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**JANUARY IS ROTARY
AWARENESS MONTH**



HAPPY NEW YEAR & ALL THE BEST FOR 2014

EDITORIAL

WORDS OF WISDOM

Submitted by BEV BIRD

Over the years I've collected numerous newspaper and magazine snippets containing sayings by various famous (and sometimes not-so-famous) people, which I found funny or moving or thought-provoking. Here are some of them: I hope you enjoy them. Unfortunately I cannot credit the various sources as I no longer even remember where most of them came from.

Soccer legend Diego Maradona, after having been booked into a psychiatric clinic in Buenos Aires in 2004 for treatment for drug-related problems: *'In this clinic there's somebody who thinks he's Napoleon, there's another who thinks he's St Martin, but they don't believe that I am Maradona.'*

German ex-chancellor Herman Kohl, in June 2000, describing his lost dog: *'As a dog, he's a disaster. But as a human being, he's wonderful.'*

British adventurer Bear Grylls, aged 23, at that time the youngest Westerner ever to summit Everest and return, upon reaching the summit on 16 May 1998: *'Base Camp, we seem to have run out of Earth.'*

Hong Kong politician, Andrew Wong, arrested for drunken driving in December 2000, upon being told by his wife to choose between drinking and driving: *'I've chosen drinking. I've decided that in future I'll catch taxis.'*

Igor Stravinsky, referring to his friend, American poet WH Auden (Wystan Hugh Auden), who presumably must have been very wrinkled: *'Pretty soon we're going to have to smooth Wystan out to see who he is.'*

American actor, Robert Redford: *'I'm not a facelift person. I am what I am. It's OK for some people, but the trade-off is that something of your soul in your face goes away. You end up looking body-snatched in the last analysis.'*

Eleanor Roosevelt, USA First Lady from 1933-1945: *'Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art.'*

JK Rowling, author of the 'Harry Potter' series of books, explaining in 'The Times' in

April 2010 her decision, as a single mother, to remain living in the UK and face massive tax liability, rather than escaping to a tax haven: *'I am indebted to the British welfare state; the very one that Mr Cameron would like to replace with charity handouts. When my life hit rock bottom, that safety net -threadbare though it had become under John Major's government - was there to break the fall. I cannot help feeling, therefore, that it would have been contemptible to rush off to the West Indies at the first sniff of a seven-figure royalty cheque. This, if you like, is my notion of patriotism.'*

South African writer Wilbur Smith, upon being asked what the one thing was that he would try to save if his house went up in flames: *'My ass.'*

Mizuta Masahide, poet and samurai (1657-1723): *'Since my house burned down/ I now have a better view/ Of the rising moon.'*

Noel Coward, English playwright and actor (1899-1973): *'Why do I drink champagne for breakfast? Doesn't everyone?'*

Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, to her daughter Queen Elizabeth II when she had a rare glass of wine at lunch: *'Is that wise? You know you have to reign this afternoon.'*

Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor and King of Spain (1500-1558): *'I speak Spanish to God, Italian to women, French to men, and German to my horse.'*

Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft, advising senior school pupils regarding one of life's lessons he believes they are not taught at school: *'Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.'*

Nelson Mandela, 'Long Walk to Freedom' 1994: *'I was not born with a hunger to be free, I was born free - in every way that I could know ... It was only when I began to learn that my boyhood freedom was an illusion, when I discovered as a young man that my freedom had already been taken from me, that I began to hunger for it.'*

Hannah Senesh, poet, playwright, and paratrooper (1921-1944): *'There are stars whose brilliance is visible on Earth though they have long been extinct. There are people whose brilliance continues to light the world though they are no longer among the living. These lights are particularly bright when the night is dark. They light the way for humankind.'*

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MEETING OF 12 DECEMBER 2013

ATTENDANCE

Membership: 27
Present: 22
Make Ups: 5
Apologies: 3
Attendance: 96%

Rotarian visitors: Oistein & Evelyn Glommi, Nittedal RC, Norway & Nicole Graf, RC St Gallen, Switzerland.

Visitors: Stephen van Niekerk for the last time, a visitor!, Anne O'Driscoll, Keela O'Driscoll, Wenche Hovstad, Valda Todd (the birthday lady), Sharon Barnard, Edith Hime, Phillip Munday, Lindsay Schreiber, Barbara Smith, Mary Vivian.

Special greetings and condolences to Wynberg Rotary Club and South Africa from Randy Brooks (DG District 5500, Arizona & 2009 GSE team leader) & Ray Klinginsmith (PRI President 2010-11 and exchange student in 1961 hosted by Wynberg RC).

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

CHRISTMAS MEETING MINUTES

Three wonderful Rotary Wynberg happenings took place at our Christmas Evening on 12 December 2013 when we inducted a new member, Stephen van Niekerk, into Rotary Wynberg and Mike Schreiber was awarded a much deserved Paul Harris certificate and badge for his extensive and much appreciated services to Rotary Wynberg, the Rotary movement and the many communities and causes he and we support.



PP Mike Schreiber & PP Karen Overbosch
after Mike received his much deserved Paul
Harris Award for services rendered.



Closer now, much better!



New member Stephen van Niekerk &
President Karen Overbosch after
Stephen's induction into Rotary Wynberg
on 12 December 2013

Congratulations to both PP Mike Schreiber & New Member Stephen van Niekerk. We look forward to your continued involvement and support of Rotary Wynberg.

The third happening was of course the enjoyable Christmas supper and the annual present swapping. This year the present swapping followed much the same as in previous years overlaid with complexities designed and executed by PP Mike Schreiber that all but baffled us which was only really understood by Mike himself, if indeed he *did* understand it. Nevertheless the evening was enjoyed by all and everyone seemed to be happy with their Christmas gifts.

CONGRATULATIONS:



JENNIFER LEIGH LAWRENCE

**Congratulations to
the Lawrence family
on the recent birth of
their daughter,
Jennifer Leigh
Lawrence.
*All are doing well!***



PROUD DAD. SHAUN LAWRENCE

PROGRAMME

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| January 2014 | Committee: James, Danckwerts, Schreiber, Smith, Williams, Lidgley |
| 9 January | Business meeting - Rotary info. Meeting |
| 10 January | World Inner Wheel Day |
| 15 January | School starts |
| 16 January | Simisha Pather: 'Energy and Sustainable Development' |
| 23 January | Kathryn Hoeflich: Indian Ocean tsunami warning centre |
| 24-26 January | Rotaract Kiddies Camp |
| 30 January | Social–TBA |

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| February 2014 | Committee: Barnard, Bird, Hovstad, Michalowsky, Wetmore, Jackson, Schonegevel |
| 2 February | Opera in a Convent Garden |
| 3 February | Board meeting |
| 5 February | Wynberg Rotaract meeting |
| 6February | Business meeting |
| 12 February | Retreat Rotaract meeting |
| 13 February | Interact evening |
| 14 February | Valentine's Day |
| 15 February | Valentine's Day social |
| 19 February | Wynberg Rotaract meeting |
| 20February | Wendy Dias "Anti-Counterfeiting and Security." |
| 23 February | Rotary International birthday (109 this year) |
| 26 February | Retreat Rotaract meeting |
| 27February | Elizabeth Daly – Public knowledge and stormwater quality in Cape Town: implications for management. |

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| March 2014 | Committee: van Wyk, Gowdy, Overbosch, Todd, Murphy, Klotz-Gleave, van Niekerk |
| 3 March | Board meeting |
| 5 March | Wynberg Rotaract meeting |
| 6March | Business meeting |
| 9 March | Argus Cycle Tour |
| 12 March | Retreat Rotaract meeting |
| 13 March | Normal meeting /Rotaract Birthday |
| 15 & 16 March | Proms |
| 19 March | Wynberg Rotaract meeting |
| 20 March | Normal meeting |
| 21 March | Human Rights Day / Public holiday |
| 26 March | Retreat Rotaract meeting |
| 27 March | Normal meeting |
| 28 March | School holidays start |

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| April 2014 | Committee: Knight, Bredenkamp, Cleveland, Munday, Howard, van Eeden, Du Plessis |
| 2-4 April | Rotary Family Health Days |
| 7 April | School term starts |

DUTY ROSTER

| DUTY | 9 January | 16 January | 23 January | 30 January |
|-------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Sergeant | Todd | Murphy | Cleveland | Van Eeden |
| Attendance Officer | Danckwerts | Danckwerts | Danckwerts | Danckwerts |
| Wynpress Editorial | Barnard | Bird | Bredenkamp | Gowdy |
| Minutes for Wynpress | Cleveland | Danckwerts | Wetmore | Cleveland |
| Compilation of Wynpress | Wetmore | Cleveland | Danckwerts | Wetmore |
| Door Duty | Howard | Barnard | Bird | Bredenkamp |
| Grace | Williams | Van Niekerk | Howard | Schonegevel |
| Loyal Toast | Van Wyk | Howard | Williams | Barnard |
| International Toast | Van Eeden | van Wyk | Vivian | Williams |
| Speaker Introduction | TBA | James | TBA | TBA |
| Speaker Thanks | Smith | Todd | van Eeden | van Wyk |

JACKPOT:

Things are hotting up over weekly Jackpot Swindle draw! At our Christmas evening on Thursday 12 December 2013 Mike Schreiber in amongst his many other roles on the evening drew Graham Todd's name from the hat who then drew the 9 of Spades, close but no cigar. **Ag shame!**



Bev Bird received the consolation prize of R40 silver rands.

The Jackpot now stands at R1555.00.

PRESIDENT'S QUOTE:

**You will not have a better
tomorrow if you can't forget
about yesterday.
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

TAILPIECE

**You can tell a lot about a woman's mood just by her hands!
For instance, if they are holding a gun she is probably angry.**
