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EDITORIAL

John Germ: RI President 2016/2017

John Germ, a graduate of the University of Tennessee, is the president and chief executive officer of Campbell & Associates, Inc., consulting engineers. In 1965, after four years in the U.S. Air Force, Germ, an engineer, joined Campbell and Associates Inc., an engineering consulting firm. He now serves as the company's board chair and chief executive officer. He also serves on the boards of several organizations including the Public Education Foundation, Orange Grove Centre Inc., and the Blood Assurance Inc. He is the founder and treasurer of the Chattanooga State Technical Community College Foundation and is president of the Tennessee Jaycee Foundation.

In 1970 he was recognized as Tennessee Young Man of the Year, Engineer of the Year, and Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year in 1992.

He joined Rotary in 1976 and has served Rotary International as President of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga 1993-94, District Governor 1996-97, and International Assembly Training Leader 2000-01.

John served on the RI Board of Directors for 2003-05 and was Vice President 2004-05, member of the International Assembly Committee and Chairman of the Council on Legislation, Vice Chair - Rotary Centers Major Gift Initiative. He was Aide to President Wilf Wilkinson and Vice Chairman of the International Convention, 2012.

In 2013, The White House honored John Germ as one of 12 Rotary International members who are "Champions of Change". John is an active member of the Chattanooga community, where he has served as president of the Chamber of Commerce, Junior Achievement, and Boy Scouts and as campaign chairman of United Way. He has also served as president of the Tennessee Jaycees and is a recipient of the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award. John and his wife Judy are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation.

Rotary Vision and Involvement

John F. Germ, is a member of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA, and chair of the International PolioPlus Committee

He says: For Rotary to thrive, Germ says, members must face current and future challenges and opportunities with "passion, enthusiasm, perseverance, and above all, integrity."

"I envision Rotary boldly and creatively engaging the success of polio eradication, membership and identity issues, strengthening clubs, work with youth - our future lifeblood, and the creation of critical, strategic partnerships," says Germ. "The 2016-17 Rotary year offers a tremendous opportunity for Rotary International and the Foundation partnership unified and thriving, on all levels, via the six areas of focus."

Germ says no one should ever have to ask, "What is Rotary?" "We will enhance Rotary's public image by successfully and enthusiastically marketing who we are, what amazing things we are doing, and incredibly, have done locally and globally," says Germ.

With the global economy still unpredictable, Germ says Rotary must make participation affordable and "also be unfailing diligent in efforts to ensure we spend every dollar effectively and efficiently," he says.

A Rotary member since 1976, Germ has served Rotary as vice president, director, Foundation trustee and vice chair, chair of Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, and RI president's aide. He is a recipient of Rotary's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. He and his wife, Judy, are members of the Arch Klumph Society.

"Rotary will adapt to a rapidly changing world by embracing innovation within the guidelines of our tradition and values," says Germ. "By aggressively embracing new technologies, social media, and new opportunities, individuals and businesses will see that Rotary helps promote a good civic and public image while adding credibility to their people."

Submitted by Dave Barnard

Minutes

1 September 2016

	Compiled by Barry Cleveland
Attendance	15 members (60%), 4 apologies, 1 make-up
Visitors	Nil
Fellowship	Mike's wedding anniversary was on 5 September.
From the President	Pres. Alan thanked Dave warmly for the very entertaining Quiz evening last week. PP Stephen has kindly agreed to assist with the WRC website. The DG is scheduled to visit WRC on 1 December. Nobody guessed that Alan's words from a song were from the tune Mountains of Morn.

Slots	<p>Justin: 1. Quiz night on 29 September at the Earth Fair Market in Tokai (near Builders warehouse). Teams of 6-10 participants. R60pp. They are looking for Prizes, so if you have anything to donate or any connections please contact Ruth or Justin.</p> <p>2. Interact workshop at Sachs HS on 17 Sept. from 07.30 to 12.00. Preparations on 16 Sept. 175 learners will be present.</p>
Guest Speaker	<p>There is normally no guest speaker at business meetings but Sergeant Mike filled the vacancy with a selection of springtime puns, asking us all to spring into action, even if some of us are no longer spring chickens; but then if we have been to the pub, we should have a spring in our step and be full of the joys of spring.....</p> <p>He was unstoppable: If anything springs to mind to let him know, but meanwhile we had to spring to our feet for the toasts. <i>(It's going to take us a week to recover - Ed)</i></p>
Swindle	<p>Down to 32 cards and a kitty of R1130, Keela drew Rob's name, but he only managed the 4 of clubs. Pam won the attendance prize of R20.</p>

Duty Roster

	September			
	8	15	22	29
Sergeant	Todd	Van Eeden	Barnard	
Wynpress Editorial	Cleveland	Danckwerts	Dessington	
Wynpress Minutes	Howard	K v Niekerk	Maunder	
Door Duty	Gowdy	Hovstad	Howard	
Grace	Bayes	Bayes	Cleveland	SOCIAL
Loyal Toast	Jackson	Jackson	Murphy	
International Toast	Dietrich	Dietrich	Gowdy	
Speaker Intro	Overbosch	Overbosch	Schreiber	
Speaker Thanks	Hovstad	Hovstad	Overbosch	
Entertainment for the month	Dessington, Gowdy, Howard, Hovstad			



Going Forward

Dates To Diarise

Sept 8	Brownies and Downies, a business providing training and work opportunities for people with Down's Syndrome, will talk to us about their innovative work and inspired vision.
Sept 15	Brian Ingpen, founder and principal of Lawhill Maritime Centre, Simonstown and weekly columnist on nautical matters, will talk on the work of the centre.
Sept 17	Interact Workshop at Sachs
Sept 22	Lorenzo Davids, CEO of community Chest and past member of the club, will speak on the Chest's 87 year history of empowering the poor.
Sept 29	Quiz evening. Details in Slots (above)
Oct 4-6	Rotary Family Health Day
Oct 7	Constantia RC Wine festival (Biffy – Tickets)
Oct 20	Muavia Gallie of Education Moving Up (a previous presenter to the club, concerning the many problems facing the SA education system), will highlight the most urgent issues requiring intervention in our schools, the way in which their intervention occurs and the results they achieve.

