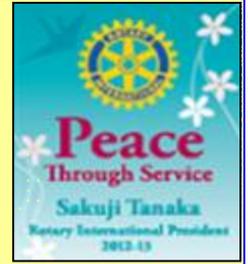


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Meeting Report - 13 August

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Club Meetings
Kimberley Club
Monday
12:45 for 13:00

Bulletin Editor
Barry Downs

Chris Louw was on fellowship duty and made us all feel welcome. In the absence of Nanine (unexpectedly called away on business) Peter T opened the meeting with another of his new-found graces, followed by the Four Way Test and toasts to SA and the USA (marking the latter's Olympic Games success).

President Pete welcomed visitor Josh Spencer and reminded his board of their next meeting scheduled for 20 August at the Kimberley Club. On 13 September there will be another Nomads' Bowls competition—the question is, how many teams will we be fielding? Nanine has arranged for Dave Rowley to talk to us on 3 September. Dave is the Education Programme Director for the Bloodhound SSC project [see page 2], and his talk and presentation promise to be of great interest. Through Pete, Amanda reports that the NCHS Interact Club is still very busy.

Serjeant Gill saw to the Dates and Duties, and reported that all is on track for the forthcoming (8 September) travelling supper at MMGC. Barry had a spot to confirm that Jean Preece is continuing to crochet blankets for us for the Dr Wolfsohn Creche. If anyone is able to donate more wool, please contact Barry.

Peter T (standing in for Ken who was busy with his dentist), having received apologies from Ken, Nanine, Amanda and Judy, reported our attendance as 14/22 for 63.6%.

Our visitor, Josh Spencer, told us a little of what he was doing in South Africa. Josh hails from the USA where he was an officer of his High School Interact Club. He is currently teaching economics at the high school in Warrenton, as part of a 26 month involvement with the US Peace Corps. He explained that he would also like to investigate the possibilities of one or more of the Warrenton pupils having an opportunity to participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange programme.

President Pete stood in for our missing corporal and related a number of articles about men and women. We were suitably amused, and TRF was suitably rewarded.

President Pete (standing in for Nanine) closed the meeting with his tail piece:-
"Forget the Past. No one becomes successful in the past".

Last meeting's attendance—64%

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The Bloodhound SSC Project



The primary objective of the Project is to inspire the next generation to pursue careers in science, engineering, technology and maths - by demonstrating how they can be harnessed to achieve the seemingly impossible, such as the BLOODHOUND 1,000 mph [1,600kph] land speed record. Because the FIA World Land Speed Record rules are minimal, the challenger cars tend to be very different and therefore because the technology is unlikely to be of value to a competitor, there is no need to be secretive about the technology. So it can (and will) all be made available on the web – just as it happens. This is unique: the Defence, Motor Race and Space industries are unable to share their technology in this way.

The BLOODHOUND Education Programme is dedicated to bringing the project into the UK's classrooms. Almost 4,000 Primary and Secondary schools are already using BLOODHOUND as a vehicle for teaching maths, science and technology and this figure is growing very fast.

BLOODHOUND SSC (Super Sonic Car) has been designed to run at speeds up to 1,050 mph and being jet and rocket powered has 133,000 ehp (about the same as 180 Formula 1 cars). We are currently entering the build phase of the programme and we plan to roll out at the end of 2011 with an initial shakedown run in the UK. The car will then be reviewed and packaged for shipping to South Africa, aiming for 1,000 mph in 2012.

Dave Rowley - Education Programme Director

Dave Rowley commenced his engineering career with an electrical and electronic apprenticeship at the British Aerospace (BAe) site at Filton working on the Concorde programme. His work with education started with recruitment and schools liaison for BAe and he then joined a small team at the CBI Education Foundation to set up the UK Teacher Placement Service. This was followed by national roles with BAE Systems and Young Engineers to focus on the promotion of engineering and technology to young people and teachers.

Dave's role at The Royal Academy of Engineering focused on bringing coherence to the promotion of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) and was invited to join the BLOODHOUND programme education team. This STEM coherence is now being developed through his work with BLOODHOUND SSC as education programme director.

<http://www.bloodhoundssc.com>

Dave Rowley will be our guest speaker on 3 September.

My eight Olympic lessons

by Clem Sunter 15-8-2012

(submitted by Gill Quinn)

Now that the final episode of the games which I watched like a series most nights on television is gone, how did the spectacle strike me apart from its entertainment value? I learned eight important things from the experience:



1. **No affirmative action is required provided the training is good.** The Jamaicans beat the Americans in the one area that Americans have always excelled - sprint events. There are two obvious reasons for this: Jamaicans now have training programmes equivalent in quality to Americans; and right now they are ahead of Americans on natural talent. However, the same can be said across most other events whether we are talking archery, fencing and men's javelin. Unusual nations are winning them. My point has been reinforced that if you want to be a winning nation, it comes down to education, education and education. That is why teaching is one of the most highly paid professions in Singapore. But then teachers there are held accountable for results just like coaches are in athletics.
2. **The rules of each sport apply equally to everybody participating in it.** No exceptions are allowed on the grounds of fame, wealth, gender, age. Moreover, retribution is swift if the rules are broken. For example, when a participant jumps the gun at the start of a running or swimming event, he or she is now ruled out of the competition unless some reasonable cause can be established. The consequence is that, unlike in the past, there are very few false starts disrupting proceedings. The Olympics work because of law and order. The same applies to countries.
3. **The human race is a competitive species.** If you want to win, you have to do your homework, prepare yourself over many years of toil, work out your strategy with due regard for the characteristics of your rivals and perform on the actual day. What applies in sport applies to any other career. In addition, should you be part of a team, you have to learn to co-operate with others and even on occasions sacrifice your own interests of achieving individual excellence to the interests of the team in order to win the game. Cycling is a very good illustration of this principle in action in the team events. Most organised human activity is collective, not individual, and requires the same degree of unselfishness.
4. **We win gold in many different fields.** The variation of sports on display at the Olympics is dazzling. It features humans in all shapes and sizes from the giants in weightlifting with whom you would not mess around if they caught your eye in the street to the young, fragile ballerinas involved in gymnastics. It would suggest that, in real life, a society should offer its citizens as wide a range of legal pursuits as it is possible to do because a champion will be found in even the most esoteric niche. Diversity of calling is the essence of living.
5. **There are winners and losers, but sometimes losers are winners.** In this politically correct age, everybody expects equal treatment and indeed you are scarcely permitted to differentiate individuals on performance, rewarding some with bonuses and others not. Thank heavens in the Olympics, this outlook does not apply. To be an Olympian is an honour, but to be a medallist is special and certainly not something to be sneered at because it is too elite. Yet, non-medallists in a particular event can be winners for a host of other reasons, like beating your personal best, accepting defeat gracefully or overcoming a major handicap. In this last respect, Oscar Pistorius emerged as one of the great stars of the London games.
6. **Words mean nothing in the Olympic Games, only deeds on the field.** Think of how many times you have heard the phrase on television that the problem is being attended to or appropriate steps are under way – and then nothing happens! In sport, medals are not rewarded for rhetoric. Furthermore, when world records are broken, it is a sobering thought that you are witnessing a deed that has never happened before in the history of mankind.
7. **Youth is really beautiful and ogling is perfectly okay.** My pick of the female athletes was Anna Chicherova, the Russian high jump medallist. The way she eyed the bar made me feel weak at the knees. A close second was Carli Lloyd who was in the winning US soccer team and scored both goals in the final. It was not so much her looks as the quality of her second goal which proved she could bend it just like David Beckham. Magnificent even if I watched it on the screen thousands of miles away.
8. **National flags count as much as the universal message of the Olympic symbol.** Over 200 countries were represented at the games, so there were a lot of flags on display and a lot of national anthems. Somehow, the Olympics manage to bring out the best in us by kindling the national spirit in a very positive way while sending out the signal that we all live in one world. Sport is better than war and one can celebrate the victory of another country particularly when the individual is as charismatic as Usain Bolt. Nevertheless, the biggest kick comes from watching ones own athletes picking up the medals. So congratulations to Cameron, Chad, our four-man rowing crew of Sizwe, Matthew, John and James, Caster and Bridgette. You did us proud and made us forget about our divisions back home for just a short moment in time. Thanks to all the members of Team South Africa for the joy you gave us and laying the foundation for 2016 in Rio.



Kimberley Rotary Club Calendar

(Meetings: 12:45 Monday lunchtime at the Kimberley Club—unless otherwise stated)



August—Membership and Extension Month

- 20 Board meeting
- 30 GSE Team from D5180 arrives—being hosted by Kby South
- 31 Early Bird discounts for DisCon 2012 finish. After this you pay full price

September—New Generations Month

- 1 GSE Team Presentation with Kimberley South at Marrick Safaris
- 3 Guest speaker—Dave Rowley on the Bloodhound SSC project
- 4 GSE Team departs
- 8 Reach for Recovery's fundraising brunch
- 8 Travelling supper and fellowship at MMGC

20-23 District Conference in East London

October—Vocational Service Month

Duties & Dates

If you are unable to perform a duty, it is your own responsibility to find a replacement.

Fellowship

12:30 Welcome Rotarians & Guests, see that Rotarians wear their nametags and that guests have a drink.

- Aug 20 Andries & Sharon Erasmus
- Aug 27 Judy Morrison & André Oberholzer
- Sep 3 Div Pretorius & Gill Quinn
- Sep 10 Ken Quinn & Suzette Rautenbach

Corporal

Grace, 4-Way Test, Toast to SA – Fines – Tailpiece.

- Aug 20 Lizanne van Niekerk for Corlia
- Aug 27 Amanda van Zyl
- Sep 3 Barry Downs
- Sep 10 Frieda du Preez

Birthday Greetings

- Aug 18 Div Pretorius
- Aug 20 RC Kimberley (1951)
- Sep 15 Ona Louw
- Sep 22 Gill Quinn

Wedding Anniversaries

- Aug 29 Mike & Beryl Bradnum (Honorary)
- Sep 2 Ryan & Janine Snyders
- Sep 20 Obe & Nanine Olmen Philips
- Sep 23 Peter & Charlene Daubney (Honorary)

Induction Anniversaries

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| Sep 3 | Allison Fletcher | 2007 |
| Sep 7 | Lizanne van Niekerk | 2009 |
| Oct 18 | Div Pretorius | 2004 |
| Nov 14 | Peter Thomas | 1991 |

Coffee Club



10:00 at the "Hole in the Wall"

- Aug 21 Pete van Zyl
- Aug 28 Nanine van Olmen for Barry
- Sep 4 Frieda du Preez
- Sep 11 Hugh McGibbon

Coffee Club Birthday Greetings

Changes—please advise Barry Downs

- Aug 23 Bernard Haye
- Sep 10 Dennis Sparrow
- Sep 25 Don Munro
- Oct 4 Jack Ward

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Griqua Goodies

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—Clem Sunter