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

Comment

Vanessa Rousseau

Pets as Therapy - READ Programme

At our District EarlyAct Workshop on Saturday 20 Feb one of the speakers was from the organisation **Pets as Therapy**.

We heard about their READ programme (also called UKAFUNDA or LEES in South Africa) which aims to improve children's reading and communication skills by employing a powerful method: reading to an animal such as dog or a rabbit. READ companions are registered therapy animals who volunteer with their owner/handlers as a team, going to schools, libraries and many other settings as reading companions for children.

The positive results have not only shown themselves in improved reading skills, but also in increased self-esteem and participation in other activities such as sport.

In this photo the presenter demonstrates the idea of a child reading to an animal. Note: the young girl pictured is older than the children on whom this programme focusses – predominantly Grade 3 learners.



Schools who wish to find out more about the programme or volunteers who would like to offer the services of their pet can go to their website at www.pat.org.za or contact:

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Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Business Meeting on 22 February 2016 Scribe: Wybe Meinesz

Sgt Pippa McLeod opened the meeting and Pres Colin welcomed the guests:

- Exchange Students Kirsten and Karolina and parents Steve and Tracy.
- Henry Campbell, special guest of Menno.

Object of Rotary read by Mike Walwyn and Terry did the grace and toast to RI.

Wine Swindle won by Johan which Jenny accepted in his absence, appropriately choosing the Red.

First order of business was a report back from Int. and Voc. director Jenny Ibbotson as she had to leave early. Firstly, being the holder of the Stirrer's, "Achievement" Spoon, and celebrating her first full year as a member of Newlands, Jenny awarded the spoon to Andy for being so supportive and helpful.

Bursaries. Paying out the 2016 academic year. The committee has now established new criteria for bursaries which are available on request.

Separate sub committees for Entrepreneurship and International have been formed.

Vocational Awards evening is on 4th April. Members invited to send in their nomination motivations ASAP.

Vanessa introduced our two visiting Exchange student Kirsten, who returned from Finland in Jan and Karolina, incoming from Finland and who has been here for 8 months. Both gave feedback on their experiences and travels. Clearly Saunas, followed by jumping in Ice Holes is big in Finland. Pippa thanked our speakers and an exchange of banners followed.

Being her birthday Vanessa also had to leave early but not before everybody sang happy birthday. All received a Kit Kat and Fizzy Pop sucker

Membership Director, Chris Beech. Membership currently standing at 53 and aiming for 60 by Rotary year end. The "Membership meeting" is next Monday 29 Feb. Please bring prospects. This is important for the continuity of our club. There will be 4 speakers.

SPOTS

Melinda. If you are thanking a speaker, please remember to collect the gift from either her or Pres. Colin.

Nora. Those on Fellowship duty are requested to check that visitors, particularly from overseas can find their way home.

Menno. E Club back on track. Contact has been made in Atlantis, together with Blouberg and Melkbos to form a new club. Core membership is in place.

Andy. Questioned whether anybody was co-ordinating attendance for District Conf? Chris Beech volunteered.

PRESIDENT'S SLOT

Three President's Challenges have recently been approved. Reminder that the final date for submissions is 29 Feb.

The prize donation of three nights stay at a B&B in Oudtshoorn will now be raffled.

Please diarise the Induction Dinner set for 17 June.

Thanked Eric for taking on Attendance Officer duty.

Wished Pippa a happy birthday on 27th Feb

Happy Rands as always swelled the coffers after which Sgt Pippa closed the meeting at 20h15.

Little Yellow ARKs

Last Partners' meeting, we handed out the little yellow ARKs and said we would be taking them in again at the March Partners, which is in a week's time. I have arranged that the District Rotaract President attends our meeting, where we will hand the ARKS over as our own Act of Random Kindness.



Please remember to fill them up and bring them on Monday 7 March

Jenny Howard



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Stirrer's Spoon

Andy Ismay

[Newlands Rotary Club Runner Calendar](#)

FUTURE FIXTURES

Year Planner

Please advise the secretary promptly of any additions or changes

February 2016

Mon 29 Membership evening

March 2016

Sun 6 Cape Town Cycle Tour

Mon 7 Partners – Cycle Tour Feedback

Mon 14 Ordinary

Mon 21 No meeting – Public Holiday

Mon 28 No meeting – Public Holiday

April 2016

Sun 3 Rotary Family Fun Day

Mon 4 Partners – Int & Voc evening

**Happy
Birthday**

**3 March
Colin Burke**

UMPIRES AND SCORERS

DATE	29 February	7 March	14 March	21 March
MEETING	Membership Evening	Partners/War Stories	Ordinary	No Meeting
SERGEANT	Jenna Monk	Nora See	Jenny Ibbotson	Public Holiday
4 WAY TEST/ OBJECT	Rochelle Malherbe	Jenny Howard	Bill Holland	
GRACE & TOAST	Christine Calothi	Lew Botha	Paul Spiller	
ATTENDANCE	Melinda Stapleton	Johan Beukman	Menno de Wet	
FELLOWSHIP	Graham Finlayson	Lucian Pitt	Daphne Lyell	
MINUTES	Andy Ismay	Richard House	John Stephenson	
COMMENT	Shân Biesman-Simons	Graham Lowden	Bill Meyer	
THANK SPEAKER			Janey Ball	
INTRO SPEAKER			Michael Walwyn	

**Invited
GUEST SPEAKERS**

14 Mar **Anthony Galloway** –
LEAP School update

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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