

# The Rotary Club of Wynberg Wynpress



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## Editorial

*Contributed by Keela*

### Chinese New Year 2016: The Year of the Monkey

Chinese New Year is celebrated across the world, with the biggest celebrations outside of Asia taking place in London. The new year, also known as the Spring Festival, is marked by the lunisolar Chinese calendar, so the date changes from year to year. The festivities usually start the day before the New Year and continue until the Lantern Festival, the 15th day of the new year. This year it's the Year of the Monkey. People born in the Year of the Monkey are characterised as quick-witted, curious, innovative and mischievous. **Lucky numbers:** 1, 7, 8, **Lucky colours:** white, gold, blue, **Lucky flowers:** chrysanthemum, alliums, **Lucky directions:** north, northwest, west.

Some things to be avoided on the first day of the Chinese New Year:

1. **Medicine:** Taking medicine on the first day of the lunar year means one will get ill for a whole year.
2. **New Year's breakfast:** Porridge should not be eaten, because it is considered that only poor people have porridge for breakfast, and people don't want to start the year "poor" as this is a bad omen.
3. **Laundry:** People do not wash clothes on the first and second day, because these two days are celebrated as the birthday of Shuishen ( the Water God).
4. **Washing hair:** Hair must not be washed on the first day of the lunar year. In the Chinese language, the word for hair can also mean 'to become wealthy'. Therefore, it is seen as not a good thing to "wash one's fortune away" at the beginning of the New Year.
5. **Going out:** A woman may not leave her house; otherwise she will be plagued with bad luck for the entire coming year. A married daughter is not allowed to visit the house of her parents, as this is believed to bring bad luck to the parents, causing economic hardship for the family.
6. **The broom:** If you sweep on this day then your wealth will be swept away too.
7. **Welcoming the New Year:** According to tradition, people must stay up late on New Year's Eve to welcome the New Year, and then to let off firecrackers and fireworks to scare off inauspicious spirits and Nian, the new Year monster.

# Minutes

14 January 2016

Compiled by Hugh Maunder

## Attendance

73%

## Visitors

Richard Cock, Debbie Scott (with Keela), Alan Mckelvey (with Bruce), Val Cleveland, Birthday girl Mary Vivian, and Brian with Lina.

## From the President's Chair

The club would investigate the possibility of getting involved in Alan Mckelvey's suggested fund raising project (see below).

## Slots

Alan Mckelvey, representing the Rotary Club of Lisburn, and the Belfast Harlequins Rugby Club, spoke about an Irish fundraiser supporting Masiphumelele. They have arranged an evening for Ruan Pienaar the Springbok scrum half and Robbie Diack the Capetonian who plays rugby for Ireland to talk about their experiences over dinner of babotie followed by malva pudding on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April. They have suggested and put to the club that we hold a similar evening here in Cape Town with Bobbie Skinstadt and Robbie Fleck.

## Fellowship Announcements

Hugh informed members that HIKEFOR was hiking locally on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m and any members that wished to join the 3 hour hike should meet at Peddlars.

## Guest Speaker

Richard Cock had conducted the orchestra at Rotary Wynberg's "Last Night of the Proms" for 25 years, He regaled us with many interesting and amusing stories of conductors throughout the ages. However, in a more serious note, he told us that teaching and production of classical music was being treated with less importance in schools in Gauteng. To overcome that, he spends a considerable amount of time visiting institutions, in the area, to promote musical appreciation.

## Swindle

The meeting was held at the Western Province Cricket club and String did not have the necessary equipment.

## President's Quote

Without music life would be a mistake – Friedrich Nietzsche

# Going Forward

Dates To Diarise	
Thur Jan 21	Dr Gallie, Eugene Daniels: Education Moving Up. A very important meeting for all Wynberg Rotarians, as we are investigating doing a major project with them
Thur Jan 28	Thelma Naude of Huntington's Association of South Africa and she will be telling us about Huntington's Disease
Sat – Sun Jan 30/31	Roteract Kiddies Day (support may be needed, details tbc)
Sun Jan 31	Opera in a Convent Garden (RC Kromboom fundraiser)
Thur Feb 4	Business meeting with special topic: The Wynberg Rotary Trust
Thur Feb 11	Still need a speaker
Thur Feb 18	Gavin Schachat: Youth Exchange
Thur Feb 25	Fellowship evening (suggested, with RI Conference delegates)
Fri – Sat Feb 26/27	RI Entrepreneur Conference, Kelvin Grove
Sat Feb 27	Wynberg Rotaract: Constantia Primary funday (support needed, details tbc)
Thur Mar 3	Business Meeting
Sun Mar 6	Cycle Tour: support needed, String to organise
Sun Mar 13	HIKEFOR – Liesbeek River Walk
Sat / Sun Mar 19/20	The Last Night of the Proms 2016 at the City Hall
Sun Apr 3	Rotary Family Fun Day, Blue Train, Sea Point ( <i>Support needed</i> )
Thur Apr 28	Thursday, 28 April      D9350 POETS for Board 2016-2017
Fri – Sat Apr 30	District Conference

# Duty Roster

	January			February
	21	28	4 (Business mtg)	11
Sergeant	Overbosch	Schreiber	Todd	V Eeden
Wynpress Editorial	Van Niekerk S	Van Wyk	Vivian	Barnard
Wynpress Minutes	Howard	Cleveland	Smith	Maunder
Door Duty	Bird	Cleveland	Danckwerts	Dessington
Grace	Murphy	O'Driscoll	Overbosch	Schonegevel
Loyal Toast	Danckwerts	Dessington	Dietrich	Gowdy
International Toast	Jackson	Lidgley	Maunder	Munday
Speaker Intro	Van Eeden	Michalowski	N/A	Vivian
Speaker Thanks	James	Van Niekerk S	N/A	Lidgley
Find speakers			Cleveland, James, O'Driscoll, van Eeden, Overbosch	

## The Infinite Loop!

An infinite loop is a computer programming concept, describing a situation of cause and effect that continues forever, one action causing another action that causes the first action etc. These loops never happen in real life, unless...

### A company CEO tells his secretary:

"Next week we're going to a some quality time together, arrangements."

### husband:

me abroad for a week on yourself during this time."

"My wife is going abroad for a



convention abroad and spend please make all the required

### The secretary calls her

"Next week the boss is taking business, please take care of

### The husband calls his lover:

week, let's spend it together..."

**The lover, a private school teacher, tells the children:**

"Because of a personal problem, I will not be at school next week, so you'll be studying at home."

**One of the kids went to his grandfather and said:**

Grandpa, next week I don't have school, you promised me that if I had time off we'd go to the mountains together."

**The grandfather, who was also the CEO, calls his secretary and tells her:**

"My grandson asked me to spend the week with him, so we're not going abroad."

**The secretary calls her husband:**

"The boss cancelled, we'll be together, my love."

**The husband calls his lover:**

"We can't spend the week together, my wife is staying."

**The lover tells the kids:**

"My problem was solved, school is back on."

**The kid goes to the grandfather:**

"Sorry grandpa, school is back on, I won't be able to go."

**The CEO calls his secretary:**

"My grandson won't be able to spend next week with me, rebook the flight abroad"

**The secretary calls her husband.....**

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