

Editorial

Wynberg Rotaract Club 25th Anniversary of Charter

So it is my turn to pick up keyboard (pen sounds so much better) and dash off a few lines for the editorial for this week's Wynpress. It seems appropriate at the moment to cast our minds back 25 years. It was a season for change in our country and the Wynberg Rotary Family were not going to be left out! It was time to Charter our Rotaract Club.

Let's take a step back to the 1950s when some young Wynberg Rotarians, led by Allan Jeffes, decided that what the Rotary movement needed was a new organization for those in the 18 to 35 age bracket and so Wynberg Rotors was born. Incidentally, this occurred at about the same time that similar moves were being considered in the USA with the birth of Rotaract.

The Rotors movement gave rise to an ever growing group of young service minded people which spread all over South Africa. Rotary also benefitted from this early introduction to service and Rotarians cut their teeth in this organization.

Then to the early 1990s. There had, for some time, been a slow decline in the National Rotors representation with just a few Clubs left in existence. Many had changed to Rotaract, embracing the official Rotary International organization for youth service and some had simply stopped operating. There was a great deal of emotion attached to the thoughts of converting the Wynberg Rotors Club to Rotaract, having been the first of its kind in South Africa. Much debate and discussion followed and eventually it was decided that Wynberg Rotors would become a Rotaract Club in 1993 under charter President, Heather Melck. (Incidentally, yours truly was the last Rotors Chairman).

Looking back on many years as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Charter of Wynberg Rotaract, one is filled with the sense of deep history that got us all to this place. The countless lives that have been touched through the projects and the people that the Rotors and Rotaract Club have developed as they took leadership roles in the Clubs. Many well established Rotarians and leaders of other service Clubs started their service involvement in Rotors and Rotaract. People like John Vivian, Paul de Groot, Leslie Salo whose personal service ethic serves as an example to us all.

So let us celebrate our Rotaract Club and their 25 years, challenged to find ways to grow and nurture the people who we would like to see as the Rotarians of the future.

To Wynberg Rotaract on their special anniversary, we raise a glass in celebration of 25 down and many more to go!

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May Rotary Theme
Youth Service Month

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

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**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

Minutes

24th May 2018

Compiled by Hugh Maunden

Attendance

12 members present

Visitors

Pippa McLeod and Kenny van Aardt from Newlands Rotary club.

From the Past President's Chair

In the absence of Rob, PP Alan chaired the meeting, welcomed the small gathering and noted forthcoming events.

Fellowship

None noted for the coming week

Slots

Biffy said that there might be a problem with the "Tree Planting" due to land demonstrations by local inhabitants.

Keela should be notified by members as to their soup contributions for the next meeting on 31 May.

Barry informed us of the latest developments in the refurbishing the interior of the City Hall; the first concert after which will be on 4 August.

Guest Speaker

Biffy reported back on the recent District Conference, and showed slides of the trip. *(See incriminating pic. on the last page on how delegates behaved at Conference – Ed.)*

1. The new RI President is Barry Rassin and his theme for 2018-2019 is "Be The Inspiration" and all are asked to be inspired in what we do.
2. The new DG, Casper Kruger, does not want his visit to be for a speech to make to us, but rather to attend a business meeting to discuss our work and projects. His visit to us is scheduled for 1st November.
3. The Knysna Fires project, to which we had contributed, raised R1,2m from Rotary Clubs.
4. Next year's District Conference will be held at the Lord Charles Hotel in Somerset West.
5. The guest speaker was Michelle McLean-Bailey who was Miss Namibia and then Miss World. She started an NGO in Windhoek, to deal with orphans, which is now run by her parents.
6. Wynberg Rotary Club was often mentioned for our work and efforts.
7. Biffy recommended that the POETS, which is vitally important, should be attended by the PP, PE and Pres. next year.
8. The possibility that an International Convention may be hosted in either Cape Town or Durban, is getting closer to reality.

The introduction and thanks to Biffy were by Bruce

Past President's Quiz

Nobody identified the lines from the Josh Groban/Celine Dion song, 'The Prayer'.

Swindle

Pippa drew Bruce's name but he only drew the nine of spades (shame!!) the R15 attendance prize went to our visitor, Kenny.

Duty Roster	May	June		
	31 (SOCIAL)	7 (INDUCTION)	14	21
Sergeant		Schreiber	Cleveland	Overbosch
Wynpress Editorial		Bredenkamp	Bird	Cleveland
Wynpress Minutes		Howard	Van Niekerk	Maunder
Door Duty		Gowdy + Thomas	Schreiber	Munday
Grace		Klotz-Gleave	Todd	Van Niekerk
Loyal Toast		Overbosch	Dietrich	Gowdy
International Toast		Bonga	Smith	Todd
Speaker Intro and Thanks		N/A	Howard	Jackson
Entertainment for the month		Schonegevel R, Howard, Maunder, Overbosch, Bonga		

The original name for butterfly was flutterby. (and that is a more accurate description)

Dates To Diarise

31 May	Soup and sherry evening at Monique's home
7 June	Biffy's Induction as President. 19.00 at Westlake Golf Club
14 June	My job talk – Stephanie Thomas
16-23 June	Club visit to Rotary Club of Karmøy, Norway
21 June	TBA
18 June	TBA



Rotary District Conference 2018 - Luderitz may never recover

Tailpiece

Grandfather of the Year

A woman in a supermarket is following a grandfather and his badly-behaved grandson. He has his hands full with the child screaming for candy, cookies, all sorts of things. The grandpa is saying in a controlled voice, "Easy, William, we won't be long, easy boy." The boy has another outburst and she hears the grandpa calmly say, "It's okay William. Just a couple more minutes and we'll be out of here. Hang in there, lad." At the checkout the little horror is throwing items out of the shopping cart. Grandpa says again in a controlled voice, "William, William, relax buddy, don't get upset. We'll be home in five minutes, stay cool William."

Very impressed, she goes outside to where the grandfather is loading his groceries and the boy into the car.

She says, "It's none of my business, but you were amazing in there. I don't know how you did it. That whole time you kept your composure, and no matter how loud and disruptive he got, you just calmly kept saying things would be okay. William is very lucky to have you as his grandpa."

"Thanks," says the grandpa, "but I am William. This little bastard's name is Kevin".