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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: THE BABY and the BATHWATER (Ian Pursch)



The need for flexibility and change within Rotary has never been more urgent or more necessary. And there is no doubt that many Rotarians (partly driven to do so by the pandemic) are embracing this truth and are looking for different ways to run their clubs and to attract membership.

Well and good, and we should all feel encouraged for the future of our great organisation. Important, though, that in our haste for reform we “don’t throw the baby out with the bathwater”.

You will probably recall the earliest record of this useful phrase from *Narrenbeschwörung* (Appeal to Fools) by Thomas Murner in 1512. (I don’t mean to suggest that you actually read it in 1512, though – well, not all of you anyway.)

There he goes again, I hear you say. The man who has failed to understand Facebook properly, who probably doesn’t know what an Instagram is and who still thinks Twitter is for the birds... What reactionary nonsense is he spouting now?

Let me explain: “Throwing the baby out” refers to getting rid of the good stuff as well as what we don’t need any more. There is plenty in Rotary that we can manage without, such as restrictive membership requirements, exaggerated ideas of our organisation’s importance, insistence on expensive catering at our meetings and plenty of other anachronistic hangovers from our past.

But we must take care that we retain the core parts of what we are and what we do. I believe there is equal importance in our project work (and the fund-raising that it needs) and in all aspects of the fellowship we enjoy as Rotarians.

And these are anchored firstly by our belief in 'Service Above Self' (with the implied requirement that Rotarians make themselves, their knowledge and their resources available to Rotary) and secondly by the high ethical standards that we constantly remind ourselves are necessary.

How do we remind ourselves? By repeating the 'Four Way Test' at every meeting and important event.

You will know its history, created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy, and adopted by Rotary International in 1943. It was then, and is now, a way for us to take care in our dealings with others that they are fair, true, relationship-building and beneficial in everything we 'think, say and do'.

As really great (and overdue) as it is that we now have a seventh 'Area of Focus' in 'Supporting the Environment', I think firmly that by trying to tack reference to this on to the end of the Four Way Test we change the Test to such an extent that it falls firmly into the baby and bathwater category.

I therefore wholeheartedly support President Jenny and the Board in their decision to retain the Four-Way Test in the form that is so meaningful to so many Rotarians.

Thank you. Rant over. Feel free to Tweet.

MINUTES of the PARTNERS (ZOOM) MEETING, 17th August 2020, 18h15,

Scribe: Graham Finlayson

Sergeant **Tony Davidson** opened the meeting and requested **President Jenny** to do the Welcome. She duly proceeded to welcome the Guests:

Guest Speaker: Ian Robertson, DGE, RC Claremont (Our Mother Club)

Special Guests: Jeremy Opperman and Johan Taljaard

Guests from RC Claremont: Liz Rose, Paul de Groot, Ken and Shona Sturgeon, and Jo Maxwell and from RC Hermanus: Mark Lane-Jones and Dave Wright.

The Four-Way Test was recited by Lisa Lombard, followed by the Grace (of another sort), and Loyal Toast to RI by Tinus. This was followed by the lighting of the Peace Candle by Andy, proceeded by Chris reciting an apt Peace Quote.

The Stirrer's Spoon handover was delayed to next week by Glynis

Guest Speaker DGE Ian was introduced by Terry, who informed us that Ian was introduced to Rotary by his Son. The topic of his talk was "Rotary in Africa".

Ian proceeded to present to us the context of our District; an analysis of how our District fits and performs within Rotary Zone 22. He has deduced that there is much opportunity for Rotary to grow in our District, considering its geographical area and population. He has found it a most enlightening experience, in the process being introduced to other DGE's in the Zone and developing friendships with a small close-working group of DGE's from the surrounding Districts. This experience has

removed many of his misconceptions about Africa. Most of the other Districts are dynamic and motivated, with up to date media releases and projects.

Did you know? Our Zone has 16, soon to be 17, Districts, with 1,580 Rotary Clubs and over 36,000 Members, with 1,110 Rotaract Clubs. Southern Africa's Rotary growth (a negative growth) is poor in comparison with the rest of Africa, which experienced 13% growth until April 2020 – they have since lost 4% membership during the lockdown period. In comparison RI's growth has only been 1%. When looking at the rest of Africa, Ian feels we should have at least 50% more members per Club, and there is tremendous opportunity to grow in Angola, considering its socio-economic development.

To examine our Clubs' positions, Ian posed the following questions:

- How healthy are our Clubs?
- What are Clubs doing to retain and attract new members?
- What growth plans do we have?

He referred to Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs where Level 5 'Self-Actualization' is the need to grow. We need the right people, where quality attracts quality; people with the values of integrity, team players, independence, objectivity, creativity and originality. During the lockdown, we appear to be stuck at level 2 with Basic Needs 'Security and Safety'. This requires of us to be compassionate, the need to feel loved and cared for.

We have a plan for a Strategy for Growth. It is evident from the rest of Africa that growth in Rotary is inextricably linked to a strong youth presence, namely Rotaract Clubs. The Strategy needs Rotary Clubs to include:

- Working with younger people
- Help young people with funding
- Mentor their careers
- Allow for dual membership – Rotary and Rotaract Clubs
- Charter new Rotaract Clubs
- Charter new Satellite Clubs with younger Members

District is going to form working teams, find champions to lead them, and implement the plans.

A vibrant Q&A session followed Ian's presentation. This included the following snippets:

- We need to find new ways of working.
- We need to become proficient with Zoom Meetings, etc., which is already happening. We need to become knowledgeable of how young professionals work and communicate, by means of current technology. Ian recalled a recent FaceTime video meeting he had with a youth leader who was travelling in a mini-bus taxi. In effect we need to think for the future and take the initiative.
- We need to think of the product we are selling.
- "Who built the toilet block in Chicago for the first Rotary Club and why?" The Municipality did, so customers to businesses were able to spend more time in the City, promoting commerce. The role we should be playing appears to be one of advocacy.
- We appear to be losing Members because of increasing costs. We need to address this.
- We need to be more inclusive and promote business networking.
- We need new value propositions.
- We need a way of getting there.
- As Africans leaders, we can understand how to do it.

- We need to change the cycle of the past.
- If we plan to grow quickly and consolidate, then we will be able to do this together.

Richard House thanked Ian for his interesting presentation.

SPOTS:

Wybe: announced the **President's Challenge** will be made available to the Members to apply their promoted mini-project, with a total budget of R 50,000, on a first-come first-served basis, where each application shall be for an amount up to +/- R 5,000.

Jeanine: **Guest Speaker for the Club Meeting of 31st August** is going to be Styli Charalambous, publisher of the Daily Maverick, an independent public funded private news media company which has daily local and world news, who will be talking about challenges of the news and opinion media.

Richard Burnett: reported the **Club's Wine Auction** will be now launched on an online platform, with Claremart Auctions, who are willing to pay all the online costs. The auction will be held towards the end of October and the organisers are hoping to make it bigger than previous auctions.

President's Slot: President Jenny proceeded to:

- Thank Ian for his presentation and looks forward to Part 2
- Welcomed the late comers: Dave Wright, Mark Lane-Jones and Eion Brown
- Encouraged Members to promote the Backabuddy Fund Raising promotion relaunch for the Feeding Schemes project
- The DG's Visit from DG Karl-Heinz is scheduled for the 19th October
- Birthday congratulations are for: 20th July to Terry, 12th August to Jane Pickup and Graham F.

SERGEANT'S SLOT

Tony managed to raise a number of Happy Rands, including some from Vanessa to celebrate her son's wedding in the USA, which she was unable to attend due to lockdown, and then he duly closed the meeting.

NEWLANDS ROTARY CLUB NEWS



Our NSRI Wine Auction Champion, PP Richard Burnett, added 'Driver' to his skillset, this week. Seconded to duty by Chippy and team, who have been cooking for 150 Lavender Hill children, Richard is seen here with Linda from the Urban Life Church. Well done Team Burnett!

SPECIAL FEATURE: KHAYELITSHA ROTARACTORS

Here's a chance to meet some of the energetic Khayelitsha Rotaractors who, during lockdown, have paid it forward in so many ways:

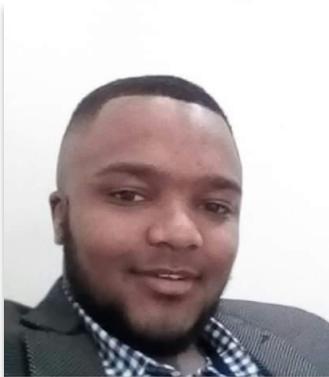


Silumko Nzube, President

I am currently doing my PhD in Chemistry at CPUT and work for SAPS-FSL. I am a Chemistry and Quality Management graduate and recently completed my MBA from MANCOSA. I enjoy watching Sport (Rugby, Cricket and other sporting codes). I love my family dearly. I have plans to run my own consultation firm one day. Silumko is pictured here with his son, Bohlale

Ngweyesizwe aka Ngwe Tiyo, Secretary

I was born in the Eastern Cape village of Engcobo, next to Mthatha. I'm a father of two beautiful girls, have a beautiful fiancée and I have two younger siblings. I am a Sports Management and Business Management graduate who works as a Fire Fighter for the City of Cape Town. I am a sports fanatic, qualified soccer match official and currently I have fallen in love with cycling. I am very eager, goal-driven and a people-loving person. I thank God every day for creating me.



Theo Mzwakhe Fillis, Treasurer

I am 22 years of age. I grew up in the Eastern Cape in a small town named Somerset East. I grew up with my grandparents. I am a Financial Management graduate. I have one older brother. I enjoy rugby, because it was a sport that I played during my whole school career.

Benjamin Blom, Environmental Representative

I was born in Queenstown in the Eastern Cape. My passion is to run innovative and sustainable sport development programs in poverty-stricken communities. I am a two-time Sport Management graduate and ex-Western Province Boys Hockey player. My high energy levels and playing abilities secured me a 5-year sports bursary and I later pursued a career in Management and Sports. I am a highly motivated team player, creative thinker, and an effective communicator with strong attention to accuracy.



MORE ROTARY NEWS

If you've had the pleasure of engaging with the District Services Centre (DSC) in Belmont Road, you'll know that District Administrator Peter Hugo, Muriel Hugo and Freda Ochse have, over many years, done an outstanding job in providing this fine Rotary service. And if you've attended District Conference, walked past the Rotary Shop and left 'lighter of pocket', that experience, too, will have been courtesy of the DSC Team.

But Covid's been upon us and life is very different for us all, not least the DSC which, from end September, will cease to operate, at least in the way with which we are familiar.

Doubtless there'll be innovative ways to engage, going forward. In the meantime, make a note of these numbers: Freda 083 261 7406 / Muriel 073 189 7873, and keep this email addy to hand: dist9350@iafrica.com. If you haven't yet discovered the wealth of knowledge held by the DSC, prepare for some fascinating conversations.

FUTURE FIXTURES *(Online, for the time being.)*

AUGUST: Membership and Extension Month

24 Business Meeting

31 Ordinary Meeting

Speaker Styli Charalambous, CEO and Publisher of The Daily Maverick, *"The changing media environment and Maverick Citizen: Exploring concepts of good citizenship."*

SEPTEMBER : Basic Education and Literacy Month

5 District Membership Webinar (10am): *"Building New Clubs Together"*

7 Partners' Meeting

Speaker: Koos Burger *"Glencairn Camp Restoration Project"*

14 Ordinary Meeting

Speaker: Terry Lancaster, *"The Croak File"*

16 Board Meeting

19 District Membership Webinar (10am): *"Diversity (Equity and Inclusion)"*

OCTOBER: ECONOMIC and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

19 DG Carl-Heinz Duisberg's Visit

UMPIRES and SCORERS

	24 August 2020 <i>Business</i>	31 August 2020 <i>Ordinary</i>	7 September 2020 <i>Partners</i>
Sergeant	Rochelle Malherbe	Wendy Goddard	Richard Burnett
Four-Way Test	John Stephenson	Chris Beech	Richard House
Grace and Loyal Toast	Michelle Roos	Shân Biesman-Simons	Graham Finlayson
Attendance			
Fellowship			
Minutes	Andy Ismay	Johan Beukman	Terry Lancaster
Intro speaker		Geraldine Nicol	Tony Davidson
Thank speaker		Mike Walwyn	Heidi Andersson
Comment	Lew Botha	Glynis Menné-Hart	Peter Ennis

If you cannot make this duty please arrange a substitute and let the Sergeant know.



BIRTHDAYS		
ANNIVERSARIES		
JOINED ROTARY		
WOODEN SPOON		Glynis Menné-Hart

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Eat at Home Fresh Daily Meals

WEEK 16 | 24 - 28 August 2020

	300g	500g	1kg
Monday			
1. Bacon Alfredo	R 55	R 95	R 180
2. Chicken & Spinach Cannelloni	R 55	R 95	R 180
3. Veg Spinach & Feta Cannelloni	R 55	R 95	R 180
Tuesday			
4. Beef Bobotie with Yellow Rice	R 55	R 95	R 180
5. Chicken Pesto Pasta	R 55	R 95	R 180
6. Veg Butternut & Chickpea Bobotie	R 55	R 95	R 180
Wednesday			
7. *Moroccan Beef Medallions	R 90	R 190	R 280
+ With Mash or Smashed Butter Beans			
8. Roast Chicken with Potatoes & Vegetables	R 55	R 95	R 180
9. Veg Spinach & Feta Stuffed Sweet Potatoes	R 55	R 95	R 180
Thursday			
10. Pulled Pork Chimichanga with Coleslaw	R 55	R 95	R 180
11. Spaghetti Bolognaise	R 55	R 95	R 180
12. Veg Vegetable Chimichanga with Coleslaw	R 55	R 95	R 180
Friday			
13. Creamy Smoked Salmon Pasta	R 55	R 95	R 180
14. Veg Creamy Broccoli & Pea Pasta	R 55	R 95	R 180

* Microwave Safe | Remove Lid | *Premium Option
Menu is subject to availability of fresh ingredients