. The 1.42 million members in more than 46000 Clubs in over 207 countries are different in many ways, but share a core belief – community is what we make it. In addition to humanitarian service, Lions enjoy fellowship and develop leadership skills.

**VISION STATEMENT:** “To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs.

**SLOGAN:** Liberty – Intelligence – Our Nation’s Safety

**MOTTO:** **WE SERVE**

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