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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 Melinda Stapleton at mjstapleton@webafrica.org.za and copy to Bill Meyer at meypor@iafrica.com before 10h30 on Monday mornings please.

Comment

Anthony Galloway

Up Close and Personal with a Rotary International Global Grant Application

As many of you know I have been working on a Global Grant (GG) Application for the LEAP Science and Maths Schools since last year. I am delighted to report that this application is in the final stages of authorization and I feel quietly confident that it will be approved by Rotary International (RI) very soon.

I thought it might be a) of interest to all members, and b) hopefully of value to those who wish to complete a GG application for funding in the future, to clarify the workings of a GG application from my experience. I'd like to clarify the primary benefit of an RI GG Application, the process that one needs to follow, and the outcomes if your GG application is approved.

1. What's the big deal about a GG Application?

In three words: the multiplier effect!

This means that Club and District contributions will be either wholly or partially matched by RI, which results in a far greater sum of money being granted to your project by Rotary. Club donations are matched at a 50% level, whilst District donations are matched at 100%. Thus, if you really want Rotary support for your project to be maximized, the RI GG route is the way to go.

2. How does it work?

Even over the past year that I have been working on my Application, the process has been changed, so those of you who may have experience of RI GG applications in the past would be wise to take note:

- a) You need to select your project. Although this sounds obvious, it is important to bear in mind that RI is extremely clear on what it will fund, and what it won't. Your project has to fit into one (or more) of RI's 6 Areas of Focus, and even if it does there is a long list of specific items that are excluded.

As an example, RI is prepared to accept and approve Applications that are intended to cover the costs of renovation and refurbishment of buildings, but will not consider any construction projects. This was made clear to me: as long as we are not paying for foundations, we'll look at it. If you want to use the RI funds for constructing a building from scratch, don't bother.

RI will also not pay for staff salaries, and a long list of other costs. These are clarified in the RI 6 Areas of Focus as well as on the RI website – which, by the way, has recently undergone a total re-work so it is well worth visiting.

- b) Once you've chosen your project and ensured that your application will be eligible, you then need a local committee (minimum yourself and two others) and an international committee (same requirement). In my application I was working with three Rotary Clubs based in the Sonoma Valley in California, and my contact person there was Donald Johnson — he has been a patient and steadfast supporter/champion — priceless!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mike Walwyn, who has been an absolute pillar of support for well over a year now, and Geraldine Nicol, who has been a continual source of local and international wisdom, for not only being willing to serve on my Committee, but also for providing expertise, insights, and intelligence that enabled me to complete this journey.

Also, you need to engage with your Club President and District Governor in order to inform them about your project so that they are aware of your Application, as they will be required to authorize it before it goes to RI. I failed to do this last year, and am indebted to DG Ian and President Chris for their understanding and support in recent days.

- c) You then need to complete the online Application Process. As I have found in all my "online" experience as a 61-year-old, whenever something is presented as a "newly streamlined, user friendly, straightforward process" (my words, but consistent with RI sentiments) it usually means "you're going to find this difficult, if not impossible – at the very least a nightmare!"

One is required to register an Application, which is indeed fairly simple. From then on you are guided (a nice way of saying "coerced/forced/obliged/you have not choice/we own you/who's your Daddy now?) through a 12-stage process, which has the delightful built-in quality-control feature that ensures that if anything, ANYTHING, is not completed accurately and correctly in that stage, you will not be allowed to proceed to the next stage. More on this later.

If you are really familiar with your project, however, this shouldn't present a problem. It just requires really close attention to detail, and the capacity to resist computer-destructing or even suicidal thoughts when instructed by THE SYSTEM to review the previous stage and figure out where you went wrong!

- d) After Stage 10 you have completed all the information required. If this is of any comfort, let me tell you that the Budget and Funding Stages almost caused me to commit Hari-Kiri. Fortunately there were two things that rescued me: i) I did not have a Katana to hand, and ii) I visited the Regional Grants Officer for District 9350 at RI HQ in Evanston, Chicago, in April, and he was hugely supportive and wonderfully helpful. His name is Daniel Weyl (pronounced "While") and for our sakes I truly hope that he stays in this position for decades to come!

Please be aware that the Budget and the Funding section have to balance. Exactly! If you are applying for US\$ 100 000 please don't fall into the trap of believing that US\$ 100 000.50 is "close enough", as this will cause you heartache and emotional upheavals that you have not experienced before. I invite, nay beseech, you to trust me on this. They have to be identical.

- e) Stage 11 is the "Review and Lock" Section. Do not think that because you have gone over your work diligently numerous times, that you will be permitted to proceed. I made this near-fatal error of judgement, and was only rescued by Daniel (again!) who informed me that the system will only allow me to proceed to the final stage: Authorizations, once I have revisited all of the other 10 sections, even though they all had been ticked as correctly completed. Big Brother is watching you!

- f) The Authorizations section requires the sign-off of the local and international "primary hosts", as well as DG and Club Presidents. Once this is complete, the Application will be automatically forwarded to your specific Regional Grants Officer and he will "walk" the Application through the Approvals process at RI HQ. Daniel claims that his record "turnaround-time" is a week, but I reckon that 2-4 weeks is a more reasonable expectation.

If your project does get approved, then the might of RI manages the transfer of funds from Clubs, Districts and RI GG's getting channelled into the bank account of your local club, and these will be disbursed to the project in line with the proposals, terms and conditions in the application.

3. Conclusion

I trust that this has been of interest and use to you, and please, if you need any help with a RI GG in future, don't hesitate to contact me.

Bear in mind that my Application has not yet been approved. Once I have had final confirmation on the success or otherwise of this, I will report back to the Club.

May we be bold and courageous in our GG Applications in future, and may they result in substantial benefits to the communities we serve.

Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 15 May 2017

Scribe: Pieter van Aswegen

Sergeant Jamie Hart opened the meeting.

President Chris welcomed the guests.

Corinne Hudson recited the 4 Way Test and Andy Ismay did the Grace and Toast.

Melinda won the wine swindle to the excitement (in anticipation) of her table.

Geraldine handed over the wooden spoon to Vanessa Rousseau – a worthy recipient. Vanessa, Head of Youth, is doing fantastic work at a club and district level. She also ran a workshop for Rotary Youth this past weekend. Vanessa made Newlands and district extremely proud.

Vanessa introduced our guest speaker, Dr Peter Johnston. Peter is a Climate Impact Researcher with the Climate Systems Analysis group at UCT. His fascination with weather started at the age of 10 –

Greater Cape Town has a population of 4.8 million people occupying 2500 square km. Our annual consumption is 3-400 million cubic metres a year. (About 1 million cubes a day). We need to focus on managing demand rather than availability. Cape Town water users need to focus on using less water. Our leak ration is 15-17% - good by world standards. Tierwaterskloof dam is the largest but has a huge surface area for evaporation so is being emptied first. We are now at 21.2% and even with fantastic rains it will take 3 years to fill our dams. Without rain – 1 August our taps will be dry.

Climatic change is a reality and rainfall patterns are changing. The major users of water in Cape Town are agriculture 57%, residential 38% and industry 8%.

Jenny Howard thanked Dr Johnston.

Spots:

Graham Finlayson invited members to the opening of Vukani on Wednesday.

Pieter van Aswegen offered tables and a desk to Rotary.

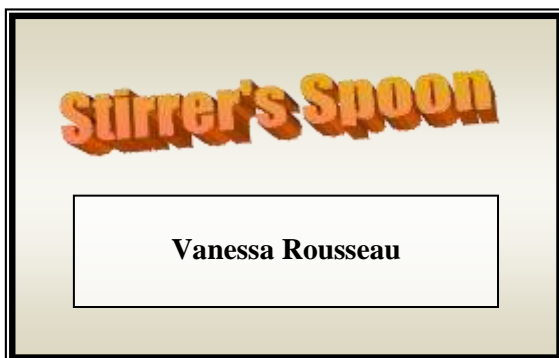
Closing:

President Chris complimented Geraldine on her well-deserved Sapphire awarded at Conference.

Meeting was closed with happy rands.



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FUTURE FIXTURES

Year Planner

Please advise the secretary promptly of any additions or changes

May 2017

Mon 22 Business
Mon 29 Ordinary

June 2017

Mon 5 Partners
Mon 12 Ordinary
Thu 15 Induction Dinner
Mon 19 Ordinary
Mon 26 Business

Happy Anniversary

25 May
Bill & Anne Meyer

**Happy
Birthday**

27 May
Claire Lowden

23 May
Antonette Oliver

28 May
Geoff Sessions

The Fork Lift Job

Murphy applied for a fork lift operator post at a famous Irish firm based in Dublin.

A Norwegian applied for the same job and since both applicants had similar qualifications, they were asked to take a test and led to a quiet room with no interruptions by the Manager. When the results were in, both men had scored 19 out of 20.

The manager went to Murphy and said, "Thank you for coming to the interview, but we've decided to give the Norwegian the job."

Murphy: "And why would you be doing that? We both got 19 questions correct. This being Ireland and me being Irish surely I should get the job."

Manager: "We have made our decision not on the correct answers, but on the question you got wrong."

Murphy: "And just how would one incorrect answer be better than another?"

Manager: "That's simple; on question number 7 the Norwegian wrote down, 'I don't know.' You put down, 'Neither do I.' "

UMPIRES AND SCORERS

DATE	22 May	29 May	5 June	12 June
MEETING	Business	Ordinary	Partners	Ordinary
SERGEANT	Richard House	Glynis Menné	Geraldine Nicol	Brian Pickup
4 WAY TEST/ OBJECT	Menno de Wet	Willie Wijenberg	Anthony Galloway	Bill Holland
GRACE & TOAST	Abe Oliver	Paul Spiller	Richard Burnett	Melinda Stapleton
ATTENDANCE	Christine Calothi	Shân Biesman-Simons	Heidi Andersson	Graham Finlayson
FELLOWSHIP	Andy Ismay	Mike Young	Pippa McLeod	Jamie Hart
MINUTES	Janey Ball	Pieter van Aswegen	Lew Botha	Graham Lowden
COMMENT	Tinus de Jongh	Garnet Carr	Henry Campbell	Jana Forrester
THANK SPEAKER		Rochelle Malherbe	Bill Meyer	John Stephenson
INTRO SPEAKER		Daphne Lyell	Terry Lancaster	Johan Beukman

Invited GUEST SPEAKERS

29 May **Marilie van der Walt** – *Egyptian Medicine*

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.

The Exorcism

You know it's bad when your mechanic calls in two priests...



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