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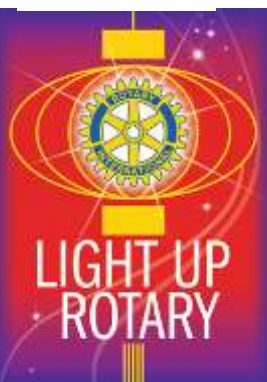
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**Rotary in October
Vocational Service**



EDITORIAL

I recently finished reading a tome of a novel called 'Shantaram' by Gregory David Roberts. Written in the first person, the author's mentor was known as Khaderbai, and the two of them would engage in many philosophical discussions. Here is one for you.

Ed.

The universe began about 15 billion years ago in almost absolute simplicity and it's been getting more and more complex ever since. This movement from the simple to the complex is built into the web and weave of the universe, and it is called the tendency towards complexity. We are the products of this complexification, and so are the birds, and the bees, and the trees, and the stars, and even the galaxies of stars.

If we were to get wiped out in a cosmic explosion, like an asteroid impact or something, some other expression of our level of complexity would emerge, because that is what the universe does. And this is likely to be going on all over the universe.

The final or ultimate complexity - the place where all this complexity is going - is what or who we might call God. Anything that promotes, enhances, or accelerates this movement towards God is good. Anything that inhibits, impedes or prevents it is evil. And if we want to know if something is good or evil - something like war and killing and smuggling guns for example - then we ask the questions: What if everyone did this thing? Would that help us, in this bit of the universe, to get there, or would it hold us back? And then we have a pretty good idea whether it is good or evil.

What is more important, we know why it is good or evil.

MEETING OF 9 OCTOBER

Attendance An impressive 84%!

Visitors Mary Vivian, Bertie Williams, Catherine Bailey, Austin Cook-Lindsay, Laura Heathfield, Kit Schreiber, Keela O'Driscoll, Stephen van Niekerk, Natalie and Thasmine (from the shortly to be chartered Steenberg Rotaract Club).

Dave made a special introduction: Catherine Bailey, daughter of retired member, Peter Bailey is now a member of a Rotary Club in Taverstock, UK. Interestingly they also have a link with Uganda, supplying water aid. Possible twin project?

Pres. Jackie welcomed Catherine and all other guests to the meeting.
A special 'welcome back' to Austin Cook-Lindsay (after some 3 months back in Texas) and Laura Heathfield (who has landed a lecturing post at UCT).

Reminder for the Rotary Mini Conference in Swellendam on 18 October.

Bev proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Liverpool Central. This was in acknowledgement that 9 October was not only the birth date of John Lennon, of Beatles fame, but also of his son, Sean, who is now 39.

Slots

Are passed around an award certificate presented to Wynberg Rotary Club by Perivale Junior School as part of their 50th Anniversary, in appreciation of the financial and other support given by the Club through the NLC.

Dave (1) Reminder of the Santa Shoe Box drive to be held at the CTICC on 1 December.
(2) Club members should start thinking about a trip to Norway around mid June 2015.

Karen asked that members who were scheduled to conduct the International Toast each week please do some research and make a relevant toast to a particular Rotary Club. Ideally this should be followed up by a message to the Club concerned. It will help build international bridges, which could even result in Global Grants, if followed through diligently. See International Toast by Bev, above.

Biffy reminded all of the ICOR event on 29 Oct. Details in last week's Wynpress.
Also a reminder for the wine tasting and auction to be held by Constantia RC on 31 October.

Justin There will be a Rotary Quiz Night at Tango's Grill on Thursday 13 November. See details in his email to all of 9 October.

Stephen acknowledged with thanks the donation of a laptop computer to Lavender Hill Secondary School by past member PP Brian Dalton.

Jackpot

With the kitty now at R1690, Biffy (again) won the draw, but only managed the 3 ♣ - Ah Shame!
Aubrey donated his 'attendance' prize back to the kitty.

President's quote

"You know, some days even my lucky rocket ship underpants don't help".- Calvin.

Guest Speaker

Francois introduced Dirk du Plessis, who had done some considerable preparation for his “Me Talk”. Born in Pretoria, educated in Middelburg (that’s the one in Mpumalanga, not the real one), Helderberg College and RAU; he made a career in personnel with the SA Defence Force – specialising in post traumatic stress disorder.

He then went on to join the Johannesburg City Council for 12 years in a Personnel and Training capacity, after which Fleet Africa and then Unitrans in Human Resources.

Dirk is currently with Remax in Cape Town.

His philosophy is the fulfilment derived from helping people, and getting involved in the community. “If you can’t help people, try not to hurt them” – Pascali.

He follows a spiritual path – believes in spiritual healing and hypno-therapy; and has a great interest in photography, which was very evident in his clever and amusing presentation, for which he was thanked by John Vivian.

Inductions

The highlight of a Rotary President’s year: Jackie had the rewarding task of inducting two well-known personalities to the Rotary Club of Wynberg:

1. **John Vivian**, who asked to be a full member again after a period of Honorary Membership. Jackie claims to have known him for the past 35 years – since her own early years as a Wynberg Rotor.
2. **Keela O’Driscoll**, who was introduced to the Wynberg Rotaract Club by John Vivian. She now becomes our youngest member. Well-versed in most things Rotary, she has been invited to be a leader at the RYLA conference in Brazil in 2015. Members please enter the following contact details in your ‘Directory of Members’ booklet:

Cellphone: 072 0401131

Email: keelaodriscoll@gmail.com

As part of the ‘formalities’, Pres. Jackie also conferred the following changes in status:

1. **Aubrey Michalowsky**, who has been excused attendance at Rotary meetings. Aubrey’s long-standing contribution to the Club’s activities has been his tireless involvement in the annual ‘Children’s Day Out’. The first committee he served on was Community Service, at that time headed up by....
2. **Ken Williams**, who has now been welcomed as an Honorary Member of the Club.

Duty Roster

			Social	NOVEMBER	
	16	NB WED.22	30	6	13
Sergeant	Barnard	Van Wyk		Gavin	
Attendance Officer	A O’Driscoll	A O’Driscoll	No	A O’Driscoll	Quizz
Wynpress Editorial	Schonegevel	Schreiber	Meeting	Todd	Evening
Minutes for Wynpress	Overbosch	Smith		Overbosch	At
Door Duty	Bird	Bredenkamp	Social	Cleveland	Tangos
Grace	Schonegevel	Schreiber	on	Todd	



Loyal Toast	Todd	Van Eeden	29	van Wyk	
International Toast	Bredenkamp	Cleveland	October	du Plessis	
Speaker Introduction	Du Plessis	Gavin		N/A	
Speaker Thanks	Bird	Danckwerts		N/A	
Find Speakers				van Wyk, Gowdy, Overbosch, Todd, Murphy, Klotz-Gleave, Van Niekerk	

Programme

Thu Oct 16 Shelly Windell of The Sunflower Fund (*Remember to wear sunflower bandanas!*)
 Sat Oct 18...Sun Oct 19 District Mini Conference Swellendam
 Mon Oct 20 Wynberg Rotaract
 Wed Oct 22 Joint Meeting with RC Kromboom: DG visit - Palm House
 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 (see Oct 29, above)
 Fri Oct 31 RC Constantia Wine Festival
 Sun Nov 2 – Sun Oct 9 Visit by Haugaland College
 Mon Nov 3 Wynberg Rotaract meeting
 Thu Nov 6 Business meeting: election of Board for 2015-16
 Fri Nov 7 NLC Bursary evening- de Duine School
 Thu Nov 13 Quiz evening - Tango's ----->
 Mon Nov 17 Wynberg Rotaract
 Thu Nov 20 Normal meeting: Barry Cleveland's travels
 Sat Nov 22 Steenberg Rotaract Charter (venue tbc)
 Wed Nov 26 – Mon Dec 22 Uncle Paul's (Wynberg Rotaract)
 Thu Nov 27 Social: Rotary Foundation / International (location tbc)
 Mon Dec 1 Wynberg Rotaract meeting
 Thu Dec 4 Uncle Paul's
 Thu Dec 11 Business Meeting
 Fri Dec 12 Our Charter Day
 Mon Dec 15 Wynberg Rotaract
 Thu Dec 18 Christmas Party (details tbc): Our last day for 2014.
 Thu Jan 8 Start of the new year: Normal meeting, Speaker Dave Barnard on the Battlefields!



See the WRC [calendar](http://wynbergrotary.org.za/calendar/) (http://wynbergrotary.org.za/calendar/) for full details.

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Tailpiece

**The statistics on sanity are that one out of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness.
Think of your three best friends -- if they're okay, then it's you.**