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ROTARY CLUB OF NEWLANDS

“The club that appeals”



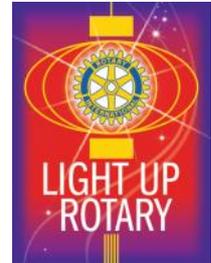
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WEEKLY UPDATE

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MEETINGS: Western Province Cricket Club Sports Centre, Ave De Mist, Rondebosch, every Monday at 18h00 for 18h15 (Except for first Monday of the Month which is a Partner's Meeting, 18h30 for 19h00).

ATTENDANCE: Notice of apologies and guests and/or meal specifics to email Melinda Stapleton at mjstapleton@webafrica.org.za and copy to Bill Holland at bholland@wbs.co.za before 10.00 on Monday mornings please.

Comment

Shân Biesman-Simons

Personal Rotary Reflections

Rotary International is celebrating a significant birthday on February 23rd! Do you think that the four businessmen who met in Chicago one hundred and ten years ago had any idea that their meeting would be the beginning of decades of global fellowship and service? I feel that while we are lighting 110 candles or collecting 110 items to donate to those in need we should take 110 seconds/minutes to reflect on the impact Rotary has had on our individual lives and on how privileged we are to be part of this outstanding organisation.

I am fortunate to have been born into a loving and supportive family and to now have my own nuclear family that has helped me become the person I am. My father was a young Rotarian and my earliest memories include sitting at my mother's feet while she sewed Kimberley Rotary Club banners and knowing that it was Thursday because Dad wasn't home for lunch! I soon learnt a bit of what Rotary was about and was always excited and inspired when we had Rotary visitors or exchange students to stay or to entertain. I learnt that Rotary was a global organisation but little did I know just how much I would benefit from this.

Rotary has helped me see the world. My first international travel was to New Zealand as a long term exchange student. South Africa's political status limited our choice of destinations and initially I was very disappointed when my acceptance by a district in Japan was retracted for political reasons. I had an incredible year in Kiwiland being welcomed and embraced by three host families, spending time with special school and exchange student friends, increasing my rugby knowledge and gaining independence while being an ambassador for our country in troubled times.

A highlight of our exchange year was a three week trip to the South Island with other exchange students. The scenery was spectacular but far more memorable were some of the conversations we shared about religious, cultural, gender and political differences and the fact that Rotary was exclusively for males. Sixteen years later women were admitted to Rotary and sixteen years after this I became a member of Newlands Rotary Club. I am indebted to The Lovely John (aka my husband and my Rotary chauffeur and bag carrier) for 'slopey shouldering' Charter President Johan's nagging him to become a Rotarian onto me.

It is difficult to describe in words just how much being a Rotarian has positively affected me. I have this exceptional Rotary family of like-minded people that helps and supports me in all aspects of my life and gives me the freedom, tools and encouragement to pursue one of my passions and that passion is Rotary. I have made some wonderful friends, met thousands of interesting people, attended meetings at about eighty different clubs on six continents, joined fellow Newrots at district conferences and been to three International Conventions. I have had the privilege of being District Governor and the opportunity to visit and get an understanding of all the clubs in our district. What amazed me about these visits was the impact some of the smaller clubs with minimal resources and dedicated, active Rotarians can make. They use their skills, time, determination and also international Rotary resources. I am continually encouraged about our future when I see the level of Service above Self in members of EarlyAct, Interact and Rotaract clubs.

My dream as a 17 year old of visiting Japan was realised when I was chosen to lead a Group Study Exchange team to Yokohama and Kawasaki in 2012. Four young professionals and I stayed in the homes of Rotarians, went on vocational and cultural visits, ate amazing food and created unique bonds and a few months later we were able to reciprocate some of the hospitality. What an experience!

'East West home's best' and right now that's my Rotary space. As a Newlands Rotarian my feeling of pride in what our club does is always strong and was overflowing at our recent Vocational and Membership evenings. It is humbling to be able to collectively contribute so significantly to individuals and communities in need. While helping others we too benefit and it is difficult to be a Rotarian and not develop numerous skills, emotions and a better understanding of who we are. Each of us can find a way, however big or small, of making a difference.

Over the past one hundred and ten years millions of Rotarians have stood by the Four Way Test and Object of Rotary...here's to the future of Rotary.

Previous Meeting

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING WITH EMPHASIS ON A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE HELD AT THE WESTERN PROVINCE CRICKET CLUB ON 9TH FEBRUARY 2015

Scribe: Johan Beukman

At 18h15 Sergeant Mike Walwyn called the meeting to order.

President Wybe welcomed all the following guests as well as members:

John Joubert and Denise Behrens of Penbev/Coca Cola;
Laura Heathfield and Matthew Royle guests of Shân Biesman-Simons;
Daphne Lyell guest of Rochelle Malherbe;
Annette Liebenberg and Russell Arnott guests of Regine le Roux;
Willie Wijnberg guest of Terry Lancaster;
Aloysious Gowne, Mike Young, Bernard Dudley, Francois de Jager and Jenny Ibbotson guests of Menno de Wet.

The 4 way test was recited by Jenny Howard.

The grace and toast was done by John Stephenson.

The wine raffle was done by Richard Burnett and won by Graham Finlayson.

The previous week's raffle was won by yours truly who hopes our wine merchant will remember to bring an extra bottle of wine to tomorrow night's meeting.

President Wybe then inducted Jenny Ibbotson. Within a few minutes after a photograph was taken by Regine le Roux, it appeared on Facebook. Well done Regine.

Sergeant Mike then called on Chris Beech to deal with the presentation focused on membership of Rotary. Chris welcomed all the prospective members and requested them to participate in the meeting. He stressed the importance of recruiting new members for the Rotary organisation as it brings new talent with new ideas and energy into the organisation.

Chris then invited Ian Pursch to talk about Rotary the organisation. Although Ian was only allowed to talk for 7 minutes he did an excellent job in the short time to deal with a lot of information.

Graham Finlayson then told the prospective members about some of the projects Newlands Rotary is involved with and more particularly the Masiphumelelo library, Noluthando Autism Unit and Masakhane Educare projects.

Next up was Mike Walwyn to share his experience as a Rotarian with the prospective members. Mike reflected on his 17 years as a Rotarian and gave the guests good insight of what they can expect as members of Rotary.

At this point President Wybe introduced a guest who had arrived late. PP Duncan Smith, currently senior vice-president of Sandy and District Rotary Club in the UK, was warmly welcomed. Duncan has been a donor to the Children's Book Network and is encouraged by the involvement of Newlands Rotary in CBN. In keeping with the membership theme of the evening, Duncan related a humorous story of how he drove a packed ambulance to Timbuktu, as an example of the many interesting and unusual projects members can get involved in.

The last speaker was John Joubert (Penbev/Coca Cola) who said to give is a privilege. Penbev annually give away 35 million cases of cooldrinks at 900 sporting events at an approximate cost of 7 million Rand. Penbev places a lot of emphasis on a sustainable planet, energy management, community projects as well as recycling water and packaging. John also mentioned Penbev's relationship with Claremont and Sea Point Rotary clubs. The relationship with Newlands Rotary club however is very special and appreciated by them. John encouraged the prospective members to join Newlands Rotary club.

After the last speaker, Chris Beech called for questions or comments from the floor, especially from the potential members.

Roy Zazeraj commented that although we had heard about the big local and international community projects pursued by Rotary, we should not forget about the many smaller projects (often involving between R5 000 and R50 000) that Newlands Rotary contributes to. These are too many to mention, but have a significant impact on the lives of needy people. Lew Botha followed up on this by mentioning the "quick and easy" President's Challenge budgets (for R5000 or less per project), available to any Newlands Rotarian for a worthy cause.

Chris Beech thanked all the speakers and prospective members.

Spots:

Richard Burnett appealed for help with the delivery of calendars and letters of thanks to the wine farms which sponsored wine for the NSRI project/wine auction. Brian Pickup discussed the appeal from Vrygrond for monetary assistance.

Jenny Howard appealed for members to donate recycled tea bags for the project in Hout Bay as well as children books toward the 110 book donation for the children's library.

Regine le Roux reminded members of Rotary's 110th birthday and what they can do as part of the celebration.

Graham Finlayson reminded members of the Cape Town Cycle Tour taking place on 8th March as well as the duties and commitment on the day.

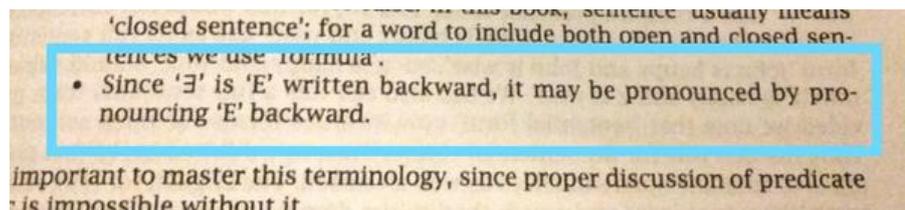
President slot:

President Wybe mentioned the theme of Rotary International president elect K. R. 'Ravi' Ravindran for 2015/2016 Rotary year, "Be a gift to the world". He thanked all those who were involved with arrangements for the evening as well as all the speakers. President Wybe also wished Glynis Menné, Diana Booth, Norman Pudney and Liz Sessions for their birthdays which will happen during the following week.

Sergeant's slot:

Sergeant Mike explained to the guests how we changed the tradition of fines to the idea of members now donating happy Rands. The total happy rands for the night amounted to R186.00
Sergeant Mike closed the meeting at 20h40.

Pronunciation



Stirrer's Spoon

Andy Ismay

[Newlands Rotary Club Google Calendar](#)

FUTURE FIXTURES

Year Planner

Please advise the secretary promptly of any additions or changes

February 2015

Mon 16 Ordinary
Mon 23 Business

March 2015

Mon 2 Partners
Sun 8 Cape Town Cycle Tour
Mon 9 Ordinary
Mon 16 Ordinary
Mon 23 Business

May 2015

Thu 28 Wine Action - Jhb

Happy Anniversary

21 February
Pieter & Judy van Aswegen

21 February
Tony & Lyn van der Lith

Happy Birthday

16 February
Philippa van Aardt

22 February
Vanessa Rousseau

UMPIRES AND SCORERS

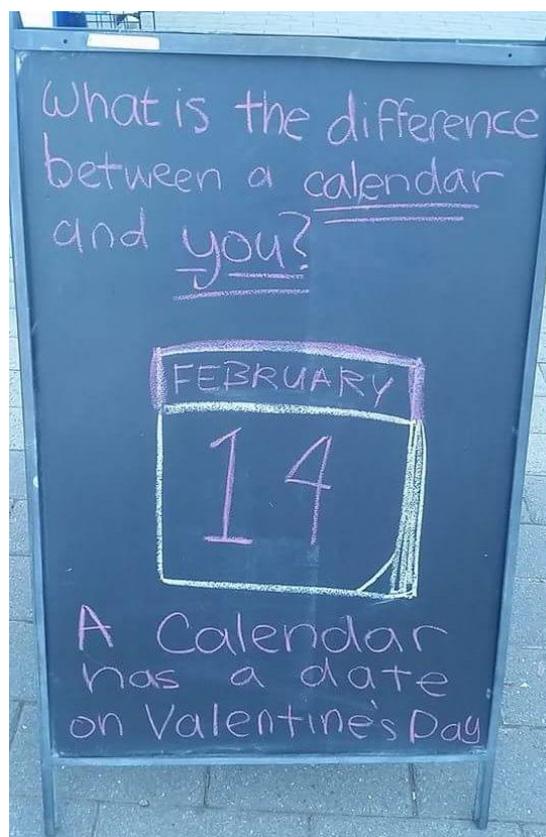
| DATE | 16 February | 23 February | 2 March | 9 March |
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| MEETING | Ordinary | Business | Partners | War Stories? |
| SERGEANT | Jana Forrester | Pippa McLeod | Terry Lancaster | Nora See |
| 4 WAY TEST/ OBJECTS | Christine Calothi | Lew Botha | Rochelle Malherbe | Bill Holland |
| GRACE & TOAST | Tinus de Jongh | Jenna Monk | Peter Henshilwood | Chris Beech |
| ATTENDANCE | Vanessa Rousseau | Corinne Hudson | Andy Ismay | Regine le Roux |
| FELLOWSHIP | Brian Pickup | Michael Walwyn | Johan Beukman | Heidi Andersson |
| MINUTES | Richard Burnett | Lucian Pitt | Sue Trott | Menno de Wet |
| COMMENT | Pieter van Aswegen | Tony van der Lith | Graham Lowden | John Stephenson |
| THANK SPEAKER | Ian Pursch | | Colin Burke | |
| INTRO SPEAKER | Garnet Carr | | Paul Spiller | |

If you cannot do your job on the day, please find someone who can do it instead of you, then contact the Sergeant on the day to update the roster. Please don't leave this until the Monday afternoon – let the Sergeant know in advance if you have not been able to arrange a swap. If you are going to be away for particular future meetings let Peter Ennis know.

Invited GUEST SPEAKERS

16 Feb **Camilla Howard** –
Trip to Antarctica

2 Mar **Simon Mills** –
*Thoughts create our
reality*



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