

Editorial

South Africans are emigrating abroad in record high numbers

Record high emigration is resulting in a national skills shortage. Statistics reveal that most South Africans who can leave, do leave.

According to experts operating within the field of emigration, South Africans are expected to break emigration records in 2018. Speaking to 702 Talk Radio, the manager at Financial Emigration, Jonty Leon, discussed the sharp spike in the number of South Africans looking to relocate abroad. Leon's sentiments echo those shared by UK visa solutions specialists, Move Up, who have reported an increase of 22% in the number of South Africans interested in living and working in the United Kingdom (UK).

Why are South Africans emigrating?

According to emigration experts, the new tax law, introduced by the South African Parliament in 2017, has caused panic amongst locals and South Africans living abroad. Speaking on the tax issue resulting in mass emigration, Leon said: "After last year when Parliament announced that there would be a change in the tax law, we have automatically seen a huge increase in South Africans deciding to emigrate from South Africa. Those that have already left South Africa, but maybe not officially or formally, are deciding to come back and do the process formally, so that they are officially not South Africans anymore." Leon also confirmed that there are many other socio-political issues which are driving the large numbers behind emigration, saying: "Safety and security, education, South Africa's weak currency, the lack of job opportunities in South Africa, and of course, the political instability." Leon went on to add that the governing party's support of Constitutional amendments in favour of expropriation of land without compensation is also responsible for pushing South Africans out of the country.

South Africa emigration: The next big brain drain?

While various research groups debate the numbers regarding emigration, the crux of the matter relating to South African emigration hangs in the balance between Africa's internal migration trends. While many South Africans look to greener pastures outside of the African continent – some statistics pointing to an emigration figure of almost a million people in 20 years – there has been a steady influx of African nationals into South Africa. While in theory, this may balance out a potential 'drain' from the South African skills market, Leon argues that it is quite the opposite, saying: "We are losing a huge amount of our highly skilled labour force in South Africa. We are having to basically import people from within Africa and all over the world to try and balance that out but I don't think we are doing it successfully. This is creating a huge problem."

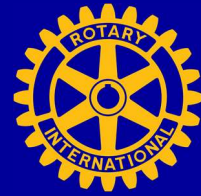
According to Leon, South Africa is losing the bulk of its technical labour force to the UK. The emigration specialist elaborated on the current skills drain, saying: "We're losing doctors, engineers, our finance industry, our lawyers – it's all the higher-earners or higher taxpayers from South Africa's point of view." Leon confirmed that many South Africans were emigrating to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) due to its high-pay employment opportunities.

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BE THE INSPIRATION

Minutes: 20th September 2018

Compiled by Keela van Niekerk

Attendance

17 members present (65.4%)
Hon. Member: Wenche
Guests: Val and Armien
Guest Speakers: Reanna, Priyanka and Julian

From the chair of President Biffy

President Biffy welcomed everyone to the meeting, and addressed the following:

- Kindly send any service-related photos on to her, to upload onto the Club Central website.
- Wynberg Boys HS thanked us for the bottle tops and hampers of toiletries. Please keep collecting bottle tops and bread tags.
- Steenberg Rotaract have asked us to collect recyclables for their #itbothersme project on 13 October. They have also volunteered to read to children at Heathfield Primary School.
- Next meeting on 27th: Proms preparations.

Fellowship

Biffy said that Don, Ken and Bertie are all unwell.
Karen's birthday was on the 20th; but in her absence she kindly had South African-themed cakes served after supper in celebration of Heritage Day.

Slots

Bev: said "Goodbye for now" as she heads off to visit her family in New York and Spain. Her youngest son and daughter-in-law are expecting their first child on 22 Nov. We wish Bev and Colin happy and safe travels.
Dennis: Our Norwegian visitors from Haugaland have asked to change their dates from 16 to 23 November.
Monique: Reminder of two Club social dates:
18 Oct. – ideas please.
15 Nov. – Bring-and-braai at Bruce and Marlene's home.
Graham: Proms duties – On Saturday please arrive at the City Hall at 17.00 and on Sunday at 15.00. Allocated duties to be circulated. 59 tickets left for Saturday.

Induction

Pres. Biffy inducted Monique Ewen (Wynberg Rotaract Club) and Chadwin Petersen (Steenberg Rotaract Club) as Honorary Members of WRC.

Guest Speakers

Three MIT scholars from Boston, Priyanka, Reanna and Julian told us about their Equality Water Project. The pilot project aims to do water desalination on a small scale. The main metal container is a 2m cube with a solar panel on top. There is currently a unit set up in Rwanda, and they want to install another at Monwabisi. Another good opportunity will be at Atlantis, to address the effluent from the textile mills. They are currently in partnership with 'Offgridbox', 'VPUU' and 'Greencape'. When they get back to Boston, they want to raise \$35 000 for the manufacture and \$15 000 for the transportation and installation of a box. The hope is that such a unit will empower the local community with creation of jobs and access to clean water. Graham introduced and thanked the presenters.

Swindle

Biffy only managed the 4 of hearts and Stephen V won the R20 attendance prize.

President's Pearls

Alone
we can do so little
Together
we can do so much
Helen Keller

Duty Roster	September	October		
	27	4 Club Meeting	11	18
Sergeant	Barnard	Todd	Cleveland	Jackson
Wynpress Editorial	Thomas	Van Niekerk	Todd	Van Niekerk S
Wynpress Minutes	Thomas	Bredenkamp	Howard	Maunder
Door Duty	Bredenkamp	Bonga	Gowdy	Cleveland
Grace	Overbosch	Schonegevel J	Schonegevel R	Bayes
Loyal Toast	Bonga	Bredenkamp	Howard	Munday
International Toast	O'Driscoll	Munday	Murphy	Overbosch
Speaker Intro and Thanks	Barnard	N/A	Thomas	N/A
Entertainment for the month		Howard, Maunder, Edwards, O'Driscoll, Overbosch		

Dates To Diarise

27 September	Cyber Phishing/Hacking/Rotary website (Stephen B)
29 September (Saturday)	Last Night of the Proms at 20.00 in the City Hall
30 September (Sunday)	Last Night of the Proms at 17.00 in the City Hall
6 October	Kids' day out
11 October	Belinda Speed will talk to us about her PhD project on forensics
13 October	Mini Conference in Mossel Bay
17 October (Wednesday)	RC Seapoint: Top Cop awards
18 October	TBC Social Evening – Suggestions?
24 October	World Polio Day
25 October	Mrs Beryl Saunders, a polio survivor will talk about her experiences

Hugh's Nughs

Yes, he's travelling again, and currently in California.

Here is what he sent us from the City of Manhattan Beach, Los Angeles County:

UNFORGETTABLE EVENTS

Who would have thought that something that happened 18 years ago and 4500 kilometres away from where I stood would bring back such vivid memories? I was walking past the local Fire Station when I saw the wreath and all the flowers and realised that it was the 11th of September. We all saw the pictures of the Twin Towers on fire and collapsing in a pile of rubble. I then noticed that I was standing right next to large parts of those towers. They had been sent the 4500 Km to the City of Manhattan Beach, California from New York.

The City of Manhattan Beach (Is it named after the New York Island?) has one of the many memorials in the USA that have been erected outside city fire stations. Firemen from all parts of the country were flown to New York to help remove the living and dead from under the rubble. After it was all over, in gratitude and as a memorial, New York sent parts of the destroyed towers to those stations that had sent help. Thus, Manhattan Beach shares a piece of New York City in that it has a 9/11 Memorial which consists of two 4.57 metre steel beams from the World Trade Centre. It took 37 of these components stacked vertically end-to-end to reach the 110 stories of each tower (more than 50 times taller than the fire station behind them). The overall angled design of the memorial places it in alignment with the New York City grid. In addition, the two columns echo the physical relationship that the original towers had to one another.

One tends to forget there were other terrorist atrocities at the same time, but one family will always have it with them. There is a surfboard-shaped bench donated by the family of Chad Keller, a Manhattan Beach native who died aboard Flight 77, which crashed into the Pentagon on 9/11.



Fire station with steel beams in front



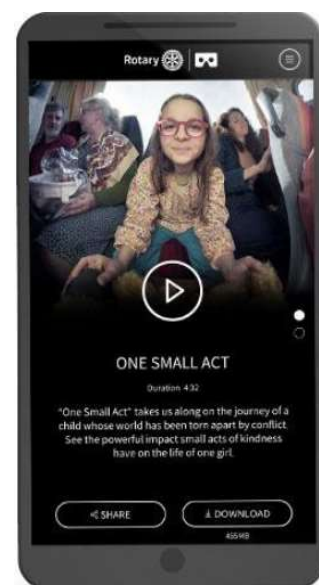
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To all WRC members----ALL HANDS ON DECK for our forthcoming Proms on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th

Tailpiece

ANTICIPATION

*When you started reading this
You thought it was a poem
By now you find
You were quite mistaken*

*But isn't it funny how people
Will continue to do something
Even when they know
They are being fooled*