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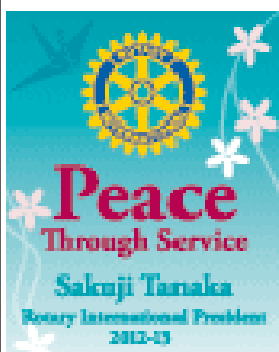
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ROTARY LITERACY MONTH



EDITORIAL

How Long Do You Worry About Your Children?

Is there an imaginary cut off period when offspring become accountable for their own actions?

Is there some wonderful moment when parents can become detached spectators in the lives of their children and shrug, 'It's Their life,' and feel nothing?

When I was in my twenties, I stood in a hospital corridor waiting for doctors to put a few stitches in my son's head and I asked, 'When do you stop worrying?'

The nurse said, 'When they get out of the accident stage..'

My Parents just smiled faintly and said nothing.

When I was in my thirties, I sat on a little chair in a classroom

And heard how one of my children talked incessantly, disrupted the class,

And was headed for a career making license plates.

As if to read my mind, a teacher said, 'Don't worry, they all go through this stage

And then you can sit back, relax and enjoy them.'

My Parents just smiled faintly and said nothing.

When I was in my forties, I spent a lifetime waiting for the phone to ring, the cars to come home, The front door to open.

A friend said, 'They're trying to find themselves. Don't worry! In a few years, they'll be adults. 'They'll be off on their own they'll be out of your hair'

My Parents just smiled faintly and said nothing.

By the time I was 50, I was sick & tired of being vulnerable.

I was still worrying over my children, but there was a new wrinkle..

Even though they were on their own I continued to anguish over their failures,

Be tormented by their frustrations and absorbed in their disappointments..

And there was nothing I could do about it.

My Parents just smiled faintly and said nothing.

My friends said that when my kids got married I could stop worrying and lead my own life.

I wanted to believe that, but I was haunted by my parent's warm smiles

And their occasional, 'You look pale. Are you all right' ?

'Call me the minute you get home. Are you depressed about something?'

My friends said that when I became a grandparent

That I would get to enjoy the happy little voices yelling Grandma! Papa!

But now I find that I worry just as much about the little kids as the big ones.

How can anyone cope with all this Worry?

Can it be that parents are sentenced to a lifetime of worry?

Is concern for one another handed down like a torch

To blaze the trail of human frailties and the fears of the unknown?

Is concern a curse or is it a virtue that elevates us to the highest form of earthly creation?

Recently, one of my own children became quite irritable, saying to me,

'Where were you? I've been calling for 3 days, and no one answered, I was worried.'

I smiled a warm smile. The torch has been passed.

MEETING OF 14 MARCH 2012

Attendance

Membership	23
Present	13
Make ups	10
Apologies	7
Attendance	56%

Visitors: Haugaland College: Lars Hendrik Helgesen, Adrian Hime, Iris Lyngholm, Solveig Gjerdevik Nilsen, Berit Alice Bjelland, Kari Lie.

NLC Principals: Mr van Graan, Mr Gabriel, Mr Klaasen, Mr Job, Mrs Kiewiets, Mr Dennis.

Rotarians: Kathryn Herz and her partner Eckhardt from Hamburg Deichtor in Germany.

Our special partner: Wenche Hovstad.

Attendance to Biffy 082 468 7504 or aecon.e@mweb.co.za

Birthdays: Mervyn, Colin, Francois

Anniversaries: Candice, Don, Francois

(Apologies if I miss anyone but please also tell me so that I will not do the same again next year)

MINUTES

Sergeant: Karen. Loyal toast: Pam. International toast: Rob toasted Karmoy.

Mike once again welcomed all present.

Karen told us a joke about an Irishman trying to win Who Wants to be a Millionaire. Wonder why? Happy St Patrick's Day on Sunday to all the Irish Murphy's amongst us.

SLOTS

Biffy checked who was going to Rotaract Internact weekend at Noordhoek for catring purposes.

Don personal good news. Don has sold his house in the UK and now remain firmly ensconsed in SA.

GUEST SPEAKERS

The students from Haugaland gave a short introduction of themselves. They are all 17 or 18 years old.

Solveig is studing to become a hairdresser. Iris is studing art. Lars is studying building and construction and hopes to become a carpenter and wills study architecture at University.

Adrian is wanting to enter the hospitality industry.

The teachers accompanying them:

Berit has been at Haugaland for over 20 years where she enjoys teaching social and health care programmes and ECD (Early Childhood Development). Berit thanks Wynberg for their hospitality and the drivers and especially Wenche and Are. Thye have seen and doen a huge amount since getting here. Berit also thanked the principals of the schools and

mentioned how they had enjoyed visiting the schools that they support and meeting the students.

Kari has been at Haugaland for about 6 years. Before this she was in nursing and teaches psychology and acts as the school counsellor. This also extends to the parents and students and teachers. One of her goals is producing good students and preventing drop-outs. Kari also mentioned that she and the group had seen a lot and learnt a lot on this visit and would be taking this home with them.

Solvieg presented a gift to Die Duine principal, Mrs Kiewiets. This is a gift of R30 000.00 for school fees and training of staff on computers. The deserving students will be picked by the staff of the school and WRC will be responsible for handing over the bursaries. Mrs Kiewiets thanks the students and looks forward to making a difference in the lives of her students by providing them with a better education.

Iris presented a gift of R45 000.00 to Steven Road and Montagues Gift schools. R20 000 would be spent on school fees. R20 000 on equipment for the library. R5 000 for training teachers. The selection process would be the same as above. Mr Dennis of Steven Road and Mr Gabriel of Montagues Gift thanked the Haugaland students. Once again it was mentioned what a huge difference this makes in the lives of students and making the students aware of these gifts come from. WRC were also thanked for choosing their schools and sticking to these schools over the years which showed great loyalty.

Lars presented a gift of R60 000.00 to Perivale and Lotus River Primary Schools. R25 000 would be used for school fees. R30 000 for equipment in the library and computers. R15 000 for teacher training on computers. Same selection process to be followed. Mr Job said that although Lotus River were the New Kids on the Block and had only recently been added to the NLC selection of schools, they were very grateful and honoured to be part. This has lifted the morale of the students and teachers and thanked the Norwegian students, the NLC and WRC. Mr van Graan also thanked the principals for the comradeship and how heart warming this is to the staff that the students have gone out of their way to raise these funds. This has brought joy to the students. It is a labour of love much appreciated. This will be used to provide an educational way out of their present circumstances. Funding creates opportunities for them not previously available.

Adrian presented a gift of R75 000.00 to Fairmount Senior School. R25 000 for school fees. R30 000 for equipment in the library and computers. R10 000 for teacher training. Selection would also be the same as above. Mr Klaasen replied that this connection was making a huge difference at Fairmount by producing socially conscious students and thanks the Norwegians for their excellent work. The Norwegian students are starting to see the results of their labours. One of the Fairmount students may be going to study in Norway soon. They still experience a huge drop-out and the NLC is helping to break this cycle because once a scholar drops out there is no hope of getting the scholar back again.

Mike thanked everyone involved and especially to Lars with his bow-tie!! The bad drop out figures are a sad reality. Mike suggested that if so much is raised by one day of work that we should send the Norwegians for work for more days a year!!!!!! Mike encouraged those present to go back and teach their fellow students exactly what their contribution means and to encourage even more students to join the programme but never to under-estimate the true value of their efforts.

The Pat Wild Fellowship Trophy this week goes to Are and Wenche for their hard work on the NLC which comprises Haugaland and Oddermarka. This is an amazing project.

Roche thanked the Haugaland students and staff present. The principals covered a lot of ground in their thanks. Roche related story about a 3 day old child found under the bridge in CT and adopted by someone from the Netherlands and today this child is making a success of their life. Roche encouraged all to never under-estimate the consequences of their actions; to live for others and count our blessings.

PROGRAMME

March 2013	Committee: van Wyk, Gowdy, Overbosch, Todd, Murphy, Klotz-Gleave
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Wednesday 20 **Joint meeting at Rotaract. No meeting Thurs 21 - Human Rights Day**

Thursday 28 **Normal meeting due to public holiday the previous week :
Speaker: Dennis Gowdy on his trip to Myanmar**

Friday 29 **Easter Friday / start of Easter weekend / Two Oceans Marathon**

April 2013	Committee: Barnard, Bird, Hovstad, Michalowsky, Wetmore
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Thursday 4 **Normal meeting: Speaker: Cathy Stagg on how to take good pictures (bring your cameras)**

Friday 5 **Bingo at Rotaract**

Thursday 11 **Normal meeting at Lavender Hill High School: Speaker: DR. RUBEN RICHARDS, company CEO, Executive Secretary of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission, ex-deputy director of the Scorpions, visiting professor to Wits University's Graduate School of Public and Development Management, etc, etc. Topic: based around 'brokering a cease-fire deal with the gang leaders of Lavender Hill in November 2012'.**

Thursday 18 **Joint meeting with Rotaract at Palms: Speaker: Mike Roberts (title to follow) (promises to be good)**

Thursday 25 **Normal meeting: visit by GSE team from Japan**

DUTY ROSTER

	28 March	4 April	11 April	18 April	25 April
Sergeant	Cleveland	Wetmore	Todd	Barnard	Overbosch
Attendance Officer	Danckwerts	Danckwerts	Danckwerts	Danckwerts	Danckwerts
Wynpress Editorial	Van Eeden	Murphy	James	Klotz-Gleave	
Minutes for Wynpress	Cleveland	Knight	Knight	Cleveland	Danckwerts
Compilation of Wynpress	Danckwerts	Cleveland	Knight	Knight	Cleveland
Door Duty	Bredenkamp	Bird	Gowdy	Hovstad	Van Eeden
Grace	Vivian	Lidgley	Barnard	Bird	James
Loyal Toast	Wetmore	Barnard	Bird	Danckwerts	Murphy
International Toast	Lidgley	Barnard	Hovstad	James	Munday
Speaker Introduction	Van Eeden	Gowdy	Orsmond	Overbosch	James
Speaker Thanks	Todd	Van Eeden	Wetmore	Murphy	Barnard

IF YOU CANNOT MAKE YOUR ROSTERED DATE, PLEASE SWAP WITH ANOTHER ROTARIAN AND INFORM THE DUTY SERGEANT

JACKPOT

No jackpot this week as our master jackpotter was caught up at bowls !!!!!!!!!!!!!

PRESIDENT'S QUOTE

Today being Pi day and Einsteins birthday, the quotes are as follows:

14 March is "Pi Day" commemorating the mathematical constant Pi. It is observed on 14 March (or 3/14) since 3, 1 and 4 are the three most significant digits of Pi in decimal format.

To celebrate people eat pie, discuss the significance of the number and now that there is a movie, watch "The Life of Pi"!

In Princeton, New Jersey, numerous events are held in a combined celebration of Pi Day and Albert Einstein's birthday which is also 14 March. He was born in 1879. Einstein lived in Princeton for more than 20 years while working at the Institute for Advanced Study. In addition to pie eating and recitation contests, there is also an annual Einstein look-alike contest.

Einstein Quotes - there are hundreds...

A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.

Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.

Anyone who doesn't take truth seriously in small matters cannot be trusted in large ones either.

Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value.

TAILPIECE

With Sunday 17th March being St Patrick's Day I thought we would have a couple of Murphy jokes !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Murphy, a furniture dealer from Dublin, decided to expand the line of furniture in his store, so he decided to go to Paris to see what he could find.

After arriving in Paris, he visited with some manufacturers and selected a line that he thought would sell well back home. To celebrate the new acquisition, he decided to visit a small bistro and have a glass of wine. As he sat enjoying his wine, he noticed that the small place was quite crowded, and that the other chair at his table was the only vacant seat in the house.

Before long, a very beautiful young Parisian girl came to his table, asked him something in French (which Murphy could not understand), so he motioned to the vacant chair and invited her to sit down. He tried to speak to her in English, but she did not speak his language. After a couple of minutes of trying to communicate with her, he took a napkin and drew a picture of a wine glass and showed it to her. She nodded, so he ordered a glass of wine for her.

After sitting together at the table for a while, he took another napkin, and drew a picture of a plate with food on it, and she nodded. They left the bistro and found a quiet cafe that featured a small group playing romantic music. They ordered dinner,

after which he took another napkin and drew a picture of a couple dancing. She nodded, and they got up to dance. They danced until the cafe closed and the band was packing up.

Back at their table, the young lady took a napkin and drew a picture of a four-poster bed. To this day, Murphy has no idea how she figured out he was in the furniture business.

EVERYBODY CAN'T BE IRISH!!!



SOMEBODY HAS TO DRIVE