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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.

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 10h00 on Monday mornings please.

Comment

Via Shân Biesman-Simons

Membership and New Club Development Month



*From the August edition of **Membership Minute**, a bimonthly newsletter that provides the latest membership trends, strategies, best practices, and resources to help strengthen membership in Rotary clubs.*

While membership development is the responsibility of all Rotary members all year long, August has been designated as a month to celebrate Rotary's greatest asset — you.

Don't miss out on the many valuable resources that are available for prospective and current members. Using these tools allows clubs to improve their members' experience so that more prospective members join and more current members stay.

Watch this [video of President Ian Riseley](#) speaking about the importance of membership flexibility. Also, clubs can use the [Discover Rotary](#) presentation and the [prospective member brochure](#) to introduce Rotary to prospects. Clubs that want to promote their unique experience, including events and projects, can customize a [club brochure](#) available at the Brand Center. They can edit the content and upload their own photos.

[Rotary Basics](#) is a guide to all things Rotary, from how Rotary began to how you can optimize your member experience. It's now part of the [New Member Welcome Kit](#), and is also sold separately on [Shop](#). The revised [Connect for Good](#) guide suggests ways members can get involved in Rotary to make an impact in their community and globally. If you need ideas for giving new members a meaningful experience, look to [Introducing New Members to Rotary: An Orientation Guide](#). These resources are available for free download and are sold on [shop.rotary.org](#).

If you want your club to remain relevant to its members and community, consider taking the [Rotary Club Health Check](#). This exercise helps club leaders discover opportunities for growth. For other ways to evaluate your club, download the [Membership Assessment Tools](#) publication. Another guide, [Strengthening Your Membership](#), helps club leaders create a membership development plan.

Also, our [Membership page](#) features an array of resources to suit every need, whether you're working with clubs and districts in your region to attract potential members, or exchanging tips on engagement.

Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 7 August 2017

Scribe: Jana Forrester

Sergeant is Shân Biesman-Simons.

President Graham welcomed the guests, partners and member:

Special guests to be inducted: Barbara Murphy
Wendy Goddard
Inez Arendse
Jerome Eckles
Shelley Finch

Other guests: Colin Adama, Erika Hajaji and visiting Rotarian from Gabon, Emna.

Guest speaker and his wife: Andre du Toit and Glynnis

Business of the day:

1. Wooden Spoon: handed over to Billy Meyer for “*communication par excellence*”.
2. 6 new members in one go were inducted. President Graham introduces the induction procedure and underscores their role as ambassadors for Rotary and service to others, as outlined in the 4-way test and the Objects of Rotary. 1.2 million Rotarians around the world where we can connect with other like-minded fellows.
3. Introduction of guest speaker, Andre du Toit, better known as the **BigPositiveGuy** by Geraldine who has heard him at District Conference before. Andre is a speaker of note with an illustrious background in the corporate world. He is a new Rotarian at Cape Town club.

Andre entertained us with his positive outlook on things in South Africa. He returned in 2004 from Europe to find a changed South Africa, but many negative outlooks on our future and so decided to go about to change the views of so many of us. He maintains we HAVE to relook at things. Some of his thoughts which stuck with me...

- ✓ Don't make decisions based on fear. You make terrible mistakes this way!
- ✓ Junk status has been here before (1985 through to 1994..... only in 2002 did we get out of it) and it will come again. Despite this, big things still happened in our country and will continue to happen.
- ✓ Rating agencies are private companies.... paid by the companies that they rate. They don't define our future.
- ✓ The rand goes up and down because it is influenced by the world out there. Good investors play here with great success.
- ✓ Interest rates fluctuate. The bond market has increased and grown. Our interest rates have gone down a little.... so not expect immediate DISASTER.
- ✓ Technical recession ... how do you understand it? Mining and farming are growing, but manufacturing and construction have gone down. Electricity has gone down.... we make our own now cos it is too expensive.... society reacts to poor governance.
- ✓ ANC making huge mistakes. Coach (J Zuma) is making errors and not leading the team well. Change is happening.
- ✓ Vote of no confidence is more about state capture issue. The Gupta issue is bigger than we think. South Africa has opportunities here still. Don't despair. It is all here.
- ✓ Good homes, good wine, good friends, beautiful place and opportunities that have not been tapped.

- ✓ The vocal minority is not representing us – you and me. The majority of us are good people. Don't believe the small noisy group. We need to be the voices of change. **STAND UP AND BE COUNTED.**
- ✓ Rotary can make an immense difference in this country. Remember this moment. Each one of us has the opportunity to make a massive difference.
- ✓ Good news is gone ... Gupta's own most of the media. So it is saturated with the bad narrative.
- ✓ www.sagoodnews.co.za is a small page on the internet. Read and contribute. He tells about his posting of a picture of the school shoes project in Fish Hoek. 1.6 million people saw my picture ... Others reported doing it too ... there is goodwill underbelly to this country... we just don't know about it. Another example ... 3 months ago the top Maths Olympiad in the world at Cambridge was won by young boy from Somerset West. 60,000 people read that one.

Andre liked our spoon award as it catches people doing the right and good. he urged us to share these stories. Turn the good news stories into the real press and the real lives happening out there. That will crowd out the corruptors and the Guptas.

Andre likens himself to Clem Sunter, but different ... "I am the happy Clem Sunter". I strive to be different. Changes in the market change, not only because of the government rights and wrongs, but also because of the change in the commodity markets of the world. Agriculture is a phenomenal issue. Has done well but has its ups and downs. Mining shares are not an option. Our mines are getting to the end of their days. Competition from elsewhere is getting stronger. There are opportunities in a down-grade. There are benefits in that we need to get unemployment down. The taxi industry is something unique to our country. The risk in insuring those vehicles is HUGE. Hence those owners pay big money and a high interest. Taking money off-shore is not always the best thing. Property is a good way to invest your money in this country. Don't think it is better overseas. The knock-on effect is something which affects the people in the street.

4. Willie thanks the speaker ... You have inspired us... please share it with us. Thanks for the good news. Members can look at www.BigPositiveGuy.co.za
5. Since it is Women's Month, Shân highlighted some stats: women officially allowed into Rotary only in 1989; 20,000 women by 1990; 200 670 women now in 2017.
6. Call for Spots:
 - a) Leu Botha: President Riseley's dream of trees to be planted throughout the world.... DG Stassen has taken this on and a site has been identified as Steenberg High School between 5th and 8th September for the planting of about 55 trees. Looking for people to plant and participate in this ceremony. John Winship raised the question as to whether this could be coordinated to happen on the 1st September when the Music Centre is being opened. Members will be informed of the final decision. We are partnering with Green Pop who has projects throughout the district. This project is being headed by the Environmental Sustainability Committee.
 - b) Richard Burnett: Wine Auction announcement going smoothly. Everyone is collecting wines and all going well. On track for auctions in October. Ticket sales going well for 05/10 in Cape Town and 22/10 in Johannesburg. Please continue to keep this in mind.
 - c) Brian Pickup: Thanks those who bought socks to be handed out. Requests for more if there are and asks everyone to leave their socks behind!
 - d) Lucian Pitt: Read out a letter of thanks from SAEP for the support and generosity. He asks new members to please join the Vocational and International Committee for fun and fellowship.

7. President's slot:

- 1 to 1 on 20th August taking place in the Cape Town stadium this year.
- Music Centre being opened at Steenberg on the 01/09/2017 and the Stadium being opened on 04/09/2017.
- Masakhane Centre Extension being opened tomorrow, on the 8th August. All welcome.
- He congrats birthdays for the next week as he will be away for his birthday. Wishes everyone well for the next two weeks as he will be away on the 14th when we are packing food packs for Stop Hunger Now. Thanks the guest speaker.

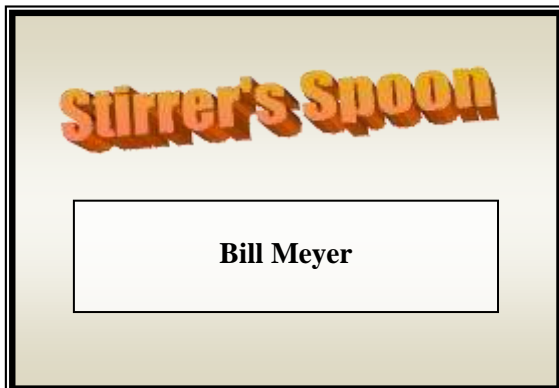
8. Sergeant Shân reads out the duties for next week. Next week STOP HUNGER packing is being organised by Melinda. Members are invited to bring along friends and family to help us pack. She wishes all women well for the 9th, and welcomes the new members again.

The happy Rands went around....

Meeting ended at 8.30



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[Newlands Rotary Club Runner Calendar](#)

FUTURE FIXTURES

Year Planner

Please advise the secretary promptly of any additions or changes

August 2017

Mon 14 Ordinary
Sun 20 One-to-One Cape Town Stadium
Mon 21 Ordinary
Mon 28 Business

September 2017

Mon 4 Partners - DG Visit
Mon 11 Ordinary
Sun 17 Cape Town Marathon
Mon 18 Ordinary
Mon 25 No meeting – Public Holiday

**Happy
Birthday**

**14 August
Sheila Walwyn**

UMPIRES AND SCORERS

DATE	14 August	21 August	28 August	4 September
MEETING	Ordinary	Ordinary	Business	DG Visit Partners
SERGEANT	Anthony Galloway	John Stephenson	Daphne Lyell	Richard Burnett
4 WAY TEST/ OBJECT	Jana Forrester	Christine Calothi	Andy Ismay	Johan Beukman
GRACE & TOAST	Pippa McLeod	Tinus de Jongh	Mike Young	Brian Pickup
ATTENDANCE	Paul Spiller	Jenny Howard	Richard House	Jenny Ibbotson
FELLOWSHIP	Janey Ball	Corinne Hudson	Michael Walwyn	Melinda Stapleton
MINUTES	Regine le Roux	Colin Burke	Henry Campbell	Garnet Carr
COMMENT	Ian Pursch	Menno de Wet	Bill Holland	Willie Wijenberg
THANK SPEAKER	Geraldine Nicol	Lucian Pitt		
INTRO SPEAKER	Tony van der Lith	Shân Biesman-Simons		

**Invited
GUEST SPEAKERS**

14 Aug **Hilda O'Callaghan** – *Protective Behaviour program*

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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