



LIONS CLUB SLIEMA  
**NEWSLETTER**



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## LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL LEOS

### WHERE THERE'S A NEED, THERE'S A LEO

#### WHO ARE THE LEOS?

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“Leadership, Experience, Opportunity” – That’s what makes a LEO. Members of Leo clubs embody the best qualities of our incredible organization. They are devoted young people who relies the power of action. Together, Leos and Lions form a powerful partnership – one of mutual respect where Lions learn from the innovative insights of Leos, and where Leos gain access to the proven strategies of those who have successfully served, the world for decades. There are a lot of ways how people can give back to their community.

LEO Clubs are sponsored by a Lions Club in their town or locality. In several countries where Lions clubs have been in existence for several years teenagers are encouraged to form a LEO Club. Quite often the first members of such a club are the children of Lions. The youngsters are encouraged to organise their own activities to help those in need, the sick and the elderly. Often when the Leos are in their twenties, they opt to join their parent Lions Club. Many a time Leos encourage other youth to become members thereby there will be a continuous link to help those in need.

Our Club had years ago sponsored a LEO Club. Children of club members who were aware of the good deeds performed by their parents, members of Lion Club Sliema, organised various activities catering for the elderly and for youths. Unfortunately, the club did not last for long, since most of the members were university students or just starting a career did not find the time to keep the club going. Perhaps It could have been the fault of our club members at that time who did not give much help to the Leos. It is a pity that the club disbanded and that our Club has never managed again to form once more a Leo Club.

Although in Malta there are various organisations catering for youth activities which are giving a good helping hand to the Maltese society in need, it would serve to continue the good work now undertaken by the present members.

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**QUOTE:** *Never bend your head, always hold it high,*

*Look the World straight in the Eye. Helen Keller*

## COMMEMORATIVE LIONS' STAMPS

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On the occasion of the 75<sup>th</sup> Foundation of Lions Clubs International, Malta Post on the initiative of Our Club's member Lion Victor Borg Barthet, issued two postage stamps depicting the Lions International Emblem on the 4c. stamp and the "Sight First Campaign" on the 50c. stamp. The stamps were designed by Harry Borg. The set was one of several others issued by postal services worldwide.



**"SIGHT FIRST"** was an ambitious and motivated project. The aim of the world campaign was to generate enough funds for the next three years

to organise in Third World countries a fight against blindness. Millions could have their eyesight saved if preventive tests and special care are made in time. The aim was then, and still is, to help people in under developed countries to benefit from such measures.

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## MONTHLY TALK

The speaker at our Club's Monthly Talk which was held ON Wednesday March 16 was Club Member Lion Martin F. Ward who gave "A Brief History of 'Madness'". Lion Martin spoke on how man has been "mad" ever since there was man! To this day, one of our greatest fears is that someday we will lose our mind. The short introductory talk traced the journey of mental illness from antiquity to the present day. Rather than concentrating solely on clinical developments, the talk highlighted how moral enlightenment, art, literature and war have all played their respective roles charting man's fight to sanity.

Lion Martin F. Ward entire career has been spent working in mental health, as a practitioner, teacher, writer, researcher, politician and manager. He has held advisory posts for the European Union Commission and the World Health Organisation. He was also President of the European Association of Psychiatric Nursing. He retired as Head of the Department of Mental Health at the University of Malta in 2015, Having lived in Malta since 2000 he now spends his time working for a children's charity and as a write. Lion Martin joined our Club two years ago.





## USED EYE GLASSES

26 boxes of used eye glasses, lens, and sun glasses were sent to the “Centro Raccolta Ochiali Usati” at Chiavasso, Torino. The eye glasses were collected from various outlets and from the public. The glasses will eventually be graded at the Centre and then sent to various African countries where these will be given to persons in need. This is the fourth time that our Club has sent glasses to other countries. Thanks to the good offices of Lions Valhvor and Vivienne Zammit were transported to Italy by Express Trailers. Lion President Norman Wilson sent a letter of thanks to Express Trailers

## CLUB NEWS

**MEETINGS:** The meetings for April are scheduled for Wednesday April 6 commencing at 1830 and Wednesday April 20 commencing at 1800 if a Guest speaker is invited,

**BAZAAR:** A Bazaar is being held during the weekend April 9/10 at the Stella Maris Parish Church community centre. Lion Doreen Davis is coordinating this activity. Further information will be given later.

**TA’ SAWRA PARTY:** After a lapse of two years because of COVID, it is hoped to organise a party for the Elderly residence of Ta’ Sawra Home in Rabat. Lion Vivienne Zammit is coordinating this event.

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSE:** The new dates for the course are now Friday June 14 to Sunday June 16, 2022. The course will be conducted by PID Lion Domenico Messina. Further details will be given to Club members who enrolled for the course as soon as these become available. If there will be any member who has enrolled for the course and now cannot attend kindly let us know. The short course will be beneficial for those members who wish to learn more about our Association and how we can be of service to those in need.

## VISIT TO MERIDIANA WINE ESTATE

### Lion President Norman Wilson reports:

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It was less than 2 hours before midnight on Friday 18 February when 28 members of Lions Club Sliema exited a most excellent wine-tasting event at Meridiana Wine Estate, fund-raising towards the purchase of a brand-new car for Hospice Malta.



Hospice provides and promotes the highest standard of Palliative care for those with cancer, motor neuron disease, end of life respiratory, cardiac, renal and liver diseases. Hospice currently cares for 1,300 patients annually and they are now moving their target to cater for 2,500 patients. With 40 permanent staff and 224 volunteers they have 13 vehicles in full use carrying out community care. Lions Club Sliema are raising funds to replace one of these vehicles.

The event was hosted by the Meridiana Wine Estate manager Karl Chetcuti ably assisted by Ingrid and helpers. Lions Club Sliema members spent four very pleasant hours being shown how Meridiana makes its wine. They were given a talk on the vineyard's history. The Manager explained that everything from planting and growing, picking grapes, making, maturing in oak barrels and bottling wine are all carried out at the vineyard.

After touring various sections of the wine-making facilities, members had the pleasure of sipping Meridiana's premium-quality white, rose and red wine accompanied by tasty platters.

As Pliny the Elder once wrote: *"Truth comes out in wine"* and the truth is that Meridiana did indeed put something back into the community – Cheers!

## FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN LIONS CONFERENCE

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The Mediterranean Lions Conference held at Tunis from March 24 to 27 was, according to reports on Facebook a success. The International President Lion Douglas X, Alexander, First Vice President Patti Hill, together with other international officials were present. During this event Lion Salma Dami, President of our twinned Lions Club Sfax Thyna had the opportunity to present her book "A Tunisian Culinary Heritage the "Couscous" to the International President. Foreign and Tunisian Lions present at the conference bought the book full of Tunisian recipes.



Proceeds from the sale of the book are going to the Club's philanthropic account. Lions Club Thyna does a lot of philanthropic activities to help the residents of Sfax and other Tunisian localities.

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**WE CANNOT DO ALL THE GOOD IN THE WORLD**

**BUT THE WORLD NEEDS**

**ALL THE GOOD THAT LIONS CAN DO!**

