



CLUB NEWS

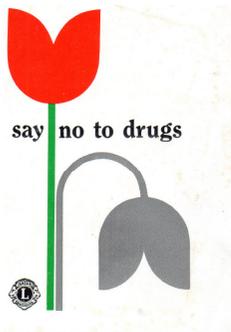


NEXT MEETINGS: The next meetings are scheduled for Wednesday September 5 and Wednesday 19 at 6.30 p.m at the Victoria Hotel, Sliema.

FRESCOES AT CATACOMBS: Ms. Jessica Arena, the daughter of our Club President wrote a very interesting article in the "Times of Malta" about the treasures found in St' Agata's Catacombs. In her article, Ms. Arena mentioned the financial aid given by our Club in the restoration of the frescoes.

CHARTER NIGHT: This year's Charter Night is being held on Saturday November 10 at the Grand Hotel Excelsior, Floriana. Details will be given nearer to the date. However members are asked to keep this date free.

CLUB DIRECTORY: In order to conform with the recent regulations regarding privacy of personal information, members were asked to confirm that they accept to have their address, email and telephone numbers included in the directory. Members who have not already returned the form sent by our Club Secretary are kindly requested to do so, so that we will take a final decision whether to compile the directory.



The logo at left was issued by Lions Clubs International to encourage Clubs to fight the scourge of drugs which is ruining the lives of various people especially youths. Though the logo was issued a few years ago, the message therein is still relevant. Our Club was the first club to help Caritas Malta in their drive to help drug addicts when they first started their campaign to fight drugs. **WE SERVE**



AUGUST 2018

LIONS CHARITY CRUISE

Our club organised a Charity Cruise from Malta to Licata starting off from the Royal Malta Yacht Club (RMYC) on Friday August 10 and returning to Malta on Wednesday August 15.

The cruise was organised with the collaboration of the Royal Malta Yacht Club (RMYC). A barbeque dinner to open the even and a pasta night on return to base, both at the Club premises. In the night of the “falling stars” 7 yachts and over 25 persons between crew members and friends, including a group of fellow Lions from our twinned Club of Licata, left Malta to touch the southern coast of Sicily in the early afternoon.

The participants spent three days in Licata, all wearing a distinctive Lions Club Sliema yellow bracelet. The Past President of Licata Lion Agostino Balsamo opened all the doors for the Maltese delegation to discover the city, in particular Sant’ Angelo church, the maritime museum and the old Maltese District. A special welcome came from the City Mayor Giuseppe Galanti and other members of the City Council. Nice weather, delicious food and wonderful company were the perfect frame to relaxed days in the spirit of friendship and solidarity.



Photo: From right: Lion Antonio Varriale, Club President Alex Arena, Licata Mayor Galanti, LC Licata IPP Agostino Balsamo, two Licata Lions and IPP George O. Attard

LIONS FIGHTING DIABETES

Lions Clubs International has partnered with the International Diabetes Federation to make fighting diabetes, one of the world’s most widespread diseases, a top priority for 2018. As we count down to World Diabetes Day on Wednesday, November 14, 2018.

Diabetes is one of the most pervasive and fastest-growing diseases in the world today. It affects people of all races, income levels and ages, even children.

Lions Clubs International Foundation is responding; to this global epidemic by committing to help prevent diabetes and improve quality of life for those who have been diagnosed through multi-faceted comprehensive health initiatives.

According to the World Health Organisation 629 million people will have diabetes by 2045. WHO states that:

- 425 million people have diabetes today
- 4 million people die from this disease each year
- 1.1 million children are affected by type 1 diabetes
- 50% of people who will die from diabetes don’t even know it
- 75% of people with diabetes live in low-and medium income countries
- 12% of global health expenditures are diabetes-related.

In Malta we have hundreds of people who have diabetes. While the Health Departments often warns about the dangers of diabetes, several Maltese end up with this disease.

Lions Clubs in Malta had been in the fore front to fight this disease. A few years ago, a booklet was issued in the Maltese language to give advise to the general public regarding diabetes.

In the light of Lions Clubs International appeal to fight diabetes, it will be appropriate if our Club supports this world wide campaign. We may be of help to our fellow citizens by participating in the world wide campaign planned for November 14.

FORTHCOMING INTERNATIONAL LIONS EVENTS



This year's Europa Forum is being held in the city of Skopje, Northern Macedonia, from 25 to 27 October. The Theme of the Forum is "Awareness and Empathy" a sequel

to the themes of previous Europe Fora, "Sympathy and Friendship" in 2015, "United to Serve" in 2016 and "Water means Life" in 2017. It reflects and determinates the European Lions priorities in the second Lions Century in the world.

Awareness – for the human needs and feelings of other people, such as knowledge, perception and developing the public awareness for Lionism and our mission. Awareness for achieving the goals of membership growth, leadership enhancement, and donating to LCIF.

Empathy – is capability to understand and share the feelings of other people, especially the feelings of the people who need help. Serving as more as possible the people`s needs and community through innovative services.

The 102nd International Convention is being held in Milan, Italy from July 5 to 9, 2019. This will be a unique occasion for European Lions to attend this Convention which will surely attract thousands of of Lions from all over the world.



Our club is planning to make arrangements for members to attend this important event for Lions. Together with Lion Bert Heistand Zerafa who has experience on such conventions, Lions Victor Borg Barthet and Tom A. Restall are working to arrange attendance. Details will be announced shortly so as to make hotel and travel arrangements well in advance, considering the thousands expected to attend this Convention.

The group sailed back to Malta from Scoglitti after spending a few more days in the city.

During the conclusive dinner a participation gift was given to all the boat owners by the Charity Cruise Organising Committee headed by Lion Antonio Varriale. A special trophy was awarded to the skipper of "4US" as winner of the best average per capita donor.

A sum of €800 was raised from this event from a donation of €20 from each participant and money raised from the barbeque and pasta dinner.

A special thanks goes to the Organising Sub-Committee headed by Lion Antonio Varriale and members Lions George O. Attard, Chris Borg Cardona, Louis Sciberras and Club President Lion Alex Arena. The great success of the event will most certainly lead to other amazing editions in the following years.



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Photo Guests at the barbeque at the Royal Malta Yacht Club

Note: Thanks to Lion Elisa Solimini who supplied details of the event.

DUTIES OF THE LION TAMER AND TAIL TWISTER

Although these two positions are optional, our Club has always appointed a member to act in these positions. For the information of members the duties of Lions entrusted to perform these duties are reproduced hereunder.

The LION TAMER shall have charge of and be responsible for the property and paraphernalia of the club, including flags, banners, gong, gavel and whenever available the song books and button board. He/she shall put each in its proper place before each meeting and return the same to the proper storage area after each meeting. He/she shall act as sergent-at-arms at meetings, see that those present are properly seated, and distribute bulletins, minutes, favours and literature as requested at club and board meetings. He/she shall give special attention to assure that each new member sits with a different group at each meeting so that he/she can become better acquainted.

TAIL TWISTER shall promote harmony, good fellowship, life and enthusiasm in the meeting through appropriate stunts and games and the judicious imposition of fines on club members. There shall be no ruling on his/her decision in imposing a fine, provided, however, that no fine shall exceed an amount fixed by the Board of Directors of this club, and no member shall be fined more than twice at any one meeting. The tail twister shall not be fined except by the unanimous vote of all members present. All monies collected by the tail twister shall immediately be turned over to the Treasurer and a receipt be given.

Normally the Tail Twister imposes a fine if a member arrives late for meetings, a member uses improper language and/or interrupts another member who is at the time speaking during a meeting.



FEMALE MEMBERS

The number of Female Members in the Lions International Family have been increasing steadily since the Lioness Clubs were disbanded in 1993 and females were given the same status as males. This year, as Lions Clubs International starts its second century, Lions also have the first ever Lady as International President, namely Lion Gudrun Yngvadottir from Iceland. *(Photo at left)*



Our Club has 14 ladies as members. Some are entrusted with various important roles.

Our Secretary is Lion Lorna Farrugia, while Lion Vivienne Zammit is Membership Chairperson and Lion Isabelle Micallef is Tail Twister. Lion Victoria Muscat is Arts Fund Chairperson.

Lion Margaret Frendo has been elected as Second Vice President and Lion Elisa Solimini is Director for one year.



Most of the other ladies in the Club attend meetings and are also very active whenever the Club organises fund raising events.

All over the world the number of ladies joining Lions Clubs International have increased considerably with several ladies being appointed as Club Presidents while others have served or are serving as International Directors or District Governors in various Multiple Districts.

(Photo from left Lions Esabelle Micallef, Margaret Frendo and Vivienne Zammit)