



CLUB NEWS



NEXT MEETINGS are scheduled for **WEDNESDAY JULY 3** and **JULY 17** commencing at 6.30 p.m., at the **VICTORIA HOTEL, Sliema**. The meeting on July 17 will be followed by a talk by a guest speaker. Members can invite guests for the talk which usually starts at 7.30 p.m. After the talk, members and guests can stay on for a meal at the hotel.

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FEE: Members are requested to pay the 2019/20 Membership fee of €100 as from July 1. The fee can be paid by cheque payable to Lions Club Sliem and forwarded to our Honorary Treasurer by post to his home address (11 Triq il-Kbira, Dingli DGL1830) or to Lions Club Sliema, P.O. BOX 62, Sliema SLM 100. It would be appreciated if payment be made as early as possible.

EYE GLASSES: The Club is once again collecting discarded eye glasses which will be sent to needy persons in the African continent. This year the Club will be sending these glasses to Ghana. Members are kindly requested to contact family members who may have changed their eye glasses to be given to the Club which will then be sent to Ghana later this year.

MEMBER'S DONATION: Lion Charles Brincat donated €500 towards the Club's Philanthropic Account towards the Guide Dog for the Blind Campaign. Our Club's thanks for this generous donaiton. Mentioning this campaign, we are now half way through to raise the sum towards obtaining the dog.

FOR YOUR DIARY: "Spare Ribs Nite" - This event is scheduled to be held on Friday July 19 at the Marsa Sports Club. Further details will be promulgated in due course. In the meantime keep the date free and invite your friends to attend this event.

WE SERVE



JUNE 2019

VISIT TO ST. CYPRENE

The recent visit of a group of Club members led by Lion President Alex Arena to Saint Cyprien (France) featured in the town's journal. The article reproduced was forwarded by Lion Jean-Claude Mir:

The Catalan Saint-Cyprien Lions Club welcome 35 counterpart members from Malta included the Sliema Club President and the local Zone Chairman.

During their stay, the Maltese visitors were able to discover the treasure of our beautiful region. Sunday evening, June 2, a convivial meal brought together the members of the Maltese and Cyprian club in the Yacht Club room of St.Cyprien in the presence of the Governor of District 103 South (grouping the Lions Clubs of 12 departments) Lion Anita Mango, of the future Governor Lion Beatrice Asnar and Zone President Jacky Lapoussiere



Group photo of the Maltese and Catalan Lions as featured in the paper

On Monday June 3, the Maltese members were invited to take part in the statutory meeting, during which the results of the actions carried out and the distribution of funds thus collected to the various charities were drawn up.

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NEW ZEALAND LIONS' VISIT

At the meeting on Wednesday June 19 we welcome Lion Mike Hayden and his wife Carol who is also a Lion.

Lion Mike belongs to LC Waihi while his wife is a member of LC Omokoroa, both clubs are from District 220 New Zealand. Lion Mike explained that the name of his club in the Maori language means "bubbling water". It was named so since in the area there are quite a few springs.

When asked what made them

come to Malta, Lion Mike stated that he read and heard a lot about the history of Malta and wanted to see for themselves our country. As is usual when greeting visiting Lions, our Club President Lion Alex Arena presented with our Club's banner and Lion Mike reciprocated by giving his Club's banner to the President.



BOTANICAL STUDENTS EXCHANGE

Following the agreement reached with our twinned Club Bosco Marengo Santa Croce to have botanical students exchange, the Maltese student Patrick Mamo will be travelling to Alessandria on July 10 and staying there until July 17. The Italian student who has not yet been chosen will be coming to Malta together with the Maltese student and will be staying here for a week. During their visit to Alessandria and Malta the two students will have an opportunity to visit various botanical gardens and learn more about the botanical culture. The agreement to launch this project was signed by our Club President Alex Arena and the outgoing Bosco Marengo President Bressan. It is hoped that this venture will be the catalyst of more such exchange visit

Lion Margaret Frendo reports:

JUNE GUEST SPEAKER

24-year-old Gabriel Farrugia was the June guest speaker. He mesmerised the audience by his eloquence and knowledge. A graduate in archaeology from the University of Malta, for a short while, he was a student at the Università degli studi di Siena, and is currently studying for an M.A. with the Institute of Culture and Tourism at the U.O.M. His main research is the interpretation of the Ex-Voto offerings found in Churches His full-time job is as a research assistant at the Cathedral Archives of Mdina.

While at work Gabriel came across a manuscript which, upon investigating, turned out to be a sermon given in 1791 by an unknown preacher, in Maltese, to a group of mariners in Senglea at the church also referred to as Il-Madonna tal-Porto Salvo. Gabriel explained that from the contents of the sermon it is evident that the preacher was very well versed in the Scriptures. The message which the preacher wanted to convey to the Mariners was that salvation can only be found in faith and the sacraments.



The preacher makes reference to the four elements: the wind, fire, water and land. He explains that although these elements can be of great danger to the mariner they can also be a means of salvation, through faith and the Sacraments; Fire can be a guiding star, dangerous waters-calm sea, dangerous reefs-a safe port and dangerous wind -a favourable wind

Gabrial also analysed the script and grammar of the written sermon. He pointed out that this sermon was written only a few years before Mickel Anton Vassalli published the book of Maltese grammar, so it is written according to the sound of the word rather than in any grammatical.rules.

PS. The good news is that Gabriel (photo) said that he would willingly give us another talk in the future.

<<<< p.2, Future actions were also presented. On this occasion, two new members were inducted, namely Nasthalie Segura, currently on standby from the Ministry of the Interior, and Geoffrey Reiser, building expert. Area President Jacky Lapoussiere, reminded Lions of the mission of a service club. A brief history of the club was presented by Jean-Claude Mir, founding President, and Stephane Poure, current president of the Club Saint-Cyprien Catalan. The ceremony was closed by an exchange of pennants between the Catalan and Maltese clubs.

Lion President Alex Arena at left after exchanging bannerettes with the Catalan's Club President Stephane Poure



Past President Victor Borg Barthet recounts the trip to St.Cypriene as follows:

A VISIT TO ST. CYPRIENE

This year's trip took us to France where the 34 strong group was met on arrival at Girona by Zone Chairman Jacky Lapoussiere and Jean-Claude and Mirella Mir, our Club members who organised the trip. Jean Claude, who is a naive of French Catalunya, and his wife Mirella with whom he shares a home in San Cyprien, chose a very good hotel for us at Canet, 15 minutes from St. Cypriene. We visited Perpignan, Codalet, Villefrance de Conflent, Prades, Sases, Colhourse, Ba;ylulus and Carcassone. We love all these very beautiful and historical places and the restaurants chosen by Jean Claude were superb.

We were also entertained by the President amembers of LC Saint Cypriene at an informal get-together at their meeting place the local yacht club, where we had a fantastic paella cooky by the Chairman Jackey.

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AWARDS NIGHT

The Annual Awards event was held on Saturday June 22 at the Roof Restaurant of the Palace Hotel, Sliema. A good number of members and their guests attended the evening. Among the invited guests were a few of the Club's sponsors.

Lion President Alex Arena set the ball rolling by presenting awards to various members. Lion Louis Sciberras who has been the Lion Tamer for the past four years was presented with the coveted Melvin Jones Award for his sterling service during the past years.



Lion President presenting the MJF shield to Lion Louis

Five Lady Lions namely Doreen Davis, Margart Frendo, Isabelle Micallef, Victoria Muscat and Vivienne Zammit together with Lions Joe Messina, Alfred Micallef Attard, Antonio Varriale and Edward Zammit were presented with the President's Appreciation Award. Lion Tom A. Restall was presented with the 20 members key.

The Club sponsors were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation. A sumptuous buffet dinner was enjoyed by all present. A special thanks goes to Lion Joe Messina who organised the event.

POSTER COMPETITION

A promotional poster for the 32nd annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. The poster features a vertical column of various colored pencils and pens on the left side. The main text includes the Lions Club logo, the slogan 'Join us in our Journey of PEACE', and the theme 'IMAGINE 600,000 children sharing their visions of peace'. It also includes the words 'INSPIRE Youth to showcase their talent' and 'CREATE Stranger ties in your community'. A call to action asks for sponsorship and provides the website 'lionsclubs.org/peaceposter' and the hashtag '#peaceposter'.

The 32nd annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest has been launched. The scope of the contest is to give kids in our community a creative way to express their visions of what peace means to them. The theme for the 2019/20 Peace Poster Contest is **"Journey of Peace"**.

Our Club will once again will once again organise this contest for students in Malta with the cooptation of the Education Department. Lion Louis Sciberras has once again been entrusted with the organisation together with Ms Gilson of the Education Department. This year the

Club has given prior notice of this event so that school children will have time to draw posters even during the summer holidays. This is being done as it was felt there was a short time for children to draw posters considering that our schools re-open in September and there will be a short time to prepare posters considering the closing date is mid October.

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On another occasion we also attended the St.Cypriene Club meeting, where the Club President Stephane Poure gave us an explanation as to how their club works.

Malta Zone Chairman Lion Joe Messina and Club President Alex Arena also addressed the meeting and exchanged gifts. After the meeting we had a dinner attended by most of the French members.

This trip was a great success thanks to the programme prepared by Lions Jean-Claude and Mirella. We now look forward to next year's trip to Poland which is being organised by Lion George and Jowita Attard.