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EDITORIAL

By Are Hovstad

NORWAY UNDER TERRORIST THREATS.

On 24th of July this year, Norwegians woke up to the shocking news that the country could be a target of terrorist attacks. This was just 2 days after the country marked the 3rd anniversary of the massacre of 77 young people on Utøya near Oslo.

After this message Norway was on the highest security alert for days. Information from the highest authorities was that they had credible evidence of a planned attack, probably by Islamic jihadist with combat experience in Syria.

All police districts across the country were informed about the threat, and armed police were visible at the airports, border crossings and other important hubs. This was quite a scary sight to Norwegians who are not used to police being armed.

Stortinget, which is the Norwegian parliament, the Royal Palace, and municipal buildings were closed, and there was extreme police visibility placed around these buildings.

There was a lot of confusion, anger and fear among the Norwegian population, and the authorities could only give fragmented information, but insisted that the threat was real.

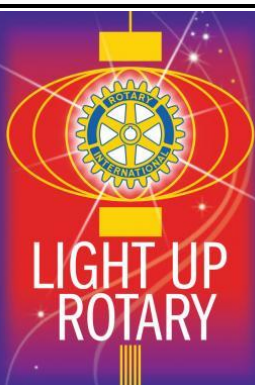
To most of us, it brought back memories of the nightmare of the massacre on Utøya.

Looking for a reason, experts indicate that the extremist group wants to punish Norway, because the country has been actively involved in the US-led war in Afghanistan, as well as being a prominent member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization NATO.

Fortunately, nothing happened, but the authorities state that the threat was real, and they reacted in the most appropriate way.

It is hard to image what the Norwegian population went through during the short scary period. One day they read in the newspapers that Norway has been voted the best country in the world to live in. The next morning they have to prepare for a terrorist attack.

**ROTARY MONTH
MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION**




MEETING OF 14 AUGUST 2014

ATTENDANCE

Membership: 27
Present: 15
Make Ups: 3
Apologies: 12
Absent: 1
Attendance: 53%

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

Visitors: Guests: Bruce Diederich, Hugh Maunder, Keela O'Driscoll, Ruth Dressington, Mary Jacobs.

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Sergeant and acting President Karen was in the hot seat. The loyal toast was performed by Ann O'Driscoll and the International Toast to Jersulaem and RI was done by String. Attendance was also done by Ann and all the guests were welcome by Ann and Karen with the usual Warm Wynberg Welcome (WWW).

Fellowship: On Sat is Adele Michalowsky's birthday.

SLOTS

Biffy: Once again I was out in Khayelitsha at Isiphiwo with a group from America who had a wonderful day and another really good visit to Learn to Earn. Mary Jacobs who is a visitor with us tonight is one of the group and comes from a Rotary family.

Mervyn: 1) Someone is needed to take on the social on 28th. Keela offered.

2) Wynberg Rotaract ran a very good, organised, happy induction of Interact Club and they each gave a good account of past and future events and plans.

3) Alina has left. Thanks to everyone in the club who helped out while she was visiting. Alina showed Initiative while here and a special thanks to the Lay family who looked after her so well.

Lina: Bergveit Interact won the award for the best and most innovative project at the Interaction Induction function.

MINUTES

Alan introduced Councilor Matthew Kempthorn who moved to Cape Town from Johannesburg in 2011 to stand against Alan in the ward election. Matthew is the chair of the Energy & Climate Change committee, is a hard worker and not as defensive as politicians. Matthew has worked with Alan and Stephen at a local area level.

Cape town is not unique in the challenges that we face. South Africa and Africa in general are rapidly urbanising (Cape Town has seen a 30% increase in population over 10 years). With an economic recession, we have seen a huge rise in energy poverty, urban sprawl and the increasing vulnerability to the impacts of climate change. Unfortunately the very poorest of citizens have set up homes within wetlands, floodplains and other at risk areas that are the most susceptible to increased flooding, storm surges and other disasters associated with climate change. Yet at the same time our people are struggling to feed themselves and their families in these trying economic times.

But this is not all doom and gloom, we in the city are rightly proud of the fact that we are on our way to achieving the “Millennium development goals” the majority of the people of Cape Town have access to basic water and sanitation, electricity and waste removal, but more still needs to be done. We are also acutely aware that we need to balance our economic development with environmental sustainability and social cohesion. 50% of all humanity live in an urban environment.

Cape Town is blessed with some inherent attributes that give us a good start – the area’s natural beauty, its maritime location and moderate climate are key advantages. But Cape Town would not be the city that it is if it were not for the ingenuity and activity of its people but those people also need to have buildings in which to live and work; they need provision of basic services such as water, sanitation, cleansing and electricity so that they can operate and so that community health is promoted. They need means to get around so that they can interact with others and safety measures so that they can live and move freely.

Cape Town has a population estimated at 3.8 million. It is estimated that the population grew by 500 000 over the past five years.

The level of basic services in Cape Town is high in comparison with other African cities. We have a diverse economy that is not dependant on the commodities cycle. The city has a well-developed infrastructure and those areas that are long established have significant and quality buildings and urban amenities. Cape Town is however not without significant challenges. The biggest challenges are the large numbers of poor people, the city’s physical constraints, its land-use orientation, its biodiversity status and its transport needs. Storm water and sewer drainage is a significant challenge. Cape Town is a biodiversity hotspot, with unique vegetation. Layered onto these natural constraints is an inadequate land-use orientation. The city’s public transport system is not able to provide the needs of a modern city. Rail was the initial passenger transport system that we built in the early part of the 20th Century and subsequently extended several times. We have an extensive rail network serving the central and southern parts of our city that could be the backbone of a public transport system that we need. However, decades of under-investment in rolling stock and control systems, combined with a current management malaise that is more interested in iconic projects such as airport-city high speed rail links rather than the real priorities, means that the service currently provided is considerably below requirements or potential.

- We must continue to provide good basic services. We must also regard education and health services as basic services that we need to do better.
- We must continue to ensure that we have clean and open government and well-functioning institutions both in the public and private spheres.

- Issues of safety come in two forms: personal and property. We have to improve the personal safety of everyone in Cape Town.
- We must also continue to support and enhance those sectors that are good in our economy and which already provide good opportunities for jobs and growth – the tourism, conferencing and events sectors, the services and creative sectors and the ICT sector.
- We also have to ask why, when we have four Universities, including those with very high research credentials, we have a failure of that research moving from innovation to mass production within our city.

I believe that there are three key areas that we need to focus on:

- We have to increase the skills pool significantly.
- The second area of transformation we need to focus on the next decade is one of linkages – public transport and a broadband network.
- The third area of transformation required to take our city to the next level are what are termed green issues.

In South Africa today we have an energy problem, we have not adequately planned for the future and since 2008 we have been in an acute electricity crisis and this crisis will not disappear even with the completion of our two new dirty coal fired power stations. In the city we are constrained by legislation and finance that means we cannot build our own large scale power generation. So instead we are about to finalise our embedded generation policy that will allow the City to purchase excess power from business and households that generate their own electricity from solar PV panels and in the future from mini wind generators, when the technology becomes more reliable. We have also launched the solar water accreditation program that plan's to have 100 000 high pressure solar water heaters installed in the City over the next 5 years, helping the country with our acute evening electricity peaking problem.

We are also looking at waste to energy. On the sustainability front the City has retrofitted or is in the process of doing, our buildings, traffic lights and street lights into low energy LED's. Another very successful program has been our electricity savings campaign that has saved the consumers of Cape Town approximately R1.7 billion a year. A huge problem that the city has is the approximately 300 000 informal houses that are not connected to services, we are looking into using mini grids and renewables to give free reliable power to the poor and marginalised.

If we want a better Cape Town, be it 10 years hence, 20 years hence or any other timeframe you want, we have to understand the levers of change and what we have to do to drive that transformation. We are not going to have a better city if we just keep on doing things the same as we did in the past.

Club members had lots of questions for Matthew about water treatment plants, service delivery, District 6, Global warming issues, E-Tolling, etc.

String thanked Matthew for his talk and reminded Matthew and the club that instead of providing speakers with a gift, a book plate is signed by the speaker and a book or dictionary is given to various schools.

Pam said grace for everyone and supper was served.

DUTY ROSTER

DUTY	21 August	28 August	4 September	11 September
Sergeant	Todd	SOCIAL – WATCH THIS SPACE	Van Eeden	Wetmore
Attendance Officer	A O'Driscoll		A O'Driscoll	A O'Driscoll
Wynpress Editorial	Hovstad		Jackson	Klotz-Gleave
Minutes for Wynpress	Smith		Wetmore	Overbosch
Compilation of Wynpress	Danckwerts		Smith	Wetmore
Door Duty	Klotz-Gleave		Danckwerts	Munday
Grace	Danckwerts		Schonegevel	Schrieber
Loyal Toast	Todd		Schrieber	Smith
International Toast	Van Eeden		Van Niekerk	Van Wyk
Speaker Introduction	Howard		N/A	TBA
Speaker Thanks	Todd		N/A	Van Niekerk

PROGRAMME

August 2014	Committee: Bredenkamp, Cleveland, Munday, Howard, van Eeden, Du Plessis
21 August	Normal meeting – Garrick Cox on possible eco village/self-sustaining project in Vryegrond
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 – Graham Todd to supply details
15 September	Wynberg Rotaract meeting
18 September	Normal meeting – Bruce Probyn : Principles Academy
24 September	Heritage Day (Braai day)
25 September	Normal meeting – “Me talk” – Dirk du Plessis
25 September	Retreat Rotaract meeting
25-28 September	RYLA

PRESIDENT'S QUOTES

"Don't tell your problems to anyone. 20% don't care and the other 80% are glad you have them"

JACKPOT

With Toddy absent, String could not work the usual swindle, so visitor Bruce Dirticic was given the opportunity of instant wealth but failed to draw the nine of diamonds. Dirk received the R15 attendance prize. The jackpot, which had increased by R35 to R1375, will therefore be competed for at the next meeting with odds of 1 in 39. Associated club funds stand at R815.

TAIL PIECE

I DON'T ENGAGE
IN ACTS OF
KINDNESS TO BE
REWARDED LATER,
I ENGAGE IN
ACTS OF KINDNESS
BECAUSE IT
MAKES ME FEEL
GOOD TO GIVE.

— Unknown
