

## NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2014



# HAPPY NEW YEAR



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### Message from the President

Dear Members,

On behalf of all the committee members I wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. The tentative shoots of economic recovery in Europe seem to persist. May this recovery finally take root and alleviate the difficulties that so many nations and their populations have been experiencing.

The MFCC is finalizing its program of events for 2014. Together with the traditional social and fund raising events, we are planning to hold events dedicated to assisting members on how to do business in or with France. Often-asked questions like who to contact, where to go, what to do, what not to do etc. will be tackled. We will be informing you of details in due course.

The MFCC believes that there are mutually beneficial business opportunities that Malta's energetic, geographically well-placed and trained work force and entrepreneurs could and should. The MFCC together with the valuable assistance of the French Embassy and the Maltese authorities will seek to help you members identify and exploit these opportunities.

A successful new year to you all

Mark A. MIGGIANI – President , Maltese French Chamber of Commerce

## CHARITY EVENT – DECEMBER 2013

The Annual Charity Dinner organised by the Maltese French Chamber of Commerce was held at Villa Arrigo on Friday 6 December 2013. The event was extremely well attended and was held under the auspices of H.E. Michel Vandepoorter, French Ambassador to Malta and Mrs. Vandepoorter. The event was hosted by the President of the Maltese French Chamber of Commerce Dr Mark A. Miggiani and Mrs Miggiani together with Council Members. The President and Council extended their appreciation to the various guests that supported the event, particularly Mr Noel Scerri, Executive Head Business Relationships representing Bank of Valletta which is a valued sponsor of the Chamber.

The Charity Event raised a total of € 2600 towards Dar Qalb ta' Gesu, represented by Mons Zammit McKeon, who gave the guests a brief overview of the sterling work carried out by this non-profit organisation. The evening also included a Raffle with prizes generously donated by several members. One original prize was the right to have one's own portrait painted by French artist Philippe Cavelart. An auction of 3 oil paintings by the Brigadier Maurice Calleja was also held.



**Business Lunch with His Excellency Ambassador of France  
and Mr Frederic Challoux  
Chef des Poles UBIFRANCE**



**As part of its Business Planning for 2014, MFCC has held intensive talks with UBIFRANCE over a business lunch kindly hosted by His Excellency Mr Michel Vandepoorter, the French Ambassador to Malta.**

**The scope of these discussions were to identify possible cooperation between the two parties and to plan important business exchanges both in Paris as well as in Malta during 2014.**

**MFCC members will be kept posted with further developments on these very important and prestigious events for direct participation.**



**UBIFRANCE, is the French Agency for International Business Development, and comes under the aegis of France's Ministry for the Economy, Finance & Industry.**

**UBIFRANCE promotes technologies, products, services and know-how from France, and puts French-based professionals in contact with their international counterparts. The French Exporters' Directory is the platform to facilitate international contacts and increase business opportunities online.**

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## THE NEW RENAULT CLIO

Auto Sales Limited, popularly known as Kind's, has launched the New Renault Clio on the market.

The Clio is the first model of the Renault range to sport the New Brand Identity of this well-known French Brand. The exterior of the Clio is dynamic, attractive and stylish with fluid lines that flow from the front around the body of this car. The interior is spacious and comfortable with top of the range upholstery and finishes throughout.

Reliable engines that boast low co2 emissions: the 1.2 16 v, the new 0.9 petrol engine, and the 1.5dci engine are available on the Clio, also with automatic transmission. The list of standard equipment is extremely generous and includes: Air conditioner, Power steering, 4 Airbags, GPS/ Bluetooth Connectivity/ AUX/ USB, Electric windows [front], Leather steering wheel, 16" Alloy wheels, ABS, ASR amongst others. Price begins at €12700 for the AU 1.2.

For any further information and to book a test drive of the New Sensational Clio please call us on 23311126.

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*Thank you for your continued support.*

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