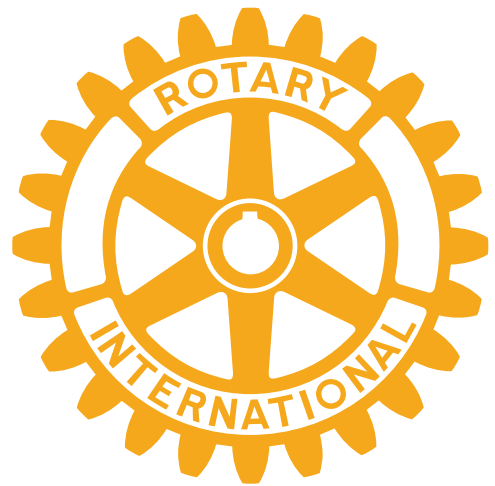


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DG Andrew's Official Visit and Dinner Report: 17 November 2014

(By Barry)

On Monday 17 November we were honoured to have DG Andrew and Christine Jaeger join us for Andrew's "official" club visit. In the early afternoon they attended a special meeting of the Northern Cape High School Interact Club, arranged specifically as a celebration for PP Lawrie Shuttleworth's 100th birthday.

In the late afternoon and early evening Andrew met first with the Kimberley South board, and then with that of the Kimberley club, whilst Christine met with the Kimberley South Anns. All these meetings were conducted at the Horseshoe Motel.

At 19:00 the members of both clubs, with their partners, met for a combined dinner with DG Andrew and Christine. MC Jean Thirion kept the meeting rolling along very nicely, even managing to more or less control the rowdy Kimberley South elements.

The highlight of the evening was, of course, DG Andrew's address. Fortunately this took the form of a motivational and inspirational talk, rather than one of castigation. At the end of his address, DG

Andrew presented a Paul Harris Fellowship to Amanda van Zyl on behalf of the RC Kimberley, in recognition of her outstanding work with, and leadership of the Northern Cape High School Interact Club.

All in all, the evening was judged a great success by all who attended. The venue was highly suitable, the food was excellent, and the fellowship as good as ever.



Left: Christine with the
Interact Chairman



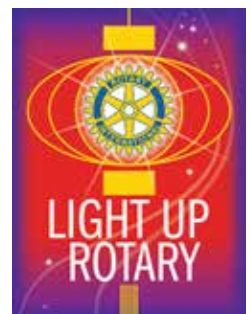
Left: DG Andrew with
Pete van Zyl and President
André Oberholzer

Monday - Friday: Crossfit

Wednesday - Thursday: Seeing friends

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Last meeting's attendance: %

On 18 November 2014 the Rotary Club of Kimberley was proud host a 100th birthday lunchtime cocktail party at Gum Tree Lodge for Past President Lawrie Shuttleworth. Some 120 family and friends came to Kimberley for the occasion, not only from around South Africa, but also from Canada and the USA. We were also delighted to welcome DG Andrew and Christine Jaeger to the occasion.

The invitation had requested guests to arrive at "12:00 for 12:30". Expecting the standard South African punctuality, the organisers had hoped that most people would have arrived at Gum Tree Lodge by around 13:00, at which time the proceedings would be able to commence. In the event, by 12:20, virtually everyone had arrived – so things were able to get under way rather earlier than planned – how often has that happened?

When MC Peter Thomas eventually managed to persuade the guests to temporarily stop eating and settle down, he introduced President André who welcomed everybody and said grace.

DG Andrew came forward and, after a few words about Rotary for the benefit of our guests, presented Lawrie with a framed letter of congratulations from RI President Gary Huang; a Paul Harris Fellowship sapphire on behalf of our club; and a framed certificate from District 9370.

Lawrie's son, Anthony, took the floor and gave us a fascinating (albeit at times emotional) insight into Lawrie's life and times. He concluded by proposing a toast to Lawrie, in which everyone joined vocally and with gusto.

Lawrie's response was also a tad emotional, but in true Lawrie style he kept us well and truly entertained, not forgetting to thank all who needed to be thanked. Lawrie then ceremonially cut his birthday cake (sans candles!), at which point the party continued in fine style until around 3pm.



Lawrence Hamilton Gordon Shuttleworth

Lawrence Hamilton Gordon (Lawrie) Shuttleworth was born on 18 November 1914 in Johannesburg. He was the third of the seven sons of George and Mattie Shuttleworth and was educated at Graeme College. In 1935 he completed his B.Com. Degree at Rhodes University.

In September 1939 Lawrie (already a qualified SAAF pilot) joined No. 12 Squadron. A few months later, in April 1940, he married to Claudia Harcourt Baldwin. By the end of the war he had flown over 80 sorties against the enemy in a variety of aircraft; he had piloted Lockheed Ventura bombers on anti-submarine patrols; he had served in East Africa and in Italy; he had been shot down more than once; he had been injured (fortunately not seriously); he had been mentioned in despatches; he had been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel; and he had been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

At the end of the war, and after completing his articles as a chartered accountant, Lawrie arrived in Kimberley in 1948 with his wife, Claudia, their two daughters Patricia and Jennifer and their son Anthony. Today (2014) Patricia and Jennifer both live in the USA, and Anthony in Canada.

When the Kimberley City Council moved to demolish the Beaconsfield town hall, Lawrie became chairman of the Beaconsfield Civic Union, petitioning the then mayor, councillor Jawno, to renovate the town hall, a public amenity of great historic interest. Sadly, the city council nevertheless ordered that it be demolished.

On 4 May 1952 Lawrie (by then a chartered accountant) was inducted as a member of the Rotary Club of Kimberley.

In 1955, with Rotary International preparing for its Golden Jubilee, the Rotary Club of Kimberley looked for a special project to mark this significant milestone. The then club president, Dr. Dan Stephens, suggested that the club build a convalescent home for Kimberley. The club accepted the challenge and a fund-raising committee was formed - chaired by retired magistrate Fred Staples. The project took rather longer than expected, but was eventually completed in 1959, with the opening of Harmony Home. In that same year Lawrie was elected president of the Rotary Club.

When Rotary International became concerned with introducing the younger generation to Rotary ideals the Kimberley club sponsored the formation of a Rotors Club, open to young business people. Rotors was the South African forerunner of RI's Rotaract and Interact organisations. Lawrie was appointed President of the Rotors Club, and tasked with the supervision of its public service activities.

Lawrie's interest in public affairs led to his election to the city

council in 1968, on which he was to continue serving until 1994. Two years later, history looked like repeating itself, with the city council resolving to demolish the Kimberley City Hall. Lawrie was almost alone in opposing the motion and a battle that was to last for five years ensued. Thanks to Lawrie's intervention and determination, this historic building was not only saved, but was also beautifully restored; it survives to this day.

In 1972 he became Mayor of Kimberley and amongst other things motivated and subsequently had the honour of conferring the Freedom of the City on Harry Oppenheimer, who's De Beers Company had so generously supported the restoration of the City Hall. In his position as Mayor, Lawrie championed the cause of raising funds to help finance South Africa's fight against the dread disease tuberculosis (TB). In his newspaper appeal to the Kimberley public, Lawrie said "I call on the public of Kimberley to give till it hurts".

Other projects with which Lawrie has been involved were the memorial on the market square to the pioneer column that journeyed by ox-wagon to Fort Cecil (later to become Salisbury); the introduction of an electric tram service between the City Hall and the Big Hole; the establishment of the Pioneers of Aviation memorial complex at Alexandersfontein; and the building of the tower of the St. Cyprian's Cathedral. Some of these were Rotary projects, some of them civic ones. But together they provide an insight into Lawrie's commitment to and involvement in civic and community affairs.

In October 1979 Lawrie represented both Rotary and the city council on a committee to accept from De Beers a complex of buildings, formerly a mine compound, which was to become a youth hostel. He was appointed chairman of the committee and occupies that position to this day. The youth hostel grew into what is now known as Gum Tree Lodge, with 200 beds and a restaurant. Located on the outskirts of Kimberley, it provides low cost accommodation for many thousands of visitors to Kimberley every year. Without doubt the success of Gum Tree Lodge is due largely to Lawrie's passion for the project. To this day he continues to oversee and guide the establishment on a daily basis.

In January 1988 Lawrie was made a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club in recognition of his services not only to Rotary but to the community as a whole. Rarely has such an award been more deserved.

Today, at the age of 100 and after 62 years of unbroken service to Rotary, Lawrie continues to attend most Rotary meetings - the few that he misses being those where other commitments preclude his attendance. In addition he is still an enthusiastic and regular bowler (grass bowls, not the ten-pin variety), and still actively supports a number of local community and national organisations.

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"What you do every day matters more than what you do once in a while." — Gretchen Rubin

Upcoming Events

November—Rotary Foundation Month

24 Guest Speaker: Lawrence van Heerding

January - Rotary Awareness Month

February—World Understanding Month

March—Literacy Month

April—Magazine Month

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Fellowship

Nov 24	Pete van Zyl & Bettina Dauberman
Dec 01	Colleen Fairweather & Johnny van Niekerk
Dec 08	Barry Downs & Allison Fletcher
Dec 15	Sharon Erasmus & Jannie Jacobs

Corporal

Nov 24	Judy Morrison
Dec 01	Gill Quinn
Dec 08	Ken Quinn
Dec 15	Janine Snyders

Birthday Greetings

Nov 23	Allison Fletcher
Nov 26	Peter Daubney (Honorary)
Dec 09	Shirley Maritz
Dec 21	Dawie Ellis

Induction Anniversaries

Dec 02	Barry Downs	1982
Dec 02	Bennita Dauberman	2013
Feb 08	André Oberholzer	2010
Feb 13	Hugh McGibbon	2012

Wedding Anniversaries

Nov 29	Andries & Sharon Erasmus
Dec 11	Mark & Allison Fletcher
Jan 12	Peter & Maryna Thomas
Jan 22	Ken & Gill Quinn



Coffee Club

Nov 25	Jannie Jacobs
Dec 02	Hugh McGibbon
Dec 09	Peter Thimas
Dec 16	Corlia van Tonder

Coffee Club - Birthday Greetings

Dec 04	George Lehman
Dec 20	Alec Woodrow
Dec 27	Chris Marnitz
Jan 07	Dave Thomas

Maddy for Dinner (week ending)

Nov 28	Bettina Daubermann
Dec 05	Barry & Gill Downs
Dec 12	Corlia & Dries van Tonder
Dec 19	Sharon & Andries Erasmus

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