



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 (Except for first Monday of the Month which is a Partner’s Meeting, 18h30 for 19h00).

ATTENDANCE: Notice of apologies and guests and/or meal specifics to email Melinda Stapleton at mjstapleton@webafrica.org.za and copy to Bill Meyer at meypor@iafrica.com before 10h30 on Monday mornings please.

Comment

Via Jenny Ibbotson

Chasing the Varsity Dream can be a Nightmare

By Janine Jansen, SAEP Tertiary Support Manager

Most South African youth are set up to fail. In my years working with township youth, I have consistently witnessed learners selecting tertiary study opportunities based on their perceived earning power and social status.

They want to be doctors, lawyers, psychologists or any other career they believe to be prestigious. And in a country like South Africa where the winners win big, who can blame them? Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Colleges are considered as low status and very few learners know of learnerships and apprenticeships, but with SA universities only able to accommodate 20% of our young people, the odds are stacked against them.

Funnelled through an education system designed to sort the most capable of abstraction from the rest, learners hold a narrowly defined notion of success centred on acceptance into university. And, for township learners in particular, the idea of admission is laden with the expectation of gainful employment and an opportunity to improve their family’s living conditions.

However, the sad reality is that the majority of these young people will not meet the necessary entry criteria and, in fact, do not even know what these criteria are. And for those that do make it in, acceptance is only the first of their hurdles as, even though the chances of gaining entry to university has improved for our black youth, almost half will drop out, often as a result of improper career guidance.

For those coming from poorer communities, high school education is seen as the pathway straight to university with very little consideration given to learner's interest, their capabilities and their school grades. Learners are encouraged to 'dream big' with no regard as to what is achievable given their aptitudes, marks or what universities actually offer. Of course, with research showing that young people with a tertiary qualification have much lower unemployment rates – as low as 2% for white graduates and 6% for black graduates, results which are very flattering in comparison with the 29% unemployment rate of learners with only a matric – the desirability of such a qualification is understandable, but, without the proper support, learners are left to make unrealistic decisions about their study and career choices and unwittingly place themselves at centre stage of an unfortunate situation.

Ill prepared for the new type of academic learning on offer, many students enrolled for university courses they are not suited to, show poor academic performance or fail their courses; their dreams of success and opportunity quickly turning into nightmares as they shoulder the cost of a large government loan and the shame of having to face their friends and family. Buried under this enormous disappointment and debt, learners are prevented from discovering and harnessing their true potential and finding suitable education and training opportunities – ones which align with their strengths and interests and also allow them to support their families.

While organisations such as the South African Education and Environment Project (SAEP) run successful programmes designed to assist and support students from lower socio-economic backgrounds to enrol and remain in tertiary institutions, what is needed is a nationwide shift in our approach to career guidance. Learners need more than information to make appropriate career choices, they need engagement and support. Too often career guidance is limited to the life orientation curriculum and forms a small part of the syllabus presented by teachers who are not career guidance practitioners. We need to move away from this state of passivity to a much more engaged approach where learners' career choices and the viability of their plans are followed up on and explored.

High schools and tertiary institutions of all kinds need to work in tandem to ensure that learners have adequate information that shows a variety of pathways and study options. We need alternative stories. The university dream is not the only story of success that exists. We need learners and youth to engage with the stories of their peers who have found success studying at TVET Colleges or through learnerships or apprenticeships. We need to widen the net in order to catch more students.

From the SAEP website: <http://www.saep.org/>. First published in the *City Press*, 14 August 2016

Janine Jansen is the Tertiary Support Manager for the South African Education and Environment Project (SAEP). The SAEP Bridging Year programme prepares recent matriculants for tertiary study and the SAEP Tertiary Support programme assists at-risk students in tertiary institutions to graduate.

Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 14 November 2016

Scribe: Rochelle Malherbe

Sergeant: Graham Finlayson
4 Way Test: Richard Burnett
Grace and toast: Daphne Lyell
Speaker: Rochelle Malherbe
Thank Speaker: Vanessa Rousseau

The meeting was opened by Sergeant Graham Finlayson. The President welcomed everyone.

Richard Burnett did the 4 Way Test and Daphne did the Grace and Toast.

Graham asked if anyone knew where the data projector was as they could not find it.

Jenny H has the stirrer spoon but holding on to it for another week as the new recipient was not present.

Wine raffle by Paul – Shân won a bottle and chose the red wine.

The planned speaker cancelled at the last minute so Rochelle was asked to do a job talk. (unprepared)

Daphne Lyell did a quick and impromptu introduction of Rochelle.

Rochelle was born in Richards Bay in Natal where she spent most of her childhood. She studied fashion design in Durban and the Natal Technicon.

Her first job was at Cosmopolitan magazines where she was fashion assistant, and from then on she has been working in the magazine industry. Rochelle worked as the fashion editor at Huisgenoot, You, Drum magazine, also did freelance work for two year as a stylist once again working mostly in magazines and from that she moved on into a permanent position for Highbury Media as the fashion editor where she is now the director of the lifestyle team which produces all the fashion, décor, beauty and food content for the company.

She explained some of the day to day business of her job and then answered some questions from the Club.

Spots:

Bill Holland: He told the club that Di is in the hospital – the funeral had been cancelled (postponed). Please contact either Jana or Linnell anyone wants to get in contact with Di.

Mike Young is feeling fit and he should be back in a week or two.

Graham Finlayson: Past president Collin – is not in pain, but he cannot really walk, he is seeing the specialist next week.

Paul Spiller: Raised the issue of changing the monthly partners meeting to the same time slot as our usual meeting. After some debate on making decisions like these and how it should be done – it was decided that the correct procedure is to take it forward in a more formalized manner.

Paul will send an e-mail request to the president and the Board, to raise this request. They will make a recommendation and bring this back to the entire club for a final decision.

Dinner was served

Glynis: She showed us an Overberg Newspaper from the beginning of November with the headline “Polio is back” talking about children in Hermanus needing to be vaccinated. She was perplexed by the article stating the Polio was back in Hermanus.

Terry: Has asked Peter to put a note in the in Howzat. About the upcoming Stellenbosch cycle tour that will be held on Sunday the 4th of December 2016.

Smile radio will be doing a live broadcast during the day.

We intend to do 2 things. – working closely with BMW to closely track the repairs side – so the BMW guys will hopefully also be able to help us with the problems on the route. They will have trackers.

We have had problems with scanners in the shoots – we have used people on the sweeps on Stellenbosch but they do not work in the Cycle tour – Going forward (for this year) we want to get the same people doing scanning on the sweeps for the Stellenbosch tour to also do the Sweeping on the Cape Town Cycle tour so we have people who have experience on the sweeps and with the scanning process.

Terry will contact relevant members.

We have all the marshals sorted.

Melinda: There was an e-mail sent out by Bill about our Club’s end of year function. – it will be held at the Claremont Cricket Club in Constantia Sports Club (where the Virgin Active is – not the False Bay Rugby Club.)

Wednesday 7 December R175 per person. Melinda is still finding out about corkage charge and will let us know.

The address:

**Constantia Sports
Complex, Constantia
Main Rd, Constantia,**



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Next week is bring and braai at the bowls club – it is a business meeting. Cutlery, salad and plates are being supplied. Members need to bring their own meat.

Wine tasting will be moved to next year.

The 7th of December will be our last meeting for this year.

President’s Slot:

No birthdays or anniversaries

A letter of thanks from The Bookery was received, they are going to buy 90 books from our donation.

We would like to get the business meeting next week done quickly – we want to braai by 7pm the 28th of November is our AGM. Until the 24th of November nominations can be submitted.

Blouberg Rotary is having a party – R120 per head if you want to go – Chris and Menno are going if anyone would like to join.

Chris would like to suggest that we do a club assembly – the idea is that if there are any issues any debate or issues that need conclusion – these would be brought to the club assembly – there is no meeting on that night. If you have any problems please send them through to Chris and it will be added to the list to bring to this meeting. Menno sends out a list of contact details on a regular basis – he sent out the list about a week ago – if you are not receiving the mails from him please let him know.

Melinda found the projector it was left out after the previous meeting the staff had then kept it. – please the person who does the attendance needs to put the club regalia – including the projector in the cupboard.

Please make sure this happens.

Henry collected the happy rands.

Meeting closed.



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FUTURE FIXTURES

Year Planner

Please advise the secretary promptly of any additions or changes

November 2016

Mon 21 Business and **Club Assembly**
Mon 28 **AGM** and *Bring & Braai*

December 2016

Sun 4 Stellenbosch Cycle Tour
Mon 5 No meeting, instead ...
Wed 7 Year-end function
Mon 12 Ordinary, if there is one

No meetings until...

January 2017

Mon 9 Partners

No birthdays or anniversaries this week

UMPIRES AND SCORERS

DATE	21 November	28 November	5 December	12 December
MEETING	Business & Club Assembly	AGM / Bring & Braai	No Meeting	No Meeting
SERGEANT	John Winship	Peter Henshilwood	Year-end Function on Wednesday 7 December	Next meeting: 9 January 2017
4 WAY TEST/ OBJECT	Pieter van Aswegen	Andy Ismay		
GRACE & TOAST	Tinus de Jongh	Michael Walwyn		
ATTENDANCE	Bill Holland	Melinda Stapleton		
FELLOWSHIP	Willie Wijenberg	Jana Forrester		
MINUTES	Anthony Galloway	Bill Meyer		
COMMENT	Corinne Hudson	Geraldine Nicol		
THANK SPEAKER				
INTRO SPEAKER				

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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