



CLUB NEWS



NEXT MEETINGS: On Wednesday JULY 4 and Wednesday JULY 18 starting at 1830 at the Victoria Hotel, Sliema.

FORTCOMING EVENTS: SPARE RIBS NITE on Saturday July 7 at the Marsa Sports Club. Details have already been sent by email to all members. In the meantime keep this date free and invite your friends to this fund-raising event.



DONATION TO URSULINE SISTERS: The Ursuline Creche in Sliema is one of the beneficiaries which our Club helps. Earlier this year the Sisters asked our Club whether it would be possible to help them to hire scaffoldings to allow restoration work to be done to the ceiling of their church. The Club decides to make a token donation of €300. This donation was made since our Club has other requests for aid from various sources and it was impossible to foot the entire bill for the hiring of scaffoldings.

Photo at left

Lion President presenting the cheque to the Ursuline Sisters Mother Superior.

DONATION TO MALTA DOGS FOR THE BLIND

The Club has decided to once again also help the Malta Dogs for the Blind during this year. A donation will be made to this organisation during the Awards Night being held on June 30 at the Roof-top Restaurant of the Victoria Hotel.

On this occasion current President Lion George O. Attard will hand the change of office to the incoming Club President Lion Alex Arena.



JUNE 2018

VISIT TO LIONS CLUB TRIESTE HOST

A group of Club members and friends led by Lion President George O. Attard paid a visit to Trieste to meet members of our twinned club Trieste Host.

On arrival at Treviso airport at 0930 on Wednesday June 13, we were met by Lion Giorgio Sardot the President of Lions Club Trieste Host, who was recently elected as First Vice Governor of MD108TA2. After nearly 90 minutes travelling by coach we arrived at Trieste where we were accommodated at the Hotel Posta.

In the afternoon the group was taken on a guided tour of various places of historical interest in the city. In the evening we had dinner at "da Suban", one of the most famous typical restaurants in the city,



President Lion Giorgio Sardo presented the Board of Directors. This was a good idea as members get to know their officers.

On Thursday June 14 after a visit to the neighbouring towns of Lipica, Foiba and Risiera, we met the Counsel of Malta in Trieste, Dott. Alberto Panizzoli, who presented Lion President his book about Grand Master Ferdinand Von Hompesch who travelled to Trieste after the Knights Capitulation. *(photo at left)*.

In the afternoon we visited the Miramare Castle, a 19 century castle on the Gulf of Trieste which was built for the Austrian Archduke Ferdinando Maximilliano and his Belgian wife Charlotte, later Emperor Maximilian and Empress Charlota of Mexico. The castle is visited by hundred of people daily to see the magnificent rooms adorned with beautiful furniture

Later in the evening we attended the 60th Handover Ceremony at the NH hotel. During the evening, the outgoing

MUSIC A "LA MODE"

The Arts Fund Committee organised a successful evening at the residence of Lion Ian Lochhead and his wife Elizabeth on Friday June 22.

A good number of Club members and other guests attended the event during which two of the students, namely Ms. Beatrix Calleja (saxophonist) and Ms. Gabrielle Sargent (soprano) who were accompanied on the piano by Ms. Veronique Valla gave a splendid performance.

The audience applauded the young artists who are still studying overseas for their performance.

The two young performers will be returning to Scotland to continue their studies after the summer holidays.

All those attending partook of a good buffet and raised funds for the Club's coffers.

Special thanks go to Lion Ian and his wife Elizabeth and to Lion Victoria Muscat who organised the event.

The Arts Fund is intended to help Maltese artists in their studies. Our Club has in the past organised other events to promote the arts in Malta.

*Photo Top Gabrielle Sargent (right) and Beatrix Calleja (left)
Bottom photo: Veronique Vella at the piano.
(Photos thanks to Lion president*

WE SERVE.

ZONE CHAIRMAN HANDOVER

On Wednesday June 20, soon after the end of the monthly meeting of our Club, Lion Joe Messina was handed the change of office as Zone Chairman Lions Clubs Malta by the outgoing Chairperson Lion Mary Anne Abela of Lions Club Mdina.

Our Club invited the Presidents of the three other Lions Clubs in Malta to attend the ceremony for which a good number of Club members and their wives were also present.



During the short ceremony outgoing Zone Chairperson Lion Mary Anne Abela stated that it was a wonderful experience to be in the chair and was pleased that her term of office ended with the organisation of the "Città Murate" Congress.

On being handed the chain of office incoming Zone Chairman Lion Joe Messina stated he will continue to follow the good work done by his predecessors in promoting Lionism in Malta. He hoped that all Lions would cooperate to enhance the image of Lionism and for the four clubs work closely together for the good of the Maltese community.

Club President Lion George O. Attard on behalf of the Maltese Lions presented a pendant to Lion Mary Anne Abela in appreciation of the work done during her term of office as Zone Chairman Lions Clubs Malta.

Photo at top: From left to right Lions Ronnie Cauchi (LC St. Paul's Bay) George O. Attard (LC Sliema) Mary Anne Abela, Joe Messina, Judith Debono (LC Mdina) and Joe N. Attard (LC Malta Host).

Bottom Photo: Lion George O. Attard speaking before presenting gift to Lion Mary Anne Abela.

Photos: Thanks to Lion Victor Borg Barthet.

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On Friday June 15 we were back on our travel visiting "Outlet" a shopping village where we had time to do some shopping.

Later in the afternoon we visited Redipuglia and San Michele to see the War Memorial of soldiers killed during the First World War. In the museum one can see the different military equipment used by the Italians.



On Saturday June 16 we paid a visit to Capodistria and Isola in Slovenia, a seaside area on the Gulf of Trieste replete with yachts and tourist attractions, where we also had a stupendous fish meal.



The visit to Trieste was an opportunity to meet our twinned club members who prepared a programme of visits to various places of interest in the region. Special thanks go to Lion Victor Borg Barthet who co-ordinated the visit and to Lion President Giorgio Sardot and Lion Gabriella Dilandro who accompanied our group during our sojourn in Trieste.

*Top photo Lion President exchanging gifts with Lion President Giorgio Sardot
Bottom photo at Redipuglia with Lion Giorgio 2nd right back row and his wife Silvia standing 2nd left.*

XV INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS LIONS CITTA MURATE

The Fifteenth International Congress of Lions "Citta Murate" (Walled Cities) was held in Malta from May 31 to June 2. The event which was organised by the four Lions Clubs in Malta was held at the Hotel Excelsior in Floriana.

120 delegates from various Lions Clubs in Europe attended the congress. The visitors had an opportunity to visit Valletta and Mdina thereby having an opportunity to admire the splendour of the two cities.



The Congress was opened by Dr. Anglu Farrugia, the Speaker of the Maltese Parliament, who gave a detailed account of Valletta and its fortifications and also mentioning the various walls surrounding Mdina and the three cities of Senglea, Vittoriosa and Cospicua.

Other speakers were the President of Lions Citta Murate, Lion Giuseppe Guerra, Lions Zone Malta Chairperson Lion Mary Anne Abela, and delegates of Lions Clubs coming from walled cities.

On the evening of Saturday June 2 a Gala Dinner was held on the Harbour deck of the Hotel Excelsior.

Lions Club Sliema members amongst whom Lion President and Lions Alfred Micallef Attard and Joe Messina had attended various preparatory meetings to organise the event.

The 2019 Congress is being held in Rome and organised by LC ROMA URBE, a recent addition to the "Citta Murate" group of Lions Clubs.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

This month Lions Club International is celebrating the golden anniversary of the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).



LCIF was founded in 1968 to take the mission of Lions Clubs International to new heights by tackling global problems, as well as assisting Lions with large-scale local humanitarian projects. LCIF's history is filled with high-impact projects, meaningful partnerships and the kindness and efforts of Lions. With continued support, you can count on LCIF to continue and expand programmes to improve lives around the world far into the future.

The first major grant of US\$5000 was made in 1972 to help people affected by flooding in South Dakota, USA. A year later the Melvin Jones Fellowship programme was created as a means for donors of US\$1000 to be recognised. In 1986 The "Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship" programme was established to give Lions a way to extend their commitment to LCIF.

In 1990 the SightFirst programme begins and goes on to prevent serious vision loss of more than 30 million people. A year later the Campaign SightFirst is launched to raise funds to initiate the SightFirst programme.

In 2005 Campaign SightFirst II, LCIF's most ambitious fund-raising campaign ever, kicks off at the Lions International Convention in Hong Kong.

Lions Clubs in Malta have benefitted from the SightFirst Programme as through LCIF we have managed to provide glaucoma screening equipment in six Government Health Centres where people are screened for glaucoma and have saved several persons eyesight to early screening of this malady.