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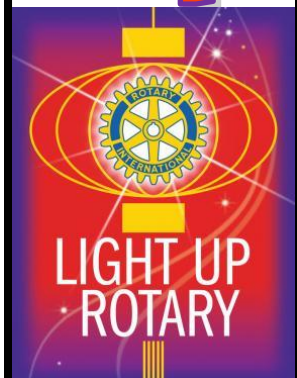
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ROTARY MONTH
'LIGHT UP ROTARY'



EDITORIAL

By String Smith

A DIFFERENT TRAVEL 2014

Barry and Val have enlightened us of their tranquil travels around England, so let me inform you of the Smiths' not so tranquil recent holiday.

It also began in England, where we managed to find Gatwick without Satnav. That's where the good bit ended. Whilst waiting in the departure lounge, an unwelcome business call set the mood. However, we reached Venice on time, then waited and waited for our suitcase to appear on the conveyor until there was only one left, but not ours! After a long wait, the helpful lady at Lost Baggage informed us that someone had taken the wrong bag and was heading back to the airport. We waited. Another young couple also waited. By their looks for each other, they would not be needing any clothes for the next few days, we did. So it was of course their suitcase which arrived. Once into Venice, we found the apartment, but no one to let us in. We had sent messages that we would be delayed, but there appeared to be a communication problem. We were sitting on the doorstep waiting and it was getting dark. It was now after 9pm. We gave up and found a cheap hotel. Arriving with only two small backpacks, if we had been younger, it would have looked suspicious.

We took stock of the situation. All Barbara had were the clothes she stood up in, I had the luxury of a second dirty shirt and undies. But we each had three pairs of shoes! As for toiletries, not even a toothbrush, not to mention makeup or a comb – I would probably wake up with a stranger beside me.

We awoke to a delightful Venice morning, but were to experience an unseasonal heat-wave, temperatures would reach 36C and we both had only long pants. (The heat would be beneficial in just one regard, the usual long queues for admission to St. Marks were not there, people were not prepared to stand in the baking sun at the entrance so we virtually walked straight in)

Using the hotel's internet, we established that the suitcase was gone without trace, although we had been told that they always did arrive, only problem was when? We eventually got into the apartment to learn from the owner that there were no chain stores in the old city, only boutiques. Whilst reluctant to purchase too much as our suitcase could arrive any minute, we needed basics. The supermarket around the corner helped with some toiletries, Indian and Chinese stores were found for clothes which would ultimately be consigned to the rubbish bin, cosmetics were discovered and pyjama bottoms would suffice as holiday shorts.

And so began quite a "different" few days. Our apartment was next to a canal, so each evening we had to wash our clothes and whilst they were drying, draped in towels, we sat next to the water eating our supper, sipping wine and waving at the passing show. As the Lost Baggage did not answer their phone, I had to trek out to the airport to discover that our suitcase had been found – in Copenhagen! Send it on fifthwith I instructed, and on my visit to the airport the following day, bursting with anticipation, I learned that it would arrive the next morning. Unfortunately we would be en route to Florence by then, and with further travels planned, I told them to keep the suitcase in London. Knowing that we would have 12 days without our possessions, we could then plan and had to locate items such as chargers for cell

the camera and the laptop, of which none would be needed after the holiday. This was not an easy task especially in a foreign language. Admittedly the local's command of English did improve after they beat England in the World Cup.

And so we survived, admittedly after a few tears and an initial reaction to even abandon the trip, but the hours spent planning exactly where we intended to visit were lost and, the absence of our possessions and stress, did spoil the holiday.


MEETING OF 24 JULY 2014

ATTENDANCE

Membership: 29
Present: 17
Make Ups: 3
Apologies: 9
Absent 2
Attendance: 65%

Attendance & 'make-ups' to Ann O'Driscoll 082 664 6453 or annodriscoll9@gmail.com

Visitors: Guests: Kolleen Bamford & Bruce Diederich

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Loyal toast to our country SA was done by Aubrey. Biffy toasted the only club in Malta as on this day in 1704 Admiral George Rooke took Gibraltar from the Spanish (with a bit of history on the club).

Sergeant Roche told the club about June Orsmond being interviewed on Smile Radio (90.4). The radio station phoned June early and in typical teacher style she told them to phone back later!!!!

SLOTS

Don: Thanks to the club for well wishes and thoughts. Angela has spent 2 weeks in ICU very "tubed up". There is a possibility of some of the tubes being removed tomorrow and progress is slow but there.

Mike: On Sat Springfield Interact will be busking at Cavendish at lunch time. Please support them.

Justin: An interest evening will be held at the Munday's residence wrt a possible Jazz event as a fund raiser on Thurs at 6:30. BYOB.

Alan: (done by Jackie) Alan is still looking for foster parents for the Baby College to be able to get going. Alan also attended the Boys & Girls Brigade in Retreat. Wynberg Rotaract and Rotary were thanked for their support through Uncle Paul's. The bands reward is seeing the faces of the children when allowed to play their instruments.

Graham G: James Fernie of Harfield Village rate Payers Association will be speaking to us about UTHANDO on 18 September. Uthando will be holding their 3rd Annual Benefit concert on 6 September – please support if possible. Also on show will be township artists, charity stalls. Graham to circulate in the meeting and by email.

Biffy: Biffy has this week spoken to both Austin and Sarah. Both are well and send lots of love to the club. Dottie and Geraldine will be visiting in August.

Sergeant Roche: On 30 July we will be raiding Sea Point who have an excellent speaker. See the calendar and duties roster below for more details. Duties for next week were read out. Please make sure that you are present to fulfil your duty. No fellowships this week.

Jackie: Welcomed all. Especially Bruce and Kolleen.

BUSINESS MINUTES

1. Why did you join Rotary?

Mike: service to communities in a structured environment, global power, fellowships, resources, fun, get something done, give back.

Aubrey: community service.

Don: initially introduced to Rotary as a speaker, found a congenial bunch, got involved with local community, worthwhile projects, a sense of belonging and fellowship.

Jackie: found structure, opportunities for global funding, big organization.

Mervyn: formalities, go back to formalities and rituals.

Biffy: structured way to operate.

Dave: Focus has been good and stay with education and health. Our focus and themes are good and more sustainable. We are in a good place. We are unlocking money to do big things and becoming a major factor. Our NLC connection is an example. We need to re-evaluate with the growth in ur club and look at more structure and balance on formality and structures.

Graham G: more talks by new members which can be entertaining.

Francois: eg 2 members with 3 mins each. OR 1 per month given 10-15 mins.

Jackie: A Happenings slot will be introduced by sergeants for members to let the club know what has happened in the last week and be able to get this onto FaceBook and the web site.

John V: More hands-on projects and fellowship is required.

Justin: More info on Rotary, more members (esp new members) to attend District info sessions. Each committee to do a social or event at schools or projects.

String: this is his 5th club, the world changes and String has seen changes so we should look at what we do.

Mervyn: feels that projects are "silo'ed".

Francois: we need regular reporting and meetings need to be more open.

Jackie: not enough info/feedback from committees to the club level but this will start to happen.

Dave: committees need to communicate and interact with the club and not just the committee. The decision making body is the Board. Structural changes are required to draw in the club more.

Graham G: Reporting must be in business meetings.

Are: NLC always invite the President and send the President minutes and is allowed to communicate with the committee. Their main object is to manage funds. Theirs is not a closed meeting and all welcome but meetings are during the day when most members work.

Mike: business meetings have been generating report backs and discussion. Each committee should be given time limits to be able to fit everything in.

Dennis: We have too main activities and not enough fund raisers. We receive too much money and need to do more fund raisers. This will be happening soon. It is important that members read the minutes of meetings as too often members complain about something which has already been discussed but they missed the meeting and did not read the minutes in Wynpress.

Mike: read your Wynpress and read your emails circulated.

Don: How do we get to know one another. Interviews? In Wynpress?

Jackie: Stick to vision of education and health as our main focus.

2. Structures:

An idea was floated that quarterly business meetings are split to committee meetings. The problem arises when a member serves on more than one committee or has an interest in more than one committee. More business meetings like this one are required. This could be tried.

In 2 weeks time is a business meeting which will focus on and have speakers on Youth.

A suggestion that the induction of new members should be more formal with a smarter dinner. This will cut out some members who battle as a smarter dinner will cost more. There is now a more structured manner for introducing new members to the club.

3. Management structure:

Has been discussed at Board. Directors will take a more co-ordinating and reporting role. Communications are to be directly to the Board Director concerned.

Visit the web site more regularly and send info and photos to Stephen or post yourself.

4. Committees and budget:

Aubrey had a donation of desks and chairs which went to Khanyisa. Thanks Aubrey.

Community Services – Biffy:

1. Isiphiwo GG: building space and somewhere to move the current classes to and finding the building plans is a problem holding things up. Computers have been bought. Teacher training is progressing.
2. Victoria GG 1: ECGs, Defibrillator, Warming cabinet bought. R17 000 remaining. Trying to get clarity what we can spend this on.
3. Victoria GG 2: Will be on the Occupational and Physiotherapy Depts as agreed and decided by the hospital staff and management. They will not use the full amount of the GG and we will buy some more equipment with the balance. Still investigating and finding costs.

4. Karmoy GG: It is envisaged that the Proms income will be utilized for this. Projects under review by Jackie and Karen are Khanyisa and LHHS (equipping the new hall etc).
5. Colorado Springs: This will be an outgoing and incoming GG ie 2 GGs – 1 in Colorado and 1 here. They do not mind at all what we do our GG on. They will be buying a specialized van and converting this (total value \$67 500). They have laws that hard drives have to be recycled. BlueStar Recyclers (<http://www.bluestarrecyclers.com/>) employ disabled folk and created sustainable employment. The vans are also required to go out to smaller towns which do not have recycling depots. Unanimously carried. Funds will be applied from the Trust.
6. Rotary Family Health Day: the club will once again participate and work with Kromboom RC. Venue/area might change. Focus will change. Have learnt a great deal this last year and set up good connections. Club agreed to once again be part.
7. District Grants applied for: LHHS (redo fields), Khanyisa, Wheelchairs.

Youth – Mervyn:

Interact Induction is on Wed 13 Aug at 18:30 at Wynberg Rotaract Hall.

RYLA talks on 7 Aug. Keela will also be talking about her trip to RYLA in Sydney.

NLC – Are:

Die Duine are opening their new buildings on 31 Aug at 12:00. A meeting is trying to be arranged to be hosted at Die Duine.

Membership – Dave:

1. Aubrey is retiring and taking excused attendance. This is used taking into account number of years served as a Rotarian plus age (must be over 85). This means he can choose when he wants to attend.
2. Ken Williams is resigning and becoming an Honorary Member due to other commitments.
3. Duties for the next meeting will be read out by the sergeants in future. Sergeants will also have a slot: What has happened?
4. 28 Aug will be 10-pin bowling with the Wynberg and Retreat Rotaractors. Details to follow. Request that the meal afterwards be affordable and that the Rotaractors do not disappear for this reason.

Foundation & International – Karen:

We will be making payment as usual later in the year. We will have an International Evening in November and an evening to mark World Understanding month in Feb. Karen receives the Global History Fellowship newsletter – anyone interested please contact her.

Jackie:

Next meeting is on 30 July at Sea Point RC

On Sat 26th July is wine tasting with Waterfront RC

Jackie away for 3 weeks and Karen will be standing in.

Thanks for the productive meeting.

Bruce and Kolleen, we hope that you did not find this all too boring.

Mike:

No time for the budget but his must be finalized and approved within the next 2 weeks. Please get back to Mike by email with questions, acceptance or comments.

From where?

Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend, Finney.

"Did you see the paper?" asked Gallagher. "They say I died!!"

"Yes, I saw it!" replied Finney. "Where are ye callin' from?"

DUTY ROSTER

DUTY	30 July	7 August	14 August	21 August
Sergeant	Raid on Sea Point. Guest Speaker, Marcus Coetzee: "Projects, using social enterprise". Venue: President Hotel, Sea Point, Time: 1900 for 1930 & Cost: R100pp, dinner included. Cash bar. Please see how to pay below in red	Barnard	Todd	Overbosch
Attendance Officer		A O'Driscoll	A O'Driscoll	A O'Driscoll
Wynpress Editorial		Gavin	Gowdy	Hovstad
Minutes for Wynpress		Wetmore	Overbosch	Smith
Compilation of Wynpress		Danckwerts	Wetmore	Overbosch
Door Duty		Howard	Jackson	Klotz-Gleave
Grace		Michalowsky	Munday	Murphy
Loyal Toast		Murphy	O'Driscoll	Overbosch
International Toast		Schrieber	Smith	Todd
Speaker Introduction		TBA	Jackson	TBA
Speaker Thanks		Schrieber	Smith	Todd

PROGRAMME

July 2014	Committee: van Wyk, Gowdy, Overbosch, Todd, Murphy, Klotz-Gleave, van Niekerk
30 July	Raid on Sea Point where their Guest Speaker, Marcus Coetzee will talk on "Projects, using social enterprise". Venue: President Hotel, Sea Point, Time: 1900 for 1930 & Cost: R100pp, dinner included. Cash bar. Payment of the R100.00 owing for the Sea Point Raid should be made as follows: By EFT to "Rotary Club of Sea Point" account: Standard Bank Sea Point, branch 024109, account no. 071094911 Reference: your name/Club name + "30 July"
31 July	NO MEETING, the Sea Point meeting above took its place.
August 2014	Committee: Bredenkamp, Cleveland, Munday, Howard, van Eeden, Du Plessis
4 August	Wynberg Rotaract meeting
7 August	Dave Holtzhausen on RYLA & Zeenit Brown & Keela about her IRYLA experience. Alina Topp (our Exchange Student) and her Host Sister Sarah Lay (Sarah attended RYLA and is Chair of Westerford's Interact Club) will be attending as Alina departs home on 12 August 2014.
13 August	Interact Induction

14 August	Normal meeting – Councillor Matthew Kempthorne - CoCT Energy and Environment Committee
14 August	Retreat Rotaract meeting
18 August	Wynberg Rotaract meeting
21 August	Normal meeting – Garrick Cox on possible eco village/self sustaining project in Vryegron
28 August	Ten Pin Bowling Evening with our two Rotaract Clubs, more information will be given to us by Dave Barnard, the organiser of the evening
28 August	Retreat Rotaract meeting

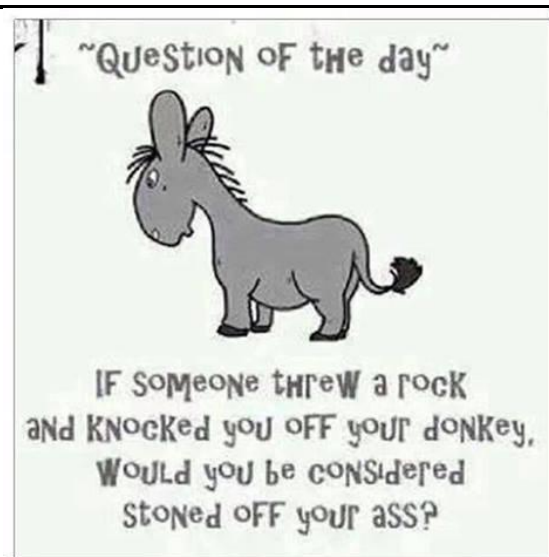
September 2014	Committee: James, Danckwerts, Schreiber, Smith, Williams, Lidgley, Gavin
1 September	Wynberg Rotaract meeting
4 September	Business meeting
11 September	Normal meeting – speaker required
11 September	Retreat Rotaract meeting
15 September	Wynberg Rotaract meeting
18 September	Normal meeting – James Fernie from UTHANDO
24 September	Heritage Day (Braai day)
25 September	Normal meeting – wait and see
25 September	Retreat Rotaract meeting
25-28 September	RYLA

PRESIDENT'S QUOTES

"Life is what happens to you while you're busy making plans." John Lennon

JACKPOT:

Kolleen drew Jackie's name. Jackie was only able to find 3♦. So the R1 285 continues to grow. R20 attendance prize was won by Aubrey.



This must be my longest minutes to date and this is also my last edition as an editor. Your new (and old) editors will continue to provide you with entertainment and info. I'm not going away – just focusing on different things. Biffy