



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 and copy to Bill Meyer at meyport@iafrica.com before 10h00 on Monday mornings please.

Comment

Wybe Meinesz

This is a repeat of a Comment I wrote for HOWZAT! 16 years ago...

It's a lot of rubbish

Don't you get irritated when you come across trash – plastic bags, sweet wrappers, bottles, cans etc littering our beaches, rivers and countryside? It never ceases to amaze me how people who have stopped for a picnic or refreshment simply leave their junk lying around for somebody else to pick up. Why is it so difficult for people to take their refuse back with them after a hike or a picnic? They've carried it all the way there after all. Even when rubbish bins are provided they are too lazy to use them. I've even seen a plastic bag full of rubbish chucked out of a car and drive off even though there was a rubbish bin not more than 50 meters away. How often have you seen a can or bottle being tossed out of the window from the moving car in front of you?

For the bulk of our population battling to make ends meet and living in squalor, cleanliness is not a priority or a possibility. Waste disposal is not a facility available in a squatter camp. Their attitude towards litter is understandably somewhat different to ours. Their only means of disposal is simply to throw it over the fence. The South Easter then gets hold of it and deposits it over a wide area. We've all seen the rubbish that accumulates along the N2.

With all the other problems like violent crime, aids and unemployment facing our society one could argue that cleaning up litter is not a priority. However, I believe tourism, Cape Town's largest industry, is adversely affected by unsightly litter

Why can't the vast number of jobless be harnessed to do a regular clean up? Should Rotary together with business provide such an initiative?

... 16 years on and both litter and unemployment have increased.

A Host of PDGs

Seen at our last meeting: Four District 9350 PDGs and PDG Sylvia Whitlock, member of the Rotary Club of Duarte and stalwart champion of women in Rotary.



June Webber, Ian Pursch, Sylvia Whitlock, Shân Biesman-Simons, Geraldine Nicol

Previous Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 6 November 2017

Scribe: Rochelle Malherbe

Sergeant John Winship opened the meeting

President, Graham Finlayson, welcomed all the guests: Fadi Awwad, David and Linda Hannet and Speakers Dr Tracey Nupen and Scott Hindmarch.

Four way test = Inez Arendse

Grace and Toast = Terry Lancaster

Stirrer's spoon = no movement

Swindle = Nora See received a bottle of wine.

Speaker Intro = Lew Botha

Speaker: Dr Tracey Nupen from Paedspal.

For more information please visit: <http://paedspal.org.za/>

Paedspal is an organization with the vision to enable children with life-limiting conditions to live as well as possible for as long as possible, by assisting both patient and their families in a holistic approach.

Dr Nupen spoke to us of her experience with public health care's approach to this problem and explained that currently there is no government funding in this area. She told us some heart felt stories of patient and their experiences and how much this type of care is needed. Their organization is doing just this with one of their aims to get government funding for this arm of health care.

She shared a virtual tour of their offices near the Red Cross hospital as well as show us the new house they have recently purchased to renovate into a house for a children's hospice in Cape Town.

They then want to use this model to duplicate into other parts of the country.

This house will provide a peaceful environment for better patient and family experience.

She introduced Scott Hindmarch who is their treasurer.

Scott told us of his father was a Rotarian and after his acceptance speech as President of his club sat down and passed away from a heart attack.

Scott went through their challenges at Paedspal to keep the lights on. They need support and help from people who are connected.

A bed in the new house will cost approximately R300 000 a year. One option to raise the funds is getting corporates to sponsor a bed for a year or even longer periods. What they are looking for are introductions and this was their appeal to the club. They welcomed any other ideas.

Ian Pursch thanked the speakers.

Spots:

Menno: On behalf of Colin Burke – reminded members if anyone still wanted tickets for Friday's event and asked Newlands Rotarians to please purchase tickets.

Jenny Ibbotson: Made a correction on the minutes from the previous minutes. She said there is space on the RF exchange on the 28th of June to the 13th of July to Origin and not the World Conference as per the minutes, but a letter with all the info will go out.

Jenny Howard: Cape Town Cycle Tour news: They have done a recce of route D on of the race (just in case) there is now a route D.

Stellenbosch Cycle Tour: is well on its way. She thanked all who are helping out. There is one change, they are not having a cut-off team anymore, the sector marshals will not be doing the cut-off. She is still looking for someone to do the braai.

President's slot: President Graham mentioned that they we are looking at putting together a new Big Walk. We want to take the project and set up a committee as they want to set up a trust for this. It's a great opportunity for community development.

The Rotary Club of Paarl have wine auction on the 19th of November.

Sergeant closed meeting.

Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 13 November 2017

Scribe: Shân Biesman-Simons

Sergeant Pieter van A called the meeting to order

President Graham welcomed the guests. Our special speaker **Sylvia Whitlock**, her co-traveller, **Virginia Lowe**, **Priscilla Urquhart** from Peninsula Beverages, special guest **Geoff Skeen**, **Steven Billington** guest of **Andy Ismay**, **Marthe Muller** guest of **Janey Ball** and our wonderful **Partners** (many of whom do not like to be referred to as a spouse or spice!) **PDG June Webber** also attended the meeting.

Heidi recited the Four Way Test

Garnet did the Grace and Toast

Paul's partners' wine swindle was won by **Lynne Pocock** and the lucky member was our birthday lady **Janey** who not only won some wine but was regaled by **Newrots** with their best rendition of Happy Birthday! **Johan** was conspicuous by his absence.

Shelley awarded the wooden spoon to **Bill H** as she was touched that he reached out to her when she was having a tough time.

GUEST SPEAKER

Regine introduced our guest speaker **Dr Sylvia Whitlock**. Sylvia changed the face of Rotary by being at the forefront of fighting for women to be admitted into Rotary. For more details of her interesting life <https://www.rghfhome.org/first100/women/clubpresidents/whitlock.htm>

PDG Sylvia spoke eloquently and humorously about the lengthy process the Rotary Club of Duarte, Southern California, went through to officially become recognised as a Rotary Club with lady members. It is worth reading the timeline below (*Scribe: An easy way out for me!*) During this lengthy process the Rotary Club of Duarte had its charter taken away and they carried on their work as XRotary Club of Duarte. After numerous court cases which ultimately resulted in the US Supreme Court ruling that Rotary Clubs may not exclude women from Rotary on the basis of gender **PDG Sylvia** became the first female Rotary Club president.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/history-women-rotary>

Sylvia's humility and passion for Rotary and social upliftment were emphasised by the history and anecdotes she shared. She also posed a few thought provoking and some tongue in cheek questions including

- Could anyone pass the 4 Way Test before women were admitted to Rotary?
- What would Paul Harris feel about having women Rotarians?
- Why aren't there more women in Rotary (only 18% globally)?

After a standing ovation numerous questions were asked and comments made from members of the audience. **Barbara** thanked our speaker and while doing so outlined some of the many awards **Sylvia** has received.

SPOTS

Shelley gave a report back Santa's Shoeboxes. 110 000 Shoeboxes pledged and Newlands' contributions were used to meet the Cape Town target.

Christine is opening her garden on 22 November as a fundraiser for Karoo Animal Protection Society.

Geraldine gave us the good news that HomeChoice has chosen Newlands Rotary as a CSI partner for a five-year project and in the first year we will be allocated two million rand. Thanks to **Wybe** for the introduction to HomeChoice.

Jana shared that the EVS fundraiser on Friday night was an inspiring and enjoyable evening. Thanks to **Colin** and his team.

PRESIDENT GRAHAM'S SLOT

- Good evening with Watershed
- There is a committee in place for the potential resurgence of the Cape Town Big Walk. Anyone interested in joining this committee?
- Paarl Rotary Club is having a wine auction next weekend.
- Pinelands Rotary Club is celebrating its 25th birthday Monday 20th November
- Happy Birthday Janey
- Special thanks to our speaker for a memorable evening

SERGEANT'S SLOT

- Many happy people gave Happy Rands (and a dollar) which made our treasurer happy!
- Fellowship was encouraged and the meeting was closed.



[Newlands Rotary Club Runner Calendar](#)

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

November 2017
Mon 20 Ordinary
Mon 27 Business & AGM

December 2017
Sun 3 Stellenbosch Cycle Tour
Mon 4 Year-end Function
Mon 11 Ordinary

Year-end break... until

January 2018
Mon 9 Partners

**Happy
Birthday**

21 November
Iona Peile

*Good
advice
from
Roald
Dahl*

If a person has ugly thoughts, it begins to show on the face. And when that person has ugly thoughts every day, every week, every year, the face gets uglier and uglier until it gets so ugly you can hardly bear to look at it.



A person who has good thoughts cannot ever be ugly. You can have a wonky nose and a crooked mouth and a double chin and stick-out teeth, but if you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely.



UMPIRES AND SCORERS

DATE	20 November	27 November	4 December	11 December
MEETING	Ordinary	Business & AGM	Year-end Function	Ordinary
SERGEANT	Michael Walwyn	Peter Henshilwood		Andrew Peile
4 WAY TEST/ OBJECT	Shelley Finch	Wendy Goddard		Shân Biesman-Simons
GRACE & TOAST	Wybe Meinesz	Anthony Galloway		Vanessa Rousseau
ATTENDANCE	Johnny Hurwitz	Melinda Stapleton		Bill Holland
FELLOWSHIP	Jenny Howard	Willie Wijenberg		Ian Pursch
MINUTES	Jenny Ibbotson	Bill Meyer		Pippa McLeod
COMMENT	Geraldine Nicol	John Stephenson		Pieter van Aswegen
THANK SPEAKER	Inez Arendse			Glynis Menné
INTRO SPEAKER	Janey Ball			Jamie Hart

**Invited
GUEST SPEAKERS**

TBA

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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