## **Editorial**

#### **Notre-Dame Cathedral**

Due to the fire at the Notre Dame Cathedral on Monday 15 April I felt it appropriate to provide a little background on the famous Paris landmark. The Name translates in English as "Our Lady" and if you have ever been to Paris I am sure you have either seen it from the outside or have been lucky enough to visit the inside of the cathedral which was magnificent and I am sure it will be restored to its previous glory by the French over the next few years.

A major symbol of the Catholic faith, the cathedral also contains revered relics, including the Crown of Thorns, which is said to have been worn by Jesus before the Crucifixion.

The Cathedral has been one of France's most famous landmarks for approximately 850 years, drawing an estimated 13 million people from all over the world on an annual basis. The first stone of the Gothic building was laid in the presence of Pope Alexander III. Construction of the Notre Dame in Paris's Île de la Cité began under the reign of Louis VII in 1163. Construction wasn't completed until 1345

Since its completion, the building has been the scene of numerous historic events such as Napoleon Bonaparte's coronation as emperor in 1804. Joan of Arc was beatified in the cathedral and many memorial services of former French presidents including Charles de Gaulle were held there.

The building was previously badly damaged during the French Revolution, but survived the two world wars mainly unscathed. The spire and roof have been destroyed in this last fire but the 12<sup>th</sup> century building has been saved from total destruction. The French President Emmanuel Macron has vowed to have it restored to its former glory within the next 5 years. If you have ever been to Paris you would have memories of the Cathedral. The Hunchback of Notre Dame by Victor Hugo cemented the Cathedral's place in literature, the story, as you all know, was made popular by the Dispey film

Another World famous landmark that has, and will continue to survive the test of time.

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> May in Rotary Youth Service

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

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|                                       | Minutes: 11 April 2019   |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|                                       | Compiled by Hugh Maunder   |  |  |  |
| Attendance                            | 19 members present = 70.4%,<br>1 visitor: Rex Hillier – Guest Speaker  |  |  |  |
| Fellowship                            | 16 April: Bruce's birthday 19 April: Lina & Brian's anniversary 22 April: Sharon's birthday  |  |  |  |
| From the President's<br>chair         | Keela thanked Justin and Candice for attending the Newlands Rotary Interact Workshop. Members should contact Keela if they wish to attend the District Conference. She has hard copies of membership details for anyone who wants one.   |  |  |  |
| Slots                                 | <ul> <li>Graham has wine left over from Proms, for sale to recover those costs of the event.</li> <li>Stacy: She has booked 30 slots for the quiz at Jack Black on 25<sup>th</sup> April.</li> <li>Bergvliet High School will undertake a "Beach Cleanup" on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April.</li> </ul>  |  |  |  |
| Guest Speakers                        | Rex Hillier described his journey through most of his life under the influence of alcohol. He had a successful school career, particularly in sport, and later obtained a BA Economics degree. However, he spent the next 35 years working in an unknown number of jobs in a haze of alcohol. He managed to survive financially by doing occasional work as a male model, but recently overcame his addiction to alcohol and has published two books on his experiences. |  |  |  |
| Swindle                               | Pam could not find the queen of spades and missed the jackpot of R1200 — ah shame!  Barry won the attendance prize of R20  |  |  |  |
| President's 'Rotarian<br>of the Week' | Justin was declared the Rotarian of the week for his work with the Interact Workshop and was awarded the Pot plant – "Thank you for helping us grow"   |  |  |  |

### NEWEST D9350 EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT GLOBAL GRANT

Our Rotary District - D9350 has been involved in developing an ECD Global Grant worth R3.5m. The project will provide quality ECD education for children in the Langa area, and the project team is currently working with 35 ECD centres.

Three Rotary Districts partnered with D9350 and two local D9350 clubs, Newlands and Waterfront. In addition the following 8 International clubs from all 5 continents have also partnered to enable this 18

month phase of a 3 phase, ten year quality ECD project.

**Germany**: RC Bochum Mark, RC Oberhausen. **Netherlands**: RC Bergen. **Taiwan**: RC Taipei Great Pacific. **United States**: State of Oregon: RC Eugene Southtowne, RC Eugene Emerald Valley, RC Bend - Mt Bachelor.

Australia: Mt Marthar.

The District also worked with a CSI partner, Home Choice.

|                             | May  |           |                       |               |
|-----------------------------|--|-----------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Duty<br>Roster              | 2  | 9         | 16<br>Soup<br>Evening | 23            |
| Sergeant                    | Overbosch                                  | Todd      |                       | Barnard       |
| Wynpress Editorial          | Schonegevel R                              | Smith     |                       | Thomas        |
| Wynpress Minutes            | Cleveland                                  | Thomas    |                       | Maunder       |
| Door Duty                   | Van Niekerk                                | White     |                       | Bayes         |
| Grace                       | Howard                                     | Maunder   |                       | Munday        |
| Loyal Toast                 | Jackson                                    | Jackson   |                       | Maunder       |
| International Toast         | Maunder                                    | Overbosch |                       | Schonegevel J |
| Speaker Intro and<br>Thanks |  |           |                       |               |
| Entertainment for the month | Jackson, Bayes,<br>Thomas, Gowdy,<br>White |           |                       |               |

| Dates To Diarise             |  |  |  |
|------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 2-5 May                      | PETS / District Conference: Lord Charles Hotel, Somerset West                        |  |  |
| 9 May                        | ТВА  |  |  |
| 11 May (Saturday)            | Steenberg Rotaract – induction of 2019/20 committee. 09.00 at Norman Henshilwood HS. |  |  |
| 16 May                       | Soup Evening at the Mundays' home (Note date change)                                 |  |  |
| 23 May                       | ТВА  |  |  |
| 25 May<br>(Saturday morning) | Induction of President Keela: Vineyard Hotel   |  |  |
| 30 May                       | ТВА  |  |  |
|                              |  |  |  |

# **Charles Darwin**

<sup>&</sup>quot;Ignorance more frequently begets confidence than does knowledge: It is those who know little, not those who know much, who so positively assert that this or that problem will never be solved by science."

# **Tailpiece**

A radio station interviewed an 80 year-old lady who had just got married for the fourth time.

The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80 and then about her new husband's occupation.

"He's a funeral director," she answered.

He asked her about her first three husbands and what they did for a living.

She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face. She answered proudly that she had married a banker when she was in her 20s, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40s, a preacher when in her 60s, and now - in her 80s - a funeral director.

When the interviewer asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers, she smiled and explained, "I married One for the money, Two for the show, Three to get ready and Four to go, man, go."





