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International Service Month



EDITORIAL

By Roche van Wyk

Is visiting Lake Kariba on your Bucket List?

In two years time I do plan to find myself relaxing on a houseboat on Lake Kariba enjoying the peace and tranquility of the lake, fishing, enjoying sundowners with friends and catching sight of game at the waters edge. The marketing brochure states that "Located in the belly of the Zambezi Valley, Lake Kariba is one of the most scenic areas on the African continent. The 226km long lake is the world's largest man-made dam. Surrounded by lush green vegetation, it never fails to lure wildlife animals to her waters. This vast expanse of fresh water is home to some fantastic species of fish including the Tiger fish, Bream, Tilapia, Catfish, Barbel, Labeo, Jack and the mighty Vundu, that commonly attains the size of a fully grown man. Imagine my shock and horror when some friends suggested I better get going sooner than later as it is estimated that within 3 years the wall of the dam will collapse. Numerous reports indicate that *"A large pool carved out by opening the sluice gates has eroded the integrity of the wall, which may collapse within the next three years. If the wall collapses, it will affect 3.5 million people living downstream in Zimbabwe, Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia. Around 40% of power supplies to large parts of southern Africa will also be disrupted because a flood will affect two hydroelectric schemes—one at Kariba and another at Cahora Bassa, which supply a combined 1 500 megawatts of power to South Africa. The restoration of the dam, which was completed in 1958, will cost approximately R2.7 billion and is considered to be one of the largest and most challenging operations of its kind."*

This problem is in addition to the well documented problem of alkali-aggregate reaction, which induces swelling within the concrete mass and is also affecting the integrity of the wall.

In reading up more on the issue and overcoming my reaction to reports that at first indicated that those responsible officials in government in Zambia and Zimbabwe were in disagreement as to the seriousness of the issue, I now believe repairs are hopefully due to start in 2015. According to the publication "International Rivers" The current preferred option is one that will excavate and widen the hole in order to dissipate the energy from the spillways, thus removing 295,000m³ of rock. The bigger plunge pool will reduce the excessive turbulence that scours the hole. This work will involve building a cofferdam 18-20m downstream of the plunge pool, dewatering and blasting the pool area in order to widen it. The work will cost millions of dollars and will take over a year to complete.

So my bucket list seems no longer under threat and the vision of doing involuntary white water rafting in a houseboat has dissipated. Slowly that tranquil scene of sunsets and sundowners is returning, roll on 2016.

MEETING OF 15 MAY 2014

ATTENDANCE

Membership: 29
Present: 21
Make Ups: 2
Apologies: 5
Attendance: 81%

(from 48 to 81 in 1 week!!)

Attendance to Biffy 081 547 9489 or aecon.e@mweb.co.za.

Visitors: Wynberg Rotaractors: Lee, Kerri, Jessica, Zintle, Chrisleen, Raihaanah. Guest speaker Gerry Gordon.

Grace was said by Justin. Loyal toast done by Barry. International toast was done by Mr Todd who had listened very carefully the previous week to Stephen's talk on social media and found an old school mate on FaceBook. His friend now lives in Hobart and is also a Rotarian. Cheers to Hobart Rotary Club and Rotary International this week.

Pres. Karen welcomed all the traditional warm Wynberg welcome.

Feedback from the Board meeting:

1. 2 DDF;s will be submitted for LHHS and Khanyisa.
2. Email from Odd Henning in Norway. Greetings from Karmoy who would like to do a large project with us and also visit us again. Club, please think of proposed projects. The visit will likely be early next year (suggest March to help at and enjoy Proms) with an even large number of visitors coming out.

Happy Birthday to Gordon Knight today (14/5/2014) and Dottie on Fri (16/5/2014).

Please like Wynberg Rotary Club on [FaceBook](#) to keep up to date with our events and happenings.

SLOTS

Stephen: Last week Jackie had shown an organogram for club for next year which is not fixed and already shows signs of alterations. Please all think about his, where you would like to serve in the immediate and long-term future as we will always welcome new and young blood and growth. Please speak to Jackie, the Board or Directors.

Biffy: Biffy had samples of fleecy tops and a cap. The ones with hoodies are a better quality but also much more expensive. There were lots of ribbed remarks about the clothing items, logos, etc. Embroidery can be specifically ordered in yellow or navy (navy on navy to not be so visible and worn at non Rotary functions as well) or not at all. Please speak to Biffy everyone.

Are: There was wine on the table courtesy of Are. The significance is that on Sat Norway celebrates 200 years of independence on their Constitution Day on Sat 17 May 2014. Congratulations to all our Norwegian friends and family.

Dave: Dave explained the planned social for 29 May. Philip Munday will be cooking his legendary curries at the Munday's residence. Cost will be only to cover ingredients for the meal and BYOB. Philip will be cooking his signature VINDA LOO !!! (Be prepared) There will be an alternative for those not wanting curry but they will be missing out on something special. List going around. Don't hesitate as this looks to be popular and a sold out show.

Sergeant Barry then proceeded with a String joke about a husband who could not resist reiterating the word HONDA. He was eventually sent to Dr Shikoko to cure him of his affliction. Dr Shikoko diagnosed an absis. When asked to explain he told his patient: Absence makes the HONDA.

Karen introduced Gerry to the club.

GUEST SPEAKERS TALK


Mothers Unite use Urban Acupuncture as a design approach that works by viewing the city as a living organism and then identifying areas that need repairing with min input and max result. Understanding the brokenness of a community and accepting their needs. Then asking communities what their needs are – then undoing the negative ways of thinking to find solutions.

Needs: Nutrition project, Homework club or study group, Library project, Yoga to destress, Garden project, Recycling for a token, Seniors with a Purpose (SWP), Computer Lab, Banking project where children save even as little as R2.50 a week. Mothers Unite also receive better parent turn-outs than the local schools do because of their inclusive methods and still have a waiting list of children wanting to join the project.

Challenges: Funding as they have no fund writer, resources, internet access and computers, security.

Candice thanked Gerry and loved the idea of women of the community who changed things around even though this is the tip of the iceberg. The passion and love the Gerry shows for what she does is evident too. Candice encouraged all to go and see what Gerry and Mothers Unite do.

DUTY ROSTER

DUTY	22 May	29 May	5 June	12 June	19 June
Sergeant	Van Eeden	 SOCIAL – MUNDAY ABODE FOR CURRY & BYOB	Van Wyk	Schreiber	Induction Dinner – details to follow
Attendance Officer	Danckwerts		Danckwerts	Danckwerts	
Wynpress Editorial	Van Wyk		du Plessis	Gavin	
Minutes for Wynpress	Wetmore		Danckwerts	Wetmore	
Compilation of Wynpress	Danckwerts		Wetmore	Danckwerts	
Door Duty	Van Wyk		Schonegevel	Du Plessis	
Grace	van Niekerk		Munday	van Wyk	
Loyal Toast	Todd		van Wyk	Vivian	
International Toast	Munday		Smith	Todd	
Speaker Introduction	Danckwerts		TBA	TBA	
Speaker Thanks	Knight		Michalowsky	Murphy	

PRESIDENT'S QUOTES

"Oh, well Mom said all I had to use was the sponge and dish detergent." – 12 year old daughter, when her father told her he used elbow grease to get the dishes clean.

"There's no one in there." – 6 year old son, in response to seeing his father hanging pictures and tapping on the walls to find the support beams.

"Daddy, did your hair slip?" – 3 year old son, to his bald but long bearded father.

"Don't kid me, Mom. I know they're my feet." – 3 year old son, when his mother told him his shoes were on the wrong feet.

"Why don't they just do what they did in 1899?" – On preparing for Y2K in 1999.

PROGRAMME

May 2014	Committee: James, Danckwerts, Schreiber, Smith, Williams, Lidgley, Gavin
17 May	Norwegian National Day
21 May	Wynberg Rotaract meeting
22 May	Normal meeting: SurfShack – Dave
29 May	Retreat Rotaract meeting
29 May	Social

June 2014	Committee: Barnard, Bird, Hovstad, Michalwsky, Wetmore, Jackson, Schonegevel
4 June	Wynberg Rotaract meeting
5 June	Business meeting / World Environmental Day
12 June	Retreat Rotaract meeting
12 June	Normal meeting – Mary Tata
16 June	Youth Day
18 June	Wynberg Rotaract meeting
19 June	Induction Dinner
26 June	Retreat Rotaract meeting
26 June	Normal meeting
27 June	School holidays start

JACKPOT:

Gerry drew Mr Toad's name who only managed to find the Q♣. Altogether now: Ag Shame. The attendance bottle of wine went to Roche.

TAILPIECE

These Ten Things That Will Disappear In Our Lifetime

Whether these changes are good or bad depends in part on how we adapt to them. But, ready or not, here they come.

1. The Post Office

Get ready to imagine a world without the post office. Email, Fed Ex, and UPS have just about wiped out the minimum revenue needed to keep the post office alive. Most of your mail every day is junk mail and bills.

2. The Cheque

Britain is already laying the groundwork to do away with cheque by 2018. It costs the financial system billions of dollars a year to process cheques. Plastic cards and online transactions will lead to the eventual demise of the cheque. This plays right into the death of the post office.

3. The Newspaper

The younger generation simply doesn't read the newspaper. It will go the way of the milkman and the laundry man. The rise in mobile Internet devices and e-readers has caused all the newspaper and magazine publishers to form an alliance. They have met with Apple, Amazon, and the major cell phone companies to develop a model for paid subscription services.

4. The Book

You say you will never give up the physical book you hold in your hand and turn the literal pages. I said the same thing about downloading music from iTunes. I wanted my hard copy CD. But I quickly changed my mind when I discovered I could get albums for half the price without ever leaving home to get the latest music. The same thing will happen with books. And the price is less than half of a real book. And think of the convenience!

5. The Land Line Telephone

Unless you have a large family and make a lot of local calls, you don't need it anymore. But you are paying double charges for the extra service.

6. Music

This is one of the saddest parts of the change story. The music industry is dying a slow death. Not just because of illegal downloading. It's the lack of innovative new music being given a chance to get to the people who would like to hear it. Greed and corruption is the problem. The record labels and the radio conglomerates are simply self-destructing. Over 40% of the music purchased today is "catalogue items," meaning traditional music the public is familiar with, older established artists. This is also true on the live concert circuit. To explore this fascinating and disturbing topic further, check out the book, "Appetite for Self-Destruction" by Steve Knopper, and the video documentary, "Before the Music Dies."

7. Television

Revenues to the networks are down dramatically. Not just because of the economy. People are watching TV and movies streamed from their computers. And they're playing games and doing lots of other things to take up the time

usually spent watching TV. Prime time shows have degenerated down to lower than the lowest common denominator. Cable rates are skyrocketing and commercials run about every 4 minutes and 30 seconds.

8. The "Things" You Own

Many of the very possessions we used to own are still in our lives, but we may not actually own them in the future. They may simply reside in "the cloud." Today your computer has a hard drive and you store your pictures, music, movies, and documents. Your software is on a CD or DVD, and you can always re-install it if need be. But all of this is changing. Apple, Microsoft, and Google are all finishing up their latest "cloud services." It means when you turn on a computer, the Internet will be built into the operating system. So, Windows, Google, and the Mac OS will be tied straight into the Internet. If you click an icon, it will open something in the Internet cloud. If you save something, it will be saved to the cloud. And you may pay a monthly subscription fee to the cloud provider. In this virtual world, you can access your music or your books, or your whatever from any laptop or handheld device. This is the good news. But, will you actually own any of this "stuff" or will it all be able to disappear at any moment in a big "Poof?" Will most of the things in our lives be disposable and whimsical? It makes you want to run to the closet and pull out a photo album, grab a book from the shelf, or open up a CD case and pull out the insert.

9. Joined Handwriting

Already gone in some schools - now done now on computers

10. Privacy

If there ever was a concept we can look back on nostalgically, it would be privacy. It's gone. It's been gone for a long time anyway. There are cameras on the street, in most of the buildings, and even built into your computer and cell phone. But you can be sure 24/7, "They" know who you are and where you are, right down to the GPS coordinates, and the Google Street View. The TV show "Person of Interest" isn't as far out as you may think. If you buy something, your habit is put into a zillion profiles, and your ads will change to reflect those habits. "They" will try to get you to buy something else. Again and again.

All we will have left with, and can't be changed, are "Memories"

Change in the world comes from individuals, from the inner peace in individual hearts. Just as ripples spread out when a single pebble is dropped into water, the actions of individuals can have far-reaching effects.

Dalai Lama