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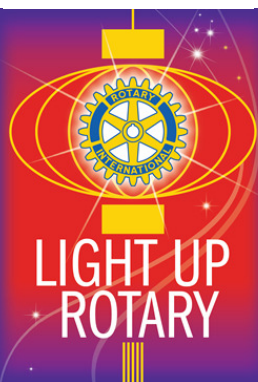
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EDITORIAL

IOC DEMANDS SMILES AND RIDICULOUS PERKS AHEAD OF 2022 OLYMPIC BID

Submitted by Are Hovstad

The Olympic Games at Lillehammer, Norway, in 1994 was a great success. When discussions started about bidding for the 2022 Games to take place in Oslo, many thought this was a brilliant idea. A referendum in 2013 showed a majority of 55% supportive of submitting a bid.

However, Oslo will not be hosting the 2022 Olympic and Para-Olympic Games. One of the reasons is that US\$5.4 billion is far too much money to spend on a project, according to the Norwegian Prime Minister.

Also, when the requirements of the International Olympic Committee were presented, it shocked the Norwegians. 7,000 pages of requirements, which mostly concerned safety, also included ridiculous demands as part of the bid.

First the IOC members wanted to meet the king prior to the opening ceremony.

It also wanted free cocktail parties with the King.

Cars and drivers for all IOC members

Special traffic lanes for IOC members, not to be used by regular people.

"IOC members will be received with a smile on arrival at hotel"

Hotel bars must be open "extra late" and can only serve Coca-Cola products.

All conference rooms must be kept at exactly 68 degrees F.

All furniture should be OL-shaped and have Olympic appearance

Schools and some work places should be closed to increase attendance at the games, and people were encouraged to take their annual leave during the Games.

Special VIP lounges at every arena for IOC members, and these ones must have good views, be of a specific size and serve high quality and varied food, which required special kitchens to be built.

The IOC members wanted to be able to have all purchases tax free, which would have resulted in Norway having to introduce a new law.

All public advertising space in Oslo should be made available for IOC sponsors.

This was enough for the Norwegian government, and the bid was withdrawn.

So far Stockholm in Sweden, Krakow in Poland and Lviv in Ukraine have all pulled their bids. The only remaining bidders left are Almaty in Kazakhstan and Beijing in China.

At the same time, it appears that IOC is now building an enormous centre in Switzerland.

MEETING OF 26 FEBRUARY

Attendance

22 members = 76%

Visiting Rotarians

Rotary Club of Nign Pune, India: Mr and Mrs Grig

Rotary Club of Karmøy, Norway: Mr Odd Henning and Mrs Hild Reidunn Johannessen, Mr Åsmund and Mrs Gudrund Aanensen, Ola and Odd Johan Olsen, Kari Furu, Kgell Juar Johannessen.

Visitors

Guest speakers: Jimmy Baigrie, Marco Tobin.

Oddemarka School, Norway: Erik Kalvig, Lindis Haugen, Emma Kaspersen, Sophie Eriksdottir Todal.

Rotary Anns: Wenche Hovstad, Barbara Smith, Mary Vivian.

Pres. Jackie welcomed all present and especially our visitors from Norway – noting the good international presence for the evening. Our own club members travelling to Norway between 13 and 20 June are promised a memorable visit there too!

Slots

Biffy gave members a last chance to order club shirts and jackets. The order would be placed the next day.

Mike mentioned that bookings for the District Conference in Uppington are now open. 10-12 Wynberg Rotarians so far have indicated that will be attending. Advise Mike if you intend going.

Are introduced the two teachers and two students from Oddemarka School, and pointed out that over the many years that WRC has been associated with Oddemarka school and Haugaland college, this is the very first time that they have been present at the same meeting.

Lindis responded, saying how much they have appreciated the warmth and kindness shown to them by the club members they have met so far. Regarding the ongoing funding which her school gives to charity in Cape Town through the Norwegian Liaison Committee, she quoted Malala Yousafzai: *"One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world."* The two students then sang us a song, followed by another, sung by all four of them. (There wasn't a dry eye in the room – Ed.)

Odd Henning introduced the team from Karmøy and exchanged banners with Pres. Jackie.

He referred to the good results achieved since 2002 between Haugaland Technical College and WRC and recommends that we keep looking out for more opportunities for a joint project in the future.

He will be back in September for an ICT conference of some 300 delegates, including principals from the NLC schools in Grassy Park.

Jackpot

With the kitty at a healthy R2800, and String promising faithfully that the 9♦ was indeed in the depleted pack of 26 cards, Reidun drew the Ace♣ (Ag shame!); and Keela won the R30 attendance prize.

President's quote

"It isn't the mountains ahead to climb that wear you down, it's the pebble in your shoe"

Mohammed Ali

GUEST SPEAKER :

Former member of Cape Town Rotary Club, Jimmy Baigrie has spent the past 12 years as the key fund raising figure in the Zeekoevlei Yacht Club/Wynberg Rotary Club Development Sailing programme, initiated by the late Ken O'Brien, Gordon Knight and John Vivian.

The early days were spent in Saldanha trainers and old, donated Sonnets in varying condition. However when Old Mutual came up with a 3 year funding offer of R250 000 per year, the sailing programme flourished with new, international 420 and Tera class boats. Graduate sailors were sent to compete in regattas – not just locally, but overseas – coming home with enviable medals from their successes. 60-80 children per week from 8 schools in Grassy Park schools are taken to Zeekoevlei and back again to their schools by taxi every afternoon. Graduates are paid to instruct new students in the art of sailing.

However funding has become scarce and the academy has had to downscale while they look for a new sponsor. Although not excessive, there are ongoing expenses: Coaching costs R9 000 and transport for the students runs at about R5 000 per month, for the effective 8 months sailing season. Away regattas are a further R210 000 per year; and they need a new rescue boat.....

Marco, a sailing novice from inception, progressed to being a Cape-to-Rio participant, holds a senior position with the Metropolitan Life Group and now heads up the sailing academy.....

“Changing lives through sailing.”

Barry introduced and John thanked our two presenters.

GOING FORWARD



Duty Roster

	Mar				April	
	5	12	19	26	2	
Sergeant	Hovstad	Murphy	Overbosch	Schreiber	Todd	
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Speaker Thanks	N/A	K O'Driscoll	Schreiber	Schonegevel	N/A	
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 Mar 5	Business meeting
Sat Mar 7	Steenberg Rotaract
Sun Mar 8	Argus Cycle Tour. Help needed:- Contact String
Thu Mar 12	Tony Davidson (President RC Sea Point) on Medical Aid costs
Weekend 14th / 15th Mar Pearls of Proms: All hands needed!	
Please keep free! We will need you! We will contact you!	
Mon Mar 16	Wynberg Rotaract
Thu Mar 19	Youth Meeting: Wynberg Girls High
Sat Mar 21	Rotaract Training Workshop
Thu Mar 26	Normal meeting: TBC
Mar 27 – Mar 29	Interact Camp (hosted by Wynberg Rotaract)
Sat Mar 28	Baby College – Help needed!:- Contact Alan 1) to make healthy sandwiches. 2) Baby minders
Thu Apr 2	No meeting:- day before Good Friday
Thu Apr 9	Business meeting
Sat Apr 11	Rotary day (tentative) : Blue Train Mouille Point Will require help:- have a gazebo, invite NGOs to sell stuff, etc

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

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Letter from RC Kimberley, D9370

Dear President Jackie

I am Peter Thomas, a Rotarian with 22 years' service with the Rotary Club of Kimberley (District 9370).
I author a website of Rotary based cartoon strips, uploading five new comic strips every week.
May I ask you to visit the website and (if you feel it worthy) to forward the link to all your members.

<https://gearcomic.wordpress.com/>

Much appreciated.

Yours in Rotary
Peter Thomas

TAILPIECE

For the Ladies

Why Women Lie

One day, when a seamstress was sewing while sitting close to a river, her thimble fell into the river. When she cried out, the Lord appeared and asked, 'My dear child, why are you crying?' The seamstress replied that her thimble had fallen into the water and that she needed it to help her husband in making a living for their family. The Lord dipped His hand into the water and pulled up a golden thimble set with sapphires.

'Is this your thimble?' the Lord asked. The seamstress replied, 'No.'

The Lord again dipped into the river. He held out a golden thimble studded with rubies.

'Is this your thimble?' the Lord asked. Again, the seamstress replied, 'No.'

The Lord reached down again and came up with a leather thimble.

'Is this your thimble?' the Lord asked. The seamstress replied, 'Yes' The Lord was pleased with the woman's honesty and gave her all three thimbles to keep, and the seamstress went home happy.

Some years later, the seamstress was walking with her husband along the riverbank, and her husband fell into the river and disappeared under the water. When she cried out, the Lord again appeared and asked her, 'Why are you crying?' 'Oh Lord, my husband has fallen into the river!'

The Lord went down into the water and came up with George Clooney. 'Is this your husband?' the Lord asked.

'Yes,' cried the seamstress. The Lord was furious. 'You lied! That is an untruth!' The seamstress replied, 'Oh, forgive me, my Lord. It is a misunderstanding. You see, if I had said 'no' to George Clooney, you would have come up with Brad Pitt.

Then if I said 'no' to him, you would have come up with my husband. Had I then said 'yes,' you would have given me all three. Lord, I'm not in the best of health and would not be able to take care of all three husbands, so THAT'S why I said 'yes' to George Clooney.

And so the Lord let her keep him.

The moral of this story is:

Whenever a woman lies, it's for a good and honorable reason, and in the best interest of others. That's our story, and we're sticking to it.

Signed,

All Us Women,