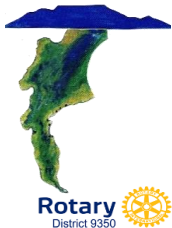


Rota Views

Bulletin of the Rotary Club Cape of Good Hope

We meet every Tuesday evening near the tip of the Cape Peninsula at
The St James Hotel, Main Road, St James, Cape Town

Time: 18:30 for 19:00 - Visitors are always most welcome



The 2016-2017 theme of RI President John F. Germ
Rotary Serving Humanity



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“The strength of Rotary is in our Youth”

This was in all our minds as we listened to the talk given by **Alexandra Jade de Beer – aka Ally** - on her return from her STEP exchange to Germany over the past Xmas break. She spoke with a confidence and relaxed ease, as if she was talking to her family around the dining table. As she shared her experiences with the Club, we were entertained and educated - coupled with an impressive display of how much a Youth Exchange programme experience can bring about a change in a student!!

WELL DONE Ally, you did a fantastic job, made your parents proud and the Rotarians sit up in respect and admiration. We wish you all the best for your Matric year and we hope that you will keep in touch with the club in the future. *Seen in the picture above with her host family at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin*



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Our visitors in the night, **Paul Wharrier from the RC Hexham** swapped a banner with Pres Peter. He, his wife Marguerite and Dagmar – all old friends of our Club – also enjoyed our Exchange student guest speaker.

Pres Peter acknowledged the kind donation from **Dagmar Falkenberg** and the promise of assistance with our ETE Global Grant from Paul.

What wonderful friends we are blessed to have!

In the Sick Bay we have two patients, Tony Raylor who had his Op some time ago and told me he is doing well and Irene Butterworth who had her op more recently. She is active on the cell but not yet fit enough to come back to the meetings just yet. We wish them both well.

Items & Spots from the Floor

1. **Romeo & Juliette Ballet** – at Maynardville. **12 February @ 8:30 pm** . **Andy organised the tickets**
2. **Dragon Boat Regatta** – Date confirmed as the 14th OCTOBER – so we need to get marketing and looking for sponsors and donors.
3. **Argus Cycle race Marshalling - 12th March** – Susan has the commitment list but we need more help. All members are asked to source able bodied replacements / volunteers to make up our 30 man marshalling spots
4. **One 2 One – date is set for the 21 August** We will wait for a Club decision on our involvement and hold back on the R500 deposit required until the organisers also give us confirmation
5. **Friendship Exchange** –
 - **The team from Iceland will be with us soon** – We are still appealing to Club members to offer hosting for 3 nights - 16 to 18 March. Speak to Kirti Patel.
 - **The Outbound tour to Sweden** – is apparently fully subscribed
 - **Last Night at the Proms - 23 APRIL 2017 at 5pm --- Marge to organise**

What our Members were up to in the last week.....

✚ **Terracotta Army - 29 January**



Rotarians enjoy a Fellowship outing to the Terracotta Army display. Present at the event were Marge and Fred (enjoying the amazing display), Ursula, Dagmar, Jean and Di - all seen here enjoying some refreshments after viewing the exhibition

RI and DISTRICT MATTERS

WHEELCHAIRS - delivery is imminent. PDG Milton Fray and his wife Elaine and Alan Drewitt arrive on 13-15 February & stay 3 nights with us before heading off.

Other events:

- RI Convention in Atlanta USA from 10-14 June 2017
- Friendship Exchange - OUT bound to Iceland confirmed for 13-24 JULY 2017
- RI Convention in Atlanta where the 100th Birthday of RI Foundation will be celebrated. Sunday 11 – Wednesday 14 June 2017 & “Out of Africa in to Kansas City” event Friday night 16 June



CELEBRATION CORNER



BIRTHDAYS – *Happy Birthday*

ANNIVERSARIES – *Congratulations*

None this week

WEEKLY CLUB MEETING DETAILS & EVENTS CALENDAR – 2017

EVENT	DATE	VENUE	TOPIC	TIME	
Speaker	7 February	St James Hotel	Joanne Jeffrey - TRUGS	7.00	
Romeo & Juliette	12 February	Maynardville	Romeo & Juliette Ballet	8:15pm	
	14 February	St James Hotel	PDG Milton Frary – Wheelchair Foundation	7.00	
BOARD	20 Feb	Galley	BOARD		
Business	21 Feb	St James Hotel	Business	7.00	
	28 Feb	St James Hotel	Kelee Arrowsmith - BEAR	7.00	
	7 March	St James Hotel	TBA		
	14 March	St James Hotel	TBA		
	21 March		PUBLIC HOLIDAY		

DUTY LIST

ALL members are asked to help with the setting up and breaking down of the Meeting venue each week. Let's share the job instead of leaving it to the same few every week. Thanks!

MEETING AGENDA	ON DUTY: 7 FEBRUARY	ON DUTY: 14 FEBRUARY
Set up banners & flags	Jean, Di, Ursula, Gillean & Thereasa	Jean, Di, Ursula, Gillean & Thereasa
Door & Guests	Marge Upfold	Marge Upfold
General Welcome	Pres Peter	Pres Peter
Welcome to Visitors	Marge Upfold	Marge Upfold
Toast to RI & Other Clubs	Christine Mueller	Susan O'Hagan Ward
	Christine Mueller	Susan O'Hagan Ward
Secretary – Notices	Susan O'Hagan Ward	Susan O'Hagan Ward
Grace	Norma Rockliffe	Luise Rouessart
DINNER	DINNER	
Intro Speaker	Susan O'Hagan Ward	Pres Peter Gray
Speaker	Joanne Jeffrey (from TRUGS)	PDG Milton Frary
Topic of Speaker	<i>Teach Reading Through Games</i>	<i>Wheelchair Foundation</i>
Thank Speaker	Gillian Anderson	Janet Holwill
LUCKY DRAW	Marge Upfold	Marge Upfold
Sergeant at Arms	Janet Holwill	Mike Heffernan
Closing remarks & Thanks	Pres Peter	Pres Peter
Four Way Test	Thereasa Strano	Marge Upfold
Pack away	ALL TO HELP PLEASE	ALL TO HELP PLEASE

Page down for a smile



THE MIND OF STEVEN WRIGHT #1

If you're not familiar with the work of Steven Wright, he's the famous erudite (comic) scientist who sees things differently than most of us. Here are some of his gems:

- 1 - I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.
- 2 - Borrow money from pessimists -- they don't expect it back.
- 3 - Half the people you know are below average.
- 4 - 99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
- 5 - A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
- 7 - A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- 8 - If you want the rainbow, you have got to put up with the rain.

IMMUTABLE LAWS

- 1. Law of Mechanical Repair** - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.
- 2. Law of Gravity** - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.
- 3. Law of Probability** - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.
- 4. Law of Random Numbers** - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal; someone always answers.
- 5. Variation Law**- If you change queues/ traffic lanes, the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.
- 6. Law of the Bath** - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone will ring.
- 7. Law of Close Encounters** -The probability of meeting someone you know INCREASES dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.
- 8. Law of the Result** - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, IT WILL!!!
- 9. Law of Biomechanics** - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.
- 10. Law of the Theaters & Sports Arenas** - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last... They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.
- 11. The Coffee Law**
As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.
- 12. Murphy's Law of Lockers** If there are only 2 people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.
- 13. Law of Physical Surfaces** - The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.
- 14. Law of Logical Argument** - Anything is possible IF you don't know what you are talking about.
- 15. Law of Physical Appearance** - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.
- 16. Law of Public Speaking** -- A CLOSED MOUTH GATHERS NO FEET!
- 17. Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy**- As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it OR the store will stop selling it!
- 18. Doctors' Law** if you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there, you'll feel better. But don't make an appointment and you'll stay sick.