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**EDITORIAL**

**PRESIDENT-ELECT URGES ROTARY MEMBERS TO 'BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD'**

Using their talents, expertise, and leadership, Rotary members worldwide are asked to be gifts to the world this upcoming 2015-16 Rotary year.

Rotary International President-elect K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran called Sunday's address to incoming district governors the "most significant moment of my life."

"All of you have been given so many gifts. And you have now been given this great gift: one year to take all your talents, all your gifts, everything that you are and can become -- and Be a Gift to the World," said Ravindran, revealing his presidential theme at the annual five-day training meeting in San Diego, California, USA. "You have one year to take that potential and turn it into reality. One year to lead the clubs in your district and transform the lives of others. The time is so short, yet there is so much to be done."

Highlighting Rotary's biggest challenge, the eradication of polio, Ravindran said, "A future without polio is a gift that we have promised to the children of the world. And indeed it is a gift that we will give."

Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka, used Rotary's successes in the fight to eradicate the disease as an illustration of the impact Rotary members can have in the world. When Rotary set a goal of eradicating polio 25 years ago, it was endemic in 125 countries, and more than 1,000 children were becoming paralyzed each day. Today, polio remains endemic in just three countries, Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. And in all of 2014, only 333 cases were reported. "We will battle on. We will prevail," he said.

Ravindran discussed some of Rotary's other challenges, including membership.

"We have to find a way to bring back the fundamentals that built our organization: the emphasis on high ethical standards in all aspects of our lives, and the classification system that encourages a diversity of expertise in each club," he said. "Too often these ideas are viewed as little more than inconvenient obstacles to increasing our membership. But they have been essential to Rotary's success, and we ignore them at our own peril."

Ravindran told attendees that the focus on branding is essential to helping Rotary grow. "We need to reposition our image, which we recognize has faded in many parts of the world," he said.

Rotary also needs to continue to raise funds for The Rotary Foundation, attract new members, and encourage greater participation from current members, he added.

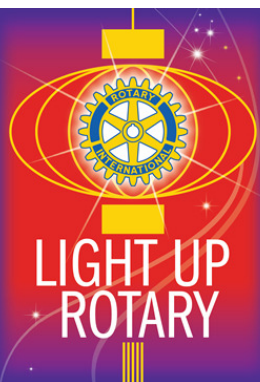
"There are no easy answers to any of these questions. And yet the answers must somehow be found. We are the ones who must find them," said Ravindran.

The president-elect closed his speech emphasizing that now is the time to make real change.

"You have one year to build monuments that will endure forever, not carved in granite or marble, but in the lives and hearts of generations. This is our time. It will not come again. Let us grasp it," he said.

Submitted by Stephen van Niekerk

Rotary in June  
Fellowship month



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# MEETING OF 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2015

PP Karen in the chair.

## Attendance

With only 9 members present and 8 makeups, mostly from the visit to Norway, attendance was 60%.

## Visitors

None.

## Slots

**Stephen B** advised members that speakers were needed for the meetings on 16 and 23 July.

**Don** had been in touch with members from his former Seahouses RC who had sent greetings to our club.

## Jackpot

In the absence of any visitors, the task of deciding which member might go home R720 richer fell to **Pam**, which was a good choice as **Don** failed in his selection of the King of Clubs, leaving an additional R20 in the jackpot and **Hugh** subsequently going home with a whole R5 attendance prize!

## Day's quote

"Statistics show that of those who contract the habit of eating, very few survive."  
Shaw

George Bernard

## GUEST SPEAKER :

**Stephen B** introduced our member **Justin** who spoke on what he had learned at the Rotary Leadership Institute. In a wide ranging talk which generated much discussion, too much to minute here, **Justin** elaborated on the whole Rotary programmes on leadership, particularly as they affect membership. In due course we will hear more of involvement with the Institute. The results of a survey carried out at the meeting will be forwarded to members, together with the first two books used to date. **Lina** thanked **Justin** for giving us another insight into Rotary.

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## GOING FORWARD

### Programme

Thur Jun 25 Special meeting organised by **Jackie**.  
Sat Jun 27 Progressive Dinner  
Tues Jun 30 WRC Board meeting  
Thur July 2 WRC Presidential Induction: Mowbray Golf Club  
Thur July 9 Business meeting  
Sat Aug 1 Rotaract Conference (July 31 – Aug 2)

## Duty Roster

	JUNE	JULY					AUGUST
	25	2 Induction	9 Business	16	23	30 Social	6 Business
<b>Sergeant Wynpress</b>	Schreiber		Todd	Van Wyk	Barnard		Cleveland
<b>Editorial</b>	Vivian		Van Wyk	Barnard	Bird		Danckwerts
<b>Minutes for Wynpress</b>	Bredenkamp		Maunder	Overbosch	Smith		Maunder
<b>Door Duty</b>	Barnard		Bird	Danckwerts	Dessington		Dietrich
<b>Grace</b>	Overbosch		Schonegevel	Schreiber	Smith		Todd
<b>Loyal Toast</b>	Todd		Howard	Jackson	James		Klotz-Gleave
<b>International Toast</b>	Gowdy		Gowdy	Hovstad	Howard		Jackson
<b>Speaker Intro</b>	TBA		N/A	TBA	TBA		N/A
<b>Speaker Thanks</b>	Bredenkamp						
<b>Find Speakers</b>		van Wyk, Gowdy, Overbosch, Todd, Murphy, Klotz-Gleave, Van Niekerk	(no speaker req.)				Bredenkamp, Cleveland, Munday, Howard, van Eeden

## TAILPIECE

I will probably pay for this one - Ed.

A frightening statistic has been reported, probably one of the most worrisome in recent years. 25% of the women in this country are on medication for mental illness. That's scary, it means 75% are running around untreated.

A married man was having an affair with his secretary. One day they went to her place and made love all afternoon. Exhausted, they fell asleep and woke up at 8 pm. The man hurriedly dressed and told his lover to take his shoes outside and rub them in the grass and dirt. He put on his shoes and drove home.

'Where have you been?' his wife demanded.

'I can't lie to you,' he replied, 'I'm having an affair with my secretary. We had sex all afternoon.'

She looked down at his shoes and said: 'You lying bastard! You've been playing golf!'