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Editorial

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What young professionals are looking for in Rotary

By Chris Davidson, Rotary Club of Newport News, Virginia

I attended the first-ever Rotary Young Professionals Summit held in Chicago on 26-27 September, which gathered 30 Rotarians under the age of 40 to discuss how Rotary can better attract and engage young professionals.

The summit was a huge success and thoroughly captured the essence of what Millennials and members of Generation Y are looking for — mentorship, friendship, opportunities, and fun. One of my Rotary mentors, past RI Vice President Anne L. Matthews, who I had worked with on district membership projects, had encouraged me to apply.

Joining Rotary as a 32-year-old young professional was a life-changing event. I knew I wanted to develop my leadership skills and was looking for ways to meet influential members of my community. Once I was exposed to Rotary, I realized that the best way to develop relationships with successful people was to work alongside them in the service of others. One year after joining the Rotary Club of Newport News, I travelled to Zambia as part of a grant to build footbridges in remote “limited access” communities. Rotary offers so much to young people who have the desire to help others, make connections, and learn servant leadership in a world that desperately needs more of that.

The Young Professionals Summit took place in an unconventional meeting space in downtown Chicago, furnished with coffeehouse-style seating and optimized for creative thought. For two days, we engaged in a variety of brainstorming exercises, interactive games, and small group activities, concluding each with a facilitated discussion. Ideas were documented live on large white boards by a professional sketch artist.

Common themes that emerged included:

Young professionals are not opposed to joining a club with older members, but they are seeking clubs with a broader range of members that reflect many different categories of diversity.

Millennials and members of Generation Y want to do significant acts of service that make a real difference in the lives of others.

Young professionals are appreciative of the business and mentorship opportunities they experience through Rotary. However, they do not feel these benefits, and others, are being marketed effectively to their generation.

The younger crowd is looking for a fun, flexible experience with Rotary and prefers to avoid stuffy traditions, rituals, and internal politics.

Summit attendees came from all over the United States. My favourite part was definitely the new friendships I formed. I also got a sense that Rotary International intends to put our collective ideas into action. As one of my new friends, Adam Barth from North Carolina, said, "Rotary should be a verb, not a noun." If these young professionals are any indication, I'd say the future looks very bright for Rotary.

Minutes	
21 July 2016	
	Compiled by String Smith
Attendance	14 Members = 47%
Visitors	Lara and Angela Harris.
From the President's Chair	<p>The President noted an unusual number of 15 apologies whereas members seldom bother, until it was realised that this was due to the fact that we had to order meals in advance.</p> <p>He welcomed Lara Harris, President of Wynberg Interact and her mother Angela, also Dave and San Mari returning – not together – from leave.</p>
Slots	<p>Justin needs help with an Interact Workshop on 17th September and with educational events. Any projects should be brought to the Service Committee. Ruth is planning a quiz night for 29th September.</p> <p>Graham advised members of support given by the Charles Glass Society for sustainable projects to the value of R15 000 – R20 000, applications to be received by the end of August.</p> <p>Biffy informed members of Constantia Wine Festival on 7th. October and Rotary Health Day, 12 – 14 October, venue TBA.</p>

Fellowship Announcements	<p>Graham: 42 years married on 20th July - condolences to Valda.</p> <p>Hugh was most disappointed that Ursula Andress had invited his son Mark and not him to attend to her after a recent accident.</p>
Guest Speaker	Justin introduced Lara who had been nominated by Wynberg Rotaract to attend Adventure Into Citizenship. She informed members of the visit by 52 youngsters to, inter alia, Parliament, the High Court, UWC, CAPUT, Navy Museum, Cape Town Municipality and Boulders and experiences during the week. The barn dance had been a favourite ice breaker. Mike thanked the speaker.
Sergeant's moment	Sergeant Mike held a competition on geographical knowledge.
Swindle	Visitor Angela drew the 9 of spades to everyone else's relief, so R825 next time, but Toddy audaciously went home with the R25 consolation prize.
President's Quote	No one was "In the mood" that evening!

Dates To Diarise

July 28	Schalk and Michelle van der Merwe, both past presidents of the club, will talk about their time spent in Yemen.
Aug 4	Business meeting.
Sept 9	Interact Workshop.
Oct 12 -14	Rotary Health Day

Duty Roster

	July	August	
	28	4 BUSINESS	11
Sergeant	Barnard	Cleveland	Hovstad
Wynpress Editorial	Barnard	Bayes	Bird
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Grace	Munday	Murphy	O'Driscoll
Loyal Toast	Crous J	Danckwerts	Cleveland
International Toast	van Eeden	van Niekerk K	van Niekerk S
Speaker Intro	Lidgley	Maunder	Munday
Speaker Thanks	Danckwerts	Dessington	Dietrich
Find speakers		Bayes, Barnard, Bird, Cleveland, Danckwerts	

Tailpiece

First time in history?

If Hilary Clinton wins the U.S. presidential election, it will be the first time in history that two U.S. presidents have slept with each other!

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