

MEMORANDUM

To: Membership (Africa Branch)

From: Chairman Africa Committee

Dated: 4th January 2017

RLIRA –AFRICA 2017

Dear Member

On behalf of your Committee, I extend our good wishes to you and your loved ones for a healthy, happy and safe year ahead.

I wish to sincerely acknowledge the on going generosity and support we have received in 2016. You know who you are, and we are extremely appreciative.

I have, on a number of occasions during 2016 been reminded just how strong the RLI camaraderie is among our membership, especially for those who need a helping hand.

Please know that because of your commitment to the Association we were able to assist 16 [sixteen] members who needed a helping hand during 2016.

An amount of **R154K** was disbursed from the Welfare account during the past year, with every cent going to a deserving and genuine need.

Most requests received were related to health and the cost of medical/ funeral expenses.

Membership fees received for 2016 amounted to **R 22K** from a potential of at least **R 120 000.00**

Therefore the other R132K was raised from donations and fund raising projects.

Clearly this situation cannot continue indefinitely, and we can not just rely on the generosity of some members and benefactors, and fund raising to sustain us.

No member needing assistance was turned away; I believe that this should be our motivation in the coming years –

‘NO NEEDY MEMBER SHALL BE TURNED AWAY’.

However, in order for us to be able to hold true to our word, **we need to have every member on our books pay their membership fee every year without fail.**

The facts are simple: **NO PAYMENT of FEES –NO ASSOCIATION.**

Our Treasurer has recently sent Notification of the 2017 Membership fees.

For those who genuinely can not pay the fees, we do have a 'Fees Assistance Scheme' in operation. We urge you to make use of this scheme, rather than ignore making payment. In addition we have a payment plan facility available. Contact your Committee or Regional Representative

Once again a Grateful Thank-You to all who have paid, donated and supported your Association.

Without you – 'We simply fade Away'

Best Regards
Brian Lewis
Chairman-Africa