



CLUB ACTIVITIES



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12 Charter Night*

- **Venue to be announced**

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION for the Lionistic Year 2016/2017 is now due. Members who have not yet paid are kindly requested to do so as soon as possible as the Club has an obligation to send the annual membership dues to Lions Clubs International at Oakbrook, Chicago, USA every six months. Members are reminded that the Euro 100 membership entitles them to a free ticket at the annual Club's Charter celebrations.

Dues are to be sent by cheque payable to Lions Club Sliema to the Club Treasurer at the following address:

**Lion Carmel Azzopardi
11 Triq il-Kbira
Dingli 1830.**

NEXT MEETING: Kindly note that our next meeting is on Wednesday September 7th at 7.00 p.m. At the Victoria Hotel, Sliema. There will be no meetings during August since most of the members will be away on holiday.



JULY 2016

FUND RAISING DURING SLIEMA ARTS FESTIVAL

2016-2017 INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT BOB CORLEW

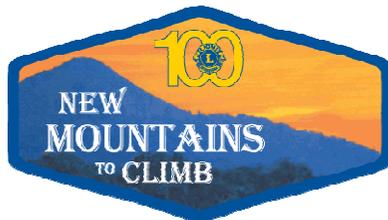
Chancellor Bob Corlew from Milton, Tennessee, USA, was elected to serve as president of Lions Clubs International in the association's 99th International Convention held in Fukuoka, Japan.

President Corlew is retired as councillor for the State of Tennessee and a professor at law.

A member of the Murfreesboro Noon Lions Club since 1978, he has held many offices within the association, including charter club president, zone chairperson, district governor, cabinet secretary and council chairperson. He has been instrumental in the chartering of a number of new clubs. Most recently, he worked to charter a new club comprised of lawyers and judges, which gained more than 75 members during its first year.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the Leadership Award, the Builder Key Award, three International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honour the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Vanguard of the Melvin Jones Memorial, a Progressive Lindsey-Jennings Fellow and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, President Corlew has been active in the Boy Scouts of America, the Jaycees and the American Red Cross. He has also served a councilman in Milton and was a Major in the U.S. Army Reserve. President Corlew and his wife, Dianne, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have five children and five grandchildren.



President Bob has chosen the theme **NEW MOUNTAINS TO CLIMB** during his Presidential Year. This being the Centennial Year of Lions Clubs International, the theme is appropriate as there are several things to be done.

With the permission of the Sliema Council, Lions Club Sliema organised a fund-raising activity during the Arts Festival held during the weekend 16/17 July. People were asked to guess the number of balloons in a Volkswagen car (made available courtesy of Continental Motors) against a donation of one euro and having the chance to win Euro 100.



Lions Vivienne Zammit and Louis Sciberras were responsible to organise the activity. Other Lions gave a helping hand during the two evenings amongst whom Lions Maria Beaney and Margaret

Frendo. Lion Isabelle Micallef donated stickers which were given to children. Lion Frank Galea provided the "pop up" which can be seen in the top photo.



Euro 575.65 were raised from this event.

The winner was kind enough to donate the prize money to the Club. This was the second time that such a fundraiser was organised. Well done all concerned.

KNOW MORE ABOUT LIONS



Quite often members ask questions about how funds raised from activities can be utilised. Lions Clubs International have a Policy of how such funds can be used. For the benefit of members hereunder are the relevant paragraphs about the "Use of Funds Policy".

General Policy on Funds Raised from Lions Clubs Activities:

Funds raised from the public must be used for the benefit of the public and community in which the Lions Clubs serve. The International Constitution and By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation (the "governing document") provide that chartered Lions Clubs shall be not-for-profit of the individual club or its individual members. Consequently, no part of the net earnings of funds raised from the public shall benefit any individual Lions member, or other private individual or entity. These policies are intended to provide guidance for clubs to meet the purposes of the International Association of Lions Clubs. Key in determining the proper use of funds is considering transparency to the public and developing trust from the community in which the Lions operate. How Lions use funds must meet the legal and tax requirements for the local jurisdiction in which they operate.

- Definition of Public/Activity Funds. Funds raised from the public are the net earnings of income raised from activities open to the public, public contributions, bequests and money accumulated from invested public funds.
- Definition of Administrative Funds: Administrative funds are contributions from Lions through dues, fines, advertisement revenue, rental fees and other individual Lions contributions. These funds may be used for other public projects or for internal Lions use such as meeting and convention expenses, incorporation fees, audit fees,, newsletters, bulletins and other club and/or district operating and administrative expenses.

Direct Expenses of Fundraiser: Direct expenses of a public fundraiser may be deducted from the proceeds of the fundraiser to replenish the administrative funds used to hold the fundraiser.



Photo: International President Bob Corlew and his wife Dianne attended the 2016 Mediterranean Lions Conference last March. They are seen here with Lion Tom A. Restall who presented Lady Dianne with a gold Maltese Cross brooch.

President Bob has set an ambitious programme during the centennial year amongst which the Centennial Service Challenge - lead through service by joining the challenge to help 100+ million people during our centennial.

Engage and impact youth through hands-on projects with Lions Children First, promote literacy through the Reading Action Program, and bring hope to vulnerable children through the Leo Spotlight on Children.

The most important thing perhaps is to attract new members to our Clubs.

HIGH COMMISSIONER OF GHANA VISIT

His Excellency Kenneth Tachie, the resident High Commissioner of Ghana in Malta was the guest of the Club at the meeting held on Wednesday July 20.



The distinguished guest spoke about the problems facing his country vis-a-vis sight, since several Ghanians suffer from different eyesight problems like glaucoma and cataracts. He expressed his thanks for the help given by Malta in this regard.

At the end of his talk the High Commissioner was presented with several eye glasses, most of which were donated to the Club by opticians in Sliema and Gzira. His Excellency thanked the club for their initiative and said he will make sure that eye glasses would reach people in need of them.

This is not the first time that the Club has collected eye glasses to be sent to African countries. Over 30 years similar donations were made to Zimbabwe and in recent years hundreds of eye glasses were sent to Lions in France and Italy for onward despatch to other African countries. Such donations are appreciated by people in Africa since improving their eye sight is of importance and can many a time ensure that they could lead a better way of living.

Photo: Lion President John Rusher presenting the Club's 40th anniversary banner to HE Kenneth Tachie.

SPARE RIBS NIGHT

The annual "Spare Ribs" Night was once again held at the Marsa Sports Club on July 9 when 100 persons (Club members and their guests) attended. The event was organised by First Vice President Lion George O. Attard.



Over Euro 700 were raised during the evening. This sum included proceeds from a raffle for various prizes donated by members.

This annual event has been a fixed summer fund-raiser for a long time. One can remember when all the cooking was done by Club members and the number of occasions when this event was held at the old Union Club in Sliema.

Photo: Guests at the Marsa Sports Club for the Spare Ribs Night.