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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.

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

Via Richard Burnett

The World Right Now

By Clem Sunter

What's new, Mr Fox? I was asked this question before giving a talk to an ultra-intelligent group of Mensa members in Somerset West last week.

I started my presentation by saying that what was not new was being faced by brains more powerful than mine. I went up to Oxford University to study Philosophy, Politics and Economics at the same time as a relative of mine called Emma, who is the daughter of my mother's cousin. She did the same degree as me and got a first at the age of 18 compared to my second at the age of 21. She is now a professor at Harvard University and married to a Nobel laureate.

Nevertheless, the question posed made me think of what distinguishes a foxy futurist from a normal person. The answer is that the bright-eyed fox spots a significant new trend in the world ahead of the crowd. As readers who have read previous articles of mine will know, I talk of such a trend as a flag indicative of a new normal to which we will all have to adapt.

Here are some of the ones I spoke of last week:

1. We now have a world population of 7.5 billion which is anticipated to increase to 11.2 billion by the end of this century. Africa and Asia will make up 83% of the latter figure.

Apart from the fact that China will in the near future overtake the United States to become the largest economy in the world, sheer population numbers dictate that we are witnessing the end of Western supremacy as we know it.

Just as Athens gave way to Rome and London gave way to Washington, Washington will have to bow to this flag. Having the mightiest defence force in history means nothing because if the US destroys the world, it destroys itself.

2. According to America's top futurist with whom I had a telephone discussion the other day, the world has gone past the tipping point of climate change. We are now in a period where extreme weather conditions ranging from abnormal rainfall to abnormal drought will become the new normal.

The mixtures of highs and lows over the oceans together with the change in strength and direction of currents and winds will bring unprecedented change to regional climates. Nobody has yet worked out the precise consequences. The North Pole will open up as a shipping route. Sea levels are set to rise and threaten coastal cities.

3. We are facing the sixth extinction of species but what is new about this one is that it is entirely caused by humankind. Thus, the displacement of fauna and flora is set to intensify as the human population grows meaning that the planet will be far less diverse in the life it supports in one hundred years' time.

Many unforeseen consequences may occur to the ecosystems with which we are familiar as the links in the chain disappear.

4. The game of nuclear warfare has been changed by North Korea. At no time in the past has a country which America considers to be a rogue state acquired full nuclear expertise. Unlike Iran, North Korea is not going to back down from its programme to develop nuclear-tipped intercontinental ballistic missiles.

Meanwhile, America has made it plain that this will not happen. At some stage there has to be a war to resolve this issue with huge implications for China and South Korea. It will be the end of peace in our time as no recent wars have rivalled the destruction of the two world wars in the last century.

5. The next big wave of technology will be around alternative energy as the internal combustion engine makes way for hybrid and electric vehicles and solar panels make every household self-sufficient in power requirements.

Artificial intelligence will improve the performance of robots to the point that they can replicate most of the activities of the human race. Work will be transformed in that millions of jobs currently done by humans will disappear necessitating a revolution in outlook on how the vast majority of the human race can be gainfully employed. This in turn will feed back into what constitutes a value-adding education.

In addition, future wars may be fought by robotic armies and navies backed up by drones with the full capability of manned fighter aircraft.

6. Apart from being responsible for Brexit and the election of Donald Trump, the anti-establishment flag is suggesting the end of history as we know it.

The popular fury surrounding the values and behaviour of previous generations which contradict current ethical norms will demand a revision of how the past is interpreted. More than statues will fall as a result of this new phenomenon, whether we are talking about America, Europe or South Africa. Social media is ironically ushering in a new period of censorship.

Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 2 October 2017

Scribe: Garnet Carr

Sergeant Paul opened the meeting, explaining some changes to the usual format, admitting he was a bit confused??

President Graham welcomed members, and partners, there being no guests. Guest speaker Dr Kevin Winter was to arrive at 7

4 Way Test recited by Jerome

Grace and Toast by Richard H

Wooden Spoon –??

Wine Swindle – Graham Stapleton won the partners bottle, and his table mate Willie won the members bottle (neither shared their wine??)

Spots

Pres Graham asked for silence in honour of fallen comrade Mike Young

Xmas party on 11th December, in place of last meeting at RC Golf Club – Jana suggested that a party was a big cost, perhaps better used as a project?

Richard B – Wine Auction the 22nd year, enough wine to auction here and in Johannesburg – should be a financial success

Terry L – Request for surfboards, wet suits etc for Lavender Hills kids – he will arrange collection

Corrine – Needs some help for RFH Day – Willie and Terry offered assistance with the gazebos

Shelley – Santa Shoe Box – after discussion, suggested do as a project, set aside a meeting – a challenge for the club

Nora – Fabian, a past exchange student, will be visiting next Monday

Jenny H – Stellenbosch Cycle Tour 3/12 – will be training marshals from previously disadvantaged communities

Erica – I could not hear/discern this spot

Paul – Stop Hunger Now – plan for next Partners evening

Lew – Thanks for tree planting at Steenberg High School

Phew – supper was then had by all

John S introduced our speaker Dr Kevin Winter-he gave an extremely interesting talk on The Water Hub in Franshoek – a rundown water treatment plant at Wemmershoek which has been rehabilitated to produce good quality water from sources of dubious origin-this plant is situated next to a polluted river and informal settlement. It is a job creation scheme, and the plan is to turn it into a multipurpose venue. He was quite clear that we will not run out of water, but we really needed to maximize our use of expensively treated water.

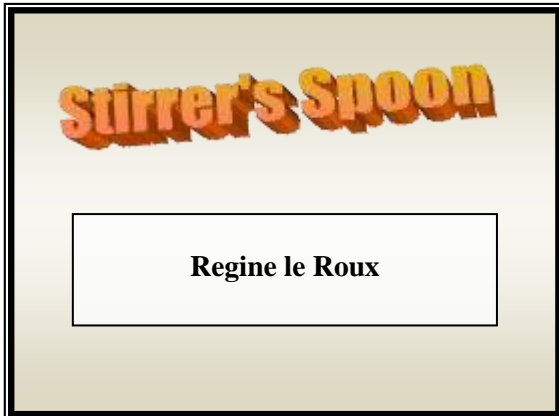
Jenny H thanked our speaker

Pres Graham thanked persons/several events mentioned in the spots

After happy Rands, Sergeant Paul closed a highly enjoyable meeting



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[Newlands Rotary Club Runner Calendar](#)

FUTURE FIXTURES
Year Planner
Please advise the secretary promptly of any additions or changes

October 2017
Mon 9 Ordinary
Sat 14 Dragon Boats
Mon 16 Ordinary
Mon 23 Business
Mon 30 Ordinary

November 2017
Mon 6 Partners
Mon 13 Ordinary
Mon 20 Ordinary
Mon 27 Business & **AGM**

December 2017
Sun 3 Stellenbosch Cycle Tour

Happy Anniversary

10 October
Lucian & Sandra Pitt

17 October
Jana & Martyn



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7 PM - 11 PM • FRIDAY, 10 NOV 2017

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UMPIRES AND SCORERS

DATE	9 October	16 October	23 October	30 October
MEETING	Ordinary	Ordinary	Business	Ordinary
SERGEANT	Abe Oliver	Regine le Roux	Lucian Pitt	Bill Holland
4 WAY TEST/ OBJECT	Johnny Hurwitz	Bill Meyer	Geraldine Nicol	Jenny Howard
GRACE & TOAST	Inez Arendse	Christine Calothi	Jana Forrester	Willie Wijenberg
ATTENDANCE	Henry Campbell	Barbara Murphy	Wendy Goddard	Jerome Eckles
FELLOWSHIP	Jenny Ibbotson	Tinus de Jongh	Peter Henshilwood	John Stephenson
MINUTES	Janey Ball	Richard Burnett	Rochelle Malherbe	Johan Beukman
COMMENT	Terry Lancaster	Andy Ismay	Wybe Meinesz	Paul Spiller
THANK SPEAKER	Shân Biesman- Simons	Garnet Carr		Ian Pursch
INTRO SPEAKER	Corinne Hudson	Richard House		Lew Botha

**Invited
GUEST SPEAKERS**

9 Oct **Alison Towner** – *Orcas
and Great Whites*

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.

Meet Deadly



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Books for the World

For all educational school books and novels for age from early education to High school

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