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Ihlombe Choral Festival

by Monique Bayes

I had the great pleasure of attending the 2016 *Ihlombe Choral Festival* at The Centre for the Book in Cape Town City Centre on Friday the 29th July. Whilst hosting an array of International Choirs, there was one that stood out. I was drawn to the resonant voices of the local young people's choir iGugu Le Kapa ('Pride of Cape Town'). They certainly make Cape Town proud.

This choir was founded at the beginning of this century by teacher and conductor Phume Tsewu; he taught at Fezeka High School. The choir adopts the Scottish Missionary tradition from boarding schools that erupted in 1941 in the Cape. Music and the singing of hymns, was part of their education. The students gave a refreshing twist to the hymns that they sung: the European four-part polyphony with question-and-answer structures are beautifully combined with whimsical cycles, based on irregular African rhythms.



Traditional Christian melodies intertwined with African traditions by well-known composers such as Enoch Sontonga (*Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika*) were performed. A traditional Afrikaans song, *Heimwee* (homesickness), was also sung. It might seem odd that a choir like iGugu Le Kapa engages in a song that is known for representing the Boer nation, but the choir sings *Heimwee* because the song is actually about the city people who long for the countryside. Newer African-American hymns were also sung which reflects a wide African choral repertoire, and highlights the evolving sounds that are produced within the churches.

iGugu Le Kapa has featured in many International events, including the Llangollen International Eisteddfod on 2012, in the Paris at the Festival de Autumne in 2013 and at the Amsterdam Festival in 2015. This choir would be a wonderful addition to our own "Last Night of the Proms", with their local flavour and international flair.

Minutes

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	Compiled by Hugh Maunder				
Attendance	20 Members =74%				
Visitors	No visitors				
From the President's Chair	Business meeting.				
Slots	Bruce: Gave members an update on the Zeekoevlei Yacht Club. The club was used by 70 children per week and many had graduated to find occupations in sailing-related businesses. The club has 15 boats of varying ages and a new boat would cost about R100 000. Rotarians were invited to attend regattas at Zeekoevlei and see the result of their support for the club				
Fellowship Announcements	Monique and Stephen had their birthdays in the week.				
Guest Speakers	No speaker at the business meeting				
Swindle	Jean drew the 6 diamonds (Ah shame!), and Karen won the attendance prize of R25.				
President's Quote Pres. Alan offered words from another song "The more I get to you strated to the great cost to Alan of the prize of a port, Justin had the answer. Pres. Alan is going to have to find even more obscure quotes if he want great expense in the future					

Dates To Diarise				
Aug 11	Dr Stewart Dix-Peek, an Orthopaedic Surgeon from UCT and Maitland Cottage Hospital, will talk about his work with patients suffering from Club-foot.			
Aug 18	Linda Wilson, from Pocket Money Market, will discuss youth entrepreneurship – an issue strongly promoted by our Rotary District.			
Aug 25	Dave Barnard has lined up a Quiz to challenge your intellectual prowess and competitive spirit. Come and test how smart you are! There may even be prizes on offer			

Duty Roster

	August			September
	11	18	25	1 Business
Sergeant	Hovstad	Murphy	Overbosch	Schreiber
Wynpress Editorial	Barnard	Bird	Crouse S	Crous (S)
Wynpress Minutes	van Niekerk K	Howard	Cleveland	Smith
Door Duty	Crous S	Cleveland	Danckwerts	Dessington
Grace	O'Driscoll	Overbosch	Schonegevel	Todd
Loyal Toast	Cleveland	Dessington	Dietrich	Gowdy
International Toast	Van Wyk	van Niekerk K	Bayes	Barnard
Speaker Intro	Munday	O'Driscoll	Murphy	
Speaker Thanks	Dietrich	Gowdy	Hovstad	
Find speakers				Dessington, Gowdy, Hovstad,

Tailpiece

YOUR LIVING WILL

Last night my wife and I were sitting in the study and I said to her,

'I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine

and fluids from a bottle to keep me alive. That would be no quality of

life at all. If that ever happens, just pull the plug.'

So she got up, unplugged the computer, and threw out my wine.

She can be such a bitch sometimes!!

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