

ALPS NEWS

**ASSOCIATION OF LYCEUM PAST STUDENTS
(GHAQDA EX-STUDENTI LICEO)**

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A newer and more attractive format to the A.L.P.S. newsletter:

As you may very well have realised, the 'NewsLetter' this time comes in a more enriched format that befits all members and friends of the association. We thrive on innovation and have for a very long time been toying with this idea of creating a more attractive style that may be pleasing to the eyes that read it. Well dear readers, the time has come for a first time issue in such presentation, that now arrives at your individual addresses. We sincerely hope it may please you to know, that with this latest presentation format, we are now improving our association image that shall rank amongst much bigger societies and institutions who are using a similar format.

Dear members and friends of A.L.P.S., you deserve nothing but the best and so be it....
Enjoy reading and pass on to your family and friends this latest edition of newsletter, rolling out from the Association of Lyceum Past Students. It is packed with latest news and announcements.
The small nucleus of hard working council members brings to you such results.

Elected to serve you, they are delivering..... what you are all the time expecting out of the association. May this sense of union and of common interests and responsibilities, continue to enrich each and every one of us to a better future, in the know, that with intense loyalty, devotion and enthusiasm of its members, A.L.P.S. shall endeavour to progress even further, whenever technology permits us to make wider improvements and greater strides all for the benefit of our dynamic association and its members...

From A.L.P.S. President :
George Stagno Navarra

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The A.L.P.S. - 18th Annual General Meeting was this year held at the LYCEUM / Hamrun. on Friday the 24th February 2012. Because of a legal aspect that requires some minor changes to the statute to be in line with legal requirements, the AGM this year was preceded by a short EGM of say twenty minutes in order to discuss and to effect some minor amendments to the statute and for bringing in line our association's legal obligations that are now binding us as NGO.

The EGM started @ 18.10hrs with a brief discussion that ensued over the lengthy discussions that have been held over the past few months with governing entities who are requesting from our association some changes to be made to the statute. By general consensus, after a brief explanation by A.L.P.S. member Judge Franco Depasquale and Council Member Peter Tortell, it has been unanimously agreed by all those present, to await the outcome from a final meeting, when hopefully the desired wording can be agreed upon and inserted in the revised amended statute. We shall then move ahead and call for an EGM to get approval of all the changes...and file away all correspondence and papers appertaining to this subject.

The AGM followed immediately after, starting @ 18.35 hrs...on Friday the 24th Feb 2012. in a corridor outside the boardroom of The Lyceum, Wenzu Mallia Street Hamrun The meeting commenced with opening prayer. This was followed by the reading & approval of minutes from the 17th meeting. A very detailed administrative report was prepared and read out by Secretary General Alex Borg. Outgoing Treasurer David .R. Abela. presented / answered questions from the floor, about The Annual Financial Report as at 31st December 2011.

This was followed by The President George Stagno Navarra who delivered a short speech and thanked the outgoing council members for their hard work and dedication shown during 2011/12.

There being no new contestants for the post of Hon. Treasurer, David Abela was re-elected by a majority vote for another term of two years to serve on Council of Administration. The same situation occurred with all the existing Council Members who remained uncontested. They were therefore declared as automatically re-elected and shall be assigned their roles for the year 2012/13 at a next council meeting on a future date. . The eight elect-

ed members shall sit and serve on the Council of Administration for a period of one year.

Election of Council Members was followed by the usual nomination/appointment of two auditors.

A word of thanks goes out to ALL past Council Members who have served so generously over a period of twelve months to ensure that the association affairs were moving smoothly. And, last but not least, a warm welcome to the newly elected Council Members, who are willing to serve for the current year on A.L.P.S. Council.

What a stupendous success on Valentine's Week-end at The Radisson Blu-Golden Sands.

To everybody who was lending a helping hand before, during and after the Valentine's week-end event at Radisson Golden Sands, we extend a word of thanks. With a little help from the many of you members and friends of A.L.P.S., we have made another success that has pleased our members and their families/friends in no small way. The evening started by gathering for welcome drink.. Before entering the ballroom that was exceptionally well decorated for the occasion of "Valentine's feast" ... the association President- George Stagno Navarra, personally handed to each lady diner at the entrance door of the function hall, a RED Carnation.

This occasion brings us closer to a more harmonious collaboration between ourselves by delivering one greater event after another. Our wives and partners could mix and enjoy each others' company and make new friends with talk that ensued before the buffet dinner. A special word of thanks must go to Master of Ceremonies Robbie Ferrante, who sacrificed his food and drink during the Valentine's dinner, in order to ensure that everything was well taken care of. To the ladies of course who have provided cradles and decorative items to make up the hampers, we say thank you. The same applies to Miriam Fenech and Madeleine Stagno Navarra who have yet again prepared colourful and attractive hampers for the raffles...thanks for their help... We must not forget the other ladies/helpers during the dinner with the sale of tickets. With their kind efforts, a handsome amount was rendered towards the fund raising cause from such a great philanthropic occasion. It-Tfal tal-Ursolini are go-



ing to say an extra prayer with special intention, when they hear about your kind efforts to build up such fund raising amount. Let us also praise and thank each council member, who contributed to achieving another big plus for A.L.P.S. When we are united, we are assured of a positive result every time. Let us extend another word of thanks to Stephen D'Alessandro & Co, who, together with Peter Paul Bonnici prepared an attractive power point presentation, that was continuously being transmitted on a wide-screen to all the dinner guests. It is with such additions that our events are enriched and made pleasing to everyone who attends. The A.L.P.S. banner of course never fails to decorate the hall where the event is being held...It is a satisfaction to see our A.L.P.S. distinctive & appealing motif - Is-SERDUQ...displayed in a prominent place, that reminds us of the great school that we have all been lucky to attend in our younger years...

The cherry on the cake no doubt, came from Steve Cole who was specifically instructed by the Radisson Blu Golden Sands hotel to entertain the A.L.P.S. diners, with his singing and music.. A.L.P.S. members came in a much larger number and participated at this year's Valentine's Week-End of fund raising event, and' have really danced the night away....'

Finally, we have to thank our spiritual director Fr. William Bartolo for kindly acceding to the A.L.P.S. request by driving all the way to the hotel at Golden Bay on Sunday morning to celebrate Holy Mass with homily to an attentive congregation. The sacrament of Holy Communion to many of those present, has taken quite a few minutes for the celebrant Fr. Wm. Bartolo to administer together with three other special communion assistants namely Josephine Abela, Miriam Fenech and Peter Tortell. What a lovely sight and what a happy occasion to participate for mass with joyful hymns that has elevated our week-end stay at the hotel.

An appeal goes to those of you who missed this years special Valentine's dinner event. We recommend that you start marking your diaries to ensure you will come and enjoy our next event that is bound to be to your liking... You may browse and see some dinner photos on A.L.P.S. web-site www.alpsmalta.com

The A.L.P.S. cultural tour to Palazzo Verdala on 21st January 2012.

As mentioned in a previous issue, by special permission extended to our association by His Excellency The President of the Republic of Malta Dr. George Abela, we managed to attract the attention of a sizeable crowd, who have attended on a cold wintry morning for a guided and interesting tour inside The Verdala Palace (I/O Buskett). Such event took place on the 21st day of January 2012. With a small contribution of €5.00 from everyone who came, this tour raised nearly three hundred euro which have now been doubled by A.L.P.S. to make a total sum of €600 in aid of The Malta Community Chest Fund. We shall be making a presentation of this amount at The Palace Valletta, when His Excellency may be receiving a small delegation from A.L.P.S..

When this cultural tour came to an end, the participants got together for a Pasta Buffet at Ristorante Antica Roma (next to the old Buskett RoadHouse) All thanks to the wonderful arrangements that had been made beforehand by Cultural Commission Chairperson Joe Fenech, the pasta lunch set in a tranquil atmosphere was very appetising and pleasing. We want to see even more of our members taking part in another event in the not too distant future.

A nice group photo is inserted on page 7.

'THE COLLEAGUES OF OLD' CORNER on the A.L.P.S. Web-Site...

Dear members residing in Malta/Gozo and from overseas, you certainly have a lot to offer and to share with your past LICEO colleagues. Friendships can thrive, when photos from the Lyceum days of old can be inserted on the web. Do feel young again and experience the urge to communicate with your past Lyceum classmates with whom, you have spent a good number of years sharing the same classes and benches. Only you readers, can help in maintaining this section with items and stories that you can lend/send to our Secretary General Alex Borg... on alps-malta@gmmail.com or PeterPaul Bonnici petpol@go.net.mt Bear in mind, that photos and/or short write ups may further induce more Liceo Past Students to join our association. Your continued support...is greatly appreciated. Look up those drawers and that old school case / pouch....Bring all those

and that old school case / pouch....Bring all those memories out and share them... not just with us but with the whole world where LICEO past students may be residing in countries of adoption and, from where they can browse and access the A.L.P.S. web-site to search and to find something new that can and will for sure bring back memories of younger days...

The unveiling at LICEO Hamrun of San Gorg Preca wall Plaque on the 19th January 2012.

The Association President and all Council Members, were invited and have participated for Holy Mass and the unveiling ceremony of a plaque specially made by a Lyceum Teacher...that commemorates San Gorg Preca as the Patron Saint of The Liceo . The event was held on the 19th January 2012 at The Liceo Hamrun... when His Grace the Archbishop Pawl Cremona and the President of The Republic of Malta (both Lyceum Past Students), were present for such an occasion. The A.L.P.S. choir under the direction of Mro. Joe Fenech took part and sang hymns during mass and the Innu Malti towards the end of the unveiling / blessing ceremony and speeches delivered by the distinguished speakers. San Gorg Preca was also a LICEO past Student and we are to be ever so happy that He is also chosen as the Patron Saint of The Association of Lyceum Past Students. We commemorate his feast with Mass at Pwales in May.

Archbishop Prospero Grech has been elevated to the rank of CARDINAL....,

LICEO past student and theologian Prospero Grech, was amongst 21 men from around the world, to have been chosen by his Holiness the Pope to receive the Cardinal's hat (biretta) and square cap (zucchetto) at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The Vatican Ceremony took place in a crowded basilica when the Pontiff had conferred to our Maltese Cardinal the ring and the two shared a warm embrace before bursting into great smiles and exchanging some greetings to each other. That was a memorable opportunity for all Maltese/ Gozitans to witness during our lifetime, such a prestigious conferment which took place on the 18th day of February 2012.

The LICEO now boasts of a Saint Gorg Preca, Cardinal Prospero Grech, Bishop Pawl Cremona as well as a number of other Maltese Bishops, parish priests, priests, monks, who are all working in the vineyard of the Lord around the globe. We are to feel proud with such great

achievements from scholars who have all emerged from II-LICEO.

The list of successful persons who have in the past made the Lyceum very proud with the high ranking positions that they have occupied during their careers , fills our hearts with much joy and happiness as we augur success and long life to the new Cardinal. The Islands of Malta & Gozo are truly proud to be amongst larger countries that have for many years had their own Cardinals. We have already placed an advert in the S.T.O.M. to extend sincere congratulations to Cardinal Prospero Grech...BUT, it is our great wish and intention to now try and organise a get together probably inside the old Liceo in Valletta, where we understand Cardinal Prospero Grech attended for his secondary education... We want to invite him in order to express our cheerful camaraderie of LICEO schooldays that have gone past but shall never be forgotten...

Forthcoming Events At The Pwales Chapel

Excepting the month of April because of the Holy Week functions and the summer months of August & September when most of our members will be taking their summer breaks, we would love to see more of you coming along to Pwales Chapel and bringing family and friends to participate in the functions that are announced in the program of events that is presented in tabel below*

The A.L.P.S. - Foundation Day Concert On Saturday - 14Th April 2012

A Foundation day Concert entitled:" IL PAESE DEI CAMPANELLI " will be held at The Salesian Theatre-Sliema on Saturday the 14th April 2012 at 19.30hrs. (see poster attached). Perhaps for this year, every member who intends booking and coming for the concert, will by word of mouth encourage and bring along one other couple to fill the ' Teatru tas-Sales-jani'... The producer of this concert is Mr.Joe Fenech it is with great pride and joy that we announce Joe Fenech's sixtieth anniversary on the stage...with a colourful career of numerous entertainment shows in Malta and abroad. Joe will also be celebrating his 80th birthday this year and from here, we extend sincere best wishes and augur continued success



March	10th	1630 hours	Thanks giving - end of the 2011 administration
May	12th	1800 hours	Celebrating the Feast of our patron San Gorg Preca
June	16th	1800 hours	
July	7th	1900 hours	Celebrating the Feast of Sant Anna
August		no activities	
September		no activities	
October	13th	17.00hours	
November	3rd	1630 hours	Remembrance day - departed ALPS members/families/teachers
December	13th	1100 hours	Christmas Holy Mass with Carol Singing

to him for the coming years and many more Happy Birthdays.....

A contribution of €10 per person will make tickets available through Secretary General Alex Borg by phoning on tel: 2137 6387 and from Joe Fenech tel: 2141 0632. and/or from Salesian Theatre. Seats are numbered and early booking is recommended to ensure good seating position.

We sincerely hope that you will come along and bring with you as many as possible family members and friends for a wonderful evening of entertainment. (free parking is being made available at St. Patrick's Ground nearby.) See a detailed concert-poster attached herewith.

"Dance to Health" sessions continue in the main hall at the LICEO

The dance to Health lessons are continuing to gain wider success...More and more participants are filling the main hall of The Liceo on Saturday mornings when, under the guidance of a renowned tutor, other dance techniques and methods are being practiced...It is a sure method to "let go and feel free, plus relax and unwind" after a full week of house chores or any other work. A.L.P.S. commission chairperson Peter Paul Bonnici awaits your call if you may be interested to join the Dance to Health initiative. You may call on tel: 7982 4250 / 2167 2684 or by e-mail: petpol@go.net.mt

Join us for another Cruise holiday during October 2012

This year, the President and other council members, intend leading a group from The Association of Lyceum Past Students for another holiday abroad. The tour company Orange Cruises (SMS/Mondial)... have presented to A.L.P.S. members and friends, special rates for a Western Mediterranean Cruise - period 1st to 8th October 2012...aboard PULLMANTUR Empress...a luxurious liner with an ALL INCLUSIVE program. Bookings can be made for superior outside cabins in 'E' category or in 'D' category...(all cabins with a window)..

SMS/Mondial will be solely responsible for all the bookings. A.L.P.S. is in no way involved nor is it responsible for any loss or damage that may be incurred from such a holiday cruise... Compulsory shore excursions are extra and are graciously being organised and guided at most ports of call by our Joe Fenech. We shall be visiting Messina / Naples / Sardegna / Valencia and Palma de Mallorca and returning on the 8th October 2012....

Bookings open with a €300 deposit per cabin & full payment by 15th July 2012 at the travel company "ORANGE CRUISES" of 311 Republic Street Valletta - M/s Ruth Fero' who will deal with the A.L.P.S. reservations... tel: 2577 2247. For further enquiries you may contact Mr. Adrian Mifsud T: 2577 1814 or ammifsud@orangetravelgroup.com who, will answer any questions about this special offer that remains available to A.L.P.S. members up to 7th day of April 2012.

Bookings after this date are subject to be charged at the standard rates listed in the travel company's brochure with terms and conditions that apply....

Join us again and share the fun when we may be in each others' company on a cruise holiday.

We explored what is on offer in the travel market and have again negotiated with a reputable firm, very good prices to make it possible for you all, to come along and relax in the company of other Liceo past students. Let's make this holiday a special event that may enrich our knowledge by visiting other countries which perhaps, we may not have seen before...

Payment Of The A.L.P.S. Membership Subscription

The renewal of membership subscriptions fell due in January 2012. To all those who are in arrears with their payment from previous years/s, we kindly ask you to send in your remittances. Month after month we repeat our appeal, that our limited financial resources depend extensively on the payment of your members subscriptions.. Do please help us to maintain a good cash flow. Every month we have to pay our commitments like stationery, printing, newsletter posting, maintaining our web-site and many other on going expenses. Our association wants to avoid being in the red...With a heavy heart, we shall have to delete from the 'Members List' all those names of members who have repeatedly ignored our requests and reminders and, who have abstained from paying their subscription fees for a number of years....It is sincerely hoped and expected, that this may be a last chance to defaulters, that they may reconcile and remedy and honour their commitment to the Association of Lyceum Past Students by latest end March 2012.

Payments are to be directed (rates remain unchanged @ €12.00 per annum or for a life membership @ €70.00.) to ALPS Hon. Treasurer David Abela at: "Juniper", Triq Ganni Vella, Tal-Qattus, Birkirkara BKR 13. david.r.abela@gmail.com You may contact David Abela on Tel: 9902 0845 / 2748

7693. We thank to you for your co-operation and we hope that your support to A.L.P.S. shall never fail.

THE LYCEUM BICYCLE MARATONA BIR-ROTI - MARCH 2012.

The close co-operation and support stems from the late Dr Guido Saliba's vision to instil in ALPS the ideal to support and assist philanthropic, social and cultural activities, not only for the members but also for Maltese Society. Dr Saliba was himself an ex-LICEO student and teacher and, he was the founder President of A.L.P.S. ... The dream legacy is very evident in the way ALPS closely co-operate with the Lyceum Bicycle Marathon Committee

The Maratona Bir-Roti at The Lyceum Hamrun will this year take place between 16th to 18th March 2012. The Association of Lyceum Past Students encourages each member to participate and help raise funds that are earmarked this year for "TFAL TAL-URSOLINI". You may begin by helping with the purchase/sale of raffle tickets that are being attached to this newsletter..Ticket stubs with payment are to be directed to Council Member Oscar Galea at Harmony Triq Mater Boni Consigli, Fgura

(tel: 2189 6293 / mob; 7989 6293 – e-mail: oag-galea@maltanet.net)..., The Maratona starts at 12.00hrs on Friday the 16th day of March...and lasting until Sunday evening. We can make this event a mighty success. Last year alone, €32000 was raised and distributed to The Malta Hospice Movement & Dar Tal-Providenza. A bigger sum of money is expected this year to help a needy cause. We are confident of your support and look forward to see many of you visiting the Liceo premises during the Maratona Bir-Roti week-end.

On Friday there will be a Tombola Party between 4.00 & 7.00pm followed by Line-Dancing at 7.30pm (entrance free) The food & drinks bar remains open till late. Saturday Pastas Night @ €5.00 only p.p. from 7.00pm. On Sunday Holy Mass at 09.00hrs with music by The Footprints / followed by Breakfast served at the bar from 10.00am. At Mid-day Pasta Lunch will be sold from the bar... On Friday, Saturday, Sunday Hairdressing for the ladies at specially reduced rates will be made available at The Maratona venue the Lyceum Hamrun. Council members will be lending a helping hand during the Maratona, manning the cash bar, providing food hampers for raffles, selling raffle tickets to the people who come and extending assistance as and where it may be necessary.

FIVE POINTS TO PONDER UPON:

- First: Nobody can manage time. But you can manage those things that take up your time.
Second: Time is expensive. As a matter of fact, 80 percent of our day is spent on those things or those people that only bring us two percent of our results.
Third: Time is perishable. It cannot be saved for later use.
Fourth: Time is measurable. Everybody has the same amount of time...pauper or king.
It is not how much time you have; it is how much you use.
Fifth: Time is irreplaceable. We never make back time once it is gone.

WE OFFER PRAYERS:

Let us remember in our prayers :

Mrs. Annie Vella (the mother of ex-council member Laurie Vella)
Mr. Twanny Chetcuti (the father of Josephine Abela wife of Council Member David Abela)
Mr. Josephine Tortell (sister-in-law of Council Member Peter Tortell)
Founder President Dr. Guido Saliba

A.L.P.S. past members and the Liceo teachers

May they all REST IN PEACE...

Please continue also to offer prayers for Simon (son of Peter) Tortell, who is still under medical care.
(SEND-IN YOUR UPDATED MEMORIALS TO BE INCLUDED IN A NEXT NEWSLETTER)



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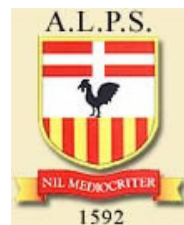


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02 Oct	Messina	08.00	18.00
03 Oct	Naples	08.00	16.00
04 Oct	Cagliari	10.00	17.00
05 Oct	Palma de Mallorca	14.00	22.00
06 Oct	Valencia	09.00	17.00
07 Oct	At Sea	-	-
08 Oct	Valletta	14.00	-

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