



## **NEWSLETTER**

### **OCTOBER 2022**

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#### **A HELPING HAND**

Our twinned Club Bosco Marengo Santa Croce will be giving a helping hand to the Maltese person going to the “Guide Dogs for the Blind Training Centre” at Limbiate, Italy. While in Alessandria Lion Treasurer Alex Arena met Lion Alessandro Crivelli, the President of our twinned club, and Lion Rosalba Marengo to finalise details about the visit of the visually impaired person who will be going to Limbiate to familiarise with the guide dog which he will be bringing to Malta.

Lions Club Bosco Marengo Santa Croce will cover the costs of the airport transfers to and from Linate Airport to Limbiate. They will also co-ordinate all the necessary support required. For the second visit, our twinned club members will also be taking care of the necessary paperwork to get a “pet passport” to bring the dog to Malta. They will also assist in getting a priority check-in for the group.

Lion President Alessandro and Rosalba will then travel to Malta for the donation of the guide dog ceremony at a date to be established later. The President also expressed his wish to meet our Club President when they travel to Malta for our 48<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary next month.

The cooperation of Lions Bosco Marengo Santa demonstrates the validity of having a twinned club. Our two clubs have been cooperating for the last few years.

## CLUB BANNERETTES

Every Lions Club has its official bannerette and others to commemorate important events in the club's history. Our Club is no exception and through its 48 years of existence had several bannerettes.

In August 1974 when the Club was chartered, the club had its first bannerette (seen bottom first left) which was printed on a cardboard sheet, unlike the others which followed.

The tenth anniversary bannerette with the motto: "Dedication to Excellence" is in the middle of the first tier. This bannerette has the number 10 clearly visible in the middle of the word LIONS.



The 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary bannerette is simple. It shows the Club's logo and the motto "For a Better Tomorrow". The Silver Jubilee bannerette shows the change of the club's name to Lions Club Sliema Malta and the logo in a larger scale. The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary bannerette which was designed by an Italian artist then living in Malta had the motto: "Following a Dream since 1974", over which there is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative badge.

Second Vice President Lion Victor Borg Barthet is already pursuing the issue of the Golden Anniversary bannerette which will be different from others, but which will significantly demonstrate this anniversary.

All commemorative bannerettes that the Club had, together with the current bannerette, have received excellent favourable comments from overseas Lions, and I am sure that the golden anniversary one will also receive such comments.

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### LETTER FROM A VISITING ITALIAN LEO

*Dear Members*

*I am Francesca D 'Ambrosio, Global Service Team (GST) coordinator of LEO District 108 ab Puglia, Multidistrict 108 I.T.A.L.Y. I am a Biotechnologist and a PhD student in Translational Medicine at the University of Foggia. I will be in Malta for the next 3 months to carry out my experience abroad planned in the PhD programme, and I am happy to be able to attend Professor Alex Felice's lab. I am very grateful to the Lions Club Sliema Malta who immediately welcomed me as a family member. Lions and Leos are all over the world, and it is good to feel at home anywhere in the world. LEO are the group of Lions under 30 and we do most of our service with the Lions in our global causes: Vision, Pediatric Cancer, Hunger, Diabetes, Environment. We also support the Lions Club International Foundation each year with fundraisers that are always innovative, and we enjoy the benefits the foundation gives us to increase the impact of our services. LEO, also, have multidistrict and district distinctive services. For example, in Italy we are focusing on raising awareness of eating disorders with a dedicated awareness theme, organizing conferences, seminars and awareness campaigns. We are also involved in a national project that aims to donate an electronic cane for blind people. My District, on the other hand, is busy with a project dedicated to increasing beds in facilities that house the homeless. As GST Coordinator of my District, my task is to coordinate all the activities that the Apulian LEOs do and support them in their projects. Having a Leo Club in your Lions Club allows you to have a group of young aspiring Lions who always enrich the club with fresh and innovative ideas. Being a LEO is a great opportunity to learn leadership and membership skills during one's personal growth and that, once one reaches the age of 30, allows one to join the Lions as a prepared member with a great Lion spirit.*

*I look forward to spending the next few months with you.*

**FRANCESCA**

**Ed's note: Welcome Francesca – looking forward to your contributions to our Club.**

## CLUB NEWSLETTER

Our Club has been publishing a newsletter since 1980. In the commemorative booklet issued for the Club's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary there was the following report:

*Lions Club Sliema has been publishing a newsletter since June 1980. At first the newsletter was issued every two months but in 1982 it became a monthly publication. The early issues were compiled by ex-Secretary Lion John B. Fletcher and the then Fund Spending Chairman Lion Ian Lochhead.*



*When they left Malta, the present Honorary Secretary Lion Tom A. Restall took over as Bulletin Editor. The newsletter continued to be published monthly in a stenciled form until February 1989. On the occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> issue in March 1989, the format of the newsletter was changed and is now issued in a neat booklet form. The cover is in two colours, red and blue, and on the inside covers the Lions Clubs International Objects and the Lions Code of Ethics are prominently displayed.*

*Items of information on Lions International and Club news are featured in the newsletter, copies of which are sent to all club members, to various overseas Clubs and to individual Lions abroad.*

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**MY LIFE is far from perfect. However I am thankful for every thing I have.**

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