



CLUB NEWS



CLUB MEETINGS:

The next Club meetings are scheduled for Wednesday October 3rd, and Wednesday October 17th 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.

ACTING PRESIDENT: At our Club meeting on September 5th, Lion Margaret Frendo, who is our Second Vice President, stepped in to conduct the meeting in the later stages when Lion Alex Arena (President) had to leave the meeting due to other urgent business. In the absence of First Vice President Antonio Varriale, Lion Margaret conducted proceedings.



Photo taken by Club Treasurer Lion Carmel Azzopardi shows Lion Margaret at right together with Club Secretary Lion Lorna Farrugia.

CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER: At the last Club meeting it was agreed to hold a Christmas Get-together on an evening to be agreed on just before the Christmas festivities. This occasion will serve for members to exchange greetings. Details of the event will be announced as soon as a date has been fixed.



SEPTEMBER 2018

DONATION TO LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

During the Club's meeting held on September 19, members approved a donation of \$1000 dollars to the Lions Clubs International Foundation in support of the appeal launched to help victims of the recent devastating floods in India.

This is not the first time that our Club has donated funds to LCIF. In early 2005 after the tsunami which hit various countries in the east especially Sri Lanka, Lions Club Sliema made a similar donation. During this natural catastrophe which occurred on December 26, 2004, tsunami waves triggered by earthquakes crashed into villages along a wide stretch of the Sri Lankan coast killing more than 35,000 people and displacing millions.

On other occasions our Club also made monetary or material donations in support of appeals made by LCIF to help victims of natural disasters. Donations were made when earthquakes hit Algeria and Sicily in the 20th centenary. More recently the Club also made a token donation to Multiple District 108 (Italy) after an appeal made to help the victims of violent earthquakes in central Italy.

LCIF does not only help major disaster projects but also help projects of Clubs. LCIF donated funds to supplement the funds raised by the Maltese Lions Clubs to enable the installation of glaucoma testing equipment in Government clinics around Malta, a project beneficial to the Maltese community.

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, Lions can count on LCIF to continue and expand programmes to improve lives around the world far into the future. Individual Lions can make personal donations to the Foundations and can then be recognised as Melvin Jones Fellows. When doing this the individual Lions will receive the Melvin Jones Award in the form of a shield and an appropriate lapel badge.

MONTHLY TALKS

The monthly talks organised by our Club, after the meeting held on the second Wednesday of each month, were resumed this month. The guest speaker was once again Mr Norman Wilson.



Photo taken by IPP George O. Attard

Mr Wilson gave a very interesting talk about "Sherry" giving details about the origin of the popular drink and various types of sherry on the market. He explained the various grades of sherry and what types of food supplement each variety. Those present partook of the four varieties and nibbles which go with each variety

The talk was held at the Morrison Hall of Capua Palace adjacent to the Victoria Hotel which has been our Club's meeting for the last few years.



PIG ON THE SPIT

For the second consecutive year, on the initiative of Immediate Past President Lion George O. Attard, the Club organised a fund raising event at the Marsa Sports Club. This was "A PIG ON THE SPIT" evening. A good number of members and their guests attended and helped the Club to raise funds for its philanthropic causes.

During the evening a raffle for various prizes donated by Club members was organised raising nearly €300 towards our philanthropic funds. Lions Isabelle Micallef, Victoria Muscat and Margaret Frendo organised the raffle. At the time of writing the exact sum raised from this event is not yet known.



*General view of the number of persons attending the event.
Photo: Courtesy of Lion George O. Attard*

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LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The 2019 Lions International Convention is being held in Milan from July 5 to 9. This is a unique occasion for Lions from Europe to attend this international event as it is not often that a convention is held in Europe. It is hoped that a group of Club members will attend the convention. Lions Victor Borg Barthet and Tom A. Restall together with Lion Beat Heistand Zerafa, who has experience of attendance at various conventions are working on a programme to attend this event. Details will be sent in due course.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

During the 44 years of its history our Club organised various events. The majority were fund-raising events, others were twinning events while others were cultural visits in Malta and overseas.

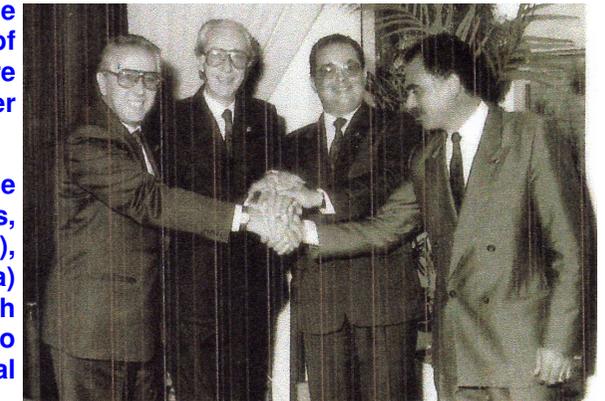
One twinning event was with Lions Club Sfax Thyna during Lion Frank P. Galea's presidential year (1990/91). During the twinning ceremony



held in Sfax, (in the photo at left), Lion Frank P. Galea is seen together with the Sfax Thyna President (centre) displaying the twinning declarations which were printed on goatskin. This was an unusual way to have a twinning document. The document has been framed and it is often displayed at the annual Charter Night Dinner.

Another interesting event in which the Club participated was a conference held at Mazzara in Sicily during the

presidency of Lion Vincent Friggieri in March 1992. The conference was organised by our twinned Club Sciacca Host to discuss the problems facing Tunisian illegal emigrants who were arriving in southern Sicily at the time. This was the time when hundreds of Tunisian people were trying to find a better future in Sicily.



In the photo at left the three club presidents, Angelo Raso (Sciacca), Vincent Friggieri (Sliema) and Abdelhamid Fakhfakh (Sfax) are seen with Pino Grimaldi the International President at that time.

REACHING FOR NEW HORIZONS

Our International President Gudrun Yngvadottir who has been three months in office wishes Lions all over the world to focus on three important matters during her year as President, namely Membership, Friendship and Storytelling, which could make our Association stronger during this year. The International President states: "*Being a Lion is not doing the same thing year after year in the name of tradition. Being a Lion means looking for how you can best be of service*".

Membership: It's on everyone's mind. How can we not only recruit new members, but keep our current members and build leaders who can take our work into this next century of service? One way we can do this is through balanced membership, including both genders and people from all walks of life, who can bring their life experiences to bear on the service work we do.



Friendship: Comradery has always been a part of the experience of being a Lion. We don't want to lose sight of the importance of building friendship through service. There is nothing that can bond people more closely than working together to help others. Yes, we have a lot of work to do to reach our goal of serving 200 million people per year. We must organize better, account for our work better, be more creative in how we approach problems. But we do not have to do it without a sense of humour, a sense of fun.

Lastly, I want to revive a lost art. And that's the art of storytelling. After club completes a service project, take a time to write down the story of your work. Who did you help? Why? What circumstances led you to reach out in this particular way? It's through stories that we connect and learn. And if we share those stories with others looking to serve, we can multiply our capacity for change.

LIONS, I am excited to be your new president. I am ready to make this year in which we all reach our horizons when "WE SERVE" together.

WE SERVE

2018/19 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the Club meeting held on July 25, 2018 the following members were confirmed as Club Directors:

Club President:	Lion Alex ARENA
First Vice President:	Lion Antonio VARRIALE
Second Vice President:	Lion Margaret FRENDO
Secretary:	Lion Lorna FARRUGIA
Treasurer:	Lion Carmel AZZOPAARDI
Club Membership Chairperson:	Lion Vivienne ZAMMIT
Club LCIF Coordinator:	Lion James LEPHEW
Communications Chairperson:	Lion Tom A. RESTALL

The Past Presidents Directors, Directors for Two Years and Directors for One Year have yet to be appointed. These posts will be filled at the next Club Meeting scheduled for Wednesday October 3.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Over the last two months our Club Membership has increased by six new members namely Lilebeth CACHIA, Dolores DAVIS, Brian DARMANIN, Alex FELICE, Ian RESTALL and Leone SCIBERRAS. The six new members will be officially inducted on Charter Night due to be held on Saturday November 10 at the Grand Hotel Excelsior, Floriana.

Our Club's Membership Chairperson, Lion Vivienne Zammit has been doing sterling work to recruit new members. As stated by the International President, it is important that we have a balanced membership, including both genders and people from all walks of life. The important thing that new members are made aware of the objectives of Lions Clubs International and are also encouraged to participate in the various Club's activities and to attend meetings.

It is also important to involve new members in the various activities organised by the Club so as to make them feel welcome. They should also be encouraged to put forward ideas how the Club could raise funds to fulfil its commitments to serve the Maltese community. While not discarding the various old events, the new members could also introduce new ones.