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## Editorial

Submitted by Jackie James

### Marco Chicken?

On our recent trip to Croatia we visited the island of Korčula just north of Dubrovnik, where we had the pleasure of sampling the delicious plavacmali red wine made from a locally grown grape. A descendent of zinfandel, this small blue grape produces big, flavoursome wine!

Another of Korčula's claims to fame is that it is apparently the birth place of Marco Polo or Marko Pilić as they know him. In 2011, nearly 700 years after his death he still managed to cause a minor diplomatic row between Croatia, China and Italy, when former Croatian president Stjepan Mesić spoke at the opening of a museum in Yangzhou, dedicated to the explorer. Mesić described Polo as a 'world explorer, born in Croatia, who opened up China to Europe'. This immediately sent the Italian media into a frenzy, accusing Croatia of the cultural theft of one of their national treasures.

While it is uncertain exactly where Marco Polo was born (both Venice and Korčula claim him), it is generally agreed that it was within the Venetian Republic, which at the time was quite an empire. It certainly wasn't in Croatia, which was ruled by Hungary at the time, but that didn't include Korčula, or in Italy which didn't even exist at the time.

One of Korčula's historic families went by the surname Pilić, meaning 'chicken' in Croatian. It was common at the time for merchants and the aristocracy to use both Croatian and Italian versions of their names; hence Marko Pilić would become Marco Polo (pollo meaning chicken in Italian).

Source: Lonely Planet Croatia, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, April 2015.

# Minutes

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Compiled by Hugh Maunder

Attendance	19 Members = 61%
Visitors	Lisa McGuven from Due North – Speaker Luise Bern Therisa McClerry
From the President's Chair	The President welcomed Aubrey to the meeting after some absence.
Slots	Justin asked for volunteers to help organise an Interact Workshop in September. He said he was busy forming the membership of the Community Service Committee. Ruth was planning a quiz night for 29 <sup>th</sup> September
Fellowship Announcements	<b>Birthdays: Wenche, Graham and Pam on 15<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Graham and Valda wedding anniversary 20<sup>th</sup></b>
Guest Speaker	Lisa explained that the mission of “True North” was to set new standards for the education, nurture and holistic development of pre-school children and their care givers, preparing them to assume the fullness of their God given potential in every sphere of their lives. It is a wonderful organisation that has the object of insuring that the brains of children under three get the necessary stimulation for them to succeed in later life. Justin introduced Lisa and Jackie thanked her.
Swindle	Aubrey got the chance to pull the 2 of hearts but failed– aah shame! Rob won the R20 second prize.
President's Quote	From a song "I never found anyone who fulfilled my needs". Nobody recognised that it was from a song by Whitney Houston.

## Dates To Diarise

July 21	<b>The meeting will be at the Western Province Cricket Association.</b> Learners who participated in the “Adventures into Citizenship Week” will give a report back on their varied experiences and interesting lessons learned.
July 22-24	Roteract Conference - Hermanus
July 28	Michelle and Schalk van der Merwe, both past presidents of WRC, will talk about their time spent in Yemen over the past few years.
Aug 4	Business meeting – please attend
Aug 11	
AUG 18	

## Duty Roster

	July		August	
	21	28	4 BUSINESS	11
<b>Sergeant</b>	Van Wyk	Barnard	Cleveland	Hovstad
<b>Wynpress Editorial</b>	Vivian	Van Wyk	Bayes	Barnard
<b>Wynpress Minutes</b>	Howard	Cleveland	Smith	Howard
<b>Door Duty</b>	Barnard	Bird	Crous (J)	Crous (S)
<b>Grace</b>	Maunder	Munday	Murphy	O'Driscoll
<b>Loyal Toast</b>	Crous S	Crous J	Danckwerts	Cleveland
<b>International Toast</b>	Todd	Van Eeden	Van Nieker (K)	Van Wyk
<b>Speaker Intro</b>	James	Lidgley	Maunder	Munday
<b>Speaker Thanks</b>	Cleveland	Danckwerts	Dessington	Dietrich
<b>Find speakers</b>			Bayes, Barnard, Bird, Cleveland, Danckwerts	

## Tailpiece

Two police officers responding to a domestic disturbance, with shots fired, arrive on scene. After discovering the wife had shot her husband for walking across her freshly mopped floor, they call their sergeant on his cell phone.

"Yes."

"It looks like we have a homicide here."

"What happened?"

"A woman has shot her husband for walking on the floor she had just mopped."

"Have you placed her under arrest?"

"Not yet sir. The floor is still wet."

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