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BABY COLLEGE

By Aubrey Michalowsky

Alan Jackson has raised the Baby College Project with us and we have accepted going ahead with it. I feel it is such a marvellous and worthwhile project that I have decided to write my editorial on this subject to keep it fresh in our minds.

It boils down to the fact that most of the children born in this country, are born to under-privileged women and therefore, because of home circumstances, these new-born babies receive hardly any stimulation from adults. It has been proven over and over that the more babies are stimulated from birth; the better they do in their school years and later in life.

What Geoffrey Canada did in Brooklyn, New York, was to get a group of volunteers and organise them to have group meetings with parents and expectant parents to show and teach them how important it is for babies to be stimulated. These courses were usually held on Saturdays and held for nine sessions.

Statistics have shown that his results have indicated an improvement in the children of parents who attended these courses.

Where do we as Rotarians fit in? We are planning to start a similar course at the Retreat Community Health Centre. We already have the co-operation of the UCT Department of Family Medicine which seems keen on the project.

I am confident that it will take off and if it does, it could spread to all the other Rotary Clubs in the Peninsula and to the rest of South Africa.

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MEETING OF 3 OCTOBER

ATTENDANCE

Membership:	25
Present:	15
Make Ups:	1
Apologies:	9
Attendance:	62%

Guests: Graham Gavin, Dirk du Plessis, Keela O'Driscoll, Stephen van Niekerk, Sarah Yousuf, Ann O'Driscoll, John Moeur, Phil and Christine Calothi (Newlands), Kathryn Hoeflich (Guest speaker), Rotaractors: Lee, Jess, Kerri, Chrisleen.

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

Loyal Toast performed by Justin. International toast performed by Biffy. Clubs toasted were confirmed and future Global Grant partners: Alturas Sunrise, N California, Tahoe-Incline, Nevada and Flemington, New Jersey. The grace was done by John later before going through to supper.

Pres. Karen opened the meeting by welcoming all present and guests, to whom the members gave a warm Wynberg welcome.

Karen then proceeded to induct Graham and Dirk as new members. Welcome to the family. Graham responded on behalf of both of them saying that they decided to stay with us because they felt welcome, at home, a friendly spirit and atmosphere and hoped they would be part of the club for many years.

SLOTS:

Justin: There will be a literacy indaba on 16 Nov. Email to the club to follow.

Biffy: Biffy has free tickets to shows if anyone would like to take them up.

Jess: District Rotaract Potjiekos Competition was held on Sat at Oakdale Club, Bellville. The weather was not great. Some potjies better than others. Claremont won. A fun day.

Graham explained the swindle and the usual specials.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mervyn introduced Kathryn Hoeflich who came with a very impressive and long CV. Kathryn seems to have travelled and / or worked in just about every country in the world.

Asylum seeker: A person who has lodged asylum application and is awaiting a decision

Refugee: A person who flees persecution on 5 defined grounds. In RSA, has been granted status by Department of Home Affairs.

Distinctions between migrants and refugees:

- Migrants, especially economic migrants, **choose** to move in order to improve their lives.
- Refugees **have** to move if they are to save their lives or preserve their freedom.

Refugees have to have well founded fears, could be persecuted, unable to return or valid fears due to race, belief, politics, membership of a social group.

- ▶ Governments bear the prime responsibility for protecting refugees on their territory, and often do so in concert with NGOs and civil society.

- ▶ UNHCR works alongside NGOs and civil society to promote or provide legal and physical protection.
- ▶ Where services exist, refugees should be able to access the services instead of creating parallel services.
- ▶ Facilitation of local integration is a priority; self-reliance as well as promoting other solutions to refugees' plight
- ▶ South Africa is party to the International and Regional Refugee Instruments and has incorporated principles of international refugee law into national legislation ("no reservations") and thus offers opportunities for integration, especially socio-economic, not found in most African countries

SA's constitution affords refugees all the same protections as a citizen except: political rights, citizenship. The total number of Refugees is coming down and came down rapidly after 2008. SA has become known as an unfriendly country for refugees.

CTRC main areas of focus: Psychosocial Interventions, Education & Advocacy, Self-Reliance, Department of Social Development Programmes.

Kathryn's talk generated a large amount of questions and discussion. Bottom line: Xenophobia is alive and our Government services in this regard are "broken" (for want of a better expression!).

Graham thanked Kathryn for her informative talk.

FAREWELL TO SARAH

Sarah addressed the club and said how she had expected to make a change but her experience here has changed Sarah. She has loved being part of Wynberg Rotary Club, has found family, friends, service, experienced the culture, country and Cape Town. Sarah then presented a short slide show of the events that she has been involved with while here and things she has done and trips undertaken.

Don't forget us Sarah.

PRESIDENT'S QUOTES:

President Karen's quotes for the evening were:

1. "Somebody should tell us right at the start of our lives that we are dying. Then, we might live life to the limit." (Michael Landon)
2. "Success is more a function of consistent common sense than it is of genius". (Helen Keller)

PROGRAMME

October 2013	Committee: Barnard, Bird, Hovstad, Michalowsky, Wetmore, Jackson
16 October	Wynberg Rotaract Meeting
17 October	Elizabeth Daly – Public knowledge and stormwater quality in Cape Town: Implications for management.
18 October	Constantia Rotary Club – Wine Festival
20 October	Uncle Paul's work party (Our big one to fix ROTARY WALK)
23 October	Retreat Rotaract Meeting
26 & 27 October	Uncle Paul's work party
30 October	Halloween Rotaract Social
31 October	Rotary social (maybe these two should be a joint one)

November 2013

Committee: van Wyk, Gowdy, Overbosch, Todd, Murphy, Klotz-Gleave

- 6 November Wynberg Rotaract meeting**
- 7 November Special meeting with both Haugaland and Oddemarka present, NLC principles**
- 8 November NLC bursary award evening with Haugaland and Oddemarka present**
- These two events are the first time in history that both sponsors will be present together. Let's make it special!**
- 14 November Normal meeting: Wendy Dias "Anti-Counterfeiting and Security."**
- 16 November Literacy: NGO's and club workshop**
- 20 November Wynberg Rotaract meeting**
- 21 November Normal meeting / Thanksgiving Day in the USA AIDS speaker: Linda-Gail Bekker: The Desmond Tutu HIV Centre, Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences, UCT**
- 23 November Kids Beach Day out**
- 27 November Retreat Rotaract meeting / Uncle Paul's starts**
- 28 November Business meeting**

DUTY ROSTER

DUTY	17 October	30 or 31 October	7 November	14 November
Sergeant	Barnard	 <p>SOCIAL</p>	Cleveland	Murphy
Attendance Officer	Danckwerts		Danckwerts	Danckwerts
Wynpress Editorial	Munday		Schreiber	Smith
Minutes for Wynpress	Wetmore		Danckwerts	Wetmore
Compilation of Wynpress	Danckwerts		Cleveland	Danckwerts
Door Duty	Michalowsky		Schreiber	Cleveland
Grace	Gavin		Munday	Murphy
Loyal Toast	Du Plessis		Michalowsky	Munday
International Toast	Schonegevel		Gowdy	Michalowsky
Speaker Introduction	Michalowsky		Hovstad	Gavin
Speaker Thanks	Jackson		Schreiber	Du Plessis

AFRICA

*When you have acquired a taste for the dust,
and the scent of our first rain,
You're hooked for life on Africa,
and you'll not be right again.
Until you can watch the setting moon
and hear the jackals bark,
And know they are around you
waiting in the dark.*

*When you long to see the elephants
or hear the coucal's song,
When the moonrise sets your blood on fire,
then you've been away too long.
It is time to cut the traces loose,
and let your heart go free,
Beyond that far horizon
where your spirit yearns to be.*

*Africa is waiting – come!
Since you have touched the open sky
And learned to love the rustling grass
and the wild fish eagle's cry.
You'll always hunger for the bush;
for the lion's rasping roar,
To camp at last beneath the stars
and to be at peace once more.*

Author unknown

Africa, THIS is why I live here !