



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 Paul Spiller at dr.paul.spiller@gmail.com and copy to Bill Meyer at meyport@iafrica.com before 10h00 on Monday mornings please.

Comment

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The dominant languages of the world today are those of bureaucracy, machines and mathematics, and they have gradually changed the way humans think and view the world:

In the brain, all data is freely associated. When I go with my spouse to sign on a mortgage for our new home, I am reminded of the first place we lived together, which reminds me of our honeymoon in New Orleans, which reminds me of alligators, which remind me of dragons, which remind me of *The Ring of the Nibelungen*, and suddenly, before I know it, there I am humming the Siegfried leitmotif to a puzzled bank clerk. In bureaucracy, things must be kept apart. There is one 'drawer' for home mortgages, another for marriage certificates, a third for tax registers, and a fourth for lawsuits. Otherwise, how can you find anything? Things that belong in more than one drawer, like Wagnerian music dramas (do I file them under 'music', 'theatre', or perhaps invent a new category altogether?), are a terrible headache. So one is forever adding, deleting and rearranging drawers.



Binary Code

In order to function, the people who operate such a system of drawers must be reprogrammed to stop thinking as humans and to start thinking as clerks and accountants. As everyone from ancient times till today knows, clerks and accountants think in a non-human fashion. They think like filing cabinets. This is not their fault. If they don't think that way their drawers will all get mixed up and they won't be able to provide the services their government, company or organisation requires. The most important impact of script on human history is precisely this: it has gradually changed the way humans think and view the world. Free association and holistic thought have given way to compartmentalisation and bureaucracy.

As the centuries passed, bureaucratic methods of data processing grew ever more different from the way humans naturally think -- and ever more important. A critical step was made sometime before the ninth century AD, when a new partial script was invented, one that could store and process mathematical data with unprecedented efficiency. This partial script was composed of ten signs, representing the numbers from 0 to 9. Confusingly, these signs are known as Arabic numerals even though they were first invented by the Hindus (even more confusingly, modern Arabs use a set of digits that look quite different from Western ones). But the Arabs get the credit because when they invaded India they encountered the system, understood its usefulness, refined it, and spread it through the Middle East and then to Europe. When several other signs were later added to the Arab numerals (such as the signs for addition, subtraction and multiplication), the basis of modern mathematical notation came into being.

Although this system of writing remains a partial script, it has become the world's dominant language. Almost all states, companies, organisations and institutions -- whether they speak Arabic, Hindi, English or Norwegian -- use mathematical script to record and process data. Every piece of information that can be translated into mathematical script is stored, spread and processed with mindboggling speed and efficiency.

A person who wishes to influence the decisions of governments, organisations and companies must therefore learn to speak in numbers. Experts do their best to translate even ideas such as 'poverty', 'happiness' and 'honesty' into numbers ('the poverty line', 'subjective well-being levels', 'credit rating'). Entire fields of knowledge, such as physics and engineering, have already lost almost all touch with the spoken human language, and are maintained solely by mathematical script.

More recently, mathematical script has given rise to an even more revolutionary writing system, a computerised binary script consisting of only two signs: 0 and 1. The words I am now typing on my keyboard are written within my computer by different combinations of 0 and 1.

Writing was born as the maidservant of human consciousness, but is increasingly becoming its master. Our computers have trouble understanding how Homo sapiens talks, feels and dreams. So we are teaching Homo sapiens to talk, feel and dream in the language of numbers, which can be understood by computers. And this is not the end of the story. The field of artificial intelligence is seeking to create a new kind of intelligence based solely on the binary script of computers."

STEENBERG HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC ROOM

Some recent photos of the construction from John Winship. Excellent progress

Opening 1st September 2017 at 11h30



Quality finishes.



Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 31 July 2017

Scribe: Glynis Menné

Sergeant Jenny Ibbotson opened the meeting and asked President Graham to welcome the guests – Shelley Finch, Jerome Eckles and Inez Arendse. He also welcomed Daphne back.

The 4 Way test was said by Brian P, followed by the toast and grace by Heidi.

President Graham won the wine swindle, with a second draw won by Terry.

Geraldine kept the Stirrer's spoon, as her chosen recipient wasn't present.

SPOTS:

- Corinne apologized for not sending last week's minutes in time. She announced a Community Services meeting after the meeting.
- Garnet reported that he had recently found the 1993 Induction Dinner programme. There were 39 members and at least 6 are still members.
- Brian P reiterated a previous request to please bring SOCKS to the next meeting. Clean, used but not too old, please.
- Daphne emotionally announced her resignation from Newlands. She has become over committed with work and felt that she couldn't fulfil both work and Rotary duties. We are sad to see her go, but hopefully will meet again soon.
- Menno announced that we will be inducting 6 new members to Newlands next Monday. Please make an effort to attend the meeting.
- Heidi asked that everyone fill in the roster for One to One, which will be held at the CT stadium on 20 August. She handed out stickers for those who have already committed to help. They are tightening up on security, so be sure to have a sticker on the day.
- Wybe reported that the CT Marathon will take place on 17 Sept. They are running the event "the other way around". Each sector marshal will have a back-up person. Please remember his email address is now wybe@robocan.co.za. Rochelle is still looking for marshals. As this is now a Gold status event, all course roads will be closed, which means extra marshals are needed. Menno reported that the Lions would like to be involved.

PRESIDENT'S SLOT:

- Graham announced that following on from last week's meeting, Pippa has offered to champion Family Health Day. (3-5 Oct) There will only be one site.
- Richard House, with Ian's help, offered to champion Family Fun Day.
- Please help Heidi with One to One.
- Remember the cocktail party for RI president's visit, on 19 Sept.
- Mini conference will be held at the Lord Charles on 21 Oct.
- Rotary of Blouberg are selling tickets for "Let's murder Marsha."
- Happy birthday to Kenny on 2 August.
- Farewell and thanks to Daphne for all she has done for the club.

SERGEANT'S SLOT

Jenny confessed she had just read her first online Rotary Africa and recommends it to the members. Happy rands were collected, with much discussion by various men on their recent weight losses!

Colin announced that he has Watershed on board for a fund raiser.

It being a short meeting, Jenny announced the formalities closed, and handed over to Bill and Paul, to conduct the quiz evening.

Soup and questions followed ...

Previous Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 24 July 2017

Scribe: Corinne Hudson

- Grace: Andy Ismay
- Objects: Richard House
- Wine Winners: Peter Ennis & Andy Ismay
- Stirrers Spoon: Menno commended multi tasker Geraldine
- Guests: Barbara Murphy, Johnny Hurwitz, Wendy Goddard
- E-Club: Janey reported that the inauguration of the E-Club at CTSB was well attended, enjoyable and a great success.
- Membership: Menno advised that he was including 4 applications for membership in the portfolio he was handing over to Shan.
- Big Walk: The previously very popular "oldest event in CT" hasn't been held for 2 years. Discussion supported Newlands offering services again, ideally with a higher level of participation at management level involving conditions and greater financial benefit.
- Rotary Family:
Health Day: Graham stated that the Club was looking for a working solution as PVA + our 2 doctors felt it had was a duplication of services and Ian Pursch spoke persuasively about the District unification of Rotary Clubs in joint projects, the uplifting experience of service to communities & the emphasis on it being a family health day. There was some discussion about certain services (especially glasses) being a really need for focus. Others were replications. It was finally agreed that Newlands DOES participate this year, however that concerns voiced are carried forward, and if not noted, we will not participate next year. Phew!!!!
- Banners: Traditionally we did banners. Tried virtual banners. Abandoned them. Reverted to traditional, which are expensive – possibly even R150 each. It was agreed that the future would include virtual banners (resurrected, we

sent the new E-club one), traditional banners (visiting Rotarians want them), plus a postcard with our contact details for visiting Rotarians, to promote International liaison.

Meals: Paul wanted to keep it simple. Reconciling the attendance amount + a separate meal amount is proving problematic. Agreed that Paul to be advised about attendance/meal before 10 on a Monday or charges will accrue. The motion was carried. Brian P voiced a concern that meal costs could be a deterrent to new members. Tony vdL pointed out that we had no bargaining power at Kelvin because there were very few “eaters”, whereas now we have negotiating power.

Dragon Boat Race: Graham said he felt the race was worth supporting because of the beneficiaries, viz: EVS and Open Door, plus our collaborative relationship with Cape of Good Hope Rotary Club. He proposed that we a) sponsor a boat @ R5000, & b) provide our own food & drink. After discussion, it was agreed.

Mentorship: Andy put out a call for more mentors – another 20 are needed. 3 further training sessions are scheduled:

1 August
14 September
14 October

There is also an upcoming District Entrepreneurial Workshop focussing on Agricultural Opportunities, led by David Holtzhausen. Watch press for details because the scribe didn't catch the date.

John Stephenson spoke about his mentorship of a young man with drive & determination from Lavender Hill who is starting his own business after studying. Weekly sessions with John using the GROW concept have slowly resulted in him finally landing his first small contract. John says he too has learnt / is learning a lot through the process.

Spots Paul S needs a steel filing cabinet for Rotary ‘stuff’.

Regine invites members to join PI (Public Image committee) AND she needs someone to take over Club Runner. (It's dead easy apparently, ask Billy Meyer!)

Corinne says Community Services needs a FRIDGE, two 9x12 carpets.

There is a quick Community Services after the meeting this Monday, the 31st. Please come and have a voice in how the funds are spent, and on whom.

Graham's Spot: 18th August – Rotary Club of Blouberg: Let's Murder Marsha
19th September – RI President Ian Risely Cocktails at Kelvin Grove
21 October – Mini District Conference: Lord Charles Somerset



[Newlands Rotary Club Runner Calendar](#)

FUTURE FIXTURES

Year Planner

Please advise the secretary promptly of any additions or changes

August 2017

Mon 7 Partners
Mon 14 Stop Hunger Now event
Sun 20 One-to-One Cape Town Stadium
Mon 21 Ordinary
Mon 28 Business

September 2017

Mon 4 Partners - DG Visit
Mon 11 Ordinary
Sun 17 Cape Town Marathon
Mon 18 Ordinary
Mon 25 No meeting – Public Holiday

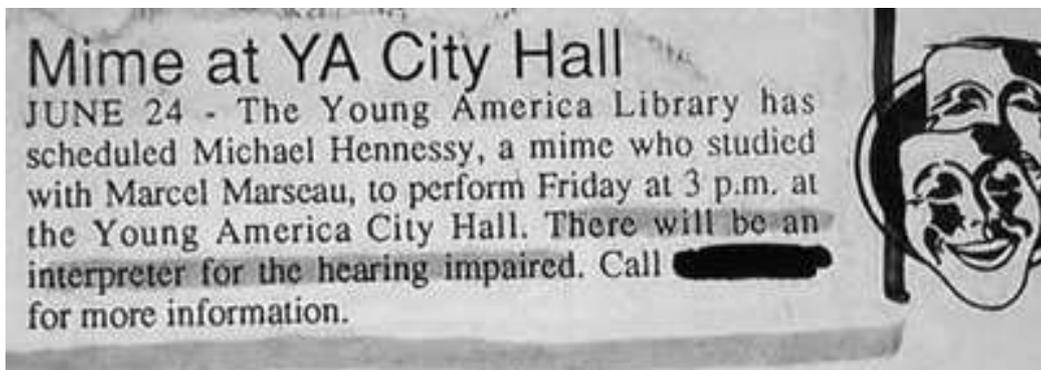
**Happy
Birthday**

7 August
Andrew Peile

8 August
Christine Calothi

12 August
Graham Finlayson

12 August
Jane Pickup



UMPIRES AND SCORERS

DATE	7 August	14 August	21 August	28 August
MEETING	Partners	Stop Hunger	Ordinary	Business
SERGEANT	Shân Biesman-Simons	Anthony Galloway	John Stephenson	TBA
4 WAY TEST/ OBJECT	Terry Lancaster	Jana Forrester	Christine Calothi	Andy Ismay
GRACE & TOAST	Lucian Pitt	Pippa McLeod	Tinus de Jongh	Mike Young
ATTENDANCE	Pieter van Aswegen	Paul Spiller	Jenny Howard	Richard House
FELLOWSHIP	Graham Lowden	Janey Ball	Corinne Hudson	Michael Walwyn
MINUTES	Melinda Stapleton	Regine le Roux	Colin Burke	Henry Campbell
COMMENT	Johan Beukman	Ian Pursch	Menno de Wet	Bill Holland
THANK SPEAKER	Willie Wijenberg		Geraldine Nicol	
INTRO SPEAKER	Nora See		Tony van der Lith	

**Invited
GUEST SPEAKERS**

7 Aug **André du Toit** – *Changing lives one talk at a time*

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.

**They
found
him!**



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