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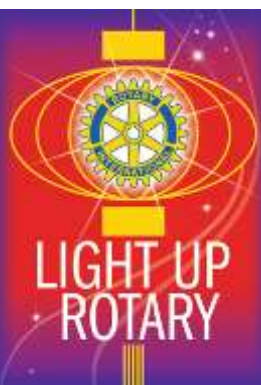
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Rotary in June
Fellowship month



EDITORIAL

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ARE YOU A POLITICALLY CORRECT PERSON?

How many of you (excluding Francois of course, who can't even remember when last "Die Bulle" won overseas) recall the joys, as a kid, of cuddling up in your bed with a steaming mug of hot chocolate and being captivated by a classic bedtime story?

Well it now turns out that the drink itself was definitely "non-banting" and so I am linking it directly to my constant weight struggle ever since and will have my lawyers chat to Kit's lawyers in due course!

However it gets even worse. According to **James Finn Garner**, an American author, generations of children may have been systematically brainwashed by the Brothers Grimm, Hans Christian Anderson, Enid Blyton, Beatrix Potter and others. Garner, who lives in Chicago with his spousal lifemate and their new pre-adult, considers that some of the tales are simply sexist, racist, culturalist, ageist and lots of other "ists" which I don't have space to mention!

However there is still hope for Keela and Stephen's sprogs-to-be. (noting of course that as mature and responsible adults they have every right to make an informed choice when Keela takes on the upheavals of pregnancy, the pain of childbirth and the miseries of postpartum depression, and not be at all pressured by society or indeed their parents wanting to have grandkids!). Garner has now corrected the ills of the past in his books **Politically Correct Bedtime Stories** and **Once Upon a More Enlightened Time**.

We no longer talk about the **ugly duckling**, but rather "the duckling that was judged on its personal merits and not on its physical appearances". **Sleeping Beauty** has been replaced by "sleeping person of better-than-average attractiveness". **Snow White** (discriminatory in itself of course) now hangs out with the "seven vertically challenged persons". We no longer refer to the **poor**, but to "economically disadvantaged persons that have been excluded from the normal circles of economic activity". You may be also be lucky enough to read about a **mer-person** perched on a rock in the ocean.

Snow White's wicked stepmother was not in fact **vain** at all. It was simply that "years of social conditioning in a male hierarchical dictatorship had left her very insecure about her own self worth and that she now unfortunately defined herself solely in regard to her personal appearance". Hell, even the old magical mirror is more PC in the revised version – being overhead saying "**your weight is perfect for your shape and height, but for sheer OOOMPH you can't match Snow White!**"

And so it continues. Little Red Riding hood has adventures with a "cross –dressing wolf who is unhampered by rigid, traditionalist notions of what constitutes masculine or feminine"! And her Granny was not in fact sick at all but rather was "in full physical and mental health and was fully capable of taking care of herself as a mature adult".

We even feel for **Chicken Little**, who while "having a small brain in the physical sense", used it to the very best of her ability! Hence her infamous "The Sky is falling remark" was not in fact wrong, stupid or silly it was simply logically under enhanced! Hence the advice of her good mate Sally Henny Penny to sue for personal injury, discrimination and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

So there you have it folks! Maybe when next you hang out with the grandkids you may want to set the record straight for them! The last conundrum: Do we still call a spade a spade??

MEETING OF 21 May 2015

Attendance

Present 19
Apologies 5
Absent 2
Make ups 0
Total Attendance 19/26 = 73%

Visitors

DGN Ian Pursch The speaker

Fellowship Announcements

1. Outcome of last week's Snap Shot Survey: "Is the club too busy?" 17 members responded, 65% of which that "It is just right". Jackie thanked members for their input as this help to inform the Service Projects planning for next Rotary year.
2. The District will be launching a e-club soon for those who know of potential out of town Rotarians or those who would not be able to attend regular meetings. Alan Jackson is a member of that District committee and the District ECD committee.
3. The Cape Town Philharmonic Orchestra has appealed to RC Wynberg for a donation. The board recommended a R10,000 donation from the PROMS income, however this did not find favour with all members so it was agreed that the club should do more research, especially about the Youth Orchestra.
4. The next meeting is at RC Cape of Good Hope on Tuesday 26th June at 6.30-7.00pm at the St. James Retirement Home. There will be no meeting next Thursday.
5. It was agreed to postpone the Progressive Dinner to Saturday 27th June.
6. It was Jackie and Derek's anniversary on 19 May.

Slots

Justin reminded members of the need for assistance at the Perivale library corners and loading the bookshelves on Saturday 23 May.

Stephen (B) Requested that interested members let him have new designs for the Winepress. He would like to receive fresh modern designs for members to consider.

Jackpot

No winner – Ahhh shame

President's quotes

"Marriage is a wonderful invention: then again, so is a bicycle repair kit."
Billy Connolly

GUEST SPEAKER :

Guest speaker: DGN Ian Pursch

Ian introduced the District's Strategic Plan defined as performing the role of assisting, supporting and serving the clubs that form the District and their Rotarian members.

He set out the vision, five focus areas and their goals.

The focus areas are as follows:

1. Encourage the further development of effective, vibrant clubs and support interaction between clubs and the district organisation
2. Strengthen the awareness and impact of Rotary both internally and externally
3. Grow Rotary
4. Provide opportunities for personal growth and development for individual Rotarians
5. Utilise and expand Rotary Youth Programmes to contribute to nation building and identification of potential future Rotarians

Ian was introduced by Jackie and thanked by Roché.

GOING FORWARD

Duty Roster

	June				July
	4	11	18	25	2: Induction
Sergeant	Hovstad	Murphy	Overbosch	Todd	
Attendance Officer	A O'Driscoll	A O'Driscoll	A O'Driscoll	A O'Driscoll	
Wynpress Editor	Todd	Van Eeden	S v Niekerk	Vivian	
Wynpress Minutes	Bredenkamp	Overbosch	Smith	Bredenkamp	
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Grace	Munday	Murphy	A O'Driscoll	Overbosch	
Loyal Toast	Overbosch	Schonegevel	Schreiber	Todd	
International Toast	Barnard	Bird	Bredenkamp	Gowdy	
Speaker Introduction	N/A	TBA	TBA	TBA	
Speaker Thanks	N/A	Vivian	TBA	Bredenkamp	
Find Speakers	Barnard, Bird Hovstad, Jackson Vivian Schonegevel A O'Driscoll				Gowdy, Klotz-Gleave, Murphy, Overbosch, Todd, S v Niekerk, Van Wyk

Note for the July group organising speakers: the 2nd is Induction and 9th is a business meeting, so speakers are only needed for 16th and 23rd.

Programme

WRC Calendar May / June / 2 July

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: Rwanda, and what I've learnt from my studies and year at UCT
<i>Fri June 12 – Sunday June 21: Visit to Norway</i>	
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
Sat Jun 27	Progressive Dinner
Tues Jun 30	WRC Board meeting
Thur July 2	WRC Presidential Induction: tbc.

TAILPIECE

A rich Arab walks in a bar and is about to order a drink when he sees a guy close by wearing a Jewish cap, a prayer shawl and traditional locks of hair.

He doesn't have to be Einstein to know this guy is Jewish.

So he shouts over to the bartender so loudly that everyone can hear:

'drinks for everyone in here, bartender, but not for the Jew over there'.

Soon after the drinks have been handed out, the Jew gives him a big smile, waves at him, then says: 'thank you', in an equally loud voice.

This infuriates the Arab.

He once again loudly orders drinks for everyone except the Jew.

as before, this does not seem to bother the Jewish guy. He continues to smile, and again yells: 'thank you'.

The Arab asks the bartender: "What's the matter with that Jew? I've ordered two rounds of drinks for everyone in the bar but him, and all he does is smile and thank me."

The bartender replies: 'He owns the place'.