

## Editorial

### WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE BENEFIT OF OTHERS

By Mike Schreiber

Relationships and communication are vitally important within Rotary. It is essential for members to be able to work **together** and communicate effectively at all times.

The ability to work together with our fellow members to achieve the common goal of serving others is what makes Rotary work. Almost every project that we have been involved in through our long history is testimony to the fact that the collective efforts of the group far outweigh what we could ever hope to achieve individually.

This is not however always easy and from time to time disagreements, differences of opinion or conflicts can arise. What is important then is to focus on the common goal, and to **respect** the opinions of your fellow members. As long as we show each other the necessary respect they deserve, we should be able to overcome most obstacles that stand in our way.

Especially important in this regard is the principle of effective **communication**. We have structures in place within the Rotary framework to ensure that important decisions and actions are communicated through the correct channels. We therefore need to adhere to these rules to ensure all our actions are always congruent to our common aim, serving others. It does not make sense if we are doing a whole lot of work and others in the club don't know about it. Equally it makes no sense if you are duplicating the efforts of others, or perhaps unknowingly treading on the toes of others. Worse still, it is not acceptable to complain about members or problems in the club, real or perceived, if you have not followed the correct processes to address these matters.

The way to avoid these pitfalls is to simply follow the laid down rules and procedures, and if in doubt, ask! It's not really difficult to achieve, because we should all know who is responsible for each portfolio or project within our clubs. It's far better to communicate properly in the beginning, than land up with problems later on that could easily have been avoided.

We are fast approaching the end of our Rotary year and a lot has been achieved which we can be proud of. That good work has to be continued, and it is only by **working together** that we can achieve our goals.

What I would urge all members to do is to continue to focus on building relationships within the club. United clubs are happy clubs, and happy clubs are strong clubs. Don't let personal differences or lack of effective communication undermine the good work we can do together.

In ending, I think the famous quote by Helen Keller is particularly relevant to us. She said: "**Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much**". Let's keep those words in mind as we continue to serve others.

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#### April Rotary Theme

Maternal and Child Health Month

**Wynberg Rotary meet every Thursday,  
6 for 6.30pm,  
Palm House, Wynberg.**

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**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

# Minutes

19 April 2018

Compiled by Stephen Bredenkamp

<b>Attendance</b>	16 members present
<b>Visitors</b>	Prof Neil Armitage Pr Eng, PhD (Guest Speaker), Stacey Edwards, Justin Johnson.
<b>From the President's Chair</b>	Pres. Rob welcomed all present. Three dates to remember:- Business meeting on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> May, Raid on RC Am Cap on 12 <sup>th</sup> May, Presidential Induction on 7 <sup>th</sup> June (venue to be confirmed).
<b>Fellowship</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> : Sharon Barnard, 21 <sup>st</sup> : Our thoughts with Wenche, on Are's birthday.
<b>Members' Moments</b>	<b>Dennis</b> said Wynberg Rotary seemed to be mounting a takeover bid for the Wine Tasters' Guild, as 20% of the Guild at the latest tasting were Wynberg Rotarians!
<b>Slots</b>	<b>Rob</b> : confirmed 20 'hard copy' (what is that?) member booklets will be printed. <b>Biffy</b> : Confirmed numbers for the raid to Cape of Good Hope Rotary (Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April)
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	Monique introduced Professor Armitage, Professor of Civil Engineering at UCT, who spoke on Urban Water Management, with particular reference to Water Sensitive Cape Town.  At first the club was dubious when we were told that the City of Cape Town had actually done a good job in water management, but we were soon convinced. A salient point was that during the current drought of 2015 / 2016 / 2017, the rainfall was so far below average to be a 1 in a thousand year episode.  Prof Armitage proved to be an informative and very interesting speaker with a wealth of knowledge on 'Water Sensitive Urban Design', with the ultimate aim of keeping water in the city. A number of methods of water reclamation were discussed, and sound advice given... if only the cities of the world will listen.  More information can be found at <a href="http://www.futurewater.uct.ac.za">www.futurewater.uct.ac.za</a> .  Prof Armitage was thanked by Monique, and many other club members during question time afterwards and at dinner.
<b>President's Sweetie Pie</b>	Two Sweetie pie awards were made, one was given. We all agreed this was a swindle, as the awards were to String and Graham, for swindling... I mean entertaining all of us.
<b>Swindle</b>	For R710 Stephanie drew Lina, who only managed the Jack of Hearts. Biffy received the attendance award of R16. Drinks all round!

*"If you don't stick to your values when they're being tested, they're not values: they're hobbies."*

- Jon Stewart

Duty Roster	May			
	3 (Business)	10	17	24
Sergeant	Jackson	Overbosch	Schreiber	Todd
Wynpress Editorial	Todd	Van Niekerk K	Van Niekerk S	Barnard
Wynpress Minutes	Cleveland	Howard	Van Niekerk	Maunder
Door Duty	Bird	Dietrich	Gowdy	Howard
Grace	O'Driscoll	Overbosch	Schonegevel J	Schonegevel R
Loyal Toast	Bayes	Bredenkamp	Bird	Danckwerts
International Toast	Overbosch	Schonegevel J	Schonegevel R	Schreiber
Speaker Intro and Thanks	N/A	Bird	Cleveland	Dietrich
Entertainment for the month	Barnard, Bayes, Danckwerts, Gowdy, Thomas			

## Dates To Diarise

<b>3 May</b>	Business Meeting.
<b>10 May</b>	Raid on RC Am Kap at Winchester Mansions. Sea Point High School debating teams also present. Meeting will be held in English!
<b>17 May</b>	My job - Tendai Bonga
<b>20 May</b>	Rotary Gala Concert at Artscape: 16.30. Book at Computicket
<b>24 May</b>	TBC
<b>26 May</b>	Tree planting day at Fairmount High School: 10.00
<b>7 June</b>	Biffy's Induction as President. Venue to be decided.

# Hugh's Nughs

The 2018 London Marathon (42,16 K) was the 38th annual mass participation race and took place on Sunday, 22 April 2018. An estimated number of 40,000 runners on the start line were formally started by Queen Elizabeth. It was officially recorded as the hottest London Marathon to date at a peak temperature of 24,1°C (75,4°F). There were great warnings about the heat and only some 38 000 finished the race. The Comrades Marathon is run in South Africa with an average daytime temperature at Pietermaritzburg of 24°C (75,2°F).

The Queen formally started the race from a special podium in front of the Round Tower in the grounds of Windsor Castle by pushing the start button at 10:00 am. This was 110 years after the 1908 London Marathon was started at the same venue by Queen Mary, grandmother of the Queen.

One runner, 29-year-old professional chef Matt Campbell, died after collapsing during the race. Another chef taking part was Gordon Ramsay, the celebrity chef who is famous all over the world for his skill and fiery personality. He had run ten consecutive London Marathons up to 2009 and this time he was running, alongside his wife and children, in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity.

The men's elite race saw the entry of British runner Mo Farah, who, despite a mix-up at a water station, managed to finish third in a new British record of 2:06:21. It is understood that the marshals were so busy taking photos of their hero that they forgot to hand him the water. The race winner, Eliud Kipchoge, from Kenya, was on pace for a world record, but slowed in the final stages, finishing with a time of 2:04:17. Thus he ran at over 20km per hour (i.e. under 15 minutes for every 5K park run distance). The women's race winner was Vivian Cheruiyot, also from Kenya, in a time of 2:18:31, just 14 minutes behind Kipchoge



Going to the start



Eliud Kipchoge



Half a dozen rhinos waiting at the start

# Tailpiece

Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson go on a camping trip.

After a good dinner and a bottle of wine, they retire for the night, and go to sleep.

Some hours later, Holmes wakes up and nudges his faithful friend. "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see."

"I see millions and millions of stars, Holmes" replies Watson.

"And what do you deduce from that?"

Watson ponders for a minute.

"Well, astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets.

Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo.

Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three.

Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow.

Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful, and that we are a small and insignificant part of the universe."

But what does it tell you, Holmes?"

Holmes is silent for a moment.

"Watson, you idiot!" he says. "Someone has stolen our tent!"

