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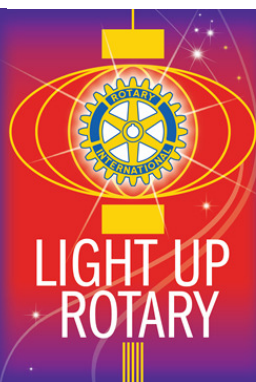
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**Rotary in May  
Looking after our club**



## Why we don't want Rotary to be like Baseball.

*By David Postic, a member of the Rotaract Club of Norman, Oklahoma, USA, and a member of the 2013-14 Rotaract and Interact Committee*

Baseball is a sport so historically beloved in the United States that it is called "America's pastime." Yet few Americans I know actually watch baseball on a regular basis. Why? Because when you really look at the game, it can seem slow, boring, and it can get old pretty quickly. Most people love the idea of baseball; they just don't love watching it.

Similarly, there are many young people out there (like me) who love the idea of Rotary. But when you really look at any given Rotary club it can seem, well, slow and boring.

I had the luxury of growing up around Rotarians, so when I see Rotary I see something groundbreaking, something transformational. Yet of all the Rotary meetings I have been to, never once have I heard someone say, "Did you know that, through Rotary, you can change the world?" That is Rotary's most powerful message, and it is the one young people need to hear. And if they do not hear it, I can guarantee you they will not be engaged in Rotary.

### Generation gap

The problem boils down to this: there can sometimes be a generational gap in Rotary clubs. There are older Rotarians who see it as a social club and younger people who see it as a retirement home. As a result many young people choose not to join those old clubs and instead form new ones. New clubs are by no means bad things, but when all the young people are creating new clubs the math says those old clubs will eventually die.

How do we fix this problem? As a near expert on 22-year-olds, allow me to offer two pieces of advice for any Rotary club looking to recruit young people like me:

First, wake up. If your meetings or service projects are not more exciting than going to the mall, watching the latest episode of American Idol, or even spending an hour on Facebook, young people will not be engaged and they will not join. Get out into the community and serve. Develop innovative projects that truly make a difference. Writing checks is not enough to keep us interested.

Second, let go of your club. Give up control. People my age want to feel like they are making an impact. Give young members responsibilities. Listen to their ideas. Most importantly, make them the leaders and let them change things. If you make it a habit to continuously evolve as a club, you will continue to engage young people and flourish. And when clubs flourish, Rotary flourishes. It is as simple as that.

Rotary is a great idea, and I want to be a part of it. There are millions and millions of young people like me who want to be a part of it too. But as long as Rotary, like baseball, seems to be slow and boring, what reason do we have to join? If you want to engage young Rotarians, wake up and let go. We think that's awesome.

<http://blog.rotary.org/2013/08/16/dpostic/>

*Submitted by Keela van Niekerk*

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## MEETING OF 7 MAY

### Attendance

Present	21 (72%)
Apologies	3
Absent	5
Make ups	3

### From the President

Just back from the RI Conference in Uppington, Pres. Jackie gave a brief synopsis of her impressions. Although Uppington RC is still an all male club, they have a strong Rotary Anns club, which produced very good food for the attendees. The workshops were energetic and well organised, but overall the daily programmes were too long. Keynote speaker, Christo Wiese was very positive about South Africa.

The rationale behind Mini Conferences needs to be addressed.

Thanks to Justin, there are a number of photos, taken at Conference on the WRC web page.

### Slots

**Biffy** (for Justin): The Literacy Committee is ready to install 7 new book shelves at Perivale Primary School. These bookshelves are a result of a donation from Rotary Tuscan Sunrise. The installation is scheduled for Saturday 23 May at 9:30. It should take around an hour if we have enough members there.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> is also diarised for a Progressive Dinner (details to follow).

### Jackpot

A new pack of cards was opened and the King of clubs was chosen as the new target. With R500 as jackpot, Pam drew the Queen of hearts (ah shame!), and Bruce donated his R15 attendance prize back to the kitty.

### President's quote:

**"Life's like a movie – write your own ending."**

*- Kermit the Frog*

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## Special Offer, Special Offer, Special Offer!!!

Left over from the Proms Street Party are 9x6 boxes of Buitenverwachting Blanc de Noir, which will be brought to The Palms on Thursday 14 May and sold at R120 per box of 6.

Members have all tasted the wine - it was placed on the supper tables a few weeks ago, as a 'Thank You' from the Proms committee to the Club for having worked so hard at Proms on Sunday 15 March.

The first 9 people with R120 in their outstretched hands will be allocated a case each by Mike Schreiber, who will be on door duty that evening.

## GUEST SPEAKER:

Dr Bruce Dietrich was born in 1943 in Johannesburg and achieved an academic scholarship to attend UCT Medical School, where he excelled in hockey and played for Western Province.

His military training included a stint in Angola; and on returning to SA he specialised in pathology and in 1969 joined the small pathology practice headed up by Drs Mulligan and Beyers in Cape Town.

Over the years the company expanded spectacularly, extending to 150 laboratories in many diverse countries, allowing Bruce to travel extensively worldwide on business.

He took up competitive sailing in Lasers and latterly cruising in the Adriatic along the Croatian coast, as well as in the Mediterranean.

On the pathology side, Bruce described the early 'Frog Test' for pregnancy and how early vaccines for polio myelitis were cultured in the kidney cells of Vervet monkeys – techniques which today would cause some consternation.

Looking forward, Bruce mentioned how the genetic code has been cracked and how the specific gene covering aging has recently been found. The manifestations for this discovery are mind boggling..... but as Bruce said, "Don't worry about old age – it doesn't last very long."

Bruce was introduced by Biffy and thanked by Francois.

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## GOING FORWARD



### Duty Roster

	May			June
	14	21	28	4
<b>Sergeant</b>	Cleveland	Barnard	Hovstad	Murphy
<b>Attendance Officer</b>	O'Driscoll	O'Driscoll	O'Driscoll	O'Driscoll
<b>Wynpress Editorial</b>	Schonegevel	Schreiber	Todd	Van Eeden
<b>Minutes for Wynpress</b>	Overbosch	Maunder	Smith	Bredenkamp
<b>Door Duty</b>	Schreiber	Smith	Todd	Van Eeden
<b>Grace</b>	Klotz-Gleave	Lidgley	Munday	Murphy
<b>Loyal Toast</b>	Schreiber	O Driscoll	Overbosch	Schonegevel
<b>International Toast</b>	Vivian	Van Wyk	Barnard	Bird
<b>Speaker Introduction</b>	N/A	James	N/A	N/A
<b>Speaker Thanks</b>	N/A	Van Wyk	N/A	N/A
<b>Find Speakers</b>				Barnard, Bird, Hovstad, Jackson, Vivian, Schonegevel, O'Driscoll

## Programme

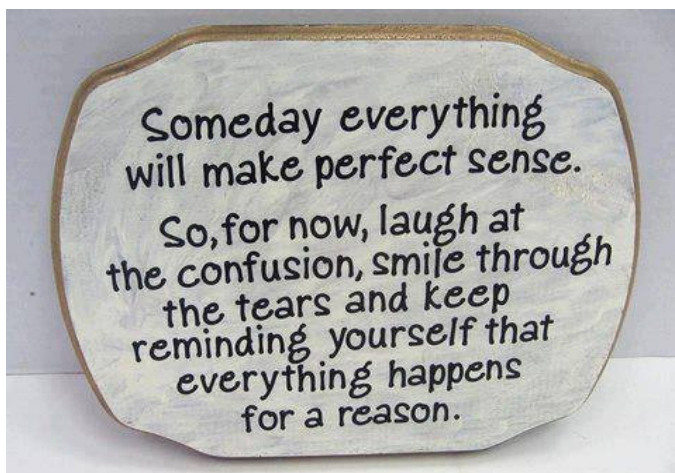
Thur May 14	Business Meeting:-Services Strategy Feedback
Sat May 16	Steenberg Rotaract
Mon May 18	Wynberg Rotaract
Thur May 21	DGE Ian Purch:- District Strategic Plan
Sat May 23	Literary Committee: Bookshelves to Perivale (0930): queries to Justin.
Sat May 23	Progressive Dinner: Details to be announced (evening)
Thur May 28	<b>Raid RC Cape of Good Hope, St James Retirement Village.</b> Guest speaker is author DEAN ALLEN who has written a biography of James Logan, the man who established Matjiesfontein and introduced cricket in South Africa.
Mon Jun 1	Wynberg Rotaract
Tues June 2	WRC Board Meeting
Thur June 4	Business meeting: Committee feedback
Sat Jun 6	Steenberg Rotaract
Thur June 11	Speaker: Mary Ta
Mon Jun 15	Wynberg Rotaract
Thur Jun18	<i>tbc: many of the club are in Norway</i>
Sat Jun 20	Steenberg Rotaract
Thur Jun 25	Normal meeting: Speaker tbc
Tues Jun 30	WRC Board meeting
Thur July 2	WRC Presidential Induction: tbc.

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

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## TAILPIECE



.....Love, Eskom.