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**Rotary's June focus is Fellowship**

## EDITORIAL

2017-18 RI President Ian H.S. Riseley announces his presidential theme -

### ***Rotary: Making a Difference***

Rotary International President-elect Ian H.S. Riseley made the case on Monday that protecting the environment and curbing climate change are essential to Rotary's goal of sustainable service.

Riseley, a member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia, unveiled the 2017-18 presidential theme, *Rotary: Making a Difference*, to incoming district governors at Rotary's International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

Environmental degradation and global climate change are serious threats to everyone, Riseley said. "They are having a disproportionate impact on those who are most vulnerable, those to whom Rotary has the greatest responsibility. Yet environmental issues rarely register on the Rotary agenda," he said.

"The time is long past when environmental sustainability can be dismissed as not Rotary's concern. It is, and must be, everyone's concern," he said.

The president-elect challenged every Rotary club to make a difference by planting a tree for each of its members between the start of the Rotary year on 1 July 2017 and Earth Day on 22 April 2018. Trees remove carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from the air, which slows global warming.

“It is my hope that the result of that effort will be far greater than the environmental benefit that those 1.2 million new trees will bring,” Riseley said. “I believe the greater result will be a Rotary that recognizes our responsibility not only to the people on our planet, but to the planet itself.”

### **Securing Rotary’s future**

In his address to the 2017-18 class of district governors, Riseley also urged clubs to improve their gender balance and lower the average age of their members.

Only 22 percent of Rotary’s members are women, up from 13 percent 10 years ago. At that rate, Riseley said, it will take another three decades for Rotary to achieve gender parity.

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“Three decades is far too long to wait to achieve a Rotary that reflects the world in which we live. We need to make it a priority now,” he said.

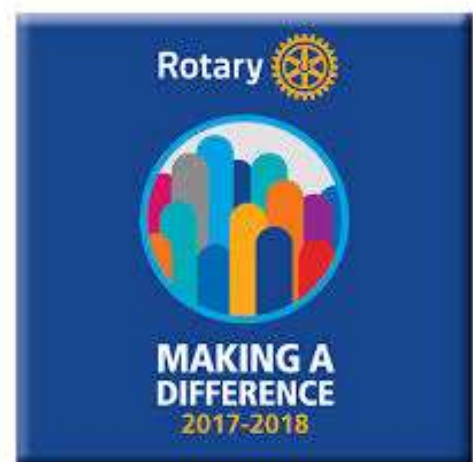
Noting that 103 of the 539 incoming governors are women, Riseley said they are the type of women we need in Rotary, “leaders who will help Rotary connect with, and represent, and better serve, all of the members of all our communities.”

Riseley also believes it is imperative that clubs find ways to attract and engage younger members. Today only 5 percent of reported members are under 40, and a majority of members are over 60, Riseley told the audience.

“Consider what Rotary stands to look like 10 or 20 years from now if we don’t get very serious, very soon, about bringing in younger members,” Riseley said.

Clubs will make a difference this year through their own decisions, said Riseley, but it will take teamwork on a global scale to move Rotary forward and secure its future.

“We know that we can do more together than we could ever hope to do alone,” he told incoming governors. “I ask you to keep that spirit of teamwork and cooperation always in your minds and to take it back with you to your districts.”



*Submitted by Candice Klotz-Gleave (for Karen Overbosch)*

# Minutes

25<sup>th</sup> May 2017

	Compiled by Barry Cleveland
Attendance	17 members present
Visitors	Stephanie Thomas (for the last time as Visitor!), Stephanie's parents Richard and Olga, Erika (Rotarian) and Karim Hajaji, Kevin Simpson (Guest Speaker).
Fellowship (in hindsight!)	21 <sup>st</sup> Keela's birthday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Stephanie's birthday
From the President	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Enjoyed this week's editorial on wine sniffing; and is anxious to be included in the next panel elected to retest the results – especially the drinking part afterwards.</li> <li>2. Attended Wynberg Rotaract induction last Saturday.</li> <li>3. Reminder to diarise the Quiz evening on 26 September.</li> <li>4. Visitors Richard and Olga Thomas are actually ex Rotarians, which explains Stephanie's interest!</li> <li>5. The highlight of a President's year is the induction of a new member. Stephanie Thomas has been visiting Wynberg Rotary Club for a number of months and, happily has accepted the invitation to join the club. Pres. Alan conducted the formalities and warmly welcomed her as our newest (and youngest) Rotarian.</li> </ol>
Slots	<p><b>Biffy:</b> Keela damaged her knee at the FNB 'Gun Run' last Saturday.</p> <p><b>Dennis</b> (from first hand experience last Saturday) warns owners of cars with 'run flat' tyres to be wary of rough gravel roads!</p> <p><b>Justin:</b> Reminder of First Aid course 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> June Level 1 – subsidized for Rotarians.</p> <p>New gifts for guest speakers: Maths sets to be donated to schools.</p>
President's song	Barry identified 'Both Sides Now'. Security had to be summoned to quell the spontaneous standing ovation – Ed.
Speaker	<p>Kevin Simpson's interest in bee keeping stemmed from observing a swarm in their garden while in Dubai in the '90s. He then bought 4.5Ha near Sedgfield, and currently also has a number of hives in the Kogelberg (near Betty's Bay) and Franschhoek. Some interesting facts emerged: the queen bee can lay 2000-2500 eggs per day; Eucalyptus is highly prized, as it is a source of pollen for 12 months of the year; fynbos takes 4 years to produce pollen again after a veld fire; honey badgers don't go for the honey, but the bee brood in a hive.</p> <p>Kevin is an amateur bee keeper, but says the professionals will manage 1500-5000 hives – which includes transporting the hives many kilometers during pollination of especially fruit trees in the W Cape. This is also stressful for the bees, and can result in mortality of up to 20%.</p> <p>Dennis introduced, and Justin thanked our most interesting speaker.</p>
Swindle	R885 in the kitty. Stephanie drew Dennis' name but he only found the Queen of hearts (ah shame!) Attendance prize of R20 went to Monique.

# Duty Roster

	June			
	1st	8th	15th	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Sergeant	Cleveland	Hovstad	Murphy	Overbosch
Wynpress Editorial	Schonegevel J	Schreiber	Smith	Todd
Wynpress Minutes	Maunder	Howard	Van Niekerk	Howard
Door Duty	Todd	Van Niekerk	Bayes	Barnard
Grace	Murphy	Overbosch	Schonegevel J	Schonegevel R
Loyal Toast	Danckwerts	Cleveland	Dietrich	Gowdy
International Toast	Van Niekerk	Barnard	Bird	Cleveland
Speaker Intro	Danckwerts	Cleveland	Dietrich	Gowdy
Speaker Thanks	Bird	Barnard	Danckwerts	Dietrich
Entertainment for the month	Schonegevel R, Howard, Hovstad, James, Maunder			

# Going Forward

Dates To Diarise	
1 <sup>st</sup> June	James Hurford, who is a public speaking coach, will share some of his valuable training tips.
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Planning for the 2017-18 year.
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Planning for the 2017-18 year.
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Hugh Maunder: 'Some Highlights of my World Cruise'. (Hugh's Crughs? - Ed).
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Induction of Rob Murphy as President.
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Special meeting to hand over charity funds from Proms. Representatives from the performers also invited to attend.
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Business Meeting
20 <sup>th</sup> July	'Christmas in July' (details to follow).

# Tailpiece

## The Y chromosome!

People born before 1946 are called -  
*The Greatest Generation.*

People born between 1946 and 1964 are called -  
*The Baby Boomers.*

People born between 1965 and 1979 are called -  
*Generation X.*

And people born between 1980 and 2010 are called -  
*Generation Y.*

Why do we call the last group - *Generation Y*?

Y should I get a job?

Y should I leave home and find my own place?

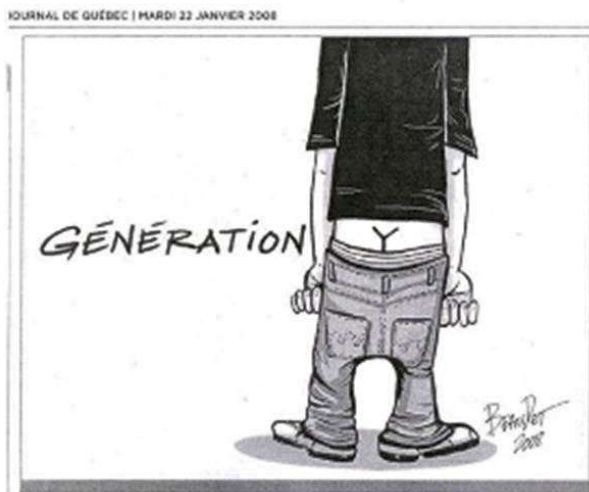
Y should I get a car when I can borrow yours?

Y should I clean my room?

Y should I wash and iron my own clothes?

Y should I buy any food?

But perhaps a cartoonist explained it most eloquently below...



Just thought you might want to know "Y"

