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Rotary's May focus is Youth Service

EDITORIAL

Submitted by Dennis Gowdy

DID YOU KNOW?

(Useful information for our next quiz evening??)

The Sahara desert covers a larger area (8.4 mill sq.Km) than a total of the next 14 world's major recognised deserts

In the Libyan Sahara a shade temperature of 58C was recorded in 1922 while in Winter temperatures can plummet to minus 4C in the Sahara.

The driest place on Earth is the Atacama Desert in South America – parts went without rain for 400 years between 1570 and 1971.

The largest recorded iceberg, sighted in the Southern Pacific in 1956 covered an area of about 31 mill sq. Km – making it slightly larger than Belgium.

The world's longest glacier is the Lambert glacier in Antarctica – more than 400 Km.

The highest navigable lake in the world is Lake Titicaca in the Andes – 3,812 m

The Pacific Ocean (164 mil sq.Km) covers more than twice the area of the next largest ocean, the Atlantic, and has the greatest depth (11,000 m)

The Nile river is the only African river out of 27 of the worlds' longest rivers.

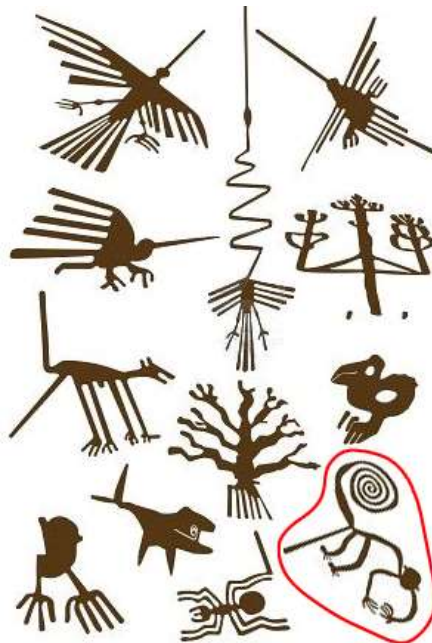
The Amazon river is by far the mightiest, drawing water from both hemispheres and 6 countries. From it flows one fifth of all river water in the world and it is 320 Km wide at the mouth (Colesberg to Bloemfontein)

The world's largest man made structure is the Great Wall of China (2,240 Km)

A superhighway, The Great Royal Road, was built by the Incas (4,800 Km long and 7 m wide) following the ridges in the Andes between 1200 and 1500.

The Big Hole in Kimberley remains the largest excavation made by man – over 44 years about 23 million tons of rock, clay and soil was removed together with 2722 Kg of diamonds.

The Nazca lines consist of enormous figures the largest of which is the design of a bird, 275 m long, built from stones and, pebbles in southern Peru at about the time of Christ and are best viewed from the air..



Minutes

20th April 2017

Compiled by Lina Howard

Attendance

19 present!

Visitors

Stephanie Thomas, Graham and Anne Cleveland and Val Cleveland

Fellowship

21st April: Are's birthday

22nd April: Sharon Barnard's birthday

From the President

- There is a group going to the Conference
- Successful RFFD – Thanks to all for assisting
- Two prizes for facebook advertising: Pam and Justin
- Derek won a voucher to a coffee shop

Slots

Justin: a) Club clothing – they have arrived and when you pay you will get your order
b) District grant: Closes on 31 May any project – apply as you can get a R20000 match. Bring your suggestion to the board- if approved – funds only available in September
Graham: PROMS and manpower portfolio – will be emailed
900 coming per performance!!
Sat show will be broadcast live by FMR

Special moments

Karen has been in hospital – with a gall stone!! Operation next month.
Mike S daughter has been selected WP U18 Hockey
Are's daughter is running the London marathon this Sunday

VIDEO

Barry showed a video of the 2001 Proms – sent by a business colleague – Really good to see how we have managed to keep this great fund raiser going

Swindle

R735 in the kitty: Ruth drew Val's name and Val drew



(ag shame)

Attendance prize of R20 went to David B



Duty Roster

	MAY			
	May 4 th Business meeting	11th	18th	25th
Sergeant	Murphy	Schreiber	Todd	Barnard
Wynpress Editorial	Lidgley	Munday	Murphy	Overbosch
Wynpress Minutes	Cleveland	Howard	Van Niekerk	Cleveland
Door Duty	Overbosch	Schonegevel, R	Schreiber	Smith
Grace	Hovstad	Lidgley	Maunder	Munday
Loyal Toast	Todd	Bayes	Barnard	Bird
International Toast	Schonegevel, R	Smith	Bayes	Todd
Speaker Intro	N/A	Van Niekerk	Bird	Bayes
Speaker Thanks	N/A	Todd	Cleveland	Van Niekerk
Entertainment for the month	Bayes, Barnard, Bird, Danckwerts, Gowdy			

Dates To Diarise

4th May

Business meeting

11th May

TBA

18th May

Intrepid American traveller and author, Annette Jahnel, will talk about her recent solo drive around the entire USA (having previously circumnavigated the globe!) and will share some thoughtful insights gained along the way. This will be a great evening for friends and family to attend! Signed copies of Annette's books will also be available for sale.

25th May

Kevin Simpson will speak about beekeeping and its importance for the environment. Considering the disastrous implications of the present threat to the global bee population, this will be another compelling talk for visitors to attend.

1st June

TBA

8th June

Oliver Bing, the outstanding Wynberg Boys High School learner who was awarded the Rotary Good Fellowship Award in 2016, has been invited as a special guest.

Hugh's Nughs

India – Chennai

Kapaleeshwarar Temple is Chennai's most impressive temple of the state's most popular deity, Shiva. Sanskrit writings reveal that Hindu beliefs go back more than 6000 years. The temple was built in 1566 and displays a rainbow-coloured gateway tower and pillared pavilions. Shoes have to be removed before entering the temple. The many thousand rainbow-coloured sculptures depict ancient stories. Shiva is often depicted in the form of a Peacock and the lotus flower is of special importance.



St Thomas Basilica was founded by the Portuguese in 1523 and rebuilt by the British in neo-Gothic style in 1896 and is said to mark the final resting place of St Thomas the Apostle. Inside there is a beautiful Crucifix of Christ standing on a lotus flower with two peacocks at his feet.

The Indians are cricket mad and will use anything to be able to play (e.g. Play in the narrow streets, use planks as bats and draw wickets on a wall). They even play book cricket. They draw up their own teams and open a book. If the last digit of the page number is 1,2,3,4,5 or 6, that is the score. If 0, the batsman is out.

They know the names of all the members of the South African cricket team. Unlike in other countries, most of the people actually knew where I come from, when I said South Africa.

Sri Lanka – Colombo

We arrived in Colombo on the day of a full moon. Every full moon day is a public holiday in Sri Lanka to commemorate key events in Buddhism. All the main shops and the banks are closed. However, there were thousands of stalls and markets all over the city. Naturally, the temples were very busy on that day and I rode a tuk-tuk to visit some of them.

The city expanded by extending the foreshore into what was the sea and by building houses and warehouses on it. This left a 160 year old lighthouse/clock tower in the middle of town. There are some rusty steps going up on the inside so I decided I should take some photos from the top.

A very nice Sri Lankan man accompanied me up the steps. After we came down, he turned out to be a tuk-tuk driver and offered to show me around the city for US\$25. After much discussion, he agreed to do it for US\$5. He showed me around some temples (where I had to take off my shoes to enter) and 3 jewelry stores. I had no interest in the jewelry but he told me that he would get free petrol from each store for introducing a tourist. He then took me back to catch the ship. Then he wanted extra money because it had taken longer than he expected.

I pointed out that it had taken longer because of the jewelry stores and he had gained petrol at the same time. It turned out he was not such a nice Sri Lankan man after all, but he accepted my argument in the end.



Tail Piece

An Old Flame?

An elderly couple were driving through County Kerry, Ireland. Irene was driving when she got pulled over by the Garda, who asks her, 'Ma'am did you know that you were speeding?'

Irene turns to her husband, Mick and enquires, 'What did he say?'

Mick yells out, 'He says you were speeding!' The Garda said, 'May I see your licence, please ma'am?'

Irene, once again, turns to Mick and says, 'What did he say?'

Once more, Mick, shouts out, 'He wants to see your licence!'

Irene gives the policeman her driving licence.

The Garda retorts, 'I see you are from Kerry. I spent some time there once and had the worst date I have ever had.'

For the final time, Irene turns to Mick and asks, 'What did he say?'

Mick yells very loudly, 'He thinks he knows you!'



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