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Club of Newlands



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WEEKLY CLUB BULLETIN

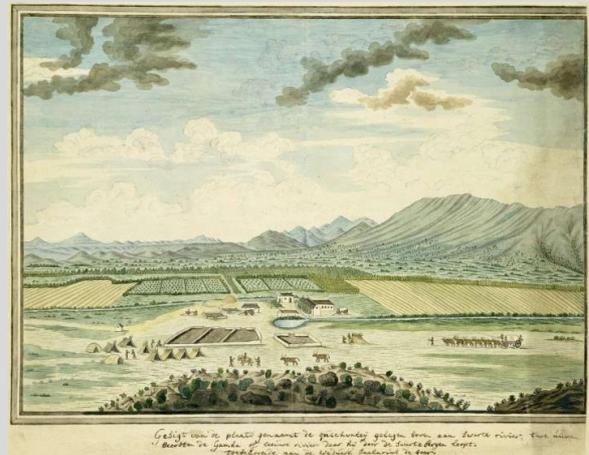
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PRESIDENT : JENNY IBBOTSON

## COMMENT: A SMALL TOWN in THE KAROO (Vanessa Rousseau)

Several Newlands Rotarians have visited the town of Prince Albert and enjoyed its charms. It is also home to one of our members, Jan Kaars-Sijpesteijn, who is paving the way for a satellite club in Prince Albert, affiliated to Newlands Rotary. A few things that might interest you about the town:

Prince Albert's origins date back to 1762 to the loan farm De Queek Valleï (Kweekvallei) which was leased by one Zacharias de Beer, after news that the Dutch East India Company had released more loan farms for farming and grazing at Swarteberg.



Zacharias developed Kweekvallei into one of the most prosperous and productive farms in the area. Thanks to a never-ending supply of water from the mountains, he was able to irrigate fields vineyards, orchards and gardens. Passing travellers praised his wine for which he had a good market in the northern Karoo, where water supply was short. <sup>1</sup> One of the original walls of Kweekvallei farm is now part of Prince Albert's well-known Gay's Guernsey Dairy.

Another name associated with Prince Albert is Robert Gordon, a Dutch military man (of Scottish descent), who in 1776 was commissioned into the Dutch East India Company's army and posted to the Cape as second in command of the Dutch garrison there. During his almost twenty years in the Cape up to his death in 1795, "he amassed an enormous quantity of material, both visual and verbal, concerning the topography, fauna, flora, meteorology, geology and inhabitants of South Africa which, taken together, give an astonishingly complete and detailed overview of the country during the final decades of the Dutch East India Company's regime. His achievement is all the more remarkable in that he collected and classified it almost single-handedly, showing equal skills as a botanist, zoologist, ethnographer, linguist, geologist, cartographer and draughtsman..." <sup>2</sup>

One of his watercolours (above) shows the farm Kweekvallei, which he visited with the then Governor of the Cape, Joachim van Plettenberg in 1778. This watercolour was painted from a hillock on the outskirts of the town, which now bears the name Gordon's Koppie. In the centre of the drawing you will notice a small, round dam – this still exists today.

The town was originally known as Albertsburg, but when it obtained municipal status in 1845 it was renamed Prince Albert in honour of Queen Victoria's consort, Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg.

And the rest, as they say, is history.

<sup>1</sup> *Matys Andries de Beer en sy kinders, compiled by the Fransie Pienaar Museum from research done by Herta Bockelman.*

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.robertjacobgordon.nl/about>

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*Thanks also to my husband for some of this information. He is particularly interested in the area, especially since he discovered that he is a 6<sup>th</sup> generation descendant of Zacharias de Beer and that his name, Sybrand, comes from Zacharias' third wife's father. Enough said.*

## MINUTES of the PARTNERS MEETING on ZOOM 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 18h30

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*Scribe : Johan Beukman*

Sergeant Pieter opened the meeting at 18h33 and requested President Jenny Ibbotson to welcome all present which she did in a very eloquent manner and then excused herself to go off to bed to rest and recover from the after effects of anaesthetics I suspect.

Sergeant Pieter requested Past President Terry Lancaster to stand in as president for the duration of the meeting.

The Four-Way Test was recited by Graham Finlayson. Grace was said by Chris Beech who also proposed a toast to Rotary International.

Dr Tony Davidson lit the peace candle and offered the following two peace quotes:

- Buddha said: "Holding onto anger is like taking a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burnt."
- "Work for peace in your family, then your neighbourhood, then the community; If everyone did this, there would be peace across the world."

Geraldine handed the Just desserts spoon to Melinda Stapleton for the excellent job she has been doing arranging speakers for our meetings.

Sergeant Pieter then handed over to Quizwiz Wendy Goddard. For easy reference of the quiz, I obtained all the questions and answers from Wendy. These are attached.

Sergeant Pieter thanked Wendy.

SPOTS:

- Graham Finlayson suggested that our club should create a fire relief fund with a substantial amount of money. Wybe Meinesz responded to the suggestion and President Terry suggested that the matter will be discussed at the Board meeting on Wednesday on 21st April 2021.
- Glynis Menne reminded everyone about the walk on Thursday 22nd April which she arranged.
- Ian Pursch announced that the Cape Town Cycle Tour will take place during October 2021.

## PRESIDENT'S SLOT:

President Terry announced/reminded the meeting of the following:

- President Jenny Ibbotson has been appointed an Assistant Governor for the 2021/2022 Rotary year
- The District Zoom conference takes place on Saturday 1st May 2021
- The upcoming African Centennial Conference
- Wednesday's Board meeting on 22nd April 2021
- He extended birthday wishes to Ian Pursch for Monday 19th April, and Peter Ennis for 25th April and congratulated Jamie and Glynis on their anniversary on 21st April.

Happy Rands were received from Shân, Glynis/Jamie and Mike Walwyn.

Sergeant Pieter closed the meeting at 19h25.

## NEWLANDS NEWS

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On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Newlands will host District Governor Tom Gump from District 5950, Minnesota, USA in a discussion on Innovations for Growing Rotary Membership.

Tom is passionate about growing Rotary membership especially through forming cause-based Rotary clubs.

Tom was the visionary founder of the first ever Rotary Club for Veterans in the world. He was also co-founder of the first Rotary club in the world formed to end human trafficking. He is now helping form similar clubs throughout the country and the world.

Tom appears on page 14 of month's Rotary Africa magazine discussing the steps it takes to form a new club. This past August, Tom and his

district were featured in the Rotary magazine for the new and innovative clubs that they formed. Previously, Tom's tips for attracting and retaining members were featured as part of the cover story in the Rotary magazine.

Tom was one of only 20 North American Rotary leaders selected by Immediate Past RI President Mark Maloney and Rotary International Membership Staff to participate in the "New Club Development Summit" and he was subsequently named as a Zone 29 Innovative Club Advocate.

He speaks frequently about membership at Rotary club, district, multi-district and zone events, including as a breakout panellist at this past year's Rotary International Convention. Tom was also a recent guest on the I'm a Rotarian Podcast.

## NEWS FROM THE ROTARY WORLD

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This week is World Immunisation Week!

Because vaccines work, Rotary and its partners have reduced polio cases by 99.9% worldwide since 1988 with only two countries – Pakistan and Afghanistan – continuing to report Wild Polio cases.

Fighting COVID19 requires global solidarity. Rotary is committed to lending its tools, workforce and surveillance network to help countries respond.

The systems created to deliver polio vaccines to the hardest-to-reach areas of the world are helping workers find COVID19 cases, trace contacts and provide information on how to slow the spread of the virus.

*Help Rotary raise awareness for polio eradication and the importance of vaccines during World Immunization Week, 24-30 April. Show your commitment by sharing posts on social media. You can also paint your pinkie purple and post a picture online using the hashtags #EndPolio and #VaccinesWork.*



And hold this date.....



The Climate and Peace Forum provide wonderfully content-rich webinars and you don't have to watch in the middle of the night. You can find the recordings online, later. But do register. Your interest and support will be most welcome.

## CORRESPONDENCE

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President Jenny recently received this request:

*Dear Jenny,*

*I hope this finds you well?*

*My name is Donné Minné and I am a postdoctoral fellow at the Applied Microbial and Health Biotechnology Institute at Cape Peninsula University of Technology.*

*We are running an exciting study looking at the effects of Rooibos supplementation on heart and brain health.*

*I'm writing today to inquire whether or not you would be open to the idea of extending an advert about our research study to your members? .....*

*I hope to hear from you and please don't hesitate to ask me any further questions. Many thanks for your time.*

*Kind regards Donné*

Donné, later added that "The study will most probably be running from mid July. .... Each person would have a slightly different start date, and from that start date it would last 12 weeks. Essentially, involvement requires coming into our lab at CPUT's Bellville campus for a single morning session upon commencement of the study, and then another morning at the end of the 12 weeks. Transport can be arranged for those who require it. At the start, each person will be given a supply of supplements which they will self-administer at home over the 12 weeks."

For more information, click [here](#) and if you are interested in participating, please email Donné, [here](#).

## RCN FUTURE FIXTURES *(Online, for now)*

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### APRIL – MATERNAL and CHILD HEALTH

26 Business Meeting

### MAY – YOUTH

1 District 9350 Conference

3 Partners' Meeting: *Thomas A. Gump Rotary International District 5950, District Governor 2020-21, Rotary Club of Edina / Morningside, MN, USA*

10 Committee Meetings

17 Ordinary Meeting: *Brett Agiotis, M Soc Sci Candidate. University of Cape Town, Environmental and Geographical Sciences*

19 Board Meeting

24 Business Meeting

31 Ordinary Meeting: *Marilyn Lilley & Jan Arkart - exploration activities and impacts in the Kavango Basin in Namibia and Botswana.*

### JUNE – ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS

7 Partners Meeting: *Adele Pudney and partner, Aimee: [Equine-assisted therapy programs](#)*



<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>		
<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> April	Johan and Charlene Taljaard
<b>JOINED ROTARY</b>		
<b>JUST DESSERTS SPOON</b>		Melinda Stapleton

## UMPIRES and SCORERS

	26 April 2021	3 May 2021	10 May 2021
	<i>Business</i>	<i>Partners</i>	<i>Committee Meetings</i>
Sergeant	Glynis Menné-Hart	Wendy Goddard	Graham Lowden
Four-Way Test / Object	Michael Walwyn	Lisa Lombard	Michelle Roos
Grace and Loyal Toast	Terry Lancaster	Richard Burnett	Brian Pickup
Peace Candle and Quote	Heidi Andersson	Wybe Meinesz	Vanessa Rousseau
Minutes	Richard House	Melinda Stapleton	Anthony Galloway
Intro speaker		Geraldine Nicol	
Thank speaker		Jeremy Opperman	
Comment	John Stephenson	Jamie Hart	Ian Pursch

- *If you cannot make this duty, please arrange a substitute and let the Sergeant know.*
- *Peace Candle duty includes lighting a candle and providing a quote.*
- *Comment is due on the date above. Publication is the Monday following. Usually. Please submit a text file and, if you have pics, please attach these.*

## CLUB OFFICE BEARERS



**President**  
Jenny Ibbotson



**Past President**  
Terry Lancaster



**President Elect / ECD**  
Geraldine Nicol



**Secretary**  
Janey Ball



**Treasurer**  
Peter Ennis



**Club Services**  
Heidi Andersson



**Community Services**  
Wybe Meinesz



**CSI**  
Graham Finlayson



**Entrepreneurship**  
John Stephenson



**Environmental Sustainability**  
Tony Davidson



**Foundation**  
Mike Walwyn



**International Service**  
Shân Biesman-Simons



**Membership**  
Jeannine Ibbotson



**Public Image**  
Shelley Finch



**Public Image**  
Vanessa Rousseau



**Vocational Service**  
Jeremy Opperman



**Youth Service**  
Wendy Goddard

## AND the LAST WORD .....

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