



LIONS CLUB GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY YEAR JULY NEWSLETTER

LIONS CLUB MALTA - ZONE

Article XI of Lions Club Sliema Statute is about relations with other Maltese Clubs with the LIONS ZONE-MALTA. The relevant information is reproduced hereunder.

Art.11-Lions Zone Malta: The Club shall, together with the other Maltese Clubs take an active role to promote, administer and manage a proper Lions Zone for Malta, autonomous of any other District and sanctioned by the Board of Directors of the Association according to Article 1, Section 1 of the By-Laws of the revised constitution in force from time to time.

Art.11.2 Club Membership in Lions Zone Malta: The Club shall participate in all Council meetings of the Zone. Two members of the Club to sit on the Council of the Zone according to Article 5.1 of the Agreement of the Zone which states that the President and the First Vice President shall be nominated by the Board of Directors. However, the President and/or the Vice President shall retain the right to send a representative in their stead.

Article 11.3 Amalgamation with another District: The Club shall not enter in discussion with any person, group of persons, Clubs, District Governors of the Association with a view of amalgamating or incorporating the Club with any foreign District.

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WHAT IS TRUE FRIENDSHIP? *It is an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.*

THE INTERNATIONAL LION

- 1. Realizes that Lions rise above differences in culture, race, religion and political persuasion to bring needed services to humanity.**
- 2. Takes the time to gain a working knowledge of the structure and operation of his/her Association at the Club, District and international levels.**
- 3. Invites qualified and committed men and women to share the privilege of community and international service available through Lionism.**
- 4. Recognises the unique identity given to all Lions and their work by the Association's name and emblem, and respects the policies controlling their use.**
- 5. Recognises the unlimited potential inherent in major service initiatives adopted by the chosen representatives on the International Board of Directors.**
- 6. Recognises his Club must serve the needs of his/her community, but also cooperates meaningfully with all other Lions Clubs to enable the Association to serve needs worldwide in scope.**
- 7. Values and supports the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) as the link joining all Lions personally in Lionism's international service mission.**

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OUR CLUB'S MAIN PROJECT FOR 2024/25

At the first Club meeting of the new Lionistic Year 2024/25 it was resolved that the Clubmain project for this year will be to support "The Malta Trust Foundation".

The Foundation was established by Her Excellency Marie Louise Coleiro Preca in 2015, with the goal of developing initiatives that support children, young people and communities that are facing challenges or at risk of poverty or social exclusion.

The Foundation brings together academics, psychosocial professionals, the business community, and civil society organisations with the aim of delivering a tangible impact in gaps within existing services. The Foundation stresses on the importance of not duplicating current services and support, which are already being offered by other entities.



2nd Vice President Lion George O. Attard, H.E Marie Louise Coleiro and Ms Rosette DeBattista

The foundation seeks to support vulnerable communities through initiatives that are both educational and empowering in aiding individuals reach their full potential, with an emphasis on projects of a psychosocial nature.

During the first meeting of the new Lionistic year it was agreed to support the proposal by organising fund raising

events for this project and also financial support from the “Arts Fund” since the Foundation’s “Outreach Programme” fosters musical exchange and provides quality musical programmes through professional support within diverse community contexts. The Foundation is also in constant collaboration with the Malta School of Music to ensure that this educational pathway can be accessible to children and young people with disabilities wherever possible.

EYE GLASSES FOR AFRICA: Through the good offices of Lions Vivienne and Valhmor Zammit “EXPRESS TRAVEL” once again transported nine boxes containing a large number of eye glasses to the “Centro Raccolta Occhiali Usati” in Italy which is managed by the Italian Lions.

FIRST FUND-RAISING ACTIVITY: The first fund raising activity for the 2024/25 Lionistic Year was a “Spare Ribs Night” at the Marsa Sports Club on Saturday July 27. A large number of Lions and their friends attended this popular yearly fund-raising activity. The event was a great success which augmented the Club’s funds thus enabling us to start this year’s project on a sound footing. A raffle for various prizes was organised by the Fund-Raising Chairperson Lion Vivienne Zammit and conducted by Past President Lion Norman Wilson and his wife Lion Victoria. This augurs well for future events.

ORGAN DONATION

A major project in which Lions Club Sliema was involved in a few years ago was the “Organ Donation Campaign” which made the Maltese people ware of the importance of “Organ Donation”.

In 1996 Lions Club Sliema organised a campaign to highlight the importance of organ donation. A booklet was issued to inform the public of the important matter.

The Club launched a campaign to show the importance of “organ donation”. It was not an easy job to persuade the general public to join the “Organ Donation Group” but nonetheless a good number of people accepted to enrol in the campaign. Each prospective donor was given a booklet explaining “Organ Donation” and when enrolling as a prospective donor given also a card with their names kept by the medical authorities.

The campaign was a great success and several Maltese people enrolled as prospective donors.

After the initial campaign the project was passed on to the Health Ministry and it is still operative.

It was a “great feather in the cap” of Lions Club Sliema since despite the initial doubts and worries hundreds (if not thousands) of Maltese people enrolled as Organ Donors. It was also a great satisfaction to receive letters of thanks from people who had received a heart or kidney transplant. This showed that the hard work put in by Club members, with Past President Frank Galea to the fore, was appreciated by the Maltese public.

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 meetings of the Club.

Compensation: No officer shall receive any compensation for any service rendered t this 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.

