

## Editorial

### ELON MUSK

After the ground breaking event of the week: the successful launch of the huge Falcon Heavy rocket, we look at the instigator – ex-South African, Elon Musk.

Whatever you've wanted to achieve in life, Elon Musk has probably already done it. The Pretoria-born entrepreneur has had one of the greatest engineering careers in modern history, drawing comparisons with Da Vinci, Einstein and Iron Man himself, Tony Stark.

#### **He sold his first code at the age of 12**

Musk taught himself computer programming at age 10, and when he was 12, he sold his first code for a BASIC-based video game called *Bastar to PC and Office Technology* magazine, earning him \$500.

#### **He left university after just two days**

Musk enrolled in Stanford University to study physics, but after a mere two days he reconsidered and dropped out in order to apply himself to the Internet boom. He founded his first company, Zip2, which was an online newspaper, mapping and business directory and sold it for \$307 million in 1999.

#### **He reduced the cost of reaching the International Space Station by 90%**

As part of his dream to eventually bring ordinary people to space, Musk's SpaceX project has reduced the cost of reaching the International Space Station from \$1 billion to \$60 million – a 90% cut!

#### **He takes home a \$1 dollar salary per year from Tesla**

Along with other high-profile executives, Musk joined the Giving Pledge – a commitment by the world's wealthiest individuals to donate the majority of their wealth to philanthropy. The Pledge was created by Bill Gates and Warren Buffet in 2010 and ever since, Musk has received a mere \$1 salary from Tesla in addition to donating 50% of his net worth to philanthropic causes.

Here are some of his inspirational quotes:

“Failure is an option here. If things are not failing, you are not innovating enough.”

“Persistence is very important. You should not give up unless you are forced to give up.”

“If something is important enough, even if the odds are against you, you should still do it.”

“People work better when they know what the goal is and why. It is important that people look forward to coming to work in the morning and enjoy working.”

“Really pay attention to negative feedback and solicit it, particularly from friends. ... Hardly anyone does that, and it's incredibly helpful.”

*Submitted by Lina Howard*



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#### February Rotary Theme

Peace and Conflict  
Prevention/Resolution Month

**Wynberg Rotary meet every Thursday,  
6 for 6.30pm,  
Palm House, Wynberg.**

For more information about our club, like us on Facebook or visit our website:

**[Wynbergrotary.org.za](http://Wynbergrotary.org.za)**

# Minutes

8 February 2018

Compiled by Barry Cleveland

## Attendance

18 members present

## Visitors

Warren Witte (Guest Speaker), Vimbi Macheke

## From the President's Chair

Pres. Rob welcomed all to the meeting, and reminded us of some forthcoming events:

Next week, we shall have representatives from 4 Interact clubs present.

On 22 Feb. Stephen van Niekerk's father, Jerry will be Guest Speaker.

A picnic at Silvermine Dam is being planned for Sunday 4 March.

The presentation by Braam Malherbe at Bergvliet High School on Tuesday, 27 March will replace our meeting of Thursday 29 March.

## Fellowship/Members' Moments

**Aubrey** celebrates his birthday on 12 Feb. and kindly sponsored wine for the supper table.

**Gilbert**, barman at Palm House, celebrated his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday last Thursday 1 Feb.

## Slots

**String:** Needs another 2 volunteers for **Cape Town Cycle race**.

**Justin:** Update on our youth clubs:

17 March – celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

23-25 March – Rotaract/Interact camp at Glencairn

27-29 July – Rotaract District Conference at Matroosberg Nature Reserve

**Biffy:** 1. Message from Paul Scarlett, explaining that Palm House has had to reduce water consumption. Water supply to the two toilets in the main lodge has been switched off. Only borehole water in buckets for flushing. The outside toilets have been connected to the borehole supply.

2. Has met the Kansas RFE team, who are very appreciative of our offers of accommodation in March.

3. Will get permission from District to plant the 300 Spekboom saplings in May, rather than April (better chance of rain!)

Incidentally she planted out all 300 cuttings last weekend... herself!

## Guest Speaker

Warren Witte runs Integrated Aerial Systems, a company operating small sophisticated drones, used mainly in local industries – agriculture, mining, construction, land surveying and film production. An electric multi-rotor unit costs some R20 000 and comes equipped with gyro stabilizers, compass, GPS, HD camera and gimbals. It also has obstacle detection facilities and a back-to-home failsafe mechanism if things go wrong! For marine conservation, surveillance of the Cape Coast has reduced abalone poaching by 80%, but it needs to be routinely conducted, and personal risk is high.

There are understandable concerns about privacy and safety, so drones need to be handled responsibly.

Karen introduced and thanked the most interesting speaker.

## President's Sweetie Pie

Went to Biffy for her selfless planting programme.

## Swindle

With 15 cards left, Warren drew Anne's name (Keela in lieu), but it was the Queen of Spades that was torn up, and the 9 of Diamonds lives on... Dennis won the R15 attendance prize.

Duty Roster	February		March	
	15	22	1 Business	8
Sergeant	Schreiber	Todd	Barnard	Cleveland
Wynpress Editorial	Jackson	James	Dietrich	Munday
Wynpress Minutes	Bredenkamp	Maunder	Howard	Van Niekerk
Door Duty	Schonegevel R	Schreiber	Smith	Thomas
Grace	Gowdy	Cleveland	Danckwerts	Dietrich
Loyal Toast	O'Driscoll	Overbosch	Schonegevel J	Schonegevel R
International Toast	Cleveland	Dietrich	Gowdy	Hovstad
Speaker Intro and Thanks	Schonegevel J	Schonegevel R	N/A	Schreiber
Entertainment for the month	Schonegevel R, Hovstad, Howard, James, Maunder		Overbosch, Schreiber M, Smith, Todd, van Niekerk K	

## Dates To Diarise

<b>15 February</b>	Visit by reps of 4 of our Interact Clubs. Odd Henning will also attend
<b>22 February</b>	Jerry van Niekerk, and his research into SMEs in South Africa
<b>1 March</b>	Business meeting + assembly of 'Eco Bricks'
<b>8 March</b>	Hugh's Circumnavigation of the Globe – Episode 2
<b>15 March</b>	TBC



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

# Tailpiece

## How Children view their Grandparents

1 She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!"

I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye....

2. My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 62. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

3. After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

4. A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tyre; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods."

The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd got to know you sooner!"

5. A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."

6. I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colours yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what colour it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these colours yourself!"

7. When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure."  
"Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised "Mine says I'm 4 to 6."

8. A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting." She said. "How do you make babies?"  
"It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."

9. Children's Logic: "Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."

10. A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one child.

"No," said another. "He's just for good luck."

A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."

11. A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."

12. Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him!

13. My Grandparents are funny, when they bend over, you hear gas leaks and they blame their dog.