



# HOWZAT!



## 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.

**ATTENDANCE:** Notice of apologies and guests and/or meal specifics to email Paul Spiller at [dr.paul.spiller@gmail.com](mailto:dr.paul.spiller@gmail.com) and copy to Bill Meyer at [meyport@iafrica.com](mailto:meyport@iafrica.com) before 10h30 on Monday mornings please.

### Comment

***Janey Ball***

### Rotary ... Serving Humanity

The 2016-2017 RI President's theme called on us to "Serve humanity", a phrase neatly aligned with our Rotary motto, "Service about Self".

At our last *Business Meeting*, I was struck by just how much our Club has done to achieve this goal. Encouraged by Corinne's report and her analysis of activities into *Rotary Areas of Focus*, I took a leaf from her book and set out to write this Comment.



*Tshoe!* There's a lot of information but here's a take on how our activities fit into the *Rotary Areas of Focus*.



## **Peace and Conflict Prevention / Resolution**

It has been a while since our District hosted a *Peace Fellow* but Mike Walwyn has put in many hours on the programme. In just over ten years, the *Peace Fellowships Programme* has trained more than 1,000 fellows for careers in peacebuilding. Many of them are serving as leaders at international organizations or have started their own foundations. Our *Community Service* projects also contribute to stability in communities and address and reduce the potential for conflict.

## **Disease Prevention and Treatment**

We have supported the education of individuals working in:

- Emergency Medicine
- First Aid and Home Care
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Psychology

and we made a Vocational Awards to Lizelle van Wyk (Cape Town Society for the Blind).

## **Water and Sanitation**

We kept under the radar here but, with the critical drought in Cape Town, this situation is sure to change.

## **Maternal and Child Health**

We supported the education of individuals working in Social Science and gave a Vocational Award to Lucinda Evans from Philisa Abafazi.

## **Basic Education and Literacy**

This *Focus Area* achieves substantial engagement from Newlands Rotarians. Our activities included:

- Supporting the education of individuals working in Adult Basic Education and Teaching;
- Presenting a Vocational Award to Charlene Coosner for her work at HELP;
- R 60,397 of our Community Services budget was allocated to this *Focus Area* and we also supported the *Young Entrepreneurs' Pocket Money Market* as well as *False Bay College*.
- And then there was the '*Books for the World*' programme and the immaculately sorted container of books which arrived from Australia, Toolkits for *Children's Book Network*, support for *The Bookery* and *Biblioneef*, and more.
- John and Graham completing the following Corporate Social Investment (CSI) projects:
  - Rainbow ECD, Masiphumelele, Early Childhood Development Centre, value R 4 million;
  - Vukani Centre for Children with Special Needs at Noluthando School, Khayelitsha, had alterations and additions worth R 900,000;
  - Masakhane Grassroots Educare, Mbekweni, Paarl received a new Classroom and Kitchen worth R 725,000;
- They commenced another at Steenberg High School, a new Music Centre which will be worth R 2,5 million.

## Economic and Community Development

- Bursaries worth R245,274 were awarded to 37 students who, through Newlands' support, will be able to pay forward their training to the benefit of their Communities. The students represent 22 professions.
- We've helped support eighteen projects, including *Stop Hunger Now*, *Hout Bay Rotary* and its fire relief efforts in *Imizamo Yethu*, ensured *Sister's Incorporated's* vehicle is insured, taken part in *One-to-One* and helped landscape a primary school. We even supported Equine Therapy.
- *Club Services* and DG Chris and his Board saw to it that we have a happy and healthy Club and the three friendship exchanges introduced to the Club by *International Services* took 'building goodwill and better friendships' to new heights.
- Let's also not forget the new support vehicle for *NSRI* which was on bold display at the *Rotary Family Fun Days*, in which we also participated.
- We looked out for the Youth in our Community with Vanessa and her *Youth Services* committee chartering new EarlyAct and Interact Clubs, sending students to RYLA and Adventures into Citizenship, and Vanessa earning a PHF in the process.
- Lastly, we were also well represented at District with one DG, two PDGs and a number of members serving in District portfolios and on committees.

The list is not nearly complete but, still, what a busy year!

And where would we be without CSI support and the fundraising capacity made possible through the *Cape Town Cycle Tour*, the *Cape Town Marathon*, the *Wine Auction* and other fundraising events.

Let's raise a glass to the Newlands' members who encouraged our engagement in the early days of these events and thank them for their foresight in establishing this funding platform. It is a major element of our Club's success.

Cheers! Here's to a new Rotary Year and to *Making a Difference*.



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## Previous Meeting

**Minutes of the meeting on 3 July 2017**

**Scribe: Peter Ennis**

Sergeant Johan Beukman opened the meeting.

President Graham Finlayson welcomed the guests: Speaker for the evening Dr Cyril Hromnik and partner Carmen, from the Rotary Club of Cape of Good Hope Andy and Gill Rumbelow, special guest Wendy Goddard and partner Trevor Goode, special guest Jerome Eccles and honorary member Roy Zazeraj and Sharon.

Richard Burnett did the Four-way Test and Henry Campbell the Grace and Toast.

Lucky winners of the wine raffle draw were Jane Pickup and Heidi Andersson.

### **Speaker**

Geraldine Nicol introduced the speaker, Dr Hromnik, a historian of Africa and the Indian Ocean seaboard with an interest in related languages, archaeology, ethnology and religions.

Dr Hromnik, author of the book *Indo-Africa: Towards a New Understanding of the History of Sub-Saharan Africa*, spoke on the early historical relationships between Africa and India. His main thesis is that the early history of southern Africa is inextricably linked to the presence of settlements by early Dravidian traders and gold miners from India. He has studied the numerous ancient stone structures found in Southern Africa, including the Zimbabwe ruins, and sees them as temples built to make celestial observations to accurately determine seasonal times and dates for religious purposes. These ruins have been misidentified by archaeologists as cattle kraals, but clearly show characteristics and features of extra-African origin. He also points to similarities in certain words found in local African languages and in the old Dravidian language and describes man-made stone objects that can only have been used as prayer stones. He is also of the view that the Indian miners and their labourers co-habited with the local people variously known as Kung, Quena, Hottentot and KhoiKhoi.

Terry Lancaster thanked Dr Hromnik after dinner and after he had replied to questions.

### **Toast**

Also after dinner the Sergeant proposed a toast to Menno and Lizelle on their engagement. Accepted with noisy acclaim.

### **Spots:**

Vanessa: Our 4 students in The Adventure into Citizenship programme have set off on their adventure.

Menno: Thank you for good wishes on engagement. Thanks to Newlands Rotary the E-Club charter fees were paid and the launch of the club is on track with the Charter Dinner to be held on Tuesday 18 July at the Cape Town Society for the Blind in Salt River.

Richard Burnett: The Wine Auction will be on 5 October in Cape Town and the Gauteng auction on 22 October. This year the proceeds will go towards a 4x4 vehicle for the NSRI in Hermanus. The usual letters have gone out to the wineries. Let him know if you are interested in joining the team that collects.

Willie: Advised of a set of National Geographic magazines going back to the 1940's from a deceased estate.

Banner handover: President Graham received a banner from Wendy Goddard from the Rotary Club of Umtata

### **President's slot**

President Graham noted the following:

- The planned raid to the Rotary Club of Hout Bay has been postponed
- Please feel free to attend any of the upcoming induction dinners
- ... and the Charter Dinner of the new E-Club
- Please support Richard with the Wine Auction

- District is looking for a GSE team leader for visit to Connecticut
- Please let Ian Pursch have photos of instances where books were donated from Australia
- Official opening of new Steenberg High School music rooms set down for September
- And also opening of their band stand on 4 September
- No birthdays or anniversaries this week
- Please convey any suggestions for speakers to Mike Young
- Thanks to Dr Hromnik for his talk

Sergeant Johan oversaw the collection of a good haul of Happy Rands and then closed the meeting.



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[Newlands Rotary Club Runner Calendar](#)

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

**July 2017**  
 Mon 10 Ordinary  
 Mon 17 Ordinary  
 Mon 24 Business  
 Mon 31 Ordinary

**August 2017**  
 Mon 7 Partners  
 Mon 14 Ordinary  
 Mon 21 Ordinary  
 Mon 28 Business

**Happy Birthday**

**13 July**  
**Wybe Meinesz**

**14 July**  
**Jenny Howard**

**16 July**  
**Lew Botha**

**16 July**  
**Roy Zazeraj**

## UMPIRES AND SCORERS

DATE	10 July	17 July	24 July	31 July
MEETING	Ordinary	Ordinary	Business	Ordinary
SERGEANT	Graham Lowden	Wybe Meinesz	Henry Campbell	Jenny Ibbotson
4 WAY TEST/ OBJECT	Melinda Stapleton	Colin Burke	Richard House	Brian Pickup
GRACE & TOAST	Johan Beukman	Jenny Howard	Andy Ismay	Heidi Andersson
ATTENDANCE	John Stephenson	Rochelle Malherbe	Michael Walwyn	Jamie Hart
FELLOWSHIP	Bill Holland	Menno de Wet	Paul Spiller	Vanessa Rousseau
MINUTES	Lucian Pitt	Ian Pursch	Corinne Hudson	Glynis Menné
COMMENT	Shân Biesman- Simons	Regine le Roux	Christine Calothi	Mike Young
THANK SPEAKER	Janey Ball	Lew Botha		Willie Wijenberg
INTRO SPEAKER	Pippa McLeod	Jana Forrester		Nora See

**Invited  
GUEST SPEAKERS**

- 10 Jul **Rami Sayed** – *Ambassadorial Scholar*  
 17 Jul **Warren Brewis** – *Alcoholics Anonymous*  
 7 Aug **André du Toit** – *Changing lives*

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.

### Tweet of the Day



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## Books for the World

For all educational school books and novels for age from early education to High school

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