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EDITORIAL

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REFLECTIONS OF A PORT SWIGGING, BEAN – COUNTING AND FUN LOVING ROTARIAN

We are fast approaching yet another “changing of the guard” on Thursday night – this now seems to happen year in and year out with alarming regularity ☺! As we usher in our new President and Board, I got to thinking about some of my own experiences in the most elite of all Rotary Clubs – Wynberg. (Thinking quite quickly I might add..... because I promised Ed Lina my contribution over an hour ago☺)

It’s been close to a decade now of personal port swigging, bean-counting and general fun and fellowship and it all seems like it was only yesterday that I was inducted into this great club. (mistakes happen folks, but let’s focus on whatever positives we can take from my good mate David Barnard’s grave error of judgement at the time!) As we all of course know Rotary is about far more than just drinking port – the importance of beer, red and white wine and – as our beloved “viking” will firmly attest to – a glass or two of the finest sherry, should not be discounted. The dangers of H₂O are well known to club members, but there are still some brave souls that continue to flout the wise words of the Elders in this regard.

A few of the many highlights that come to mind over the years are :

1. We eventually moved venues and who doesn’t luuvv the **Palms**☺ We are now finally Wynberg RC in Wynberg....
2. We grew, and grew and then **grew some more**. I personally put on over 10kgs. (We also added lots of new members while we were doing the growing.....)
3. We were very blessed with having **two speakers** for most meetings – thanks Biff!
4. String has, with hours of practice you’ll understand, perfected the art of **crude joke telling** to a point where he can embarrass a hardened sailor, and before he’s even had his first beer nogal!
5. We developed our own **Nkandla Saga – aptly called the “swindle”** – Toddy pay back the money – or at least show us where you hide the card....on second thoughts please don’t.

6. We added **25% to the four –way test** and got more than a few awards from RI while having loads of fun!
7. In the spirit of the new South Africa, we celebrated diversity and welcomed new cultures into the club – who would have thought 10 years ago we would have had ‘n **BLOU BUL** in our midst – or that this fellow would be inducted with a “rap”! (or that bulls rugby would go down the toilet...)
8. After almost ten years of being denied a visa, your ever-quiet and reserved member Mike **was finally allowed to travel to Norway**. He celebrated by giving Odd Henning grey hairs, drinking copiously and occasionally taking off his clothes in extreme weather conditions!
9. We welcomed the **twitter, FB and Instagram generation** into our club! Mr Fixit, John Vivian’s, kind offer to build a crèche for these very young members was rejected by the Board!

Rotary is about service, but it’s also about **making life long friendships**. I’m humbled by all the amazing people I’ve met over the years, the advice I’ve received....and the fact that no one took out a hit on me!

I think we should realise that our differences are our strength and here’s to the next 10 years. Cheers!



Mad Mike the Bean Counter

Minutes

12th May 2016

	Compiled by Lina Howard
Attendance	17 WRC = 53%
Visitors	Tracy van der Heyde, F. Prins
Fellowship	Bev’s birthday was on 12 th June and their anniversary was on 18 th June.
From the President	Welcomed our speaker, Tracy van der Heyde- and also Freddie Prins – who is a Maths tutor in his spare time and assists at Steenberg High and Crestway.High.
Slots	Biffy: Tuesday 28 th – hands on at John’s garage. Justin: We have 51 learners in the programme Adventure into Citizenship. Help is needed. Please see your emails and put your names down. 2) Interact workshop: 17 th September at SACS– we are hosting – so help needed for food preparations and for speakers.

Speaker	<p>Alan introduced our speaker for the evening. Tracy van der Heyde – she is the director of the Early Learning Resources Unit. She is a qualified Attorney and is an Arch Bishop Tutu Leadership Fellow. Some points: there are approximately 5 million children in SA of which 64% live in poverty. 27% are stunted due to malnutrition. ECD do not have public funding but rely on donors. Society needs to support our most vulnerable level. Tracy's talk was illuminating with information about the importance of the first 1000days of a child's life and where the ECD is focusing its assistance. Thanks was given by Francois.</p>
Swindle	<p>Jackpot was R610.00 Freddie drew the 10 spades (shame) and John V won the R20 attendance.</p>

Duty Roster

	June 23 rd	JULY 30th	7 th	14th
	INDUCTION		Business	
Sergeant		NO MEETING	Todd	V Eeden
Wynpress Editorial		Adventure into Citizenship	Van Niekerk(K)	Van Niekerk(S)
Wynpress Minutes			Smith	Maunder
Door Duty			Van Wyk	Vivian
Grace			James	Lidley
Loyal Toast			Barnard	Bird
International Toast			Schreiber	Smith
Speaker Intro			NA	Howard
Speaker Thanks			NA	Crous S
Entertainment for the month			FIND Speakers Crous S, Munday, Murphy, Schonevel, Dietrich	

Going Forward

Dates To Diarise

23rd June

INDUCTION

26 June - 1 July

Adventures into Citizenship

1 July

The new President!



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"There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children."

— Nelson Mandela, Former President of South Africa



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