

Editorial

67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela

Making a difference stitch by stitch...

In December 2013, Zelda la Grange, late former President Nelson Mandela's trusted assistant, presented, Carolyn Steyn, with a challenge: knit, sew or crochet 67 blankets! These blankets would then be distributed to those in need on Mandela Day.

Carolyn gladly accepted Zelda's challenge but soon realised that she wouldn't be able to achieve it alone.

She called on her friends for help and developed a Facebook group called "67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela Day". In just days, hundreds of people from around the world had pledged to knit a blanket for Nelson Mandela Day.

Since then, 67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela Day has transformed into what some are calling a "movement". In its short history, the campaign has realized some important milestones. After just nine months, 67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela Day won CAMPAIGN OF THE YEAR at the South African of the Year Awards in October 2014.

On 21 April, 2015, to mark 21 years of democracy in South Africa, 67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela Day smashed the Guinness World Record for the "The Largest Crochet Blanket in the World" measuring 3,377 square meters at the Union Buildings in Pretoria. Stitch by stitch, they pledge to keep thousands upon thousands of people less fortunate than ourselves warmer.



I have a friend who started a group of "Knit-Wits" in Meadowridge a few years ago and who have knitted and crocheted hundreds of blankets. These women have weekly Thursday evening get-togethers and are often seen in and around Constantia Village and Cavendish Square. Please support them, should you see them.

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September in Rotary

Basic education and literacy month

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

For more information about our club, like us on Facebook or visit our website:

Wynbergrotary.org.za



BE THE INSPIRATION

Minutes: 23rd August 2018

Compiled by Stephen Bredenkamp

Attendance

19 members plus 1 make-up, and 3 guests:
Andrew Meeding, James Thom & Phil Peckett

From the chair of President Biffy

President Biffy welcomed everyone to the meeting. She discussed the following:

- Belated birthday card and wishes for Pam;
- Request to search for the 'old' Chain of Office – which was promptly found and handed over by Palm House.
- A number of other items were also found, including an old 'podium' donated by James Burger, containing a full PA system – to be left at Wynberg Rotaract hall for when necessary, and the old 'Inner Wheel' bell, which will be donated to Steenberg Rotaract;
- Request to help marshal at the Cape Town Marathon, in Rondebosch on 23rd September. Anyone interested to contact Biffy (10 people required).
- Kids Day out to be held on 6th October, Keela organising;
- Any donations for Santa Shoebox, or bread tags, to be handed to Biffy;
- Entrepreneurship is a hot topic at the moment, and we need to investigate ways to be involved. This could include mentorship, Country-to-Country grants, etc.

Fellowship

Mike and Lindsay's anniversary on 5th September.
Bruce out of hospital, following his hip operation.

Members' moments

Hugh announced that Stephanie improved her time by 3 mins at Parkrun after first week! A new champ!
Ruth and Justin are still trying to convince Home Affairs they are married.....
Lina thanked Biffy for always being willing to help when a colleague is in need.

Slots

String: In order to simplify meal ordering procedures, please indicate to String if you normally attend meetings **and** want a meal, or if you normally would not have a meal. Then you need only contact him if this default decision needs changing by noon on Wednesday in any particular week.

Stephen: The club is looking for a team to develop a project with the Community Medics. Mike, Dave, Keela and Lina volunteered – thank you. Biffy mentioned we should try to involve the Rotaractors in an International project. Mike queried whether Rob's involvement in Community Medics would cause a conflict of interest problem (Stephen B checked with Carl-Heinz – should be fine).

Keela: An initial print of the new membership book was circulated, everyone to check their details.

Justin: Please arrive at Quiz evening 6'ish, so you can order food, drinks (purchase on site) and be seated by 7;

Barry: reported on Proms figures:- just under 50% of tickets sold in first week;
Barry: Mayford seeds will be at Proms, providing paper bags (for audience participation in the '1812'!) and seeds, flower arrangements for the stage and bouquet for the soloist.

Swindle

And the lucky person for a R1000 prize was.... Biffy, who could only draw the 6 of hearts. Shame. The attendance prize of R26 went to Alan.

Speaker

No speaker this week, so all club members had their say instead!

President's Words of Wisdom

"The world is changed by your example, not by your opinion."

Duty Roster	September			
	6 Business	13	20	27
Sergeant	Jackson	Overbosch	Schreiber	Todd
Wynpress Editorial	Schonegevel R	Schreiber	Smith	Thomas
Wynpress Minutes	Cleveland	Howard	Van Niekerk	Thomas
Door Duty	Van Niekerk	Barnard	Bayes	Bredenkamp
Grace	Jackson	Murphy	O'Driscoll	Overbosch
Loyal Toast	Smith	Thomas	Bird	Bonga
International Toast	Gowdy	Howard	Jackson	Munday
Speaker Intro and Thanks	N/A	Bayes	Barnard	Bird
Entertainment for the month	Bayes, Gowdy, Murphy, Thomas, Schonegevel R			

Dates To Diarise

6 September	Lowell and Linda Rice from California will talk about their project in Victoria Falls, assisting local women to start their own business as seamstresses.
13 September	Report back on Rotarians' Club visit to Karmøy, Norway. TBC Packing of Santa's Shoeboxes (Keela)
20 September	Belinda Speed to talk about her PhD project on forensics (Stacy) TBC
27 September	Cyber phishing/Hacking/Rotary website (Stephen B) TBC
29 September (Saturday)	Last Night of the Proms at 20.00 in the City Hall
30 September (Sunday)	Last Night of the Proms at 17.00 in the City Hall

Did you know: The Rotary Foundation distributes

- \$70 million in grants each year supporting
 - 1,100 projects.
- This includes:-
 - \$11.2 million in grants given for growing local economies last year
 - \$20 million in grants given to water and sanitation projects last year

An Obituary printed in the London Times

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years.

No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Why the early bird gets the worm;
- Life isn't always fair;
- Maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death

- by his parents, Truth and Trust,
- by his wife, Discretion,
- by his daughter, Responsibility,
- and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 5 stepbrothers

- I Know My Rights
- I Want It Now
- Someone Else Is To Blame
- I'm A Victim
- Pay Me For Doing Nothing

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.....

