EDITORIAL

Travel: A lens for understanding the world

On my recent travel overseas there were some things that really made me ponder life afresh; from being defined by what you have or have not, by how different yet similar we can be, by the richness of our cultures finding expression through food, by the global opportunities that exist today that didn't a few years ago, so much so that these opportunities will leave you with the lingering questions as to why? Why do you choose to live where you do? And what is it about this choice that feeds your identity.

What you have or not... There is nothing like flying to underscore status, right from check in. Special counters for platinum, gold or the run of the mill etc. travelers based on economics are allowed all manner of privileges. **Even toilet ratios are disproportionate once that curtain is drawn.**

Manfred Max Neef and his theory of Humanscale Development, proffers that human needs are universal, irrespective of culture, economics, education, or geographical location. Our differences come in by just how these needs are satisfied. The satisifiers can be classified, broadly speaking as appropriate, pseudo, or inappropriate. The difference between a balanced diet, fast food or malnutrition is an example.

Parents, worldwide desire the best for their kids but are in agony and angst as their kids find their own way in this world by design or circumstance, trying to navigate the pitfalls of life with limited experience and invincibility.

Food as an expression of identity and dignity. The worst ethnocentric remark you could ever make to someone is saying; How can you eat that? That accusative remark cuts to the core of a person and their identity. You are expressing that your preference and your food choice is superiorly different and quite possibly the benchmark.

The global village that offers global opportunity. The worst basis to ground your decision to immigrate is your vacation experience which is normally during summer seasons and in ideal conditions, It is said that it takes having kids to bring these fundamental aspects into focus. That is why the global churning of immigration that is taking place,

So I guess travel is so much more than just existentialism, it is about your identity and purpose.

Submitted by Roché van Wyk and edited due to length

Minutes

18th February 2016

	Compiled by Hugh Maunder
Attendance	61% including make ups.
Visitors	John McDonough, PP RC Lisburn (Ireland), Gavin Schachat, Panashe Nyamupangmunda, Sanmari Crous, Debbie Scott, Felicity Nefdt (teacher - Norman Henshilwood), Ronwyn Williams (learner - Wittebome), Teresa Williams and Raymond Trew (Principal - Wittebome)
Fellowship	Ann's birthday is on 23 February
From the President	District Conference will be held at Stellenbosch on 29/30 April The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page - Saint Augustine. It is better to travel well than to arrive - Buddha
Slots	String – Requested more marshalls for the Cycle Tour on 6 March
Guest Speaker	Alan introduced Gavin Schachat, Rotary Youth Exchange, who detailed the different formats of Youth Exchange. The "Long-Term Exchange" provides the opportunity for specially selected students to travel to another country to spend 12 months living with host families in that country. He introduced Panashe Nyamupangmunda, who was a long-term student and had just returned from Brazil. Panashe told us that he could now speak fluent Portuguese and had won prizes for his new ability to make presentations to large audiences. He is a very impressive young man and an excellent example of the good that the Rotary Youth Exchange system does. The speakers were thanked by John.
Members' Moments	Karen announced that she now has Grandma status.
Swindle	Because of Are's win the previous week, a new pack was used and the sought after card would be 5 of clubs. Gavin, a visitor, won the chance to win but was unable to pull that card. Hugh was very excited to have won the attendance prize of R15.

Duty Roster

	Feb	Mar		
	25	3 (Business)	10	17
Sergeant	Barnard	Cleveland	Hovstad	Murphy
Wynpress Editorial	Barnard	Bird	Gowdy	Hovstad
Wynpress Minutes	K van Niekerk	Howard	Maunder	Howard
Door Duty	Dietrich	Gowdy	Howard	Jackson
Grace	Schreiber	Smith	K van Niekerk	Van Wyk
Loyal Toast	Hovstad	Howard	James	Lidgley
International Toast	O'Driscoll	Danckwerts	Bird	Cleveland
Speaker Intro	Vivian	N/A	Barnard	Bird
Speaker Thanks	O'Driscoll	N/A	Murphy	Schonegevel
Entertainment for the month		Barnard, Dessington, Jackson, Maunder,		

Two little old ladies, Connie & Evelyn, were sitting on a park bench outside the local town hall where a flower show was in progress.

The short one, Connie, leaned over and said, 'Life is so boring. We never have any fun anymore. For $10 I'd take my clothes off and streak through that stupid, boring flower show!'

'You're on!' said Evelyn, holding up a $10 bill.

So Connie slowly fumbled her way out of her clothes. She grabbed a dried flower from a nearby display and held it between her teeth. Then, completely naked, streaked through the front door.

Her friend soon heard a huge commotion inside the hall, followed by loud applause and shrill whistling. Finally, the smiling Connie came through the exit door surrounded by a cheering, clapping crowd.

'What happened?' asked Evelyn.

'I won $1,000 as 1st prize for 'Best Dried Arrangement'...'

Going Forward

Dates To Diarise

25 Feb	RI Fellowship evening with RI visitors
26/27 Feb	RI Economic Conference (Kelvin Grove)
27 Feb	Wynberg Rotaract fun day (Constantia Primary - Jackie)
3 Mar	Business meeting
5 Mar	Cape Welsh Choir at Bergvliet HS
6 Mar	Cycle Tour (String)
10 Mar	Normal meeting
13 Mar	HIKEFOR - Liesbeek River trail
17 Mar	Raid by Melkbos Rotary Club
19/20 Mar	**Last Night of the Proms (see attached flier)**
24 Mar	No Meeting
31 Mar	5th Thursday Social??
3 April	Rotary Family Fun Day, Sea Point
28 April	District POETS (Training for club officers)
29/30 April	District Conference

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