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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 Paul Spiller at dr.paul.spiller@gmail.com and copy to Bill Meyer at meyport@iafrica.com before 10h30 on Monday mornings please.

Comment

Roy Zazeraj

Cape Town's Scenic Roadwork Routes

A new offering for local and foreign tourists

In keeping with Cape Town's mission to promote all its natural and man-made wonders, these routes are now offered to all tourists driving around our fair city. Already enjoyed for years by local commuters, tourists are now also encouraged to experience their many pleasures.

Our many roadworks are available to enjoy all year round, bringing you the wonders of stop-go's, long delays and exciting grid-locks. You will be able to enjoy these with the colourful locals, unless they are in a mini-bus taxi, which stops for nothing. The routes are totally free of charge (apart from your increased petrol bill) and highly flexible. You can start anywhere in greater Cape Town and drive in any direction. Within a short distance, you are guaranteed to encounter a sample of our many interesting and varied roadworks. Keep driving and you will find many more. Most delays involved are long enough for a good number of selfies to send to your envious family and friends.

The roadworks have blossomed for a number of good reasons. New traffic lanes are being added on our highways, to enable happy commuters to arrive at their next bottleneck even quicker and then queue for even longer. Workers in particular, will not have to worry about getting to work any sooner. Attractive robots (traffic lights to some tourists) are being installed all over the city to ensure even more stop-start traffic and uneven traffic flow. Road-side cycle and walking tracks being built in many places and when complete, are even put to use by a small number of locals. Sometimes, long-stretches of highway are creatively coned-off for no discernible reason at all.

At first, citizens thought that all these roadworks were just a passing phase in the development of the city, but long experience shows they (and all their attractions) are here to stay. For the more daring, there are a number of new driving games to relieve any potential boredom, such as Lively Lane Changing, Road-rage Roulette, Block the Taxi, Emergency Lane Exploring and Pavement Poker.

Cape Town's roadworks now compete with the best in the large cities of the world. The city is justifiably proud of the addition of the Roadblock Routes to the many tourist attractions on offer. An investigation is under way to determine a suitable city with which to twin and share the joys of Roadwork Route tourism.

Tourists will be pleased to know that a (frequently updated) electronic map will soon be available, showing all the exciting opportunities, as more and more innovative roadworks are added. Should you encounter any significant stretch of roadway without any roadworks, please address your complaint to the city without delay. They seek to please.

What to take on the routes: Lots of time, a full tank of petrol, cell-phone, sufficient liquids, a good book, a sealable urine receptacle, step ladder (to see over the truck or 4x4 in front of you), mini-braai (for the long waits), camp chair and a sense of humour.

Reporting by Michael Taker

Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 19 June 2017

Scribe: Andy Ismay

Sergeant Jenny Howard opened the meeting and Acting President Colin Burke welcomed the guests who were:-

Geoff & Suzanne von Klemperer; Luis & Linda Balona; Anne Mac Donald; Leandri Hattingh; Graham Parkhurst; Rod & Sally Palmer; Alan & Janet Budge; Gavin and Francis Smith; Roy Gordon; Ken & Shona Sturgeon; Peter Haylett; Barbara Murphy; Tom Bergmann- Harris; Johnny Hurwitz; Don & Sally Ball; Jerome Eckles and our speaker Dr. Robin Catchpole. Most of the guests were visiting Rotarians.

4 WAY TEST: Wybe

GRACE & TOAST: Menno

WOODEN SPOON Passed from Jenny Ibbotson to Peter Ennis for his special and consistent service to the club as our treasurer and bulletin editor.

WINE SWINDLE:

Guest draw was won by Graham Parkhurst and the Members draw by Andy.

SPEAKER:

Mike Walwyn introduced our speaker DR ROBIN CATCHPOLE who as an astronomer has done major research into the “history” of the Universe.

SPEECH TITLE: ARE WE ALONE?

Dr Catchpole gave us the key factors and events that most probably would be required to sustain life as we know it, on our and other planets in other star systems. To do this he gave us an introduction & some background on the evolution and hierarchy of life on earth, examples of the tenacity of life surviving in extreme conditions and about water & oxygen, being key to life, having been found on a number of planets and other heavenly bodies. If a planet is the right distance from its sun and the right size relatively then it might have the right atmosphere and hence water.

He also explained other key factors like the development of oxygen, the different views of researchers, viz. Darwin & Hauser regarding the “Origin of Mind” (i.e. the difference between Homo Sapiens as “conscious communicators” and other life forms on earth) and the threats to the “eternal existence” (50 000 years plus) of our planet and perhaps planets in other star systems and whether we will be around long enough to obtain enough facts to answer the question? Our key threats are climate change, volcanoes, comets impacting with earth and the lifetime of certain species which are required for the balance of life.

Dr Catchpole made some predictions about the future astronomical study and research and especially the improvement of the power of telescopes and of the types & uses of laser systems and also about the Drake Equation which supposedly can be used to calculate the lifetime of civilisations using suppositions and facts.

After all these facts and figures he ended with a quote that the answer to the question: Are We Alone? is “Queerer than we can suppose”

Many questions were asked, which indicated that Dr Catchpole’s address was thought provoking and very well presented. Johan Beukman thanked our speaker and rewarded him with our standard gift.

A tasty 3 course meal was provided and we enjoyed much fellowship between members and guests.

SPOTS:

- Jenny Ibbotson asked for a volunteer to mentor a university bursary student.
- Jenny Howard thanked and complemented Sheila Walwyn for planning and organising the décor for the tables at the induction dinner.
- Menno De Wet thanked Jenny Howard and her team for their contributions in making the induction dinner a success.
- Andy Ismay reminded the entrepreneurship committee of their monthly meeting after the main meeting.

PRESIDENT’S SLOT:

Acting President Colin congratulated the Paul Harris Fellowship recipients and called up Terry Lancaster to receive his PHF gong and certificate as he had been away and could not attend the induction dinner.

As there were no birthdays and anniversaries that week he asked our Sergeant to do her slot.

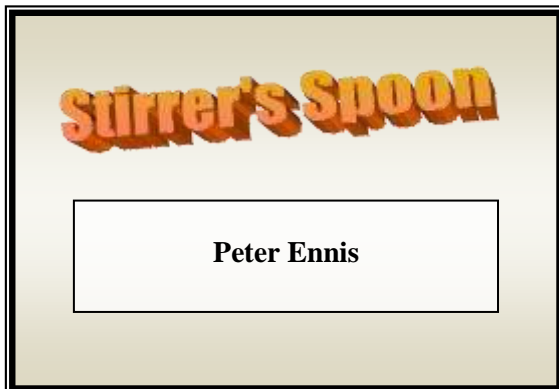
SERGEANT'S SLOT

Incoming President Graham, Nora See, Geoff von Kemperer, Abe Oliver, Bill Holland, Graham Parkhurst, Richard Burnett, Brian Pickup, Garnet Carr, Terry Lancaster generously gave "Happy Rands" and indicated why they were so happy.

Jenny closed the meeting and encouraged further fellowship.



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[Newlands Rotary Club Runner Calendar](#)

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

June 2017
Mon 26 Business

July 2017
Mon 3 Partners
Mon 10 Ordinary
Mon 17 Ordinary
Mon 24 Business
Mon 31 Ordinary

August 2017
Mon 7 Partners
Mon 14 Ordinary

Happy Birthday

28 June
Menno de Wet

29 June
Adrienne de Jongh

Happy Anniversary

30 June
Melinda & Graham Stapleton

UMPIRES AND SCORERS

DATE	26 June	3 July	10 July	17 July
MEETING	Business	Partners	Ordinary	Ordinary
SERGEANT	Mike Young	Johan Beukman	Graham Lowden	Jenny Ibbotson
4 WAY TEST/ OBJECT	Paul Spiller	Richard Burnett	Melinda Stapleton	Colin Burke
GRACE & TOAST	Corinne Hudson	Henry Campbell	Johan Beukman	Jenny Howard
ATTENDANCE	Willie Wijenberg	Bill Meyer	John Stephenson	Rochelle Malherbe
FELLOWSHIP	Pieter van Aswegen	Heidi Andersson	Bill Holland	Menno de Wet
MINUTES	Vanessa Rousseau	Peter Ennis	Lucian Pitt	Ian Pursch
COMMENT	Nora See	Jenny Ibbotson	Shân Biesman- Simons	Regine le Roux
THANK SPEAKER		Terry Lancaster	Lew Botha	Janey Ball
INTRO SPEAKER		Geraldine Nicol	Pippa McLeod	Jana Forrester

**Invited
GUEST SPEAKERS**

- 3 Jul **Dr Cyril Hrommik** – *Who was here first*
- 10 Jul **Jeanette Deacon** – *San and Khoi rock art*

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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