



CLUB NEWS



CLUB MEETINGS: The next Club meetings are scheduled for Wednesday November 7th and Wednesday November 21st at 6.30 p.m at the Victoria Hotel.

FOR YOUR DIARY: CHARTER NIGHT -This important event for Club members is being held on Saturday November 10th at the Grand Hotel Excelsior, Floriana. Further details will be sent in due course. Members are reminded that for this event they will be only have to pay for their wives or other guests.

CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER: The Club will be organising a Christmas Get-Together in December. Further information about this event will be forwarded in due course.

VIP VISITOR AT OUR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 7:

Second Vice International President P. Townsend who will be in Malta to assess the possibility of holding the International Board Meeting in the very near future, will be attending our Club's meeting on Wednesday November 7.

Club members are asked to be present at the appointed time, i.e. 1830 so that the meeting starts on schedule.

This is a great privilege for our Club to have a Vice President present at our meeting. It is hoped that several members will attend.

Kindly do not fail to wear your LIONS badge for this meeting. As a matter of fact the LIONS badge should be worn all the time as this shows that you are a member of the greatest philanthropic association in the world. Wear the badge with PRIDE.



OCTOBER 2018

WORLD LIONS' SERVICE DAY

World Lions' Service Day is celebrated annually on October 8, the day when the first Lions International Convention was held. However the event is not always celebrated on October 8.

Clubs all over the world celebrate this occasion by organising a service event which helps their community or on a national basis. Quite a few number of Lions Clubs celebrate this day by organising different events which vary from country to country and depending on the needs of their communities. In some Multiple Districts, the District organises an event in which all the clubs in that district are expected to participate. The event may be visits to homes for the aged, people with special needs and for families in need of assistance.

In Malta, the four Lions Clubs have been celebrating this day by a yearly visit to "Dar tal-Providenza", a church home for persons with special needs.



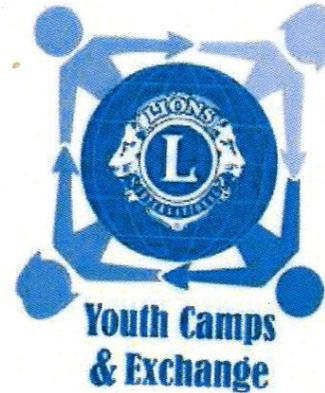
This year's event was held on Sunday October 21 when Lions from the 4 clubs in Malta visited the Home and presented €250 each to Fr. Martin Micallef who thanked the Lions for their generosity and to the continuous help given to the home through personal donations.

In recent months, the Maltese Lions have donated over 150 olive trees which were planted in the gardens of Dar tal-Providenza.

Photo above Zone Chairman Lion Joe Messina presented our Club's cheque on behalf of Lion President Alex Arena. Second left is Lion Judith Debono, President LC Mdina and first right Lion Joe N. Attard, President LC Malta (Host) with second right Lion Ronnie Cauchi, President LC St. Paul's Bay.

YOUTH CAMPS & EXCHANGE

Lions Clubs International have youths' education and fraternity as one of their projects, namely the YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME. This programme which was started in 1961 has been a glowing success from the start. It allows young people to do what few adults get to do, live under one roof as part of a family with people of another country. This programme involves a family in one country hosting a youth living for a few days with his/her hosts thereby experiencing life in another country.



Besides youth exchange several Lions in Europe and elsewhere organise a one or two week youth camp inviting youth from other countries to meet and exchange their experiences while living together under the supervision of Lions organising the youth camp.

Lions Club Sliema was involved in this project for a while with Club members hosting youth at their homes while Maltese youths had the same experience in another country.

In 1985 when Chev. John C. Scicluna was Club President our Club organised a one week youth camp at a Sliema hotel. Youths from several European countries spent a week together learning about the way of living in their respective countries and also meeting Maltese youth and visiting various places in Malta.

On at least three other occasions the Club sponsored a Maltese youth to attend a Youth Camp in Sicily, Italy, England and Cyprus. Youths applying to go to these camps were asked to write an essay stating why they wished to attend a youth camp. Four years ago the Club sent a student to Naples to participate in the "Campo Vesuvius" in Naples. It would not be amiss if the Club would once again sponsor a youth to this camp in the coming years.

LIONS CLUB SLIEMA & ORGAN DONATION

Way back in 1991 when Lion Frank P. Galea was Club President, the Club started the ball rolling to launch a national organ donation campaign.

After a few preliminary meetings with the Rev. Joe Borg, who was Director of the Media Centre, Ms. Mary Anne Laudi, who at the time was an Assistant Lecturer at the Department of Psychology at the University of Malta and reading for a Ph.D, (Social Psychology), and Lions Frank Galea, Tom A. Restall and Edgar Caruana Montalto (ex LC Malta) an outline proposal was presented to the local Health Authority.

An Organ Donation Campaign was launched through the written press, radio and television to explain to the general public the importance of organ donation to save lives of others. Our Club was involved from the outset in this campaign since it was considered that a public communication campaign was of considerable service to the Maltese population. Such a service is in the spirit of the Lions tradition and hence our Club co-ordinated the campaign with the Department of Health.

As part of the campaign, Club members on several occasions used to go to public manifestations, like the Trade Fair, to encourage people to join the donors' list. At first it was very difficult to persuade the man in the street to register as an organ donor. Several people were afraid that their organs would be donated without their consent. It was difficult to persuade people that organs are only given to people in need only in case of death and once that the person had expressed his/her wish to donate organs. With the cooperation of Bank of Valletta, our Club also printed a "Donor Card" which was given to each donor



Though several people agreed to donate their organs, there was a logistical problem as the Health authorities did not have adequate means to keep a donors' register. This problem was eventually solved and presently the authorities have a computerised register of potential donors.

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CULTURAL TALK

The October talk was given by Mr Alex Vella Gregory and Ms Giselle Grima Degiorgio who spoke on the Ian Tomlin Musical Foundation. The late Ian Tomlin who was a successful businessman and a great lover of music set up the foundation to help students of music to further their studies abroad. Ian Tomlin had realised that though there were several young persons interested in music, they could not afford to continue their studies and thus through the foundation several Maltese benefited.



The two speakers were in fact two who benefited from the foundation and furthered their studies abroad. They explained the process to select students, mentioning various successful students who are now well established musicians in Malta.

The speakers stated that the foundation is now running out of money and need help from NGOs to continue this legacy.

They in fact appealed to Lions to help the foundation to continue its work.

Several Club members were present for the talk and asked several questions. After the talk several proceeded to the Victoria Hotel restaurant for a three course past dinner.

Photo Mr Vella Gregory presenting his talk. Photo taken by PP Lion Chris Borg Cardona who also provided notes for the article.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Did you know that you may actually be making a greater difference in yourself as you seek to make a difference in the world as a Lion?

Supporting your Club in its endeavours to reach out to people in need, the elderly and children will give you satisfaction.

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FOODSTUFF COLLECTION

On Saturday October 20 through the initiative of Lion Beat Heistand, Club members were at the SMART Supermarket in B'Kara to collect foodstuffs to be distributed to needy families.

Several club members were at the supermarket asking people to donate foodstuffs. It seems that their appeal did not fall on deaf ears, as according to Lion Beat, a considerable number of foodstuffs, perhaps more than last year, was collected.

Lion President Lion Alex Arena together with Lions Chris Borg Cardona, Louis Sciberras, Susan Galea Borg, Victoria Muscat, Nadette Vella Briffa, Vivienne Zammit and Angela Heistand Zerafa and Zone Chairman Joe Messina attended. The food collected will be distributed to needy families shortly.

Top photo: Lions Beat and Louis with the array of foodstuff collected.

Below: ZC Lion Joe Messina, with Lions Vivienne Zammit and Susan Galea Borg at Smarts.

Photos courtesy Angela Heistand Zerafa.



2018/19 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Following the confirmation of the members to serve on the Board for the Lionistic Year 2018/19 during the meeting held on October 3 the Board is now as follows:

Club President:	Alex ARENA
First Vice President:	Antonio VARRIALE
Second Vice President:	Margaret FREUDO
Secretary:	Lorna FARRUGIA
Treasurer:	Carmel AZZOPAARDI
Lion Tameer:	Louis SCIBERRAS
Tail Twister:	Isabelle MICALLEF
Directors (Past Presidents):	Chris BORG CARDONA John RUSHER
Directors for two (2) years:	Victoria MUSCAT Elisa SOLIMINI
Directors for one (1) year:	Tom A. RESTALL Nadette VELLA BRIFFA
Club Membership Chairperson:	Lion Vivienne ZAMMIT
Club LCIF Coordinator:	Lion James LEPHEW

For the first time we have seven ladies sitting on the Board which is quite a good number. This reflects the number of female members who are now members. A good sign when even Lions Clubs International is led by a lady for the very first time.

Our club has other sub-committees two of which are the Fund Raising chaired by Lion Isabelle Micallef with Lions Vivienne Zammit and Louis Sciberras as members and the Fund Spending chaired by Lion John Rusher with Lions Joe Messina and George O. Attard as members. We also have the Arts Fund Committee chaired by Lion Victoria Muscat with Lions Ian Lochhead, James Lephew, Antonio Varriale and Louis Sciberras as members.

Another Sub Committee chaired by Lion Alfred Micallef Attard with Lions George O. Attard and Margaret Freudo is the St. Agatha's Frescoes Restoration Committee.

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