



LIONS CLUB SLIEMA

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY YEAR 2024

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

DEATH OF A SENIOR MEMBER

With deepest regret we record the death of one of our senior members Lion Ian Lochhead who passed away on December 27 after a long illness. Lion Ian was our Club President on two occasions namely the Lionistic Year 2002/2003 and 2007/2008.



Lion Ian is perhaps best known in our Club for having set up the “Lions Club Sliema Arts Fund” in 2003. The objective of the Fund, which is separate from the Philanthropic Fund, is to encourage and provide funds to youths to participate in the Arts. This Fund has sponsored recitals by promising Maltese singers and organised both vocal and musical master classes.

Lion Ian and his wife Elizabeth used to organise several musical soirees followed by a buffet at their home thereby raising considerable sums towards the Arts Fund. One of the major events organised by Lion Ian was “Messiah” a concerto held at St. John’s Co-Cathedral in Valletta. This event attracted a lot of people and established our Club as a protagonist to encourage local musical talent. *Photo: Lion Ian Lochhead receiving his Melvin Jones Award from 2208/09 President George Attard. See message from Arts Fund Chairperson Lion Victoria Muscat on p.2.*

MESSAGE FROM ARTS FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

“Very sad news to wake up to on New Year’s Day. Ian’s love, concern and support for many philanthropic causes in Malta is admirable.

As Chairperson of the Lions Sliema Arts Fund, I thank Lion Ian for establishing this fund and his great interest in following the students, and eventually artists, who benefited from support of the Lions Sliema. Deepest condolences to Elizabeth and family

Lion Victoria Muscat – President Arts Fund

PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT PRO. GIUSEPPE GRIMALDI

On Sunday January 7 Lions worldwide heard of the sad news of the death of Prof. Giuseppe (Pino) Grimaldi who was International President of Lions Clubs International in 1994 at the venerable age of 97 years.

I had the opportunity and pleasure to first meet Profs. Pino a few years after I joined Lions Club Sliema when I attended a Mediterranean Solidarity Organisation Conference in Taormina. I remember him asking me why did I decide to become a Lion. When I replied that I wished “To Serve” and help, he encouraged me to take active part in my Club’s activities and to adhere to the slogan “WE SERVE”. In the early 1970s PIP Grimaldi wished that the Maltese Lions Clubs join the Multiple District 108YB (Sicily), something that the Maltese Clubs did not cherish. Nonetheless PIP Grimaldi always wished the Maltese Lions well. Whenever I met him at Conferences, he asked how we were doing and offered his support.



MELVIN JONES AWARD

The Melvin Jones Award is gained if a member makes a donation of one thousand (1000) US dollars to Lions Clubs International Foundations. Donations may be made in one sum or in installments. A Lion making a donation will then be known as a Melvin Jones Fellow and will receive a special lapel pin, a plaque and a congratulatory letter. It is possible to make a donation and choose the MJF recipient later. When an individual/s or group/s personal donation(s) are accumulated for a Club's or District's use to select a Melvin Jones Fellowship recipient, LCIF needs the signed consent. The documentation with the completed MJF application is sent to LCIF Donor Services.



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PRESENTATION OF CHEQUE

At the Club's meeting on January 10, Lion Susan Galea who recently opened an "Arts Studio" in Pembroke presented a cheque for Euro 1088 to the Club President. Lion Susan had promised to donate 50% of the sum raised from the sale of various paintings which she exhibited at the opening of the Studio. This sum will go towards the Club's current Ursuline

Creche project. Thank you, Lion Susan, for your generosity.

CLUB NEWS

NEW VENUE FOR CLUB MEETINGS: As from January 10 our Club meetings are now being held at the 4 Star "GRAND SUITES HOTEL RESIDENCE & SPA" Victory Street corner with Sliema Road, Gzira. After holding our bi-monthly meetings at Sliema mainly the Hotel Victoria, the Club had to find another premises where to hold meetings. The new venue is easily accessible from Sliema Road, Gzira. The Hotel Management is also providing free parking facilities. Members from Sliema who may find it difficult to attend meetings at the new venue are encouraged to pool transport with other members from Sliema.



EXCELLENCE AWARD: Lions Club International presented our Club with the Club Excellence Patch for the Lionistic Year 2022/23. The award is a banner patch and pin. The citation from Lions Clubs International states:

"The award is the ideal way to set a Lions Club on the path to continued success while gaining prestige for excelling in the areas of membership, service, leadership and organizational excellence, and marketing. Upon receiving the award, a banner patch and pin will be awarded to your Club president. But more importantly, your club's membership will be revitalised, your service impact will grow and your members will see greater leadership".

IN HOUSE RAFFLE: During the meeting held on Wednesday January 10, it was decided that the Club will once again organise In-House Raffles for various prizes. Tickets for the raffle will be made available by Lion Tom A. Restall who

has been entrusted to run this raffle. The intention is to have the Raffle Draw around Easter time. Further details will be given in due course.

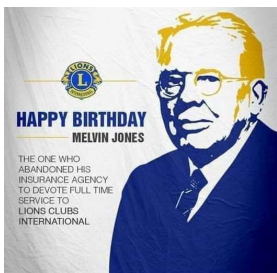
PARALYMIC ROWING BOAT: As members are aware the major project undertaken by Immediate Past President Lion Norman Wilson during his Presidency was to sponsor the purchase of a paralympic rowing boat. Lion Norman has now been informed of the expected arrival of the boat in Malta.

Mr. Julian Bajada wrote: *“Following the official order made in July 2023, the supplier has informed Malta Paralympic Committee (MPC) that the rowing boats rowing oars and related equipment have been successfully manufactured and are now ready for collection and shipping from the Hangzhou Liangiin Boat Co. Ltd. Manufacturing facilities in China. MPC is finalising logistics and insurance arrangements to ship over from China to Malta and the expectation is that the boats and equipment will arrive in Malta by the end of the first Quarter 2024.*

GOLDEN CHARTER ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER:

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Saturday November 16 is the date when the Club will be holding its Golden Anniversary Charter Gala Dinner at the Ballroom of the Hotel Phoenicia. This notice is being posted early as some of our foreign Lion friends have requested to know the date since quite a few intend to be present for this important event for our Club. Further details will be promulgated nearer to the date. **KEEP DATE FREE**



MELVIN JONES BIRTHDAY

January 13 is a special day for Lions as on this day Lions celebrate the birthday of its founder Melvin Jones. He was the one who abandoned his insurance agency to devote full time service to Lions Clubs International. Lions still follow his example and continue TO SERVE all over the world.

“WE SERVE”

THE LIONS' EMBLEM

The current Lions emblem traces its roots back to 1920 when Maurice Blink, a Chicago commercial artist and founding member created the initial design. The emblem image of the Lion represents strength, courage, action and fidelity. When the Lions Club International was founded in 1917, members later known as Lions, displayed their pride as the lion in the emblem was based on a famous painting by the 19th century French artist Rosa Bonheur of a regal lion at rest in the wild. The painting's title "Old Monarch" became the nickname of Lions earliest members and clubs.



At the 1919 International Convention in Chicago, the Lions decided to form a committee to acquire a proper professional log. The committee turned to Maurice Blinken. He created a sketch of a circle with an "L" in the centre and two lion heads in profile looking in The Board of Directors approved Blinken's design in April 1920. Melvin Jones explained its meaning. He said the emblem represents a lion facing the past with pride and the future with confidence, looking in all directions to render service.

In the earliest full colour expressions of Blinken's design, the Lion looked a lot more like real lions with heavy dark brown manes, glowing eyes and ferociously sharp white teeth. Over the years the lion became less fierce as the logo was standardised to promote consistent use worldwide. The emblem was refreshed and updated again in the early 21st century. The emblem will likely serve for many more years to come.

UPDATED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY Fri. 9 Carnival Party MARCH Sat. 24 "Penkata" Marsa SC

APRIL: Sat.6 Sun.7 Weekend in Gozo. Fri.26 Wine Tasting Delicata

MAY: Sun.19 – Buffet Lunch at Westin Dragonara

JUNE: Sat.8 – Beer Tasting and Lunch at Farsons Brewery

Friday 28 – Handover & Awards Night

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

USE OF FUNDS POLICY

General Policy on Funds raised from Lions Clubs Activities: Funds raised from the public must be used for the benefit of the public and community in which the Lions Clubs serve. The International Constitution and By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation (the “governing documents”) provide that chartered Lions Clubs shall be not-for-profit of the individual Club or its individual members. Consequently, no part of the net earnings of funds raised from the public shall **Friday 28 – Handover & Awards Night** benefit any individual Lions member, or other private individual or entity. These policies are intended to provide guidance for clubs to meet the purposes of the International Association of Lions Clubs.

Keys in determining the proper use of funds is considering transparency to the public and developing trust from the community in which the Lions operate. How Lions use funds must meet the legal and tax requirements for the local jurisdiction in which they operate.

Definition of Public/Activity Funds: Funds raised from the public are the net earnings of income raised from activities open to the public, public contributions, bequests and money accumulated from invested public funds.

Definition of Administrative Funds: Administrative funds are contributions from Lions through dues, fines, advertisement revenue, rental fees and other individual Lions contributions. These funds may be used for other public projects or for internal Lions use such as meeting and convention expenses, incorporation fees, audit fees, newsletters, bulletins and other club and/or district operating and administrative expenses.

Direct Expenses of Fundraiser: Direct expenses of a public fundraiser may be deducted from the proceeds of the fundraiser to replenish the administrative funds used to hold the fundraiser.

NOTE: Extract from a Lions International Document -Use of Funds Policy

A SNIPPET FROM NOVEMBER 1993 “SLIEMA ROAR” Presentation to Ursuline Creche – A few days before Christmas President Alfred Micallef Attard together with Lions J.M. Azzopardi, Edwin Ebejer and Henry Calleja visited the Ursuline Creche at G’Mangia, and presented a cheque for LM375. The money will be used to make urgent repairs to balconies in the flatlet sponsored by us.

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT LIONS

FISCAL YEAR: The Lions Clubs fiscal year is from July 1 through to June 30

PARTISAN POLITICS/RELIGION: The Club shall not endorse or recommend any candidate for public office, nor shall partisan politics or sectarian religion be debated by members in any meeting of the Club.

PERSONAL BENEFIT: Except to progress his/her progress in Lionism, no officer or member of the Club shall use his/her membership as a means of furthering any personal political, or other aspiration, nor shall the Club, as a whole, take part in any movement not in keeping with its purposes and objectives.

COMPENSATION: No officer shall receive any compensation for any service rendered to the Club in his/her official capacity with the exception of the Secretary, whose compensation, if any, shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

SOLICITATION OF FUNDS: No funds shall be solicited from the Club during meetings by any individual or individuals who are not members of the Club. Any suggestion or proposition made at any meeting of the Club for the expenditure of money for other than the regular obligations shall be referred to the appropriate committee or to the Board of Directors for further review.

CLUB MEETINGS – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Section 1: BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETINGS: Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such times and places as this board determine. (It is recommended that the Board of Directors meet at least once a month.

Section 2: BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETINGS: Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when called by the President, or when requested by three (3) or more members of the Board of Directors, at such time and place as the President shall determine.

Section 3: REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS: Regular meetings of the club shall be held at times and places recommended by the Board of Directors, and approved by the Club. All meetings shall begin and end, promptly, at the regular set times. Except as otherwise specifically provided in the constitution and by-laws, notice of regular meetings shall be given in such manner as the Board of Directors deems proper. (It is recommended that clubs meet at least twice each month.)

Section 4: SPECIAL CLUB MEETINGS: Special meetings of the club may be called by the President, in his/her discretion, and shall be called by the President when requested by the Board of Directors, at a time and place determined by the person or body requesting the same. Notes of special meetings setting forth the purpose, time and place shall be published to each member of this club, by regular post, electronic means or personal delivery at least ten (10) days prior to the date thereof.

Section 5: ANNUAL MEETING: An Annual Meeting of the club shall be held in conjunction with the close of each Lions' Year at a time and place determined by the Board of Directors, at which meeting the final reports of the retiring officers shall be read and newly elected officers shall be installed.

Section 6: ALTERNATIVE MEETING FORMATS: Regular and/or special meetings of the Club and/or Board of Directors may be held through the use of alternative meeting formats, such as teleconference and/or web conference upon initiation of the President or by any three (3) members of the Board of Directors.

Section 7: CHARTER ANNIVERSARY: A Charter Night Anniversary Meetings of the Club may be held each year. At which time special attentions shall be devoted to the purposes and ethics of Lionism, and the history of the Club.

Section 8: QUORUM: The presence in person of the members in good standing shall be necessary for a quorum at any meeting of the Club. Except as otherwise specifically provided, the act of a majority of the members present at any meeting shall be the act and decision of the entire Club.

Section 9: BUSINESS TRANSACTED BY MAIL: The Club may transact business by mail (including letters, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, or cable) provided in writing by two-thirds (2/3) of the entire number of the club. Such action may be initiated by the President or any three (3) members of the Board.

The above information from the official Statute of Lions Clubs International is being reproduced for the attention of Club members.

WHO IS A LION? S/He who achieves success, lives well, laughs often, loves all human kind, gains the respect of intelligent people and loves little children. Lions fill their niche, do well their work and make God's world a better place than it was by just a brighter flower, a poem, a human soul awake to its own loveliness.

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TEAM PLANNING

AIM: Fund-raising, informative, help, cultural visit

PRODUCT/SERVICE: What, in as much detail as possible, is the product?

PLACE: Where will the event be held – provide detail? Are there competing alternatives? How is information to be gathered and by whom and when?

PRICE/FINANCE: What are the costs involved? Application to Treasurer for funds to buy equipment (if needed). How should we set a price? Is there a surplus? Does the price justify the product? Is its value for money? Is the price attractive enough?

PROMOTION: Who is going to do it? How is this going to be done? Where?
RESEARCH: What needs research? Who is going to do it? When does it need to be completed by? To whom should we report our findings?

ALTERNATIVES: Are there alternatives to choose from? What criteria is going to be used to come to a decision? When have decisions and final decision to be made?

STRATEGY: Who is going to do what, when, and how is this going to be done? How will team members co-ordinate with each other and with the team coordinator? Who needs to be informed and by when? Should we advertise? Do we need to print a flyer?

The above notes were presented by Lion Norman Wison when he was our Club President. The points mentioned are still relevant not only now but will still be relevant for the future.

JUST THINK – DO NOT RUSH

The tongue has no bones but is strong enough to break a heart.

SO BE CAREFUL WITH YOUR WORDS

MANY HEARTS HAVE BEEN BROKEN

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO SAY “SORRY”

“WE SERVE” NOW AND FOR EVER

