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WEAR YOUR ROTARY PIN WITH PRIDE

LAST WEEK'S MEETING



We welcomed **DG Trevor and DG Ann Zureka, AG Mike Marnevic and Lynn**, the six Rotarian raiders from the new Rotary Club of Little Falls (including PDG Peter Margolius), PP Jack and Tickey van Eyssen who had flown up from Port Elizabeth especially for the induction of son John Kinghorn, Mats Nilsmo from Ängelholm Rönne in Sweden, RC Bedfordview's Ron Haywood, Soweto's Thami Madiba, Desiree Koscuilek our ambassadorial scholar now back from the world AIDS conference in Mexico City, exchangees, Rotaractors, guests, and numerous Anns.



We paid tribute to **PP Ian Schmahmann** who has passed on to higher service and whose funeral service would be tomorrow (Wed). Graham finished the tribute by saying that if Ian had been around he would have said "Just buy me a drink and get on with the meeting", and so we did.

THE WHISKY DRAW

THE FAMOUS ROTARIAN this week is Eric Roediger who daims that he hasn't won for at least three years. Not to worry you are now the **FAMOUS ERIC**.

WINNER'S CIRCLE

Peter Lyons paid for his second anniversary since coming to South Africa. He also sarcastically enquired if anyone had heard the cricket score in the 2nd limited overs cricket match that had been turned from a day-night match to a day only

Annemarie Beier has had a great time lately. Since damaging her foot and walking around with a "shoe" that looks like that of Daisy Duck or a paddle, Dieter has done all the driving of lift schemes while she has been out of action.

Mike Kingaby paid in for his absent fellow musketeer Ian.

Louis Pienaar paid for making the meeting having just come from Nelspruit.

John Samuel paid for the memory of his good friend Ian.

Donald Goldfain also paid in memory of Ian who he'd established was related by and by.

AG Mike Marnevic has been in hospital and is still standing!

Ian Donaldson paid for the loss of his great cycling companion.

Sue Chapman paid in for her little guide-dog-to-be puppy is going to become a celebrity by having his picture taken for a calendar.

Dieter Beier is going to be one member short on the New Gen committee following the loss of Ian.

President Di was delighted to have the DG at our meeting.

Sergeant Graham closed the Winner's Circle by telling an Ian S story - how he'd got lost in the mountains after going backwards to find a dropped sleeping-bag, and, when he arrived at the overnight hut much to the joy of everyone, claimed that he wasn't lost - just testing to see if Graham could hike 8 kms with two rucksacks.



INDUCTION TIME

BUSY BUSY BUSY BUSY – that's what we did to DG Trevor but, no problem, he got PDG Peter Margolius to assist with the badge pinning.

Pictured here from left to right:

Arthur Yarham (PP of Lombardy), President Di Kershaw, DG Trevor Nienaber, Heinz Wefelmeier, Brian Moor, John Kinghorn.



For starters the proposers each introduced their candidates: Brian H on behalf of Bill R introduced John, Donald G introduced Heinz, John Mills introduced Brian, while President Di introduced Arthur whose son incidentally is dating Di's granddaughter. Arthur promptly called Di grandmother-in-law.

Once DG Trevor had read the oath and had inducted our new Rotarians, each in turn addressed the dub and introduced their spouses. Welcome **Brian and Marilyn Moor, Heinz and Chomel Wefelmeier, John and Geraldine Kinghorn, and Arthur and Jen Yarham.**

THE EVENING'S PROGRAMME – OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

DG **TREVOR NIENABER** is on his 19th dub visit – not yet half-way. Being from Vereeniging he is learning fast about the traffic in and out of Johannesburg and told about the time it took to get into Midrand at the Allendale off-ramp.

One of his major emphases as DG is to push membership and, in his address to clubs, reminds them first of the importance thereof. His dream is to induct new members and tonight at Sandton, his dream came true four times over.

Trevor has had an incredible journey over the last few years. The year prior to taking office was when all the hard work was done – training seminars, setting up all meetings and conferences, arranging the district committees, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. Now he is in his year of office and all that planning is now rolling out and it is for him to see how good all his planning was.

Over the period he has had meetings with the most incredible people from the most amazing dubs. Recently he was the personal aide of the big boss - R.I. President DK Lee – during his stay in Johannesburg for his conference on child mortality and membership at the beginning of August. He worked like a dog ensuring that all went according to plan. After all he had to please the boss.

Trevor was suitably impressed by Sandton and said that it was extremely hard to find fault and really had nothing to be critical about. We had the membership and the spirit and he looks forward to hearing more about further inductions.

The success of a dub does not depend on its president, nor each avenue on its director. It is about having champions – each Rotarian fronting an activity or project and involving the dub at large when required. We have extremely well experienced people who are instrumental in running companies and organizations and it is for each member to find his/her niche in the dub. The president is the helmsman for the year and co-ordinates the dubs activities. The president and board should ensure that all members have their teeth sunk into something and that the dub works as a team to accomplish its goals.

DG Trevor is looking forward to Sandton's participation at Discon and will take his raincoat along in case the Sandton team equipped with water pistols start their antics as they did last year.



MEMBERSHIP

We thank DG Trevor for doing our weekly membership slot for us. With four inductions under our belt we are looking at doing our next four in September. Remember fellow Rotarians that our target is 60 and it emcumbant on each of us to bring in additional members who can also benefit and become a part of our world-wide fellowship of community volunteers.

GAUTRAIN TUNNEL TOUR – 2nd October

Our tunnel engineer John Chapman is arranging a Gauteng Tunnel Tour and has promised not to make any unexpected ventilation shafts. He can take 25 so we have a queue going. There is still room so first come first serve. So far the following are in the queue - Graham K, Brian H, Dudley S, Erich S, Collin G and Julia, Chris W, Peter V, Heinz W, Dieter B, Di K, KV Kamath, Peter P, David H, Mark B – that's 15. Talk to me.

OLD FOLKS TEA – SAT 13th SEP at 13:00 at Forest Town Methodist Hall, Durris Road

All Rotarians take turns to assist by setting up the venue, supplying refreshments and mingling/chatting with the guests. Please report for "duty" at 12:15 in order to set up (arrange tables, chairs and refreshments) as the guests arrive from 13:00. If you are unable to perform your "duty" on the day allocated, please swap with another Rotarian and inform Hilde Lubbe of the changes.

Mark & Sonja Batchelor	Muffins/Scones	30 halved and buttered
Dieter & Annemarie Beier	Muffins/Scones	30 halved and buttered
Clive & Merle Bezer	Sandwiches	3 loaves with soft fillings
John Bird	Sandwiches	3 loaves with soft fillings
John & Sue Chapman	Cakes	4 loaf/bread shaped
Veronique Decotter	Cakes	4 loaf/bread shaped

THE NEW BOEING 797

Boeing is preparing a 1000 - passenger jet that could reshape the Air travel industry for the next 100 years. The radical Blended Wing design has been developed by Boeing in cooperation with the NASA Langley Research Center. The mammoth plane will have a wing span of 265 feet compared to the 747's 211 feet, and is designed to fit within the newly-created terminals used for the 555 - seat Airbus A380, which is 262 feet wide.

The new 797 is in direct response to the Airbus A380 which has racked up 159 orders, but has not yet flown any passengers. Boeing decided to kill its 747X stretch super-jumbo in 2003 after little interest was shown by airline companies, but has continued to develop the ultimate Airbus-crusher 797 for years at its Phantom Works research facility in Long Beach, Calif.

The Airbus A380 has been in the works since 1999 and has accumulated \$13 billion in development costs, which gives Boeing a huge advantage now that Airbus has committed to the older style tubular aircraft for decades to come.

There are several big advantages to the blended wing design, the most important being the lift-to-drag ratio which is expected to increase by an amazing 50%, with overall weight reduced by 25%, making it an estimated 33% more efficient than the A380, and making Airbus's \$13 billion dollar investment look pretty shaky.



THE OLYMPICS

A recent study conducted by Wits University found that the average South African walks about 1200 kilometres per year. A further study by the SA Medical Association found that South Africans drink, on average, 100 litres of alcohol per year. This means, on average, South Africans do about 12 kilometres per litre.

With that kind of performance, we're bound to win a few more medals at the London Olympics!

SOME SAYINGS BY MEMORABLE PEOPLE

Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement. -- Mark Twain

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. -- George Burns

Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year. -- Victor Borge

By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher. -- Socrates

I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury. -- Groucho Marx

My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe. -- Jimmy Durante

I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back. -- Zsa Zsa Gabor

My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying. -- Rodney Dangerfield

**S.M.S. APOLOGIES AND GUEST ATTENDANCE TO THE
ROTARY BEEPER before Tuesday 10am on 082 699 9595**



RC of SANDTON BOARD

President Dianne Kershaw
Secretary Brian Humphries
Treasurer Donald Goldfain
Imm PP Rob Peacock
Club Services Graham K
Community Erich Springer
Environmental John Chapman
International Herbert Müller
New Gen Dieter Beier
Vocational Dudley Schnetler

ATTENDANCE

Total Membership 41
 less exempt 05
 less ill-health 00
 exempt present 02
 # used for attendance 37
 Members Present 26
 Make-ups 03
 Total Credit Present 29
 % this meeting 78%
 Rotarian Guests 12
 non-Rotarian Guests 20

CLUB WEBSITE

www.sandtonrotary.co.za

DISTRICT 9300 WEBSITE

www.rotary9300.org.za

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

www.rotary.org

RC - SIMI SUNRISE

<http://www.rotarydubofsimisunrise.com/Bulletin.cfm> (Twinning Club)

DUTY ROSTER	MEETING OF 02nd SEPTEMBER	MEETING OF 09th SEPTEMBER	MEETING OF 16th SEPTEMBER
ATTENDANCE	John Chapman Arthur Yarham	Dunny Reed Brian Moor	John Kinghom Wolfgang Raskop
DUTY OFFICER	Clive Bezer	Bill Rutherford	John Samuel
SPEAKER'S HOST	Dieter Beier	n/a	Annemarie van Wieringen
THANKS SPEAKER	Rob Peacock	n/a	Dieter Beier
STANDBY	Dunny Reed Brian Moor	John Kinghom Wolfgang Raskop	Heinz Wefelmeier Herbert Müller
PROGRAMME	INCOMING EXCHANGEES	BUSINESS MEETING Another Pow Wow	INTERACT PRESNETATION
BIRTHDAYS	Sue Roediger (06) Kees Hoeben (07)		
ANNIVERSARIES	John+Sue Chapman (08)		
ENTERTAINMENT OF STUDENTS	Make your own arrangement for a meal an outing, a trip, etc with one of our exchangees or ambassadorial scholars some time during the month of September: Ludolph Lyons Mills Moor		

THE 4-WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK SAY AND DO

*Is it the truth?
 Is it fair to all concerned?
 Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
 Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*

MAKE-UP CARD for attendance at the ROTARY CLUB OF SANDTON

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Attended our regular club meeting on

Date

Attendance Officer

