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**ROTARY FOUNDATION
MONTH****EDITORIAL****The Story of Bulls Blood**

submitted by Jackie James

During our travels of Central Europe we came upon the wine growing district of Eger in north eastern Hungary. Eger is home to the famous Bikaver or Bull's Blood red wine and this is how the story goes:

It is the legend of the Turkish empire's attempt to take the castle at Eger in 1552. "Under the leadership of Istvan Dobo, a mixed bag of about 2000 soldiers held out against more than 100 000 Turkish soldiers for over a month in 1552". The women of Eger also played a crucial role in this battle by pouring boiling oil and pitch from the ramparts onto the invaders.

The legend continues that during the siege the citizens of Eger opened their wine cellars so that Dobo was able to sustain his weary troops with the ruby-red vintage of the town's wine. The wine split onto their beards and armour. "When they fought with increased vigour – and stained beards – rumours began to circulate among the Turks that the defenders were gaining strength by drinking the blood of bulls." The superstitious and fearful invaders retreated and the legend of Bikaver or Bull's Blood was born. By defeating the Turks, Dobo and his men completely halted the empire's invasion of Western Europe. It was however, not until the 18th century that Bull's Blood became popular as a medicine to strengthen the stomach. In 1979 the state established the Bull's Blood Project to control the varietal planting scheme and is now enjoyed as an inexpensive fun wine.

It is a blended wine consisting of kékfrankos, kardarka, cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc, merlot and pinot noir, but must always contain a minimum of fifty percent of kékfrankos, ironically a varietal introduced to Hungary from Turkey.

Sources: www.bullsblood.com, Lonely Planet Central Europe, 2011

MEETING OF 1 NOVEMBER 2012

Attendance

Membership	22
Present	15
Make ups	3
Apologies	5
Attendance	68%

Visitors: Francesca

Rotarian & Guest Speaker: Bronwyn Maree (Constantia)

Attendance to Biffy 082 468 7504 or aecon.e@mweb.co.za.

The Grace was performed by Bev, Biffy did the loyal toast (which included the Rotary Club of Mitchells Plein) and Stephen toasted the New Jersey Rotary club, recovering from Hurricane Sandy.

PRESIDENT'S ITEMS

Pres Mike welcomed all, and then had the pleasant task of inducting Francois van Eerden into the club. In what has to have been a Rotary first, this included Rap no 5 by gangsta Mike. Welcome Francois!

The DG's visit may be postponed until next year, as it clashes with our Uncle Paul's evening.

SLOTS

Are spoke about the possibility of a fellowship visit to Norway next year, and the importance of trying to be there on their National Day, 17th May. He reminded potential visitors that although Norway can be expensive, Kopervik are excellent hosts, so everybody should be well looked after and made very welcome. **Bev** endorsed this, and encouraged everyone to attend, while **Pres Mike** reminded everyone that the Proms dates for next year are the 11th and 12th May, and that we can't run it properly if the whole club are enjoying the charms of Norway.

Ken informed the club that Aubrey has had a gall bladder op, and although he is doing well, he will be confined to his bed for 2 weeks.

String appealed for additional assistance with the Big Walk marshalling on Sunday 11th. The routes have been changed, and will be taking much longer, so 2 shifts are required.

Biffy distributed pamphlets for Opera in a Convent Garden, which will be taking place on the 3rd February.

Uncle Pauls planting went well, however the baboons are already causing havoc. Sarah made it safely home to her family in the USA, before the hurricane struck.

John has changed service providers, and will notify us of his new telephone number soon.

GUEST SPEAKER

Rob introduced Bronwyn Maree, who completed her BSC at UCT, before going on to Rhodes to do her Honours and Masters. Bronwyn works with the deep sea fishing industry, to reduce bird mortality. She is a member of the Albatross Task Force, which is part of Bird Life International. Seabirds are the most threatened of all bird types, with 300 000 fatalities per year, 100 000 of which are albatrosses.

They are very long-lived birds, with a slow breeding cycle, so their birth rate is very low. Research has shown that their 3.5m wingspan allows them to travel up to 1000 km per day.

They are continually working on possible solutions to reduce the death toll. Success so far has been achieved with Tori lines, to scare the birds away, weights on the lines to ensure that they go deep quickly, and setting the lines at night. This has helped to reduce the mortality from 0.44 birds per 1000 barbs in 1998, to 0.06 birds per 1000 barbs in 2008. Each long line trawler sets 3 200 barbs per line, so you can see how serious the problem is.

Bronwyn was thanked by John.

PRESIDENT'S QUOTES

Gary Player celebrated his birthday on 1st November. He has won 165 tournaments on 6 continents, over 6 decades

1. The more I practice, the luckier I get.
 2. We create success or failure on the course primarily by our thoughts.
 3. Simply by making the effort to start something, you will be miles ahead of almost everyone else.
 4. If there's a golf course in heaven, I hope it's like Augusta National. I just don't want an early tee time.
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JACKPOT

The pot has risen to R2 420, with just 22 cards left. Despite such good odds, John drew the 9♦. Gordon won the generous R25 attendance prize.

PROGRAMME

November 2012	Committee: Barnard, Bird, Hovstad, Michalowsky, Wetmore
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Thursday 8 **Jacqui Greenberg and Sue Kitsen on stem cells**

Thursday 15 **Karin Webber, Claremont Rotary Club, Business Ethics**

Thursday 22 **Board meeting**

Wednesday 28 **Uncle Paul's starts**

Thursday 29 Social @ Annatoli's

December 2012	Committee: van Wyk, Gowdy, Overbosch, Todd
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Thursday 6 Charity night at Uncle Paul's / possible DG's visit

Saturday 8 Christmas party at The Palms

**Thursday 13 Normal meeting / Xmas meeting (gifts and no speaker)
No further meetings in December**

Sunday 23 Uncle Paul's ends

January 2013	Committee: Knight, Cleveland, Munday, Orsmond
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Thursday 3 No meeting

Thursday 10 Normal meeting. No speaker. Fun and games.

Thursday 17 Dean Hand (PH): "Impact Investing and a new way to think about philanthropic/grant/charitable donations..."

Thursday 24 Board Meeting

Thursday 31 Social

DUTY ROSTER

	8 November	15 November	29 November	6 December	8 December
Sergeant	Barnard	Cleveland	SOCIAL: DETAILS TO BE ADVISED	CHARITY NIGHT AT UNCLE PAULS	FAMILY CHRIST- MAS PARTY AT THE PALMS
Attendance Officer	Danckwerts	Danckwerts			
Wynpress Editorial	Klotz-Gleave	Michalowsky			
Minutes for Wynpress	Danckwerts	Knight			
Compilation of Wynpress	Knight	Danckwerts			
Door Duty	Hovstad	James			
Grace	Danckwerts	Gowdy			
Loyal Toast	Gowdy	Hovstad			
International Toast	Klotz-Gleave	Knight			
Speaker Introduction	TBA	TBA			
Speaker Thanks	Van Eeden	Gowdy			

IF YOU CANNOT MAKE YOUR ROSTERED DATE, PLEASE SWAP WITH ANOTHER ROTARIAN AND INFORM THE SERGEANT WHO IS ON DUTY THAT DAY

TAILPIECE

To write with a broken pencil is . . . pointless.
When fish are in schools they sometimes . . . take debate.
A thief who stole a calendar . . . got twelve months.
When the smog lifts in Los Angeles . . . U.C.L.A.
The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes . . . was on shaky ground.

The batteries were given out . . . free of charge.
A dentist and a manicurist married . . . They fought tooth and nail.
A will is a . . . dead giveaway.
If you don't pay your exorcist . . . you can get repossessed.
With her marriage, she got a new name . . . and a dress.

Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you . . . A-flat miner.
You are stuck with your debt if . . . you can't budge it.
Local Area Network in Australia : . . . The LAN down under.
A boiled egg is . . . hard to beat.
When you've seen one shopping center . . . you've seen a mall.

Police were called to a day care where a three-year-old was . . . resisting a rest.
Hear about the fellow whose whole left side was cut off? . . . He's all right now.
If you take a laptop computer for a run you could . . . jog your memory.
A bicycle can't stand alone; . . . it is two tired.
In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, . . . it's your Count that votes.

When a clock is hungry . . . it goes back four seconds
The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine . . . was fully recovered.
He had a photographic memory . . . which was never developed.
Those who get too big for their britches will be . . . exposed in the end.
When she saw her first strands of gray hair . . . she thought she'd dye.
Acupuncture: . . . a jab well done.