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

Comment

Richard Burnett

SOME RENEWABLE GOODS NEWS

Imagine 200 hectares covered in photovoltaic panels. That's 400 rugby fields or 20 time the size of Zoo Lake. There's now not just a few but 25 projects of that size or bigger being built in South Africa.

Then there are wind farms. Most wind turbines are around 100mtrs high with blades that span 40 metres. There are more than 1500 such windmills already erected.

Then there are the spectacular concentrated solar panels that direct the sun's rays towards a tall tower (250 metres high) in the centre of a field of curved mirrors. This energy can now be stored for release during the night.

So far there are 92 renewable energy projects fully operational or under construction. The value of investment is R194bn with large chunks in direct foreign investment. That is 6 time our investment in the World Cup.

The renewable energy independent power producer procurement programme (REIPPP) is one of the most successful green energy procurement programme ever. Many countries around the world are using it as a template for their own programmes.

The programme has been in 4 bid windows and although not the only criteria the cost of solar has come down from R3.65 per kw/hr to R0.91 kw/hr and onshore wind from R1.51 per kw/hr to R0.71 per kW hr. This compare with the Medupi and Kusile coal fired stations at an anticipated cost of R1.00 to R1.20 per kw/hr.

The whole bidding process has been totally transparent with a team of auditors from RMB ensuring the credibility of tender (My son Steven was involved and he vouches for its integrity). One wonders what would happen if the same procedure was followed in our nuclear programme.

The success of the programme came about through the creation of an IPP Office. This was a joint agreement between the DOE, National Treasury and the DBSA. This office has developed a global reputation, creating demand for its services as consultants to projects in other Countries providing a future revenue stream. Someone has been reading the 4 way test!

From my own perspective we have just installed a 20kw PV system at the "Wine Cellar". In the first month it saved us over 3000 kw/hrs being R4 000.00 off our electricity bill. Payback is about 4.5 years with a plant with 20 year guarantee. A no brainer.

Why this success story cannot be applied to many other aspects of daily activities in South Africa is beyond comprehension.

Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 31 October 2016

Scribe: Mike Walwyn

The meeting was opened by Sergeant Lucian Pitt, who asked President Chris to welcome the guests, which was simple enough for a change, as there were only two – guest speaker Robin Hammond and his wife Gill.

The 4-way test was delivered by Heidi Andersson, while Anthony Galloway struggled manfully through the grace – we trust his vocal cords are on the mend!

The spoon is in temporary hibernation, so there was no action on that front, and the wine bamboozle produced Mike Young as a winner.

Pieter Van Aswegen introduced our guest speaker. "Peripatetic" doesn't even begin to describe Robin, who has visited 32 countries in Africa, and lived in 11 of them, including Egypt, where he was born. After some firm instructions from Gill around the use of the microphone, Robin managed to give us a fascinating presentation on the Phoenicians. In the process he managed successfully to compress a 75 minute talk into a very intelligible 30.

The history of the rise of the Phoenicians between the years 1550 and 150 BC, and their domination of the Mediterranean during that time, was an eye-opener to members, and this was reflected in the number and quality of quality of questions posed to Robin afterwards.

Of particular interest was the way in which their mastery of shipbuilding and maritime navigation played a role in their success, and their influence can be seen in the facts that 1 in 17 men in North Africa have Phoenician ancestry, Pythagoras was of Phoenician descent, and so were no less than 5 Popes.

Robin was thanked by Bill Holland, who reflected on the almost constant state of war that has existed in the Eastern Mediterranean for 4 000 years – are the Phoenicians somehow responsible?

There was a limited number of spots:

- Andy Ismay encouraged members to complete and submit the skills audit which had been provided. This would assist us to generate a database of mentors for the entrepreneurship programme.
- Shân Biesman-Simons had been requested by Don Peters to publicise Hout Bay Rotary's meeting the following evening, which would feature an excellent talk by a cancer survivor.
- Graham Finlayson advised that payment had been received from the organisers of the Cape Town Marathon. The club had earned R 125 000, but if everything earned by other Clubs was taken into account, the total paid out to Rotary was around R 300 000.

President Chris reported back on the Hermanus mini-conference. He was justifiably proud of the fact that of the 17 items on the agenda, no less than 10 had originated from Newlands Rotarians. It was regrettable that our involvement in the Family Health Days had had to be cancelled, as the event seemed to have been a great success in other locations.

Members were obviously in a good frame of mind, as Sergeant Lucian was successful in collecting a reasonable quantity of happy randjies.

Preview of the speaker topic tonight - 7 November 2016:

“BEHIND THE SCENES RUNNING THE CYCLE TOUR”

The speakers tonight will be talking about the Cape Town Cycle Tour and will attempt to give our members a better understanding of our role in the running of the event and other aspects of the race that most members are unaware of. This talk has already been given to the Claremont Rotary Club and our club should enjoy the evening as much as the members of Claremont did.

The first speaker will be **Paul de Groot** who will talk about the history of the race and present various statistics and no doubt tell a couple of good stories.

Terry Lancaster will then talk about the role of Newlands Rotary in the running of the race to give a better understanding of what everybody is expected to do in the build up to the race and on race day.

Lastly **Dr Jann Killops** will talk about the medical side of the event and she has some very interesting statistics to talk about.



[Newlands Rotary Club Runner Calendar](#)

FUTURE FIXTURES

Year Planner

Please advise the secretary promptly of any additions or changes

November 2016

Mon 7 Partners
Mon 14 Ordinary
Mon 21 Bring & Braai?
Mon 28 Business & AGM

December 2016

Mon 5 No meeting, instead ...
Wed 7 Year-end function
Mon 12 Ordinary, if there is one

Happy Birthday

11 November
Paul Spiller

13 November
Janey Ball

IN THE NEWS



'Save the whales' trip cut short after boat rams whale

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters)— A California activist who embarked on a trans-Pacific sailing adventure dedicated to saving the whales called off the attempt Friday after his boat ran into one of the large mammals.

UMPIRES AND SCORERS

DATE	7 November	14 November	21 November	28 November
MEETING	Partners	Ordinary	Bring & Braai?	Business & AGM
SERGEANT	Paul Spiller	John Winship	Graham Finlayson	Peter Henshilwood
4 WAY TEST/ OBJECT	Geraldine Nicol	Tony van der Lith	TBA	Pieter van Aswegen
GRACE & TOAST	Daphne Lyell	Graham Lowden		Tinus de Jongh
ATTENDANCE	Jenna Monk	Jenny Ibbotson		Bill Holland
FELLOWSHIP	Garnet Carr	Colin Burke		Willie Wijenberg
MINUTES	Pippa McLeod	Rochelle Malherbe		Anthony Galloway
COMMENT	Wybe Meinesz	Shân Biesman-Simons		Corinne Hudson
THANK SPEAKER	Henry Campbell	Vanessa Rousseau		
INTRO SPEAKER	Jana Forrester	Andy Ismay		

Invited GUEST SPEAKERS

- 7 Nov **Terry Lancaster & co** – *Behind the scenes running the Cycle Tour*
- 14 Nov **Marilie van der Walt** – *Medicine, Magic and Malpractice: The Art of Healing in Ancient Egypt*

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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