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Brownies & downies



Brownies and downies is a non-profit organization that cares for people with mentally challenged disabilities. Wendy Vermeulen who is the founder has recently launched a coffee shop and lunchroom that is open to the public, tourists and businesses. First and foremost, however, it is a training centre for people with intellectual disabilities, and a vessel to create change and acceptance in the South African culture. Special needs trainees are trained to be employable in the hospitality and service sectors. The eatery has been classified the first of its kind.

They have been very fortunate to be sponsored by Truth Coffee, Yale, Spar, Top Bakkers and many others.

As you know, it is already very difficult to find a new job as a normal person so you can just imagine how difficult it must be for people with a disability. This is truly an initiative that is making a difference on a big scale.

This is a business that actually doesn't care about making thousands in profits but rather in helping others. It's a no brainer!!!

So the next time you feel like coffee, why not buy a coffee that can actually make a difference.

Address: 2 Long St, Cape Town City Centre.

Hours: Monday – Friday 7:00 - 17:00

Good things happen over coffee

by Ruth Dessington

Minutes

10th March, 2016

	Compiled by Barry Cleveland
Attendance	19 Rotarians + 1 Hon. Rotarian present: 69%
Visitors	Monique Bayes, Guy Orsmond, Jade Jacobsohn (Guest Speaker)
Fellowship	Candice celebrates a wedding anniversary on 15 th March
From the President	A highlight for any President is to induct new members to the club during his year of office. President Stephen cheerfully conducted this task and welcomed Jean and Sanmari Crous to membership of Wynberg Rotary Club.
Slots	<p>BIFFY 1. Any more Directory booklets needed? Regalia? Shirts?</p> <p>2. Anyone interested in Rotary Foundation, who would be prepared to shadow her for a year and then take over the portfolio?</p> <p>3. The Global Grant for Victoria Hospital also needs some hands-on work:</p> <p>(a) Built in cupboards</p> <p>(b) Making up curtains around hospital beds.</p> <p>Great fellowship opportunity – volunteers, please...!</p> <p>DAVID: For the proposed social evening on 31 March, he kindly offered his home as venue for a Bring-and-Braai. He will be away immediately prior to this, so Sanmari will co-ordinate.</p> <p>STRING: 1. Thanks to all who helped at the Cycle Tour. R4700 has been paid to WRC's Club Funds account.</p> <p>2. Don is now out of hospital and resting at home.</p> <p>BARRY: With just over a week to go, there are about 100 tickets left for Saturday's Proms concert, but Sunday has barely a half dozen seats left. Please contact Francois with any special time slots required; otherwise he will allocate them. Manpower list plus other Proms last minute information will be distributed next Thursday 17 March.</p>
Guest Speaker	<p>Dave introduced Jade Jacobsohn, the MD of <i>Nal'ibali</i> ("here's the story"), a NGO campaign started in 2012 to encourage reading for enjoyment amongst children. There are now +800 reading clubs comprising some 25 000 children in 7 provinces and overseen by +4 500 trained adults. Promotion has been by +20 million supplements, delivered in English plus on African language. 266 700 story books have been distributed throughout the country and they claim 5 million listeners per week on regional radio channels. But there is <i>still</i> a literacy crisis in SA, where reading has no perceived value. Mostly parents don't read to their children, and for African children there is little material available in their mother tongue.</p> <p>A huge challenge, but Rob thanked Jade and her organization for the sterling work they are doing to address illiteracy in the country.</p>
Swindle	With the new kitty starting off at R245, Sanmari cunningly drew her own name, but there her luck stopped. The prized 2♥ will live at least another week, while the 3♥ was destroyed. Stephen won the R15 Attendance prize.

Duty Roster

	March			April
	17	24	31	7 (Business)
Sergeant	Murphy	NO MEETING	Club Social	Barnard
Wynpress Editorial	Danckwerts			Dietrich
Wynpress Minutes	Smith			Van Niekerk
Door Duty	Jackson			James
Grace	Van Wyk			Vivian
Loyal Toast	Munday			Lidgley
International Toast	Cleveland			Dessington
Speaker Intro	N/A			N/A
Speaker Thanks	N/A			N/A
Entertainment for the month	Barnard, Dessington, Jackson, Maunder			Van Niekerk (S), Bredenkamp, James, Smith, Vivian

Going Forward

Dates To Diarise

17 Mar	Raid by RC Melkbos
19/20 Mar	Last Night of the Proms
24 Mar	No meeting (Easter weekend)
26 Mar	Two Oceans
31 Mar	Social Bring and Braai at the Barnards'
3 Apr	Rotary Family Fun Day, Sea Point
7 Apr	Business meeting
9 Apr	Hands on project: SOS at Train Park (Keela)
14 Apr	Foundation: Carl-Heinz Duisberg
21 Apr	Speaker tbc
28/29/30 Apr	District Conference

Members' Moments

Dave's son James has been approved as a 'Springbok Scout'.

Mike's son Rob was awarded a Bronze Medal in the SA Championships for rowing. But he lost 15Kg in the training process ("Beer prevents anorexia" – Bruce)

President's Quotes

All who have meditated on the art of governing mankind have been convinced that the fate of empires depends on the education of youth. *- Aristotle*

There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it's going to be a butterfly. *- Buckminster Fuller*

A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark. *- Chinese Proverb*

...and finally, a story for St Patrick's Day:

On a bitterly cold winter morning an Irish husband and wife in Dublin were listening to the radio during breakfast. They heard the announcer say, "We are going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even-numbered side of the street, so the snow ploughs can get through. "So the good wife went out and moved her car.

A week later while they are eating breakfast again, the radio announcer said, "We are expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street, so the snow ploughs can get through. "The good wife went out and moved her car again.

The next week they are again having breakfast, when the radio announcer says, "We are expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today. You must park...." Then the electric power went out. The good wife was very upset, and with a worried look on her face she said, "I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snow ploughs can get through?"

Then with the love and understanding in his voice that all men who are married to blondes exhibit, the husband replied,

"Why don't you just leave the car in the garage this time."

I didn't see it coming either – Ed.



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