

Editorial

RICHARD COCK AND THE LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS

Early in 2001 Richard Cock was offered an Honorary Doctorship in Music by Rhodes University. Following is some of what his sponsor had to say about him to the Chancellor:

“He has shown his extraordinary ability to enthuse and inspire people across all cultural groups and ages, and finds it amazingly easy to get musicians and audiences alike to have the time of their lives and keep coming back for more. This goes strongly counter to the views of the great conductor Sir Thomas Beecham, who rather sourly noted that there are only two kinds of audiences: one coughing, the other not coughing. Also that there are two golden rules for an orchestra: start together, and end together; the public doesn’t give a damn what goes on between.

Such sentiments must be quite a challenge to one such as Richard Cock, whose primary aim is to get people to play music **and** to enjoy listening to it. But we can safely say that he has achieved it. As conductor he is in great demand countrywide, especially for the popular Last Night of the Proms concerts; but it is as a choral trainer that he is best known, with the power of music enhanced by the magical effect of words, as many know from his Songs of Praise concerts. In addition he firmly believes that it is time for people of different cultural groups to take back responsibility for their own musical life and traditions. Now a freelancer, he travels tirelessly around the country, stimulating musical activity and revitalising interest in this important facet of our country’s rich cultural tapestry. His voice is regularly heard, discussing music on radio talk shows, and clearly determined to keep musical change apace with political and social changes.



Here is a recognised maestro, recipient of the SAMRO prize for conducting and of two Artes awards; a man who enjoys rave reviews wherever he goes, and who also just happens to love what he does. We have a skilled and consummate master of musical technique and artistry, who has achieved brilliance in his field. This musician has, more than anyone in the country, succeeded in bringing music to our people, and he has given us great hopes for the future of music in our country. It is fitting that this University, which can itself boast of sending some fine musical practitioners into the national and international field, should be able to recognise this talent. It is thus

with great pleasure that I have the honour to request you, Sir to confer upon Richard Charles Alan Cock the degree of Doctor of Music *honoris causa*.”

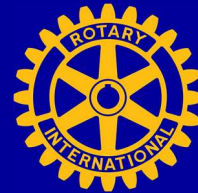
All these accolades aside and 17 years later, Richard retains his modesty – one of his quotations may well be his epitaph: “A conductor is a musician who is adept at following many people at the same time.”

Submitted by Barry Cleveland

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October in Rotary

Economic and Community
Development month

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

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BE THE INSPIRATION

Minutes: 27th September 2018

Compiled by Stephanie Thomas

Attendance

11 members present (42.3%)

From the chair of President Biffy

President Biffy welcomed the small gathering present!

- Wynberg Girls HS have a Fellowship award, apparently instigated by WRC. Stacy to check with the Principal, Shirley Harding.
- Wittebome Interact Club was chartered on Tuesday 25 Sept. Biffy had a casual chat with them and they are enthusiastic about being associated with Rotary.

Fellowship

A belated card was given to Dave for his birthday on the 14th.

Slots

Keela: Reminder for the Kids' Day Out on Saturday 6 October.

Proms: 1. Barry - Seats with restricted viewing (behind pillars) have been withdrawn from the Computicket data base. They will be sold, on demand at the door at R100 each. 11 available.

More help is needed on Saturday morning to help carry heavy items upstairs. Also to put up directional signs etc.

2. Stephen – More help is needed after the concerts. Everyone must stay to the very end to help. It is our biggest fundraiser for the year.

Members' Moments

Barry and Val attended the Heritage Celebration function at the City Hall on Wed. 26 Sept. Described as a 'formal' function, interpretations differed for the meaning of 'formal'! The musical concert showed off the great talent which Cape Town has to offer.

Guest Speaker

Stephen B spoke to us about Cyber Security: It is like household security – make sure all the common bases are covered (better protected than your neighbour!) and you will stop most of the chancers. It is important to use a good anti-virus/security programme. New threats are being developed continuously and older systems are not able to withstand them. Also keep your system up to date, as many checks are built in. Passwords are important! The most common ones are still variants of 12345 or 'password', which makes life easy for the hacker. Make it something not easy to guess and if possible, use non-printable characters like @,#,!. To be on the safe side delete all 'cookies' frequently. If Google and Facebook can use them to track your interests (and they do!), then so can a good hacker. Be sensible – if working with money, make sure the site is secure. The beginning of the web address MUST be https:// and not just http://. Check 'reply to address' and any links in an email.

Swindle

Dave found the 9 of diamonds and won the R1200 jackpot!! His attempts to pacify the losers went wrong when he discovered that the bar had no port... Bruce donated his R10 attendance prize back to the kitty.

President's Pearls

"As we work to create light for others, we naturally light our own way."

Mary Anne Radmacher

Duty Roster	October			
	4	11	18	25
Club Meeting	Jackson	Cleveland	Todd	Overbosch
Sergeant	Van Niekerk	Todd	Van Niekerk S	Barnard
Wynpress Editorial	Howard	Bredenkamp	Maunder	Cleveland
Wynpress Minutes	Bonga	Gowdy	Cleveland	Jackson
Door Duty	Schonegevel J	Schonegevel R	Bayes	Schreiber
Grace	Jackson	Howard	Munday	Maunder
Loyal Toast	Munday	Murphy	Overbosch	Schonegevel J
International Toast	N/A	Thomas	N/A	Danckwerts
Speaker Intro and Thanks	Howard, Maunder, Edwards, O'Driscoll, Overbosch			

Dates To Diarise

6 October	Kids' day out
11 October	Belinda Speed will talk to us about her PhD project on forensics
13 October (Saturday)	Mini Conference in Mossel Bay
17 October (Wednesday)	RC Seapoint: Top Cop awards
18 October	TBC Social Evening – Suggestions?
24 October	World Polio Day
25 October	Beryl Saunders, a polio survivor will talk about her experiences
1 November	DG Casper's visit to the Club
8 November	TBA
15 November	Club Bring-and-Braai at Bruce's home.



Proms: Sound and Light Spectacular

Tailpiece

I recently spent R100,000 on a young registered Black Angus bull. I put him out with the herd but he just ate grass and wouldn't even look at a cow. I was beginning to think I had paid more for that bull than he was worth. Anyhow, I had the Vet come and have a look at him. He said the bull was very healthy, but possibly just a little young, so he gave me some pills to feed him once per day.

The bull started to service the cows within two days, all my cows! He even broke through the fence and bred with all of my neighbour's cows! He's like a machine!

I don't know what was in the pills the Vet gave him ... but they kind of taste like peppermint.