From the ALPS President's Desk

My dear Liceo Friends

The year 2017 will soon come to a close and shall be added to the history books of our individual lives. Many of you will probably look back over the past twelve months and ponder upon the good and the not so good events that have occurred. There may have been instances that brought joy and happiness but we must admit and accept also, those events that we all had to face in the year that is about to end and which may not have been to our expectations. Life goes on and we must therefore all pluck up courage and look forward with greater determination and enthusiasm for the year ahead 2018. If our health might have been the main cause for concern during this year, let us hope and pray for better times in the future. If money or fortune was not on our lucky side, let us keep our fingers crossed and hope for better luck in the forthcoming year. If anyone has suffered the loss of a friend or a close family member, we just have to look straight ahead and offer prayers

for the repose of the souls of our dearly departed who entered into eternal life. Remember that their journey is now finished whilst we still remain and struggle and hope for a better future. Let us always look at the positive side and as long as our health may permit, we can feel happy and accept life as it is at the present time.

The "Association of Lyceum Past Students "plays a very important role to keep you all happy and united. It organized many events during this year. Looking back at what went on during 2017, we can very proudly say that there have been many interesting occasions for members and friends of ALPS. The real scope of getting more and more Liceo past students together, seems to be definitely working in the right direction. The continued feedback that reaches our ears, is mostly positive and with some very nice comments, praising the Council of Administration of ALPS, for all that is planned

and concluded for you dear members and friends. We truly aim to please each and every one of you out there, who may be always anxious to listen to whatever we may be planning for the coming year 2018. Rest assured that with a team of healthy and energetic council members around me, we are going to continue surprising you in no small way, with a program of events that is in the making for the coming twelve months. Added with this Newsletter, please note the forthcoming ALPS events with items that are being proposed for you to enter in your diaries and ensure to be present. The same applies to the Pwales Chapel almanac, with dates and time when Holy Mass shall be celebrated for you all, who like an occasional walk in the countryside to reach the chapel situated in the Pwales hamlet limits of Xemxija St Paul's Bay.

Your participation is always appreciated, in order to



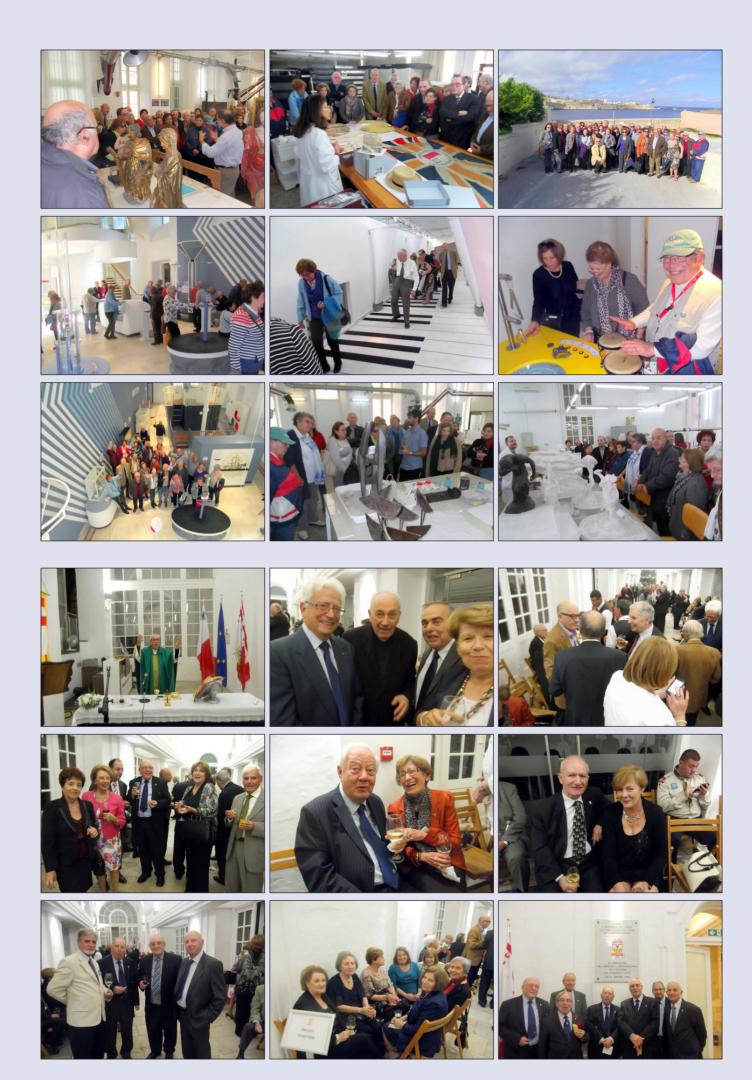
turn every event to be more successful and pleasant. From time to time 'ad hoc' announcements are issued via e-mail or web-site. We always recommend that you keep watch for such messages. On behalf of 'Ghaqda ex-Studenti Liceo' I take this opportunity, to augur to vou ALPS members and friends. a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS in the company of your loved ones, receiving great blessings and discovering that there is no bigger gift than being together as a family, enjoying the peace and love of this great feast. I end by wishing to you all, good health and happiness in the NEW YEAR 2018.

Very sincerely

George dei Conti Stagno Navarra

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"At a exclusive private party for the ALPS group, ship Captain Peter Engwald, and ALPS president George Stagno Navarra, exchanged gifts. An association lapel badge, a tie and bannerette were handed to the Captain who reciprocated, by donating the NCL Norwegian Spirit ship placard, that will commemorate this nice get together for all the group. Many of those present have already experienced other NCL cruise liners like the Sun, and the Gem, besides Norwegian Spirit in Sept 17."



































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