

Editorial

GIVING BACK

By Ian Kilbride (CEO and Chairman of Warwick Wealth).

All four of our children have thoroughly enjoyed, or are still benefiting from, a school whose motto is simply, "We shall give back". At first, I found the line a little obvious and cheesy, but I now think that, if nothing else, it has always reminded my wife and I that as parents, we should ensure our children are considerate to other people's needs and grow up to be adults who will also be kind, as well as generous of spirit and their time, willing always to help anyone less fortunate than themselves.

It is an old and accepted adage that charity begins at home, and yet at 55 years old I still have no idea what that means! So, I have assumed it to be: Ensure that your own family are safe, housed and fed. After that look to others and do what you can to make their lives better. Rotary and Masonic Clubs also hold that you should take care of your home and business and then deliver charity. I assume that this means, look after your loved ones, then your own source of security and then use that solid base to do positive things.

Jews, Christians, Muslims, Buddhists and most other religions encourage their followers to do good deeds and there are thousands of examples, from all creeds, of followers putting others before themselves. No religion has a monopoly on doing good. Today it's often hard to differentiate philanthropy from publicity, then again perhaps it does not matter, as long as the end result is that the less fortunate get some benefit that they otherwise would never have enjoyed.

I am a very lucky man, and regardless of what the future brings, I have always worked diligently, and thus enjoyed a fair degree of good fortune. I knew very early on in my adult life that I had "to give back". More importantly my upbringing, in an English, working class, Anglican home meant I often saw and experienced both sides of what was needed. Yet these needs were, and still remain, neglected by those who have the means, but not the sense of decency, understanding or desire to assist the most vulnerable and disadvantaged.

I have now been in business paying my own way for 25 years. I have lived more of my life in Africa than in Europe and I have seen more natural talent, humility and ability in African scholars than I have in many English private schools. Warwick, in Africa, deals with thousands of clients who live a "comfortable life", and I am also delighted that they have always supported the company's "community" projects.

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If I am ever asked, "So what can I do?" I answer as I did to my friend Greg, "Just go out and do some good," because that is all we can ever hope to achieve. Whether giving to charity is philanthropic or publicity seeking, forget the semantics, "Just get out and do some good".

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January Rotary Theme
Vocational Service Month

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

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Minutes

11 January 2018

Compiled by Stephen Bredenkamp

WELCOME

President Rob welcomed everyone and wished all a great New Year

Attendance

18 members

Visitors

2 Guests: President Peter Carter of RC Hazel Grove (near Manchester, UK) and his wife Karen, in Cape Town on holiday. And what better way to start it!

Reminder to please approach people directly if you are unable to do a duty and wish to swap, instead of a general email.

From the President's Chair

Also PLEASE to inform Biffy by Wednesday if you are / not attending meetings on the Thursday.

[See lots more in the Business Meeting]

Fellowship/Members' Moments

The club expressed their sympathies for Dave and his family, after Dave's father passed away.

Alan's birthday yesterday (10 Jan).

Kit and Dennis's birthdays tomorrow (12 Jan).

Mary Vivian's birthday on 14th Jan.

Graham reported two make-ups: he and String dutifully arrived on the 4th, to find no meeting! So they retired to Café Verde, to discuss Rotary and partake of wine.

Biffy went to East London to discuss the Clubfoot project.

A saddened (but happy father) **Alan** reported that his daughter Kirsty had left for foreign lands – Gauteng – to take up a position there. We wish her well.

Ruth has just returned from a very enjoyable mission to Malawi where she helped teach learners many skills. Accordingly the International Toast was to RC Limbe, in District 9210. They have 25 members and it is an extremely active club with many projects ranging from raising money for polio, for medical equipment, refurbishing schools (hands-on), building footbridges, providing reading-glasses, etc. To RC Limbe, and RI!

Slots

Stephen B: Congratulations to the learners and staff of Lavender Hill High for achieving an 88.6% matric pass rate;

Stephen B again!: Planning a 'day at the races' at Kenilworth end February or beginning March;

Keela: replaced President Rob's Christmas party gift, as Rob had no idea what to do with clothes pegs!

Biffy: will be taking regular orders for the Spinach King, so bring your money and order weekly. Dennis confirmed he will order some spinach bread.

Justin: Library corner book sorting on Tuesday at Southfield Methodist Church at 17:30. After much discussion it was agreed Justin will start, and everyone else will get there as soon as able to (after work, travel, etc).

Justin: Introduced a concept to raise money for Interact while creating awareness of Rotary. Braam Malherbe – extreme adventurer and motivational speaker – will talk at schools, tickets to be sold by Interactors, target parents, etc. **Graham** endorsed the speaker (ran the Great wall of China together??). **Jackie** mentioned RC Hout Bay have a good model to use. The club agreed the concept is good and should be taken to Board. Original intention – March / April.

Justin: asked about ‘Children’s day out project’. **Mike** Indicated this may be a good project to involve our Interactors (we keep meaning to have a joint project...)

Justin: asked if there was still interest in going to Silvermine for a Saturday / Sunday social. The club thought we could investigate in March / April

Dennis: informed us that Principal Denzil van Graan (Perivale) has been promoted and will be leaving for Mossel Bay. A loss for Perivale, but a very worthy promotion.

As this is a business meeting the following were introduced by the President for discussion.

DG Lynette sent us information about a Rotary friendship exchange from Kansas City. We have been asked if we can host 5 couples and 5 singles from Thursday 22 March to Sunday 25 March. We may also be doing a GG with this group. The club enthusiastically agreed.

Keela has sent out the list for Rotary Africa. Please contact her if you wish to change your subscription from paper to digital (or vice versa).

We are busy updating the Constitution and By-laws in accordance with the latest RI recommendations. Will be discussed at Board. Surprisingly no-one asked for advance information!

Tree-planting needs to be brought back on track. Biffy is co-ordinating. Jackie suggested looking at Spekboom.

For those planning a trip to Norway, it leads the ‘World Happiness Report’!

Please note that the club’s postal address has changed. Keela is handling.

Went to the birthday boys, Alan, Kit and Dennis

We were all concerned that the swindle may have been won last week, when Graham and String met. However, as they are both honest fellows, they admitted neither won it.

Business Meeting

President’s Sweetie Pie

Swindle

19 cards, and visitor Karen drew String! He tried, he really did, but the 9 of diamonds avoided him and he could only draw the Jack of Spades. Shame! The attendance award of R25 (£1.47) was won by President Peter of RC Hazel Grove.

Duty Roster	January		February	
	18	25	1	8
Sergeant	Cleveland	Hovstad	Jackson	Overbosch
Wynpress Editorial	TBC	Gowdy	Hovstad	Howard
Wynpress Minutes	Maunder	Howard	Van Niekerk	Cleveland
Door Duty	Munday	O'Driscoll	Overbosch	Schonegevel J
Grace	Van Niekerk K	Barnard	Bayes	Bredenkamp
Loyal Toast	Jackson	James	Maunder	Munday
International Toast	Barnard	Bayes	Bredenkamp	Danckwerts
Speaker Intro and Thanks	Bredenkamp	Maunder	O'Driscoll	Overbosch
Entertainment for the month	Barnard, Bayes, Gowdy, Danckwerts, Thomas		Schonegevel R, Hovstad, Howard, James, Maunder	

Dates To Diarise

18 January	Lion Geila Wills, DG of Lions International will address the club regarding possible closer working relationships between the two service organizations
25 January	Noeline de Goede of the Kay Mason Foundation, which supports deserving young pupils in their high school years in greater Cape Town, will talk about the organization's work and overall vision
1 February	The Long Term Exchange Student from Belgium, Vincent Vermeersch, currently hosted by WRC, will tell us about his programme. PLUS our STEP student, Liam Lotz will report back on his recent visit to Germany
8 February	Warren Witte, who has a PhD in Marine Conservation and is a drone pilot, will tell us about his ambition to use drones for ocean monitoring, and will show us a video of his current work
15 February	TBC: Visit by our Interact Clubs

Some pics



President Peter of RC Hazel Grove, UK,
and his wife Karen.

President Rob presenting a banner to
President Peter.



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