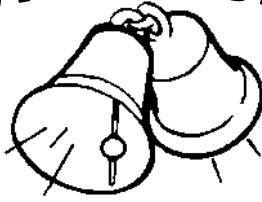


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"RINGING THE CHANGES FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE" *Malcolm Saunders*

DECEMBER 2013 / JANUARY 2014

From President Jan Leerkamp:

Members of Bellville Rotary, Family and Friends

Time flies, one month of this year has gone already.

In December we assisted with Durbanville's Oom Piet's Christmas Party and unloaded 140 wheelchairs, which were distributed amongst the various Clubs. We marshalled for "Die Burger Fietstoer" in December and for the "Paarl Fun ride" in January.

The upgrading of the Tygerberg Hospital Cochlear section, funded by the Bristol Breakfast Rotary Club in UK, was completed this month and duly handed over to Lida Muller, head of the TCU section.

Thanks to Peter, Bill, Adrian and especially Jimmy, who arranged and assisted with the painting of the section.

Brian Taylor requested a six month sabbatical and Gavin Brereton resigned from Rotary, but will become a member of the "Friends of Rotary" and still assist when help is required with our fundraising activities.

It was a pleasure for me to present Chris Poole, at the meeting on 21 January, with the Paul Harris sapphire pin, awarded for his dedicated years of service not only to the Rotary Club of Bellville, but also to Michael Gordon, member of the Las Vegas Rotary Club.

We can now look forward to the next two months serving the Community by assisting at the Argus Cycle Race and the Bellville Golf Day in March.

Once we have visited a few new venues a democratic vote will decide where we will have our weekly meetings in future.

ENGAGE OUR MEMBERS, CHANGE OUR CLUB



Pres. Jan Leerkamp



Some of the Champions who attended the Rotary Family Health Day Workshop in Cape Town.

Tuesdays 18:00 for 18:30
Last Tuesday in the month 19:00 for 19:30

Meet at various venues until a final decision is made.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

From Rtn Adrian Willard:

Bursaries

2013 is something of the past and 2014 has arrived and with 2014 come bursary applications to contend with under the Vocational portfolio.

We have received a number of Bursary applications. Rotarians Mike Rosewall, Peter De La C, George Gordon and myself make up the Bursary Committee and have been finalising the completion of the Bursary applications received. The biggest challenges to contend with are applications for Bursaries received later than anticipated.

It is only in order to laud our President, Jan Leerkamp, for taking the time to attend each and every Bursary Committee Meeting. Your support and attendance is much appreciated.

All bursaries will be attended to and feedback provided at the next business meeting and board meeting.

Vocations

With January come vacancies to fill in most industries.

Employees who leave companies more often than not resign at the end of December for many different reasons but the most obvious one being missing out on the merit bonuses and 13th cheques .

Managements are faced with the challenge of filling these vacant positions. The process of finding the right person for the job has become more and more challenging through the years. If you were to appoint a well-seasoned campaigner (winner) you are faced with the challenge of having to pay such an employee a rather suitable salary based on the years of experience. On the other hand you could employ a candidate with the potential of becoming a "winner" who may be less experienced and less expensive, but would need a bag full of training. Neither option could be the right one for the particular business at the time.

This makes employing staff into suitable vocations such a massive challenge. If you were of course not to choose either of the options above you could of course use option 3 prayer!

SPECIAL REPORTS

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

From Henriette Venter

January is ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

ROTARY SCOUT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE CAPE TO RIO RACE

Constant contact was maintained with the crew on their blog



From the web: JML Rotary Scout is the official yacht of Scouts South Africa and has a crew of Scouts on board to compete in the Cape to Rio 2014 yacht race. Experienced yachtsman, Peter Bosch is the skipper and the crew is made up of the finest young scouts who have come through the Sea Scout program in various parts of South Africa.

After catching a 12 kg tuna they made sushi and grilled steaks to perfection to each individual's taste!

At the time of this newsletter they were still a few days away from Rio. Follow the daily reports of their trials and tribulations on the blog:

<http://www.rotaryscout.co.za/blog/>

Amid all the hard work and stress they still have time for fun and pranks! "Peter would often come on deck for his shift in the early hours of the morning to discover a veritable mess of empty chocolate, biscuit and sweet wrappers from the previous night's activities and he would comment on how the crew were over-indulging unnecessarily and that he wasn't getting enough of a look-in with the treats. What he didn't know is that we were collecting all the wrappers and recycling them each night, placing them strategically for him to discover each morning and taking bets on how long it would take him to expose our scam."

GOLF DAY : 18 MARCH

All the players and sponsors of last year's event were contacted, before the holidays, with good wishes and to announce the date of the event.

After the school holidays another message was sent to remind them to diarise the date and, by return of post, one team already entered – even before all the details are known!



COMMUNITY SERVICE

From Rtn Peter de la Cornillere:

After lying at anchor in Table Bay due to high winds delaying operations, Rotary District 9350's container of wheelchairs was unloaded into storage on the 20th December. After a delay of about an hour the wheelchairs were sorted and moved into storage without a hitch.

A huge thank you to Marlene, Jan and Jimmy for their help. It was hot and the work was very physical. Everyone sweated big-time. After the wheelchairs were put into storage, Marlene, Jimmy and I were subjected to a Leerkamp strip. I don't know if Jimmy took any photos, but, if he did, we would have to censor them to maintain the dignity of the position of President of the Bellville Rotary Club.

From Rtn George Gordon:

The club cancelled our participation at the One-to-One day but Joan kept contact with the companies who used to donate fresh fruit, biscuits and ice cream. She asked them to make these available in time for Christmas and we delivered these to the following Senior Centres:
Huis Zonnekus in Milnerton;
Huis Martina in Parow Valley
and Huis de Kuilen in Kuils River.



The photograph was taken at Huis Martina

Rtn Peter reports:

Upgrade of the Cochlear Unit at Tygerberg Hospital

The Bristol Rotary Breakfast Club donated £1000.00 for the upgrading of the reception area of the Cochlear Unit at the Tygerberg Hospital. At the exchange rate ruling at the time this equated approximately R10 000.00 and Bellville Rotary was asked to manage the project.

After a slow start the project was finally completed in December 2013 and the official handover took place on 16 January 2014. It was attended by Peter de la Cornillere, Jimmy du Plessis, Jan Leerkamp and Bill Wilson.



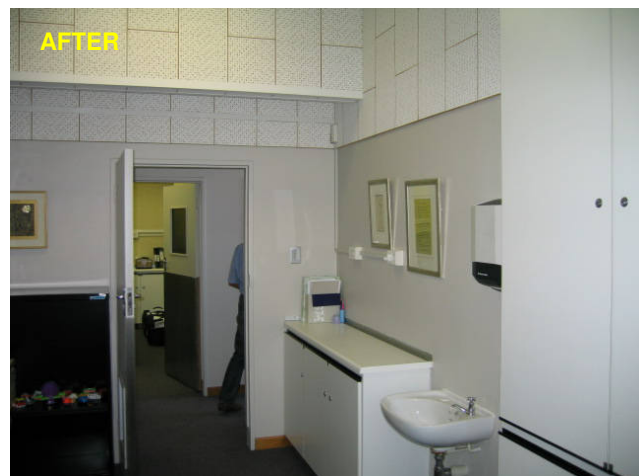
Ms Lida Müller (Cochlear Unit) with Pres Jan Leerkamp



The team: Rtn Jimmy du Plessis, Rtn Bill Wilson, Ms Lida Müller, Pres. Jan Leerkamp and Rtn Peter de la Cornillere



An example of why the renovations were so necessary.



CLUB SERVICE

From Rtn Marlene Neumann:

Meeting : 21 January

A regular weekly meeting turned into a special occasion when the donation of a Paul Harris Sapphire Award was announced.



Michael Gordon

PP Chis Poole was honoured in a very special way by Michael Gordon.

To appreciate the full extent of this gesture, we include a copy of Michael's motivational letter.

We salute this talented "Bellville Son". He not only excelled in his studies but involved himself in all Rotary projects and programs of the Las Vegas clubs and still supported his SA home club too – far too numerous to list here.



Chris is congratulated by Pres. Jan

Michael said Chris helped to change his life and is this not a perfect application of the RI theme for the year.....

ENGAGE ROTARY CHANGE LIVES!

Dear President Leerkamp:

As many of the members of your Club may already know, I recently graduated with a doctorate degree from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, making me one of less than a hundred people who are double alums of this young university. Neither of these degrees would have been possible without the support of the Rotary Club of Bellville who recommended me for the Rotary International Ambassadorial scholarship back in 2005.

It has been an honour to work with professionals of high caliber in the Rotary Club of Bellville over the past ten years, whose hard work and dedication produce superb results. One example of these results is the Ukufunda/Literacy-for-All project which was conceived, implemented and overseen by members of the Rotary Club of Bellville.

I have many fond memories of my "orientation" in the Rotary Club of Bellville and can vividly remember conversations (mostly over a glass of wine) with Barry Evans, Vic Storkey, Malcolm Saunders, Johan and Rina Spies, Peter de la C, "Father" Mike, Tappy Tappenden, Doc Bill, Andre Geboers, Brian Taylor, James du Plessis, Johann Claassen, Gavin Brereton, Hans & Joan Neusch, and Sylvia Phillips – members who all took a genuine interest in me and my endeavours. The friendliness and honesty from these Rotarians made me feel like a valued "member" of the Club from day one. Not to mention your collective weekly Rotary Foundation contributions which made these scholarships possible for me.

However, few people know that my first interaction with the Bellville Rotary club was with Chris Poole and Bryan MacKrell one Tuesday evening in 2004 around 5:30pm, right before the regular club meeting, when as a potential applicant, they answered my questions about the Group Study Exchange (GSE) application process. From the first email exchange which led to the abovementioned meeting, Chris Poole has always been the consummate professional and a delight to work with. With his vast knowledge of the Rotary Foundation, he served as a "tour guide" for me, directing me through the myriad possibilities and alerting me to certain application pitfalls without which, I'm pretty sure, my GSE application would not have been successful. After returning from the GSE trip, both Johan Spies and Chris Poole encouraged me to apply for the Ambassadorial scholarship – and the rest, as they say, is history.

Chris – THANK YOU! Without your guidance and advice, I would certainly not be where I am today. Your contribution was an important and integral part of my success in the United States. Without you and that first meeting way back in 2004, none of this would have been possible.

This Paul Harris award reflects my appreciation for your dedicated years of service not only to the Rotary Club of Bellville, but also to myself. Personally, there is no higher honour I can give to show my continued appreciation for the doors you have opened for me. It is my hope that you will wear this PHF +1 with pride.

Forever grateful and in your collective debt,

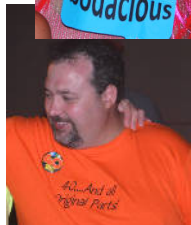
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CLUB NEWS

- Regretably long standing member of 14 years, Gavin Brereton, resigned as member of the club.
- From a cold and snow covered Cornerbrook Sylvia sent love and best wishes via Skype. She has not yet mastered skiing but says she is managing quite well to drive in the snow!
- The Willard family had special celebrations during the holidays.

From Adrian: "Celeste Willard had her birthday on the 7th of January during which she was spoilt rotten!! Isn't she pretty?"

As if the Willard's didn't have enough of the New Year's celebrations and birthday parties the youngest Bellville Rotarian had his 40th birthday party on Friday the 17th of January. The average age for the club will be taking a beating again. (Lol) It is reported that he Looks 18, Feels 14, Acts 8 and it all equals a cool 40! Lucky to still have all original parts intact."



FORWARD PLANNER

- 9 March : Argus / Pick & Pay Cycle Race
- 18 March : Golf Day
- 30 April : Club's 60th Anniversary
- 2 – 4 May : District Conference in Knysna

Birthdays in February:

- 3rd : Albert Tappenden
- 11th : Dudley Shone
- 19th : Annette Tappenden
- 24th : Nicky Holtzhausen

Anniversaries in February:

- 1st : Hans & Joan Neusch



YOUTH SERVICE

From Bellville Rotaract Facebook:

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF BELLVILLE ROTARACT CLUB!



Assisting Durbanville Rotarians at Oom Piet's Christmas Party



DISTRICT 9350 NEWS



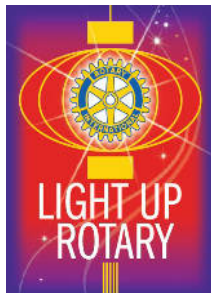
Have you registered for the District Conference in Knysna 2 - 4 May 2014?

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Announcing the RI Theme for 2014 – 2015:



RI President-elect Gary C.K. Huang chose **Light Up Rotary** as his theme for 2014-15. Huang was inspired by the teachings of Chinese philosopher Confucius who said: "It is better to light a single candle, than to sit and curse the darkness."



"There are so many problems in the world, so many people who need help. Many people say, 'There's nothing I can do.' So they sit there doing nothing. Meanwhile everything stays dark," Huang told the 537 district governors and their spouses and partners who are attending the 2014 International Assembly in San Diego, California.

"The Rotary way is the Confucius way. The Rotary way is to light a candle. I light one, you light one, 1.2 million Rotarians light one. Together, we light up the world," said Huang, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Taipei in Taiwan.

After announcing his theme at the opening session of the five-day training meeting, Huang urged club members to **Light Up Rotary** in the coming year by hosting a Rotary Day in their community and including local Rotaract and Interact members in their service projects.

"How you *Light Up Rotary* is up to you," Huang said. "You know where you are strong, you know what your community needs, and you know how you can help."

Huang also shared his membership development goals, including the need for more women and young adults and his goal to increase membership to a total of 1.3 million members. He asked Rotarians to invite their spouses, family members, and friends to join Rotary.

"We need to assume leadership for building strong clubs, and that starts with bringing in new members," he said.

Addressing the status of the fight against polio, Huang noted that with the current momentum Rotary is on track to achieve full polio eradication by 2018.

"When we eradicate polio — and we will — we will have proved ourselves an organization capable of great things. And we'll be even better equipped for the next challenge we choose to take on. We'll have given the world a gift that will endure forever," he said.

By continuing to fight against polio, setting an example in local communities, and growing membership, Huang hopes to see Rotary shine brighter than ever.

"*Light Up Rotary* is our theme, but it is more than our theme. It is how we live in Rotary, how we think in Rotary, how we feel, how we work," Huang said. "It is how we make a difference — every day, in every club, every district, and every country where we serve."

Madiba and Polio Immunization:

In 1996, routine polio immunizations in Nigeria and other African countries were anything but routine. Competing health priorities and lack of funding hampered many governments from putting polio eradication high on their agenda. The drive for a polio-free Africa needed a playmaker.

Enter Nelson Mandela.



Herb Brown, Rotary's president in 1995-96, recalls seeking the South African leader's support. "President Mandela was so gracious and listened as we described the problem," Brown says.

"I told him only he had the influence to persuade the countries to resume immunization."

Mandela agreed to help. "I'm well aware of Rotary and all the work you've done, and all the work you did while I was in jail," he told Brown. At a press conference, with Brown at his side, Mandela asked all the heads of state in Africa to open their doors to polio National Immunization Days.

Mandela helped launch the Kick Polio Out of Africa campaign later that year with 1996-97 Rotary President Luis Giay and Rotary Foundation Chair Rajendra Saboo. Almost immediately, Africa's polio eradication effort was back on track.

Using soccer matches and celebrity endorsements, the campaign raised public awareness of polio and helped spur more than 30 African countries to hold their first National Immunization Days.

In recognition of his vital work, Rotary presented the Rotary Award for World Understanding to Mandela in 1997, then Rotary's highest honor. "We chose President Mandela because of his significant contributions to world peace, human rights, and freedom," said Giay, adding that Rotary members especially appreciated "his strong support of the eradication of polio throughout Africa."

Mandela called the award "a tribute to the people of South Africa's rainbow nation." Rotary's work toward eradicating polio "has shown the power of a global network of people who are ready to roll up their sleeves and put their heart and soul into saving children from disability."

Mandela donated the award's \$100,000 prize to the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund.

Following his death, Rotary members in South Africa lauded Mandela as "one of the 20th century's iconic symbols of freedom and equality," "the father of the nation," and "a leader of service."

"Mandela was a man who overcame unimaginable hardships to emerge as one of the greatest leaders of our time — and one of our greatest humanitarians . . . [His] legacy of courage, determination, and commitment will forever inspire us to move forward in our effort to achieve a better, more peaceful world," said Rotary President Ron Burton.

"MY ROTARY MOMENT"

From: Rtn George Gordon

In December last year my wife and I had the privilege to visit Las Vegas, the entertainment capital of the USA. Our son Michael graduated with a Ph.D in Public Administration, and on December 21st he married his American girlfriend, miss Amanda Hurst.

It is common knowledge that Michael's American Rotary family have walked much more than the proverbial 2nd mile to accommodate him, to integrate him in the American lifestyle, and to afford him excellent opportunities to focus on his academic studies.

It was therefore no surprise to see the "whose who" of the Rotary family in California and Nevada (District 5300) at the graduation and at the wedding reception. Three (3) PDG's were amongst the wedding guests.

We were fortunate to personally meet and talk to a very prominent lady. Somebody that will forever have her name written in the history books of Rotary International. Please afford me a few moments to share the historical milestones with you.

Mr Paul Harris and a few friends formed Rotary in 1905. In those early years, women were close to the organization, but it is uncertain whether they were ever regarded as fully-fledged members of the organization. It was not until 1921 that the RI Convention in Edinburgh really laid down the law, stipulating that "a Rotary Club shall be comprised of men ...".

In 1977 the Californian RC of Duarte, on occasion to celebrate its 25th anniversary, decided to grant women full membership. RI moved swiftly and withdrew the club's charter in 1978!

Not to be outflanked, Duarte re-named itself the "Ex-Rotary Club of Duarte" and promptly filed a law suit in the California Superior Court - the ruling went in favour of RI, but was reversed by the Californian Court of Appeal. RI then took the case all the way the US Supreme Court, and this Court came down on RI like a ton of bricks, with a 7-0 decision. The ruling was given on 04 May 1987.

In 1982, Sylvia Whitlock, a school principal, was introduced to Rotary by Richard Key, Duarte's Superintendent of Schools and President of the Duarte Rotary Club at the time. "Richard thought with all the women principals and women administrators, he could increase the club's membership by inviting women to join. It was not a woman's issue; it was a membership issue", said Sylvia with a smile on her face..



One month after the ruling by the US Supreme Court, Sylvia Veronica Whitlock was inducted on 23 June 1987 as the President of the Rotary Club of Duarte, and in so doing, she became the first female Rotary Club President in the history of the organization. As a matter of interest, RI's amendments to its constitution and bye-laws to allow women into Rotary was only finalized in January 1989.

In the Rotary year 2012/13 Dr Sylvia Whitlock served as DG for the Rotary District 5300.

Meeting this incredible woman of the Rotary family, was an absolute honour and privilege, and I regard it as my Rotary Moment of 2013 !

From Rtn Bill Willson:

Imponderables

Be thankful for the bad things in life.

For they opened your eyes to the good things you weren't paying attention to before!



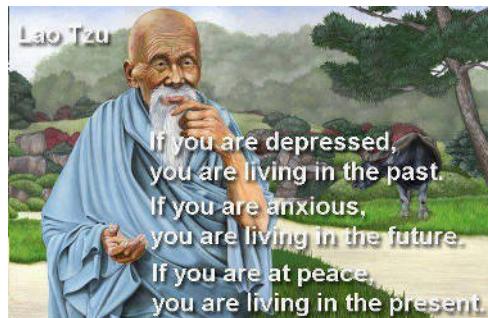
Advice for the New Year

The Centre for Disease Control has issued a medical alert about a highly contagious, potentially dangerous virus that is transmitted orally, by hand, and even electronically.

This virus is called Weekly Overload Recreational Killer (WORK).

If you receive WORK from your boss, any of your colleagues or anyone else via any means whatsoever - DO NOT TOUCH IT!!! This virus will wipe out your private life entirely. If you should come into contact with WORK you should immediately leave the premises.

Take two good friends to the nearest liquor store and purchase one or both of the antidotes - Work Isolating Neutralizer Extract (WINE) and Bothersome Employer Elimination Rebooter (BEER). Take the antidote repeatedly until WORK has been completely eliminated from your system



Date	DECEMBER					Month	%	YTD Pr	YTD	YTD%		
	3	10	17	24	31							
Week	22	23	NO MEETINGS DUE TO HOLIDAYS									
Percent Attendance	76%	86%						81%		68%		69%
Brereton, Gavin	1	1						2	100%	12	14	61%
Claassen, Johann	0	1						1	50%	7	8	35%
De La Cornillere, Peter	1	1						2	100%	21	23	100%
du Plessis, Jimmy	1	1						2	100%	21	23	100%
Evans, Barry	1	1						2	100%	21	23	100%
Gordon, George	1	1						2	100%	20	22	96%
Holtzhausen, David	1	1						2	100%	13	15	65%
Leerkamp, Jan	1	1						2	100%	21	23	100%
Lusaseni, Nohmle	1	1						2	100%	1	3	100%
Neumann, Marlene	0	1						1	50%	12	13	
Neusch, Joan	1	1						2	100%	21	23	100%
Phillips, Sylvia	0	0						0	100%	0	0	0%
Poole, Chris	1	1						2	100%	19	21	91%
Rawbone, Dave	0	1						1	50%	16	17	74%
Rawbone, Pam	1	0						1	50%	1	2	667%
Rosewall, Mike	1	1						2	100%	19	21	91%
Shone, Dudley	0	1						1	50%	12	13	57%
Tappenden, Tappy	1	0						1	50%	18	19	83%
Taylor, Brian	1	1						2	100%	12	14	61%
Willard, Adrian	1	1						2	100%	12	14	61%
Wilson, Bill	1	1						2	100%	19	21	91%
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