



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 and copy to Bill Meyer at meyport@iafrica.com before 10h30 on Monday mornings please.

Comment

Henry Campbell

The Rotary Foundation 100 years doing Good in the World

The Rotary Foundation Centennial year is drawing to a close at the Atlanta Convention this month. Reflecting on the history that brought us to this point is inspirational.

Arch Klumph's idea for an endowment fund dedicated to "doing good in the world" planted the seed of The Rotary Foundation in 1917. Thanks to his vision and staunch advocacy, and the extraordinary generosity of Rotary members worldwide, that fund has become one of the world's leading humanitarian foundations. The Rotary Club in Kansas made the first donation of US 26.50.

In 1928 the Foundation is formally named.

In 1930 the Foundation made its first award of US 500 to the International Society for Crippled Children – they had observed that disabled children were often kept from the public eye. Now we have the Paralympics!

In 1947 Rotarians donate US 1.3 million in Paul Harris' memory and in 1957 the Paul Harris Fellow recognition begins; persons are recognized when they donate US 1000. In 2006 the number of Paul Harris Fellows reaches 1 million. Today there are many forms of recognition. Club donations earn credits which are used to award as Paul Harris Awards to worthy persons.

In 1963 – 1965 the Matched Districts and Grant Program is launched as well as Group Study Exchanges.

In 1979 Rotary begins immunizing 6 million children in the Philippines against polio. The eradication of smallpox worldwide inspired Rotary to target another disease. Most of us know someone who had polio. A good news story – some 60 years ago a traffic policeman went out of his way to arrange a parking space for a businessman in a hurry to get to an important meeting. Two weeks later the businessman reads a newspaper article showing the traffic policeman with his small boy who has polio. The businessman contacts the policeman and arranges and pays for the boy to get the best possible treatment. The boy makes a total recovery and later becomes the District Governor for Rotary District 9370.

In 1981 the Foundation Endowment fund is established.

In the period from 1985 to 1998 the Polio Plus program and an International program (GPEI), comprising many stakeholders, for the eradication of polio, is established.

In 1999 the Rotary Peace Centers are founded. This program develops leaders who become catalysts for peace and conflict prevention and resolution in their communities and around the globe. Each year, up to 100 Rotary Peace Fellows are chosen to participate in a master's degree or certificate program at one of our centers at universities around the world.

The Every Year, Every Rotarian initiative is created in 2004. The aim is for every Rotarian to make a donation of US 100 every year to the Foundation. After 10 years 116 million US is raised. Clubs from developing countries often resist this call. They should be encouraged to support the program as multiples of these donations can be ploughed back into their communities by way of matching grants within a nominal period of three years of making the donation.

In 2007 Paul and Melinda Gates partner with the Foundation in a 'challenge grant' where they pledge US 350 million for 200 US million raised by the Foundation. The target is soon achieved.

In 2009 Rotary and US AID launch the international Water Collaboration.

In 2013 the simplified Grant Model goes into effect. Larger projects are encouraged with the World Fund contributing between a minimum of US 15k and a maximum of US 200k to a project. With participation by other local Clubs, local Districts and international Clubs and Districts, the funding is scaled up 3 to 4 times on that contributed by the Club implementing the project. It is important to develop good relations with overseas Clubs so as to get them to participate in matching grant projects. International Friendship Exchanges programs are vital in this regard.

During the past 100 years, the Foundation has spent \$3 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.

By 2015 polio cases worldwide are down 99.9% since the launch of GPEI in 1998.

To mark this historic Centennial year, Rotary Foundation has set a fund raising goal of US 300 million for the period July 2016 to end June 2017. The amount raised currently stands at US 261.1 million and is increasing daily.

Newlands Rotary Club contribution of R100 000 has made a difference!

Every bit helps. A child can be protected from polio with as little as 60 cents. Our partners make a donation go even further. For every \$1 Rotary commits to polio eradication, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has committed \$2.

"Now is the time to enable our Foundation to serve humanity for centuries to come, by making sure it is financially strong and remains recognized internationally for its good work."- 2016-17 Trustee Chair Kalyan Banerjee

Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 5 June 2017

Scribe: Lew Botha

Opening

Sergeant Geraldine Nicol opened the meeting and invited **President Chris Beech** to welcome those present. Those he welcomed included Guest Speaker Tony van Ryneveld and his cousin Merrion, Special Guests Barbara Murphy and Johnny Hurwitz as well as Rotarians and their partners.

The Four-Way Test was recited by **Garnet Carr** while **Richard Burnett** said grace and proposed the loyal toast.

The Wine Raffle for partners was won by **Adrienne de Jongh** whilst **your scribe** was fortunate to win the bottle of wine for members.

Guest Speaker

Terry Lancaster introduced **Tony van Ryneveld** - a gentleman of many talents who, besides being a Rhodes Scholar, was a pilot during World War II and headed up Old Mutual for a while. After the War Tony flew many troops back from the European theatre of war back to South Africa *via* various routes across Africa.

His presentation was, however, about his father's cousin, Pierre van Ryneveld who, along with Quinton Brand, were the first to fly aircraft from London to Cape Town in 1920. Both men were pilots in the First World War and both were received Distinguished Service Order medals, amongst other awards, for the services.

The team of Van Ryneveld and Brand was one of four teams that competed for a prize of 100,000 Francs to be the first to fly from London to Cape Town. They were the third team to start the journey which they did from Brooklands in the UK in February 1920. They were supported in the endeavour by Jan Smuts who was the Prime Minister of South Africa at the time.

With the support of some very interesting photographs and film, Tony wove a fascinating tale of the experiences of Van Ryneveld and Brand as they first flew to Egypt via Libya. Later, after badly damaging their aircraft, named "Silver Queen", in Wadi Halfa, they were able to secure a replacement from Cairo. This was sent to them *via* the Nile River.

They continued their journey in "Silver Queen 2" *via* places such as Khartoum, Mongella, Kisumu, Shirati, Abercom, Ndola, Livingstone and Bulawayo. *En route* they had to throw out equipment in order to lighten the load for their aircraft, had to be dragged out of mud in order to take off, managed to take the first photographs of the Victoria Falls from the air and were the first to land an aeroplane on Rhodesian soil. However, their attempted take-off from the old racecourse in Bulawayo resulted in another accident in which their aircraft was written off.

Jan Smuts came to their rescue and sent them another aircraft in a box. After assembling the new aircraft (christened "Voortrekker") they flew *via* Bechuanaland and several South African cities and towns before landing in a field in Cape Town owned by a local butcher called Young (the area now known as "Youngsfield") on 20 March 1920. They brought with them letters from Winston Churchill and Lord Lloyd-George.

Both Van Ryneveld and Brand were subsequently knighted by King George VI and both were awarded the Air Force Cross - for gallantry not against an enemy.

Tony was thanked by **Menno de Wet**.

Stirrer's Spoon

Melinda Stapleton passed the Spoon on to **President Chris Beech** for his year of a "job well done".

Spots

- **Paul Spiller:** He advised that he is taking over Club Services from Melinda and would be happy to take advice from whoever would like to pass it on to him.
- **Menno de Wet:** He advised that the Charter Dinner for the new Rotary e-Club is to be held at the Cape Society for the Blind who have made the venue available for "gratis". There are currently 22 members with about 60 to 70 waiting in the wings.

He attended the "Dinner in the Dark" last week where the first blind actuary spoke. It took the actuary 18 years to qualify. Menno said that he would like to have the actuary make a presentation at our Club.

- **Jenny Howard:** She reminded members of the Induction Dinner on 15 June. Sheila Walwyn is due to provide and arrange the décor but additional volunteers will be needed. She also advised that Richard Burnett has donated bottles of wine for the tables.

President's Slot

President Chris reminded members of the assistance need by Ian Pursch to empty a container-load of books on Thursday, 15 June.

He also read a "thank you" letter received from the Douglas Murray Home for the Aged for the R1,000.00 donation which they are using for the costs of their "Christmas in July" Dinner.

Closure

Sergeant Geraldine called and arranged for the collection of many Happy Rands.

Before closure, **President Chris** advised the meeting that he is due to pursue on offer of an exciting work contract in the United States of America with effect from 01 August. Depending upon initial successes, he may be away from between six months and three years. Members wished him well.

Thereafter **Sergeant Geraldine** closed the meeting.

Stirrer's Spoon

Chris Beech

[Newlands Rotary Club Runner Calendar](#)

FUTURE FIXTURES

Year Planner

Please advise the secretary promptly of any additions or changes

June 2017

Mon 12 Ordinary
Thu 15 Induction Dinner
Mon 19 Ordinary
Mon 26 Business

July 2017

Mon 3 Partners
Mon 10 Ordinary
Mon 17 Ordinary
Mon 24 Business

Happy Birthday

**14 June
John Winship**

**15 June
Lorraine Winship**

Pro tip: If you stir coconut oil into your kale, it makes it easier to scrape it into the trash



UMPIRES AND SCORERS

DATE	12 June	19 June	26 June	3 July
MEETING	Ordinary	Ordinary	Business	Partners
SERGEANT	Wybe Meinesz	Jenny Howard	Mike Young	TBA
4 WAY TEST/ OBJECT	Bill Holland	Wybe Meinesz	Paul Spiller	Richard Burnett
GRACE & TOAST	Melinda Stapleton	Menno de Wet	Corinne Hudson	Henry Campbell
ATTENDANCE	Graham Finlayson	Janey Ball	Willie Wijenberg	Bill Meyer
FELLOWSHIP	Jamie Hart	Christine Calothi	Pieter van Aswegen	Heidi Andersson
MINUTES	Graham Lowden	Andy Ismay	Vanessa Rousseau	Peter Ennis
COMMENT	Jana Forrester	Richard House	Nora See	Jenny Ibbotson
THANK SPEAKER	John Stephenson	Andy Ismay		Terry Lancaster
INTRO SPEAKER	Johan Beukman	Michael Walwyn		Geraldine Nicol

Invited GUEST SPEAKERS

12 Jun **Willie Wijenberg** – *Seaweed*
 19 Jun **Dr Robin Catchpole** – *Are we
 alone?*

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.

Can Choir

The reviews of the choral can-tata were mixed. Some said they sounded tinny and flat, and sang recycled songs with canned background music. One actually called it "soda depressing." Others thought they crushed it, especially with the metal covers.



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