

# ALPS NEWS

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

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

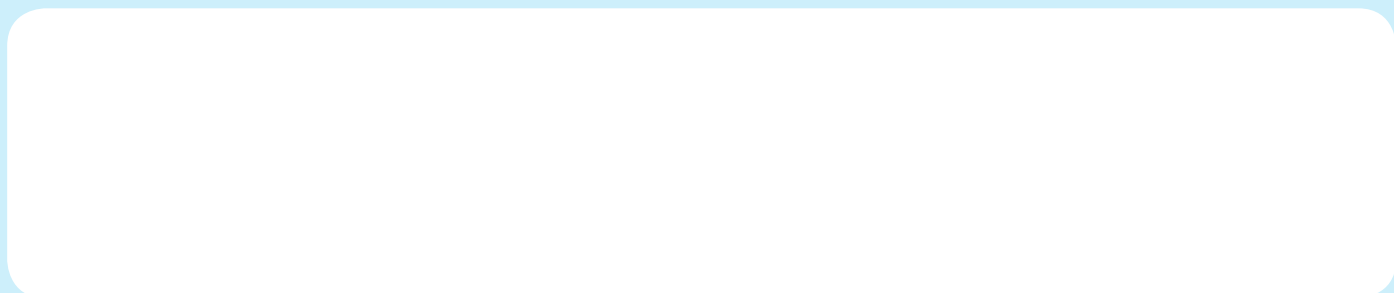
Dear Members in A.L.P.S.,

At this time of year, I can be totally exhausted and feeling cheerful at the same time. That's what happens if you have things happening for you in your life. And what's the most happening part about a joyful life? It is having good people all around you to share smiles with. Well, I have got quite a few whom I can count on as very good friends and I have got you all... dear colleagues and friends in A.L.P.S.

With a new summer season just started and with so many plans that we may all have anticipated for some relaxation time in Malta or abroad...we look ahead and think of prettier sunsets with good and nice and eventful memories. Let us spend more days touring some interesting places and / or seaside resorts or perhaps even up on a mountain, where we can actually feel the taste of tranquility, high up above the hustle and bustle...of everyday life. Oh those happy moments we can have in the company of our close family and relatives and friends when we can share a smile and a joke and just be happy that we are content with life and strive to make it even better...Nothing too special, just being ourselves and accepting the way of life that we may be living and, aiming for that bit of improvement that can just about make us feel even greater.

Enjoy your summer holiday dear colleagues in A.L.P.S. and be happy throughout the three full months . Council of Administration of A.L.P.S., will now slow down a bit from its activities. Come next October, do bring along with you nice and cheerful memories of lovely days that can remind you with happy thoughts and feelings of a good summer spent in good company..

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



### THE A.L.P.S. CHOIR.

Keeping up with that spirit of friendship and sharing, the A.L.P.S. choir this year have yet again entertained a good number of residents in Old People's Homes like Santa Katerina / Attard - Villa Messina/ Rabat, - Casa Antonia /Balzan - Casa Arkati/ Mosta - and Dar Sagra Familja / Naxxar. It is with great pleasure that we report that such visits do bring a smile to all the people who may now be confined to an elderly home that cares for them. There were times in their life when they themselves had entertained others. Now, it is their turn to be entertained and A.L.P.S., keeps up with the tradition of making such visits to cheer the lonely. Sometimes we meet with Past Liceo Students who may be staying in one of the Old People's Homes that we visit and the joy is even greater for all concerned. The choir now takes a break over the summer recess but will start again rehearsing from late September and preparing for the Grand Liceo Re-Union in October.

### SOCIAL VISITS TO A.L.P.S. MEMBERS.

For quite some time, the council of administration had been discussing the possibility of starting home visits to meet with some of the Old Members who, have been abstaining from attending to the A.L.P.S. functions. Making some enquiries through families and friends, we are informed that such members do not drive any more or may be confined to a home where they await somebody to go visiting them.

And yes my dear friends and colleagues, The Association of Lyceum Past Students has initiated such friendly visits. It started in May when A.L.P.S. President George Stagno Navarra who was accompanied by Hon. Treasurer David Abela, have made the first three visits that brought cheerful smiles to each one of the members that had been visited. Many happy memories of the years spent at the Liceo as well as nostalgic events from the years when A.L.P.S. was founded in 1994 and many many other different subjects were topics discussed during such visits... During the month of June, it was Council Members Joseph Fenech and Peter Paul Bonnici who went visiting two more of our house bound old and still very loyal members. They all showed signs of gratitude and have accepted with much pleasure a small food & wine hamper as a token given to them by A.L.P.S. With pleasure we thank them for their past contribution to an old

boys association that stands foursquare behind them even now, that they can not attend to any of the organised functions. We shall always remain available to each and every member whether active or not as a sign of solidarity. Do tell us if you are, or you may have knowledge of any A.L.P.S. member who is house bound and we shall include such name for a home visit at some stage in the future...

### THE A.L.P.S. - SUMMER B-B-Q on 20th July 2012..

As previously announced in earlier issues of The ALPS News, this years' summer B-B-Q, will be held at The Edge Restaurant of The Radisson BayPoint Hotel / St. Julians.

With ample parking spaces on first come first serve basis through the lower back passageway (near the ball room), cars may be parked and the members and their friends can just walk into the waterside open-air "The Edge Restaurant" without having to enter into the hotel itself.

This year of course we have reason to celebrate in greater style as we shall be having as our guests, two of the A.L.P.S. stalwarts namely Oreste Aquilina and his wife Margaret from Australia as well as Milo Vassallo and his wife Rita from Canada. These two colleagues have made it a point to meet in Malta during an A.L.P.S. function. Nothing could be better for such a celebration than a summer al-fresco B-B-Q, when the A.L.P.S. family may gather and share a nice evening in the company of many more members and their families. David Vella will be entertaining the guests during the B-B-Q and playing some popular and unforgettable melodies from times that can take us back in years and make us all remember much happier and youthful days of our life.

## B-B-Q. dinner menu:

*Sangria & Mini Bruschetta on arrival*

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*Mediterranean Platter including Italian cured meats, smoked fish, whitebait and calamari rings with a selection of dips & pita bread.*

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*From the B-B-Q grill:*

*Grilled swordfish steaks - chilli & balsamic glaze*

*Supreme of chicken - honey & thyme marinade*

*Lamb Koftas - yoghurt & mint sauce*

*Grilled frankfurters with mustard*

*Zucchini & mushroom skewer -garlic butter*

*Baked jacket potatoes*

*Spicy potato wedges*

*Assortment of salads*

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*Baked fig custard with honey hazelnut crumble served with carob ice cream*

*Including two glasses of wine & water*

*Price per person @ €uro: 30.00*

*Time: 20.00hrs for 20.30hrs.*

*Bookings with payment to be forwarded by not later than the 18th July 2012 to:  
Either Alex Borg at Alson, no: 82 Naxxar Road San Gwann tel: 21396812 / 9988 8579  
Or Robbie Ferrante, Haven Triq Almeridja - B'Kara tel: 2144 4570 / 7960 3622  
Alex Borg: alps@global.net.mt or Robbie Ferrante: robbieferrante@hotmail.com*

It is important that you send in your early booking with payment together and any other details if you wish to organise a table with your family/friends etc. In case of any special food requirement, do please tell us in advance so that we can inform the Edge Restaurant kitchen staff accordingly.

We are looking at a sizeable number attending for this years' B-B-Q to make this another memorable event in the history of A.L.P.S. Please book early so that we can start preparing a seating plan. Tables are mostly of 10 persons but, if you desire to have a different seating arrangement with a larger number seated at a long table we must receive early information to inform the caterers accordingly.

Gluten-free eaters please send in your special request too.

Although it is not possible for A.L.P.S. to guarantee refunds in case of any last minute cancellation/s to the B-B-Q., we can ask the catering company to consider any specific request/s for refund.

**ANOTHER CULTURAL TOUR IN SEPTEMBER 2012.**

With the help of council member Joseph Fenech it is our intention to organise another interesting cultural tour during the month of September. Date and time and place that we shall be visiting, shall be announced in a next issue of AlpsNews.

**THE ' COLLEAGUES OF OLD ' CORNER \*\*\***

Do please send any articles/ photos, short stories from your Liceo days or any other interesting material that can be shared with your school-mates from past LICEO days...You may contact Secretary General Alex Borg on [alpsmalta@gmail.com](mailto:alpsmalta@gmail.com) or PeterPaul Bonnici [petpol@go.net.mt](mailto:petpol@go.net.mt) This corner can bring us closer to identifying our past classmates...and will definitely help to enlarge the A.L.P.S. family in Malta and overseas... LICEO past students residing abroad, can browse [www.alps-malta.com](http://www.alps-malta.com) the A.L.P.S. web-site to search and find something new that is bound to bring back memories of younger days at The Lyceum in Valletta or Hamrun..or any other temporary building from the war years too....Keep this corner of the web-site alive and make it a point to participate in making it even more interesting.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEE YOU AT THE PWALES CHAPEL**

The Pwales Chapel was be En-Fete on the 7th day of July 2012 with the celebration of Holy Mass by Fr. Cilia the Parish Priest of St. Paul's Bay to celebrate the feast of Sant'Anna. When Holy Mass ended, there was some entertainment by the A.L.P.S. choir and soloist Ivan Vella. Refreshments/ finger food, were distributed to all those present on the church parvis. A word of thanks goes to all council members who rolled up their sleeves during the preparations for the festa. We thank also Tony Aquilina and Teddy Boldarini for their help during the Feast day and last but not least we thank the Pwales community and farmers who came to enjoy the celebration, bringing with them and distributing freshly cut from their own land "bettieh & dullieh" Such a kind and friendly gesture was very much appreciated by all those who tasted from these fruits.The chapel façade and surrounding walls as well as all the doors & windows have just undergone special refurbishing and painting. The works were carried in accordance with expert advice, obtained through an architect who restores similar old properties preserving them to their original state. From its limited resources, the Association of Lyceum Past Students managed to put aside about two thousand Euros to cover the costs of labour and materials to do the job/s.

All our members with families and friends are encouraged to participate during the coming months, in functions that are announced in the program of events that is presented hereunder.

Month	Day	Time	Event
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

**"DANCE TO HEALTH" SESSIONS AT THE LICEO**

The dance to health group last month concluded a most successful and eventful year .

During the hot summer months, the dance lessons will be suspended. These can resume from October onwards and all those interested in staying on with the group, are to notify council member PeterPaul Bonnici who will be delighted to receive your call. If you intend to join the Dance to Health initiative. Call PeterPaul on Mob: 7982 4250 / or 2167 2684 or by e-mail: [petpol@go.net.mt](mailto:petpol@go.net.mt)

**A.L.P.S. - CRUISE HOLIDAY DURING OCTOBER 2012**

The very last minute booking of cabins for the cruise starting on 1st October this year aboard the PULLMAN / Empress through The SMS/Mondial travel agency can still be possible. The special offer is being extended by a few more days. It is hoped that those of you who can decide to join us for this cruise, may place a firm booking with deposit. 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 before/during/ or after such a holiday cruise...Depending on the total number of participants for this cruise, our Joe Fenech may lead some Compulsory shore excursions' wherever possible. Always depending on a minimum quantity of not less than thirty persons, prices will be worked out and announced at a later stage when all deposits would have been received and the bookings are firmly closed. We shall be visiting Messina / Naples / Sardegna / Valencia and Palma de Mallorca and returning on the 8st October 2012.... Bookings with a €300 deposit per cabin . to be made directly through Mr. Adrian Mifsud who deals with all the A.L.P.S. reservations.... For further enquiries please contact Mr. Adrian Mifsud on tel: 2577 1814 or [amifsud@orangetravelgroup.com](mailto:amifsud@orangetravelgroup.com)

**WE REMIND ALL MEMBERS TO PAY THEIR ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**

Before you go for your summer holidays, kindly remember to write your cheque and pay the annual subscription/s that are still outstanding. A.L.P.S. needs your support with such renewal of subscription that may enable us to pay our dues and expenses. You might wish to make a one off payment of €70 thus becoming Life Members.. This one-off concession may help to regularize all unpaid subscriptions. Making a once only payment of Seventy Euro, will stop the annual hassle of having to pay €12.00 annually.

Send your payment to Hon. Treasurer David.R.Abela at Juniper Ganni Vella Street Tal Qattus B'Kara tel: 2748 7693 / mob: 9902 0845 e-mail: [david.r.abela@gmail.com](mailto:david.r.abela@gmail.com) Thanks in advance for your continued best support.

**WE OFFER PRAYERS:**

Let us remember in our prayers :  
Marquis Anthony Buttigieg Depiro  
Dr. Simon (son of Peter) Tortell LL.d.,  
who passed away to Eternal Life during the month of June 2012.

Remember also Our Founder President  
Dr. Guido Saliba

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

May they all REST IN PEACE...

(Send-in your updated memoriams to be included in a next newsletter)

**PHILANTHROPIC PROJECT entitled " PITAZZ u LAPES " ...**

Council member Dr. Nazarene Azzopardi has offered to take in hand the organizing of another philanthropic project entitled " PITAZZ u LAPES-2012 "

Such project has been done twice in the past years with great success. Come the next opening of another scholastic year and with the assistance and permission of the education department, we are looking forward to another successful event of collecting from all the school children in Malta & possibly even from Gozo, a Pitazz u Lapes, that may then be packed by A.L.P.S. and sent out to some far away country where Maltese Missionaries are working with poor children who have no means of

buying or obtaining such school necessities. More details shall follow in another edition of ALPSnews, when members too can be encouraged to participate by donating items for a very worthy cause.

**GRAND ANNUAL - OCTOBER 2012 REUNION IN THE OFFING.**

As already hinted in our past NewsLetter of May 2012, we are hoping and doing our utmost to organize a very grand reunion in October this year. This occasion may include amongst many other dignitaries the newly elected Maltese Cardinal Prospero Grech... and past Liceo Students from all ages. In particular, we look at the year 1962... whilst these can be celebrating a 50TH anniversary (1962-2012) from starting or finishing their studies at the Lyceum. If our invitation to His Eminence Cardinal Grech may materialize, we shall include The President of The Republic of Malta Dr. George Abela LL.D., as well as The Archbishop Mons Pawl Cremona...who were also LICEO past Students. Keeping fingers crossed we should be arranging for a meeting with the Cardinal in the coming weeks, if/when he visits Malta for his summer vacation with family and friends.

Meanwhile, we have council member Alfred Agius, working hard and tracing more and more names through the National Archives of Lyceum students especially from the year 1962. If you happen to be, or can still recall names of your classmates from such period, do please communicate soonest, directly with Alfred Agius on tel: 2164 0748 /

mob; 9980 1228 or via e-mail:  
[bmwgreen@onvol.net](mailto:bmwgreen@onvol.net)

**TRIBUTE TO MOTHER TERESA 1910-1997.**

Mother Teresa taught us by her example what it really means to LIVE the Gospel.

"We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked, and homeless.

The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty.

We must start in our own homes to remedy this kind of poverty."

Every time you smile at someone, it is an act of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing... (words by Mother Teresa herself when she cared for the poor & unwanted...)

# Madama Butterfly

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Transport As Follows:-

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Leaving At 13.00 Hrs

#Mgarr To Victoria On Arrival In Gozo

#Victoria To Mgarr At 2.30P.M On Sunday 28Th. October 2012

#Cirkewwa To Central Areas On Arrival In Malta

Ferry Boat Fees Are Not Included

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Extra Night Accommodation Before And/Or After Can Be Arranged On Request

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For Bookings And Other Details Contact:-

Mr. Joe Fenech Telephone 21410632/21634034

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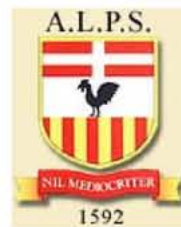


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Day	Port	Arrive	Depart
01 Oct	Valletta	-	20.00
02 Oct	Messina	08.00	18.00
03 Oct	Naples	08.00	16.00
04 Oct	Cagliari	10.00	17.00
05 Oct	Palma de Mallorca	14.00	22.00
06 Oct	Valencia	09.00	17.00
07 Oct	At Sea	-	-
08 Oct	Valletta	14.00	-