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Editorial

ALL IN THE NAME OF RELIGION?

It is amazing what people do for political ends whilst using religion as an excuse. The recent indiscriminate murder of 131 innocents in Paris, with 350 in hospital, is just the latest in a series of atrocities. Those 131 – the number may well grow – are in a sense the lucky ones. Their pain and terror were short lived. 99 critically injured people may never again lead a normal life without pain, disfigurement, immobility and the like, whilst for their families and friends the mental pain will never go away – people without partners, children without parents..... At around the same time, a further 43 died of a bomb blast in Beirut.

This behaviour of course is nothing new. Palestinian Muslims vs Israeli Jews continues, 9/11 was long overdue and taught the Americans that they can no longer carry out terror missions worldwide without being hit in their own back yard, further back the protestants and Catholics in Northern Ireland kept it up for years and we can go back way beyond the knights in days of yore riding off to the crusades to bugger up the heathens. Man has not improved, only become more efficient in his transgressions. As an aside, one cannot help but wonder how many of these more recent deaths and mutilations have been caused by South African made arms. In a perfect world, our extensive arms industry, a legacy from the “apartheid regime”, would be closed down by a virtuous government.

It was a wonderful time for the media. Sky News had nothing else to report on. Fortunately Turkey has subsequently downed a Russian military aircraft, so the accent has changed, for a while at least. Our own media appear to have paid much less attention to world events, rather concentrating on vital local issues such as racist abuse when someone has been caught stealing, lack of toilets, statues and the like. But why should they, we live in a backwater at the end of Africa and would think that we are hardly a target for the international terror groups. Let's get things into perspective, what are the deaths of over 130 people the other side of the world when we murder more than that here in three days?

Submitted by String Smith

Duty Roster

	December			
	10 (Business mtg)	17	24	31
Sergeant	Cleveland			
Wynpress Editorial	Todd	End		
Wynpress Minutes	Howard	Of	No Meeting	No Meeting
Door Duty	van Wyk	Year		
Grace	Lidgley	Party		
Loyal Toast	Barnard			
International Toast	James			
Speaker Intro	N/A			
Speaker Thanks	N/A			

Minutes

26 November 2015

Compiled by String Smith

Attendance

14 Members = 47%

Visitors

The only visitor was our speaker Christoph Schmocker of the Roger Federer Foundation.

From the President's Chair

Pres. Stephen reminded everyone of the charity evening at Uncle Paul's next Tuesday 1st December at which DG Geraldine would be present. Help would be needed.

At an impromptu function on 24th November, the world's oldest Rotaractor, PP John Vivian, had been honoured by the Rotaractors for all the work he had put in over the years on the Castle.

Slots	<p>Keela circulated a list for helpers for the Uncle Paul's Charity Evening.</p> <p>Graham again stressed that quality prizes were needed for the PROMS draw. Wine estates would be approached.</p> <p>Jackie reported that James Ferney's book 'Conversations with Elders' was available at R280.</p> <p>Biffy spoke on parking etc. for Uncle Paul's and where to send donated toys.</p> <p>Justin reported on proposed changes to logos, branding, name tags etc. The matter will be referred to the business meeting.</p>
Fellowship Announcements	<p>President Stephen had celebrated his unmarriage anniversary.</p> <p>Keela thanked everyone for flowers received on moving into their new house.</p>
Guest Speaker	<p>Biffy introduced Christoph Schmocker of the Roger Federer Foundation, which has been supporting the education of young children in Southern Africa since 2003. The accent is on the development of skills in the various communities who are then in a better position to solve their own problems. As early education is vital, the programmes concentrate on 3 – 12 year old children. 300 000 youngsters have benefitted so far, with the target being 1 000 000. Other corporate donors are needed to achieve this goal. A South African office is to be established in Sandton, not so far from where Roger's mother had lived in Kempton Park. Christoph explained the working of the foundation and was in due course thanked by Jackie.</p>
Swindle	<p>The dubious management team of Smith and Todd almost pulled off a planned coup, with String's name being drawn for a crack at the main prize – he failed in his choice of card - and Graham walking off with the consolation prize.</p>
President's Quote	<p>Reminds me of my safari in Africa. Somebody forgot the corkscrew and for several days we had to live on nothing but food and water : W. C. Fields (American actor and writer)</p> <p>The only man I envy is the man who has not yet been to Africa – for he has so much to look forward to : Richard Mullin</p> <p>An investment in knowledge pays the best interest : Benjamin Franklin.</p>

Going Forward

Dates To Diarise	
Nov 25 – Dec 22	Uncle Pauls:- see Wynberg Rotaract for actual dates.
Thur Dec 3	No meeting.
Thur Dec 10	Business meeting: Election of Office Bearers for 2016 - 2017

Thur Dec 17	End of year party: Venue to be confirmed.
Sun Dec 20	Carols by Candlelight (Keela)
Thur Jan 7	No meeting.
Thur Jan 14	Business meeting

And to start the new year:

Thur Jan 14: A new year.... What are we going to do this year?

Thur Jan 21: Dr Gallie, Eugene Daniels: Education Moving Up.

Thur Jan 28: Gavin Schachat: Youth Exchange

Sat/Sun Mar 19/20 The Proms: We need you

Sun Apr 3: Rotary Family Fun Day: Sea Point Blue Train

And Finally



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