

## Editorial

### BAHAMAS

We nearly all have an idea that the Bahamas are a group of tropical islands somewhere near the West Indies. Nearly correct! They are in fact a group of about 800 islands and 2000 to 3000 cays (small islands). No specific size describes a cay. The Bahamas are 525 km directly east of Miami. They are east of Cuba and Haiti and North of the West Indies.

Of the 800 islands only 13 are permanently occupied. The total population is between 250,000 and 300,000. Of these nearly 200,000 live in the capital, Nassau, on New Providence Island.

The islands were occupied by Lucayans - a group of Arawak Indians from Cuba and Haiti - about 900 years ago. They were occupied by the Spanish after Columbus discovered San Salvador in 1492. Pirates occupied New Providence Island in the sixteen hundreds and they founded the town of Nassau. Bahamas means shallow sea, so the pirates were safe from the Royal Navy. In 1718 the British took over the Bahamas, mainly to suppress piracy.

In 1920, with prohibition in the USA, Nassau became an important supplier of Rum. The repeal of prohibition almost destroyed the country. During WW2 it boomed again, and the Duke of Windsor was sent there as its governor.

Tourism took off with the Cuban revolution and the advent of jet travel. The Bahamas became a tax haven and a casino was built in the 1960's. In 1973 Bahamas became independent of the UK. As a tax haven Banking is very important and contributes 15% of the GDP, 80% comes from tourism and 5 % from fishing and agriculture.

Nassau, on New Providence Island, has an important Tourist harbour where 3 to 7 Liners/Cruisers dock each day, with thousands of tourists. The waterfront has numerous pubs and restaurants. Also a multitude of duty free shops.

The Island has hundreds of white sandy beaches with crystal clear water, alive with small fish, turtles and many sting rays. The weather is said to be mild averaging 34°C in summer and 28°C in winter. The sea is warm all year round, averaging between 28° to 34°C. Off the coast are coral reefs which are perfect for snorkelling.

There are many Beach Hotels around the island, ranging from 4 to 5 star.

The Bahamas is expensive, the currency is the dollar, which is linked to the USA dollar at parity. There is a very large Casino on the island. Connected by a bridge is Paradise Island, which is packed with 5 star hotels and a superb golf course. The Marina is filled with luxury yachts and mini liners. There is also a Casino on this island.

Spanish Wells, one of the many islands, is 4.8 by 1.6 kilometres in size. It was occupied by protestant refugees when their boat was wrecked there in the 18 Century. It is the centre of the crayfish industry and a big tourist attraction. Lovely old houses to rent and no cars - only golf carts!

*By Bruce Dietrich*

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March Rotary Theme  
Water and Sanitation Month

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

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# Minutes

8 March 2018

Compiled by Keela van Niekerk

## Attendance

17 members present

## Visitors

Barbara Smith

## Fellowship/Members' Moments

International Toast: Rotary Club of Kathmandu North East (Chartered in 2003), the club also meets on a Thursday.

Monique's Birthday last week

Candice and Scott's Wedding anniversary next week

Members Moment:

- Ruth was offered a job, as a Grade 5 teacher for 9 months at Lotus River Primary
- Stephanie's Mom is all clear with no cancer 😊

## From the President's Chair

Rob welcomed everyone

Upcoming meetings;

- 15 March: Wanda Moller (MOT) – potential Global Grant
- 22 March: Dr David Harrison "The First 1000 days". + Kansas Rotary Visit
- 27 March (Tuesday): Interact with Braam Melherbe at Bergvliet High School

## Slots

### Biffy:

**Wenche** emailed Biffy today to ask about donating Are's two wheelchairs to Victoria Hospital

**Victoria Hospital:** Biffy is making bean bags for the Physio Department and is asking for speckled beans to be warmed up for soothing.

**Crèche** is Khayelitsha is looking for an old TV

**Kansas Visit:** Will recirculate the programme for the week, if you would like to join at any venue please book with Biffy before hand

### String:

**Cape Town Cycle Tour:** Arrive at 6am. Everyone except two people (200metres away) will be together at the end of the M3. Barbara will be bringing food for everyone. Bruce x2, Toddy x2, Hugh, Rob, Biffy, Stephen B, String, Mike, Alan and Justin. (See also pics below).

### Justin:

**Bi-monthly Newsletter:** Please let Justin know if you did not get it. Kindly keep Justin updated with articles/ report backs

**Youth calendar:** Rotaract's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 17 March, Rotaract District conference 27 – 29 July

**Braam talk:** please let Justin know where your friends have booked to sit. Bruce raised that only 4 tickets before him has been booked before he booked 5.

## Guest Speaker

Hugh gave his second presentation of his 2017 trip around the world Previously he spoke about London and Panama. Today he spoke about leaving Darwin towards Asia. He took us through Indonesia, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Vietnam and Singapore. To be continued...

## President's Sweetie Pie

The Sweetie Pie award was given to both Candice and Stephanie for their role in Wynberg Rotary Club sponsoring a new Interact Club at Wittebome High.

## Swindle

Hugh drew his own name but unfortunately did not select the correct card. Rob went home with the R15 attendance prize.

Duty Roster	March			April
	15	22	29	5
Sergeant	Jackson	Overbosch	NO MEETING	Schreiber
Wynpress Editorial	O'Driscoll	Schonegevel J		Schonegevel R
Wynpress Minutes	Cleveland	Bredenkamp		Howard
Door Duty	Todd	Van Niekerk K		Bayes
Grace	Howard	Gowdy		Jackson
Loyal Toast	Schreiber	Smith		Bonga
International Toast	Jackson	James		Schonegevel J
Speaker Intro and Thanks	Smith	Thomas		Todd
Entertainment for the month	Overbosch, Schreiber M, Smith, Todd, van Niekerk K			Cleveland, Dietrich, Munday, Schonegevel J, Jackson

## Dates To Diarise

<b>15 March</b>	Wanda Moller, CEO of MOT South Africa, for whom we are considering a Global Grant, will tell us more about the organization.
<b>22 March</b>	Dr David Harrison: "The first 1000 days" Also Rotary Friendship Exchange visitors from Kansas.
<b>27 March</b>	Braam Malherbe talk at Bergvliet High School
<b>29 March</b>	NO MEETING.
<b>5 April</b>	TBA
<b>12 April</b>	Representative from Victoria Hospital. Details to follow.
<b>19 April</b>	Prof. Neil Armitage, UCT Civil Eng. Dept. "Moving towards a 'water sensitive' Cape Town".
<b>26 April</b>	NO MEETING



# Cape Town Cycle Tour – some pics:

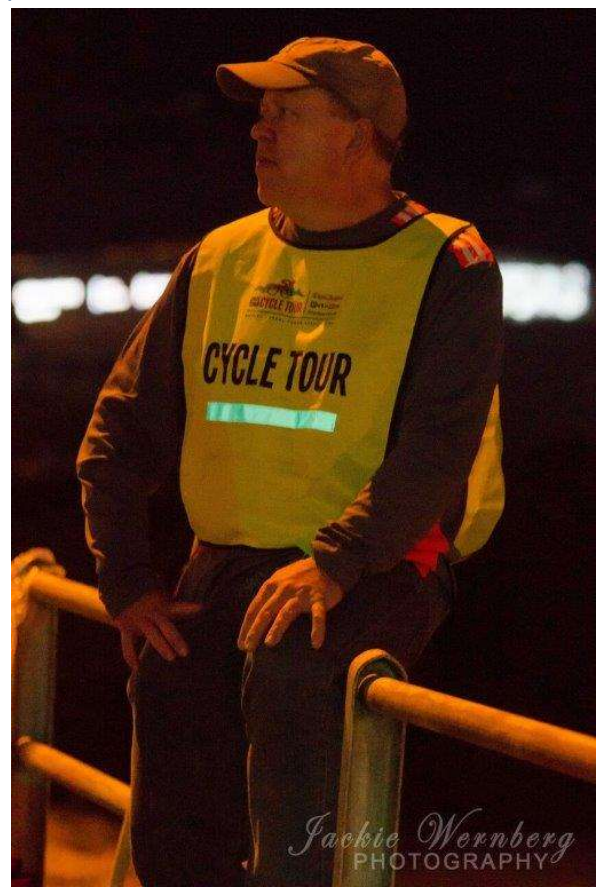


*A small sample of the 35 000 competitors*



*Taking Cape Town's message to the world*

*...and a couple of the guys who kept them all safe*



# Tailpieces

A man in Northern Ontario woke up one morning to find a bear on his roof. He looked in the Yellow Pages, and sure enough, there was an ad for "Up North Bear Removers." He called the number listed and the bear remover said he'd be over within an hour. The bear remover arrived, and got out of his van. He had a ladder, a baseball bat, a 12 bore shotgun, and a mean looking, heavily scarred pit bull terrier.

"What are you going to do?" the homeowner asked.

"I'm going to put this ladder up against the roof, then I'm going to go up there, and knock the bear off the roof with this baseball bat. When the bear falls off the roof, the pit bull is trained to grab his testicles, and not let go. The bear will then be subdued enough for me to put him in the cage in the back of the van."

He then handed the shotgun to the homeowner. "What's the shotgun for?" the homeowner asked.

"If the bear knocks me off the roof, you shoot the dog!"

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## My inconclusive travel plans for 2018

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenaline flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

I may have been in Continent, but I don't remember what country I was in. It's an age thing. They tell me it is very damp there.