

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

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## FROM THE A.L.P.S. - PRESIDENT'S DESK....



Dear Members and Friends in A.L.P.S.,

I'm proud to state that over the past months, A.L.P.S. has been making great strides as a growing association of LICEO past students., It reinforces our commitment to offer to our members and friends, the experience that can only make us feel even more proud for what we have achieved todate.

To get to this important juncture, we have worked hard as a team that helped us attract more Lyceum Past Students to come and join. It has led to a steady increase in activities that have all proved to be to the satisfaction of you members. We just hope that our continued endeavours may continue to grow because it's one of many important ways we measure our progress as a dynamic past students association ( we do not call ourselves OLD BOYS ! ).

We're also making steady progress because many of you out there are appreciating our work and indeed show that they like what is being presented to you throughout the year. New membership is hard but, with the positive results that have been recorded over the past years, word keeps going round and even encourages more and more Lyceum Past Students to join this association of ours. I want you all to be proud of The Association of Lyceum Past Students because you deserve nothing but the best...We are here to serve you and I appeal to you once again, to come forward with any new suggestions that can be implimented at some future date, if it is found to be feasible and practicable to introduce, for the benefit of A.L.P.S. As we continue to build on our past reputation, we will ensure that our members and friends are duly kept fully informed.

Our goal remains to prepare the best social and/or cultural events that may be a means of bringing you and your families together and to share and reminisce from the good LICEO days of our past. We wish and pray that the Lyceum students of today, can have education facilities and teachers that inspires them to be the best in their fields and that sustains them throughout their life. I feel from past experience, the well planned secondary education we recieved at Lyceum, has provided us with a sound background that has helped us directly in our work careers.

With the summer season just round the corner, here's wishing you a relaxed holiday period full of pleasant and enjoyable surprises. The A.L.P.S. administration takes a break during the hotter months. Very discreetly, we shall be preparing for even greater events from next October 2013.

# *George Stagno Navarra* A.L.P.S. President

#### The A.L.P.S. have donated Trophies to LYCEUM students.

It is part of our annual commitment to donate Challenge cups & trophies to LICEO's 4th & 5th form students The football league has this year favoured a number of students who each received a nice memento to mark the event. The attached picture show council member Joe Micallef with the shield & trophies that were awarded to the winning Lyceum students...



#### A.L.P.S. RETREAT AT MANRESA HOUSE GOZO

It is worth mentioning that a sizeable group from the Association of Lyceum Past Students have crossed over to Gozo during the last week of April 2013 for the annual retreat at Manresa House. The spiritual talks this year were conducted by Fr. Ferrante who, at very short notice , he has willingly accepted to stand in after the chosen preacher was indisposed.

We had a most interesting retreat that was quite open and with each lecture having discussions and sharing amongst participants.

For the coming year we have made bookings with Manresa Retreat Home for 25th / 26th / 27th April 2013.

(GROUP PHOTO OF THIS YEARS' RETREAT AT MANRESA SHOWS THE LARGE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS)

PHOTO SHOWING: THE A.L.P.S. GROUP ATTENDING THE SPIRITUAL RETREAT AT MANRESA / GOZO IN APRIL 2013.

#### THE ALPS CHOIR WILL AGAIN DELIVER MINI-SUMMER CONCERTS AT OLD PEOPLE'S HOMES

Under the guidance of Maestro Joseph Fenech and Marlene Ferrante, the A.L.P.S. choir has been rehearsing to deliver mini-concerts for this year's chosen three residences namely,

St. Catherine's Home Attard	on the 19th June
Casa Antonia in Balzan	on the 21st June
Dar Sagra Familja at Naxxar	on the 24th June

where they shall sing popular tunes and help to bring a smile to the resdients at the chosen homes. We augur to all the Alps Choir Members a " happy summer holiday " with their families & friends.

## Ticket numbers from the MARATONA raffle drawn on 15th May 2013.

These are the winning numbers; 2543 / 147 / 668 / 11633 / 1713 / 309 / 13913 / 1936 / 4224 / 2321.

The numbers are listed in the same order as drawn and assigned to the respective winning prize. If you have participated in this lottery, do please check your tickets and claim any winnings by phoning Oscar Galea on tel: 2189 6293 / mob:L 7989 6293 / e-mail: oaggalea@maltanet.net



#### WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEE YOU VISITING THE PWALES CHAPEL EVERY MONTH...

It has been announced in the media, that festivities to mark the Festa of San Pawl il-Bahar this year are being cancelled as a sign of respect on the recent death of the Rev. Parish Priest Fr. Joe Cilia. The St. Paul's Bay community have unanimously agreed to cancel this years' festa. We remember that for A.L.P.S. it was a unique occasion to have with us at Pwales last year, the same Fr. Joe Cilia who was con-celebrating Holy Mass with Fr. Barbara at Festa St Anna. (photo attached of Fr Cilia concelebrating on the church parvis July 2012). We feel that it would be most appropriate if our association shows its respect and also cancels Festa Sant Anna celebrations 2013 at Pwales which forms part of the same district St. Paul's Bay. Holy Mass would still be celebrated on the **appointed date the 13th July 2013**.. but inside the chapel only. No doubt, the intentions at Holy Mass shall be for Fr. Cilia R.I.P.

These are the events planned at the Pwales chapel for the remaining months of the year 2013. Keep these dates handy in your diaries..and come to Pwales preferably every month. **Calendar of Activities at the Sant Anna Chapel Pwales during 2013** 

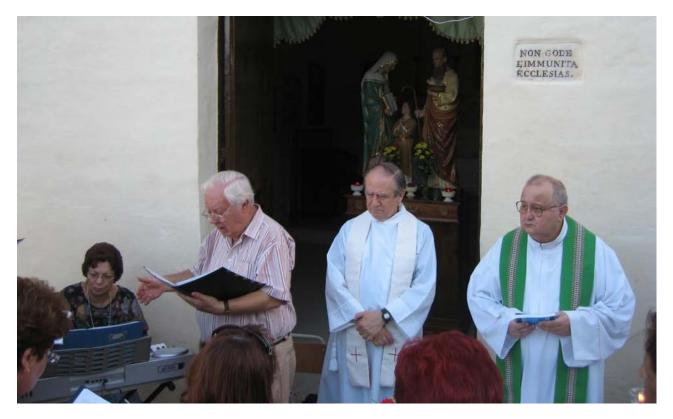
July 13th 1900 hours Holy Mass & Celebrating the Feast of Sant Anna (NO EXTERNAL FESTIVITIES THIS YEAR AS A SIGN OF RESPECT ON THE RECENT PASSING AWAY OF THE PARISH PRIEST FR. JOE CILIA. R.I.P.)

August no activities nil

- September no activities nil
- October 5th 1730 hours Holy Mass

November 9th 1630 hours Remembrance day with Holy Mass for-Dr Guido Saliba - founder President of ALPS/ members/families/teachers

December 13th 1100 hours Holy Mass with Christmas carols.



## **Barbeque Menu**

An array of natural and composed salads including

Mixed green leave salad, Chickpea and tomato salad,

Herb roasted onions, Pasta salad Italian style, Moroccan style Couscous,

Red Bean salad, Sweet potato salad with chilli, lime vinaigrette,

Aubergines and courgette carpaccio,

Mussels in lemon and garlic, Mixed seafood salad,

Served with condiments dressing and baker's basket

#### Pasta

Rigatoni pasta tossed in Italian salami, aubergines and tomato fondue

### From the grill

Asian rubbed Dentici fillets

Char grilled Cajun chicken tighs

Hoi sin brushed baby back pork ribs

Marinated minute steak with bay leaves, black pepper, onions

and red wine

Black olive pepperonata

Herb crusted potato wedges

Fresh fruit display

Apricot frangipane

Lemon cheese cake

#### 1/2 Palazzo Capua Blanc or Palazzo Capua Rouge

1/2 Still or Sparkling Water

Coffee

**"Dance to Health" sessions at the LICEO** A word of thanks goes to council member Peter Paul Bonnici, who week after week continues to organise dance sessions at the Liceo Hamrun.

The participants must be getting near to be professional dancers as they have shown continued progress over the recent months with techniques and dancing styles that they have learned from their professional tutor Alistair. The Dance to health group, will soon wind up its activities and stop for the summer recess. More swimming may keep them in trim untill a next season that starts in late September 2013. Hopefully gaining a few more participants to make this initiative organised by A.L.P.S. a wider success., PeterPaul Bonnici invites you to call him on Mob: 7982 4250 / or 2167 2684 or better still by sending to him an e-mail: petpol@go.net.mt in order to join his Dance to Health group..

# THE A.L.P.S SUMMER B-B-Q / on Friday the 28TH JUNE 2013

Already announced in our last NewsLetter , his year we have chosen for you a breath taking panoramic atmosphere on the 9th level of Victoria /Palace Hotel/s in Sliema. We want you to come and relax and enjoy an open air evening B-B-Q, under a summer night sky..Weather permitting of course, one can admire and enjoy the views whilst socialising and enjoying the company of family and friends..The menu prepared by the caterers for this occasion should please everyone. There shall be a wide variety of food for an all inclusive price of €25.00 per person. Price includes a welcome drink and two glasses of wine and water too. . From 20.30 hrs you can start taking the hotel lifts from reception of The Victoria / Palace Hotels Sliema and stop at the 9th deck to the open air pool area. On arrival, a welcome drink will be served with canapes. Food is expected to start being served from 21.00hrs.. Complimentary parking arrangments (on first come first serve basis) at the hotel's underground parking, will be made available to the A.L.P.S. B-B-Q guests. Don't forget to exchange your

parking ticket at the hotel reception before leaving, as this will be needed to open the gate whilst exiting from the hotel car park. On the eve of Festa Mnarja the 28th June 2013, let us meet and enjoy a nice evening to some popular tunes that will be provided to us by a solo guitar player who is intent on taking us all down memory lane... whilst enjoying our B-B-Q food...We want to see many of you members and friends of A.L.P.S. attending for this annual summer get together, before the start of the holiday period.. There shall be fund raising raffles with interesting items to be won...

Bookings with payment in advance are to reach

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#### BY NOT LATER THAN THE 24TH JUNE 2013..

#### A.L.P.S. - CRUISE HOLIDAY - 16TH TO 23RD SEPTEMBER 2013 aboard Pullmantur - ZENITH .

The long awaited summer cruise organised by A.L.P.S. with Orange Travel Group has been selling pretty fast.... All the cabins that have been reserved for our members and friends are taken. However, SMS / MONDIAL agents of the cruise company are yet again making available even more cabins on first come first serve basis.... All bookings and reservations and other holiday arrangements as listed in the cruise advert on this NewsLetter are to be made at earliest with the mentioned company SMS/Mondial at 311 Republic Street Valletta. We repeat that A.L.P.S. is no no way involved nor is it responsible for any loss or damage that may be incurred from such a holiday cruise. Shore excursions are advertised extras. Bookings with a €700 deposit per CABIN, and final payment to be effected by the 13th August 2013 with special discounted prices to all A.L.P.S. members, families and friends. The holiday starts on the 16th September with a direct flight Malta to Italy and we shall cruise from harbours like Venice / Dubrovnik / Kotor / Mykonos / Santorini and Athens from where, we shall return by air back to Malta...on the 23rd September.

Join us again and book your summer holiday with Orange Cruises. Let us discover the elegance and comfort aboard the 'Zenith' and enjoy the cozy ambience of this cruise ship. The price starting from €899 per person of this cruise holiday, includes 7 night cruise with all meals and drinks on All Inclusive basis, port taxes, flights from Malta & back, airport taxes, airport-ship-airport transfers.. Full details included in the advert that is attached with this newsletter. Book early to avoid disappointment..tel: Ms Ruth Fero' tel: 2577 2247.. and ask for details on the A.L.P.S. cruise 16th/23rd Sept 2013.

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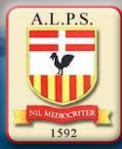


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#### OUR GRAND REUNION WITH HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL PROSPERO GRECH

Nothing is gained without sacrifice. The full preparations to the Grand Reunion in Honour of His Eminence Cardinal Prospero Grech, have really shown the love and the enthusiasm that all A.L.P.S. members have for their much respected association. All council members who are serving on this years' administration, have given their best and have assisted our President George Stagno Navarra in achieving the greatest result from hosting our Lyceum Colleague The Cardinal himself. Every hour that we dedicated at the preparation stages, was well worth because the many nice and favourable comments said to us during and after the Grand Reunion with Holy Mass and reception..could speak volumes about the tremendous success.. It has gone down in the A.L.P.S. success- history books. It is worth mentioning that such a grand event has pleased His Emience in no small way. On behalf of you all members and friends of A.L.P.S., we have lately prepared and presented a collection of photos that marked this event, in the form of an album prepared by council member Peter Tortell for Cardinal Grech. We can only describe, that His Eminence has been moved by the enthusiasm shown during the event itself. Special words of thanks go to the the trio sub-committee members...Peter Tortell, Robbie Ferrante & Alfred Agius, who dedicated many hours of their time from a very early stage, as well as during the event itself. It is exactly when such dedication is wholeheartedly demonstrated, that such a wonderfull success can be guaranteed. Well done to all and last but not least, thank you members and friends of the association for your support and participating in such encouraging numbers. You filled the Gizwiti Church at Valletta with such a numerous congregation and the Aula Magna too for the get-together party after holy mass.

## PLEASE PAY YOUR A.L.P.S. MEMBERSHIP IF IT HAS REMAINED OUTSTANDING.

Second reminders have again been posted to those who may have overlooked the still outstanding A.L.P.S. membership renewal.

Please do not go on your holidays before writing your cheque and sending it soonest for renewal of membership in A.L.P.S. a once only Life Membership @ €70 ), can help us to honour our commitments...

Payment can be made directly to Hon. Treasurer David.R.Abela at Juniper Ganni Vella Street Tal Qattus B'Kara tel: 2148 7693 / mob: 9902 0845

e-mail: david.r.abela@gmail.com We thank you for your continued support in sustaining the association's financial position..

# FOUNDATION DATE WAS CELEBRATED AT THE MANOEL THEATRE on the 5th May 2013

We wanted something different this year and we have therefore chosen a prestigeous location to celebrate the A.L.P.S. / 19th Anniversary from its foundation date. The PIRANDELLO play translated into Maltese that has been chosen for this event, was a success... Of course, it would have been a much greater success and less burdening on the financial side, if a better attendance could be reached...This time, we did not even break even to recover all the expenses that have been incurred. It was supposed to be a fund raising occasion in aid of The Salesian Oratory Sliema. Nevertheless, we have maintained our promise and still made a contribution of €300 from our reserves towards the Salesian Oratory who, week in week out throughout the year, they keep favouring us with their permission to make use of one of their halls for the A.L.P.S. - choir rehearsals.

#### THE OPERA SEASON -OCTOBER 2013 - " OTELLO " by Giuseppe Verdi AT TEATRU ASTRA / GOZO

Our council member Joseph Fenech never lets us down. For the coming Opera " OTELLO " at the Astra Theatre on 26th October 2013, very well chosen seats are being offered to members and friends of A.L.P.S. In his usual and impeccable organising manner, Joe has started taking bookings even with overnight accomodation arrangements (where needed) together with buffet dinner after the opera and/or Sunday buffet lunch.. The number of rooms at the Rabat or Xlendi hotels is limited. It is therefore recommended that you book early and send in your deposit to Joe Fenech at the given address as shown hereunder. with further on in the OTELLO folio attached hereto.

Subscription renewal-fee of €12.00 per annum, (or

#### A.L.P.S. WILL CELEBRATE ITS 20TH ANNIVER-SARY NEXT YEAR 1994 - 2014..

To mark the 20th Anniversary from foundation date in March 1994, "The Association of Lyceum Past Students " is planning to publish a next edition of its Magazine THE CHANTICLEER. Our existing stocks have depleted and we therefore start thinking of write-ups and pictures and other material to be edited and included in a next edition that will mark the 20th ANNIVERSARY of A.L.P.S.

On such a unique occasion, we are giving you members and friends of A.L.P.S. the opportunity to participate in such edition . Your written articles of episodes from your LICEO days with photos or any other material that can be loaned to us until the printing stage, will be given due consideration. If you are interested in participating in this publication, we want to start hearing from you. You may send your writtien articles, class or group photos as well as any details about sports events and activities where you may have specialised in a particular sport.

All meterial submitted must be accompanied by a passport size photo of the person submitting such material and a note that any part or all of the presented material can be published in the next edition of CHANTICLEER magazine.

To expedite matters all written articles MUST first be sent via e-mail: to The Secretary General, on email: alpsmalta@gmail.com

Hard copies and photos or any other materials, are to be forwarded to postal address 'Alson' no: 82 Naxxar Road San Gwann.SGN 9032.

Twenty years of A.L.P.S. are going to make a very interesting magazine...with plenty of items that may describe some of the most important activities that have taken place during such period. A sub-committee will soon be set up to vet every piece of material that can be submitted by the members and friends of the association. We shall start with contacts with repuable printers to obtain best print-package quotes.

We want this 20th Anniversary Celebration Magazine to be a very special edition with things that have happened from the very beginning of A.L.P.S., when Founder President Dr. Guido Saliba wanted Alps News June 2013 **9** his dream to become a reality and he formed the Association of Lyceum Past Students.

#### Quote for the month of JUNE 2013.....

NEVER ABANDON AN OLD FRIEND,

YOU WILL NEVER FIND ONE WHO CAN TAKE HIS/ HER PLACE.,

FRIENDSHIP IS LIKE WINE, IT GETS BETTER AS IT GROWS OLDER.

# LET US NOT FORGET TO OFFER OUR PRAYERS FOR:

remember our founder President Dr. Guido Saliba remember Mr. Aldo Leone Ganado remember Mrs. Buttigieg (mother of A.L.P.S. Charles Buttigieg residing in England). remember The Rev, Parish Priest of St. Paul's Bay Fr. Joe Cilia. and all A.L.P.S. past members and the LICEO teachers. TO CELEBRATE THE 200TH. YEAR FROM THE BIRTH OF

**GIUSEPPE VERDI** 

ON SATURDAY 26TH. OCTOBER 2013 AT 7.30 P.M

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\*B'FAST & LUNCH ON SUNDAY 27TH. OCTOBER [Drinks extra]

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\*FROM CENTRAL AREAS TO CIRKEWWA ON A DIRECT ROUTE LEAVING AT 13.00 HRS.

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VICTORIA TO MGARR AT 2.30 P.M ON SUNDAY 27TH.OCTOBER

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EXTRA NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION BEFORE OR AFTER CAN BE ARRANGED

OPTIONAL AFTER OPERA BUFFET DINNER AT DOWNTOWN HOTEL CAN BE BOOKED AT EUROS 15.00 PER PERSON [DRINKS EXTRA]

A LIMITED NUMBER OF OPERA TICKETS ONLY ARE AVAILABLE AT EUROS 70.00 EACH, AS WELL AS TICKETS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE OPERA ON THURSDAY 24TH. OCTOBER 2013

BOOKINGS ON FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS CAN BE SECURED WITH A DEPOSIT OF EUROS 60.00 PER PERSON, FULL PAYMENT TO BE EFFECTED BY NOT LATER THAN 15TH. SEPTEMBER 2013

FOR BOOKING AND OTHER DETAILS CONTACT:-

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#### THE FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATION AT THE MANOEL THEATRE

For those of you who may have missed going to Teatru Manoel on the 5th May 2013, we attach a photo from the closing scene with all the cast who took part in this play.

Luigi Pirandello's play was marvellous and everyone said that it kept the audience in suspense to the very end. Needless to say, the chosen cast did their best and

have made the director really proud...We now present a brief history about the life of Pirandello and what inspired him to write such plays....

#### LUIGI PIRANDELLO

Luigi Pirandello twieled f'Agrigento fi Sqallija fl-1867. Missieru kien negozjant u xtaq li ibnu jsir bħalu, iżda meta ra t-tendenzi letterarji tiegħu bidel il-fehma u bagħtu jistudja fl-Università ta' Ruma.

Ta' 26 sena Pirandello ippublika l-ewwel rumanz tiegħu, iżda kien biss għaxar snin wara li l-fama tiegħu ta' letterat ġiet stabbilita sewwa bir-rumanz II Fu Mattia Pascal.

Fl-1894, ta' 27 sena, Luigi iżżewweġ lil Antonietta Portulano. Dan kien żwieġ irranġat bejn il-familji, kif kienet id-drawwa dak iż-żmien fi Sqallija. Omm Antonietta kienet mietet waqt li kienet qiegħda twellidha, għax missierha kien tant għajjur li anqas ried iħalli tabib jiġi jassisti lil martu fil-ħlas.

Għal xi żmien il-koppja żagħżugħa kienet hienja fiż-żwieġ tagħha, iżda meta kellhom it-tielet tarbija u tilfu kulma kellhom f'għargħar, Antonietta kellha breakdown u saret vjolenti. B'danakollu Luigi żammha d-dar għal sbatax-il sena sħaħ.

Fl-1919 Antonietta ippruvat tneħħi ħajjitha, għalhekk Pirandello – li issa kien beda jkollu dħul tajjeb mixxogħlijiet tiegħu – seta' jagħlaqha f'sanatorju privat.

Fl-1916 Pirandello beda jikteb għat-teatru, u sar hekk affaxxinat minn dan il-ġeneru li x-xogħlijiet tiegħu bdew ħerġin mill-pinna tiegħu wieħed wara l-ieħor. Fost dawn insibu Così È (Se Vi Pare), Sei Personaggi in Cerca d'Autore, Enrico IV, II Berretto a Sonagli – appuntu x-xogħol tal-lejla – u oħrajn li f'qasir żmien bdew jinħadmu mal-bliet kollha tal-Ewropa.

Luigi Pirandello miet fl-10 ta' Dicembru 1936, u għad li ħalla istruzzjonijiet li ma ried ebda għamla ta' funeral, il-Partit Faxxista li tiegħu kien membru għamillu funeral statali.





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