



HOWZAT!



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 meyport@iafrica.com before 10h30 on Monday mornings please.

Comment

Via Jenny Ibbotson

Makaton Training for Beginners

It has taken a while to implement but we finally managed to use your wonderful sponsorship money to empower parents and assistants for the two Beginners Workshops on Saturday 13th May and 20th May at Noluthando.

Nokulunga did the first week with me and Themabela the second week. We were able to give the participants some resources as well as refreshments. All the participants were severely disadvantaged. Many are shack dwellers who are unemployed and unable even to pay for manuals. For these reasons the two tutors have had limited success in marketing the Makaton training. All the tutors have sponsored a number of participants but your donation enabled us to help some assistants as well as parents. Offering them this training will hopefully motivate the assistants to stay at Noluthando as they are very good at what they do.



All the participants were extremely enthusiastic and appreciative. I attach a few photos for your interest. It was great that Nokulunga and Thembela were able to translate where necessary as all our participants were Xhosa.

Once again Thanks to Rotary Newlands for supporting Makaton

Maggi Golding



Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 29 May 2017

Scribe: Mike Walwyn

The meeting opened under the able supervision of Sergeant Glynis, who invited President Chris to welcome the guests, and it was pleasing to see that there were a couple of prospective members present thanks to the persistence of PP Menno. There was a special word of welcome (to loud acclaim) for Diana Booth.

Willie Wijnberg recited the 4 way test, and was followed by the grace and toast from Paul Spiller. President Chris did not distinguish himself by suggesting a toast to the Sharks! The wine con (I'm running out of words) was won by PDG Geraldine for the second week running. She promptly put the bottle back into the draw and after a couple of false starts (tough luck Pieter van Aswegen, & Pippa McLeod), it was won by President Chris who, as a teetotaler, put it up for auction, and R100 was raised. Anybody who still thinks this thing is on the level, is seriously delusional!

Daphne Lyell introduced our guest speaker, Marilie van der Walt, who addressed us on the topic of "The art of healing in ancient Egypt". Marilie is a multi-lingual (including amongst others Latin and Classical Greek) scholar, whose day job, not surprisingly, is as a translator.

The topic was fascinating, given that as long as 5 000 years ago, the Egyptians were practicing medicine in a very professional way, misguided though some of it may have been. Motivated by high mortality rates, they developed a system that certainly had an impact. It was interesting to hear that children were not named until they reached the age of 2, in view of the relatively low chances of survival.

All of this was documented, and Marilie showed us examples of surviving papyrus scrolls, as well as an explanation of the inks and writing implements that were used. Because so many of the medical problems at the time had to do with infant mortality and childbirth, it was not surprising that there was a strong emphasis on obstetrics and gynaecology, but other important areas included bites and stings, due to the prevalence of insect borne diseases such as malaria, dengue fever and tularaemia. There was even some emphasis on veterinary medicine.

Medicine was a fascinating mix of science and magic spells, and it was all documented. Some of it was quite rudimentary – for instance there is a list of snakes and the effects their bites could have. This included notations like ‘Dies quickly’, or ‘May die’. But at the same time, some of the instruments used by practitioners look very much like what we see in surgeries today, and prosthetics were in use. Although the latter were probably used mainly after death and prior to mummification, to give the individual an image of completeness in the afterlife, there is evidence that they were also used by live people.

The talk was very well received, as indicated by the number of questions, and these would probably have carried on, had dinner not intervened.

The number of spots was mercifully few (at least from the minute taker’s point of view):

- Menno reported on a very successful District membership meeting, attended by no less than 20 Clubs.
- Ian Pursch advised that the books in the container from Australia would be available for collection at LEAP in Langa on 8 June between 10.00 and 13.00. If this scribe’s experience is anything to go by, those wanting pre- and primary school books had better get there early.
- Melinda announced that Paul Spiller, assisted by Heidi Anderson, would be taking over the Club Services portfolio with immediate effect, and all attendance matters should be addressed to them accordingly.

Sergeant Glynis closed the meeting by telling us that she would be on an extended European odyssey for the next 7 weeks, and we wish her well.

Thank You Letter

Dear Daphne and Mike,

I trust this email finds you well.

I would like to thank you all, on Marilie's behalf, for the wonderful evening we experienced at your Rotary Club.

It was an informative, fun and exciting evening and I do wish the best for every single member - with such warm members it is easy to see what a fantastic family the community has.

All the best for your projects in the future!

*Warm regards,
Monique*

(From Mile Young)

Stirrer's Spoon

Geraldine Nicol?

[Newlands Rotary Club Runner Calendar](#)

FUTURE FIXTURES

Year Planner

Please advise the secretary promptly of any additions or changes

June 2017

Mon 5 Partners

Mon 12 Ordinary

Thu 15 Induction Dinner

Mon 19 Ordinary

Mon 26 Business

July 2017

Mon 3 Partners

Mon 10 Ordinary

Mon 17 Ordinary

Mon 24 Business

Happy Anniversary

5 June
Ian & Paula Pursch

**Happy
Birthday**

7 June
Judy van Aswegen

8 June
Sandra Pitt

UMPIRES AND SCORERS

DATE	5 June	12 June	19 June	26 June
MEETING	Partners	Ordinary	Ordinary	Business
SERGEANT	Geraldine Nicol	Wybe Meinesz	Jenny Howard	Mike Young
4 WAY TEST/ OBJECT	Anthony Galloway	Bill Holland	Wybe Meinesz	Paul Spiller
GRACE & TOAST	Richard Burnett	Melinda Stapleton	Menno de Wet	Corinne Hudson
ATTENDANCE	Heidi Andersson	Graham Finlayson	Janey Ball	Willie Wijenberg
FELLOWSHIP	Pippa McLeod	Jamie Hart	Christine Calothi	Pieter van Aswegen
MINUTES	Lew Botha	Graham Lowden	Andy Ismay	Vanessa Rousseau
COMMENT	Henry Campbell	Jana Forrester	Richard House	Nora See
THANK SPEAKER	Bill Meyer	John Stephenson	Andy Ismay	
INTRO SPEAKER	Terry Lancaster	Johan Beukman	Michael Walwyn	

Invited GUEST SPEAKERS

- 6 Jun **Tony van Ryneveld** – *1920 flight from London to Cape Town*
- 12 Jun **Jenny Cullinan** – *Living with bees*
- 19 Jun **Dr Robin Catchpole** – *Are we alone?*

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.



Biden: I gave him a fake word-a-day calendar.

Obama: How bad is it, Joe?

Biden: You'll covfefe on May 31st.



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