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# WEEKLY UPDATE

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Western Province Cricket Club Sports Centre, Ave De Mist, Rondebosch, **MEETINGS**: every Monday at 18h00 for 18h15.

Notice of apologies and guests and/or meal specifics to email Paul Spiller at ATTENDANCE: dr.paul.spiller@gmail.com and copy to Bill Meyer at meyport@iafrica.com before 10h00 on Monday mornings please.

## Comment

**Paul Spiller** 

# Dissent

In any community or organization, it would be naïve to expect all members to agree with one another all the time and all live as one big happy family. Human nature as it is, has led to the development of laws and social restrictions, whose sole purpose is to facilitate living together by ensuring that all within the organization/community are treated fairly and shown the necessary respect to allow them to participate in the organization/community in a constructive manner.

Dissent arises once these boundaries are overstepped leading to the unhappiness of one or more participants. Dissent itself is not a measure of efficiency of the community or organization, but a good yard stick for the measurement of the efficiency of the community or organization is, how the dissent is handled. We are all aware of the Arab Spring. This - and other revolutions - was a direct result of politicians and people of power suppressing dissent to such a degree that the average Arab had no option other than to resort to violence with its grave consequences.

There are no hard and fast rules on how to handled dissent, but adhering to a couple of basic principles will help handle the matter.

- 1. Open discussion between the aggrieved parties, without the fear of reprisals, will lead to most matters being satisfactorily handled by the parties concerned.
- 2. If this does not help or if one or more parties feel that it will be of no use, then they should feel free to approach a higher authority for mediation.
- 3. The higher authority must be seen to be impartial.
- 4. The higher authority must have the authority to convene a mediation process.
- 5. The process should preferably not be seen as disciplinary but conciliatory and constructive.
- 6. All concerned parties should have the opportunity to share their concerns.
- 7. All parties should be made to understand that all members have a role to play in the peaceful functioning of the community/organization.
- 8. If this is in the interests of the aggrieved parties or community/organization, then the higher authority should consider giving feedback to the community/organization.

Mediation is preferable to litigation and in the interest of all, it is better to bring these matters of dissent to the fore, meet them head on and not suppress them.

# **Previous Meeting**

#### Minutes of the meeting on 30 October 2017

#### Scribe: Paul Spiller

- 1. The Sergeant, Richard House, brought the house to order at 18h20.
- 2. The President, Graham Finlayson, welcomed all the guests.
  - a. Colin Adams from Hermanus Rotary.
  - b. Georgina and Roland Crossney, Peter Stuurman, Janice Buys and Sharron from Blue Downs Primary
  - c. Pearl Spiller, daughter of Paul Spiller
  - d. Jaclyn Stephenson, daughter of John Stephenson.
  - e. Colin Adams, father of Inez Arendse.
  - f. Partners of members.
- 3. Jana Forrester did the 4-way test.
- 4. Toast and Grace was done by Willie Wijenberg.
- 5. Wine swindle won by Abe Oliver.

- 6. Vanessa Rousseau welcomed the guests from Blue Downs Primary and handed over Earlyact awards to Georgina Crossney, Janice Buys and Sharron Hasson. Mrs Crossney addressed the meeting, thanking Rotary for their recognition. The learners declined to address the meeting.
- 7. Spots
  - a. Andy Ismay, thanked all the mentors who were helping at False Bay College and presented the club with an award for supporting the Entrepreneurship project.
  - b. Jenny Ibbotson indicated that there are still spots for those wishing to go the World Conference.
  - c. Colin Burke asked for more support for the firefighting function at Fish Hoek.
  - d. Ian Pursch thanked Andy Ismay and Geraldine for their role in the Entrepreneurship Project.
  - e. Ian Pursch reminded all about the partners meeting of 13 Nov when Dr Sylvia Whitlock will address the meeting. Dr Whitlock was instrumental in getting Rotary International to accept women as members.
  - f. Lew Botha asked members to read the comment in the Howzat of the day.
  - g. Richard Burnett asked for help in selling tables for the Jo'burg Wine Auction.
  - h. Shelly Finch thanked members for the 42 shoe boxes she had received. She also asked for members help in sorting and checking the boxes.
- 8. The President did his final slot, wishing Carol Campbell a Happy Birthday. He also thanked the visitors from Blue Downs Primary for coming to the meeting.
- 9. Amien from Stop Hunger Now, showed two videos, one on the organization and one on the process to be followed when packing the meals.
- 10. The 24 boxes were packed in about an hour.
- 11. Dinner was enjoyed by all.
- 12. The Sergeant closed the meeting at 20h40.



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### **Doctors on healthcare**

It's always good to get your doctor's opinion. And then a second opinion.

Here's what medical doctors think of the whole idea of healthcare reform.

The Allergists voted to scratch it, and the Dermatologists advised not to make any rash moves.

The Gastroenterologists had sort of a gut feeling about it.

The Neurologists thought congress had a lot of nerve, and the Obstetricians felt they were all labouring under a misconception.

The Ophthalmologists considered the idea short-sighted; the Pathologists yelled, "Over my dead body!" while the Paediatricians said, "Oh, grow up!"

The Psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness, the Radiologists could see right through it, and the Surgeons decided to wash their hands of the whole thing.

The Internists thought it was a bitter pill to swallow, and the Plastic Surgeons said, "This puts a whole new face on the matter."

The Podiatrists thought it was a step forward, but the Urologists felt the scheme wouldn't hold water.

The Anaesthesiologists thought the whole idea was a gas, and the Cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no.

In the end, the Proctologists left the decision up to some asshole in Pretoria.

# **UMPIRES AND SCORERS**

DATE	6 November	13 November	20 November	27 November
MEETING	Ordinary	Partners	Ordinary	Business
SERGEANT	Pieter van Aswegen	John Winship	Michael Walwyn	Peter Henshilwood
4 WAY TEST/ OBJECT	Henry Campbell	Heidi Andersson	Shelley Finch	Wendy Goddard
GRACE & TOAST	Terry Lancaster	Garnet Carr	Wybe Meinesz	Anthony Galloway
ATTENDANCE	Brian Pickup	Tony van der Lith	Johnny Hurwitz	Melinda Stapleton
FELLOWSHIP	Colin Burke	Richard Burnett	Jana Forrester	Willie Wijenberg
MINUTES	Menno de Wet	Jenny Ibbotson	Shân Biesman- Simons	Bill Meyer
COMMENT	Jamie Hart	Vanessa Rousseau	Geraldine Nicol	John Stephenson
THANK SPEAKER	Ian Pursch	Barbara Murphy	Inez Arendse	
INTRO SPEAKER	Lew Botha	Regine le Roux	Janey Ball	

Invited

- **GUEST SPEAKERS**
- 6 Nov Dr T Nupen & Scott Hindmarch -Paedspal
- 13 Nov **Dr Sylvia Whitlock** "Edge of Tomorrow"

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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