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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: HERE'S WHY YOU CAN'T GIVE UP NOW

(John Plavlowitz, via Shelley Finch)

Yesterday I decided I was through fighting.

I was finished pushing back and speaking up and showing up and going on.

I concluded that it was all too exhausting and too painful to daily engage such hatred and to attend to so many wounds and to witness so much inhumanity—and I was done.

I was officially retiring from giving a damn.

You might be there, too.

Maybe today you've been pushed to the precipice of what you believe you can withstand and walking any further feels like a fruitless act.

I'm not going to tell you to keep going, but I'm hoping you will.

It's easy to forget just what's happening here, the bigger story we're part of in this precisely painful second, the road already walked by someone else.

This isn't simply about right now, it's about what has been, it's about what is coming. It's not just about you and me, it's about who has lived here, and who is on the way.

We have had ancestors in such difficult endeavours to be human.

Long before you and I showed up, there were other people here—people whose names and faces we'll never know, whose lives were then part of the present. They faced similarly dire circumstances, they also endured great suffering, and they too surely found themselves at hopelessness and resignation.

I want you to think ahead, just 100 years or so.

100 years from now, you and I will be dead.

100 years from now, we will be gone.

100 years from now we will reside solely in fading photographs and in the memories of a handful of people who shared close proximity with us and still can recall what we were like.

And in another 100 years, when those photos are fully faded and when those few people who knew us leave this place, we will be all but forgotten.

And while that could all feel quite hopeless, it shouldn't. It should clarify our purpose. It should make us brave.

We aren't living here to be remembered. (If we are, we need to abandon such folly.)

We're living here to be caretakers of goodness and love and justice and decency, so that those coming 100 years from now—those whose names and faces we'll never know—will find these things waiting for them.

This was our inheritance, and it is our singular legacy: the world we give to those just off in the distance. We owe a debt to the damn-givers who came before us, not to stop now.

So yes, admit the toll these days have taken on you.

Inventory the wounds you've acquired, catalogue the people you've lost, and notice how much you have spent of yourself.

Reckon with the heaviness within you and the grief you're carrying upon your shoulders and the rage that resides in the centre of your chest.

Lament every bit of what you're seeing and don't pretend it isn't rightly horrifying.

But please don't stop.

Yes, it's about your son and my daughter—but it's about other sons and daughters.

100 years from now, there will be people here; young couples and big families and single parents and solitary travellers.

There will be teenage girls and sick children and elderly men and working mothers.

There will be gay kids, deciding whether or not it is safe to speak their truest truth.

There will be young men of colour, asking if their lives really matter.

There will be women, wondering whether or not they will be believed.

There will be exhausted refugees, imagining a life of safety and rest here.

There will be human beings needing compassion and truth and peace and joy.

They all deserve the best of us in these moments. They deserve our refusal to stop fighting.

For you and for me, for those 100 years before, and for those 100 years away—don't give up now.

MINUTES of the BUSINESS MEETING on ZOOM (27th September 2020; 18h15)

Scribe: Richard House

Sergeant Graham Finlayson opened the online Zoom Business Meeting and invited President Jenny to welcome the guests. These included the guest speaker Regine Le Roux, Jeremy Opperman as well as Helen Redfern who was a guest of Andy Ismay.

Jeannine Ibbotson lit the Peace Candle and Glynis read the Prayer for Africa.

The Object of Rotary was recited by Terry Lancaster and the Grace and Toast by Ian Pursch.

The wine raffle was won by Jamie Hart.

There was no movement of the wooden spoon by the holder Jana Forrester.

Sergeant Graham then handed the meeting over to President Jenny who introduced Regine who gave a talk on Diversity and Inclusion in Rotary. Regine advised that she was wearing her Reputation Matters hat and that all aspects of the club contributed towards its reputation. She spoke on the 4 C's:

1. Core Value: the club's vision
2. Characteristics: the club's unique points
3. Communication: effectiveness or walking the talk
4. Counting: keeping track of numbers.

Jenny then asked Ian Pursch to give a presentation on the types of membership now available within Rotary clubs. Ian explained that RI had recently relaxed the membership options available to clubs.

These included:

1. Clubs are now able to establish whatever membership categories they require
2. One of the objectives of changing the membership categories was to lower membership costs
3. The types of membership adopted by a club needed to be included in the club's by-laws.

Ian then explained that as far as RI is concerned there are 2 types of membership:

1. Active member: Pays RI dues
2. Honorary member: Not recognised by RI as a member.

Other possible new membership categories now include:

1. Corporate membership: the company pays for the member/s who can be alternated by different employees. Membership would be in the members name.
2. Family membership: One membership but either spouse may attend
3. Associate membership: Trial membership over a finite period with dues waived
4. Younger Professional: Takes into account that the member has less time available and has reduced financial resources.

Jenny then asked Lungie Gwaai-Nzube to give a report back on the Langa ECD project. Lungie highlighted the following points about the project:

1. The ECD project is building a strong foundation for education
2. It has created a great unity and spirit of Ubuntu
3. Building stronger women and structures
4. Brought a lot of hope in the Langa community and as a result the community now works together

5. Professional development of teachers has been strengthened
6. RCN is making a big difference in the Langa community

President Jenny then proposed that we move to starting the weekly club meeting to 7 pm. The reasoning for this was that a lot of younger people have problems with availability at 6 pm and if we are to attract these people into the club, we need to accommodate this. This was discussed and it was agreed that meetings going forward (i.e. from the next meeting on 5 October) would start at 7 pm. President Jenny to send out a notice accordingly.

Sergeant Graham then requested spots from the members:

- Geraldine suggested that Nora give some feedback on the E3 webinar held on 26 the September. The webinar can be viewed on the D9350 website.
- Richard B. advised that it was all go for the on-line wine auction on the 14th October. Registration would be from the 2nd of October and he encouraged members to do this.

President Jenny then had her slot:

1. She congratulated Graham and Claire Lowden on their anniversary on the 3rd October and Vanessa for her birthday on the 1st October
2. She announced that Chris Beech had resigned from the club and will be moving to the UK where he planned to continue with his Rotary work
3. Terry will be taking over the finances of the Langa ECD project.

Sergeant Graham then closed the meeting, reminding members that next week's meeting would start at 7 pm.

NEWLANDS ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bursaries from Newlands support a range of students. Alledene Cupido, Programme Coordinator of the Prison Care and Support Network, sent us these touching updates from two offenders:

I am a male offender receiving financial assistance from Prison Care and Support Network and I am pursuing studies in the field of supply Chain and Operational Management.

I have attended and completed my secondary schooling at the Drakenstein Correctional Youth Centre in Paarl. I have also completed a three-year Diploma in Fleet Management and a certificate in Human Resource Management through UNISA.

I am currently registered for a qualification in Advertising and Marketing/Sales Management with the Digital School of Marketing. I have successfully completed ten modules which leave me with 5 modules to complete during October/November 2020.

My interests are rugby, fishing, golf as well as reaching out to the communities around me. I aspire to complete a degree in Supply Chain and Operational management.

I did voluntary work in a soup kitchen in Franschoek twice a week for 8 times a month feeding the destitute under the auspices of the Lords Acre Community Christian Centre.

This bursary will allow me to take another step closer to my dream of becoming a successful, driven, objective orientated Supply Chain and Operational manager. It will add value to me as a person and will advocate the maxim that any person, no matter what adversity life is shooting at him/her or what stumbling block is laid in his/her way, is capable of achieving. If you can dream it, it is in reach and only a stepping stone away. It will also allow me to look back and advocate the difference that other people have made in my life by investing in me as a person.

I am an incarcerated student in Brandvlei Correctional centre with the help of Prison Care and Support Network bursary programme. I grew up in Khayelitsha township in Cape Town. I attended my primary and secondary schooling in the area of Khayelitsha.

Currently I am studying through UNISA doing my second year in BA Community Development. I have already passed 10 MODULES out of 30 modules to finish my qualification. I am holding a Diploma in Youth Development attained at UNISA in 2018. The bursary and the data provided to assist me have played a major role in achieving better results as I am able to research my work.

My path in education is more on working for the community in Community based organisations and Non-Governmental organisations in the field of community development and empowerment. I grew up with my siblings after my parents passed away and the struggles we face are not immune to my family but wide spread in my community. Such upbringing has conscientize me to be the change I want to see in my community. I chose education as the escape to be involve again in criminal activities which landed me in prison. While serving my sentence I volunteered as a facilitator in Adult Basic Education and trained as a Peer Educator in HIV/AIDS and ONE MAN CAN programmes from Sonke Gender Justice which is part of educating the community on social ills especial young boys on gender based violence. Social justice is my main drive and purpose.

The opportunity to be able to further my education and empower myself with skills in the line of work I intend to pursue has created a new person with purpose in life. If it was not for the financial support, I received I could not have had the opportunity to study. Furthermore, the opportunity afforded to me by the contributions from different sources to be able to realize my dream - I cannot thank them enough, as I could have turned out differently to the person I am now.
THANK YOU

MORE ROTARY NEWS

As Covid continues to wreak global havoc the quest for a vaccine is front of mind. It was not long ago that as urgent a quest led [Jonas Salk and, later, Albert Sabin](#) to the polio vaccine that transformed world health. The transformation is in no small part due to Rotary and its unstinting support of the campaign to end polio.

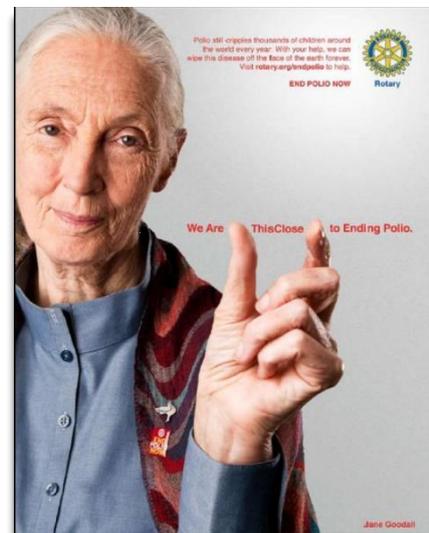
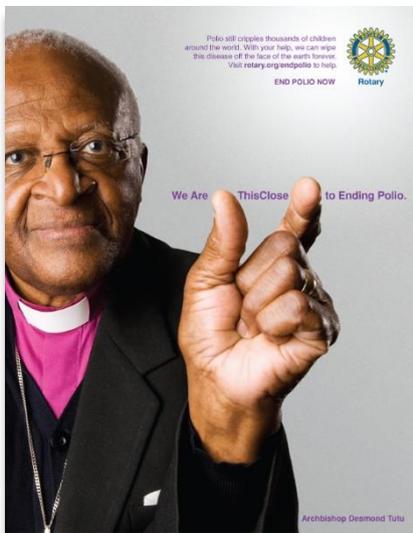
The recent news that Africa has been declared polio-free provides a happy platform for PDG June Webber to tell us about the 2010 drive to *Kick Polio Out of Africa*, an initiative started by June and which saw a football, kicked off in Cape Town, travel through 23 polio-affected African countries before landing at RI Headquarters in Evanston, Chicago. Take a look at the blog, [here](#).



Hans Vonk, Captain and Goalkeeper of Ajax Cape Town, was first to put his boot to the ball and, en route to Egypt, some impressive signatures were added, including those of heads of state, polio chairs across Africa, national football captains, as well as our polio partners, Bill Gates and The Arch.

Running parallel was Rotary's inspired *This Close Campaign* which had champions from across Africa, including our own Arch.

And Rotary's Public Image department launched its District Funding Grant which allowed us in Cape Town to hold three Annual Landmark Lighting Events. We even had two branded black cabs sporting the message to End Polio Now and to Kick Polio Out of Africa. What a campaign this was.



And there's still more news.....

Tunji Funsho has been named one of TIME’s 100 Most Influential People

Dr. Tunji Funsho, chair of Rotary’s Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee, joins 100 pioneers, artists, leaders, icons, and titans as one of TIME’s 100 Most Influential People. TIME recognized Funsho for his instrumental leadership and work with Rotary members and partners to achieve the eradication of wild polio in the African region. [Read more](#)



FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

It’s wine auction time, and this is definitely not one to miss. The goal is the same – raise funds for NSRI – it’s the means that are slightly changed. Yes, you can still bid.... But you’ll do it online. Ready? Set? No... probably you’re not, so click on the link below to complete the registration process. You do soooo not want to miss this.

Auctions



🕒 Timed Auction

ROTARY ONLINE WINE CHARITY AUCTION IN AID OF NSRI, HOSTED BY CLAREMART AUCTION GROUP South Africa

(1 item)

Starts: 14 Oct 2020 10:00 AM SAST

Online bidding concludes on: 14 Oct 2020 2:30 PM SAST

A WIDE SELECTION OF PRESTIGIOUS AWARD WINNING WINES FROM ALL OVER SOUTH AFRICA

Click here to Register

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

OCTOBER - ECONOMIC and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 5 Partners Meeting
Speaker, June Webber: *“Kicking Polio Out of Africa”*
- 12 Ordinary Meeting
Speaker, Candice Mostert ([WasteED](#)): *“Waste Education and Ecobricks”*
- 13 Board Meeting
- 14 [NSRI Wine Auction](#)
- 19 DG Carl-Heinz Duisberg’s Visit
- 24 D9350 [Mini-Conference](#)
[World Polio Day](#)

26 Business Meeting

NOVEMBER – ROTARY FOUNDATION

- 2 Partners Meeting
Speaker, Andrew Baxter (Cape Town Cycle Tour CEO)
- 9 Ordinary Meeting
- 16 Ordinary Meeting
- 18 Board Meeting
- 23 Business Meeting
- 30 Ordinary Meeting

DECEMBER – DISEASE PREVENTION and TREATMENT

- 7 Partners Meeting
- 14 Ordinary Meeting
- 21 Annual Break
- 28 Annual Break

UMPIRES and SCORERS

	5 October 2020 Partners	12 October 2020 Ordinary	19 October 2020 DG's Visit
Sergeant	Ian Pursch	Lew Botha	Henry Campbell
Four-Way Test	Michelle Roos	Richard Burnett	Shân Biesman-Simons
Grace and Loyal Toast	Lisa Lombard	Heidi Andersson	Brian Pickup
Peace Quote/Comment	Pieter van Aswegen	Jamie Hart	Graham Finlayson
Minutes	Graham Lowden	Vanessa Rousseau	Melinda Stapleton
Intro speaker	John Stephenson	Jeannine Ibbotson	
Thank speaker	Geraldine Nicol	Glynis Menné-Hart	
Comment	Wendy Goddard	Tony Davidson	Terry Lancaster

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



BIRTHDAYS		
ANNIVERSARIES		
JOINED ROTARY		
WOODEN SPOON	Jana Forrester	

CLUB OFFICE BEARERS



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Entrepreneurship
John Stephenson



Community Services
Wybe Meinesz



Vanessa Rosseau



Graham Finlayson



Shelley Finch

----- **Membership & Publicity Cluster** -----



AND the LAST WORD

Last week it was the turn of ὀκτώποδι
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This week, it is the little Springbok.

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