



LIONS CLUB GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY YEAR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

WEAR YOUR LIONS PIN WITH PRIDE

Whenever a new member joins a Lions Club, he or she is presented with the Lions pin. It is a simple pin which depicts the Lion's head. Wearing the pin shows our "Pride to Serve". The pin or badge is as commonly known by most Lions is much more than just an accessory. It plays an essential role in promoting our Association. The pin shows the Lions pride to show that "WE SERVE".

The pin shows the Lions' commitment. Hence it should be worn at all times not only at Club meetings just to avoid being fined by the Tail Twister. By proudly wearing it in everyday life, Lions show the world that they are part of this great humanitarian movement. The pin also allows us to be recognised among Lions even internationally. The pin should not only be worn for Lions' events. It is a simple and effective way to strengthen the image of Lions Clubs.

The pin reminds every one of the Lion International commitments to show solidarity with our communities. solidarity with our communities.

Wearing the pin has also its benefits. I personally had a nice experience when visiting China town in New York. While I was with my wife looking for a restaurant, a waiter saw my Lions' pin and told me that the owner was also a Lion. He convinced me to have lunch at this restaurant and when I came to pay Whenever I am going to a function, I always make sure that I have the Lions pin on my jacket or shirt. As Lions we should be proud to be part of Lions Club International.

BE PROUD TO SHOW YOU ARE A LION

FLASHBACK TO FEBRUARY 1990

VISIT BY LIONS' CLUB SFAX THYNA

As several of our Club Members led by Lion President Victor Borg Barthet are preparing to visit Sfax in Tunisia it is worth reproducing an article which appeared on the "Sliema Roar" (as the newsletter was then known) in April 1990.

For Lions Club Sliema, it is rather unusual to have visitors from the Maghreb countries which form District 401. Following contacts between the Presidents and several telephone conversations in what Lion President Rene Eminyán described as his horrendous French.

The group of Sfax Thyna Lions and wives arrived at the airport on 7th February and were met at the airport by Lions Club Sliema President Lion Rene Eminyán and several club members. The Tunisian Lions were led by a somewhat timid Lion President Med Nejib Chaaboun and exuberant Secretary Notary Alouse Fourati.

In the evening our Club's Board of Directors met at the Union Club for a short board meeting. After which our Tunisian visitors walked in to meet club members. Lion President went over the usual greetings and introductions. In a short address he welcomed our visitors and dwelt on some common points in the history of Malta and Tunisia. Following replies by Lion President Nejib Chaabouni and Lion Mohamed Fourati, Past Governor of District 401, club bannerettes were exchanged.

Soon after both Club members went to the bar of the Union Club where they joined the ladies from both Clubs. The ice was soon broken over a few drinks, conversation was vivacious and brisk. Lion Fourati made things easier as he spoke in very good Italian and could translate to his fellow Tunisians.

Despite language problems fraternal Lionistic camaraderie knows no boundaries and this soon came to the fore.

Lions Club Sliema had prepared a series of visits to places of interest in Malta. On February 8th the Tunisian visitors accompanied by Lion President Rene and his wife Georgette together with several Lions Club Sliema members visited Valletta. The first visit was to the Collegiate church of St. Paul's Shipwreck

what better way than the eve of the Apostle's feast as the church was bedecked with damask marble and silver.

From St. Paul's the visitors walked through the sunny streets of Valletta, to the Palace. The group was greeted by Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Dr. Lawrence Gonzi, who invited them to his Chambers and later showed them the House of Parliament. An impressive visit was to the old Council Chamber of the Knights of Malta, where the visitors admired the priceless Gobelin Tapestries.

The Speaker who was also the Chairman of the National Commission for the Handicapped exalted the altruistic aims and activities of Lions worldwide in the philanthropic field and was full of praise for the commitment of Lions Club Sliema to help the handicapped over the years. The group was then taken on a conducted tour of the State Rooms of the Magisterial Palace namely the Banqueting Hall, the imposing Ambassadors Room, and finally the Hall of St. Michael and St. George. Our Sfaxien colleagues were truly impressed.



The Sfax Lions and their wives on arrival at Luqa Airport together with Lions Sliema members. In centre Lion René Eminyan with, on his left Dr. Chaabouni and PDG Fourati, second on his right

Farewell – On Saturday evening the Sfaxien Lions hosted a party at the Hotel Sliema for which Sliema Lions and their wives were invited. Typical Tunisian food and drinks was served. The Tunisian Charge d’Affaires Mr. Ahmed Sebidi was also present and augured that the friendships between the two clubs will be beneficial to the two countries.

In a concluding speech Lion President Rene Eminyan pointed out how through the internationalism of the Association of Lions Clubs, all Lions whether

Muslims or Christians, share common interests, objectives and aims. Indeed, all Lions should consider themselves as belonging to one big family. President. Chaabouni replied by thanking Sliema Lions for their wonderful hospitality and augured continuous friendship and cooperation between the two Clubs.

Editor’s Note: The above is an abridged version of the original article. The photo shows Sfaxien and Sliema Lions at the airport.

LIONS SPIRIT OF INNOVATION



We evolve to meet the changing needs of those “WE SERVE” embracing an environment of growth and creativity. We rigorously test and optimise new ideas and encourage the adoption of best practices globally. It is great to be a member of Lions Clubs International.

“LIONS CLUBS BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER IN A SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP”



FUND RAISING

Thanks to the meticulous planning of the Fund-Raising Sub Committee the fund-raising events held during the first quarter of this Lionistic Year have been a great success. A good number of people attended these events thereby helping to increase our funds and thus enabling the Club to fulfil its commitments. The next event is the “Curry Night” at the Malta Union Club on Saturday October 26. Other fund-raising events are planned for the future. Members will be informed of every planned event in good time and encouraged to support these events which are a good means to raise much needed funds thus allowing our Club to support worthy causes which are beneficial for our communities.

LIONS – People just like you! Men and women who believe that by working together they will accomplish far more than would be possible as individuals. Lions are committed to solving worldwide health and social problems, and who realise that solutions are possible when every Lions Club does its share.

IT’S GREAT TO BE A LION WE SERVE

