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**JANUARY IS ROTARY
AWARENESS MONTH**



EDITORIAL

Nelson Mandela remembered as an ally for peace, polio eradication



Nelson Mandela immunizes a child at a Kick Polio Out of Africa event in 1996.

In 1996, routine polio immunizations in Nigeria and other African countries were anything but routine. Competing health priorities and lack of funding hampered many governments from putting polio eradication high on their agenda. The drive for a polio-free Africa needed a playmaker.

Enter Nelson Mandela. Herb Brown, Rotary's president in 1995-96, recalls seeking the South African leader's support.

"President Mandela was so gracious and listened as we described the problem," Brown says. "I told him only he had the influence to persuade the countries to resume immunization."

Mandela agreed to help. "I'm well aware of Rotary and all the work you've done, and all the work you did while I was in jail," he told Brown. At a press conference, with Brown at his side, Mandela asked all the heads of state in Africa to open their doors to polio National Immunization Days.

Mandela helped launch the Kick Polio Out of Africa campaign later that year with 1996-97 Rotary President Luis Giay and Rotary Foundation Chair Rajendra Saboo. Almost immediately, Africa's polio eradication effort was back on track. Using soccer matches and celebrity endorsements, the campaign raised public awareness of polio and helped spur more than 30 African countries to hold their first National Immunization Days.

In recognition of his vital work, Rotary presented the Rotary Award for World Understanding to Mandela in 1997, then Rotary's highest honor. "We chose President Mandela because of his significant contributions to world peace, human rights, and freedom," said Giay, adding that Rotary members especially appreciated "his strong

support of the eradication of polio throughout Africa."

Mandela called the award "a tribute to the people of South Africa's rainbow nation." Rotary's work toward eradicating polio "has shown the power of a global network of people who are ready to roll up their sleeves and put their heart and soul into saving children from disability."

Mandela donated the award's \$100,000 prize to the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund.

Following his death, Rotary members in South Africa lauded Mandela as "one of the 20th century's iconic symbols of freedom and equality," "the father of the nation," and "a leader of service."

"Mandela was a man who overcame unimaginable hardships to emerge as one of the greatest leaders of our time — and one of our greatest humanitarians . . . [His] legacy of courage, determination, and commitment will forever inspire us to move forward in our effort to achieve a better, more peaceful world," [said Rotary President Ron Burton](#).

By Dan Nixon , Rotary News, 13-Dec-2013

MEETING OF 9 JANUARY 2014

ATTENDANCE

Membership: 28
Present: 22
Make Ups: 0
Apologies: 2
Attendance: 78%

Rotarian visitors: Ruth Dessington, Kyalami Rotary Club; Oistein and Evelyn Glommi, Nittedal Rotary Club.

Visitors: Mattieu Snaith, Keela O'Driscol, Anne O'Driscol.

Pres. Karen wished everyone a happy and successful New Year; and a safe trip home for Oistein and Evelyn.

Attendance to Biffy 081 325 9570 or aecon.e@mweb.co.za.

SLOTS

Biffy: A message of love and all best wishes to the Club from Sarah Yousuf.

Attendees to the Knysna Conference: Please pay for your accommodation now.

Some clubs are complaining about the paltry R45 per marshal paid for work done at the Argus Cycle Tour – suggesting that R100 would be a more equitable figure. After some debate it was decided that the Board would table the topic at their next meeting and revert to the Club.

Jackie: With the pending arrival of Austin Cook-Lindsay, our new Global Grant scholar from Waco, Texas (31 Jan.), should we postpone the Social evening to 31 Jan.? It was decided not to. The evening will be a beer and food pairing at R100pp at Devil's Peak Brewing Company on Thursday 30 Jan. (details pending). A separate welcome will be arranged for Austin.

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Community Service (Biffy): Notes on Global Grants: They take a long time to reach fruition and need to be carefully planned. They include building relationships with overseas Rotary Clubs, research and proposals, finding funds at Club level etc, etc.

When we think of proposals we need to look at 2 years minimum before being able to implement the GG. They are a huge amount of work requiring someone to drive them.

Where will our share of the US\$5 000 (R50 000) for each GG come from? Look at a max of 2 per year IF we get lucky.....

What/who are our future possibilities for a GG:

1. Victoria Hospital
2. Lavender Hill High School – hall
3. Lavender Hill High School – band, sporting equipment, etc
4. Literacy
5. Baby College (see below)

Literacy (Justin and Biffy): Justin held a great Indaba on 16 Nov where NGO's, role players, district and club members were present. We are currently asking NGO's what the cost of each programme is and what manpower or input is required from the schools. The project will focus initially on the schools supported by the NLC and the feeder schools for Lavender Hill High School.

(Alan): He addressed a prospective new project for the Club, “Baby College”. It is a curriculum for parents of children in the first 100 days after conception. It is interactive and activity-based and designed to empower parents to provide the 4 most important ingredients to this little person: Stimulation, Nutrition, Safety and Love. We will work in the Retreat Community Health Centre initially, using a programme of 10 Saturdays, with different subjects, and a graduation on the 10th. The first of these will take place March to May 2014. The subjects will be Brain Development, Parenting and “Discipline”, Reading, Health Issues (including prevention and immunisation), Nutrition and Home Safety. We will be using the very best NGOs in Cape Town to provide these inputs.

Other components will include recruiting local people to visit potential trainees and to accompany trainees through the process- we will utilise the EMBRACE surrogate Parenting Programme for this purpose, working with the Retreat Community Health Centre to identify potential trainees, and providing creche facilities and healthy refreshments.

An initial meeting with District was positive, and initial cost will be in the order of R20 000 to R25 000.

Finance (Mike): An interim report will be emailed to all members.

Another R50 000 has recently been received from Oddemarka School, Norway towards the NLC support for schools in Grassy Park.

Marketing (Stephen): RI have given some impetus to the perceived necessity to improve marketing of Rotary internationally: “Meet. Engage. Act”. By changing and improving the whole image, it will ensure that Rotary values are carried through. Even the traditional logo has been upgraded together with new strategy: Join the leaders, exchange ideas and take action.

The Club is encouraged to come up with a marketing model for Wynberg Rotary Club too.

Memorials for past members? (Karen): Various suggestions had been put forward for memorial plaques etc for past members. After some discussion it was decided by a show of hands not to persevere.

PROGRAMME

January 2014	Committee: James, Danckwerts, Schreiber, Smith, Williams, Lidgley
10 January	World Inner Wheel Day
15 January	School starts
16 January	Simisha Pather: 'Energy and Sustainable Development'
23 January	Kathryn Hoeflich: Indian Ocean tsunami warning centre
24-26 January	Rotaract Kiddies Camp
30 January	Social–TBA

February 2014	Committee: Barnard, Bird, Hovstad, Michalowsky, Wetmore, Jackson, Schonegevel
2 February	Opera in a Convent Garden
3 February	Board meeting
5 February	Wynberg Rotaract meeting
6 February	Business meeting
12 February	Retreat Rotaract meeting
13 February	Interact evening
14 February	Valentine's Day
15 February	Valentine's Day social
19 February	Wynberg Rotaract meeting
20 February	Wendy Dias "Anti-Counterfeiting and Security."
23 February	Rotary International birthday (109 this year)
26 February	Retreat Rotaract meeting
27 February	Elizabeth Daly – Public knowledge and stormwater quality in Cape Town: implications for management.

March 2014	Committee: van Wyk, Gowdy, Overbosch, Todd, Murphy, Klotz-Gleave, van Niekerk
3 March	Board meeting
5 March	Wynberg Rotaract meeting
6 March	Business meeting
9 March	Argus Cycle Tour
12 March	Retreat Rotaract meeting
13 March	Normal meeting /Rotaract Birthday
15 & 16 March	Proms
19 March	Wynberg Rotaract meeting
20 March	Normal meeting
21 March	Human Rights Day / Public holiday
26 March	Retreat Rotaract meeting
27 March	Normal meeting
28 March	School holidays start

April 2014	Committee: Knight, Bredenkamp, Cleveland, Munday, Howard, van Eeden, Du Plessis
2-4 April	Rotary Family Health Days
7 April	School term starts
1-4 May	District conference

DUTY ROSTER

DUTY	16 January	23 January	30 January	6 February
Sergeant	Murphy	Cleveland	SOCIAL – WATCH THIS SPACE	Gowdy
Attendance Officer	Danckwerts	Danckwerts		Danckwerts
Wynpress Editorial	Barnard	Bredenkamp		Hovstad
Minutes for Wynpress	Wetmore	Danckwerts		Cleveland
Compilation of Wynpress	Cleveland	Wetmore		Danckwerts
Door Duty	Barnard	Bird		Gowdy
Grace	Van Niekerk	Howard		Du Plessis
Loyal Toast	Howard	Williams		Bird
International Toast	van Wyk	Vivian		James
Speaker Introduction	James	Schonegevel		TBA
Speaker Thanks	Todd	van Eeden		Vivian

JACKPOT:

With the Jackpot at a healthy R1600, Graham Gavin dispensed with the 9 of spades; and Ruth won the runner-up prize of R25.

PRESIDENT’S QUOTE:

Is the glass half full or half empty? It depends on whether you are pouring or drinking.

Sex education may be a good idea in the schools, but I don’t believe the kids should be given homework.

Always end the name of your child with a vowel, so that when you yell, the name will carry.

In order to succeed your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure.

Every closed eye is not sleeping, and every open eye is not seeing.

- all by Bill Cosby

TAILPIECE

