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Rotary's January focus is Vocational Service

Editorial

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE BUT NOT A DROP TO DRINK

This could be a reality in a few months unless Capetonians adopt a more responsible attitude to the use of water, or good rains come early, which cannot be relied upon.

At the last measurement, the amount of water in the dams was 44,3%, down 1,7 % from a week previously and compared with 53,6% a year ago. As the dams can never be totally emptied due to silt and poor water quality in the last dregs, the situation is serious. However, whilst some people are going to excessive lengths to save water, others are either blissfully unaware of the situation – I do hope that the management of the Rotary Blue Train at Sea Point, who were reported on the radio as having three sprinklers watering the grass with mains water, fell into this category – or could not care and are prepared to pay the price. I am told by a resident that water is flowing freely in the townships. With high walls and locked gates surrounding many houses, it is often extremely difficult to catch culprits flaunting the regulations.

The implementation of water schemes is a lengthy process; there is seldom a quick fix available. Furthermore, it is not possible to stem the constant migration of people to the city. It is thus unlikely that the present possible crisis will be the only one in the coming years. Whilst the immediate problem must be addressed, action must be taken to proceed now with implementing new supply schemes unless a similar situation to the ESCOM debacle is to be avoided.

At the end of the day, people are going to have to cut consumption. Those people who have no alternative supplies such as well points and boreholes must accept that their gardens are going to suffer badly, otherwise we will all suffer. We must become policemen, in a nice way. We do not want ever more stringent restrictions until it rains and the dams have begun to fill. So, it is over to us to manage the situation.

By String Smith

	Minutes:- Compiled by Lina Howard
Attendance	20 members present
Visitors	PP Stephen Bredenkamp, Robin Williams, Phil Peckett
Fellowship Announcements	Birthdays: Dennis and Kit have birthdays today and Mary Vivien on Sat Wedding Anniversaries: Bev & Colin (16 th), Roché & Barbara (16 th), Ken & Bertie (16 th), Are & Wenche (21 st) John Vivian: - has had chemo and treatment. He is still in the waiting period for his results. He has been visited by Pres. Alan and String
Slots	Alan welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year DG visit moved to 2 February 23 rd Feb: Oddemarka Junior School will be coming with 2 teachers and 2 students 1.Ruth- announced that there are new books for the library corner and they need to be covered. She would be grateful for help to do this, on 24 th Jan Tuesday evening at 6pm at Southfield Methodist Church. 2, Biffy – thanked the club for all the sympathy and support given on the death of her mother. 3. Bruce –reported on the Zeekoevlei projectthree boats competed in the Lipton Cup and won Gold, Silver and Podium places Trainee Ashley Rudolph was selected for RSA team race in the World Championships in Italy in August. 4. Are – announced that Haugaland Tech. College have had a successful fundraising and have raised R500 000 for the Grassy Park schools. 5. Both the sons of Dave Barnard and Mike Schreiber have done extremely well in their Matric results and will both be starting at UCT this year. Congratulations are in order.
Guest Speaker	Business meeting – no speaker
Swindle	R380 in kitty and the new card is Stephen drew Karen's name out the new pack and sadly she drew the 8 Spades. Attendance prize was won by String
President's Song	Joan Baez : Diamonds and Rust, which no-one knew from the words.

"Volunteers are not paid -- not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."

Duty Roster						
	January		February			
	19	26	2	9		
Sergeant	Schreiber	Todd	2 (Business)	Barnard		
Wynpress Editorial	Van Eeden	Todd	van Niekerk (K)	Van Niekerk(S)		
Wynpress Minutes	Cleveland	van Niekerk	van Niekerk	Howard		
Door Duty	Barnard	Bird	Howard	Cleveland		
Grace	Schonegevel	Schreiber	Danckwerts	Todd		
Loyal Toast	Dessington	Dietrich	Smith	Hovstad		
International Toast	van Niekerk	Bayes	Gowdy	Bird		
Speaker Intro	Gowdy	Hovstad	Barnard	Howard		
Speaker Thanks	Barnard	Danckwerts	N/A	Dessington		

"It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it."

-Nelson Mandela

Dates To Diarise		
Minutes	Next week Keela	
19 th Jan	AG Paul Stohrer on the Rotary Agricultural project in Philippi	
26 th Jan	Proposed Ted Talks evening at the club meeting	
2 nd Feb	DG, Ian Pursch visits our club	
3 Feb	Black Tie event for Melkbos Rotary Club, Italian Club	
23 Feb	Visit by reps from Oddemarka school and principals from Grassy Park schools Our visitors from Oddemarka will talk to us about their school, their ideals and their ongoing fundraising efforts. Principals from our Grassy Park schools will also be visiting us. In addition, expect a very special visitor to join us at this meeting.	



Heaven vs Hell

Hours after the end of the world, a border dispute emerged between heaven and hell.

God, invited the devil for conversations to find a way to resolve this dispute quickly. Satan proposed a soccer game between heaven and hell. God, always fair, said to the devil, "The heat must be affecting your brain, the game would be so one sided. Don't you know all the 'good' players go to heaven?"

The devil, smiling, responded "Yeah, but we've got all the refs!"

Wynberg Rotary meet every Thursday, 6 for 6.30pm, The Palms House.

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