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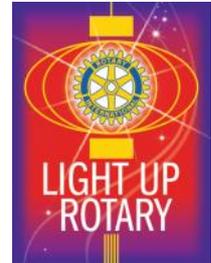
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WEEKLY UPDATE

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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

Via Roy Zazeraj

Children’s Book Network

Red Hill Water Workshop

Children’s Book Network was fortunate to get sponsorship from Pick n Pay for a small workshop in Red Hill in February. It was held on Saturday 28th February at Simon’s Town Library.

Saturday morning is a great time for a workshop. No school, weekend ... freedom. Seventeen children climbed aboard our faithful transport from Oceans Tours and were driven down from Red Hill to Simon’s Town Library where a wide variety of experiences waited for them. But first a strengthening breakfast before the exertions.

Our programme shifted slightly to accommodate transport needs and a most delightful invitation to visit the library after the workshop, which the children enjoyed immensely. Librarian Lucia Marais attended the beginning of the workshop and hosted a visit from the whole group at the end for a tour of the resources and a spot of quiet reading.

Although our focus is always on reading, we approach it from several different angles. The children come to our workshops in their spare time. This is not school. They have to have fun – in fact our core principle is that children should be thoughtful, be happy, be stimulated with different cultural experiences and, above all, enjoy the reading and writing experiences.

Age groups, as always, are flexible. The call was for 9, 10 and 11 year-olds, but fourteen year-old and a five-year old (who couldn't actually read yet) joined on and entered into the spirit of things.

Fiona McGregor, who is a publisher with a distinguished career (now at Cambridge University Press) and a long history of involvement with children and reading, volunteered to give a fun yoga class illustrating how even activities can be learned from books.



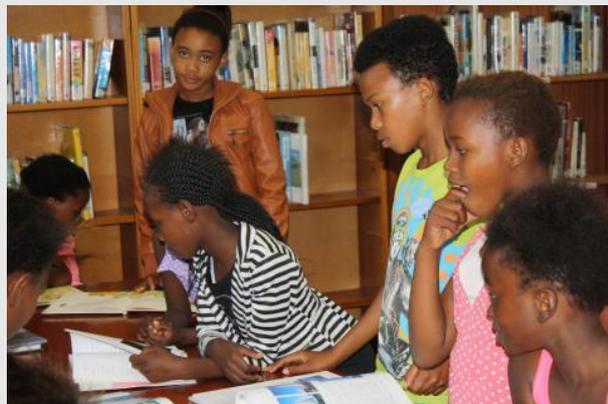
The children (and some of the adults, including Long-standing CBN friend and transporter Denzil Jehovah), joined in with enthusiasm. Fiona followed that with a reading (and demonstration) of Michael William's book *You can Dance*.



Our theme was water and we moved on to water stories and thinking about how water affects – indeed dominates – our lives. Lesley and Anele worked together on water sounds, water stories and water music. The children listened with their eyes closed and discussed how different music made them think of water in different moods. Lesley read a story written especially for the workshop about a long-ago boy who forgot that you should never hunt alone – and always know where water is.

The children moved into four groups for a writing activity using pre-prepared cards with water words to use in sentences and filled in simple evaluation forms before moving to the library to read more books on Water and find out where they were kept.

This workshop was also the opportunity for the presentation to Red Hill container library of books from several sources. Two parcels of books were donated from the Books of the World project of Rotary Newlands. There were also dictionaries donated by DG Murray Trust with Rotary Cape of Good Hope and some picture books from author Dianne Hofmeyr, who spoke to the children last year.



For more about Children's Book Network go to www.childrensbook.co.za

Previous Meeting

Minutes of the 'War Stories' meeting on 9 March 2015 Scribe: Menno de Wet

President: Wybe Meinesz

Sergeant: Johan Beukman

Sergeant Johan called the meeting to order and asked President Wybe to open the meeting.

President Wybe: Welcomed the gorgeous John Biesman-Simons (not in pink), Keith Cronwright, Phil (Birthday) Calothi, Jamie (other ½ of Glynis) & Liz Sessions. He also welcomed 'special guests' Daphne Lyell of Rochelle Malherbe and Willie Wijenberg of Terry Lancaster. President Wybe welcomed the Newlands Rotarians.

4 Way Test: Jenny Howard

Grace & Toast: Chris Beech.

Richard Burnett: The Wine Swindle was won by Jana Forrester.

It was decided between President Wybe and Sergeant Johan to do the "Spots" first.

Colin Burke showed the club "Desk Dividers" that had been donated for any project that could use them. Richard Burnett offered to store the 12 units until a project could be found.

Chris Beech informed the club that the Induction Dinner will be on Friday 21st June at the Wild Fig. The evening promises to be interesting as the dress code is "Black Tie" and nothing else. Cost R250.00 pp. Time 18:30 for 19:00.

The meeting then switched to the "WAR STORIES"

Jenna Monk wearing a red fireman's hat, proceeded to hand out Bar Ones to the ladies only. A true example of discrimination and sexism in its worst form.

Pippa McLeod said that a "bergie" had started a fire in the bush behind the power section to keep warm and when the sun came simply abandoned the fire and left.

Janey Ball: Became tired of her own voice whilst giving instruction to the backed up cyclists who stretched from the finish to the circle as after a while "fell over her own words" and proceeded to speak gibberish.

Rochelle Malherbe & Daphne Lyell: Rochelle told the "Volunteer Fire Fighters" to put out their fire as it is illegal to have an open fire next to a municipal road and with regret they put it out. Daphne enjoyed the day. A Fire Fighter arrived and said there was a fire at the Cape Point National Park and 2 minutes later 90% of them were on their way leaving about 3 of their number behind to sort out their point.

Andrew Peile spoke of the helicopter pilot "Basie" who lost his life at the fire at Cape Point. He spoke of the esteem in which he was help by everyone who knew him.

Willie Wijenberg spoke of how much he enjoyed the day. He attended an accident in which the lady from the back seat of the tandem bike was lying on her race number. He asked her if she could move so that he could read her race number on her back and she said. "Yes, how fortunate you are that you can" ... she was blind.

Ian Pursch was honoured to have our District Governor Elect, Geraldine Nicol, with him to wave her flag. A large lady from the USA wobbled to a stop on Hospital Bend and said “enough is enough” so Ian had Geraldine take her back to the city in his car. On Geraldine’s return he noted that Geraldine had managed to impale her lip on something but was too polite to ask how.

Mike Walwyn was very suspicious of the District Governor Elect and the District Governor Nominee working together. He has a number of incident report books all of which are empty as he had nothing to report. On a more serious note the Medical response was very poor due to the apparent incompetence of the call centre.

Jana put pictures onto Facebook including one of her in a rubbish bin.

Graham Lowden who builds our bridges, only had 2 bridges to build this year and they were next to each other. Each bridge normally takes 1½ hrs. to build and they took 6 hrs. The break down normally takes 2hrs but this Sunday it took 2½ hrs. So due to no pressure the whole procedure took much longer.

Graham Finlayson: Congratulated the club on a job very well done.

Richard Burnett (who runs the best Refreshment Station on Cycle Tour by his own admission) arrived on site at around 4am to find that the Coke truck had nowhere to park. After set up the site was 330 meters long. The cycle repair guy arrived on site to find his position had been taken over by the ambulances that refused to move. At 8am he had the arrival of 300 volunteers to cope with.

Pieter van Aswegen cursed the cell phone reminder at 4:30 am to not forget to bring their timing chip. He related how last year, they realised after arriving at the start that their timing chips were at home. They saw one guy whose leg was in a plaster cast cycle the course using only one leg.

Jenny Howard was renamed Sector Mom by Rochelle, Daphne, Frank & Shirley who did sectors 7 & 8.

Pete Henshilwood had 6 marshals to control and consequently “life was hell”. There was a great vibe on the course with skottles cooking bacon and eggs. Pete had a fantastic day but thought that a wait for 2 hours for an ambulance for a lady who fell was bad. Peter felt that Newlands really came through.

Jenny Ibbotson had a wonderful experience. Bar One worked well and some riders stopped to have their photos taken with the Pom Pom girls. An accident took place and the medical guy was there in 3 minutes.

Birthday Boy Phil Calothi: In the Spirit of the Race, a lady from Witbank fell and with a bad cut above her eye, numerous other cuts, scratches and bruises was heavily bandaged. Phil asked her to wait for a bus to take her back and she said “no I want to finish the race”. Phil stopped two riders and they took her under their wing to escort her to the finish.

Ian Pursch: Radio response to Ian from Phil “it’s not the pedestrians causing the problems it’s the cyclists”

John Biesman-Simons: Commented that it was just as well that we did not use Ou Kaapse Weg as when he looked back at the mountain the South Easter had closed off the mountain completely. Two guys came through right at the end and although almost last, seemed quite fresh. When asked they said that they were from England and had decided to ride the entire course as they had no intention of coming so far and not ride the whole route.

Christine Calothi told of the strange and surreal experience of standing on a highway that carries thousands of cars all day long to have total silence and not a car or person in sight.

Wybe Meinesz said that the feedback from the riders was fantastic. However radio technique left a lot to be desired.

Andrew Peile noted that Richard Burnett criticised him not visiting him at his (best run) refreshment station but also noted that if a 150 church members who pitched up at the site could not convert Richard there was not much hope.

Andrew recently visited the site of the “Burning Bush” on Mount Sinai and to his amusement saw that a fire extinguisher was kept under the bush.

Chippie Burnett: Loves coming to listen to this evening. Norman “Puddles” Pudney is in a category of his own as Puddles the Clown on his monocycle. He was terrific at the start and it was no mean feat with the strong wind.

Terry Lancaster: He has now had experience of working in the JOC (Joint Operational Command) and how it worked. On arrival he was told that the lady who was supposed to run radio communications was told that she was not needed and consequently Terry had a crash course on radio use and technique.

Graham Finlayson: Received a standing ovation for his handling of the 2015 race as well as having run 2013 & 2014. He informed that all the support people had been invited to the meeting this coming Monday 16th March. Everyone came to the party and pulled out all of the stops to ensure that the new course worked. He said that he hoped that the club would continue with the “gees” and motivation, it was a privilege to have been able to run this fantastic project over the last 3 years. Really everything could have gone very wrong but everything went right, Renee’ congratulates us. They allow 40000 entries as there is always a natural attrition and it reduces to around 33000. This year had a very high finish rate as 33200 started and 32800 finished. Whilst it was a very stressful week it was successful and it is an event that brings amazing “gees” to the whole of Cape Town.

IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT PARTNERS WERE INVITED TO THE NEXT MEETING AND THE TIME WOULD BE A NORMAL START OF 6:00PM FOR 6:15PM*.

Graham Lowden was informed by Ian Pursch when he arrived at the braai that there were only boerie rolls left as all the chops had been eaten as he was late.

Brian Pickup cycled the race for the first time 27 years ago, when he was a little boy, and has now ridden it for the last couple of years and it is amazing to see the progress and change that has taken place in this event.

Jenny Howard noted that the fencing in her sector was different to the diagram shown. A radio call and a few minutes later a crew arrived and in a very short time the problem was rectified.

Christine Calothi: Corinne and her team had done a wonderful job with our visiting Turkish Rotarian’s. They really wanted to go to Cape Point and to see the penguins at Boulders. Up early in the morning they made their way to Cape Point, the penguins then via Kalk Bay to the airport to catch their flight in the afternoon. They sent many thanks to all the Newlands Rotarians for a wonderful stay.

Chris Beech handed the “Stirrer’s Spoon” to Menno.

President's Slot

President Wybe congratulated the club on a job well done and that the evening and the "War Stories" had been a lot of fun. Well done to Graham on his successful running of the Cycle Tour over the last 3 years. It was a great team effort and the club had gone from strength to strength. Wybe noted that during a "normal" cycle event that at the end of the M3 there were virtually no people to load but this year they nearly filled 2 Mega Sweep busses. Wybe thanked Ian & Johan for the braai and wished Terry all the best for his forthcoming years in the Cycle Tour chair.

He thanked the hosts and organisers of the Turkish Rotarians.

A very happy birthday to Phil and "thank you for the wine on the table".

A happy birthday to Garnet for the 10th March.

President Wybe then handed the meeting back to Sergeant Johan who collected Happy Rands as well as a few fines.

After an evening of much hilarity the meeting closed at 21:10



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Stirrer's Spoon

Menno de Wet

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FUTURE FIXTURES

Year Planner

Please advise the secretary promptly of any additions or changes

March 2015

Mon 16 Ordinary
Mon 23 Business
Mon 20 Ordinary

April 2015

Mon 6 No meeting (Easter)
Mon 13 Partners?

May 2015

Thu 28 Wine Auction - Jhb

June 2015

Fri 19 Induction Dinner

Happy Anniversary

18 March
Geoff & Liz Sessions

UMPIRES AND SCORERS

DATE	16 March	23 March	30 March	6 April
MEETING	Ordinary	Business	Ordinary	No Meeting Easter Monday
SERGEANT	Pat Stewart	Tony van der Lith	Andy Ismay	
4 WAY TEST/ OBJECT	Jenny Ibbotson	Shân Biesman-Simons	Lucian Pitt	
GRACE & TOAST	Pieter van Aswegen	Garnet Carr	Christine Calothi	
ATTENDANCE	Ian Pursch	Pippa McLeod	Paul Spiller	
FELLOWSHIP	Richard Burnett	Tinus de Jongh	Terry Lancaster	
MINUTES	Melinda Stapleton	Graham Finlayson	Jenna Monk	
COMMENT	Diana Booth	Brian Pickup	Rochelle Malherbe	
THANK SPEAKER	Vanessa Rousseau		Corinne Hudson	
INTRO SPEAKER	Janey Ball		Glynis Menné	

Invited GUEST SPEAKERS

16 Mar *Volunteer Wildfire Services*
 30 Mar **Arthur Atwell** – *Book Dash*
 13 Apr **Dave** – *'Highs' & Lows of Pro Cycling*

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.



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