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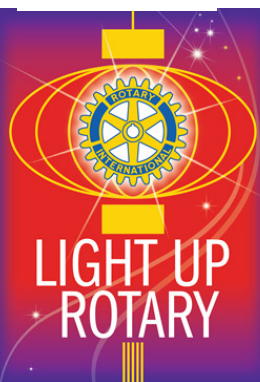
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EDITORIAL

The Tale Of Two Pebbles – by Edward de Bono

Many years ago in a small Indian village, a farmer had the misfortune of owing a large sum of money to a village moneylender. The moneylender, who was old and ugly, fancied the farmer's beautiful daughter. So he proposed a bargain. He said he would forgo the farmer's debt if he could marry his daughter.

Both the farmer and his daughter were horrified by the proposal. So the cunning money-lender suggested that they let providence decide the matter. He told them that he would put a black pebble and a white pebble into an empty money bag. Then the girl would have to pick one pebble from the bag. If she picked the black pebble, she would become his wife and her father's debt would be forgiven. If she picked the white pebble she need not marry him and her father's debt would still be forgiven. If she refused to pick a pebble, her father would be thrown into jail.

They were standing on a pebble strewn path in the farmer's field. As they talked, the moneylender bent over to pick up two pebbles. As he picked them up, the sharp-eyed girl noticed that he had picked up two black pebbles and put them into the bag. He then asked the girl to pick a pebble from the bag.

Now, imagine that you were standing in the field. What would you have done if you were the girl? If you had to advise her, what would you have told her? Take a moment to ponder this. What would you recommend that the girl do?

The girl put her hand into the moneybag and drew out a pebble. Without looking at it, she fumbled and let it fall onto the pebble-strewn path where it immediately became lost among all the other pebbles.

"Oh, how clumsy of me!" she said. "But never mind, if you look into the bag for the one that is left, you will be able to tell which pebble I picked."

The moneylender dared not admit his dishonesty. The girl changed what seemed an impossible situation into an extremely advantageous one.

Submitted by Stephen v N

The moral of the story- Guys, don't mess with a beautiful woman, you will see your #*@! every time – Ed.

Uncle Paul's

Uncle Paul's began yesterday. Most of you have volunteered for parking / traffic duties or are involved in the show, but there is still a lot of assistance required. If members cannot fill these vacancies, please get assistance from family or friends, the duties are not onerous. Thanks in anticipation – Ed.

MEETING OF 20 SEPT. 2014

Sgt. Rob Murphy presiding

A large festive meeting heard a gracious Grace, for the first time as a member, by Keela, Karen's Loyal Toast gave thought to the firemen fighting veld fires and Dennis' International Toast to the three Indian clubs with whom he had contact on his visit there.

Attendance

77%

Visitors

Rtn Kit Schreiber, Colin Bird, Val Cleveland, Erina and Karien du Toit, Wenche Hovstad, Catherine Mizon.

Fellowship Announcements

The half- hearted suggestion that the Sergeant, who had had a birthday the previous day, might like to pay for the evening's wine, fell on deaf ears.

The end of year party would be held at Karen's. Members might wish to organise lifts nearer the time.

Keela and Stephen were congratulated on their engagement.

From the President

Rotarian, Dr Balavenkat is one of the team who organised Dennis' and his GSE team's visit to India a few years ago. As Dennis told us in last meeting, he is in Cape Town at the moment and has agreed to address us at the meeting this coming Thursday. The surprise meeting promised will therefore be delayed to another date. Members of the newly relaunched Steenberg Rotaract Club will also be present at the meeting, so I look forward to seeing you all there.

Slots

Biffy advised the club that a consignment of wheelchairs, to be shared between five clubs would arrive shortly and asked members for suggestions as to where these might be distributed. It was noted that she had a dressing on her finger, courtesy of Victoria Hospital by whom it had been a pleasure (almost) to be treated. It was anticipated that she would be a big pain once the effect of the anaesthetic wore off.

Justin reported that Tangos had been happy with the numbers that had attended the quiz evening and thanked Stephen for providing the disco. A profit of R2400 had been realised.

Keela requested assistance with the wrapping of presents for the elderly, Monday evening at Stephen's.

Alan reported that DG Cecil Rose has asked PDG Henry Septoe to set up a District Early Childhood Development (ECD) Committee. Henry is going to start by compiling a list of projects being undertaken by whom etc. He and Biffy will serve on the committee.

The Vocational Training Team (VTT) are putting plans together for the Swiss team to come back again (July 2015) and send whatever expertise is necessary to help bolster our systems in whatever way possible (mostly training).

Mike, who had missed the quiz and Francois' answering of all the questions, tested him with a personal quiz on the Blue Bulls, which resulted in Justin's project receiving a further R400.

Graham reported that problems (opportunities?) were being experienced with Council's staff over the City Hall booking for Proms on 14/15 March 2015. A celebrated tenor and soprano and the Highlanders had been booked. Mike was congratulated on already having sold 13 of the 14 boxes which, with the outstanding one, will result in income of R84 000 towards the project. The theme will be Pearls of the Proms, this being the 30th. Year of this event. With costs of R100 000 for the orchestra and R35 000 for the conductor, it was vital that all tickets be sold. Justin had checked the website relating to Proms history, which needs updating.

Guest Speaker:

Dennis had the pleasant and easy task of introducing Barry, who spoke on his recent trip to Norway with Val, which began as an intended 3 - 4 days and became a fortnight. They were treated royally by a Karmoy RC couple, staying at a house with a superb view, travelling as far north as Tromsø and on into the Arctic Circle and seeing sights such as Preikestolen and the Arctic Cathedral, apart from those of Haugesund. The translation of one sign indicating Sakte Fart was left to the imagination. Our intrepid travellers also had the opportunity of kyaking, not quite the way it is done around Marina da Gama. In thanking Barry, Mike joked of the necessity of having to travel to Pretoria for a visa.

Jackpot

CEO of the Gaming Committee Graham T succeeded in retaining the jackpot intact, with Rob choosing the two of spades – SHAME!. Dennis won the R30 attendance prize.

GOING FORWARD

Duty Roster



	27 Nov	3 Dec	11 Dec	18 Dec
Sergeant	Barnard		Hovstad	
Attendance Officer	A O'Driscoll	Uncle Paul's	A O'Driscoll	Christmas
Wynpress Editorial	van Eeden		van Wyk	
Minutes for Wynpress	Du Plessis	Charity	Overbosch	Party
Door Duty	Barnard		Bird	
Grace	Overbosch		Todd	
Loyal Toast	van Niekerk	Evening	van Eeden	
International Toast	Danckwerts		Hovstad	
Speaker Introduction	Gowdy		Jackson	
Speaker Thanks	Bredenkamp		Gavin	

Find Speakers	van Wyk, Gowdy, Overbosch, Todd, Murphy, Klotz-Gleave, Van Niekerk		Bredenkamp, Cleveland, Munday, Howard, van Eeden, Du Plessis, K O'Driscoll	
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Programme

Wed Nov 26 - Mon Dec 22	Uncle Pauls (Wynberg Rotaract)
Thu Nov 27	Social: Rotary Foundation / International
Wed Dec 3	WRC Uncle Pauls Christmas treat
Thu Dec 4	No meeting: see yesterday
Sun Dec 7	Hikefor
Thu Dec 11	Business Meeting
Fri Dec 12	Our Charter day! Chartered 12th December 1949
Thu Dec 18	Last meeting : Christmas party, format tbc.
Sun Dec 21	Last night: Uncle Pauls
Thu Dec 25	Christmas, subject to confirmation
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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Hikefor

Barry has brought to our attention the latest 'pre Christmas' hike in Hout Bay scheduled for Sunday 7. He suggests that interested club members contact him, and he will submit the list (?) to Joe/Adele. The invitation reads

Christmas Hike
Boskykloof Rd, off Valley Rd in Hout Bay
on Sunday, December, 07th, 09.00h for 09.30h

Dear Fellow Hikers,

This year's Christmas Hike takes us to the beautiful **Valley of Hout Bay**. Different from our traditional beach walk in December we shall do the picturesque **Contour Path looking down on Hout Bay** which begins above **Suikerbossie Restaurant** (near Ruyterplaats Estate) and takes us along the foot of the **Twelve Apostles** with lovely vistas all along the way to the bottom of **Myburgh Ravine** and into **Longkloof**

It's a +/- 2 hrs. walk, mostly flat and partly in the shade. You can see a description of the hike and pictures [here](#).

At the end of the hike we will have a very gemütliches picnic in a shady pine grove

So bring your turkey, Norwegian salmon and your duck's breast plus your cold vonkelwyn, Christmas cake and pudding to the picnic site. We shall park our cars nearby, you need only to carry water on the hike. Also don't forget a picnic blanket, folding chairs and your Santa hat. With a few cars we drive back up to Suikerbossie and start from there.

One hiker who has a garden should bring a shovel to bury what happens to the turkey afterwards. Also, if you have a gardener, who wants to earn a nice bakshish for watching our cars let me know.

TAILPIECE

A message from former Wynberg Rotarian Herbert Herrmann.

With reference to Graham's editorial on Mary & John Vivian's golden wedding, the following story.
Friedel and I had our 54th wedding anniversary some months ago.
A guest and old friend told the following story:

A woman dies and arrives at the Pearly Gates. St Peter said to her "You were always a very good person on earth – you can have a wish here in heaven; anything you want". All the woman could say was that she wanted to be with her husband again who had died 10 years ago. St Peter got out the big book and searched but could not find the name. He turned to the woman and said: "Are you sure you want to be with your husband again. I cannot find him in my book" The woman was convinced there must be a mistake – he had to be in heaven. She implored St Peter and he turned and got the book of the blessed out. Again he could not find anything. The woman told St Peter very convincingly what a good man her husband had been and that he must be heaven. St Peter turned around again and got the book of the saints out. He searched and searched and ultimately turned around to the woman and said: "Sorry, but no entry. I am afraid...". The woman interrupted him and said: "I am convinced my husband is in heaven - he was a very special good person. I was married to him for 54 years and..." St Peter looked at the woman with big eyes and said: "Why did you not say so earlier – then I have to look in the very special book of martyrs."

Might I say that Friedel did not look amused.

But tell John that he now also qualifies for this very special book.