

## **Dame Janatha Stubbs, MBE, MOM**

Dame Janatha Stubbs, MBE, MOM, was a founding member and the first chair of Soroptimist International Malta in 1993. She sponsors the Annual SI Barbeque, the most important regular fundraising activity with over 100 attendees, in her private gardens and is an enthusiastic organiser of car boot sales. On the occasion of the Club's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2018, Janatha was awarded Life Honorary Club membership.

Janatha co-founded Ir-Razzett tal-Ħbiberija/The Park of Friendship with her late husband, Paddy, in 1989, twenty years after they had moved to Malta with their 3 young children. She is still serving as a member of the Board of Trustees of Inspire – the Foundation for Inclusion – a merger between Razzett tal-Ħbiberija and The Eden Foundation since 2009. This organisation offers educational, therapeutic and leisure services to persons with disability in the Maltese Islands.

In 1998, Janatha was conferred Honorary Membership of the Order of Merit of Malta, MOM, reserved for foreign nationals who have distinguished themselves by their service in the promotion and fostering of international relations or who have earned the respect and gratitude of the people of the Maltese Islands. And in 2003, Janatha was appointed Member of the British Empire, MBE, "for enhancing relations between the United Kingdom and Malta, in recognition of her work with Razzett tal-Ħbiberija, and also for her tireless support for both the President's Award Scheme and The Duke of Edinburgh Award."

For many years, Janatha has been a member, with her husband, of the President's Award Scheme, and in 2012 she became a Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh International Award Malta. Janatha is also a Dame of the Grand Commandery of the Castello within The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, having been a member since 1974.

For 20 years Janatha was Chair of the Malta Playing Fields Association and in 2000 was appointed to the position of President. She was also President of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Fund in Malta from 1998 to 2012, and has been a benefactor of the Sea Cadets in Malta for over 30 years.

Through various channels, using either private funds or funds raised by The Janatha Stubbs Foundation established on 7<sup>th</sup> May 1964, Janatha has been supporting children, youths and young adults within the Maltese Islands, which include:

- Maltese students wishing to study abroad
- Charities which focus on social issues
- Associations and Clubs that target sports activities, like the Malta Wheelchair Dance Sport Association, Tarxien Rainbows Football Club and Msida Arrows Badminton Club
- Organisations and Associations working within the field of local heritage, arts and events, including Fondazzjoni Patrimonju Malti, Teatru Manoel and Tarxien Band Club

Born in 1937, Janatha is not undertaking any further commitments.



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