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Message from the ALPS President to all members and friends

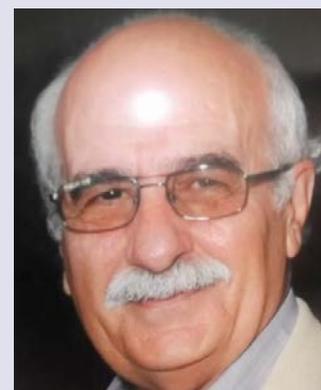
When we were of younger age, nothing much really mattered. We just wished to be happy, and lived a truly carefree life.

Allow me please to just start with a bold statement, shall we? One that defies the logic you have been led to believe for a good number of years. The one that renders our past high school teachers' observations obsolete and, one that just straight up throws all pride out the window as we confess that maybe we don't know it all, don't have all the answers, and for once are not afraid to say such things. And, while we are at it, why not wear that with pride – the very thought that perhaps, yes, we don't know where we are going to be in a few more years. Let's just start by going back a few years from our lives and backtrack on our past achievements. For many of us in our school days, all that we really wanted was independence. We craved the days of freedom – making our own choices, setting our own schedules, or meeting our own goals and targets beyond those set for us. Then we 'grow up'. At some time around our

early twenties (slight variations occur at this next step), we may have realized that, everything we had craved so badly in our teens was in fact an illusion. A vague and distant falsehood. A non-event. Because the truth is, that by the time we hit our twenties an unprecedented amount of responsibility fell upon us as well as a huge amount of expectations. Expectations... they came in many forms, many variations, at many times in our lives, and are still for most us our biggest motivator and our biggest drawback. Despite all the years leading up to this moment, the countless nights slaving away over essays in high school and college, scraping by in our tertiary education, no matter how hard we did or didn't work, we come to a point where despite our best efforts and carefully crafted choices, we just ended up nowhere near the point we had strived for. For better or worse, we may have ended just a few too many rings outside from that 'target' zone in our minds. In my humble opinion, I honestly think that as long as we accept happiness in the current

moment, everything may have its way of working out nicely. It is good to have dreams, goals and ambitions, but I certainly believe that it is perfectly natural that all these may change as we continue to grow and change. Maybe, we have no idea what we are doing, where we want to go from here, or how to get there. But perhaps we may be forgetting one minor detail... we're still heading in the right direction. So long as we are increasingly working towards something, we must for sure, be heading in that right direction. Really and truly, we don't need to know where we may be going or how we shall be getting there. Perhaps, as long as we continue to better ourselves and push forward each day of our life, is what really counts the most.

Some of you reading this might be saying that it is confusing... but I can assure you, that when we all give some thinking to the idea how time has flown over our lives without ever bothering about the future... we must now realize that we are already there... And that of course is the present age we are living... The years that we



have accumulated, the many life experiences that we had as we grew older. The life turbulences that have made us worry so much when still at our younger age. That, now my dear friends and colleagues in ALPS, is past. It is history, as we live the present. It should be just enough to remember that we are on our way and that's a comforting thought, when we all say... "I don't know where I'm going, but I think that I'm heading in that direction."

Sincerely

George dei Conti Stagno Navarra

ALPS President



Cultural Tour US Embassy

Friday 27 January 2017



Joseph Buttigieg

A Group of 46 Members accompanied by spouses and friends were guests of the Embassy for a very interesting and enlightening visit. We were met by Ms Joanna Zingariello, the Press, Protocol and Exchanges Officer. After going through the security screening process, we sat in the lecture room to listen to a very interesting power point presentation given by Mr. Terry Flynn, the Deputy Head of Mission. He is a career diplomat having spent the last 18 years in various capacities in overseas postings. The theme of his presentation was 'Life of a Diplomat and the Bilateral Relationship'.

He started off by giving a brief historical perspective of the construction of the compound. It is almost five years old to date having been constructed to US Security Standards by Maltese contractors under the supervision of US construction experts.

Worthy of note is the empty space all-round between the road-side external security fencing and the outside walls of the compound. The reason being that after the various attacks on US Embassies by terrorists in places like Tanzania and Nairobi, the US Homeland Security decided that the distance between the security fencing and the outside walls of the compound should be not less than 100 feet to thwart any terrorist attack to the building.

He then explained the requisites of becoming a Foreign Service Officer with the US Department of State.

The Mission Statement of the US Embassy in Malta is very much in line with the Mission Statement of the US Department of State but with slight modifications to blend in with and cater for the local political and economic environmental exigencies of service.

There are approximately 140 employees in the Embassy, 100 of which are Maltese. He then explained how the bi-lateral relationship with Malta started way back with Grandmaster de Rohan in the late 18th century. De Rohan was given a commemorative medal specially cast to mark this participation. The Order of St. John provided certain logistic support to the US Government during its American Revolution or as it is also known in its War of Independence from England. Worthy of note is the world famous and historical Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania which was made

by the Maltese founder John Pace at his foundry in Malta. Reference was also made to the Citation of US President Franklin Delano Roosevelt which is affixed to the wall of the President's Palace in Valletta.

At the point that Terry Flynn was taking questions from the floor, Her Excellency Madam Ambassador G. Kathleen Hill, joined in and honored us with her presence. She very graciously took questions from the floor blended with a twist of her sophisticated sense of humor, she was also very pleased that our group visited the Embassy and then invited us to take a group photo with her in front of the Chancery.

At the end, our President George Stagno Navarra thanked Her Excellency the Ambassador for giving us the privilege of being accepted as guests for a very interesting and memorable visit lasting almost two hours.



ALPS Cultural Visit

Upper Fort St. Elmo, New War Museum & The Malta Experience Show

Saturday 01 April 2017

The following is the program for our cultural tour of Valletta:

DEPARTURE

09:15 Coaches depart San Gwann

09:30 Coaches arrive Fort St. Elmo Bastion

TOUR PART ONE

09:45 Group Walk to entrance of Upper Fort St. Elmo (*from granaries on the square next door to Malta Experience*)

10:00 Group Guided Tour of Upper St. Elmo (*bring your camera for spectacular views of Grand Harbor*)

TOUR PART TWO

11:15 Group Tour of National War Museum

TOUR PART THREE

12:00 Group Tour of Old Hospital at MCC

13:00 Lunch at Malta Experience

14:00 Audio Visual Spectacular Show at Malta Experience

END OF TOUR

15:00 Coaches pick up near MCC

15:15 Arrive at San Gwann

THE ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE PER PERSON IS:

Seniors Rate: **€15 per person**

Children 6-12: **€8 per person**

THESE PRICES INCLUDE:

- Transport San Gwann/Valletta/San Gwann
- Lunch consisting of:
 - Generous portion of meat lasagna
 - OR Vegetarian ricotta & spinach pie
 - CHOICE of soft drink, tea, coffee, water, glass of wine.
- Guided Admission to Upper Fort St. Elmo
- Admission to the Audio Visual Spectacular Show at Malta Experience
- Guide and admission to the Old Hospital at MCC.

Place your bookings straight away, stating your lunch choice by completing the attached booking form and post to: Secretary General: Alson - 82 Naxxar Road San Gwann SGN 9032 . Enquiries by e-mail to: Alex Borg at info@alpsmalta.com



Other Important Events & Activities that ALPS is Planning

5th-7th May 2017

ALPS Annual Retreat
Manresa Home - Gozo
[fully booked]

Saturday 10th June 2017

Gozo Day Tour

Citadella, Agro Tourism outlet
Please refer to full program enclosed in this issue of ALPS news

Saturday 8th July 2017

Festa At Anna at Pwales Chapel
Come along and bring with you family and friends for this outdoor event on the Pwales Chapel parvis.

Friday 14th July 2017

ALPS Annual BBQ

Ball room terraces- Radisson Blu Bay Point, St. Julian's

Thursday 28th September to

Monday 9th October 2017

ALPS Malta-to-Malta Cruise

Full info: See back page advert in this issue of ALPS news

Saturday 4th November 2017

ALPS Annual Reunion 2017

The original premises of the Lyceum in Valletta in Merchants' Street.

Friday 24th November 2017

Esplora - Science Interactive Centre & Restoration Centre Bighi

Friday 1st December

to 3rd December 2017

ALPS Yuletide Week-End
Radisson Blu Golden Sands Resort. Christmas Special Dinner Saturday 2nd December 2017

Paintings and Pictorial images in the Chapel of St Anne Pwales

Part One



Nazzareno Azzopardi

One of the paintings found in this chapel is that of St Joseph of Copertino, known to all students as the preferred saint to pray to for assistance when preparing for examinations. St. Joseph was born in 1603 to a widowed mother in a stable in the village of Cupertino, Apulia province of Naples. The relatives of his father had taken possession of the family house and sent off the widow to beg in the streets. Joseph had a learning disability and was frequently chided for his lack of attention, for breaking utensils and for a general apathy. Joseph's mother insisted that one of her brothers employ Joseph as his apprentice in the shoe making business hoping that her son would learn a profitable trade. But the boy was more attracted to prayer and a religious life than to the trade. He used to abscond from the shop to visit the Blessed Sacrament in a nearby chapel. He felt drawn to a religious life and asked to be admitted to the Copertino Capuchin friary. He was assigned duties in the refectory of the convent preparing food for the friars. By nature, a clumsy person, his apprenticeship had to be terminated as he broke a considerable number of plates and the irate cook sent him off to the Rector and insisted that he will not be allowed to return to the kitchen.

Joseph was told by the Rector to stop attending at the convent. Undeterred, he went to another convent in the vicinity, that of the Conventual friars, and asked to be admitted as a lay brother. The kind Provincial felt compassion on this applicant and accepted him. The Provincial noticed that when not at work, Joseph prayed



intensely in front of the Blessed Sacrament. During prayer, his face was transformed into such an extremity of joy that it shone out with a particular light. He noticed that this rough lay brother was destined to sainthood, and from that moment instructed him to start studying for the priesthood. The ever-obedient Joseph agreed, but his fame as a laggard student met with initial disapproval of the instructor. He studied hard but remembered only a few pages of the books he had to study and surprisingly did well in examinations. Through inspiration he seemed to anticipate the exam questions, studied them well and satisfied his examiners.

Ordained a friar and given the power to confess he attracted a considerable audience at Holy Mass and a large number of penitents at his confessional. When he said Holy Mass, he used to enter into a state of ecstasy, forgetting time and place, and the Holy Mass he said lasted about an hour. In addition, during Holy Mass he was observed to levitate, rising a few meters off the ground and then slowly come down to earth.

Once when preaching in front of a crowd he was so taken up by the devotion that he flew off a stone balcony and to the amazement of all bystanders landed safely back. The people were amazed at the mystic power of this friar that caused him to levitate. He was greatly loved for his gentle

manners in the confessional as well as because through his intercession with God many were healed from their illness.

It is reported that the Holy Inquisition, at that time a very powerful and forceful institution, wanted to examine him so as to make sure that both the ecstasy and the mysticism were not the result of the devil's work but the result of a deep faith in God. He was cleared of these charges and the judges themselves became his penitents. He lived a good life and aged sixty God called him on the eighteenth September 1663 to enter eternal life. His fame as a saint had spread far and wide and people flocked to pray at his grave, so that Pope Benedict XIV beatified him in 1753, and fourteen years later Pope Clement XI declared him a saint. Later on, he was declared the patron saint of students and of aviators

For the next issue of ALPS Newsletter, the writer will prepare a write-up about another painting that exists inside the Pwales Chapel depicting St Anne and the young Holy Mary.

AUTHOR'S NOTE: The author is indebted for the above notes to the book by Kilin: A Maltese Mosaic, Guthenberg Press 1990.

Calendar of Activities at St Anna Chapel Pwales 2017

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| MAR | 25 | 1700 | |
| APR | 22 | 1700 | |
| MAY | 20 | 1700 | Celebrating the Feast San Gorg Preca - ALPS Patron Saint |
| JUN | 17 | 1700 | |
| JUL | 8 | 1900 | Celebrating the Feast of St Anne |
| AUG | | | NO ACTIVITIES |
| SEP | | | NO ACTIVITIES |
| OCT | 21 | 1700 | Feast of St Ursula |
| NOV | 11 | 1630 | Remembrance Day |
| DEC | 13 | 1100 | Christmas Mass with carol singing |

ALPS Cultural Tour of Gozo

Saturday 10 June 2017

Members, spouses and friends are invited to join us to spend a full day's outing to Gozo. As usual, you may rest assured that joining us for this day's event is value for money.

PROGRAM

- 08:30** Coaches depart from San Gwann
09:15 Coaches arrive at Cirkewwa
09:45 Gozo Ferry Departure
10:15 Ferry arrival at Mgarr, Gozo
10:30 Gozo Transport to the Cittadella / Victoria
10:45 Guided tour of Cittadella
12:45 Lunch at Lantern Restaurant at Marsalforn
14:30 Guided tour of ta' Mena Agricultural Products, Ta' Mena Estates and Agro Products Shop
15:30 Visit to ta' Pinu Sanctuary
16:15 Gozo Transport from Ta'

Pinu to Mgarr Harbor

- 17:15** Ferry departs Mgarr/ Gozo for Cirkewwa / Malta
17:45 Boarding of coaches to San Gwann
18:15 Coaches arrive at San Gwann.

All times are approximate and may change subject to circumstances obtaining on that day.

MENU

STARTER:

Soup or Spaghetti or Lasagne

MAIN COURSE:

Half chicken or Meat or Fish with Salad and Chips

DESSERT:

Ice Cream

BEVERAGES:

including 2 glasses of wine or soft drink

CHARGE PER PERSON

ALL-INCLUSIVE:

€19 per person Seniors Rate



€ 9 per person Children 6 -12

Kindly complete and return early the booking form attached hereto together with your payment, because this Gozo

Tour is restricted to the first 52 bookings only (space available on the coach).

All enquiries to Alex Borg, by e-mail: info@alpsmalta.com

ALPS Annual General Meeting

24 February 2017

ALPS, thanks all outgoing council members who have served over the current twelve months. Their care and dedication during 2016, has produced superb results. The program of events that was presented for one year is proof enough of a positive result that has been reached.

Inside the main hall of the Lyceum Hamrun, the Annual General Meeting was held this year on Friday the 24th February 2017 at 18.00 hrs. After a short prayer, the meeting convened fifteen minutes after the scheduled time because we did not have a quorum. In the absence of Secretary General Alex Borg who was this year indisposed, the assistant secretary Peter Tortell read out the minutes of the previous AGM that was held in February 2016. The assistant secretary went on to read the Administrative report that had been prepared

very meticulously by Alex Borg. This followed with the presentation of the association's audited accounts. Mr. Peter Griffiths from the firm Griffiths and Associates, presented and explained the state of affairs regarding the Association of Lyceum Past Students. His only comment for this year was that an extraordinary expense had been made, on a 'ONE OFF basis' and this was all connected with the vast refurbishment program that has been carried out by ALPS at the Pwales Chapel. Before Mr. Peter Griffiths left the AGM, a vote of thanks was passed to thank the firm Griffiths & Associates for confirming their intention to continue to audit the association accounts for the current year on a Free of Charge basis.

By general acclamation all nominees for the re-election to ALPS council of administration were confirmed together with one

contestant who shall be included with the coming year's council of administration. His name is Anthony Buttigieg who wishes to lend a helping hand and to share his expertise within ALPS. He has been welcomed and will replace the missing council member that had resigned from the previous year. It is nice to now have a number of elected council members, who are offering their time and energy to serve on the ALPS council.

Our President George Stagno Navarra, ended the meeting by addressing all those who were present and augured for even greater achievements in the current year within ALPS.

In particular, he stressed on the wish that this year we shall try and reach the 1000 membership mark. This may be achieved, if all members and friends of ALPS can concentrate and encourage at least one more past LYCEUM student to join ALPS. Do help

your association to continue to grow and be the envy of all other past student's associations, was the last comment of George Stagno Navarra before declaring the AGM closed.

The New Council of Administration of ALPS shall consist of:

George Stagno Navarra
President

Alexander Borg
Secretary General

David Abela
Hon. Treasurer

Robert Ferrante

Peter Tortell

Joseph Buttigieg

Nazarene Azzopardi

Oscar Galea

Alfred Agius

Joseph Micallef

Tony Buttigieg

The Lyceum Prize Day Report for Scholastic Year 1937/38



Alfred Agius

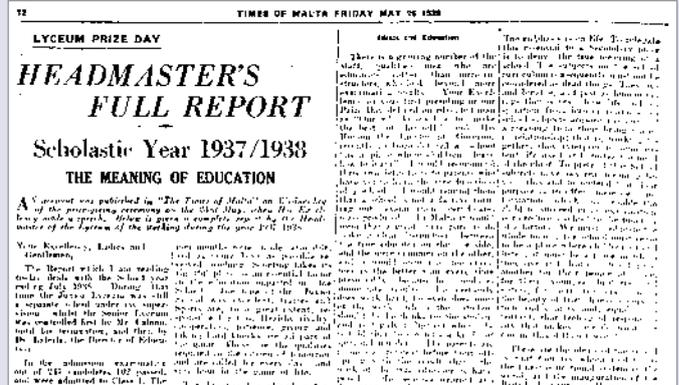
Reporting from findings in old newspaper cuttings. Some of you who are reading this article, might very well recall everything that is written hereunder as you may have attended the Liceo at that time.

Until 1938 the Lyceum was made up of a Junior and a Senior School each with its own Head. Out of the 247 candidates that had sat for the school entrance examination, less than half actually managed to obtain a pass mark. In fact, 102 students had qualified, and were admitted to Form 1 bringing the number of students attending the Lyceum to 653. Additionally, a sizeable number of 517 students attended the evening classes. The teaching staff consisted of 34 masters and a further 11 acted as a visiting and substitute masters.

External Examinations

81 students and a further 16 others obtained pass marks in

the matriculation exams of the Royal University of Malta for the June and September sessions respectively. Five other students obtained very high marks and distinctions when they sat for the London Chamber of Commerce examinations. During the scholastic year in question a few changes were effected. The Rev. C. Buhagiar and Mr. Flores retired on pension after a service in each case of 28 years. On the other hand, Mr. Thomas Glass B.A. joined the staff. Mr. Tonna Barthet and the Rev. Mattocks were both promoted to First Grade Masters. During this epoch, the importance of promoting sport and pastime activities was emphasised. Consequently, physical training was developed further and made a compulsory subject in the Junior Lyceum. Football was always so popular but Cricket less so. Tennis facilities were also introduced complete with coaching. Scouting was also given a boost. All these listed sport activities became recognised as a basic contributing factor – a crucial requisite considered instrumental to breed the ideal citizen of tomorrow. It is a documented fact that even during those past years the Lyceum Administration was known to have lamented of incessant noise pollution created



by the people commuting in the surrounding streets bordering two thirds of the Lyceum School building itself. Here one must recollect the fact that the majority of the classes offer large windows abutting on to the mentioned noisy streets from one side and then open to any noise in the corridors. As a consequence, the Lyceum School Administration of the time is known to have levelled suggestions to the Authorities to secure a site in some distant quiet part of the island where a school could actually be built to serve for a long time the educational needs worthy of a serious secondary education system.

The Headmaster highlighted the mutual benefit obtained when the majority of parents participated in the yearly Parents' Day event where the respective

students' progress was analysed & discussed with a view to iron out any shortcomings that curtail the student's academic progress. He stressed his belief that the school's main objective concerned the methodology of educating students in a manner of facing adult life rather than guiding them to study harder to obtain better examination results. He concluded his report by thanking his dedicated Staff for their unflinching co-operation and loyalty during his three-year tenure not omitting to show his gratitude to the Director of Education for his constant support and finally thanking His Excellency the Governor Sir Charles Bonham Carter for presiding the Prize giving ceremony of the current Scholastic Year. That is all for today.

SPORTS CORNER



Peter Tortell

Sports are Group or Individual games involving physical activity and skills. There are many different games, however, it is said that football or soccer is followed and played by 90% of athletes throughout the world. Besides football there are other sports such as Basketball, Swimming, Athletics, Rugby, and Tennis which attract a lot of

participants. It certainly is, a great way of staying active even in old age and offers a lot of persons young and old, many benefits through physical exercise which is good for mind, body and spirit. According to the World Health Organization (W.H.O.), Malta has one of the highest obesity and overweight rates which in my opinion is a big problem for our country. I think, that this is mainly due to a change of habits when we are spending more time on computers and other electronic devices instead of taking part in physical sport or even in just taking a walk every day. I remember Father Hilary Tagliaferro, himself an Old Boy and fellow student in my Class

2B before he left the Lyceum to join the Augustinian Order, imploring parents on Television, to let their children take part in sport as this would help them even in their studies: 'mens sano in corpore sano.' Regrettably quite a lot of parents would not let their children to take part in sport as they would be tired after some physical exercise. The result is now the Obesity factor. I feel that we should encourage not only our children but also adults to be active as this would help them in maintaining a healthy lifestyle. I also understand that one of the main causes that we have 10% of the population suffering from Diabetes could very well be due to Obesity amongst other factors. It is important that we promote

a healthy style of living, as this would help us to avoid health problems especially when we are growing old. It is anticipated, that even more articles on Sport will appear on Alps News. In one of the future articles I would like to mention Lyceum Old Boys who were prominent in Maltese Sport. I have in mind Father Hilary, Lino Bugeja, Joseph Bugeja and many other athletes. If you happen to recall names of other Old Boys, I would certainly appreciate receiving such information, that may enable me to include them in future editions. I thank you in anticipation for such help. Please forward to me soonest by e-mail on: peterortell47@gmail.com

Payment of Annual Subscriptions in ALPS

Another year has just started and we therefore call upon all our members and friends of the association, to sustain our finances, by making a payment towards the annual subscription for membership in ALPS. Those who may still carry any outstanding balances from the previous years, are kindly asked to remedy at earliest please. (For all the LIFE MEMBERS, this appeal is to be disregarded of course). Do please write out a cheque and send it to Hon. Treasurer David. R. Abela. and don't forget to recommend ALPS for more and more of your

Lyceum colleagues to join.

One-year subscription remains @ €12.00 per annum.

Life Membership Fee remains @ €70.00 once only remittance for life

The Friends of the ALPS pay @ €10 only per annum.

Cheque to ALPS, can be addressed to Hon. Treasurer David R. Abela, Juniper, Gianni Vella Street, Tal-Qattus, Birkirkara BKR 4263. Tel: 2148 7693 / mob: 9902 0845 / E-mail: david.r.abela@gmail.com



We keep asking you for your E-Mail addresses please

Council member Oscar Galea did report receiving a few more e-mail addresses since our last appeal was made in the issue of ALPS news for the month of December 2016. However, many more are still awaited and we kindly remind you to write that line and hit the SEND button, so that your e-mail may be recorded and we can address to you urgent announcements as and when these are issued.

Our data base is always being updated and your assistance in this matter will oblige. Send your confirmation to: ALPS



Council Member Oscar Galea at: oaggalea@maltanet.net. You will be sent a reply by

return, to ensure that your message is captured. We thank you for your best cooperation.

Did You Know That...

Glass takes one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times!

Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.

Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.

If you stop getting thirsty, you need to drink more water. When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.

Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.

Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.

The song **Auld Lang Syne** is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year.

Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent. Drinking a glass

of water before you eat may help digestion and curb appetite.

Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450F.

The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.

Nine out of every 10 living things live in the ocean.

The **banana** cannot reproduce itself. It can be propagated only by the hand of man.

To be continued on the next issue

Laughter Remains The Best Medicine

A young man named Donald bought a horse from a farmer for \$250. The farmer agreed to deliver the horse the next day. The next day, the farmer drove up to Donald's house and said, "Sorry son, but I have some bad news, the horse died."

Donald replied, "Well, then just give me my money back."

The farmer said, "Can't do that. I went and spent it already."

Donald said, "Ok, then, just bring me the dead horse."

The farmer asked, "What ya gonna do with him?"

Donald said, "I'm going to raffle him off."

The farmer said, "You can't raffle off a dead horse!"

Donald said, "Sure I can, Watch me. I just won't tell anybody he's dead."

A month Later, the farmer met up with Donald and asked, "What happened with that dead horse?"

Donald said, "I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at five dollars apiece and made a profit of \$2495."

The farmer said, "Didn't anyone complain?"

Donald said, "Just the guy who won. So, I refunded him his five dollars back."



IN MEMORIAM

Let us also Remember and Pray for:

Our Founder President:
Dr Guido Saliba LL.D., who
 passed away on Dec 7, 2004

Demajo, Ronnie, former
 Lyceum Student, passed
 on Jan 25, 2017

Gusman, Annie, passed on
 Feb 5, 2017, mother of Enzo
 Gusman

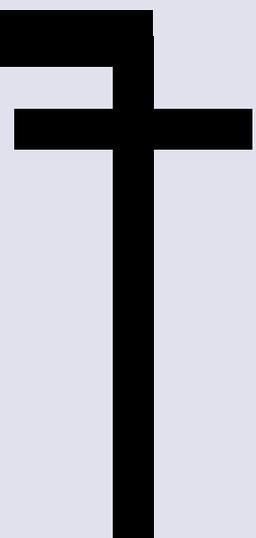
Bartolo, Peter Paul,
 Membership # 577, passed on
 Jan 20, 2017

Mifsud, Joseph, passed on
 January 2017

ALPS members and or their
 family members who passed on
 since the foundation of ALPS
 in 1994

The members of families from
 the Pwales Hamlet, who died in
 the recent past years

**MAY, THEY ALL REST IN
 PEACE, AMEN**



We also remember and pray for all the sick and aged members and friends of ALPS,
 who may be house bound or in a Seniors Retirement Home.
 We promise to keep them always in our thoughts and prayers.

A Thought for this Month...

*Sometimes you just have to take a deep breath,
 relax, and let things go.*

*Focus on what matters to you
 and who matters in your life. The rest will
 work itself out... Just take it one step at a time*



ALPS are proposing a fantastic holiday cruise for 2017

The sale of cabins on the NCL Norwegian Spirit is gathering momentum. SMS Mondial still have available some more allocations for this cruise. Come and join the ALPS group for this wonderful summer holiday. We always have a great time when we are travelling abroad spending time together.

ALPS members, friends and families may be cruising for 12 days. The chosen tour operating company SMS Mondial have offered a superb package MALTA to MALTA on the basis of an ALL INCLUSIVE (except for the shore excursions that may be bought on the ship + the daily tips obligatory and payable by each passenger). SMS Mondial will be very happy to provide dates and itinerary, quoting a special



price to the ALPS members and friends, who will be joining us on this holiday in 2017.

Reservation of ship cabins shall be on first come/first serve

basis. Details of this tour with full information may be viewed on the colored back page advert of this News Letter. We want to see many of you joining for

this holiday. All bookings strictly through SMS Mondial because ALPS is in no way responsible before, during or after this proposed tour.

ALPS Web Page & Newsletter Sponsorship Appeal

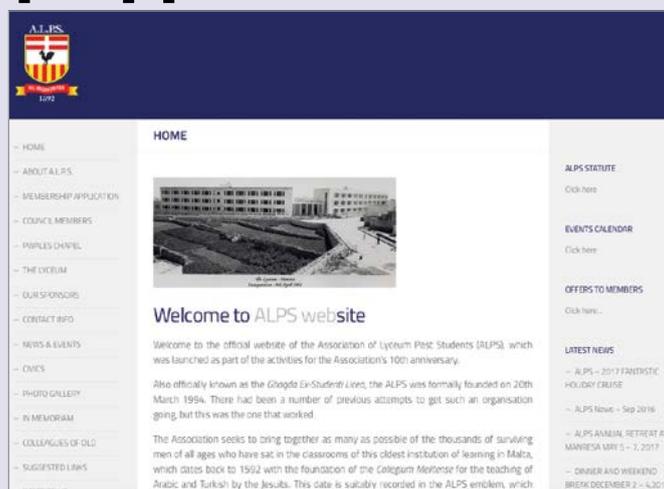


Joseph D Buttigieg

Our lifeline for producing the ALPS Newsletter and maintaining the ALPS Website is entirely dependent on the generosity and continued support of our esteemed sponsors.

We are now faced with a situation whereby the cost of producing and maintaining the two media sources has increased to a degree that we need to find additional sponsors who, in their generosity, would make a financial contribution to ALPS to bridge this shortfall in financing.

We are therefore making this appeal to all those Corporate entities, to please come forward and add their name to our growing list of Corporate Sponsors. The exposure of



your product or services to our Members would be beneficial for your image. In helping out, you can rely on the ALPS Members for supporting your product or service. Readership of the bi-monthly Newsletter is in excess of 800 printed copies, and your company logo will appear prominently in every issue of ALPS Newsletter. This is distributed not only in Malta, but also in Canada, U.S.A. and Australia. Furthermore, we will also place your logo on our Website www.alpsmalta.com under the tab

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Remembering our Gentlemen Masters and their Nicknames 1946- 1966 (Revised)



Joseph D Buttigieg & Milo Vassallo

In the December issue of our Newsletter, we published a list of the names Our Gentlemen Masters and their Nicknames. The response to such a thought has been most encouraging. We have received a good number of comments from past Liceo Students who have added some more nicknames. Therefore, we take the liberty to again publish the list in the hope that if you have any further additions, please let us know.

Dr Frendo Azzopardi,
Latin, *Il-Bajdollu*

Mr Karmenu Vassallo,
Maltese, *Il Poeta / Xoffa Tal Vas*

Can J Bugeja,
Religion, *Il-Minus One*

Mr Paul Abela,
Maths, *Il-Pullu*

Mr Vella,
English, *Carmelina*

Mr Richard Bisazza,
Italian, *Stuka*

Mr Attard,
History, *Il-Baqra*

Mr Costanzo Sapiano,
Maths, *Iz-Zanzu*

Mr Bonello,
Italian, *Il-Contadin*

Mr Albert Cassaola,
Italian, *Bajd lebes*

Mr John Grima,
Maths, *Pythagoras*

Mr Schembri,
Geography, *It-Toqbu*

Can Vincenzo Azzopardi,
Latin, *Ego Sum Li- Sponsun*

Mr Zarb,
Maltese, *Iz-Zobu*

Mr Burgess,
Geography, *Begiga & BBC*

Begiga Business Class

Mr Cryl Parker,
Headmaster, *Ic-Cirillu*

Mr Giovanni Curmi,
Italian, *Il-Faro*

Mr Darmanin,
French, *Id-Duce*

Mr Wettinger,
Il-Kazzott

Mr Bonello,
English, *Il-Foxey*

Mr Agius,
English, *Drunken Sailor*

Mr George Victor Parker,
English, *Third Man*

Can Farrugia,
Latin, *Il-Perse'*

Mr Schiavone,
English, *Il-Foresta*

Mr Scicluna Spiteri
Globu Margerina

Mr Zammit,
Science, *Mr Blackbook*

Mr Calleja,
English, *Il-Pejxa*

Mr A Buttigieg,
Geography, *L-Hambaq*

Mr Gauci,
Maths, *Il-Globu*

Mr Johnny Camilleri,
Il-Pipi

Kanonku Darmanin,
Id-Desperate Den

Mr Muscat,
Maths, *Is-Cid*

Mr George Victor Parker,
English, *Third Man*

Mr Buhagiar,
Il-Lazzru

Mr. Syclemoore,
Scaramoush

Mr Borg Cardona,
Il-Pahwi

Mr Diacono,
French, *It-Tutti Colori*

Mr T Glass,
Headmaster, *Hgiegu*

Mr Glenville,
Physics, *Bajd lebes*

ALPS Valentine's Weekend Break 3-5 February 2017



Joseph D Buttigieg

A Group of over 250 Members accompanied by spouses and friends spent a glorious weekend at our most popular and sought after resort, namely the Radisson Golden Sands, Ghajn Tuffieha. The weather was just perfect which created a very enjoyable atmosphere for all.

The highlight of the weekend was of course the main dinner in the evening of Saturday. The ball room was laid out in a very pleasant way and created a setting just perfect for a Valentine theme. David Vella added to the atmosphere by playing a vast selection of very



popular melodies.

As is customary, the evening started with a welcome drink which gave an ample opportunity for all to mingle and exchange greetings. This was followed by the President

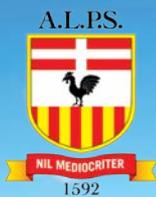
George Stagno Navarra presenting a red carnation to each of the ladies as they filed into the ball room to take their seat. As usual, the catering and the menu were simply exceptional; so was the service.

Just before the start of the dinner, the President gave a very short speech of welcome. It is worth mentioning, that before coffee and sweets were served, the ALPS President presented a red carnation to each member of the restaurant female staff who were serving us during the Valentine dinner. They were all very pleased with such a gesture of appreciation.

A raffle was held for the 25 hampers most of which were so graciously prepared by Mrs. Madeleine Stagno Navarra. The management of the hotel kindly donated two complimentary vouchers: one for a weekend break for two persons on half board basis and a Sunday lunch for two persons.

On Sunday morning, we had Mass celebrated by our Chaplain Fr. William Bartolo. His homily was very well received by all present including residents of the hotel who are not members of ALPS.





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I will / will not be attending the A.L.P.S. Cultural Tour on Saturday 1st April 2017

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| Guest #1 | Guest #2 | Guest #3 | |
| Guest #4 | Guest #5 | Guest #6 | |

Please indicate your choice:

Meat Lasagne
 Rikotta & Spinach Pie

Special Dietary Preferences:

Gluten-Free
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at €15.00 per Adult / €8.00 per Child (Under 12)

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