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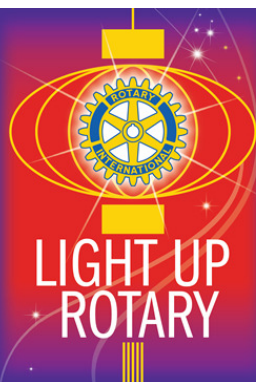
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**Rotary in December
Family month**



EDITORIAL

By Bev Bird

Back-Seat Conversations

Driving my two grand-kiddies home from their respective nursery schools during my lifting duty last week I hear Amelia (aged five) engaged in an earnest backseat discussion with her kid sister, Lola (three), which I gather has something to do with angels.

'What's this about angels?' I ask. They explain that Lola is going to be an angel in her upcoming end-of-year school play.

'Wow! So you're going to be a beautiful angel, Lola?' I exclaim. She's proud to tell me yes.

'I'm going to be a camel in my play', says Amelia quietly.

A camel, I repeat to myself in mute disbelief. A camel, for goodness sake? In their lengthy and considered deliberations Amelia's esteemed teachers have come to the momentous decision that my gorgeous grand-daughter would be just perfect as a camel? I imagine Amelia's embarrassment in years to come, having to admit to her teenage pals that her first major starring role was as a camel. I start mentally drafting my letter of complaint to the headmistress, but quite quickly abandon this when it soon becomes abundantly clear from the ensuing happy back-seat chatter that Amelia is perfectly pleased and chuffed to have been chosen as a camel. Okay, fine then: no harm done, it seems.

'So I suppose, Amelia, that in your play there's also Mary and Joseph and some shepherds ...?', I start asking.

'Shepherds!' exclaims Amelia in amazement, 'How did you know there were going to be shepherds?'

'Well, I've seen some of those plays', I tell her, 'and there are usually shepherds in them. Also, usually some cows and sheep and horses ...'

'... And giraffes', adds Lola confidently.

'Well, there are no horses or giraffes in our play', advises Amelia.

'Any snakes?' I ask, just to hear the reaction.

'No snakes', she tells me, quite seriously.

I can't help smiling as I envisage a modern reworking of the classic biblical tale: Mary and Joseph in the stable, together with all those snakes. It would do wonders for the reputation of poor, reviled snakes.

I find myself wondering how their performances will go in their respective plays, given their differing reactions at their recent ballet concert. Just before going on stage at the ballet concert Amelia was distraught to discover that her costume was slightly - and I do mean slightly - different from those given to the four other girls in her particular dance group - meaning that people in the audience might just notice her: an absolute no-no. She only calmed down once another girl quite happily swapped costumes with her.

Meanwhile, at the other end of the dressing-room Lola was in tears because her costume was precisely the same as all the others in her dance group - meaning that, just possibly, some people in the audience might not notice her. Same parents, same genes, different worlds: go figure.

And now the two of them are about to move with their parents to go and live in America. Oh, dear. Who on earth will I find to entertain me from the back-seat from now on?

MEETING OF 11 December 2014

Attendance

Present: 18

Makeups: 6

Percentage attendance: 64%

Visitors

We welcomed Greg Jemmett and Hugh Maunder

Fellowship Announcements

The following club members celebrated their wedding anniversary on 16 Dec:

Bev & Colin

Ken & Bertie

Roche & Janet

On 21 Dec it is the anniversary of Are & Wenche.

Birthdays:

12 Dec – Valda

14 Dec – String

Congratulations to you all

Slots

Karen reminded everyone of the braai at her place on 18 Dec.

Stephen Bredenkamp requested photos that were taken at Uncle Paul's to be sent to him. He also mentioned that on Monday 8 Dec at Die Duine there was a handing over of laptops to teachers as well as certificates handed out. This was all thanks to the generosity of Haugaland Technical College.

Are received a certificate from False Bay College on behalf of the club. He also mentioned that they had a meeting with the principal of Zeekoevlei High School which went well.

String mentioned that he has better places to go than the Ritz Hotel for a New Year's party at £750 with a glass of Champagne. (He will be overseas for the holidays).

Alan congratulated the Rotaractors for a remarkably well run Uncle Paul's. Hats off to them all.

President's quotes

"Life is a combination of magic and pasta"

Federico Fellini

Business meeting :

As the evening was a scheduled Business Meeting, there was no guest speaker.

GOING FORWARD

Duty Roster

	JANUARY		SOCIAL		FEBRUARY
	8	15	22	29	5
Sergeant	Overbosch	Schreiber		Todd	Van Eeden
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Speaker Introduction	Klotz-Gleave	Lidgley		Munday	N/A
Speaker Thanks	Gowdy	Hovstad		Howard	N/A
Find Speakers	James, Danckwerts, Schreiber, Smith, Lidgley, Gavin				Barnard, Bird, Hovstad, Jackson, Vivian, Schonegevel, A O Driscoll





Programme

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
Mon Jan 19	Wynberg Rotaract
Thu Jan 22	SAB visit & tour

Tues Jan 27	WRC Board Meeting
Thu Jan 29	Meeting to be confirmed
Mon Feb 2	Wynberg Rotaract
Thu Feb 5	1 st Business meeting of the year
Thu Feb 12	Meeting the Interactors
Mon Feb 16	Wynberg Rotaract
Thu Feb 19	Alan Jackson Me Talk
Fri Feb 20 – Sat Feb 28	Visit by Oddemarka
Mon Feb 23	RI is 110 Today
Tue Feb 24	WRC Board Meeting
Thu Feb 26	Meeting to be confirmed

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TAILPIECE

Funny New Year Quotes



How you elect to spend New Year's Eve will depend on your:

1. age
2. remaining levels of optimism
3. threshold of pain

Every New Year's I have the same question, "How did I get home?"

An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.

On New Years, just remember: if your cup runneth over, you've probably reached your limit.

"Out with the old, in with the new" is a fitting expression for a holiday that is based on vomiting.

New Years parades have a lot in common with Santa Claus. Nobody is awake to see either one of them.

Every New Years I celebrate making it through another holiday season without killing my relatives.

My new years resolution is not to shovel snow. Since I'm gonna be in Florida, I feel pretty good about it.

New Year's Eve, when auld acquaintances be forgot. Unless, of course, those tests come back positive.

