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25 July 2016

## 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 <u>rousseau@iafrica.com</u> and copy to Melinda Stapleton at <u>mjstapleton@webafrica.org.za</u> before 10h30 on Monday mornings please.

## Comment

<u>Menno de Wet</u>

# Are We Living Life to The Full?

Inspiration sometimes comes through strange circumstances.

I attended the memorial service of Anthony Webb, Marty's son on Saturday morning. Whilst this service was by its very nature a sad and sobering event, the larger than life personality of Antman Webb came through and was a powerful and humorous series of anecdotes given by friends and family alike.

The sense was not so much one of loss, as that of admiration, as to how he lived his life and the differences that he made in the lives of those who he came into contact with. The joy and exuberance that he packed into his life, with every waking moment. His kindness, his friendship, his thoughtfulness, that he showered on his friends with generosity of spirit and an over-riding sense of fun and laughter.

He lived his life with the following code:

- 1. Rules are made to be broken!
- 2. Are you doing something to change the world?
- 3. Do what you love and love doing it!
- 4. Fail fast, fail often, fail forward!
- 5. Your mind creates your destiny and your life. Nurture it!
- 6. Impossible is a crazy idea until it is done!
- 7. Chaos is your best friend, in chaos there is opportunity!
- 8. Problems equal business opportunity!
- 9. To risk nothing is to risk everything!
- 10. No is just a step closer to getting yes!
- 11. Be constantly learning!
- 12. Never, ever give up!

His family and friends have been hugely and positively influenced by his presence whether he was present or not. He has left a legacy that will be felt with fondness and joy for many years to come, because he made a difference.

We as Rotarians also have this opportunity to affect the lives of many people through the wonderful world of Rotary. Are we doing so and are we making the most of all the opportunities that are there for the taking?

As we read the rules that Anthony Webb lived by, are we able to tick those boxes?

We have time given to us to make a difference, so let us all determine, like Anthony Webb to live life at full tilt.

## **Previous Meeting**

#### Minutes of the meeting on 18 July 2016

Scribe: Lew Botha

#### Opening

**Sergeant Jenny Ibbotson** opened the meeting and invited **President Chris Beech** to welcome those present. Those he welcomed included Guest Speaker Hanniki Pieterse and Special Guest Richard Burzelman.

**Jenny Howard** then advised those present of the tragic death of Martyn Webb's son, Anthony, in an accident in Franschhoek on Saturday, 16 July.

The Four-Way Test was read by **Garnet Carr** while **Nora See** said grace and proposed the loyal toast.

The Wine Raffle was won by Peter Henshilwood.

Nora felt that Terry Lancaster was deserving of the Stirrer's Spoon and passed it on to him.

#### **Guest Speaker**

**Mike Young** introduced **Hanniki Pieterse**. After showing a short extract from the programme "50|50", Hanniki spoke of how she and other volunteers look after **Western Leopard Toads** during their breeding season from July to September each year. This is all done at the expense of the volunteers. These toads are endemic to the southern suburbs of Cape Town and have largely been cut off from their spawning areas by developments such as roads, houses and fences. Their migration and spawning activities usually take place between 7 pm and 7 am which makes them difficult to see and especially vulnerable when they are crossing roads.

Hanniki distinguished between toads (who live on dry land) and frogs (who live in water) and also described various traits of the Western Leopard Toads - distinguishing between male and female toads. She described their life cycle and said that some toads have been known to live for up to 12 years. Whilst they are not poisonous to human beings, they can cause the death of dogs if eaten. She advised that there are nine breeding ponds at Steenberg Golf Club.

**Geraldine Nicol** thanked Hanniki and suggested to members who are golfers to encourage their clubs to assist with the protection of the Western Leopards Toads and their habitats.

#### **Facts and Figures**

Earlier, and at this stage of the meeting, **Sergeant Jenny** challenged members about certain facts and figures of interest. Whilst some unusual and "way-out" answers were received, the following information was provided by Jenny - based on her ("questionable", according to some!) searches on Google:

- Table Mountain is the oldest mountain (about 260 million years old)
- The Nile is the longest river (6,853 kilometres)
- The Angel Falls are the highest (close to 1 kilometre)
- The oldest tree is a Bristlecone Pine tree (known as "Methuselah") in California (estimated to be in the region of 5,000 years old).

#### Spots

- **Pippa McLeod:** She attended a Rotary Family Health Day meeting last Saturday and made the following calls for input from members for the Health Days:
  - suggest for names of alternate communities who do not have clinics (such as Redhill)
  - suggestions for alternate days and times
  - volunteers for the days
  - responses to June Webber's "Call to action" following her visit to India.
- Vanessa Rousseau: She advised of a meeting of the Youth Services committee after the club meeting and called for members to join.
- Melinda Stapleton: She said that she will be away from 23 July to 10 August. During that time members should advise both her and Vanessa of their attendance at meetings. She said that the "Christmas in July" function on 23 July is in hand but that she needs volunteers to run with the performances of the Cape Philharmonic Orchestra and "My Fair Lady". She had the tickets for the "Barnyard" function.
- **Mike Young:** He said that Membership meeting due for 08 August 2016 has been postponed (indefinitely?).
- **Terry Lancaster:** He said that, as he was going away for a few weeks, he was passing on the Spoon to **Jenny Ibbotson** because she had undertaking to do his duty of taking minutes (which Jenny had, in turn, passed on to the writer!).

Jenny Ibbotson: She advised that the Vocational Committee would meet after the club meeting. •

#### **President's Slot**

President Chris advised members of the Board Meeting due to take place at his home at 18h00 on Wednesday 20 July 2016.

#### Closure

Sergeant Jenny called and arranged for the collection of many Happy Rands. During this process Richard Burnett pledged to arrange for a President's Award for the Western Leopard Toad volunteers and to top it up with a donation from his company. This is to enable the volunteers to print and distribute flyers advising relevant residents about the plight of the toads and to seek their assistance and co-operation.

Thereafter she closed the meeting.





Jana Forrester

## **UMPIRES AND SCORERS**

DATE	25 July	1 August	8 August	15 August
MEETING	Business	Partners	Ordinary	Fun Evening
SERGEANT	Henry Campbell	Wybe Meinesz	Eric Diazenza	Anthony Galloway
4 WAY TEST/ OBJECT	Colin Burke	Daphne Lyell	Regine le Roux	Graham Finlayson
GRACE & TOAST	Pippa McLeod	Jana Forrester	Andy Ismay	Jenna Monk
ATTENDANCE	Des Brown	Jamie Hart	Shân Biesman- Simons	Rochelle Malherbe
FELLOWSHIP	Brian Pickup	Corinne Hudson	Pieter van Aswegen	Jenny Ibbotson
MINUTES	Janey Ball	Glynis Menné	Vanessa Rousseau	Tony van der Lith
COMMENT	Bill Holland	Garnet Carr	Willie Wijenberg	Terry Lancaster
THANK SPEAKER		Geraldine Nicol	Richard House	
INTRO SPEAKER		Richard Burnett	Bill Meyer	

### Invited

- GUEST SPEAKERS
- 1 Aug Brad Bing Calypso Cricket
- 8 Aug Liesl van Rensburg Sport 67
- 30 Aug Antarctic Talk at Kelvin

If you cannot do your job on the day, <u>please</u> 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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