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The Rotary Club of Newlands

The Club that Appeals



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Apologies before 10:00 on a Monday to Heidi Andersson, please.

COMMENT: UNCLE PODGER and the WHY of DIY (Ian Pursch)

In Jerome K Jerome's Three Men in a Boat (To say nothing of the Dog) there is a three page description of how his Uncle Podger would go about hanging a picture resulting in "...about midnight, the picture would be up – very crooked and insecure, the wall for yards around looking as if it had been smoothed down with a rake..."

' "There you are," he would say, stepping heavily off the chair on to the charwoman's corns, and surveying the mess he had made with evident pride. "Why, some people would have had a man in to do a little thing like that!" '

I was reminded of this story recently when Paula complained that one of the toilets in our house seemed to have a non-stop (albeit very small) flow of water into the bowl. No problem, I thought, and while I'm about it why not replace the entire old-fashioned cistern with a new one of sensible size and help to save the planet with smaller flushes? This is exactly the sort of simple job that I keep a well-stocked workshop to be able to handle.

Yeah, right.

I won't bore you with the details, but after about five days of hard work, with complex re-routing of plumbing, multiple joints (most of which leaked spectacularly), a re-tiling job (because, of course, I discovered that the big old cistern hid raw plaster) and a complicated shelf build (to hide the worst of the piping) we were the proud new owners of a loo that still had a permanent trickle of water into the bowl until in desperation I weighted part of the contraption inside that is designed to make a seal. It no longer trickles, but the handle now has to be held down until the water has emptied. Oh, and for anything other than light use the new cistern has to be flushed twice. Sorry, planet.

This is fairly typical tale of DIY. So why is it that on Wednesdays (pensioners discount day) I and drifts of my peers can be seen happily pottering about in Builders Warehouse looking for washers and screws and hinges in its pursuit?

There isn't really a practical reason. By the time we have bought all the parts we need for a household job at inflated prices, have destroyed half of them in the process and gone back for more, have discovered that we need a new tool for part of the work and have bought that too, we certainly aren't saving money by doing it ourselves. And when you put a value to the inordinate amount of time taken, and the frustration, bad language and spilt blood involved, the cost becomes even higher.

But, like Uncle Podger, I and the other diehards can at least point to the sheer achievement of fixing something. There is a joy in this accomplishment, however wobbly our results may be. This is what I was trained for by my father, as I watched him working on his house and his boat for decades. And this is what I fear the modern generation is missing as it becomes ever more the norm to simply replace things as soon as they stop working perfectly.

We owe it to our sons, daughters and grandchildren to teach them the joy of partial flushes.

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING (20TH January 2019)

The scribe was swamped. Watch this spot, next week.

IN THE NEWS

Incoming DGs attending International Assembly in San Diego last week were the first to learn of RI President-elect Holger Knaack's theme for the 2020-21 Rotary Year, "Rotary Opens Opportunities". The theme encourages Rotarians to seize the many opportunities Rotary offers to enrich their lives and the communities they serve. Here's an extract from the [report on rotary.org](#):



Rotary isn't just a club for people to join, but rather "an invitation to endless opportunities," said Knaack, who becomes president on 1 July. He emphasized that Rotary creates pathways for members to improve their lives and the lives of those they help through service projects.

"We believe that our acts of service, big and small, create opportunities for people who need our help," Knaack said. He added that Rotary creates leadership opportunities and gives members the chance to travel the world to put their service ideas into action and make lifelong connections. "Everything we do opens another opportunity for someone, somewhere," said Knaack.

You can watch RIPE Holger's address to Assembly [here](#).

Closer to home, and reflecting that Rotary indeed opens opportunities, are two new Kwat ttu interns. Richard Burnett reports:

Chippy and I had the pleasure on meeting our two sponsored interns @ Khwa Ttu this morning.

Otto James (sponsored by Dr Dottie) is from Botswana (near Ganzi) He is 26 years old and completing the Guiding course. His course includes not only tracking and guiding but Communications, business plans, finance and funding and the history of the San Culture. On completion of the course he will return to Botswana (Maun) and look for work.



Patricia Bladbeen (sponsored by Newrots) is 27 years old and is completing the hospitality/ housekeeping course. Patricia hails from Andervale which is close to Upington. Her course includes many of the business skills required along with the needs of the hospitality market. With her new-found skills she has a dream of opening a ECD school in Andervale with emphasis of the San culture and what she has learnt at Khwa Ttu.

It was a wonderful 90 minutes where we swapped our thoughts and views of the complex country we live in. But they did emphasise the need for laptops to be part of the modern world.

Their course finishes on the 20th Feb. Hopefully we can get them to our meeting in the next couple of weeks for you to meet our two interns and hear their stories.

UMPIRES and SCORERS

	27 January 2020 <i>Business</i>	3 February 2020 <i>Partners</i>	10 February 2020 <i>Ordinary</i>
Sergeant	Jeannine Ibbotson	John Stephenson	Richard House
Four-Way Test	Geraldine Nicol	Tony van der Lith	Richard Burnett
Grace and Loyal Toast	Richard House	Andrew Peile	Heidi Andersson
Attendance	Tony Davidson	Graham Finlayson	Tinus de Jongh
Fellowship	Brian Pickup	Henry Campbell	Melinda Stapleton
Minutes	Andy Ismay	Peter Ennis	Johan Beukman
Intro speaker		Glynis Menné-Hart	Graham Lowden
Thank speaker		Jamie Hart	Wybe Meinesz
Comment	Jenny Ibbotson	Rochelle Malherbe	Jenny Howard



BIRTHDAYS	29 January	Jenny Lancaster
JOINED ROTARY	1 February	Peter Henshilwood
WOODEN SPOON	Shelley Finch	

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FRESH AIR. FUN. FELLOWSHIP

Why not start 2020 with a new and exciting activity? Make new friends? Encourage new Rotary members?

Hikefor is an active hiking club with members from Paarl to Claremont.

We meet on the third Sunday of every month for some walking exercise – usually splitting into two groups for those who like to walk and those who prefer a more strenuous hike – so there is something for everyone.

This is followed by lunch at a local restaurant where the fellowship is always most enjoyable.

Annual membership is a nominal R70 per family, and Rotarians and non-Rotarians are welcome.

Come and join us on 16 February 2020 for our first hike of the year – the Rhodes Memorial Contour Path.

Further information is available from Nigel Lambert (Chairman) on thelamberts85@gmail.com or call 082 708 3280.

OperaLite@Marist
The Rotary club of Kromboom
Presents
Stars of the UCT OPERA SCHOOL
Director: Jeremy Silver
Sunday 2nd February 2020
@ St Joseph's Marist College
Belmont Rd, Rondebosch

GATES OPEN FOR PARKING AND PICNICS @14:00
CONCERT STARTS @ 15H30

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT 082 577 3536 AND FOCTO2011@GMAIL.COM
ADULTS R150 | PENSIONERS R100 | CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE

No Refund in case of inclement weather

Logos for Rotary Club of Kromboom, Friends of Cape Town Opera, and UCT Opera School are visible at the bottom.

Rotary
Club of Atlantis

INVITATION

You are cordially invited to the Official Charter of the Rotary Club of Atlantis

Date : 10 February 2020 @ 19:00 for 19:30
Venue : Orion Organisation, Reygersdal Drive, Wesfleur, Atlantis
Dress Code : Smart Casual
Cost : R 250.00 p/p.....Partners welcome – Wine included

Starter
Fresh breads & pate's
Main
Roasted lamb & fresh mint sauce
Smashed baby potatoes, Roasted vegetables with fresh herbs & balsamic reduction
Dessert
Individual chocolate cake rounds & fresh berry compote

Vegetarian option available (please indicate)

R.S.V.P - Hannl Cronjé : ceo@orionorganisation.co.za
by 24 January 2020

Bank Details
NAME : Rotary Club of Atlantis TYPE : Business (PAYU)
BANK : Nedbank Atlantis (Br 12662100) ACC. No. : 1196969701



OFFICE CHAIR GRAND PRIX

ROTARY E-CLUB OF GREATER CAPE TOWN



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LOGISTICS
 Date: Friday, 21st February 2020
 Time: 15:00pm – 18:00pm
 Location: SeaPoint Promenade
 Team Structure: Team of 4 racers
 Course: 1 km circuit with a swap of team members at the half way point.
 Cost: R10 000 per team

*More details upon application

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO KEEP UP?
 Inspired by the Japan Chair Race and Formula Grand Prix we look forward to hosting the first ever CEO Office Chair Grand Prix.

BLOOD, SWEAT BUT NO TEARS

THE MECHANICS?
 Enter as a team of 4 racers. A 1km circuit with a swap of team members at the half way point.

Race Details: Compete against 10 Contestants in 4 heats and then the FINAL. Dress up and have FUN.

World Rotaract Week

9-15

March

2020

Save the Date
 14 & 15 March 2020





ROTARY CLUB OF WYNBERG PRESENTS

LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS
Roccover Beethoven

RICHARD COCK
 JORDAN BROOKS
 ROCCO DE VILLIERS

FUTURE FIXTURES

FEBRUARY: PEACE and CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH

- 3 Partners' Meeting
Speaker: Catherine Nyquist, Founder and MD of [Panthera Africa Big Cat Sanctuary](#)
- 10 Ordinary Meeting
Speaker: Rob Russell, Retired Air Traffic Controller
- 17 Ordinary Meeting: STEP Student Presentations
- 18 CTCT Sector Marshals' Information Meeting
- 19 Board Meeting
CTCT Refreshment Station Managers' Information Meeting
- 25 CTCT Sweep Managers' Information Meeting
- 24 Business Meeting

MARCH: WATER and SANITATION MONTH

- 2 Partners' Meeting
Speaker: [Marlene Silbert](#), on programmes of [The Holocaust Centre](#), the [Jewish Museum](#), and the [Interfaith Intercultural Youth Programme](#)
- 8 [Cape Town Cycle Tour](#)
- 9 Ordinary Meeting: War Stories
- 16 Ordinary Meeting
- 18 Board Meeting
- 23 Business Meeting
- 30 Ordinary Meeting

APRIL: MATERNAL and CHILD HEALTH MONTH

- 6 Partners' Meeting and Vocational Evening
- 13 No Meeting (Family Day)
- 15 Board Meeting
- 20 Business Meeting
- 27 Ordinary Meeting
- 30 District 9350 POETS (Melkbosstrand)

MAY: YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

- 1 District 9350 Assembly (Melkbosstrand)
- 1-2 District 9350 Conference (Melkbosstrand)
- 4 Partners' Meeting and Youth Evening
- 11 Ordinary Meeting
- 18 Ordinary Meeting
- 20 Board Meeting
- 25 Business Meeting

JUNE: ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

- 1 Partners' Meeting
- 1-5 [Rotary International Convention](#) (Hawaii)
- 8 Ordinary Meeting
- 15 Ordinary Meeting
- 17 Board Meeting
- 22 Business Meeting
- 29 Ordinary Meeting

OFFICE BEARERS

President	Terry Lancaster	Environment	Tony Davidson
President-Elect	Jenny Ibbotson	International Service	Jenny Ibbotson
Past President	Jenny Howard	Membership	Graham Finlayson
Secretary	Glynis Menné-Hart	New Generations	Vanessa Rousseau
Treasurer	Peter Ennis	Public Image	Shelley Finch
Club Services	Heidi Anderson	Rotary Foundation	Mike Walwyn
Community Service	Corinne Hudson	Vocational Service	Jeannine Ibbotson
Entrepreneurial	John Stephenson		

QUOTE of the WEEK

The Dalai Lama, when asked what surprised him most about humanity, is said to have said:

*“Man. Because he sacrifices his health in order to make money.
 Then he sacrifices money to recover his health.
 And then he is so anxious about the future that he does not enjoy the present,
 the result being that he does not live in the present or the future.
 He lives as if he is never going to die, and then dies having never really lived.”*

AND THE LAST WORD

