



## CLUB NEWS



**CLUB MEETINGS:** The next Club meetings are scheduled for Wednesday December 5 and Wednesday December 19th at 6.30 p.m at the Victoria Hotel.

**CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER:** The Club will be organising a Christmas Get-Together on December 19 from 8.00 pm onwards at Capua Palace, Sliema. A luscious buffet which includes antipasto, soup, pasta, carvery, fish, chicken, turkey and roast beef; free flowing wine, water, soft drinks and coffee, plus a selection of Christmas sweets. Bookings with Lion Victor Borg Barthet (99485696) or Lion Chris Borg Cardona (79246760). It is hoped that several members will attend.

**2019 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION:** This Convention is being held in Milan, Italy, from July 5 to 9. The Club intends to be represented at this Convention and Lions Antonio Varriale (First Vice President) and Victor Borg Barthet are coordinating the attendance at this Convention which is being held for the first time in Italy. It is a great opportunity for Maltese Lions to attend this convention with Milan being so near to us and which can be reached by direct flights from Malta.

Members have already been sent a circular giving flight details and hotel accommodation. A number of members have already shown interest in attending and a few have also already booked accommodation. Any member intending to attend is requested to contact Lion Victor Borg Barthet.

**CORRECTION:** In the October Newsletter the name of Immediate Past President Lion George O. Attard was omitted from the Board of Directors list. Lion George is automatically a Board member following his year in office as Club President. I apologise for failing to include his name.



NOVEMBER 2018

## 44th CHARTER ANNIVERSARY

The Club's 44th Charter Anniversary was celebrated with a gala dinner at the Grand Hotel Excelsior on Saturday November 10 when a good number of members together with their wives or husbands were present for this annual occasion.

During the event five new members were inducted as members (see photo on page 3) namely Brian Darmanin (sponsor Club President Alex Arena), Monique Boisieux (sponsor Mirella Dragoni), Jean Pierre Todeschini (sponsor Jean Claude Mir), Doreen Davis (sponsor Susan Galea Borg) and Ian Restall (sponsor Tom A. Restall).

In a short speech Lion President Alex Arena expressed sincerest gratitude towards the new members who officially joined Lions Club International, the world's largest humanitarian service organisation. Lion President stated that personally and sure to speak on behalf of all present feel honoured to be included in this great association, and eager to continue our service to our local and worldwide communities. He encouraged the new members to fully accept their responsibilities to our club, the association and most importantly our community. We must keep faithful to the association's motto "WE SERVE". We must guide our community service and strive to help wherever there is need. He argued that members will work closely with others within the community to meet our service initiatives.

Lion Alex stated that as President of Lions Club Sliema he humbly pledge to serve you, the members of the Club, and in turn ask for their support, help, loyalty and, of great importance, the attendance at club meetings and participation in club fundraising and community service initiatives. Together, we will be able to make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate, and in our own lives, as we gain personal and professional skills that will last a lifetime.

The President argued that members will now go forth and prove that Lions Club Sliema is a progressive force in our community. Let us demonstrate to everyone with whom we come in contact as Lions, the true meaning of our inspirational guidepost "WE SERVE" Lion Alex Arena concluded.

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## DOWN MEMORY LANE

One of the annual fund raising events organised by our Club is the Stableford Golf Tournament held in collaboration with the Royal Malta Golf Club.



The organisation of this event was the brainchild of the late Lion Alex Mangion at the time when the late Lion Joe Caruana was Club President.

The first competition was held in March 1997 and has been held every March 19 ever since.

Golfers taking part in the competition donate money for every point scored and the total amount collected from the golfers is then equalled by a donation from our Club. The end total is donated to a charitable institution named alternatively by the Golf Club and our Club. Several institutions like the Millennium Chapel, Ursuline Creche and Inspire have benefitted from this fund raising event.

Our Club donates a memento and golf balls with the Lions logo to the winning lady and male golfer.

In the above photo Lion Joe Caruana is seen presenting a cheque for the sum raised from the first tournament to Lion Paddy Stubbs who together with his wife Janatha (seen at right) was the founder of the RAZZETT TAL-HBIBERIJA at Marsascala. Second right is the late Lion Alex Mangion. The presentation was made at the Royal Malta Golf Club at Marsa.

**WE SERVE**

## LIONS AT WORK

A group of ladies, namely Lions Vivienne Zammit, Doreen Davis, Nadette Vella Briffa and Margaret Frendo (*seen from left in photo*) together with Lion Louis Sciberras were busy on Monday November 26 packing the foodstuffs collected last October into boxes to be delivered to various institutions. 48 boxes were packed with different sorts of food stuff.

Lions Chris Borg Cardona and Tom A. Restall were also present to help. Lion Chris also prepared coffee.

Over 300 pairs of shoes donated by GAUDA Footwear were also sorted out to be donated to local institutions,



It is also intended to send a number of pairs of shoes to Ghana, as we did two years ago. Lion Margaret Frendo is contacting the Ghana High Commission to arrange for the delivery of the shoes to Accra.

## VISITING LION

At the Club meeting on November 7th, a member of Lions Club Llubjana Host was present.

The visiting Lion was presented with our Club's bannerette and pin by Lion President Alex Arena.



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Present for the occasion was Malta Zone Chairman Lion Joe Messina and his wife Betty, the Presidents of LC Malta (Host) Lion Joseph N. Attard and his wife Mary and LC Mdina Lion Judith Debono and her husband Alfred. Also present were a group of 13 Lions from our twinned Club Bosco Marengo Santa Croce led by their President Lion Mauro Bresson and his wife Rosanna, Lion Agostino Balsam, Imm. Past President of LC Licata, Lion Gabrielle Di Landro from LC Trieste Host. Moreover six Lions from LC Keynsham and District from England were also present.



*Photo from left: Lions Vivienne Zammit (Membership Chairperson), Brian Darmanin; Monique Boisieux, Mirella Dragoni, Jean Pierre Todeschini, Jean Claude Mir, Lion President Alex Arena, Doreen Davis, Susan Galea Borg, Tom A. Restall and Ian Restall.*

Immediate Past President Lion George O. Attard was the Master of Ceremonies during the evening.

The enjoyable evening ended with the traditional toast to the President of Malta, Lions Clubs International and the honoured guests.

A big "well done" to the organisers of the enjoyable evening.

## THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The International Board of Directors is the mainstay of Lions Clubs International. Besides the Executive Officers, namely the International President, First, Second and Third Vice Presidents, there are sixteen second two years directors and another seventeen first year directors.

The directors hail from various Lions Constitutional areas. Among the second year directors there are five hailing from the United States, three from Europe (France, Germany and Italy), and one each from Canada, China, Ecuador, India, Japan, Malaysia, South Korea and Zambia. The two years directors will be in office until the end of June 2019.

Three European Lions from Austria, England and Finland together with two from India, four from the United States and one each from Austria, Bangladesh, Dominican Republic, England, Finland, Indonesia, Japan, Pakistan, South Korea and Taiwan are the First Year Directors who will serve for a second year in 2019/2020.

At the Milan International Convention scheduled for July 5-9, 2019, there will be an election for another sixteen two years directors besides the election of an International Third Vice Presidents which will be contested by at least five Lions who have already served as International Directors.

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**LIONS ARE LEADERS:** The Lions code of ethics and objectives are outlined to make members of this organisation leaders in their communities. The code of ethics instil in members a sincerity of purpose, liberality in judgement, purity in life and generosity in mind, heart and purse toward their fellow men.

The mission statement of Lions Clubs International is *“To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation.”*

The objectives of Lionism bring to the fore the sense of leadership. Two of the most important objectives are *“to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the people of the world and to take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community”*.

## LION HAYNES TOWNSEND VISIT

Lion Haynes Townsend Second International Vice President of Lions Clubs International was in Malta from November 7 to 10 on a fact finding visit to Malta to organise a meeting of the International Board of Directors in Malta in 2020 when he will be the International President.

During his visit to Malta he was accompanied with his wife and Mr Gary Serafini, Manager Convention & Board Meeting Activities Department at Oak Brook.

The Second Vice President visited various places in Malta to identify locations where to hold the Board meeting and also organise a dinner for all the Lions attending the meeting. He also visited various places in Malta including St. John's Cathedral and other tourist sites.



When in Malta he also attended our Club's meeting at the Victoria Hotel where he addressed members present. Lion Haynes was presented with our Club's bannerette and pin by Lion President Alex Arena. He also found time to speak with several members present.

Lion Tom A. Restall was asked to act as Liaison Officer to the 2nd Vice President by Oak Brook. It is now hoped that Lion Haynes will choose Malta for one of the International Board meetings while he is President.

*Photo top right Lion Haynes Townsend addressing our Club meeting while top left he is seen with Club President Lion Alex Arena after he was presented with our Club bannerette.*