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Editorial

Gas to Europe

Submitted by Dennis Gowdy

During the recent visit by some of our members to Norway Odd Henning Johannessen once again managed to come up with something in our program that, for me who has visited a number of times, was different and highly interesting.

In 2001 GASSCO was formed for the commercial transport of natural gas to Europe. Coming from platforms in the North Sea, gas is transported through a labyrinth of 7,928 Kilometres of mostly underwater pipelines to 2 processing plants in Norway where it is blended according to user requirements and then 'delivered' through terminals in Europe – 2 each in the U.K. and Germany and 1 each in France and Belgium.

Head office is situated a short way outside of Kopervik, which is where we went for our visit. Only 362 skilled employees operate this highly sophisticated network. We were taken to an observation area overlooking the control room where 3 operators monitor computer screens (huge) and are responsible for order taking, liaising with platforms and processing plants to control the inflow of gasses from platforms for blending the gases to meet the specifications according to each customer requirement, liaising with the processing plants and controlling the outflow of gas to terminals in the countries mentioned.

The unfortunately poor reproduction quality of the network is illustrated





Minutes

20 August 2015

Compiled by: Lina Goddan

Attendance, Apologies & Make-ups	72%
Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Melvin Moodley • Bronwyn Maree from Constantia Rotary
Fellowship Announcements	<u>Stephen (President)</u> : Stephen thanked all those who helped to make the Interact Conference such a success. Special thanks to Justin for all the work he put in.
Slots	<p><u>Quiz night</u>: Reminder to book your table for the Quiz Night (20 September) by emailing literacy@wynbergrotary.org.za (R100 per person including R60 meal voucher – Tangos). There are 11 tables left.</p> <p><u>Dennis</u>: visited 4 NLC schools to deliver recycling items and dictionaries.</p> <p><u>Alan</u>: Thanks to Justin for an extremely well run Interact Conference.</p>
Guest Speaker	<p><u>Dr Melvin Moodley – Victoria Hospital</u></p> <p>Dr Moodley the CEO of Victoria Hospital. He gave a comprehensive talk about the history and development of the hospital. Victoria Hospital takes care of 600 000 people in the area- so it is well utilised and provides high quality care.</p> <p>Staff of 450 – regarded as a centre of teaching.</p> <p>Has 184 beds and in July was 96% full.</p> <p>He expressed thanks for the assistance that WRC has given the hospital and the need for such help.</p> <p>Melvin Moodley qualified as a medical doctor in 2000, at the University of Kwazulu-Natal. In 2004, he moved to Cape Town where he developed an interest in Emergency Medicine. After several years as an emergency physician in both the public and private sector, and a slowly manifesting interest in systems improvement, an academic restlessness compelled Melvin to join the UCT Graduate school of Business, MBA program. While on the program he was exposed to Lean, and was hooked. Here was a scientific approach to systems improvement that could be applied to his other passion, healthcare.</p> <p>Melvin spends his free time with his family. While committed to a healthy lifestyle, he will rarely pass the opportunity to try a new and interesting wine. He also loves reading, although he has an odd aversion to crime fiction. He is passionate about teaching.</p>
Swindle	Prize Money was R1295, sadly Stephen B did not pick the elusive King of clubs. Dr Moodley won the attendance prize of R15.
President's quote	A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty - Winston Churchill

Going forward

Dates to Diarise

Thur Aug 27	Normal meeting : at Khanyisa (Jackie)
Thur Sep 3:	Business meeting
Sat Sep 12	Social / weekend visit to Renosterveld: (Alan)
Thur Sep 17:	Quiz Evening @ Tangos! (Justin)
Wed – Fri 7-9 Oct:	Rotary Family Health Days
Sat Oct 24:	District Mini-conference – Worcester
Thur Nov 26:	Election of Office Bearers

See the WRC [calendar](http://wynbergrotary.org.za/calendar/) (http://wynbergrotary.org.za/calendar/) for full details.



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TAILPIECE

A linguistics professor was lecturing his class one day.

'In English', he said, 'A double negative forms a positive. In some languages, though, such as Russian, a double negative is still a negative. However, there is no language wherein a double positive can form a negative.'

A loud voice from the back of the room piped up, 'Yeah, right'

*“Rotarians are very
much more
favorably disposed
toward action than
they are toward
words.”*

~ Paul P. Harris
Rotary Club of Chicago
November 1912

