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**ROTARY WORLD
UNDERSTANDING MONTH****EDITORIAL**

Submitted by Jackie James

The History of Valentine's Day

"St. Valentine's Day began as a liturgical celebration of one or more early Christian saints named Valentinus. The most popular martyrology associated with Saint Valentine was that he was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians, who were persecuted under the Roman Empire. During his imprisonment, he is said to have healed the daughter of his jailer, Asterius. Legend states that before his execution he wrote her a letter "from your Valentine" as a farewell.

Today, Saint Valentine's Day is an official feast day in the Anglican Communion, as well as in the Lutheran Church. The Eastern Orthodox Church also celebrates Saint Valentine's Day, albeit on July 6th and July 30th, the former date in honour of the Roman presbyter Saint Valentine, and the latter date in honour of Hieromartyr Valentine, the Bishop of Interamna (modern Terni).

The day was first associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. By the 15th century, it had evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). Valentine's Day symbols that are used today include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards."

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Valentine's_Day

The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

Source: <http://www.history.com/topics/valentines-day>

Many legends exist but romance remains the central theme.

Valentine's Evening social:

A very successful and enjoyable Valentine's Day meeting was held at Biffy's home. We were warmly welcomed with a bag for the gifts, Sarah taking our cash and proceeded to enjoy a few snacks and drinks to get everyone "fired" up for the evening. It was great to see such a good turnout, and with the addition of Odd Henning Johannessen, wife Reidun & daughter Oda, and Hanne Momrak (short term boarder with Biffy and also from Norway) it was almost a Viking invasion! It is always very gratifying to see our good friends from Norway as they are so much a part of our club and everyone fits in so well.

The meal prepared by Biffy and Karen was excellent and enjoyed by everyone, I must admit to having eaten way more than I had intended to when I arrived. The sharing out of the gifts provided a wonderful opportunity for some "naughty but nice" mirth and there was much activity at the end of the rowdy table courtesy of a book which formed part of the gifts. Odd Henning delivered his joke of the evening in his own inimitable way and much to the enjoyment of all present. Sharon and I had to leave at that point to see to children, but we trust the evening continued for a while longer.

A big thanks to Biffy for hosting us and to Karen and Biffy for the wonderful meal as well as to all the helpers who Biffy persuaded to help.

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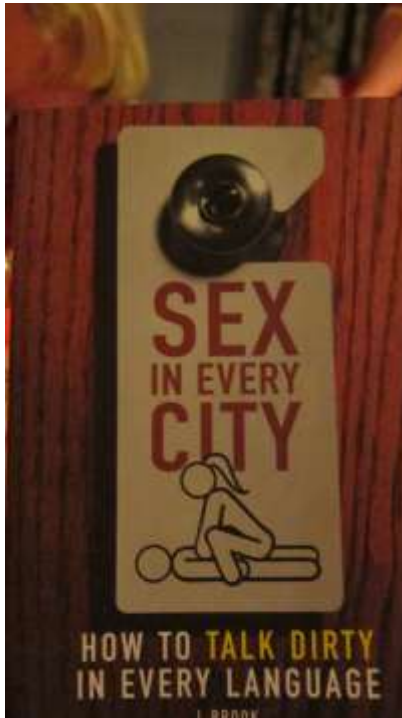
1. Thank you SO MUCH for organizing and cooking and FUN on Valentine's day. You are quite remarkable.
2. From one of our more senior members whose wife got one of the nicest naughtiest presents (a book on how to flirt in any country or language!!): I know this is very late and I am sorry but I hope there is still time to tell you that we had a great time on Thursday. How you managed to make that long, long table look so festive amazes me. The cloths, the little hearts (that you later used to make a snake on the table) and those disgusting IOU's were a brilliant touch. The food was good and all in all you managed to create a wild and entertaining party atmosphere. The only thing unsurprising about it was that you did it and knowing you I expected it to be fantastic. I was not disappointed. Well done and thank you.

Karen (under pressure) and I enjoyed putting this together. Our reward is how much FUN you had.

Evidence:







Helene Visser (District Ambassadorial programme co-ordinator) and the current scholars. A number of these scholars will be visiting our club in the next couple of months. Word must have got out that we are the FUN club.

SLOTS

Biffy: none. On strike after working her miellie off for Valentine's day.

Don: Don remains housebound and not well. Edith, we hope and I am sure, is taking good care of him. Don will be away from Rotary until he gets better.

JACKPOT

We were having so much fun there was no time for the jackpot this week. The K♥ is still there - waiting.

PRESIDENT'S QUOTES

To follow.

PROGRAMME

February 2013	Committee: Barnard, Bird, Hovstad, Michalowsky, Wetmore
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Thursday 21	Normal meeting : Speaker: Director Glen van Harte, Metro South Education District Visit by Oddemarka Junior School
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Saturday 23	Rotary turns 108 years old.
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Thursday 28	Board meeting
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March 2013	Committee: van Wyk, Gowdy, Overbosch, Todd, Murphy, Klotz-Gleave
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Thursday 7	AG's visit
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Sunday 10	Argus Cycle Tour
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Thursday 14	Normal meeting : speaker to be arranged Visit by Haugaland College, Norway.
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Wednesday 20	Joint meeting at Rotaract. No meeting Thurs 21-Human Rights Day
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Thursday 28	Normal meeting due to public holiday the previous week : speaker to be arranged
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Friday 29	Easter Friday / start of Easter weekend / Two Oceans Marathon
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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)
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Friday 5	Bingo at Rotaract
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Thursday 11	Normal meeting at Lavender Hill High School: Speaker to be arranged.
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Thursday 18	Joint meeting with Rotaract at Palms: Speaker: Mike Roberts (title to follow) (promises to be good)
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Thursday 25	Normal meeting: visit by Japan GSE team
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DUTY ROSTER

	21 February	7 March	14 March	28 March	4 April
Sergeant	Cleveland	Gowdy	Overbosch	Cleveland	Gowdy
Attendance Officer	Danckwerts	Murphy	Danckwerts	Danckwerts	Danckwerts
Wynpress Editorial	Lidgley	Barnard	Bird	Van Eeden	Barnard
Minutes for Wynpress	Danckwerts	Cleveland	Knight	Cleveland	Danckwerts
Compilation of Wynpress	Knight	Danckwerts	Cleveland	Knight	Cleveland
Door Duty	Wetmore	Williams	Murphy	Bredenkamp	Williams
Grace	Vivian	Wetmore	Klotz-Gleave	Vivian	Wetmore
Loyal Toast	Wetmore	Murphy	Williams	Wetmore	Murphy
International Toast	Van Eeden	Barnard	Bird	Lidgley	Barnard
Speaker Introduction	Hovstad	N/A	TBA	TBA	TBA
Speaker Thanks	Todd	N/A	van Wyk	Todd	N/A

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

TAILPIECE

PROPOSED CUTS TO HEALTH SERVICE.

The Canadian Medical Association has weighed in on the Prime Minister's health care proposals.

The Allergists voted to scratch it, but the Dermatologists advised not to make any rash moves.

The Gastroenterologists had a sort of a gut feeling about it, but the Neurologists thought the Administration had a lot of nerve.

The Obstetricians felt they were all labouring under a misconception.

Ophthalmologists considered the idea short-sight .

Pathologists yelled "Over my dead body!", while the Paediatricians said, "Oh, Grow up!"

The Psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness, while the Radiologists could see right through it.

The Surgeons were fed up with the cuts and decided to wash their hands of the whole thing.

The ENT specialists didn't swallow it, and just wouldn't hear of it.

The Pharmacologists thought it was a bitter pill to swallow, and the Plastic Surgeons said, "This puts a whole new face on the matter...."

The Podiatrists thought it was a step forward, but the Urologists were pissed off at the whole idea.

The Anaesthetists thought the whole idea was a gas, but the Cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no.

In the end, the Proctologists won out, leaving the entire decision up to the assholes in government