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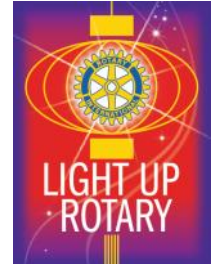
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WEEKLY UPDATE

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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

Sue Trott

25th May - World what day?

The 25th May is the annual commemoration of the founding of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU). This is one of the International Days recognised and observed by UNESCO. On this day in 1963, leaders of 30 of the 32 independent African states signed a founding charter; the forerunner to what has since become the African Union. The AU now consists of 54 countries in Africa, with Morocco being the only African state which is not a member. Africa Freedom day is observed as a public holiday in only 5 African countries, including Namibia, Zambia & Zimbabwe.

The 25th May is also regarded as World Thyroid Day and is dedicated to thyroid patients and to all who are committed to the study and treatment of thyroid diseases worldwide. Commemoration of this day also places an emphasis on environmental factors that affect thyroid function and exacerbate thyroid disease. One of the prime amongst these is radioactivity, for example the effects of Chernobyl and the tragedy of Fukushima.

On a much lighter note, TOWEL DAY is celebrated every year on 25th May as a tribute to the author Douglas Adams by his fans. Douglas Adams, who wrote 'The Hitchhiker's Guide to The Galaxy', said that a towel is the most massively useful thing an interstellar hitchhiker can have. It has great practical value – you can wrap it around you for warmth, you can lie on it on beautiful beaches, you can sleep under it beneath the stars of some galaxy, use it to sail a miniraft, wet it for use in hand-to-hand combat, or wave your towel in emergencies as a distress signal. Of course, you can also dry yourself off with it if it still seems to be clean enough!

Some positive and entertaining events which have occurred on 25th May over the years include:

In 1986, a 95-year old WOMAN scored a hole-in-one in Florida. Also in 1986, an event known as Hands across America was held, in which 6.5 million people held hands from California to New York. In the same year, 30 million people watched 'Live Aid', a benefit concert for the Ethiopian famine.

In 2001, an American, 32-year old Erik Weihenmayer, became the first blind person to reach the summit of Mount Everest. And in 2013, Yuichiro Miura of Japan became the oldest person to climb Everest, at age 80.

Wishing you a Happy Monday, 25th May!

Running clean

The Sanlam Cape Town Marathon is going to be one of the first South African sporting events to be declared carbon-neutral. The event will achieve carbon-neutrality through the pilot purchase of carbon credits traded on a JSE platform.

The carbon offsetting pilot was part of the culmination of a three-year research project by Promethium Carbon in cooperation with the JSE that was funded by the British High Commission in Pretoria.

To offset and become carbon-neutral, a company can purchase carbon credits through a number of SA brokers that facilitate the trade of credits. The JSE's new trading system uses existing commercial and financial infrastructure, and it was shown to be market-ready at the end of January.

'We believe this initiative is a great leap in the history of our country's environmental sustainability and will contribute substantially to the efforts to preserve our environment,' says Francois Adriaan, Head: Group Corporate Affairs.

The Sanlam Cape Town Marathon, which already has a substantial charity drive, will now also have this environmental benefit for South Africa.

One project that benefited from the purchase of these carbon credits was Basa Magogo, which teaches and promotes a different way of lighting domestic coal fires. 'This method produces less smoke and burns less coal, so it can claim health, cost and environmental benefits,' Francois says.

'We're really proud to have brought into the Sanlam Cape Town Marathon not only a financial contribution but a significant development that sets it apart from peer events locally – and puts it on par with other marathon events in the world.'



At the JSE carbon-offsetting event are (from left) Judith Macgregor, British High Commissioner to South Africa; Robbie Louw, CEO: Promethium Carbon; Elana Meyer, Sanlam Cape Town Marathon ambassador; Francois Adriaan, Head: Group Corporate Affairs; Nicky Newton King, Chief Executive of JSE Limited; and HJ Swanepoel, Director: Promethium Carbon.

Marathon gas emissions

More than 12 500 runners from 53 countries as well as spectators and delegates at the



Peace Symposium that preceded it were part of the 2014 Sanlam Cape Town Marathon in September last year.

The total greenhouse gas emissions of the 2014 Sanlam Cape Town Marathon and the Peace Symposium were calculated at just under 900 tons of carbon dioxide – about 0,07 tons of CO² per participant.

The event's emissions were produced by transportation, mainly air travel (transportation being the largest contributor at 85%), manufacturing of goods and services for the event (13%) and energy (1%).

Previous Meeting

Sorry, the minutes of the previous meeting did not arrive in time for publication



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Surrer's Spoon

Melinda Stapleton

[Newlands Rotary Club Runner Calendar](#)

FUTURE FIXTURES

Year Planner

Please advise the secretary promptly of any additions or changes

May 2015

Mon 25 Business

Thu 28 Wine Auction - Jhb

June 2015

Mon 1 Partners

Mon 8 Ordinary

Mon 15 Ordinary

Fri 19 Induction Dinner

Mon 22 Business

Mon 29 Ordinary

Happy Anniversary

25 May
Bill & Anne Meyer

Happy Birthday

28 May
Geoff Sessions

UMPIRES AND SCORERS

DATE	25 May	1 June	8 June	15 June
MEETING	Business	Partners	Ordinary	Ordinary
SERGEANT	Lew Botha	Menno de Wet	Lucian Pitt	Graham Lowden
4 WAY TEST/ OBJECT	Melinda Stapleton	Michael Walwyn	Daphne Lyell	Jana Forrester
GRACE & TOAST	Bill Holland	Rochelle Malherbe	Mike Young	Brian Pickup
ATTENDANCE	John Stephenson	Shân Biesman-Simons	Pieter van Aswegen	Terry Lancaster
FELLOWSHIP	Regine le Roux	Christine Calothi	Bill Meyer	Nora See
MINUTES	Ian Pursch	Heidi Andersson	Vanessa Rousseau	Corinne Hudson
COMMENT	Sue Trott	Lew Botha	Colin Burke	Peter Henshilwood
THANK SPEAKER		Andy Ismay	Jenna Monk	Graham Finlayson
INTRO SPEAKER		John Winship	Jenny Ibbotson	Chris Beech

Invited GUEST SPEAKERS

- 1 Jun **Mel Elliott** – *Painter at work*
- 8 Jun **Chris Moir & Jana** – *Sunflower fund / Jana's Journey*
- 15 Jun **Ron Zeeman** – *Caving*
- 29 Jun **Annette Jahnel** – *Driving humanity back into the economy*

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.

THE GALAPAGOS OLYMPICS 100m DASH



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