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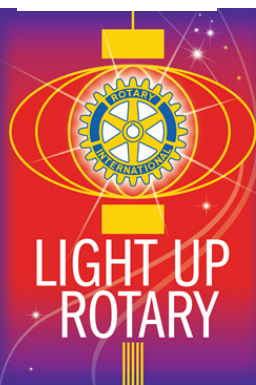
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**Rotary in November
Foundation month**



EDITORIAL

IF YOU WANNA BE HAPPY FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.....

Reading the newspaper while tucking into your Banting Brekkie; listening to the car radio while crawling into Town at 20km's per hour and sucking in all the pollution; sneaking a peek at the News24 website while the boss is waiting for that report you've been procrastinating on; chatting to your mates during a heavy gym session (ok so that doesn't apply to most of us!) or listening to Mike S waffle on at the Rotary Supper table.

Most of the news we hear about in SA is negative. Unemployment, corruption, rising costs of basic services, increase in crime, feuding politicians, lack of service delivery and of course the recent demise of the Blou Bulle as a rugby force to be reckoned with!

And let's face it, it leaves one feeling a little depressed (especially the Magistraat regarding the latter point!). When things get too much, which is unfortunately quite a lot of the time nowadays, I like to head off into the mountains, or even better still, pack the "big green cruising machine" and go and explore our beautiful country with my family.

It doesn't solve any of the above mentioned problems of course – and truth be told there are normally a few additions to the list by the time we return home rejuvenated from our three week sojourn!

However we as "Souf Efrikans" are indeed blessed to live in such a beautiful country and many of us don't really appreciate this. Access to many of these resources are also becoming more available to all South Africans, although entrance fees are often still a barrier to many people.

In eager anticipation of Justin's GK quiz in a few weeks time, I thought it quite appropriate to list a few facts about the natural beauty and places we sometimes take for granted in our country

The Cape Floral Kingdom has 9,600 plant species, 70% of which are not found anywhere else in the world.

Table Mountain alone has over 1,500 species of plants, more than the entire United Kingdom.

The Tugela Falls is the second highest waterfall in the world, where the water tumbles down 2,789 feet. First place goes to the Angel Falls in Venezuela at 3,212 feet.

Blyde River Canyon is the third largest canyon in the world - and the largest green one. The Grand Canyon in the U.S. is the biggest, and the Fish River Canyon in Namibia the second, but both are very dry.

South Africa is home to the world's smallest succulent plants (less than 0.39 inches) and the largest (the baobab tree).

South Africa has the third highest level of biodiversity in the world.

South African grasslands have approximately 30 species per square kilometre, greater than the biodiversity of rainforests.

South Africa is one of the most generously endowed geographic solar hotspots in the world, soaking up just over half of the world's highest category of solar wattage per square yard of land.

Approximately 900 bird species are found in South Africa alone, which represents 10% of the world's total bird species.

Mossel Bay is in the Guinness Book of records as having the second most moderate climate in the world.

South Africa has the oldest wine industry outside of Europe and the Mediterranean, featuring Chardonnays, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Cinsault, Riesling, Shiraz, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Pinotage varieties. It also has the longest wine route!

Quite an impressive list you will no doubt agree – and if none of these appeal to you at all then there's always the prospect of visiting another natural wonder in Pretoria. My sources tell me that ticket prices are halved for Loftus next year..... !

The travelling Treasurer Mike

MEETING OF 22 OCT. 2014

Joint meeting with Kromboom RC held at Kelvin Grove - Sgt. Roche van Wyk presiding

4 and 5 Way Tests: By Kromboom and Wynberg respectively.

International Toast: Barry proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Eisenstadt, Austria, which is the nearest Rotary Club to the town of Raiding, where composer Franz Liszt was born this very day in 1811.

Loyal Toast: Justin

Attendance

50%

Visitors

DG Cecil Rose and Lesley, AG Michelle Anders and Bruce, John Fowler and 6 Rotarians from Kromboom RC.

Fellowship Announcements

31 October will be a busy day with John and Mary celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary and Brian Howard his birthday.

Slots

Justin informed Kromboom Rotarians and reminded our own of the forthcoming Quiz at Tangos on 13 November.

Alan reported on the mini-conference at Swellendam. He appreciated the fact that the meeting broke up into small groups which enabled members to get their teeth into issues. See his E-mail to members.

Kromboom are organising a fellowship cherry picking outing, with braai/ picnic, venue and date to be advised.

Induction

DG Cecil inducted Bruce Dietrich as a Rotarian in our club – to thunderous applause of course.

Guest Speaker:

In a wide ranging address, DG Cecil, under the promotion of literacy, commenced by complimenting Kromboom for starting the dictionary project which has grown into a District Project. It has expanded into East Africa, with West Africa next in line. 7500 of the dictionaries have now been distributed. A copy of the latest bang up to date version – “selfie” is included – was handed to the two clubs.

Rotary Family Health Days had 32 sites operating in our district this year with 22000 people receiving check-ups. The project is run in four African countries where 343 000 people benefitted.

Rotary is becoming big business. With 60 clubs in our District, 31 spent R25m in the preceding year, making a considerable impact on communities. It is the intention to bid for an International Convention to be held here.

Cecil felt that clubs must become more flexible if we are to grow membership. Satellite clubs and even E-clubs should be considered. People should be encouraged to join Rotary, as in doing so, they grow themselves. Another need is that of transformation. The 2011 census indicated that only 19% of our population is white, whereas our membership is overwhelmingly from that group. Whilst there are constraints such as affordability to membership by other groups, until we transform, will we be universally accepted? This is perhaps the only way we will grow.

Our two clubs have great involvement with the youth. Early childhood development is vital. The basics of nutrition, love, security and stimulation are often not there, so how can we help? Training of instructors and support for unregistered facilities are things we could get involved in, invest now for our country's future.

In conclusion, Cecil thanked us for hosting him and Lesley, for our attention that night and for our present and future contributions to society.

Jackpot

In the presence of the Official Auditor, Deputy Con Man String had little option but to include the nine of diamonds in the pack, but need not have worried as John Fowler drew the ten of clubs in his vain effort to win the (reduced) prize of R1385. AG Vic declined the R25 in coin attendance prize, so R1910 was carried forward.

President's notes

Nick Sloane, the salvage master of the Concordia will be the guest speaker at the RC Kirstenbosch meeting on Monday 3rd November, 18h00-18h30 at Kelvin Grove. R120/person.

RC Cape Town are hosting a Rotary braai at the Glen Cairn Rotary Youth Camp on Saturday 8th November from 11.30am. Bring your own.

Quote: "Behind every successful man is a woman, behind her is his wife" Groucho Marx

GOING FORWARD

Duty Roster



	NOVEMBER				DECEMBER UP's charity eve
	6	13	20	27	3
Sergeant	Gavin	Quiz Evening at Tango's	Murphy	Cleveland	
Attendance Officer	A O'Driscoll		A O'Driscoll	A O'Driscoll	Uncle Paul's
Wynpress Editorial	Todd		van Niekerk	van Eeden	
Minutes for Wynpress	Overbosch		Smith	Du Plessis	Charity
Door Duty	Cleveland		Du Plessis	Barnard	
Grace	Todd		van Wyk	Smith	Evening
Loyal Toast	van Wyk		Barnard	van Niekerk	
International Toast	du Plessis		Gowdy	Danckwerts	
Speaker Introduction	N/A		Howard	Gowdy	
Speaker Thanks			Schreiber	Bredenkamp	
Find Speakers	van Wyk, Gowdy, Overbosch, Todd, Murphy, Klotz-Gleave, Van Niekerk				Bredenkamp, Cleveland, Munday, Howard, van Eeden, Du Plessis, K O'Driscoll

Programme

Sun Nov 2 - Sun Nov 9	Visit by Haugaland College
Thu Nov 6	Business meeting: election of Board for 2015-2016 & Haugaland visit
Fri Nov 7	NLC Bursary evening (Die Duine)
Thu Nov 13	Normal meeting / Quiz evening: Tangos
Mon Nov 17	Wynberg Rotaract
Thu Nov 20	Normal meeting: Barry Cleveland on his trip.
Sat Nov 22	Steenberg Rotaract Charter!

Wed Nov 26 - Mon Dec 22	Uncle Pauls (Wynberg Rotaract)
Thu Nov 27	Social: Rotary Foundation / International
Wed Dec 3	WRC Uncle Pauls Xmas treat
Thu Dec 4	No meeting: see yesterday
Thu Dec 11	Business Meeting
Fri Dec 12	Our Charter day! Chartered 12th December 1949
Thu Dec 18	Last meeting : Xmas party venue / format tbc.
Sun Dec 21	Last night: Uncle Pauls
Thu Dec 25	Christmas
Thu Jan 1, 2015	New Year
Thu Jan 8	First meeting of 2015: Dave Barnard on the Battlefields.
Thu Jan 15	Normal meeting: James Fernie: Uthando

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

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TAILPIECE

A man goes to his Doctor for a check-up. The Doctor does the tests and looks rather worried. He says to the patient

"I am afraid that I have some very bad news for you. You haven't long to live".

"Well how long have I got Doc"

"Ten"

"Ten what, weeks , months, years?"

"Nine"

A man received the following text from his neighbour:

I am so sorry Bob. I've been riddled with guilt and I have to confess. I have been helping myself to your wife, day and night whenever you're not around. In fact, more than you. I do not get it at home, but that's no excuse. I can no longer live with the guilt and I hope you will accept my sincerest apology with my promise that it won't, ever happen again.

The man, anguished and betrayed, went into his bedroom, grabbed his gun, and without a word, shot his wife and killed her.

A few moments later, a second text came in: Bloody autospell! I meant "wifi, not "wife"