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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 (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 Vanessa Rousseau at rousseau@iafrica.com and copy to Melinda Stapleton at mjstapleton@webafrica.org.za before 10h30 on Monday mornings please.

Comment

Janey Ball

“We’ll see an RI woman president in five years”

Jennifer Jones has managed to break through the glass ceiling in Rotary, and is one of only 10 women to reach the level of RI Director.

Extracted from an article by Rasheeda Bhagat published in Rotary News Online

We get asked all the time when will Rotary International see a woman President. But had we put someone in that place just to check a box, it would’ve been terrible not only for Rotary but women as well,” says Jennifer Jones, one of the four women Directors on the RI Board. She adds that at this point in Rotary’s history, and after it started inducting women in 1987, “I believe that we have enough qualified women at senior positions. So what does it take now? It takes women who have served in the Board to put their names forward. Hopefully some of the women who have served here will do that.”

I grab the opportunity to chat up Jennifer during my visit to the RI headquarters in Evanston, and women in Rotary naturally takes up a chunk of the interview. She says rather than a campaign to get more women into Rotary, “we need to find qualified people regardless of gender, and there are any number of qualified women out there! We do a disservice to ourselves if we go on a campaign and try to fill a certain population. We just have to find the right people who are worthy of our organisation.”

On the issue of women leaders in Rotary she thinks “we’ve only been in Rotary long enough to achieve being at the Board table.” It has taken a while, but then women had to be there long enough to become club presidents first, then DGs after few years, prove their worth through hard work in committees, etc, to become RI Directors. “And now we can see women sitting at the (Board) table not because we are women, but because we’re qualified Rotarians.”



To answer the question on the special contribution of women leaders to Rotary, she quotes RI President KR Ravindran, who “made a statement at our meeting (October 2015) that had we not brought women into Rotary, we would not be where we are today. And I agree with him, because we represent the global population.”

Jennifer joined Rotary in 1997 when she was only 27. She owned a television production company and the general manager of a cable company invited her to attend a Rotary meeting. “I had covered Rotary as a young reporter when it was still an ‘old men’s club.’ So I wasn’t really sure what to expect.” But anyway she went and “when I arrived I felt like I had arrived home!” She knew almost half of the people there, and respected many others she met. “It was obvious from the very first minute this was something that I wanted to be a part of.”

In 2007-08 she became Governor. Asked how difficult the journey was and if she faced any gender discrimination, Jennifer says, “Oh gosh, no,” adding that as the first female governor in the district, she was aware of breaking new ground. An interesting moment came when one of the district clubs which did not admit women into Rotary invited her to speak. There were many spouses in the audience and “in a very respectful manner I told them that I don’t want you to ask women to join your club. But I want you to find good Rotarians. It was a gentle way of saying they needed to expand their horizon.” Since then, that club has started taking women!

On being a role model for other women in Rotary, she says that the year she became DG, over 50 per cent of her club presidents were women and “many of them came up to me and said I specifically wanted to become president this year because I wanted to serve with you. As a woman, you made me believe I could do it.”

The challenges of serving on the RI Board as a Director abound, particularly as the RI President Ravindran “wants boots on the ground and has asked us to be in our districts to meet our Rotarians, which gives me a lot of joy but is a challenge as I have 28 districts under me.”

While on the business front she has a competent back up, on the family front, she isn’t too sure if she is balancing well. “This is thanksgiving season and my entire family is there but I am here in Evanston.” But, she adds, her family is very supportive, her husband is a club president — they belong to different clubs — her mother is a past president. As for children, “I have a dog, her name is Gracy, and I am in touch with her on Facetime!”

On her priorities as an RI Director, Jennifer says she works very closely with her Governors, focuses on larger clubs, MDPETS, 100th anniversaries, media events, and getting young professionals. “I want to raise Rotary’s profile in the two zones I represent so I am constantly looking for opportunities to showcase Rotary in the media.”

Whether she looks at herself as a woman or not, ultimately her performance will be judged along gender lines; so does this put more pressure on her? She says in the Board her gender doesn't matter. "I am very blessed to serve on K R Ravindran and John Germ's Board. They have both shown that our voices are equal and we get to voice our opinions without any kind of condescension."

So how long before we see a woman RI President?

"I believe we'll see a female RI President within the next five years, but because she is qualified and not because she is a woman. We now have a critical mass of women ... 10 who have served or currently serving as Directors and one of them is going to be qualified for the post!"

Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 16 May 2016

Scribe: Paul Spiller

Sergeant: Richard Burnett

Richard welcomed all to the meeting and handed over to President Colin Burke who welcomed the guests, being, the guest speaker Dr Michelle Youngleson, Roseanne Turner and Pam Waynewright.

The 4 way test was recited by all after a request by Menno de Wet.

Mike Young did the grace and toast.

Mike Walwyn indicated that he would like to hang on to the spoon a bit longer.

The wine swindle was won by Tinus de Jongh.

Vanessa Rousseau welcomed Dr Michelle Youngleson who addressed the meeting. She explained how her program addressed the needs of young woman still at school. The program educates young girls about HIV, menstruation, Sexually Transmitted Infections, pregnancy and safe sex. Girls were supplied with reusable sanitary pads and offered contraception. Results showed a lower rate of absenteeism and unwanted pregnancies.

After dinner and a few questions for the speaker the following spots were entertained:

1. Graham Finlayson: Graham asked members to please indicate whether they would be attended the Induction Dinner on 17 June.
2. Tinus de Jongh: Tinus reported back that the transfer of the Books for the World was complete and that the librarian has been employed full-time.
3. Chris Beech: Chris asked members if they wish to receive Rotary Africa via email or a hard copy. It is cheaper to receive via it via email. With a couple of exceptions it was decided to receive it via email.
4. Bill Holland: Bill warned about the increase in crime.
5. Richard Burnett: Richard indicated that he had visited Tesselaarsdal and had found a home industry which supported the local population. He showed the meeting a door stop and a walking stick and indicated that they were available from him for R80.00 each.

Colin then showed off the 2 certificates that Newlands Rotary won at the conference, being:

- a) Best Club Attendance
- b) Best Partners Attendance.

After a couple of Happy Rands the meeting closed at 20H00.



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

May 2016
Mon 23 Business
Mon 30 Ordinary

June 2016
Mon 6 Partners
Mon 13 Ordinary
Mon 20 Business
Fri 24 Induction Dinner
Mon 27 Business

Happy Anniversary

25 May
Bill & Anne Meyer

Happy Birthday

27 May
Claire Lowden

28 May
Geoff Sessions

UMPIRES AND SCORERS

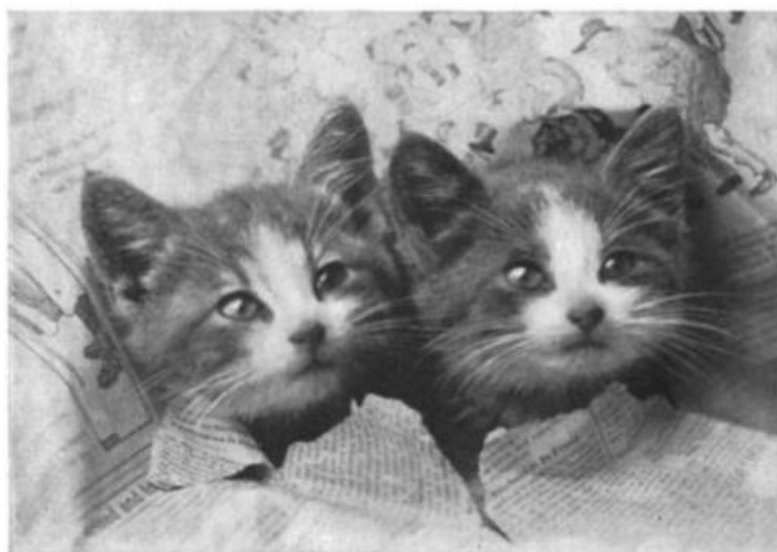
DATE	23 May	30 May	6 June	13 June
MEETING	Business	Ordinary	Partners	Ordinary
SERGEANT	Brian Pickup	Chris Beech	Pieter van Aswegen	Daphne Lyell
4 WAY TEST/ OBJECT	Wybe Meinesz	Lew Botha	Willie Wijenberg	Melinda Stapleton
GRACE & TOAST	Lucian Pitt	Bill Holland	Menno de Wet	Richard Burnett
ATTENDANCE	Christine Calothi	Garnet Carr	Regine le Roux	Janey Ball
FELLOWSHIP	Nora See	John Stephenson	Shân Biesman-Simons	Jenna Monk
MINUTES	Heidi Andersson	Paul Spiller	Jamie Hart	Peter Ennis
COMMENT	Michael Walwyn	Jana Forrester	Richard House	Tinus de Jongh
THANK SPEAKER		Graham Lowden	Glynis Menné	Andy Ismay
INTRO SPEAKER		Terry Lancaster	Graham Finlayson	Jenny Ibbotson

**Invited
GUEST SPEAKERS**

30 May **David Wolfer & Jen Binley** – *Global Grant Scholars*

6 June **Janet Welham** – *Cape Town Marathon*

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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