



# HOWZAT!



## ROTARY CLUB OF NEWLANDS “The club that appeals”



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ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

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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 [meypor@iafrica.com](mailto:meypor@iafrica.com) before 10h00 on Monday mornings please.

### Comment

The Editor

### Rotary Day at the United Nations

*By Geoff Johnson – Rotary International News*

On the 99th anniversary of the end of World War I, more than 1,200 people gathered in Geneva, Switzerland, for Rotary Day at the United Nations.

Representing 87 countries, they convened on Saturday, 11 November, at the Palais des Nations, originally the home of the League of Nations, and dedicated themselves to the theme introduced by Rotary President Ian H. S. Riseley: “Peace: Making a Difference.”

“The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace have always been among Rotary’s primary goals,” said Riseley. “It is past time for all of us to recognize the potential of all of our Rotary service to build peace, and approach that service with peacebuilding in mind.”

For the first time in its 13-year history, Rotary Day at the UN was held outside of New York.

Rotary Day concluded Geneva Peace Week, during which John Hewko, general secretary of Rotary International, noted the “close and longstanding ties between Rotary and the UN in (their) mutual pursuit of peace and international understanding.”

Rotary members “can transform a concept like peace to a reality through service,” said Ed Futa, dean of the Rotary Representatives to the United Nations. “Peace needs to be lived rather than preached.”

During a Rotary Day highlight, Hewko introduced Rotary’s 2017 People of Action: Champions of Peace. He praised them as “an embodiment of the range and impact of our organization’s work,” and saluted them for providing “a roadmap for what more peaceful, resilient societies look like.”

Rotary honored six individuals, who each made brief remarks. They were:

- **Alejandro Reyes Lozano, of the Rotary Club of Bogotá Capital, Cundinamarca, Colombia:** As “part of the generation that grew up with uncertainty and fear,” as he put it, Reyes Lozano played a key role in negotiating an end to the 50-year conflict between the Colombian government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). Now he’s using a Rotary Foundation global grant to lead peacebuilding efforts among women from six Latin American countries.



- **Jean Best, of the Rotary Club of Kirkcudbright, Dumfries and Galloway, Scotland:** “Without peace within ourselves we will never advance global peace,” said Best, explaining The Peace Project, the program she created to help “the future leaders of peace” develop the skills they need to resolve the conflicts in their lives.



- **Safina Rahman, of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Mahanagar, Bangladesh:** “Education is a powerful and transformative vehicle for peace,” said Rahman, a passionate advocate for workers’ rights and workplace safety who also promotes and provides educational and vocational opportunities for girls.



- **Ann Frisch, of the Rotary Club of White Bear Lake, Minnesota, USA:** Frisch’s Civilian-Based Peace Process introduced the radical concept of “unarmed civilian protection” in war zones around the world. “Sustainable peace,” she said, “requires strong civilian engagement.”



- **Kiran Singh Sirah, Rotary Peace Fellow:** As the president of the International Storytelling Center in Jonesborough, Tennessee, USA, Sirah uses stories to foster peace, nurture empathy, and build a sense of community. “Stories matter—and I believe they matter a lot,” he said.



- **Taylor Cass Talbot, Rotary Peace Fellow:** Currently based in Portland, Oregon, USA, Cass Talbot partnered with SWaCH, a waste-picker cooperative in India to form Pushing for Peace, which promotes safety, sanitation, and dignity for waste pickers in Pune, India. Her advocacy displays an artistic flair: her Live Debris project creatively addresses issues of waste on a global scale.



Later, the six honorees participated in workshops devoted to sustainability and peace, as well as a workshop on education, science, and peace designed by and for young leaders in which Rotaract members from around the world played a prominent role.

Dr. Michel Zaffran, the director of polio eradication at the World Health Organization, provided an update on efforts to eradicate polio. They noted the tremendous progress made by Rotary, WHO, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and other partners in eliminating 99 percent of all global incidences of polio.

Returning the focus to peace, Zaffran said: "This same international relationship (that's eradicating polio)," he said, "can be used to achieve world peace."

Zaffran was joined Her Excellency Mitsuko Shino, the deputy permanent representative of Japan to the international organizations in Geneva and co-chair of Global Polio Eradication Initiative's Polio Partners Group.

In his keynote address, Riseley made a similar observation. "The work of polio eradication, has taught us . . . that when you have enough people working together, when you understand the problems and the processes, when you combine and leverage your resources, when you set a plan and set your targets — you can indeed move mountains," he said. "And the need for action, and cooperation, is greater now than ever before."

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## Previous Meeting

### Minutes of the Partners Meeting on 8 January 2018     Scribe: Wybe Meinesz

Sgt Mike W, standing in for Willie, opened the meeting at 08h20, the delay being as a result of traffic congestion emanating from the Test cricket at Newlands.

Pres. Graham wished everybody a Happy New Year and welcomed members, partners and guests, namely:

Carol Allen sister of Jenny I visiting from Melbourne.

Erica's daughter Emma and son Taj

And belatedly guest speaker Brad Geysler.

The Four Way Test was recited by all present

Grace and Toast (to RI and the Proteas) by Brian

Stirrer's Spoon. No movement

Wine Swindle. Partner, Jenny L. Member, Nora

### Guest Speaker

Johnny Hurwitz introduced Colonel Brad Geysler retired OC Cape Town Highlanders and well known to most members involved with the Cycle Tour and Big Walk as the "Frock in the JOC".

Brad's involvement with these events began in 1989 and ended in 2014. He had many anecdotes, not only about the Cycle Tour but also his long serving military career.

Barbara Murphy did the thanks not only for his talk but for introducing her to her husband Johnny also a long serving Cape Town Highlander.

### Spots

Inez will email a reminder of study requirements needed for our bursary student, Lauren Daniels

Carol Allen, who has only been a member of Rotary in Melbourne for 6 months, gave us a brief summary of the projects she and her Rotary Club are involved with and also did a banner exchange with Pres. Graham

**President's Slot**

Congratulated our bursary scholars on their excellent exam results

Reminder about the RFE to Oregon – still definitely on. Please refer to Jenny I

Thanked Brad for his anecdotal talk

Wished Chippy and Judy Spiller all the best for their upcoming birthdays

Following a fair flow of “happy rands” Sgt Mike closed the meeting at 20h05



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[Newlands Rotary Club Runner Calendar](#)

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

**January 2018**  
Mon 15 Ordinary  
Mon 22 Ordinary  
Mon 29 Business

**February 2018**  
Mon 5 Partners  
Mon 12 Ordinary  
Mon 19 Ordinary  
Mon 26 Business

**March 2018**  
Sun 11 Cape Town Cycle Tour

**Happy Birthday**

17 January Bill Meyer	16 January Nora See
	18 January Shân Biesman-Simons

## UMPIRES AND SCORERS

DATE	15 January	22 January	29 January	5 February
MEETING	Ordinary	Ordinary	Business	Partners
SERGEANT	Pippa McLeod	Geraldine Nicol	Richard House	Jana Forrester
4 WAY TEST/ OBJECT	Pieter van Aswegen	Andrew Peile	Jenny Ibbotson	Garnet Carr
GRACE & TOAST	Barbara Hurwitz	Jerome Eckles	Johnny Hurwitz	Bill Holland
ATTENDANCE	Ian Pursch	Vanessa Rousseau	Shelley Finch	Anthony Galloway
FELLOWSHIP	Tony van der Lith	Bill Meyer	Shân Biesman- Simons	Andy Ismay
MINUTES	Wybe Meinesz	Heidi Andersson	Terry Lancaster	Paul Spiller
COMMENT	Peter Henshilwood	Colin Burke	Graham Lowden	Rochelle Malherbe
THANK SPEAKER	John Winship	Regine le Roux		Michael Walwyn
INTRO SPEAKER	Inez Arendse	Melinda Stapleton		Chris Beech

**Invited  
GUEST SPEAKERS**

15 Jan **Mary Burton**  
22 Jan **Dr Liana Roodt – Project  
Flamingo**

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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