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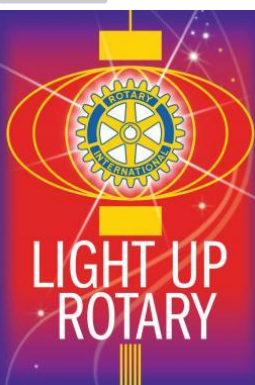
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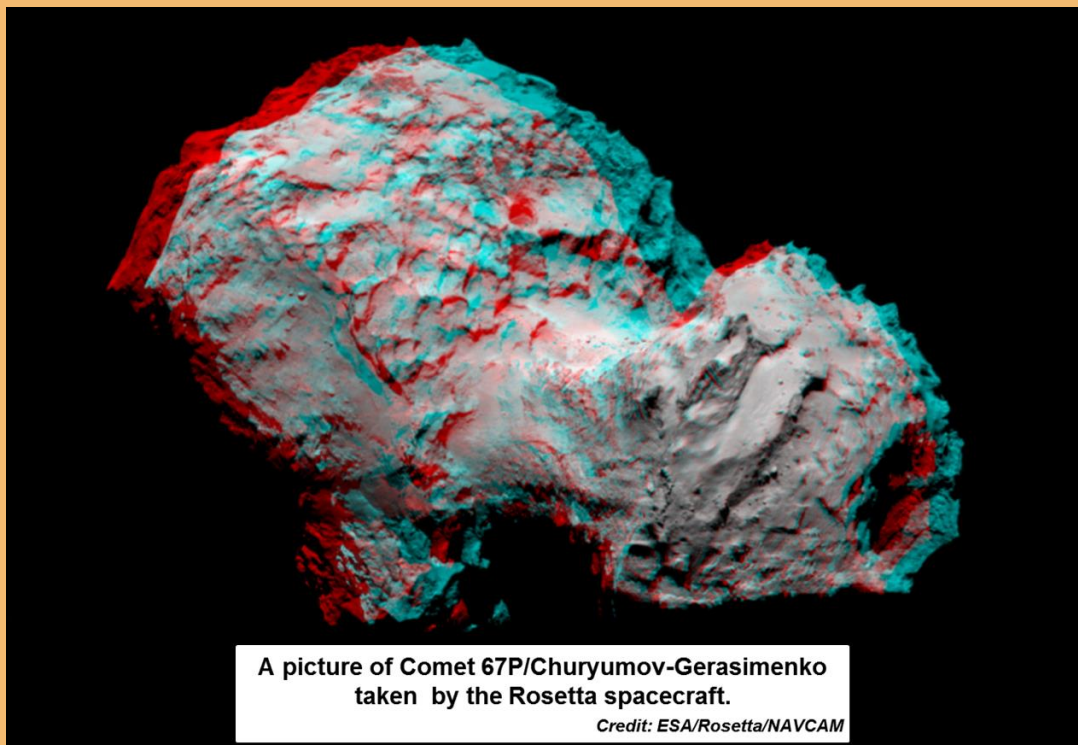
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EDITORIAL

ROSETTA

Editorial submitted by Dennis Gowdy



A picture of Comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko
taken by the Rosetta spacecraft.

Credit: ESA/Rosetta/NAVCAM

For those that don't know, the European space probe Rosetta made an historic rendezvous with Comet 67P on Wednesday last week, after travelling in space for 10 years and covering a distance of some 6 billion kilometres. Last week it was within 100 kilometres of the comet which is travelling at 55,000 kilometres per hour and the intention is to land a tiny robotic lab on the irregularly shaped (surprisingly) comet which is about 3 km's by 5km's. The lab will be the first to land on a comet and will give insight into how planets, including the Earth, formed 4.6 billion years ago.

Imagine all this and our country is still debating whether or not Mathematics should be a compulsory subject at schools!!

To get to where it is Rosetta has had to make 4 flybys of Mars and Earth, using their gravitation as a slingshot to build up speed. It then went into hibernation for 31 months because the light from the distant sun had become too weak to power its solar panels. It was 'awakened' again in January and the 3 ton craft is now positioned to allow the lab to dock with

the comet and stay with it for months ahead. On November 11th, the plan is for Rosetta to get within a few kilometres of the comet and send down a 100Kg refrigerator sized robot laboratory, Philae.

Anchored to the surface, Philae will carry out experiments in cometary chemistry and texture for up to 6 months. After the lander expires, Rosetta will accompany the comet as it passes around the sun and heads out towards the orbit of Jupiter.

Last month, as Rosetta came even closer to the comet, its cameras revealed that the target comet, far from being shaped like a potato as many expected, it rather resembled a duck. This is expected to limit the choice of a landing site and will probably also impose additional constraints.

All of this, at great cost, to try and better understand the formation of the planets 4.6 billion years ago.

MEETING OF 7 August 2014


ATTENDANCE

Membership:	29
Present:	19
Make Ups:	2
Apologies:	4
Absent	4
Attendance:	66 %

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

Visitors: District Assistant Governor Michelle Anders (responsible for the following Clubs in the Southern Suburbs: Cape of Good Hope, Constantia, Wynberg & Hout Bay) **Guest Speakers:** Dave Holtzhausen, Keela O'Driscoll, Zeenat Brown (Settlers High) & James Roche (Wynberg Boys & recipient of Wynberg Rotary's sponsorship to go on the 2014 ADVENTURE INTO CITIZENSHIP). **Guests:** Sergio Alves (Wynberg Boys Interact President), Alina Topp (STEP Exchange Student), Sarah Lay (Alina's Host Sister),

Members and friends of ROTARY WYNBERG should take a look at the following:

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Take a look at our Internet pages: <http://wynbergrotary.org.za/>

SLOTS

Acting & Past President Karen:

- PP Karen opened the Meeting and welcomed the guest speakers and our other guests to the meeting which essentially focused on RYLA & our Youth work.
- Lena Howard is travelling back to France shortly having to relinquish her Science Teaching post at Bergvliet High. She enquired of everyone present whether they knew of a suitable Science/Biology teacher who could stand in for a temporary period. Please contact Lena if you know of or can recommend anyone.

- Biffy and Dotty and Alina gave a most positive account of their visit to the **Learn to Earn** organization (and the lunch wasn't bad either!.) They also went to a crèche which appealed greatly to Alina.
- David Barnard gave out the sad news of the 10 pin bowling postponement due to the Wynberg Rotaractors having another commitment on the same evening.
- Graham Gavin spoke about the Charity event at the City hall on 6 September for which he had tickets available at R150 each.

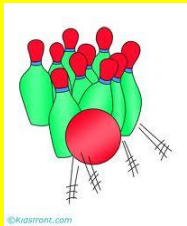
MINUTES

The 7 August 2014 Rotary Wynberg meeting focused on our Youth work, specifically RYLA and we were very fortunate to have Dave Holtzhausen who convenes District 5930's annual RYLA camp, Keela O'Driscoll who recently attended the RYLA conference in Australia and Zeenat Brown, a Learner at Settlers High School who has attended a RYLA Camp and is now a regular participant as a RYLA Camp leader address us. In addition James Roche from Wynberg Boys High spoke briefly on his participation in the recent ADVENTURE INTO CITIZENSHIP programme in the July holidays and Alina Topp thanked the Club, the Lays and especially her host sister, Sarah Lay for all everyone had done to make her Exchangeship to Cape Town and South Africa enjoyable.

All three RYLA speakers gave very interesting accounts of the benefits of attending a RYLA camp, the confidence, self-insight and leadership skills it engenders and the value to ongoing personal development.

Keela & Zeenat's accounts of their personal experience of RYLA were most exciting, sobering and showed just how valuable our sponsorship of our Interact Learners to a RYLA camp can be. It is something we should try to expand on.

DUTY ROSTER

DUTY	14 August	21 August	28 August	4 September
Sergeant	Todd	Cleveland	 <p>The Tenpin Bowling evening to be held on this last Thursday of the month has had to be <u>postponed</u>.</p> <p>Is there anyone willing to organise something in its stead?</p>	van Eeden
Attendance Officer	A O'Driscoll	A O'Driscoll		A O'Driscoll
Wynpress Editorial	Gowdy	Hovstad		Jackson
Minutes for Wynpress	Smith	Overbosch		Wetmore
Compilation of Wynpress	Wetmore	Smith		Overbosch
Door Duty	Jackson	Klotz-Gleave		Michalowsky
Grace	Munday	Murphy		Schonegevel
Loyal Toast	O'Driscoll	Overbosch		Schrieber
International Toast	Smith	Todd		van Niekerk
Speaker Introduction	Jackson	TBA		N/A
Speaker Thanks	Smith	Todd		N/A

PROGRAMME

August 2014	Committee: Bredenkamp, Cleveland, Munday, Howard, van Eeden, Du Plessis
12 August	Alina Topp, our STEP Exchange student left to return home after being hosted by the Lay family
13 August	Interact Induction at the Rotaract Club in Wynberg
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 (Managing Director of Triumphant Imports) on possible eco village/self-sustaining project in Vrygrond
28 August	Unfortunately the Ten Pin Bowling Evening with our two Rotaract Clubs has had to be <u>postponed</u> . Is there anyone willing and able to organise something in its stead? Dave Barnard unfortunately cannot take this on due to work and travel commitments.
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 – speaker required
24 September	Heritage Day (Braai day)
25 September	Normal meeting – speaker required
25 September	Retreat Rotaract meeting

PRESIDENT'S QUOTES

PP Karen didn't have a quote ready being the stand-in President but here is one nevertheless:

"In this world optimists have it, not because they are always right, but because they are always positive. Even when they are wrong, they are positive and that is the way of achievement, correction, improvement and success. Educated, eyes-open optimism pays; pessimism can only offer empty consolidation of being right"

~ *David Landes* ~

JACKPOT:

Graham advised the meeting that due to the extreme workload of this fund raiser, the committee had met and decided to increase the manpower by 100%. String was selected as the new member to the "Jackpot Committee". (**Ag Shame!**)

Then to thunderous applause String's name was pulled out of the box by Alina Topp, our STEP Exchange Student who was joining Rotary Wynberg one last time before returning home. With R1340 at stake he tactfully drew the 3 of Spades (**Ag Shame again!**). Then still uncertain why some of you call this the 'swindle', String selectively drew Graham Todd's name out to take home the R25 attendance draw. **Coincidence?** We think not as both could be seen laughing with a glass of port each, afterwards!!

The Hawks have been called in to investigate The Swindle Committee and a report is expected soon which hopefully will get to the bottom of all the 'goings on' in this secretive outfit.

JACKPOT:

***** **FROM ROLLS-ROYCE STAFF MAGAZINE** *****

Sometimes it DOES take a Rocket Scientist!! (true story).

Scientists at Rolls Royce built a gun specifically to launch dead chickens at the windshields of airliners and military jets all travelling at maximum velocity.

The idea is to simulate the frequent incidents of collisions with airborne fowl to test the strength of the windshields.

American engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the Windshields of their new high speed trains.

Arrangements were made, and a gun was sent to the American engineers.

When the gun was fired, the engineers stood shocked as the chicken shot out of the barrel, crashed into the shatterproof shield, smashed it to smithereens, blasted through the control console, snapped the engineer's back-rest in two and embedded itself in the back wall of the cabin like an arrow shot from a bow.

The horrified Yanks sent Rolls Royce the disastrous results of the experiment, along with the designs of the windshield and begged the British scientists for suggestions.

You're going to love this.....

Rolls Royce responded with a one-line memo: ***"Defrost the chicken."***
