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## ROTARY CLUB OF NEWLANDS

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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 Vanessa Rousseau at [rousseau@iafrica.com](mailto:rousseau@iafrica.com) and copy to Melinda Stapleton at [mjstapleton@webafrica.org.za](mailto:mjstapleton@webafrica.org.za) before 10h30 on Monday mornings please.

### Comment

*The Editor*

#### **SIX WOMEN RECOGNIZED AT UNITED NATIONS FOR LEADERSHIP, HUMANITARIAN SERVICE**

The six Rotary Global Women of Action for 2015 were recognized during Rotary Day at the United Nations on 7 November in New York City for their dedication and service, which have improved the lives of thousands around the world.

“The women we are honoring here today are leaders in Rotary,” said Rotary President K.R. Ravindran. “They are pushing the boundaries of Rotary service, pushing us all to do more, be more, and achieve more.”

Lakshmi Puri, assistant secretary-general of the United Nations and deputy executive director of UN Women, praised Rotary for its acknowledgment of the crucial role women play.

“I’m very pleased you have picked this team of gender equality and women empowerment,” she said.

The six women, who were selected by Rotary senior leaders and staff from more than 100 nominees from around the world, are:

- Dr Hashrat A. Begum, of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West, in Bangladesh, who has implemented several large-scale projects to deliver health care to poor and underserved communities.
- Stella S. Dongo, of the Rotary Club of Highlands, in Zimbabwe, who leads the Community Empowerment Project in the city of Harare. The project provides basic business and computer training to more than 6,000 women and youths affected by HIV/AIDS.
- Lucy C. Hobgood-Brown, of the Rotary E-Club of Greater Sydney, in New South Wales, Australia, who co-founded HandUp Congo, a non-profit that promotes and facilitates sustainable community-driven business, educational, social, and health initiatives in underprivileged communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- Razia Jan, of the Rotary Club of Duxbury, in Massachusetts, USA, who has spent decades fighting for girls' educational rights in Afghanistan. An Afghan native, she is the founder and director of the Zabuli Education Centre, a school that provides free education to more than 480 girls in Deh'Subz, outside Kabul, Afghanistan. She was also recognized as a CNN Hero in 2012.
- Kerstin Jeska-Thorwart, of the Rotary Club of Nürnberg-Sigena, in Germany, who launched the Babyhospital Galle project after surviving the 2004 tsunami in Sri Lanka. With a budget of \$1.8 million and the support of 200 Rotary clubs, the project rebuilt and equipped the Mahamodara Teaching Hospital, in Galle, Sri Lanka. The hospital has served more than 150,000 children and more than 2.2 million women.
- Dr Deborah K.W. Walters, of the Rotary Club of Unity, in Maine, USA, a neuroscientist who has served as director of Safe Passage (Camino Seguro), a non-profit that provides educational and social services to families who live in the Guatemala City garbage dump.

Each of the women addressed attendees and led discussions on topics related to her work.

More than 1,000 Rotary members, UN officials, Rotary youth program participants, and guests gathered at this year's annual event, which celebrated 70 years of partnership between Rotary and the UN.

Read more about *Rotary Day at the UN* [here](#) and [here](#).



From left: Lucy H. Hobgood-Brown, Dr Hashrat A. Begum, Stella S. Dongo, Kerstin Jeska-Thorwat, Dr Deborah K.W. Walters, and Razia Jan.

By Ryan Hyland, Rotary News, 11 November 2015

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## Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 16 November 2015

Scribe: Melinda Stapleton

SERGEANT: John Winship

4 WAY TEST: Menno de Wet

GRACE & TOAST: Willie Wijnberg

President Colin opened the meeting.

Regine le Roux introduced the speaker, Eric Tollner, Hout Bay Harrier hero.

Eric Tollner, a rather extraordinary man. He started Red Earth in 2001, providing trophies and sculptures to individual and corporate clients that have included amongst many, Old Mutual, Stanlib, BSG, Hi-Tec, Foschini, being involved in consulting for the Super XV Trophy, and creating the awards for the high-profile PR industry's PRISM awards, the Digital Media's Bookmarks awards, and the Red Bull Cape Town Man.

In 2011 he decided to take part in the Freedom Challenge & after 2 years of planning in 2013 he took part in it. To describe the Freedom Challenge I borrowed a description from the Facebook page <http://www.freedomchallenge.org.za/>

The RASA (Race Across South Africa) follows the Freedom Trail, an east-to-west route over a distance of 2 300km with 37 000 metres of total vertical ascent. It takes place through mid-winter where temperatures can vary from -10 to 30 degrees Celsius. The terrain is varied and includes mountains and semi-desert as well as multiple river crossings. The riders complete the event unsupported and self-navigate their way throughout (no GPS permitted). There are 25 support stations on the route at which they can get a meal and sleep under shelter. There is a 26-day cut-off.

"I will also be doing the Freedom Challenge as a proud member of "the Cows" (read: in a funky cool cow-coloured outfit, while keeping a wary eye out for frisky bulls) to raise funds and support for children with cancer (CHOC Childhood Cancer Foundation). I am immensely honoured to be part of the herd of Cows riding for this special cause and am a firm believer that the small parts always add up to something big, so please don't feel that any contribution is too small." With more than R14 million raised for CHOC since their inception, there is no stopping the stampede. The energy of the herd is infectious, with the motto 'Love Living Life' (who can argue with that).

He succeeded in making it before the cut-off, but it proved to be a huge challenge.

In 2014 he decided to ride to the 800km to Knysna to run the Knysna Marathon! After nine days of surviving freezing temperatures in his green tent, outrunning the snowstorm and criss-crossing the frozen backbone of a mountain, Eric finally made it & then ran the Knysna marathon!

Supper was served.

### INDUCTION:

President Colin then inducted our newest member to our club, Eric Diadanza. Congratulations & welcome to the club Eric. Menno & Bill will be his mentors.

### SPOTS:

Kim Highfield: Kim arrived at the meeting unexpected & asked us to support her raffle for her charity Out of Africa Children's Foundation. The prize was for a bar fridge shaped as half a fiat half fridge. They are valued at R150 000 & only a few in the country.

Jenna: She is now working for the SEBA in a fund raising capacity.

Brian: Community service meeting to be held after the meeting.

Jenny Howard: Jenny asked us to please assist Claremont & Wynberg Rotaracts. Wynberg need a pianist & Claremont need help with Uncle Willy's Xmas parties.

Melinda: The Xmas party is on the 7 December @ Sostanza Restaurant in Old Bakery in Lakeside. An email was sent out by Bill Meyer. Please respond by Monday 23 November. She also mentioned the WhatsApp group, which caused a great deal of confused exchanges!

Jana: Xmas puddings were all sold out & to please pay & collect the orders.

Graham Finlayson: There are more frustrating delays & challenges to the project in Masi.

Terry : There appears to be enough manpower for the Stellenbosch Cycle Tour.

- A new contract with the Cape Town Cycle Tour had been signed, but there appeared to be a complication with the payment of marshals.

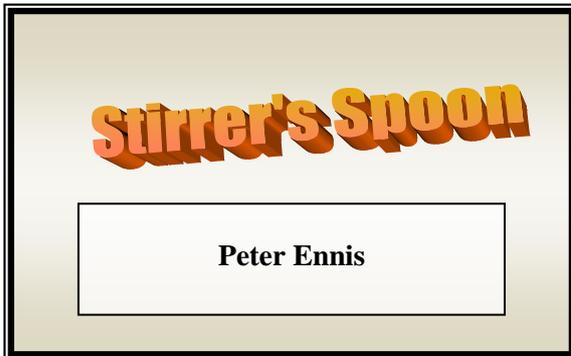
Jenny Ibbotson: There was a meeting after the main meeting. Criteria for rewarding bursaries to be drawn up.

Regine: She had written her first book "Reputation Matters"

John Winship: 1912 Masi project has been an arduous process. There were further complications as the City Council put out a tender for the management for the ECD centre while not realizing there was already an existing tenant, so more meeting with city officials. There was good news as Penbev had committed a further 2 million to Rotary for projects.

President Colin: AGM next week. To please pay your fees or else you will not be allowed to attend. Nomination forms must be in by Friday. Colin had been given a Boomerang from the Jewell's which was auctioned off for R200. They had enjoyed their visit hugely.

The meeting was closed after some Happy Rands were collected.



[Newlands Rotary Club Runner Calendar](#)

**FUTURE FIXTURES**  
Year Planner  
Please advise the secretary promptly of any additions or changes

**November 2015**  
**Mon 23 Business, AGM**  
**Sun 29 Stellenbosch Fietstoer**  
Mon 30 Ordinary

**December 2015**  
**Mon 7 Partners, Year-end function**  
Mon 14 Ordinary  
Mon 21 No meeting  
Mon 28 No meeting



## UMPIRES AND SCORERS

DATE	23 November	30 November	7 December	14 December
MEETING	<b>Business</b>	<b>Ordinary</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Ordinary</b>
SERGEANT	<b>Graham Finlayson</b>	<b>Peter Henshilwood</b>	<b>Year-end Function</b>  <b>Sostanza Restaurant</b>	<b>Lew Botha</b>
4 WAY TEST/ OBJECT	Janey Ball	Jenna Monk		Richard House
GRACE & TOAST	Glynis Menné	Vanessa Rousseau		Tinus de Jongh
ATTENDANCE	Jenny Ibbotson	Bill Meyer		Wybe Meinesz
FELLOWSHIP	Chris Beech	Michael Walwyn		Willie Wijenberg
MINUTES	Melinda Stapleton	Pieter van Aswegen		Jana Forrester
COMMENT	Corinne Hudson	Ian Pursch		Richard Burnett
THANK SPEAKER		Nora See		Brian Pickup
INTRO SPEAKER		Corinne Hudson		Menno de Wet

**Invited  
GUEST SPEAKERS**

30 Nov **Hilary Lane** – *Triumphing in a 'normal' world*

14 Dec **Paul Spiller** – *TB Prevention*

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.

## Chicken Coupe

If it had four doors, it would be a chicken sedan



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