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01 POINTS TO REMEMBER

TAKE TIME

Take time to work;

It is the price of success:

Take time to think;

It is the source of power:

Take time to read;

It is the foundation of knowledge:

Take time to give to others;

It will bring you happiness:

Take time to love;

It is the sacrament of life:

Take time to dream;

It hitches the soul to the stars;

Take time to laugh;

It lightens the highway to eternal life:

Take time to plan,

And you will have time for all the rest.

CHALLENGE ME

Challenge me, and I'll achieve great heights;

Develop me socially, and I'll serve the community:

Help me to grow, and I'll be healthy and strong;

Encourage me spiritually to strengthen my soul,

And then I'll know that I can make a difference.

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Natures Wonders

As the wonders of nature are unfolded to the young mind, so, too, its beauties can be pointed out and gradually become recognized. When appreciation of beauty is once given a place in the mind, it grows automatically in the same way as observation, and brings joy in the greyest of surroundings. (B.-P.)

The Part Scouts Have to Play

(Message from Pope John Paul to the 17th World Jamboree)

The Scouts... have a special part to play in building the future. The more conscious Scouts are of the noble ideals of their movement and the more united in friendship, the greater will be their contribution to breaking down artificial barriers and to creating a new civilization of solidarity, service, and love.

Paradox of our time

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to life, not life to years.

02 FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

Mr Godwin D'Anastasi

Annual Rally

This year's Annual Rally took place on Sunday, 8th May 2005 after postponing it from Sunday, 24th April, 2005 due to the death of His Holiness Pope John Paul II that happened on Saturday, 2nd April.

The Scouts and Guides Central District were the Organizing Districts and this year's novelty was the introduction of a running commentary held on the Square where guests were seated. Information about Groups and Companies history was given. In the absence of our Patrons the salute was taken by the Chief Scout, Mr. Vincent Cassar and President Ms Rose Cassar together with Chief Commissioners Mr. Godwin D'Anastasi and Ms. Lara Tonna.

Gone Home.

Unfortunately for the Association, with a deep of sense of sadness and regret, we announce the going home of two members of our Association. Ms. Adelina Zerafa, a serving Assistant Cub Scout Leader with the Tarxien Scout Group died on Wednesday, 1st June. Major A. P. Briffa, an ex Council member and ex District Commissioner passed away more recently.

While offering our condolences to both next of kin of the respective scouters, you are kindly reminded to remember them in your prayers.

Elections of Chief Scout and Chief Commissioner.

On Thursday, 2nd June, 2005, at an Extraordinary General Assembly that was held at IHQ, Mr. Vincent Cassar was re-elected as Chief Scout, while Mr. Godwin D'Anastasi was re-elected as Chief Commissioner. Out of seventy voters sixty-nine were present to cast their vote.

Appointments

The Chief Commissioner has approved the following appointments with effect from 1st May 2005.

024/2005	Anita Muscat	Cub Scout Leader	Victoria
025/2005	Raymond Manduca	Asst. Group Scout Leader	Sliema
026/2005	Ryan Azzopardi	Acting Leader	Victoria
027/2005	David Grech	Acting Leader	Victoria
028/2005	Edith Camilleri	Acting Leader	Victoria
029/2005	Helen Cini	Acting Leader	Victoria
030/2005	Paul Privitera	Acting Leader	Mosta
031/2005	Timmy Cutugno	Asst. Scout Leader	Sliema

With effect from 1st June 2005.

032/2005	Marlene Busuttill	Asst. Cub Scout Leader	B'Bugia
033/2005	Edward Busuttill	Asst. Cub Scout Leader	B'Bugia
034/2005	Sebastian Azzopardi	Asst. Venture Scout Leader	B'Bugia
035/2005	Elizabeth Camilleri	Acting Leader	Iklin
036/2005	Roberta Cassar	Asst. Cub Scout Leader	B'Bugia
037/2005	Adrian Farrugia	Cub Scout Leader	B'Bugia
038/2005	Antoinette Pace	Acting Leader	Fgura
039/2005	Gregory Attard	Acting Leader	Fgura
040/2005	Josephine Gatt	Scout Leader	B'Bugia
041/2005	Mario Galea	Acting Leader	Victoria

Cancellation of Appointments

The following appointments have been withdrawn and cancelled with effect from 1st June 2005

010/1995	Anita Muscat	Asst. Cub Scout Leader	Victoria
060/1996	George Said	Asst. Group Scout Leader	Victoria
029/2002	Thea Demanuele	Acting Leader	St. Michael
027/2002	Wlifred T. Borg	Acting Leader	St. Michael
008/2003	Adelina Zerafa	Asst. Cub Scout Leader	Tarxien
006/2003	Josephine Gatt	Asst. Cub Scout Leader	B'Bugia
014/2003	Adrian Farrugia	Asst. Cub Scout Leader	B'Bugia

058/2003	Anthony Xuereb	Deputy Chief Commissioner	IHQ
050/2004	Roberta A Cassar	Acting Leader	B'Bugia
054/2004	Marlene Busuttill	Acting Leader	B'Bugia
055/2004	Sebastian Azzopardi	Acting Leader	B'Bugia
-	John A Mizzi	Group Scout Leader	St. Aloysius

Scouters Wilfred Borg and Adelina Zerafa passed away, while Thea Demanuele went abroad. The remaining scouts either changed appointments or resigned.

Warrants

The Chief scout has approved the issue of the following Warrants with effect from 1st May 2005.

W005/2005	Raymond Manduca	Asst. Group Scout Leader	Sliema
W006/2005	Evander M. Borg	Group Scout Leader	St. Michael
W007/2005	George Said	Venture Scout Leader	Victoria
W008/2005	Anita Muscat	Cub Scout Leader	Victoria

Scouter Emeritus

During the Annual General Meeting held by the St. Aloysius College Scout Group, Mr. John A. Mizzi was appointed Scouter Emeritus after a scouting life span of nearly sixty-six years. John joined as a scout on the 13th December 1939.

Mr. Anthony Vella, ex Group Scout Leader of the B'Kara Scout Group and former District Commissioner of the Central District was also appointed Scouter Emeritus.

At an event held on Thursday, 23rd June and coinciding with the lighting of the San Gwann bonfire in honour of St. John, two former scouts of the San Gwann Scout Group were honoured with the Scouter Emeritus Certificate. Mr. Charles Johnson, a scout well known in the Association who served with various local Groups, amongst which one may mention, Hamrun, Msida, Stella Maris, and San Gwann was appointed as Scouter Emeritus. He was also responsible for the opening of a Scout Group in Dortmund, West Germany for children of serving Maltese members in the British army. Mr. Julian Gracey, was the other appointed Scouter Emeritus. Julian was an active member within the Group until health problems forced him to give up his role.

Chief Commissioner Personal Award

The following scouts were all presented with the Chief Commissioner Personal Award in appreciation of their long and dedicated service to the Association

Mr. John A. Mizzi	Ex Group Scout Leader	St. Aloysius
Mr. Anthony Vella	Ex Group Scout Leader	B'Kara
	Ex District Comm. Central	IHQ
Mr. Charles Johnson	Ex Scouter	San Gwann
Mr. Julian Gracey	Ex Scouter	San Gwann

03 Data Protection

By Arthur Azzopardi Commissioner (Data Protection Matters)

The attention of all Group Scout Leaders is hereby being drawn to the following:

1. Only the official data protection forms are to be used and no Group is allowed to use their own or amend them in any manner.
2. Groups that have issued their own are to use the Association forms also.
3. All Groups are to submit a copy of the adult consent form, in either language, for every Scouter whose details are collected by means of the Annual Census Return and kept by IHQ.
4. Failure to abide by such directives shall lead to a serious breach of the Data Protection Act and thus jeopardise the position at law of The Scout Association.

On a more positive note, GSLs are kindly being informed that ALL Group Scouters (duly appointed) may have access to data held by the Group.

Also by way of clarification, transfer of data within The Scout Association is permissible provide that such transfer is being made in furtherance of Scouting Principles and in lieu of administrative requirements of Scouting.

04 Ciao Delina

By Mr Carmel Mangani GSL Tarxien Scout Group

Is-sagħtejn kważi daqqu u int Delina għadek ma dehrtx. Mhux is-soltu tiegħek għax kważi dejjem inti ftaħt. Ma ċempiltx lil xi ħadd li mhux ġejja, hux?

Del, is-sagħtejn daqqu, it-tfal waslu kollha u int għadek ma wasaltx. Akela tinsab imħassba. Fittex asal għax..... le, le qed niċċajta. Mela int qatt wasalt xi darba tard? Veru, qatt ma naf li xi darba x'imkien wasalt tard. Anzi tkun hemm bosta ħin qabel.

Min kellu jiġi issa ġie u wasal l-ħin biex jibda l-meeting. It-tfal bdew isaqsu għalik Baloo. Jien ma nafx x'ser naqbad nighdilhom. Għidtilhom li dalwaqt ġejja għax inqalalek xi ħaġa. Akela fetħet il-meeting.

Bilħaqq tinsieħ li llum għandek xi cubs li jixtiequ jagħmlu xi testijiet. Gabu magħhom xi crafts. Baloo fejn mort? Ser iddum xejn? Dalwaqt is-sagħtejn u nofs. Il-cubs qed jistennewk biex tagħmilhom logħba. U wara jixtiequ jagħmlu fitt crafts. Tiskantani x'heffa għandek. Prosit, ħej, xi ġmiel ta' kartolina tal-parċmina għamilt kollha kuluri u irqaqat. Kif tarhom dawk l-irqaqat kollha!

Kif ukoll tinsieħ li x-xahar id-dieħel għandna l-kamp annwali. Diġa lestejnilek dik it-tinda l-ħadra tas-soltu biex tkun tista torqod komda. Ħallik li dejjem tispicċa torqod ħdejn xi cub li jħossu wahdu. Del, din is-sena beħsiebna nagħmlu kamp tal-ġenn bħal ma kien tas-sena l-oħra. Thabbilx moħħok minħabba x-xemx għax Ta' Qali taħt is-siġar reġa sejrin.

Kieku xi darba rajtek imdejqa anke meta kellek għalxiex tkun. Dejjem b'dik it-tbissima ħelwa naturali. Dejjem ċajtiera anke waqt żmien diffiċli. Tiftakar, Del, meta kont nighdlek biex ma tiffisnieħ u int kont tighdli żul minn nofs għax nonfoħlok!

Int qiesek il-Mummy tal-Grupp. Rabbejt kważi lil liscouts kollha. Għalhekk iħobbuk u jirrispettawk kollha. Ma ninsa qatt dak il-bews u t-għannieq tal-cubs qabel ma jmorru jorqdu. U int ma tmurx torqod qabel tara li kullħadd kien veru rieqed. U min jaf kemm għamilt iljieli imqajma!

Delina, il-meeting beda ġmielu. Kaa bgħatitlek messagg bil-mobile imma inti għadek ma bagħatx

05 IHQ Clean up by North District

by Mr Raymond Darmenia Commissioner for Buildings & Equipment

Well done to all North district Leader/Rovers for the clean up done between Friday 3 June and Sunday 5 June during the 3rd annual Leader/Rover camp.



lura. Id-dar mintieħ, għand ommok l-anqas, fejn qiegħda? Issa kif ser nagħmlu għal-bronze arrow? Hawn xi cubs ġabu xi charts li tajthom biex jagħmlu. Tgħid ngħidilhom biex iġibuhom sibt ieħor?

Del, ħriġtlek Coca mill-fridge, is-sħana issa bdiet. Naf li x'ħin tasal tkun tixtieq tixrob xi ħaġa friska. Imma fittex eġja għax malajr terġa tishon.

Meta ser nerġġhu nagħmlu xi talent show ieħor? Tiftakar kemm għamilt kostumi? Naf li bħalissa għandek x'tagħmel u qegħda ukoll taħdem. Xi tgħid li kieku kellna nagħmlu show ieħor meta nagħliqu għoxrin sena? Naf li issa kbirna ġmielu u l-enerġija naqset. Imma mhux xieraq li meta' nagħliqu għoxrin senale le, naf li qbizna l-ħamsin, kont qed nirreferi għall-Grupp li jagħlaq għoxrin.

Il-meeting wasal biex jipicċa u int għadek ma dehrtx. Issa jidher li illum mhux ser narawk. Imma bilfors ġralek xi ħaġa. It-tfal xebgħu jistaqsu għalik. Issa l-meeting wasal fl-aħħar u l-ġenituri ukoll qed jistaqsu għalik. It-tfal ħerġin mid-Dar tal-Kejka sejrin lura d-dar. X'naqbat ngħidilhom? Narawk nhar is-Sibt? Fl-aħħar fettilli nċempillek fuq il-mobile....."the person you're trying to contact is not in a position to respond..... GONE HOME".

U jien ħallejtlek messaggCIAO DELINA, NILTGHAQU"

This time North District Commissioner Mr Adrian Borg with the unstinting support of all North District Groups decided that this year's activity, rather than

being held at the Mellieha Scout Group HQ (as has been the case for the first two years the activity has been held), would be held IHQ. The reason behind this decision was that IHQ was in a dire need of a general clean up of its grounds. The previous camps we always did a service to the community but this time it was decided that we should first put our house in order, IHQ and not just grumble about the state it is in. The District, in liaison with IHQ Commissioner for Building and Equipment Mr Ray Darmania, planned the activity.

Friday 3 June arrived and the first on site was Mellieha GSL Arthur Abela and his leaders to set up the kitchen. I can vouch for all those present that, as usual, Mellieha leaders carried out an excellent job and none of us were left hungry! Well-done Arthur and his gang! Next to arrive were the rest of the District Leaders.

Saturday morning, after a scrumptious breakfast, the Leaders were divided into small groups round the grounds. The biggest challenge the Leaders had was the clearance of the debris from the ditch opposite the Scout Shop. The task ahead was enormous. But, no fear, Mr Charles Bonnet ex-San Gwann VSL brought along an earth mover (*gaffa*) and made the task look very easy.

Another problem cropped up. The truck supplied was too big to either enter through the main gate or from the side opening. Skips were hired and the problem was solved. Next problem. The rotary grass-cutting machine decided to take the weekend off. Nothing was going to stop the North District leaders from finishing the job they started. ADC Mr Evander Borg and SL Eric Borg set off to hire a machine and within the hour they were going great guns at cutting the grass. Within two hours of starting the day, grass cutting and debris clearance was in full swing. At the same time under the able hands of SL Eric Borg and his team, consisting of 4

female Rovers and 1 male Leader, the archives started to receive their much-needed clean up. I must say that they did an excellent job and now Mr Brincat can work in a clean and relatively dust free environment.

The area designated for the new scout shop was entrusted in the hands of Naxxar Scouter in Charge Douglas Falzon – and nothing stood in his way and his chain saw!! The forest that grew over the years was eradicated in hours. Not a single unwanted tree was left standing. He made a clean sweep. Next to move in the area, was the grass-cutting machine to trim the rest of the grass. As if this was not enough Douglas scaled the bastions and anything in his sight got the chop. Well-done Douglas.

The Chief Commissioner paid us a visit on Saturday morning while the activity was well under way. He was marvelled at the amount of work going on and all those present busy at their allocated tasks.

Sunday as the Lord said was a day of rest. That is what exactly the Leaders and Rovers did. After breakfast Qawra GSL Fr Pawley celebrated mass for the group. After Mass everyone gathered round the D.C. who was '*in vena*' as usual cracking jokes that kept everyone laughing with tears running down the cheeks. Once more the Chief Commissioner paid us a visit and toured the spruced up grounds. He had praised for the North District leaders for doing a well-done job in the true Scouting spirit.

Finally I would like to thank the Leader/Rovers from San Gwann, Naxxar, Gzira, St.Michael's, Qawra, Iklin and Mellieha for attending and for a job well done. I was very impressed with the teamwork and dedication the North District leaders have shown.

THANK YOU ALL

**We are preparing the next issue of the Bulletin.
Please send us information, news, activities and updated calendar of events.**

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