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The Nobel Peace Prize.

by Are Hovstad

It is this time of the year again, when Nobel Prizes are being awarded to recipients from all over the world. Outstanding candidates within chemistry, physics, medicine and literature are eagerly anticipating the Nobel Prize Committee's decision of who will take the prize home this year - and it all happens from Stockholm in Sweden.

The "famous" prize, the Nobel Peace Prize may be more well known, and the decision made by the Norwegian Nobel Committee in Oslo, Norway, gets lots of attention from international media.

Alfred Nobel was a Swedish industrialist, inventor and armament manufacturer. He accumulated a vast fortune, which he donated to be used as the Nobel Prize, administered by the Swedish government. His wish was to stimulate and encourage excellence within science and literature, by handing out a yearly prize.

But the much admired, famous and talked about Nobel Peace Prize, is administered by the Norwegian Nobel Committee, in Oslo, Norway, and why is that?

Nobody seems to know exactly why Mr Nobel decided to give the administration to the Norwegian Parliament. The first Peace Prize was given in 1901, and the very first recipient was the UNHCR. At that time, Norway was in a union with Sweden. May be Mr Nobel wanted to include their more impoverished "little brother" as a gesture of showing the two countries belonged together. The union between Sweden and Norway ended in 1905, when Norway became an independent country.

Regardless, the Norwegian Nobel Committee is a distinguished committee, consisting of 5 members selected by the Norwegian Parliament, and representing the present political make-up of Parliament. This is all according to Mr Nobel's will.

The award itself, which consists of a medal and at present 8 million Swedish crowns, is presented on December 10th every year at a very formal function in Oslo, where members of the Royal Family, members of Parliament, the diplomatic community, and invited guests, are present. This is followed by the famous

Nobel dinner in the evening. Also, Nobel lectures and concerts are held throughout the week. This year's recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize is the president of Colombia, Mr Juan Manuel Santos.

And it all happens in Oslo, Norway.

Minutes

Rotary Meeting: 20th October 2016

	By Lina Howard				
Attendance	13 members present and 14 guests.				
Visitors	 Haugaland College, Norway: 2 teachers - Gro Helen Preston and Johannes Førre Madsen; 4 students - Madelen Lyngholm Iverson, Silje Skjold Lunde, Diala Abelaard Nije, Ruben Alexis Lundh. Cape Town schools: Margot Kiewit (Die Duine), Rochelle Jacobs (Stephen Road), Denzil van Graan (Perivale), Reg Gabriel (Montague's Gift), Tania Abrahams (Lotus River), Anton Janari (Fairmount), Nadim Toefy (Zeekoevlei). 				
Fellowship	Barbara Smith is one year younger this week. Hugh's son has got his Black Belt in karate.				
From the President	Reminder about the Mini Conference – please book.				
Slots	Justin would like to know what colour for golf T-shirts for the club? Suggestion was Navy Blue (perhaps Royal Blue?) Lina has 'Journey of Hope': must return Are: Oddemarka school will top up the amount donated by Haugaland college.				
Presentation	Students from Haugaland each gave a short talk on their school and their subjects. Then the teachers presented bursaries to the 5 primary schools, Lotus River, Perivale, Montague Gardens, Stephen Road and Die Duine. This amounted to R70 000 of which R40 000 was for school fees . For the secondary schools, Fairmount and Zeekoevlei, an amount of R85 000 was handed out of which R50 000 may be used for school fees. All this was raised by Norwegian students who gave of their time to do a day of community work for our schools!				
Jackpot	Amount of R1350.00 for the winner! Sadly no-one won this swindle. Don picked the 7 clubs (Shame) and the R20 attendance prize went to Barbara.				



President's Quiz

> If we'd thought a bit, of the end of it When we started painting the town We'd have been aware that our love affair Was too hot, not to cool down"

Well done Wenche for getting this!

Going Forward

Dates To Dia	rise			
Oct 27th	Members of Steenberg Rotaract Club will tell us about themselves, their club and their current projects.			
Oct 29th	District 9350 Mini Conference in Hermanus			
Nov 10th	Marco & Marvin from the Zeekoeivlei Sailing Centre, an enterprise long supported by WRC, will update us on their ongoing work, providing sport, life-skills and employment opportunities to disadvantaged youngsters.			
	NB This meeting will be at Zeekoevlei Yacht Club. Details to follow.			
Nov 17th	Dr 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			
Nov 24th	Abe Oliver from False Bay College will tell us about the 'Rapid Incubator' program designed as a fun way of introducing young learners to the principles of Entrepreneurship			
Tues 29 th Nov	WRC's evening for hosting at Uncle Paul's.			

Duty Roster

	October	November		
	27	3 Business	10	17
Sergeant	Overbosch	Schreiber	Todd	Van Eeden
Wynpress Editorial	Howard	Lidgley	Maunder	Munday
Wynpress Minutes	Maunder	K van Niekerk	Smith	Howard
Door Duty	K van Niekerk	Overbosch	Schonegevel	Schreiber
Grace	Gowdy	Hovstad	Munday	Hovstad
Loyal Toast	Schreiber	Smith	Todd	Cleveland
International Toast	Munday	Maunder	Murphy	Smith
Speaker Intro	van Eeden	N/A	van Niekerk	Bayes
Speaker Thanks	Schonegevel	N/A	Schreiber	Schonegevel
Entertainment for the month		Van Eeden van Niekerk Cleveland Dietrich		



Students from Haugaland



Teachers from Perivale, Die Duine and Stephen Road with Gro Helen Preston

Tailpiece



