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**ROTARY**  
**FELLOWSHIPS MONTH**



## EDITORIAL

### BEING BRIEF

Don't you sometimes wish people would get to the point? Instead we find ourselves listening to someone tell us the same thing six different ways, or giving us more detail than we want or need. This is a problem all of us have to face at some time, for we have all been on the giving and receiving end of this same problem.

How do you know if you need to self-edit? And how do you self-edit?

#### 1. **Don't get bogged down in irrelevant details.**

- *"I went there on Thursday, or was it Wednesday, no it had to be Thursday..." Who cares what day it was? Get on with it.*

#### 2. **Don't repeat comments.**

- *Unless the listener didn't hear you or indicates she didn't understand, say it once and go on.*

#### 3. **Decide if the idea is new to the discussion.**

- *If not, don't say it. People don't want to hear the same ideas rehearsed.*

#### 4. **Eliminate extra words.**

- *Say your comment using the fewest words that can express the thought well. In writing courses, we are taught to edit our words. We can apply the same concepts to our verbal communication.*

#### 5. **Say what you need to say in a pace that is easy to hear.**

- *Avoid going so slow that your listener fills in your last words since they've figured out what you were going to say.*

#### 6. **Eliminate non-word space holders.**

- *Pause without filling in the void with non-words: "uh," "you know," "um," and "like."*

**7. Don't discuss information that is not relevant to the majority of the group.**

- *Defer specialized conversations until later.*

**8. Ask questions in a group discussion that are relevant to more than yourself.**

- *If you have a question specific to yourself, ask it one-on-one later.*

**INSPIRATION**

*"Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any one thing."*

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**MEETING OF 22 MAY 2014**

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**ATTENDANCE**


**Membership:** 29  
**Present:** 22  
**Make Ups:** 0  
**Apologies:** 2  
**Attendance:** 85%

Attendance to Biffy 081 547 9489 or [aecon.e@mweb.co.za](mailto:aecon.e@mweb.co.za).

**Visitors:** Dave Chudleigh (guest speaker). Ruth Dressington, Oscar Ssuna, Eldred Polikoff, Peter Gray, Rod Palmer, Keela O'Driscoll, Austin Cooke-Lindsay, AG Ian Pursch, incoming AG Michelle Anders.

**Roché van Wyk** was on Duty at the door and welcomed everyone warmly and François van Eeden was the Sergeant keeping the meeting to order in a magisterial sort of way. **Mervyn Wetmore** gave the Loyal Toast and **Pam Munday** the International Toast to all the Rotary Clubs in Argentina/Patagonia on account of their impending visit to that neck of the world. **Elizabeth Danckwerts** welcomed visitors to our meeting and mentioned the imminent departure home of **Austin Cooke-Lindsay** back to Texas, USA.

**President Karen** welcomed all to our meeting especially **AG Ian Pursch** and incoming **AG Michelle Anders**. She also mentioned the donation of 5000 krone from Norway (again, simply wonderful and much appreciated!) to our Baby College.

Please  **your** Wynberg Rotary Club on **Facebook** at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Rotary-Club-of-Wynberg/115903425126783> to keep up to date with our events and happenings.

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**SLOTS**

**AG Ian Pursch** thanked Rotary Wynberg for his involvement with us over his term of office and introduced us to **AG Michelle Anders** who will be our link to the DG over the next year. (*Welcome AG Michelle and we look forward to working with you!*)

**Oscar Ssuna** from Cape Town Rotary visited us to encourage our renewed involvement in **Adventure into Citizenship**, a wonderful Rotary project where young people are exposed to various State and Municipal institutions giving them an insight into their city and the running of it. **NB** Rotary Wynberg has decided to sponsor two of our Interactors from our Interact Clubs to the 2014 **Adventure into Citizenship**.

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**Jackie James** gave a reminder and details of the Wynberg Rotary's Social to be held on 29 May 2014 at the home of Phillip & Pam Munday's home. (**THANK YOU** to firstly Phillip & Pam for a wonderful evening, wonderful curries and meal, all beautifully prepared and set out and secondly to all those who initiated, organised (Dave Barnard & Jackie James) and helped at the evening. A most successful and enjoyable evening. **THANK YOU!**)

**Don Lidgley** gave us greetings from his old Rotary Club back in England (Sea Houses) and feedback on their support of Lavender Hill.

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## GUEST SPEAKERS TALK

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David Chudleigh gave us a most interesting, humbling and inspiring account of how after chasing the corporate dream in computing and information technology with all its material and social status and



benefits he 'lost it all' which resulted in him starting a surf school in Muizenberg with his wife and two daughters being intimately involved. From its humble and ill-defined beginnings the whole project has grown organically, enriching and empowering the whole family and all those who either work, volunteer or take lessons through the Surf School: **Surfshack Surf School** <http://www.surfshack.co.za/wmenu.php>. With a number of facets to it, not least a holistic outreach programme to members of the local Cape Flats community Surfshack has gained an admirable and deserved reputation. From an initial group of 12 youngsters in the outreach programme it has grown to a group of 25 young people from various schools in the local communities around Muizenberg. With the aim of being sustainable, the outreach programme gives the 25 youngsters an intense development through surfing lessons (**'surfing sucks you in, can give you purpose and gives you many valuable lessons enriching one's life journey enormously'**), assistance with and encouragement in their schooling, life, leadership and communication skills development and an understanding of being 'whole citizens' who after receiving should also 'give back' and 'pay it forward'. Funding always being an ongoing challenge David Chudleigh has developed creative and mutually beneficial partnerships with local NGO's (e.g. Amy Biehl Foundation:

<http://www.amybiehl.co.za/>), foreign donors, a Norwegian Trust and international volunteers who volunteer at the Surfshack. But there is always need for more financial help (e.g. the Vehicle Project which aims to secure a new minibus to transport the outreach youngsters to various education outings, to and fro from home and school, etc.) Thank you David for an interesting and inspiring presentation.

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## DUTY ROSTER

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<b>DUTY</b>	<b>5 June</b>	<b>12 June</b>	<b>19 June</b>	<b>26 June</b>
Sergeant	Van Wyk	Schreiber	<b>Induction Dinner for Rotary Wynberg's 65<sup>th</sup> President: Mowbray Golf Club 18h00 for 18h30. More detailed information to follow.</b>	Todd
Attendance Officer	Danckwerts	Danckwerts		Danckwerts
Wynpress Editorial	du Plessis	Gavin		van Niekerk
Minutes for Wynpress	Danckwerts	Wetmore		Cleveland
Compilation of Wynpress	Wetmore	Danckwerts		Wetmore
Door Duty	Schonegevel	Du Plessis		van Niekerk
Grace	Munday	van Wyk		Williams
Loyal Toast	van Wyk	Vivian		Du Plessis
International Toast	Smith	Todd		van Wyk
Speaker Introduction	TBA	TBA		TBA
Speaker Thanks	Michalowsky	Murphy		Smith

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## PRESIDENT'S QUOTES

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President Karen has a new computer and so thought it appropriate to quote Dr Seuss on computers:

### **DR. SEUSS EXPLAINS WHY COMPUTERS SOMETIMES CRASH**

*(Best if read out loud.)*

If a packet hits a pocket  
on a socket on a port,  
and the bus is interrupted  
at a very last resort,

and the access of the memory  
makes your floppy disk abort.  
Then the socket packet pocket  
has an error to report.

If your cursor finds a menu item  
followed by a dash,  
and the double-clicking icon

puts your window in the trash;  
 and your data is corrupted  
 cuz the index doesn't hash,  
 then the situation's hopeless  
 and your system's gonna crash.

If the label on the cable  
 at your house,  
 says the network is connected to  
 the button on your mouse,

but your packets want to  
 tunnel to another protocol,  
 that's repeatedly rejected  
 by the printer down the hall,

and your screen is all distorted  
 by the side effects of gauss,  
 so your icons in the window  
 are as wavy as a souse;

then you may as well reboot  
 and go out with a bang,  
 cuz sure as I'm a poet,  
 the sucker's gonna hang !

When the copy of your floppy's  
 getting sloppy in the disc  
 and the microcode instructions  
 cause unnecessary risk,

then you'll have to flash the memory  
 and you'll want to RAM your ROM.  
 Quickly turn off the computer  
 and be sure to tell your Mom!

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## PROGRAMME

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<b>May 2014</b>	<b>Committee: James, Danckwerts, Schreiber, Smith, Williams, Lidgley, Gavin</b>
<b>29 May</b>	<b>Retreat Rotaract meeting</b>
<b>29 May</b>	<b>Social</b>
<b>June 2014</b>	<b>Committee: Barnard, Bird, Hovstad, Michalwsky, Wetmore, Jackson, Schonegevel</b>
<b>4 June</b>	<b>Wynberg Rotaract meeting</b>
<b>5 June</b>	<b>Business meeting / World Environmental Day</b>
<b>12 June</b>	<b>Retreat Rotaract meeting</b>
<b>12 June</b>	<b>Normal meeting – Mary Tata</b>
<b>16 June</b>	<b>Youth Day</b>
<b>18 June</b>	<b>Wynberg Rotaract meeting</b>
<b>19 June</b>	<b>Induction Dinner</b>
<b>26 June</b>	<b>Retreat Rotaract meeting</b>

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26 June



Normal meeting

27 June

School holidays start

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### JACKPOT:

The Jackpot stood at R750.00 with a 9  to be drawn. Incoming AG Michelle Anders cut the pack and Justin Schonegevel to draw. He drew 9  (Ag Shame!) and Elizabeth won the R20.00 Attendance Prize.

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### TAILPIECE:

