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Rotary's November focus is Youth (Earlyact, Interact and Rotaract)

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Editorial

Submitted by Don Lidgley

Today's selection -- from *Ike's Gamble* by Michael Doran. President Dwight Eisenhower wanted to have a broad and favorable alliance with Arab nations, and so worked to build an alliance with Egypt and its leader Gamal Abdel Nasser -- the presumed leader of a pan-Arab coalition called the Arab League. President Harry Truman, Eisenhower's predecessor, had strongly supported the creation of the new nation of Israel, and presided over the United States' recognition of Israel, even though the U.S. State Department had shown concern that it would cause a backlash from the Arab nations. In part because of this, Eisenhower was interested in a more pro-Arab policy, and courted the favor of Egypt by helping mediate the reluctant 1956 departure of the British from the Suez Canal, where they had presided since 1869.

Yet the U.S. was clumsy in its approach to the Arabs, not recognizing rivalries among these nations. Further, the U.S. was actively promoting a defensive alliance among the so-called "Northern Tier" of Turkey, Iraq, Iran, and Pakistan, which were Muslim nations

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geographically close to America's emerging nemesis, the Soviet Union -- and Egypt objected to this alliance. Despite its efforts, the U.S. fell short of establishing a durable alliance with Egypt, especially after the U.S. declined to finance the Aswan Dam, and Egypt turned to the Soviets. And Nasser's increasingly anti-Western speeches were broadcast throughout the Arab world on equipment paid for by American taxpayers:

"As soon as the Northern Tier [defense alliance] started to take shape, Nasser's pro-propagandists denounced it as a menace to the Arab League -- a plot to divide the Arabs in order to protect Israel and the British. In the first half of 1954, the denunciations grew increasingly shrill. By July, Prime Minister Menderes of Turkey was complaining to the American ambassador in Ankara about the personal attacks against him that were appearing in Egyptian propaganda, which, at the same time, was denouncing the Turco-Pakistani pact 'as an instrument calculated to destroy the Arab League.'

"[Egyptian leader Gamal Abdel] Nasser was publicly announcing a policy of neutrality in the Cold War, attacking an American ally, and heaping scorn on [Secretary of State John Foster] Dulles's major foreign policy initiative in the Middle East -- yet Washington lodged no protest in Cairo. Remarkably, the Americans were so confident in Nasser's commitment to the West that they actually furnished him with the tools to spread his revolutionary message across the Arab world. As the historian Kenneth Osgood has amply documented, it was with American aid, in the form of direct assistance from the CIA, that the Egyptians set up their formidable propaganda system.

"In addition to providing Nasser with the most powerful broadcasting equipment in the Arab world, the CIA loaned the Egyptians experts on psychological warfare, including the legendary Paul Linebarger, whom one admirer in the CIA viewed as 'perhaps the leading practitioner of "black" and "gray" propaganda in the Western World.' The Americans also provided audience analyses, training in all aspects of broadcasting, and grants for officials working in the media to travel to the United States, where they toured broadcast facilities and learned tradecraft. The CIA has long been accused of facilitating the transfer of ex-Nazi intelligence officers to Egypt, some of whom contributed to Egyptian propaganda. Among them was Franz Bunsch, a former aide to Joseph Goebbels best known for his anti-Semitic tract *The Sexual Habits of Jews*. Whether the CIA was truly responsible for the appearance of the Nazis in Egypt, the full-throated campaign of incitement against Iraq that erupted upon the signing of the Turco-Iraqi Pact was certainly made possible, in part, by the generous assistance of the American taxpayer.

Minutes

3 November 2016

	Compiled by Keela Van Niekerk
Attendance	17/27
Visitors	Nil
Fellowship Announcements	Birthdays: Janet van Wyk (4 th) Welcome back to Bruce, Don and Dave
Slots	Biffy: UP parking duty roster Justin: Cape Town Potjiekos on 20 th Nov Hugh: Put shelves that John helped to build at Victoria hospital Rob: Reminded everyone to send in their nominations for President Elect for 2018/2019 by 30 November Karen: 10 December we will have our Christmas party at her house, more details to follow Kindly remember to message Karen/Alan if you will not be eating at the next meeting, each week.
Guest Speaker	N/A (Business Meeting)
Swindle	R1420, Barry drew the wrong card and Lina won the R20 attendance prize.
President's Song	Adele – Rolling in the Deep

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Going Forward

Dates To Diarise

Nov 10th	<p>Marco & Marvin from the Zeekoeivlei Sailing Centre, an enterprise long supported by WRC, will update us on their ongoing work, providing sport, life-skills and employment opportunities to disadvantaged youngsters.</p> <p>NB This meeting will be at Zeekoeivlei Yacht Club. Bring 'n Braai.</p>
Nov 17th	<p>Dr Muavia Gallie of Education Moving Up, a previous presenter to the club concerning the many problems facing the SA education system, will highlight the most urgent issues requiring intervention in our schools, the way in which their intervention occurs and the results they achieve</p>
Nov 24th	<p>Abe Oliver from False Bay College will tell us about the 'Rapid Incubator' program designed as a fun way of introducing young learners to the principles of Entrepreneurship</p>
Tues 29 th Nov	<p>WRC's evening for hosting at Uncle Paul's (Message Keela if you are able to attend, for catering purposes)</p> <p>Rotary Club of Hout Bay have a Laugh out Loud Quiz night 19H00.</p>
27 Nov. to 24 Dec.	<p>Uncle Paul's Christmas Fun. Don't forget to volunteer for duties.</p>
10 December	<p>End of year / Christmas Party at Karen's house, formal invitation to be sent.</p>



Duty Roster				
	November			December
	10	17	24	1
Sergeant	Todd	Van Eeden	Barnard	
Wynpress Editorial	Maunder	Munday	Murphy	
Wynpress Minutes	Smith	Howard	Cleveland	
Door Duty	Schonegevel	Schreiber	Smith	
Grace	Munday	Hovstad	Lidgley	
Loyal Toast	Todd	Cleveland	Bayes	
International Toast	Murphy	Smith	Schonegevel	
Speaker Intro	van Niekerk	Bayes	Barnard	
Speaker Thanks	Schreiber	Schonegevel	van Eeden	
Entertainment for the month	Van Eeden van Niekerk Cleveland Dietrich			



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