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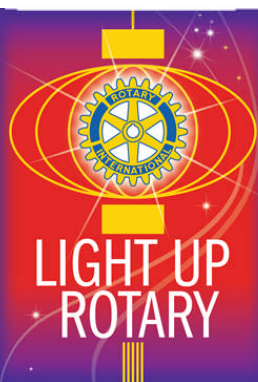
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Rotary in September
New Generations



EDITORIAL

By President Jackie James

Where did that saying come from?

Have you wondered about the expressions we use on a daily basis and how they became such a widespread part of the English language? Here are some explanations:

Burning the Candle at both Ends

In the days before electricity clerks to wealthy people would work late into the night and used a candle to light their work. To make more light they would light both ends of the candle but the candle would burn out twice as fast. So the term came to mean someone who would work hard but wear themselves out.

Butter someone up

An ancient Indian custom involved throwing balls of clarified butter at statues of the gods to seek favour.

Caught red handed

This saying originated because of a law. If someone butchered an animal that didn't belong to him, he had to be caught with the animal's blood on his hands to be convicted. Being caught with freshly cut meat did not make the person guilty.

Codswallop

In Bury St Edmonds England in 1876 Hiram Codd designed a method of sealing fizzy drinks bottle using a glass marble sealed into the bottle neck against a rubber seal. His bottle was an instant success and became known as a Codd. The Wallop part comes from an early name for beer and beer drinkers would sarcastically call the soft drink bottle a Coddswallop. Hence the name was used for any that meant rubbish.

Dirt Poor

The popular belief is that this saying came from medieval Britain where the poor people's houses had dirt floors, whereas rich people had stone or wooden floors. There is no evidence to support this belief. In fact it is more likely that this saying comes from the Depression Years in the USA where Plains Farmers lost everything except the dirt they stood on, hence the saying he is Dirt Poor.

Eat Humble pie

During the Middle Ages, the lord of a manor would hold a feast after hunting. He would receive the finest cut of meat at the feast, but those of a lower standing were served a pie filled with the entrails and innards, known as "umbles." Therefore, receiving "umple pie" was considered humiliating because it informed others in attendance of the guest's lower status.

Give the cold shoulder

Although giving someone the cold shoulder today is considered rude, it was actually regarded as a polite gesture in medieval England. After a feast, the host would let his guests know it was time to leave by giving them a cold piece of meat from the shoulder of beef, mutton, or pork.

Rule of Thumb

The phrase "rule of thumb" is derived from an old English law which stated that you couldn't beat your wife with anything wider than your thumb.

Saved by the Bell

Comes from the Boxing world where a losing fighter would be saved from defeat by the bell sounding for the end of the round.

There are ideas that this came from the 17th to 18th century where notable citizens were afraid of being buried alive so hooked up a rope to the coffin at one end and a bell at the other end and if they woke up in a coffin they could ring the bell. There were many devices patented for such a thing so it would have been plausible to use such a phrase.

Sources: <http://list25.com/25-common-sayings-and-where-they-came-from/>
<http://www.dbeintennessee.com/Sayings.html>

MEETING OF 11 September 2014

Attendance

For our meeting at Die Duine Primary school we had a good turnout

Summary for the meeting:

Apologies: 7

Absent: 5

Present: 15

Make ups: 0

Total attendance: 56%

Visitors

It was great to have the following visitors visiting at one of our schools with us:

Petra Neilon, Keela O'Driscoll, Odd Henning and Wencke Hovstad

Fellowship Announcements

Happy Birthday to David Barnard who celebrated his birthday on Sunday 14 September 2014

Slots

President Jackie reported the following:

There is a Rotaract potjie competition on Saturday 13 September. Constantia Rotary Club is collecting books so if you have any please bring them to the club. The calendar on the web is updated and you if you have a speaker you can book the date there. Just click on the date block and you will be able to see if the date is available or not.

The clubs finances need to still be approved which we will do on 18 September 2014

Snapshot survey was a great source of information. Most people are happy with communicating via e-mail but that at times there was just too many e-mails sent. It was just suggested that when you reply to an e-mail do not reply to all on the e-mail but only to the person who sent the e-mail. Those who said NO did not give any suggestions or reasons so if you would like to make them please feel free to let President Jackie know.

David sent a sheet around for a fellowship braai at 35 Starke Road on 24 September at 5pm. If you have not put your name down as yet please let him know.

David also asked if we would be prepared to help with people traffic on 31 Oct/1 Nov at the CTICC. This is in aid of Santa Shoebox collection.

Odd Henning Johannessen from Karmøy Club came to visit and send everyone the best wishes from Barry and Val Cleveland who was visiting Norway. His club would like to come and visit us in March 2015 and he suggested that we come and visit them before he retires.

Jackpot

The jackpot remained untouched. Please join us on Thursday you will have another chance to win **BIG!**

President's quotes

"An archaeologist is the best husband a woman can have. The older she gets the more interested he is in her." Agatha Christie

GUEST SPEAKER:

As we have been privileged to be at De Duine Primary School the Principal Mrs Margo Kievits first took us for a guided tour through the new school buildings. She then told us a bit about the school that is 40years old. How the children reacted on moving to the new school buildings and shows us some photo slides on the opening of the school. The school was built with 70% of the labour force coming from the local community which included the parents. She said it is so nice to see the parents coming into the school showing how proud they are of it and the biggest change to the school will be the 4 grade R which will enrich the children's lives that will start their grade 1 at the school

GOING FORWARD

Duty Roster

| DUTY | 18 September | 25 September | 2 October | 9 October |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Sergeant | Todd | | Schreiber | Van Eeden |
| Attendance Officer | A O'Driscoll | NO | A O'Driscoll | A O'Driscoll |
| Wynpress Editorial | James | MEETING | Munday | Murphy |
| Minutes for Wynpress | Smith | ON | Wetmore | Cleveland |
| Compilation of Wynpress | Overbosch | THURSDAY | Smith | Wetmore |
| Door Duty | Van Eeden | REPLACED | Van Niekerk | Van Wyk |
| Grace | Murphy | BY | A O'Driscoll | Overbosch |
| Loyal Toast | Schonegevel | SOCIAL | Smith | Schreiber |
| International Toast | Vivian | BRAAI | Wetmore | Barnard |
| Speaker Introduction | Danckwerts | ON | N/A | TBA |
| Speaker Thanks | Van Wyk | 24 SEPTEMBER | | Vivian |

Programme

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| Thu Sep 18 | Bruce Probyn on Principals Academy |
| Sat Sep 20 | Interact Workshop |
| Sun Sep 21 | World Peace Day |
| Wed Sep 24 | Social Bring & Braai (1700) Dave Barnard's place |
| Thu Sep 25 | No meeting |

Thu 25 to Sun 28 Sep RYLA

Thu Sep 25 Bellville Rotaract: Barnyard Theatre Fundraiser

Thu Oct 2 Business meeting

Mon Oct 6 Wynberg Rotaract meeting

Thu Oct 9 'Me Meeting' - Dirk du Plessis

Thu Oct 16 Speaker tbc (Polio??)

Sat Oct 18...Sun Oct 19 District Mini Conference Swellendam

Mon Oct 20 Wynberg Rotaract

Wed Oct 22 Joint Meeting: DG visit (location tbc)

Thu Oct 23 No meeting: DG visit 22 Oct

Fri Oct 24 World polio day

Wed Oct 29 Joint club social: I-core: Cape Town Society for the Blind

Thu Oct 30 No Meeting (meeting on 29 Oct)

Mon Nov 3 Wynberg Rotaract meeting

Thu Nov 6 Business meeting: election of Board for 2015-2016



Thu Nov 13 Normal meeting / Quiz evening (tbc)

Mon Nov 17 Wynberg Rotaract

Thu Nov 20 Dave Barnard on the Battlefields.

Thu Nov 27 Social: Rotary Foundation / International (location tbc)

See the [WRC calendar](#) for full details.

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TAILPIECE

For those of you who are old enough to remember, enjoy remembering. For the rest - it's a history lesson!! Very surprising how time and memory has taken its toll. Have things really changed this much in our time? EATING IN THE UK IN THE FIFTIES Pasta had not been discovered. Curry was a surname. A takeaway was a mathematical problem. A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower. Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time. All crisps were plain; the only choice we had was whether to put the salt on or not. A Chinese chippy was a foreign carpenter. Rice was a milk pudding, and never, ever part of our main course. A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining. Brown bread was something only poor people ate. Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking. Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green. Coffee was Camp, and came in a bottle. Cubed sugar was regarded as posh. Only Heinz made beans. Fish didn't have fingers in those days. Eating raw fish was called poverty, not sushi. None of us had ever heard of yoghurt. Healthy food consisted of anything edible. People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy. Indian restaurants were only found in India. Cooking outside was called camping. Seaweed was not a recognised food. "Kebab" was not even a word never mind a food. Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold. Prunes were medicinal. Surprisingly muesli was readily available, it was called cattle feed. Pineapples came in chunks in a tin; we had only ever seen a picture of a real one. Water came out of the tap, if someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it they would have become a laughing stock. The one thing that we never ever had on our table in the fifties .. was elbows!