

## HANDOVER TALK AT 2017 INDUCTION

It is my great pleasure to be reporting on the Wynberg Rotary Club's 2016/17 year

**Charlotte Witten** "Whatever women must do, they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good. Luckily, this is not difficult." It is therefore probably no mistake that the majority of our members are women.

**Albert Einstein** "Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not so sure about the former." Of course we have no stupid Rotarians however.

**Winston Churchill** "After an MP asked Churchill whether he must fall asleep while the MP is speaking, Churchill responded, "No, it's purely voluntary." I trust that you will not be falling asleep during my talk.

Among the achievements in this year are:

- A protocol and flow chart for the acceptance of projects
- A protocol regarding Conflict of Interest
- A Protocol regarding Paul Harris Awards

All of these are useful in a situation in which there has been some lack of clarity

We won the District Award for Youth – InterAct, not for our work with Interact Clubs over the past year (which requires considerable improvement aside from the good work Jackie has done), but for our outstanding contribution to A I C and the Interact Workshops over the past couple of years. Thanks to Justin in particular, but to the club as a whole, in this regard. Thanks also to all our reps to Rotaract, Interact and EarlyAct clubs.

Our relationship with Wynberg Rotaract is good, thanks to Mike for his work in this regard, and Steenberg Rotaract has undertaken some projects and acquired a venue for meetings out of members homes.

We set the unenviable record of being the last club of the year to receive the DG Ian Pursch, as a result of a late re-arrangement because I had to be in Limpopo on the date of the scheduled meeting.

Once again PROMS 2017 was outstanding, and I dare say probably yet again the best PROMS ever, and thanks to our new PROMS chair, Barry, ably assisted by Graham.

I want to thank all RWCers for their commitment to service, to the club, and for making the 2016/17 year another year of fun.

We closed off a Global Grant for Victoria Hospital and we registered the opening of the GroundUp Global Grant – thanks to Biffy and Jackie respectively for their work in this regard.

The Book Corners work has continued, and we have during the year equipped 2 more schools in this regard. Well done Ruth, assisted by Justin

The Norwegian Liaison Committee has also had another good year with visits from Haugaland and Oddemarka - further developing our relationships with these Colleges- and a visit by Odd Henning who came to Cape Town with a group of colleagues. Most importantly, we have received a commitment from the new head of Haugeland College, Solveig Rossebø Kalstad, that the college will continue to support the NLC schools project.

Rotary Family Health Day was once again a great success, and I thank Biffy for her continued leadership in this regard.

We have terminated a project with Lavender Hill High School, because of a lack of co-operation by the school

We have continued assistance to Khanyisa School for special needs children, and in doing so we have invested in attempting to develop processes which would assist the school to develop policy and processes, so as not only to sustain itself, but to flourish. Unfortunately Governance continues to be a problem. The WRC Committee responsible for this project have made a decision that we will now be a lot clearer about some non-negotiables for our continued involvement- non-negotiables which may lead to WRC needing to make the tough decision to withdraw support for the school or not.

Work we have done with Khanyisa, however, has been seminal in leading the club in a new direction- That of a focus on due diligence and paying considerably more attention to the development of projects, rather than only giving handouts. I trust that we will continue this important direction.

I believe that we ought to review our involvement in Rotary Family Fun Day. The numbers of attendees (approx. 1 000) is not growing, despite a great deal of publicity, the prizes are very largely mostly won by Rotarians and the venue is generally not conducive to finding members for our club.

We have done some important planning in June, especially around the issues of Membership, Youth, and Services, and I feel sure that it will assist us going forward.

Thanks very much all who have served on the 2016/17 Board – Mike, Rob, Karen, Candice, and Justin. To Mike, thanks for picking up the mantle of Treasurer once again, and for your wisdom, knowledge of Rotary and sense of humour. To Rob for your quiet rigour w.r.t. the Board minutes and agendas, and your sense of humour. To Candice for your commitment to the youth, for helping us fill the Youth portfolio with a relatively youthful person, and for your willingness to continue in this role into the new year. To Karen for taking on membership and for your important poll. To Justin for the energy you brought to the Services work, to PR and to keeping us on our toes generally.

A special thanks is due to Justin and Karen, both of whom are not continuing on the Board into the new year. Thank you both very much.

We are pleased to have Roche with us tonight, a clear indication of his continued commitment to the club, despite his regrettable resignation, which has become necessary due to work commitments. Thanks for the important support you have given to the club over the years Roche, and we look forward to welcoming you back when you're ready to re-join.

I gives me great pleasure to be handing over the mantle to Rob Murphy.

I believe that Rob will be a very good President. A thinking, thorough and effective one, and I look forward to working with him as part of his team in the coming year.

Alan Jackson – President