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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

Shân Biesman-Simons

Wine Tasting Evening 13 February

I think it would be remiss of us not to acknowledge our meeting with a difference! This was a superb evening and thoroughly enjoyed by the fortunate attendees.

An official Rotary meeting was hosted by Richard Burnett at his 'office' in Observatory. Protocol was observed including welcoming Rotarians, partners, family and ex Newlands Rotarians Garth Johnson and Jan Kaars Sijpesteijn.

On arrival the tasting began... a glass of bubbles to set the tone! Fellowship was enjoyed and we were then seated at tables and the challenges began. After a short history and sharing of some pertinent facts about Wine Cellar - fine wine merchants & cellarers Richard introduced us to our tastings for the evening. We watched a video tour of selected wine farms and the information shared should have equipped us with the knowledge to correctly identify the cultivars of the eight wonderful wines being served. We were given numerous appropriate and supposedly 'distinguishing' clues in wine tasting lingo but we obviously have a great deal to learn. I think we were all correct in ascertaining whether we were drinking red or white but not too many correctly distinguished a cheeky Chenin from a sultry Sauvignon Blanc, challenging Chardonnay or refreshing Riesling. The red wines for some were even more confusing and a sexy Shiraz was perhaps labelled a perky Pinot Noir or a mysterious Merlot or complex Cabernet. Wines were locally produced and most from lesser known vineyards.

The wines were outstanding and after the tasting we shared a great meal and fellowship and quaffing rounded off a memorable Rotary meeting.

Richard told us that we were a 'test run' as in the future he may conduct similar wine tastings for select friends and perhaps for the public. Thanks Richard for all your hard work, research and generosity that we were privileged to experience and additional thanks to Chippy, Stephen and others who too contributed to making us feel so welcome, humbled by our lack of wine acumen and well fed!

Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 20 February 2017

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Sergeant Pippa called the meeting to order and informed us that we had a full programme

President Chris welcomed the **Rotary Friendship Exchange** guests from Oregon and **Sheila Walwyn**

Garnet invited all to recite the Four Way Test

Geraldine did the Grace and Toast and candles were lit on each table as we toasted Rotary International's 112th birthday, centenary of Rotary Foundation and our visiting Rotary Friendship Exchange guests and their home district

Paul's wine swindle was won by **Johan**

Johan awarded the wooden spoon to 'travel agent' **Colin** for his organisation of the Rotary Friendship Exchange team's itinerary and hosting

GUEST SPEAKER

Paul introduced our guest speaker **Prof Gert Venter** and kindly didn't read us his impressive 13-page abridged CV. **Prof Venter** has over 200 published academic papers. His topic was *Is Hydroponics the answer?* He gave a very interesting talk in a humble and thought provoking manner. A few facts, some more sobering than others

- World Economic Forum 2016 – food a major challenge this millennium
- By 2050 there will close on 10 billion people
- 1 in 9 people in the world is hungry
- 50% of food produced is thrown away
- Local tomato farmers produce 56-58 tonnes of tomatoes per hectare per year and in Europe 1100 tonnes of tomatoes per hectare are produced using hydroponics
- Hydroponics can be used anywhere including deserts, sea water areas and the Antarctic
- Vertical and skyscraper hydroponic farming can be used in mega cities
- Some intriguing futuristic farming ideas and locations were shown
- Plants can produce electricity from their roots

There were numerous questions and I feel **Prof Venter** answered his question *Is hydroponics the answer?* with a resounding yes

Nora thanked our speaker and told us that she first had experience with hydroponics 40 years ago.

ECD UPDATE from Geraldine

- An outline of our club's and district's focus on ECD was given for the benefit of our visitors
- ECD encompasses all of Rotary International's six focus areas
- First 1 000 days of child's life most important for their development
- Huge need as only half our children are in some sort of preschool
- Target to get all children into preschools in next 5 years
- Many partners including government, NGOs and other Rotary clubs and districts. Perhaps Oregon could help?

PRESENTATION FROM ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE MEMBERS

- **Camille** thanked all involved with hosting and organising of the visitors' stay in Cape Town and gave a special gift to **Colin** and encouraged all to join a Rotary Friendship Exchange particularly the one to Oregon so that they can reciprocate hospitality (there are over 400 vineyards to test!)
- The team gave a short presentation and members spoke about their families and homes, interests and gave a synopsis of their specific Rotary club's projects



The RFE visitors from Oregon doing the banner exchange. (Thanks Menno!)

SPOT

Terry gave some information to our guests about the Cape Town Cycle Tour and gave details about various meetings next week (relevant details have been sent by email)

PRESIDENT CHRIS'S SLOT

- Swellendam Rotary Club has asked Newlands Rotary Club to facilitate the production of the conference programme. **Bill** and **Paul** offered to co-ordinate this
- Acknowledged this week's birthdays and anniversaries
- Thanked **Richard B** last week's wine tasting

- The club has regrettably accepted **Jenna's** resignation and thanks her for significant contribution to Newlands Rotary Club
- Thanked our visitors from Oregon for their friendship and **Jenny H** and **Johan** for hosting an evening for the visitors
- Banners were exchanged

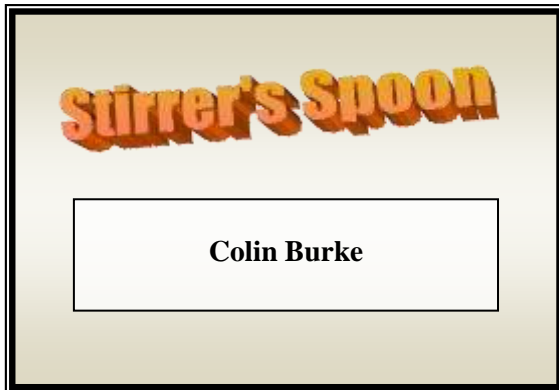
SERGEANT'S SLOT

Pippa outlined the Happy Rand concept and the treasurer left smiling! Many contributions were from our guests acknowledging their gratitude for new friendships and hospitality

Pippa then closed this busy and interesting meeting



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FUTURE FIXTURES
Year Planner

Please advise the secretary promptly of any additions or changes

February 2017
Mon 27 Business

March 2017
Mon 6 Partners
Sun 12 Cape Town Cycle Tour
Mon 13 Ordinary – War Stories
Mon 20 Ordinary
Mon 27 Business

April 2017
Mon 3 Partners – Vocational Evening
Mon 10 Ordinary

Happy Birthday

27 February
Pippa McLeod

3 March
Colin Burke

UMPIRES AND SCORERS

DATE	27 February	6 March	13 March	20 March
MEETING	Business	Partners	Ordinary	Ordinary
SERGEANT	Daphne Lyell	Lew Botha	TBA	Christine Calothi
4 WAY TEST/ OBJECT	Michael Walwyn	Jenny Ibbotson	Rochelle Malherbe	Abe Oliver
GRACE & TOAST	Andrew Peile	Pieter van Aswegen	Graham Finlayson	Bill Holland
ATTENDANCE	Graham Lowden	Corinne Hudson	Johan Beukman	Paul Spiller
FELLOWSHIP	Lucian Pitt	Tony van der Lith	Bill Meyer	Geraldine Nicol
MINUTES	Richard House	Jana Forrester	Jenny Howard	Wybe Meinesz
COMMENT	Peter Henshilwood	Colin Burke	Daphne Lyell	Melinda Stapleton
THANK SPEAKER		Menno de Wet		Pippa McLeod
INTRO SPEAKER		Anthony Galloway		Henry Campbell

**Invited
GUEST SPEAKERS**

6 Mar **Tessa Oliver** – *Living with fire*
 20 Mar **Rob Erasmus** – *Wild fire
forensics*

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.

Just be careful ...



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