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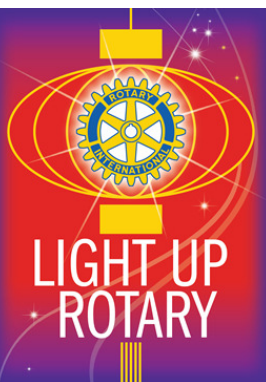
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**Rotary in November
Foundation month**



EDITORIAL

By Graham Todd

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

Is it or was it a coincidence that John and Mary Vivian chose the 31st October "Halloween" to get married? Here is some information of their 50 years together.

Mary trained as a radiographer in Port Elizabeth and moved to Addington Hospital, Durban. Some years later she transferred to Groote Schuur Hospital and stayed with her uncle, Colin King. Colin was then a Wynberg Rotarian and he suggested that Mary join Rotors in order to meet people. John was already a Rotor at that stage and that is how they met. Of course being a radiographer Mary could see straight through John! After a courtship of a year they married in the Christ Church Kenilworth and had their reception at the Alphen Hotel.

At one stage Mary's family lived in Swaziland and her maiden name was King. John sent a telegram to his family in the U.K. stating "Have married into Royalty by marrying the daughter of a Swazi King". Needless to say this caused much consternation amongst his family over there.

For their honeymoon John took Mary to Sedgefield to a Fishermans cottage and taught her to fish. On their first morning he cooked her a breakfast of eggs, bacon, tomato and toast and has consequently never been allowed to cook since. After a few years they moved to Durban where John worked for S A Eagle Insurance Company in the Administration Department. A couple of years later John left the S A Eagle to come back to Cape Town and commence working for E H Hiles, as a Marine Surveyor. A heavily pregnant Mary remained in Durban where she gave birth to Carol. John got the good news that evening via a trunk call. When all together in Cape Town they moved into a small cottage in Plumstead half the size of their Durban home. As a baby Carol suffered from colic and in order to soothe her and put her to sleep John used to read the latest "Parliamentary Report" to her.

After 4/5 years at Hiles, John joined Mobil as it was in those days and which changed its name several times ending up as Engen. In the years leading up to his retirement John, who we know is orally versatile, was their "trouble-shooter" handling client, public and environmental complaints.

They bought a house in St Josephs Road in which they lived for 4 years and where Vicky was born. Finally they moved into their current home in 1974 which equates to them being there for 40 years and their family increased with the birth of Colin. Most of you know John is an excellent DIY chap and all of his woodwork skills were taught to him by his sister Chris's late husband, Peter Immelman. John has been a Rotarian since 1978, received a Paul Harris from the Rotors Club followed by a Sapphire and most recently his second Sapphire from Wynberg Rotary Club. Mary has supported all his Rotary commitments and fund-raising efforts and was herself awarded a Paul Harris in 2001 by Wynberg Rotary. I am sure you all wish them many more happy years together.

MEETING OF 6 November 2014

Attendance

Unavailable

Visitors

From Haugaland College, Teachers Anne Marie Valen and Hege Vestbø Sætre and students Rebekka Lundh, Fanny Askeland, Vilde Fjeld Kismul and Kristoffer Lie Eide.

From our NLC sponsored schools the headmasters Denzil van Graan (Perivale), Terence Klassen (Fairmont), Margo Kievit (Die Duine), Trevor Dennis (Stephen Road), Reginald Gabriels (Montagu's Gift).

Wenche Hovstad

Fellowship Announcements

It was Rob Murphy's birthday on 19 November... HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROB!!!

Slots

Justin - Funds raised from the Quiz evening on 13 Nov. will go to the Literacy Project.

Jackpot

Roché's names was drawn but was not in attendance at the time of the draw so President Jackie drew for him. She was not able to find the Nine of diamonds so Roche we have to say "Ag Shame"

As the Editor was so happy that the money was not won she completely forgot who won the attendance price. Sorry for the omission.

President's quotes

"If I had a thousand ideas and only one turns out to be good, I am satisfied."

Alfred Nobel.

Business Meeting :

Report back was done on the following:

Dirk – Khanyisa School. R12,000.00 of garden equipment to be spent. We received monies from District Grant to fund this. The School works on the Waldorf Education System. There are 70 students and 25 Teachers. The learners are taught life skills. They have a wish list which contains a number of items one being computers as the current ones are out dated. They still need to establish who the owners of the premises are.

Biffy – Isiphiwo School have been able to get Education Department to give R120,000.00 to extend the classroom. MOU was to be done between School and Wynberg. Building could be finished before end of the year. Teaching of educators by Beryl is going well and teachers are eager to learn.

Biffy – 2nd Global Grant for Victoria Hospital will be able to start (mainly working of the Physio Department) with the help of the Wynberg Rotartact when the report back to RI on the 1st Global Grant has been completed.

Pam – Victoria Hospital is a Government Hospital that sees over 800 000 people a year. The project that we have been busy with is the painting of the Psychiatric Department (Paint was donated) and the reorganising of the offices to be user friendly to the staff.

President Jackie's Report Back :

The club had to elect office bearers for the following positions on the board for 2015/2016 and as there was only 1 nomination for each position they have all been unanimously approved:

President Elect – Alan Jackson

Secretary – Ann O'Driscoll

Treasurer – Mike Schreiber

Congratulations to you all

Haugaland Awards :

The Scholars all introduced themselves and told us a little bit about who they are and what they are studying, their experiences in Cape Town and the schools.

They then went on to hand out awards to the schools.

Fairmount received R82,000.00 of which R 50,000.00 was for bursaries

Die Duine received R78,000.00 of which R 50,000.00 was for bursaries

Perivale, Stephen Rd, Lotus River, Montagu's Gift all received R68,000.00 of which R 40,000.00 was for bursaries.

Other items to be purchased with the monies given were computer supplies.

All headmasters again thanked Haugaland and the NLC for the contributions and what a big difference their help makes to the learners at these schools.

We at Wynberg Rotary also would again like to thank Haugaland Technical College Students and Teachers very much for all the hard work they are doing to make a difference in the lives of those students who are less fortunate than them. Keep up the good work it is paying off in a huge way.

GOING FORWARD

Duty Roster

	NOVEMBER		DECEMBER UP's charity eve		
	20	27	3	11	18
Sergeant	Murphy	Barnard		Hovstad	TBA
Attendance Officer	A O'Driscoll	A O'Driscoll	Uncle Paul's	A O'Driscoll	A O'Driscoll
Wynpress Editorial	van Niekerk	van Eeden		Van Wyk	Barnard
Minutes for Wynpress	Smith	Du Plessis	Charity	Overbosch	Smith
Door Duty	Du Plessis	Barnard		Bird	Bredenkamp
Grace	van Wyk	Smith	Evening	Todd	Van Niekerk
Loyal Toast	Barnard	Van Niekerk		Van Eeden	Vivian
International Toast	Gowdy	Danckwerts		Hovstad	Howard
Speaker Introduction	Howard	Gowdy		Jackson	Klotz-Gleave
Speaker Thanks	Schreiber	Bredenkamp		Gavin	Gowdy
Find Speakers	van Wyk, Gowdy, Overbosch, Todd, Murphy, Klotz-Gleave, Van Niekerk		Bredenkamp, Cleveland, Munday, Howard, van Eeden, Du Plessis, K O'Driscoll		

Programme

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 12 th 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.

TAILPIECE

Manure... An interesting fact: *In the 16th and 17th centuries, everything had to be transported by ship and it was also before the invention of commercial fertilizers, so large shipments of manure were quite common.*



It was shipped dry, because in dry form it weighed a lot less than when wet, but once water (at sea) hit it, not only did it become heavier, but the process of fermentation began again, of which a by product is methane gas of course. As the stuff was stored below decks in bundles you can see what could (and did) happen.

Methane began to build up below decks and the first time someone came below at night



with a lantern, BOOOOM!

Several ships were destroyed in this manner before it was determined just what was happening

After that, the bundles of manure were always stamped with the instruction ' Stow high in transit ' on them, which meant for the sailors to stow it high enough off the lower decks so that any water that came into the hold would not touch this volatile cargo and start the production of methane.



Thus evolved the term ' S.H.I.T ' , (Stow High In Transit) which has come down through the centuries and is in use to this very day.

You probably did not know the true history of this word.

Neither did I.

I had always thought it was a golf term....!
