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NEXT MEETING - GUEST SPEAKER

Posted by Bruce HERON



Emmanuel Kusasira Edwin, and Anne-Marie Reddan – founders of Yimba Uganda

"Yimba Uganda - Equipping Ugandan youth with sustainable, income generating skills"

Uganda has one of the youngest populations in the world, with young people making up the highest percentage of the population, majority of which are unemployed.

Yimba Uganda (meaning sing Uganda) is a Uganda based non-government organization that equips Ugandan youth with sustainable income generating skills through vocational training and education.

Established by Emmanuel (Emma) and Anne-Marie in 2013, Yimba Uganda works to break the cycle of poverty in Uganda by providing vocational training and education to Ugandan youth who have grown up in vulnerable communities like Emmanuel, in order to reduce unemployment rates and empower the next generation to be economically independent and self-reliant.

Supported by Brighton Rotary Club and several other clubs, as a youth focused vocational training centre that trains Ugandan youth in a wide variety of diverse income generating skills and trades, they have already commenced a highly successful Tailoring, Fashion and Design course, a Music mentorship program and an Agriculture and farming project. As Yimba Uganda grows, it will continue to develop and offer more courses to Ugandan youth, so they are able to utilize their talents, and passions to pursue a promising career in their desired fields.

Consistent with Rotary's focus for 2019-20 of connecting the world, Emma has epitomized this initiative through his remix of Essendon Football Club's theme song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkq6iATWbl4>

The inspiration for Yimba Uganda developed from Emmanuel's life experiences growing up. Emmanuel grew up in the slums of Katwe in Kampala and had a first-hand experience of the difficulties and hardships people living in such places face every day. Due to the hard work and determination shown by Emmanuel's parents while he was at school, Emmanuel and his family were able to move out of this area. He went on to complete a university degree in Social Sciences at Uganda's most renowned University, whilst building his career as an established Gospel artist. As his music career grew and he became more known and respected in society, Emmanuel never forgot where he came from and has utilized his standing and voice in society to advocate and address the needs of these communities close to his heart, in particular the youth.

Growing up in a Christian household in Buxton, Anne-Marie went to primary school at Marysville before completing high school at Alexandra, Healesville, Mt Evelyn Christian School and Ringwood High.

She fell in love with Uganda and its people when she first visited at 16 with her family and returned for six months during a gap year in 2012 working initially with the Village of Hope project with Hope Builders. It was her time at a Ugandan orphanage during her GAP year that changed everything and has led to a lifetime of community projects in Uganda.

It was through her work in the community that she met Emmanuel, stage name Coopy Bly, a successful gospel and reggae singer in Uganda.

Recognizing Emmanuel's same vision of working with youth in disadvantaged communities, Anne-Marie found they were very like-minded in terms of the programs they wanted to develop and their dreams of what Uganda could be like.

"We spent a lot of time together building the organisation, and you know how these stories unfold — we fell in love."

Along with her now husband Emmanuel, Anne-Marie co-founded Yimba Uganda.

ROTARY'S MASTER SPY

Posted by Tony THOMAS



At our Changeover Celebration, I mentioned over dinner that members might like to read this unusual story about a German Rotarian, Richard Sorge, who was one of Stalin's spies in Tokyo during WW2.

The article may be found at <https://quadrant.org.au/opinion/tony-thomas/2019/05/rotarys-master-spy/>.

MEETING MINUTES 2ND JULY

Posted by Paul FRASER

Announcements

Neville Taylor reiterated his thanks for the enjoyable changeover dinner before passing on awards to those who were unable to attend on the night. **Peter Duras** was given a certificate of appreciation and **Alison Chan** was presented with the Royce Abbey Award. Neville also noted that the District Governor has given recognition to Rotary Central Melbourne for International Service (Heuthan Village Primary School Renovation Project, Laos) and Vocational Service (Ambulance Victoria leadership mentoring program). Finally, Neville highlighted that the District Governor recognized individual contributions by **Stuart Cardell**, **Alan Seale**, and **Warwick Cavell**.

President Warwick Cavell noted birthdays and anniversaries before describing his visit to the e-Club changeover dinner, which has global membership including the new President who lives in India.

President Warwick reminded us of this Rotary year theme, "Rotary Connects the World" and noted that:

- The next Board meeting is on 10th July
- **District Governor Grant Hocking** will visit the club on 23rd July

Meeting Responsibilities

Chair
WEBBER, Lynne

Greeter
CRAWFORD, Michelle

Reporter
CALLANDER, Tom

Photographer
THORNTON, Roger

Door
DYMOND, Trevor

Bulletin Editor
WILLIAMS, Rohan

Social Media
LIM, Daniel

Speakers

Jul 09, 2019
[Emmanuel Kusasira Edwin, and Anne-Marie Reddan](#)
Yimba Uganda - Equipping Ugandan youth with sustainable, income generating skills

Jul 23, 2019
[District Governor Grant Hocking](#)
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Guest Speaker – Judi Jones

"Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman (TIO) - providing a fair, independent and accessible dispute resolution service"

Judi provided some context for the service, particularly noting our need to be able to rely on the technology that's use has become the norm in everyday life and in business. The technology is also changing quickly with around 1500 providers in Australia.

The role of the TIO is to provide a free and independent dispute service for small business and residential consumers who have an unresolved complaint about their telephone or internet service. Services include:

- Dealing with individual and systemic complaints;
- Promoting fair and effective resolution of complaints;
- Providing information and analysis to community, government and members;
- Working with providers to make improvements;
- Recommending systemic changes.

Those with a complaint should first try to resolve it with the phone or internet provider and if unresolved then contact the Ombudsman, which meant in 2017-18 there were 167,831 complaints received by the TIO. In recent years complaint numbers have been increasing and by far the majority are from residential consumers.

Complaints come to the TIO mainly because a provider does not do what they said they would in resolving a complaint or there is a lack of communication with the consumer on what is happening. Judi also gave a case study to illustrate the problem of telcos overselling to people who can not afford to pay for the equipment and services they have been sold. She noted a revised code that requires better credit checking by the telco industry.

While the TIO may mandate a resolution to a dispute, it passes major issues on to the ACCC that may lead to fines. The Ombudsman also works with the ACCC on systemic issues, looking into industry practices.

GALLERY

Posted by Allan DRIVER

Breakfast Meeting Photos



President Warwick Cavell



Nev2 presenting certificate of appreciation to Peter Duras



Nev2 presenting Royce Abbey Award to Alison Chan



Guest Speaker Judi Jones



Nev2, David Laurie and Daniel Lim



Nev2 and Jordan Hill

