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

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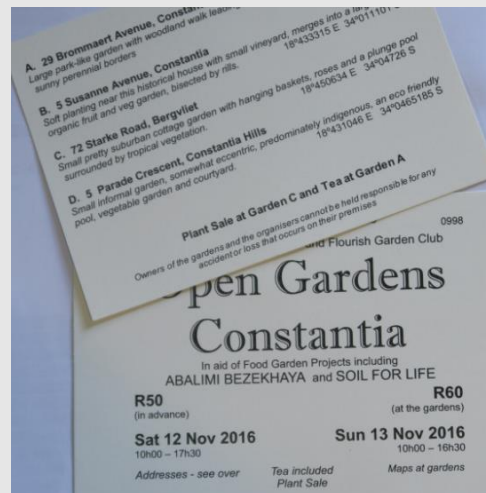
Open Gardens Constantia

If club members were wondering why they never saw much of me in the past year, my garden and three others were on exhibit for the Open Gardens Constantia event on Saturday and Sunday the weekend of 12 and 13 November.

We raised R120 000 and had 5 800 visitors and it took a year of hard work [see photos on the next page].

The funds raised were given to Soil for Life and Abalimi Bezekhaya.

Christine







Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting on Monday, 21 November 2016

Scribe: Anthony Galloway, ably and kindly assisted by Terry Lancaster, who assumes full responsibility for errors. Thanks Terry!

Sergeant: John Winship

Objects of Rotary: Peter van Aswegen

Grace and Toast: Tinus de Jongh

No speaker: Business Meeting and Assembly

Sergeant John opened the meeting and asked President Chris to address the members.

President Chris confirmed that:

- the meeting would be both a business meeting as well as an Assembly,
- welcomed Andrew Peile back,
- mentioned that Geraldine was looking for Rotary banners (talk to Pieter van Aswegen),
- the braai has been postponed to next week's AGM,
- the club needs to take a resolution regarding the submission of nominations for office bearers. It was unanimously decided to revert to the deadline of 48 hours before the AGM – all nominations must be received by the President by then.

Object of Rotary: Presented by Pieter van Aswegen

Grace and Toast: Tinus de Jongh (with mixed feelings about whether to toast the once-mighty Bokke, or not. Momentary misery & grief visible on faces of many members before re-focusing on Rotary matters.)

Stirrer's Spoon: Jenny Howard presented the spoon, curiously represented by a fork, to a grateful Peter van Aswegen, for wonderful services/expertise in the audio/visual department. As luck would have it Jenny had to present the fork without the help of a microphone, and Peter chose to go down on his knees to accept. Touching moment for all.

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Sergeant John restored a business-like atmosphere by suggested that we handle the Spots right away. This was followed by a stunned silence which Sergeant John regarded as an instant acceptance of his proposal and he immediately called on Jana Forrester for her spot:

Jana: gave notice that last orders for Xmas puddings are due.

Janey: Informed the meeting that Rotary International has just been given the accolade of the No 1 Global Giving Organisation in the world. This title is granted by the International Association of Fundraising Professionals, and to quote Janey: "It's a BIG DEAL!". For further details please contact Janey.

Graham: informed the meeting that another 2-container classroom is being provided to a school in Masiphumelele, and that plans have been approved for an extension to the Vukani School for special-needs kids in Khayelitsha. However, the Vukani School project needs funding of R500-600k to pay for the costs. Any/all ideas welcome.

Pieter: fresh from his "fork" triumph, Pieter recommended the Air Wrap product for pool coverings. +/- 1/3rd of the price of competitor products. Interested parties can contact Air Wrap on 021 556-8802 – their physical address is 16 Monza Road, Killarney Gardens.

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President Chris then declared the Business Meeting open:

Menno on Membership:

Menno questioned the commitment of current members to introduce new members to the club.

He then gave feedback on +/- 7 new “prospects”, all at various stages of determining whether to join the club.

He declared his intention to hold a 2nd New Members meeting in Feb/March next year.

Eric Diazenza is going to the USA, but will be returning after that.

Des Brown has resigned due to work reasons.

Corinne on Community Services:

Coreen caused a panic-induced stress-spike in members’ hearts by mentioning that she and her team have 24 projects and she’d like to give us feedback on them all. This was followed by a fiendish grin, and tangible relief by declaring that her previous statement was a joke (some members smiled, and there was laughter, but it sounded decidedly nervous) and that she would report back on just a few.

1. Christmas parcels going to Oasis. Hero: John Stephenson, for donating 270 cans of Lucky Star product – nothing “fishy” about that!
2. Lavender Hills Project Heroes: Andy Ismay for the donation of R 3 500-worth of paint as part of the repairs to a safe-house. Brian Pickup for help with vehicles. Terry Lancaster providing 1st surf lesson for kids.
3. O Graceland Project: Ian Pursch providing R 5000 from Presidents Discretionary Fund.
4. WCFID Project: Heidi obtained R5 000 from Presidents Discretionary Fund for this project.
5. President Chris, Coreen, and Helen went to visit 7 out of 27 ECD centres in Langa, and although there were instances of great work being done in extremely challenging circumstances, the general observation was of terrible facilities and conditions. Coreen still to get “wish list” of requirements from Langa, and will communicate to members once received. She answered questions about “Why Langa”, and President Chris added his own opinion in terms of Rotary Newlands needing to take serious action in this environment.

Vanessa on Youth:

Early Act: thanks to Nora, 2 EarlyAct projects received awards.

Thanks to Corinne, a donation of a book/reading “Kit” was made to a school, with training and guidance to follow. Reddam School to do a book drive.

InterAct: RYLA Camp: we sent students to this camp, and feedback was excellent. 1 LEAP Student reported “phenomenal experience, great knowledge”.

New Clubs: Vanessa’s plans to charter new clubs in Khayelitsha have had to be put on hold until next year, but plans are advanced in terms of chartering a new club at Mathew Goniwe High School.

Jenny on Vocational:

All students are currently experiencing problems writing exams.

Hero: Pieter van Aswegen, for providing 5 laptops to SAEP students, who were “very delighted” to receive them. Still hunting for 5 desktop machines – please get to Peter for “cleaning up” before delivery.

International: Jenny will send out information on International Visitors. PP Colin is co-ordinating another couple. Melinda volunteered to host.

Menno complimented Jenny on SAEP article in previous HOWZAT.

Andy on Entrepreneurship:

There is a team of 6 Rotarians and 5 “Partners/Advisors” working on providing assistance to “building businesses”. A central concept is that poorer communities can gain strength and support from more affluent communities.

Newlands Rotary is a leader in this initiative, and Andy has a list of 78 volunteer Mentors.

Rotarians will be attending a breakfast meeting at Shanduka.

The team has narrowed the focus from a wide number of possible areas down to 4, which Geraldine reported on. Geraldine also emphasized that the goal is not to start new projects, but to empower and accelerate the growth and development of existing “start-ups”. She reported on how successfully the Mini-Conference had been, with 70 Rotarians attending each of the Entrepreneurship sessions.

In addition, District is buying in to this process.

Melinda on Club Services:

Xmas Party: Every member to purchase/obtain and bring a book for Vanessa’s project. “Learn to Read” books are the required level. Jenny suggested looking on Takealot.com and other sites for bargains.

Bill asked two questions: 1. The sound system – what is happening? In the noise and confusion that followed President Chris finally brought calm to the microphone-less gathering by promising that the Committee would approve of a budget, which comforted Bill. 2. Meals: President Chris reported that a meeting has been planned with the current caterers, and a report-back to the club would follow.

John Winship voiced his proposal for a greater level of collaboration between projects from different club portfolios in order to do combined applications for funding, e.g. via Teacher training.

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This brought to an end the business meeting, and with all the necessary gravitas President Chris declared his first-ever Assembly Meeting open. Using a PowerPoint slide, he explained how the assembly was to be run, with the intention of all issues, and all members’ opinions, to be adequately addressed.

His suggestion of a 90-minute deadline was met with ferocious opposition, so this was immediately change to 60 minutes – our President demonstrating admirable levels of flexibility and adaptability.

President Chris kindly acknowledged the huge task of the first-time minute-taker at this meeting, which was gratefully received. (Actually, at the precise moment of this recognition the minute-taker was wondering how to identify the person responsible for the allocation of duties in order to plot revenge, and what he had done to deserve this weighty responsibility).

1. Board Meetings: Decision: Everyone will get minutes of Board meetings in future.
2. Review on Survey on Number of Meetings: Jenny Howard proposed re-doing the survey as only 37 responses. Many, and various, opinions were shared. Decision: we will not re-do the survey, and the results of the original survey will stand. The Committee will embark upon a “take no prisoners” campaign to address “delinquents”, who appear to include not only members that do not care enough to complete the survey, but also who’s IT/computer skills are found wanting.
3. Why does the Board have to do Everything? It was clarified that there are specific teams set up to work on projects. Decision: No need to change anything in this regard.

4. Implementation of Strategic Plan: Lew Botha led this debate, and made a plea for sustainability to be included as a key criteria on all projects in future. Decision: Unanimous support. It will be done.
5. Written records of Portfolio's for handovers: Jenny Howard introduced this issue. Decision: All in favour. It will be standard practice in future. Andy suggested a central repository for this information.
(Within the hearing of the scribe an unknown member mis-heard and expressed the belief that Andy was suggesting a suppository – “for all this s**t, I suppose!” Much suppressed cackling in the immediate vicinity on receipt of this irreverent and priceless mis-communication).
6. Review of Club Officers Election Process: More information required on the intentions and objectives of prospective office-bearers in future. Decision: All in favour, and proposed that all nominated office-bearers will present their key intentions/objectives at the AGM next week.
7. Communication in the Club: President Chris led the discussion by saying that members did not read, assimilate and respond to e-mail communication as they should. In addition, that people who had issues tended not to voice them to the Committee. If you have an issue, say something!
Decisions:
 - a) everyone agreed this is an area that needs to be improved
 - b) it was proposed that discussion points be send to members before the meeting so that members can apply their minds to these matters in preparation for the discussion.
 - c) it was proposed that we hold more “Assembly-type” meetings because e-mails tend to diminish the level of personal & interpersonal contact – we are losing the “personal connection” side of Rotary, which is the real magic. (As a possible example: this point was powerfully made by Jana, who received widespread support. A short while later Tinus, in equally passionate mode, couldn't recall Jana's name in the heat of the moment and resorted to “thing”.)
 - d) it was also mentioned that this was the first Assembly meeting in at least two years.
8. Meeting times: Paul proposed that all meetings begin at the same time: arrive at 18h00 for an 18h15 start. Decision: Following a landslide vote in favour, motion carried!
9. Attendance: Menno presented his concern about members not attending meetings, and made a strong appeal for members who are busy with Rotary work to send e-mails to Melinda and Bill for “make-up” attendance. Decision: Yes, please do so!

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Sergeant John took control of the meeting again, and declared the hour to be too late to accommodate Happy Rands. He then announced himself to be so happy with this decision that he would donate R100 Happy Rands!

The meeting closed.



[Newlands Rotary Club Runner Calendar](#)

FUTURE FIXTURES

Year Planner

Please advise the secretary promptly of any additions or changes

November 2016

Mon 28 **AGM** and *Bring & Braai*

December 2016

Sun 4 **Stellenbosch Cycle Tour**

Mon 5 No meeting, instead ...

Wed 7 **Year-end function**

Mon 12 Ordinary, if there is one

No meetings until...

January 2017

Mon 9 Partners

Happy Anniversary

28 November
Terry & Jenny Lancaster

30 November
Brian & Jane Pickup

Humane Society of Plainfield to hold emergency wine tasting

Help Save Pets/Humane Society of Plainfield will hold an emergency wine tasting event.

The Humane Society is desperately low in funding, to the point where they soon will not be able to rescue animals, whose lives are at stake.

Therefore, they will host an emergency wine tasting fundraiser at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 3 at Wine & Cheese, by TCC, 603 W. Lockport Street, Plainfield. Admission to the event is \$20.

This is a great way to help animals, by enjoying fine wine, artisan cheeses, along with tasty breads and crackers, while raising the necessary funding to save animal's lives.

To make your reservation please send a check to: HSP/Wine Tasting, C/o KVS, 500 Bob Blair Rd, [REDACTED]

If you would like a confirmation of your reservation please include a phone number or e-mail address. Reservation deadline is May 1.

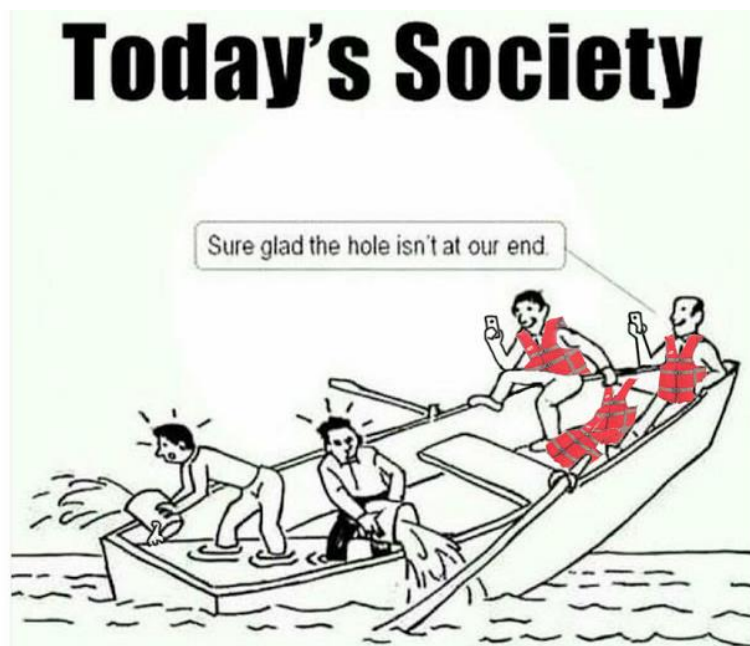
UMPIRES AND SCORERS

DATE	28 November	5 December	12 December
MEETING	AGM / Bring & Braai	No Meeting	No Meeting
SERGEANT	Peter Henshilwood	Year-end Function on Wednesday 7 December	Next meeting: 9 January 2017
4 WAY TEST/ OBJECT	Andy Ismay		
GRACE & TOAST	Michael Walwyn		
ATTENDANCE	Melinda Stapleton		
FELLOWSHIP	Jana Forrester		
MINUTES	Bill Meyer		
COMMENT	Geraldine Nicol		
THANK SPEAKER	–		
INTRO SPEAKER	–		

**Invited
GUEST SPEAKERS**

TBA

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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