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## NEW GENERATIONS MONTH



## EDITORIAL

What Andy Rooney said –

“I’ve learned:

- that the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person,
- that just one person saying to me, ‘You’ve made my day!’ makes my day,
- that having a child falling asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world,
- that being kind is more important than being right,
- that you should never say no to a gift from a child,
- that life is like a roll of toilet paper, the closer you get to the end, the faster it goes,
- that to ignore the facts does not change the facts,
- that I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away,
- that when your grandchild holds your little finger in his fist, you’re hooked for life,
- that no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with,
- that it’s those small daily happenings that make life spectacular,
- that the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am,
- that money doesn’t buy class,
- that under everyone’s hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved,
- that no one is perfect, until you fall in love with them,
- that everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile,
- that opportunities are never lost; someone else will take the ones you miss,
- that a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks,
- that sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.”

*Submitted by Dennis Gowdy*

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## TRIBUTE TO PP PAT WILD (18 April 1937 – 23 September 2012)

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When I was living and working in London about 10 years ago, every week Pat religiously sent me a copy of the Wynpress. And every couple of months or so he would send me a friendly email updating me on the events of the club and a general update of what was happening at home. This communication was a lifeline to me, especially on those cold, grey winter days in London when I was feeling terribly homesick.

And that is the way Pat was – he cared. He cared about his family and friends, and he cared about his community. This is the way that we knew him as a member of the Rotary Club of Wynberg – both as a leader and as a team member, and of course, through good fellowship. His untiring work and commitment to the Club and its projects embodied the Rotary motto of ‘Service above Self’. His work over the past few years on the Lavender Hill School project is testament to this. It’s his calm, strategic approach that brought focus and solidity to this remarkable project that has achieved an international citation.

Essentially, Pat was a man of great calibre, or as Mahatma Ghandi said, “Man becomes great exactly in the degree in which he works for the welfare of his fellow man”. Pat was great and we will miss him.

Rest in peace Pat. You made a difference.

*Jackie James*

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## MEETING OF 4 OCTOBER 2012

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### Attendance

Membership	24
Present	12
Make ups	4
Apologies	8
Attendance	72%

Visitors: Rotarian: Dottie Leveque  
Francois van Eeden

**Attendance to Biffy 082 468 7504 or [aecon.e@mweb.co.za](mailto:aecon.e@mweb.co.za).**

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## PRESIDENT’S ITEMS

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**Acting Pres. String** pointed out that the Club is committed to its annual subscription fees to RI; and in the event of a member resigning, he or she is still responsible for a year’s fees. He thanked Stephen, Biffy and Gordon for putting together the Club’s new website.

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## BUSINESS MEETING

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**Jackie** gave us a Power Point presentation on “Future Visions: a Foundation for the Future.” It is RI’s new model, replacing the current formats of Matching Grants, GSE teams, Foundation Scholars etc. It is intended to streamline TRF programmes, increase a sense of ownership and strengthen the impact of Club projects. Projects must benefit the targeted

community well after the grant has been distributed. Grants will be split into District and Global responsibility. Areas of focus should embrace:

- Peace and conflict prevention and resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

The GSE programme will fall away and be replaced by a vocational training scheme with a team leader and a minimum of 3 members. It will be a Club-led initiative, not District; and it need not be a reciprocal agreement.

**Dottie** reported back on the project with Rotaract at Isiphiwo on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. From all accounts a very successful and enjoyable occasion.

**Pam** said that with the passing on of Pat Wild, the position of Chairman of the Lavender Hill committee is vacant. Nominations for the position will be welcome.

**Biffy** advised that equipment has now been put into the Isiphiwo library as part of a pilot project together with Lavender Hill. Both schools now urgently need librarians to run it.

**Dennis** reported back for the NLC: Die Duine Primary School has been selected as one among 27 other primary schools in South Africa to have a completely new school built to the cost of R27 million. The building has already started and is estimated to be ready by 2014.

Fairmount Secondary School this last year had a pass rate of 87% for matric, which was up 15% from the year before. In appreciation of this, the Department of Education donated R1 million to the school to be used for the benefit of all.

**Graham** suggested that death notices from the Club for Ron Davies and Pat Wild should be published. The Caring Committee (Ken Williams) will handle this.

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## DUTY ROSTER

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	11 October	17 October	1 November	8 November	15 November	29 November
<b>Sergeant</b>	Gowdy	JOINT	Todd	Barnard	Knight	SOCIAL:
<b>Attendance Officer</b>	Danckwerts		Danckwerts	Danckwerts	Danckwerts	
<b>Wynpress Editorial</b>	Hovstad	MEETING	James	Klotz-Gleave	Michalowsky	DETAILS
<b>Minutes for Wynpress</b>	Danckwerts		Knight	Danckwerts	Knight	
<b>Compilation of Wynpress</b>	Cleveland	WITH	Danckwerts	Knight	Danckwerts	TO
<b>Door Duty</b>	Bird		Gowdy	Hovstad	James	
<b>Grace</b>	Barnard	ROTARACT	Bird	Danckwerts	Gowdy	BE
<b>Loyal Toast</b>	Bird		Danckwerts	Gowdy	Hovstad	
<b>International Toast</b>	Hovstad		James	Klotz-Gleave	Knight	ADVISED
<b>Speaker Introduction</b>	Danckwerts		N/A	N/A	TBA	
<b>Speaker Thanks</b>	Bird		N/A	N/A	Gowdy	

**IF YOU CANNOT MAKE YOUR ROSTERED DATE, PLEASE SWAP WITH ANOTHER ROTARIAN AND INFORM THE SERGEANT WHO IS ON DUTY THAT DAY**

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## JACKPOT

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The jackpot was at R2330, but Biffy missed it again! The second prize of a bottle of wine was won by Dottie. The pack is now down to 23 cards....

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## PROGRAMME

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<b>October 2012</b>	Committee: James, Danckwerts, Schreiber, Smith, Williams
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**Thursday 11**      **Ras Naidoo, Durbanville Rotary Club, on Durban Youth Council**

**Saturday 13**      **District mini-conference in Swellendam**

**Wednesday 17**      **Combined meeting with Rotaract at Rotaract**

**Thursday 25**      **Board meeting**

<b>November 2012</b>	Committee: Barnard, Bird, Hovstad, Michalowsky, Wetmore
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**Thursday 1**      **Business meeting**

**Thursday 8**      **Bronwyn Maree of Birdlife, SA Albastross Task Force - Combined meeting with Rotaract at Palms**

**Thursday 15**      **Karin Webber, Claremont Rotary Club, Business Ethics**

**Thursday 22**      **Board meeting**

**Wednesday 28**      **Uncle Paul's starts**

**Thursday 29**      **Social**

<b>December 2012</b>	Committee: van Wyk, Gowdy, Overbosch, Todd
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**Thursday 6**      **Charity night at Uncle Paul's / DG's visit**

**Saturday 8**      **Christmas party at The Palms**

**Thursday 13**      **Normal meeting / Xmas meeting (gifts and no speaker)  
No further meetings in December**

**Sunday 23**      **Uncle Paul's ends**

<b>January 2013</b>	Committee: Knight, Cleveland, Munday, Orsmond
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**Thursday 3**      **No meeting**

**Thursday 10**      **Normal meeting. No speaker. Fun and games.**

**Thursday 17**      **Normal meeting. TBA**

**Thursday 24**      **Board Meeting**

**Thursday 31**      **Social**

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## TAILPIECE

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### ALL ABOUT ENGLISH...

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes; but the plural of ox became oxen not oxes. One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese, yet the plural of moose should never be meese.

You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice; yet the plural of house is houses, not hice. If the plural of man is always called men, why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen? If I spoke of my foot and show you my feet, and I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?

If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth, why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth? Then one may be that, and three would be those, yet hat in the plural would never be hose, and the plural of cat is cats, not cose.

We speak of a brother and also of brethren, but though we say mother, we never say methren.

Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him, but imagine the feminine, she, shis and shim.

#### Let's face it - English is a crazy language.

There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig!

And why is it that writers write when fingers don't fing and grocers don't groce and hammers surely do not ham?!!

Surely you'll agree, it seems crazy that you can make amends but not one amend?

In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital?

Ship by truck and send cargo by ship?

Have noses that run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are total opposites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down...

In which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, across the ages, and it reflects the creativity of the human race (*which, of course, isn't a race at all*).

This will be why, when the stars are out, they are visible - but when the lights are out, they are invisible... *and we won't mention the game Cricket...*

If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught?

If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

**Sometimes I think all the folks who grew up speaking English should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane.**