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EDITORIAL

Per kind favour of FaceBook

Brave Government Officials Protect Residents From 9-year-old Boy's Free Front Yard Library

June 22, 2014

A 9-year-old boy in the suburbs of Kansas City, Kansas recently tried to do something good for his community, and the government shut him down. Some time ago, young Spencer Collins opened up a free library in his front yard, for anyone in his neighborhood to use, and it was actually fairly popular.

The "library" was really nothing more than a book case, but it was a great idea. The bookcase allowed people to leave a book and take a book, so neighbors could share books with one another for free. Unfortunately, some nosy neighbors didn't seem to like what Spencer was doing with his own family's property and they actually reported his library to the local government.

The government responded by ordering the family to shut down their son's library, or face financial penalties.

"When we got home from vacation, there was a letter from the city of Leawood saying that it was in code violation and it needed to be down by the 19th or we would receive a citation," [said Spencer's mother, Sarah Collins.](#)

Young Spencer has been unfazed by the government bullying and has already been thinking of ways that he can beat the system. Since the law that he was shut down under prevents free standing structures, Spencer suggested to reporters that maybe he could hang his library from the air with a rope so it wasn't touching the ground. Spencer also plans to take his case up with the courts.

Budding Rotarian and Literacy leader?


INDUCTION MEETING OF 19 JUNE 2014

ATTENDANCE

Membership: 29
Present: 22
Make Ups: 0
Apologies: 2
Attendance: 81%

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

Visitors: DGE Cecil Rose, AG Michelle Anders and her husband Bruce, PE of RC Sea Point, Tony Davidson, RC Sea Point PP Gavin Schachat, PE of RC Waterfront, Maryke Vermaak, RC Waterfront Chris Fick, PE Wynberg Rotaract, Lee Bergman, PE Retreat Rotaract, Thasmeen Abrahams, Wynberg Rotaract - Jessica de Shmidt, Kerri Connor, Chrisleen Rankin, Daniel Doyle, Zintle Gantsho, Morne Valentyn, Friend of Retreat Rotaract - Lucien Willemse, Friend of Wynberg Rotary - Simisha Pather-Elias and her husband Imraan, Honorary member June Orsmond and her husband Guy, Honorary member John Vivian and his wife Mary, Partners - Derek Waldman, Jackie Wernberg, Kit Schreiber, Wenche Hovstad, Colin Bird, Janet van Wyk, Valda Todd, Edith Hime, Marietjie van Eeden, Pam Jackson.

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Sergeant Stephen did the honours calling on Ann O'Driscoll to do the Loyal Toast, Are Hovstad to do the International Toast toasting the Rotary Club of Nittedal, long standing partners of Wynberg Rotary Club, & RI. Grace was said by Dirk.

AWARDS

DGE Cecil Rose had 2 special awards for Wynberg Rotary Club. The first was a certificate of appreciation for hosting a successful Rotary Family Health Day in April 2014. The next certificate was presented on behalf of the Board of Directors of RI and signed by RI President Ron Burton for the highest retention rate of membership and membership development in District 9350. Well done Wynberg Rotary Club.



DOUBLE SAPPHIRE PAUL HARRIS AWARD

John Vivian, even as an honorary Rotarian, has for over 11 years been very involved and always gives it more than a 100%. John has been involved in Rotors, then Rotaract, and then became a Rotarian. During his time he has embraced many positions including that of President in 1989/90, but has always been enthusiastic and supportive in all spheres. He has designed and built many a castle for Uncle Paul's Christmas Parties even when large trees destroyed the castle. John, ever the handy-man has been involved in many projects and always willing to help. His close association with Rotors/Rotaract was marked by their presentation of his first Paul Harris award given to John by our Incoming President Jackie when she was Rotors President. The Rotary Club of Wynberg would now like to take the opportunity to recognise John's ongoing support and involvement with Rotaract and Rotary with a double sapphire Paul Harris award.



PRESIDENTS SPEECHES

Out-going President Karen highlighted the clubs achievements for the year

- Inducting 5 New members. Welcome to Justin, Graham, Dirk, Anne and Stephen.
- Handing over 2 Paul Harris awards. Mike Schreiber and John Vivian. Congratulations
- Thanked her board – Stephen, Mike, Jackie, Biffy and David - for all their help and guidance.
- The approval of 2 Global Grants. – Isiphiwo and Victoria Hospital.
- A very successful Last night of Proms with both evenings sold out –to Graham Todd and the Proms committee - thank you and to everyone else in the club who help thank you very much
- A visit from 42 teachers from Oddemarka junior school and 2 teacher and 4 students from Haugeland College.
- Charter of the Retreat Rotaract Club.
- Uncle Pauls Christmas party - Bringing joy to under privileged children.
- Our Kids Day out with the help of Retreat Rotaract Club and our braai master Ken was again a

huge success.

- Interact camp will be remembered for running around with the youngsters getting wet and then covered with flour trying to get through an obstacle maze blind folded.
- Great speakers and the evening of blind wine tasting stands out.
- Great socials.
- Our first year of running Rotary Family Health Day. Lots of lessons learnt and thanks to Biffy
- Wining an award at Conference for best website – Congrats Stephen
- The wonderful jackpot – The fun - thanks Graham and his committee for always entertaining us and making us look forward to say Ag Shame at the end
- Wonderful international and district visitors.
- The NLC has also been very busy. From awarding bursaries (450 this year) to making sure that the schools are supplied with the latest equipment, to ensuring that our visitors from Norway are always looked after. Thanks Are and the rest of the NLC team for all the work you have done this year
- News from Wynberg Rotary has made it into Rotary Africa.

But the best thing that I can truly say was the highlight of my year is to have been able to be at every Rotary meeting and being the President of the Best Club in Rotary. To all of my Fellow members I thank you very much for making my year as President unforgettable.



Rotary, both at an organisational level, and at our club level has experienced many changes recently. Over the past two years our club has grown rapidly from 19-29 members. Since July 2013 Rotary International has shifted it's focus to "larger, higher impact projects" that are sustainable. By sustainable they mean "projects must benefit the targeted community long after the grant fund has

been expended." Together with this they have introduced the New Grants Model, including Global Grants, enabling clubs to access large amounts of funding.

For many years now the Rotary Club of Wynberg have been committed to such long-term projects - Lavender Hill High School, Norwegian-sponsored schools in Grassy Park and Lotus River, the Sailing Programme and Retreat Community Hospital. Funded by a Global Grant we are now supplying much-needed medical equipment to Victoria Hospital, developing a literacy programme and a Baby College programme.

Key to these projects are the partnerships we have developed - with the clubs and colleges in Norway, with our recipient schools and with local Rotary Clubs. We looked forward to working closely with RC Sea Point, RC Waterfront and other clubs, not only on project but socially and sharing of ideas.

Incoming RI President Gary C K Huang's theme for this Rotary year is "Light up Rotary", and his goal is to "light up the lives of people in need", emphasising, together with DG Cecil Rose the importance of participation. RC Wynberg's goal is to keep up our hard work and increase the light we spread in our communities, and to continue to keep the light of fellowship burning brightly in our club".

In accordance with tradition, the incoming presidents of Wynberg Rotaract and Retreat Rotaract, Lee Bergman and Thasmine Abrahams were inducted as Honorary Members for this coming Rotary year.

DUTY ROSTER

DUTY	25 June	3 July	10 July	17 July
Sergeant	We will be raiding another club. Note on the Wed and not Thurs	Todd	Schreiber	Gowdy
Attendance Officer		Danckwerts	Danckwerts	Danckwerts
Wynpress Editorial		van Niekerk	Barnard	Bird
Minutes for Wynpress		Danckwerts	Wetmore	Wetmore
Compilation of Wynpress		Danckwerts	Danckwerts	Wetmore
Door Duty		van Niekerk	Du Plessis	Gavin
Grace		Williams	Howard	Jackson
Loyal Toast		Du Plessis	Klotz-Gleave	Lidgley
International Toast		van Wyk	Munday	Murphy
Speaker Introduction		N/A	TBA	TBA
Speaker Thanks		N/A	O'Driscoll	Overbosch

PRESIDENT'S QUOTES

"There is a crack in everything, that is how the light gets in"

PROGRAMME

June 2014	Committee: Barnard, Bird, Hovstad, Michalwsky, Wetmore, Jackson, Schonegevel
26 June	Retreat Rotaract meeting
25 June	Raid
27 June	School holidays start

July 2014	Committee: van Wyk, Gowdy, Overbosch, Todd, Murphy, Klotz-Gleave, van Niekerk
1 July	Light up Rotary
2 July	Wynberg Rotaract meeting
3 July	Business Meeting
4 July	Independence Day in USA
10 July	STEP student - Alina Topp and her host parents the Lays
10 July	Retreat Rotaract meeting
16 July	Wynberg Rotaract meeting
17 July	Normal Meeting
18 July	Mandela Day
21 July	School starts
24 July	Normal Meeting
24 July	Retreat Rotaract meeting
31 July	Social

JACKPOT:

New Jackpot rules again tonight with the huge committee making special decisions (and offers) for this night only. DGE Cecil drew Mary Vivian's name but Mary could not find the 9♦. Ag Shame. Mary drew Biffy's name for the R25 attendance prize which she promptly spent on the American raffle on a CD to raise more club funds.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL GLOBAL GRANT HAND OVER:

The first piece of equipment for theatre, a diathermy, was handed over last week to Victoria Hospital.



