



LIONS CLUB GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY YEAR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

TEAM WORK

A successful Lions Club has two basic and essential qualities: pride and fellowship. Developing these qualities is not accidental; achieving them requires organisation, hard work and planning. Typically, clubs embodying these qualities have:

- Have one or more major service activities and strong fund-raising projects to support them.
- A regular programme to inform members of the history, traditions, organisation and current programmes of their association.
- Efficiently organised and enjoyable meetings.
- A well-rounded schedule of social functions designed to involve the member's family and build friendships.
- An active public relations programme to build and maintain public support.
- A strong membership programme.

A visitor to the Club would sense immediately whether or not pride and fellowship exists. Members would greet the visitor warmly and would enthusiastically and knowledgeably answer his or her questions. The meeting would progress efficiently and committee chairpersons would report proudly on the Club's plans and accomplishments. When the meeting ends, the visitor, whether a prospective member or not, would be convinced that the Club was not only successful now, but would continue to be successful for many years to come.

While not every Lions Club is successful, every Lions Club can be successful. The techniques, advices and methods that follow have been proven effective by thousands of Lions Clubs over many years.

Clubs are encouraged to use them diligently and consistently, and the resulting pride and fellowship will ensure success for the Club and for our Association.

LEADERSHIP: Proper leadership is essential for a club's success and contributes to members' development. Ensure that a definite chain of command exists and that problems arising at a lower level are handled at that level.

FAMILY INVOLVMENT: Plan family events, such as a picnic for the whole family to attend and enjoy. Regular social events help increase the bonds of friendship among members.

HARMONY FELLOWSHIP: Foster harmony among club members and officers while developing fellowship. The tail twister can play a key role in providing life and enthusiasm during regular club meetings.

PARTICIPATION: Encourage all members (old and new) to voice their opinions, and to offer fresh new ideas.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: The public relations chairperson should use the news media to inform public about club's activities and community benefits. This will encourage support for fund-raising activities and help to maintain a good image for the club within the community.

CODE OF ETHICS AND LIONS' OBJECTS: Refer often to the Lions Code of Ethics and the Lions Objectives and how important it is to maintain a good Lions image through proper behaviour inside and outside the club. Remember people judge others by the way they act. Everybody expects good behaviour from those who represent Lions.

PRIDE: Members who are proud of their club's accomplishments don't hesitate to invite new members, knowing they will succeed in their efforts.

GOALS: Follow up on the goals you planned for the year. Don't forget your membership, service activities and fund-raising targets.

NOTE: Part 2 of this article will be published in the November Newsletter.

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SLIEMA LIONS VISIT TO SFAX - TUNISIA

Lion Louise Cutajar Davis reports:

Between the 9 and 13 October 2024, Lions Club Sliema members, their spouses and friends (twenty in all), participated in a visit to Tunisia to meet our counterparts in Lions Club Sfax Thyna. This trip was a huge success, thanks to the meticulous organisation of Lions Malek Smaoui, Alexander Arena and George Attard, as well as the warm hospitality of Lions Club Sfax Thyna. The objectives of the trip were to consolidate the bonds of friendship established in 1989, thirty-five years ago, and to explore areas of cooperation between our clubs.

We were very warmly welcomed by our hosts, including the President, Faiza Ben Salah, Lion Nabil Kharouf, Lion Najib Chabouni and his wife Yosra. We also met District 414 Tunisia Governor, Amira Trigui, who presented all Sliema Lions with her pin and exchanged banners with Sliema Lions Club President, Victor Borg Barthet.

During our stay in Tunisia, we visited the walled city of Medina, an example of early Arab-Muslim town planning, where we were able to experience the authentic local life and learn about its fascinating history. We walked through the covered market, Souk des Étoffes, with its rich display of traditional clothing and rugs. The highlight of our tour in Medina was the visit to the Association of Visually Impaired Adults, where we learned about the sterling work of this Association. President Victor presented the Association with a number of white canes on behalf of Sliema Lions Club. In the Medina we also visited a school for visually impaired students, where we were shown The Educational Audio Studio which was set up by Lions Clubs Sfax Thyna and Sfax Sidi Mansour, with the support of a grant from the Lions Club International Foundation. Lunch was in the quaint, Dar Bellaaj, a traditional Medina restaurant.

Our trip included a visit to the City of El Jem, a UNESCO world heritage centre. At the El Jem Archaeological Museum we were fascinated by the collection of Roman mosaics, in remarkably good condition, depicting mythological figures and various fauna and flora. At the El Jem Amphitheatre we saw the ruins of the largest colosseum in North Africa, which is the third largest in the world. We also visited the old town of Sidi Bou Said, which is famous for its ceramics art galleries. Of course, a visit to the recently built Mall of Sfax to do some shopping and enjoy snacks at various fast-food outlets was a must!

We were invited to Borj Kallel, a historical house of character which also benefits from the support of Sfax Thyna Lions Club. After a presentation about the history of the “Borj” and similar houses in Sfax, and how they are being

preserved, we were able to enjoy some traditional food and music, and to view artworks which were created during workshops in Borj Kallel.

In the delightful setting of Dar Chabchoub, Lion President Victor presented Lion President Faiza with a memento on behalf of Lions Club Sliema. The



Presidents of the two Clubs exchanged banners and resolved to continue to nourish the good relations between our clubs. President Faiza invited us to visit the garden of the Faculty of Medicine of Sfax, to view the site which her club is hoping to develop into a garden, with the contribution of trees from foreign clubs affiliated to it, including Malta.

During lunch at the Le Méditerranée restaurant in El Kanatoui Marina,



Sousse, we were joined by Dr Ashraf Laroussi from Lions Club Sousse El Kantaoui. Lion Malek and his lovely wife Maha very graciously hosted us at their stunning, modern home, where we were also pleased to meet Lion President Wassin Siala, from Lions Club Tunis Ensnarl, and his wife. When it was time to say goodbye

to this wonderful experience, Sfax Thyna Lion Najib Chabouni and his wife Yosra, together with Maha, came to see us off at the airport, ensuring that



at the airport, ensuring that at all times during our trip to Tunisia we could feel the warm, welcoming embrace of a Tunisian Club that has been the friend of Lions Club Sliema for thirty-five years. May this friendship continue to flourish for endless generations to come!

LIONS FRIENDSHIP has no bounds. It is great to be a LION and BE OF SERVICE.

TAKE TIME TO THINK

Hereunder are thoughts one should follow. These were submitted by
Lion Berna Yilmazoglu Ozdoga

- Take time to think. Imagination is the source of power.
- Take time to have fun: Having fun is the secret of youth.
- Take time to read; Reading is the fountain of knowledge.
- Take time to pray: Prayer is the support to endure in moments of strength.
- Take time to love: Love is what makes life sweet.
- Take time to understand: Agreement is the key to tolerance.
- Take time to laugh: Laughter is music to your soul.
- Take time to give: Giving is the light of the day.
- Take time to do your work: Work is the source of peace.
- Take time to be grateful: Gratitude is the icing in the cake of life.

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JUST THINK: No one in this world is pure and perfect. If you avoid people for their mistakes, you will be alone in this world. So, judge less and love more.

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CURRY NIGHT

Once again thanks to the Fund-Raising Sub Committee the Club had another successful event, namely the “Curry Night” held at the Union Club in Sliema. A good number of members and friends of the Club were present for the event. A raffle for various prizes was also held during the evening thus augmenting the Philanthropic funds.

Other fund-raising events are being planned by the Sub Committee for the next few months. It is understood that a Christmas Party will be one of the events. Club members are invited to bring along friends with them for these events. This enables these persons to know better who are the Lions and what do they do to raise funds for the Philanthropic causes in which our Club is involved and also a good way to encourage and invite prospective members.

An” In-House” raffle is also planned. Further details will be sent in due course.

WHERE THERE IS A NEED THERE IS A LION



At the 2024 Europa Forum held in Bordeaux in October, it was agreed that the 2025 Europa Forum will be held in Dublin, Ireland. This will be the first time that this important event for European Lions will be held in Ireland. With the venue near to several northern European countries it is anticipated that several Lions would

be attending this event. Travelling to Dublin should not be a problem since RYNAIR have direct flights to the Irish Capital.

Attending such events is an experience for Lions as it gives them an opportunity to meet fellow Lions from all over Europe and other countries. It is an opportunity to exchange views and learn about what Lions are doing to “SERVE” their respective communities.

At such events the Lions Clubs International President is present together with other International Board members and Presidents from other countries beside European countries.

We will keep you informed about the Forum as soon as further details are available. Travelling to Dublin should not be a problem since RYNAIR have direct flights to the Irish Capital.

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LIONS is our name. All bonded in One Team. We are not looking for fame. We serve is our theme. All together hand in hand we are a chain over the world. In the snow, in the sand serving is our password. Summer heat may be vanishing, autumn leaves are falling, wheels of time will be turning but LIONS’ sun will always shine.