

Editorial

Svalbard,- your next stop on your Norwegian journey?



Svalbard. Norway's arctic archipelago.

Submitted by Are Hovstad

There was a very special painting on the wall above the well-worn sofa. A pale and somewhat diffuse face of a man filled the canvas. But what stood out, was the intense ice blue colour of his eyes. The painting was called : The Uncle. It was made by the South African famous painter, Cecil Skotnes, whose parents were Norwegian. Through this painting he paid tribute to his uncle who lived on Svalbard as a hunter for many years.

Why Svalbard? What was the fascination and attraction of this archipelago so far away from everything? Polar bears and the Northern Light are often mentioned, but there is so much more.

Svalbard is the largest of a group of islands called Spitzbergen. Norway's interests over many years have been the mining of coal and hunting. It is an extreme climate, and when the winter settles and the coast is filled with ice, no supply boats could arrive until springtime, so people in and around the town of Longyearbyen,, were totally isolated for a very long period. Because of the isolation and rough conditions, it was a very unique place which suited only very unique people. Obviously, Cecil Skotnes found his uncle to one of those.

Today, the situation is totally different. 2.100 people live permanently in Longyearbyen.. An airport secures daily flights to mainland, and there are no shortages of supplies of anything throughout the year. The mining of coal has dwindled, and the hunting has stopped as well. Tourism has taken over on a large scale, and last year saw 60.000 visitors. More and more tourists wish to experience this arctic area, but the municipality of Longyearbyen is quite reluctant to open up for mass tourism, as the area is very vulnerable.

Because of the extreme climate with low temperatures down to an average of minus 20Celsius and summer average of +7, the island was a perfect storage for the Seed Bank. Way into the mountain side is a vault which stores the world's most valuable seeds, protected from any disasters.

Also, Svalbard is a favorite place for studies of different arctic subjects as well as a popular place for scientific research.

Cecil explained the intense blue of the eyes of his uncle as a reflection of the colours of Svalbard, in the sea, the snow covered mountains and the sky.

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

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Minutes

17 August 2017

Compiled by Keela van Niekerk

Attendance

16 members present

Visitors

Ann O'Driscoll, Shelley from Wordworks,
Step Students; Lucian and Liam and Tilla (Liam's Mom)

Fellowship/ Members Moments

Adele's Birthday – 16th
Lucian – 18th (17th Birthday)
Jean Crous (past member) passed his exams and has one more to do

From the President

Thank you to all for the great DG visit last week
Robertson weekend was great and Thank you to Dave for organizing a wonderful weekend away. Dennis mentioned the great 1948 Port! 😊
Invitation: 19 September, cocktail at Kelvin Grove by 13 September to meet RI President – See your clubrunner email from District
Banner exchange – Lucian and Rob

Slots

Keela: Hands on Project - We packed 40 toiletry packs for Women's Month. (See photos)
Biffy: Curry evening on 1 September. Biffy is looking for Flower containers from induction. Kindly complete the skills audit and send to Biffy
Justin: Teams must be booked by 15 September for Quiz night, please distribute flyers

Speaker

Shelley talked about the Wordworks programme. Wordworks is currently operating at 66 schools and have over 1000 parents who graduate. The home based programme runs for 8 weeks and allows parents to learn how to help their children to improve their reading and writing schools. Majority of the schools are in the Metro South area. Schools need to apply to have the programme, which helps create commitment to the project. Montague's Gift and Lotus river runs the tutor training. Wordworks has 4 different programmes, the organization has 3 full time staff and many volunteers who run the Saturday courses at the schools with the parents.

Presidents Sweetie Pie

Sweetie Pies were awarded to Biffy and Mike for their help organizing the DG visit last week

Swindle

Liam's name was drawn, but was unsuccessful.
Are won the R25 attendance prize.



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

Duty Roster	August	September		
	24	1	7	14
Sergeant	Barnard	Friday	Hovstad	Murphy
Wynpress Editorial	Hovstad	Curry Evening	James	Lidgley
Wynpress Minutes	Howard	-	Howard	Van Niekerk
Door Duty	Thomas	No Thursday	Van Niekerk	Bayes
Grace	Dietrich	Meeting	Gowdy	Hovstad
Loyal Toast	Schonegevel R		Smith	Thomas
International Toast	Schonegevel J		Schreiber	Smith
Speaker Intro and Thanks	Smith		N/A	Todd
Entertainment for the month			Barnard, Bayes, Bird, Danckwerts, Gowdy	

Dates To Diarise

24 August	David Gore from the College of Magic will discuss the work done by the college in developing young magicians, and will share some success stories from local communities.
1 September	Curry evening at Monique's House (NB Friday)
7 September	Lufefe Nomjana, the Spinach King of Khayelitsha, will tell us about his one-man enterprise which he started in 2011 with a capital outlay of R40 and which today is a thriving business in the Khayelitsha Mall
14 September	Dr Jane Battersby, UCT lecturer and researcher, will speak on Urban Food Security
19 September	RI President Ian Riseley and Juliet Riseley visit to D9350 -Cocktail Event at Kelvin Grove, Newlands (Invitation to all)
21 September	Interact Evening at the Palms (See invitation below)
26 September	Quiz Night at Earth Fair Market, Tokai. (NB Tuesday)

Robertson weekend



DG Visit to Victoria Hospital



Hands on Project

