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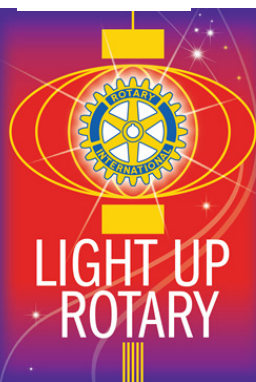
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**Rotary in June
Fellowship month**



EDITORIAL

By Francois van Eeden

The Sudanese President has been in the news recently in a diplomatic stand-off with the South African Government over the warrant of arrest issued by the International Criminal Court. But what are the facts behind the warrant?

What is Darfur?

Darfur is the western region of Sudan, Africa. Darfur is not a country in itself. The region was home to about 6 million people and is about the size of France.

Who lives in Darfur?

Darfur is home to racially mixed tribes of settled peasants, who identify as African, and nomadic herders, who identify as Arab. The majority of people in both groups are Muslim.

What is happening in Darfur?

The situation is very complicated but it can be summarised in brief. Government neglect has left the people throughout Sudan poor and voiceless. In February 2003, the non-Arab ethnic groups of Darfur launched an uprising against the Kartoum government. The government responded by implementing their campaign of genocide, enlisting the help of Arab militia in Darfur called the Janjaweed. The dispute is racial, not religious: Muslim Arab Sudanese are killing Muslim black Sudanese.

Who are the Janjaweed?

The Janjaweed are the armed militia supported by the Sudanese Government to carry out the genocide, alongside and independent of, the Sudanese Army.

How is the violence being conducted?

A typical situation is this: The Janjaweed will enter a village on horse or camel back. They then set about causing as much mayhem and terror as possible: destroying houses and buildings, shooting the men, gang raping the women and children and shooting any who try to escape. The village is generally destroyed, families dispersed and separated, most killed. Those who manage to escape then attempt the long journey to an IDP (Internally displaced persons) camp.

Who has been affected so far?

Up to 400,000 people have died due as a result of direct attacks and conflict induced malnutrition and disease. The vast majority of these have been women, children and civilian men.

More than 3 million people have been displaced and are living in IDP camps. More than 350,000 people are deprived of humanitarian support due to the threat of attack faced by aid workers. Thousands starve each month due to the Sudanese government impeding humanitarian aid efforts.

A further 4 million Darfuri residents are dependant on limited international humanitarian assistance. The violence is now spilling onto neighbouring Eastern Chad.

Why is the situation allowed to continue?

Although the Sudanese Government have committed to allowing a 26,000 strong peacekeeper force into the region they have continually showed their contempt for the people of Darfur. This shows a blatant disregard by the Sudanese Government of UN Security Council Resolution 1674, which gives the international community the 'Responsibility to Protect' civilians from genocide when governments fail to do so.

Taken from The Darfur Australian Network (<http://www.darfuraustralia.org/>), a not-for-profit community organisation aiming to raise awareness about the continuing tragedy in the Darfur region of Sudan.

MEETING OF 11th June 2015

Attendance

Including make-ups we had an attendance figure of 65%.

Visitors

President Jackie welcomed:-

Our speaker, Exchange Student Mary Tata from America,
Natalie and Sasha Lee of Steenberg Rotaract
And Annie and Johnny, both friends of Mary.

Natalie, President of Steenberg Rotaract, thanked Jackie, and reported back from Steenberg Rotaract:

- thanking Jackie and Alan for their work in chartering the club, and ongoing assistance;
- and announced that Steenberg Rotaract will be hosting a street store in Wynberg (date tbc) where they will collect clothes and distribute to the needy.

All members are requested to support this initiative.

Fellowship Announcements

Bev was wished a Happy Birthday for the 12th, and Pam (and Philip) were wished a Happy Anniversary for the 18th.

Francois expressed thanks from Marietjie and himself for the flowers and all the notes of condolences from club members following the death of Marietjie's brother.

Slots

Alan mentioned that Wynberg Rotaract were looking for a musician for their Project-8 Project on Saturday. Alan also mentioned the District Rotaract Conference on 31 July - 2 August 2015 and asked if anyone wished to attend. StephenB and Alan will be going on the Saturday.

StephenB mentioned that Wynberg Rotaract were also looking for help with their Soup Kitchen as part of their Project-8.

StephenB asked who would be attending the meeting on the 18th, when a number of the club would be in Norway. A show of hands indicated 10 people. This will be communicated to Palm House.

StephenB also indicated the need for an additional Wynpress Editor. No experience necessary!!

StephenB noted the venue for the Induction on the 2nd July had changed to the Mowbray Golf Club.

Justin proposed holding a Quiz evening on the 24th August at Tango's. As this is a public holiday (and the next day is a school holiday) the club suggested it be brought forward to the 17th. Justin will confirm with Tangos.

Jackpot

String asked Keela to draw a name, Don was the lucky person and he drew... the 2 of clubs. No Don, you should have drawn the King, so the R700 lived to be carried forward to next week.

The R15 attendance went to Rob Murphy, which would help carry a small portion of the costs for the Wacky Wine Weekend.

Rob went on to tell us a story about how the press distort the news, much to the amusement of the members.

President's quotes

President Jackie revealed an alternative inner self when she presented:

When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace.

There were many guesses, ranging from Einstein through Mother Theresa to Lady Gaga, so Jackie eventually put us out of our confusion by revealing the truth:- Jimi Hendrix.

GUEST SPEAKER :

The Guest Speaker, Mary Ta, was introduced by Jackie.

Hailing from Northern Virginia, May has been in South Africa for 1.5 years as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar with Claremont Rotary. She received her bachelors degree in 2013 with a double major in history and global justice, with a minor in African studies. She is currently enrolled for a masters at UCT in the politics department, on a programme called "transitional justice : conflict resolution. "

She also interns at Ndifuna ukwazi

Synopsis:- 6 April 2014 marked 20 years since the start of the genocide in Rwanda that left 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus dead in 1994. Since then, post-genocide reconciliation and rebuilding in Rwanda has been a daunting, complicated, and controversial effort. President Paul Kagame has led this process, but lack of political freedom and true democracy has marred true reconciliation in Rwanda, especially in dealing with the Rwanda diaspora, which includes political exiles, refugees, and rebels. Her thesis will examine the politics of reconciliation as pertaining to the diaspora members, focusing on the implications of the relationship between the Rwandan diaspora and the current government.

Mary was thanked by Rob.

GOING FORWARD

Duty Roster

| | Jun | | Jul | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|--|----------|
| | 18 | 25 | 2 | 9 |
| Sergeant | Overbosch | Schreiber | | |
| Attendance Officer | A O'Driscoll | A O'Driscoll | | NEW |
| Wynpress Editorial | S van Niekerk | Vivian | | ROTARY |
| Minutes for Wynpress | Smith | Bredenkamp | INDUCTION | YEAR |
| Door Duty | Van Wyk | Barnard | | |
| Grace | A O'Driscoll | Overbosch | | DETAILS |
| Loyal Toast | Schreiber | Todd | | TBA |
| International Toast | Bredenkamp | Gowdy | | |
| Speaker Introduction | TBA | TBA | | |
| Speaker Thanks | Bird | Bredenkamp | | |
| Find Speakers | | | van Wyk, Gowdy, Overbosch, Todd, Murphy, Klotz-Gleave | |

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



Programme

- Thur Jun18 Normal meeting: Justin to talk about Rotary Leadership Institute.
Note: many of the club are in Norway
- Sat Jun 20 Steenberg Rotaract
- Thur Jun 25 Special meeting organized by Jackie (Please confirm attendance to Jackie)
- Sat Jun 27 Progressive Dinner
- Tues Jun 30 WRC Board meeting
- Thur July 2 WRC Presidential Induction: Mowbray Golf Club
- Thur July 9 Business meeting.

Note the dates:-

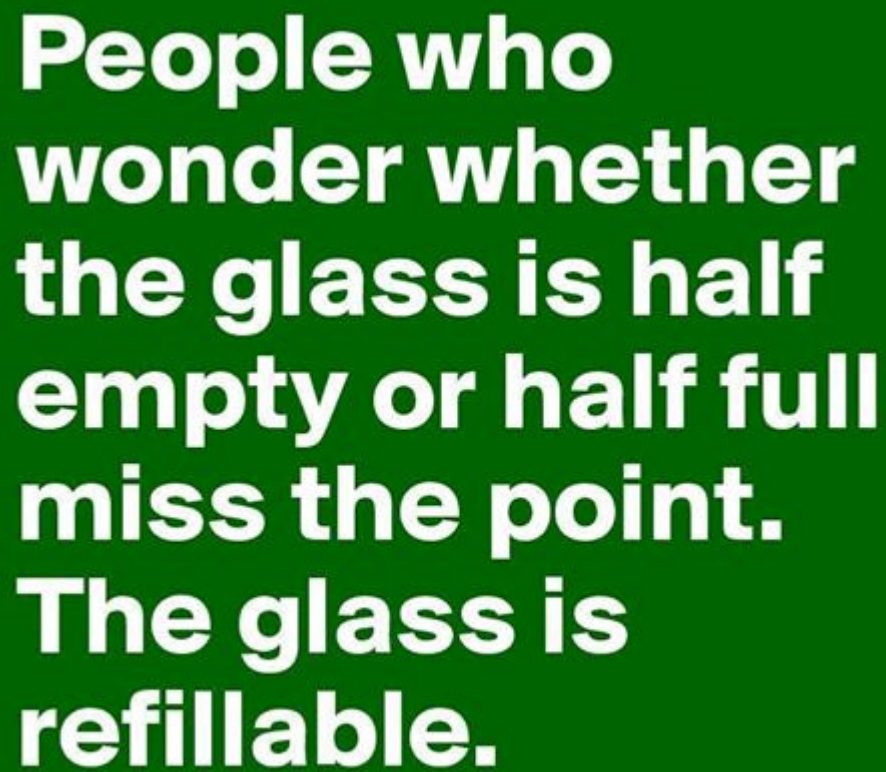
- Sat 1 Aug: Rotaract Conference (31 July - 2 August 2015). Contact Alan for more details.

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

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TAILPIECE

For all those Rotarians who debate these issues:



**People who
wonder whether
the glass is half
empty or half full
miss the point.
The glass is
refillable.**