### **Editorial**:

Tenacity - The Willingness to Persist Despite All Odds.

International rescuers were given diplomatic immunity ahead of a rescue attempt that saved 12 boys and their 25-year-old coach from a cave in Thailand last week.

- Two Australian divers, Craig Challen and Richard Harris, were given diplomatic immunity in case anything went wrong during the rescue operation.
- All the efforts by all the fantastic divers were rewarded when all 12 boys and their coach were rescued after a gruelling week.
- Two weeks ago, our very own Kevin Anderson showed us how his determination and skill took him to the finals at Wimbledon and had all of us cheering.

Determined, persistent, tenacious, perseverance, stick-to-itiveness — whatever label you apply it's about hanging on through the challenges and bumps in the road to eventually achieve your goals.

It seems to me that tenacity is about so much more than not giving up on a goal. It's about pushing through barriers of doubt and self-limiting beliefs, and most importantly, having the willingness to persist despite all odds.

Persistence is doing something again and again until it works. Tenacity is using new data to make new decisions to find new pathways to find new ways to achieve goals when the old ways didn't work. Seth Godin

Tenacious people are planners, and while they are disciplined and apply an unwavering approach to going after their desired outcome, they clearly understand the difference between not giving up and stubbornly doing the same thing over and over hoping for a different outcome.

Those who are tenacious focus on growth with purpose, so they continually evaluate their actions and progress; remain flexible and adjust their methods and leave nothing to chance. They are masters at self-motivation, avid learners and have no qualms about asking for help when the need arises.

Let me stress before we go further that those who are tenacious learn early on the importance of mastering internal motivation

If you're fortunate enough to have forward thinking people in your support network, that's great ... however many find themselves faced with naysayers warning of the foolishness of attempting to achieve something so far beyond their current abilities or resources.

The Thai divers and those that helped, are tenacious and passionate about achieving their aims so they are not easily distracted or discouraged.





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The bottom line ...

Let's be honest, this notion of going for BIG unrealistic dreams is not for everyone and that really is okay. But for those who dare, it's also important to bear in mind that such adventures are rarely undertaken in a vacuum.

**How about you?** Do you tenaciously pursue your dreams and goals? Do you ever set BIG goals that require you to reach beyond your comfort zone?

Let today be the day you give up who you've been for who you want to be.



**Fellowship** 



Submitted by Lina Godden

	Minutes: 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2018			
	Compiled by Stephen Bredenkamp			
Attendance	14 members and the following guests:  ER Community Medics: Matthieu Snaith, Michelle Snaith, Kevin Lentin Rotaractors: Monique Ewen, Ryall Connor, Raiaanah Johnson, Rob Schreiber, Shaun Oberholtzer plus James Thom & Phil Peckett			
From the chair of President Biffy	<ul> <li>President Biffy welcomed everyone to the meeting. She brought up the following points:-         <ul> <li>Isiphiwo school needs a grader to level their playing fields. Looking for a volunteer</li> </ul> </li> <li>Thanks to all who helped on Mandela Day our 'official' activities included distribution of stationary to Isiphiwo: Rob Schreiber detailed the activities of Wynberg Rotaract, which included visit to Ilithwe creche, and gifts to patients at Victoria Hospital</li> <li>Looking for a CD reader to copy a lot of old Rotary CDs onto a hard drive (new laptops no longer come with CDs/ DVDs)</li> <li>Please be on the lookout for a scam seeming to target Rotary Club Secretaries / Treasurers (fraudulent request for payment).</li> <li>Workshop for New Rotarians on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July.</li> </ul>			

Graham and Valda's anniversary on 20th!

# Member's moments

Biffy: Sarah has been inducted as President of RC Chicago.

**Keela**: now has work responsibility for both Western Cape and Eastern Cape.

**Mike**: Subs – please pay! The club has to pay RI and district dues at the beginning of the Rotary Year (i.e. now!) so cash flow is an issue.

**Stephen**: Lavender Hill High: just received a R150 000 upgrade to consumer studies classes.

Slots

String: queried changes to meal formats etc.

**Response from Biffy** – no change yet. Please continue letting Biffy know if you are attending meetings by Wednesday morning.

Rob: Long delayed sweetie pie award for Graham (it was a swindle!).

**Monique**: possibility of joining Rotaract in a bowling (not 10 pin) social. Biffy to speak to Dave.

Justin: Reminder about quiz night (28 Aug), bringing in non-Rotarians.

**Swindle** 

Michelle Snaith drew.... StephenvN, who could only draw the 4 of clubs. Shame. The attendance prize went to Ryall.

Matthieu Snaith spoke about the work done by the ER Community Medics. This is a volunteer organization providing free first responder services to anyone involved in a medical emergency. They provide a number of direct benefits such as often arriving way before an ambulance and stabilizing the patient. There are also indirect benefits - one call to them and they will contact all the possible ambulance services while sending a paramedic, instead of you having to phone each in turn. They started in the North, expanded to City, and are now active in the South.

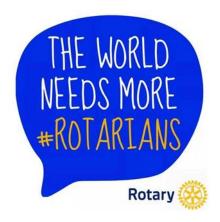
Speaker

The presentation is available as a downloadable pdf on the club website: <a href="http://wynbergrotary.org.za/wynpress-vol-70/">http://wynbergrotary.org.za/wynpress-vol-70/</a>

Ruth introduced (and subsequently thanked) Matthieu, as well as Michelle Snaith and Kevin Lentin who both attended.

President's Words of wisdom

"There is a big difference between a human being and being human"





#### How does Rotary work?

Some do a little, others do a lot. When we all work together, great things happen in the community. Lives are changed and the world becomes a better place!



Dordon	July	August		
Duty Roster	26	2	9	16
Roster				
Sergeant	Social	Schreiber	Todd	Barnard
Wynpress Editorial	XMAS	Maunder	Munday	Murphy
Wynpress Minutes	In	Cleveland	Howard	Thomas
Door Duty	July	Smith	Schreiber	Van Niekerk K
Grace	At	Gowdy	Cleveland	Dietrich
Loyal Toast	Biffy	O'Driscoll	Overbosch	Schonegevel J
International Toast	So	Dietrich	Gowdy	Cleveland
Speaker Intro and Thanks	No duties	Thomas	Smith	Schreiber
Entertainment for the month		Dietrich, Munday, Schonegevel J, Jackson, Barnard		

Dates To Diarise		
26 July	Christmas in July: Biffy's house	
2 August	Club meeting – the budget	
9 August	Rotary Womans Day (RC Blouberg) 10h00-13h00, at the Italian Club, Donegal Street, Rugby, Milnerton [No club meeting]	
16 August	Peter Thomas, a facilitation coach, will discuss how large corporates can reinvent themselves (Justin)	
18 August (Saturday)	Race Day at Kenilworth (RC Signal Hill)	
23 August	Speaker: Vince van der Bijl (Bruce)	
28 August (Tuesday)	Quiz night	
30 August	No club meeting: See you all at the Quiz Night!	
29 September (Saturday)	Last Night of the Proms	
30 September (Sunday)	Last Night of the Proms	

# Mandela Day - A Tribute

#### Obama's Mandela Lecture 17 July 2018

- 1. "More and more peoples, having witnessed the horrors of totalitarians, the repeated mass slaughters of the 20th century began to embrace a new vision for the world, a new idea. One based on self-determination but also on the principles of democracy and rule of law and civil rights. And the inherent dignity of every single individual."
- 2. "...through his sacrifice and unwavering leadership, and perhaps most of all through his moral example, Mandela and the movement he led would come to signify something larger. He came to embody the universal aspirations of dispossessed people all around the world."
- 3. "During the last decades of the 20th century, the progressive democracy Nelson Mandela represented in many ways set the terms of the international debate."
- 4. "It is in part because of the failures of governments and powerful elites to squarely address the failures and shortcomings of this international order that we now see much of the world threatening to return to an older, a more dangerous, a more brutal way of doing business."
- 5. "We have to start by admitting that whatever laws may have existed on the books, whatever wonderful pronouncements existed in constitutions, whatever nice words were spoken these last decades at international conferences or in the halls of the United Nations, the previous structures of power and privilege and injustice and exploitation never completely went away."
- 6. "The politics of resentment and fear and retrenchment began to appeal. And that kind of politics is now on the move."
- 7. "On Madiba's 100th birthday, we now stand at a crossroads. A moment in time at which two very different visions of humanity's future compete for the hearts and the minds of citizens around the world. Two different stories, two different narratives about who we are and who we should be."
- 8. "I believe in Nelson Mandela's vision. I believe in a vision shared by Gandhi and King and Abraham Lincoln. I believe in a vision of equality and justice and freedom and multi-racial democracy built on the premise that all people are created equal and they're endowed by our Creator certain inalienable rights. And I believe that a world governed by such principles is possible and that it can achieve more peace and more cooperation and pursuit of a common good."

Submitted by Alan Jackson

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#### WOMEN'S DAY 2018



The Rotary Club of Blouberg invites you to the first official ROTARY WOMEN'S DAY!!!!!

So... get up, put on the heels, lipstick and pearls, and join us in the spirit of fellowship, fun, sharing and networking!!! (And yes, the men are most welcome!)

Thursday, 09<sup>th</sup> August 2018, at 10h00-13h00, at the Italian Club, Donegal Street, Rugby, Milnerton. True to the Rotary 2018-19 theme: "Be The Inspiration!" With special guest speaker, Margaret Hirsch,

who has become a leading example to business women in Southern Africa – coming from a humble background, to co-founding and running the multimillion-rand Appliance and Electronic retail organisation, Hirsch's.

Margaret has been recognised through her efforts in building a successful business, and her determination to give back to the community, by winning a multitude of business awards.

ENTERTAINMENT by "Plum Song", Lucky draws and Raffles... BOOK YOUR SEAT OR TABLE by 20th July:

Email Jean Freeborough: jeanfreebs@iafrica.com

Cost: R200 per person, including welcome spankles, lunch and a glass of wine

#### EFT your payment/s:

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