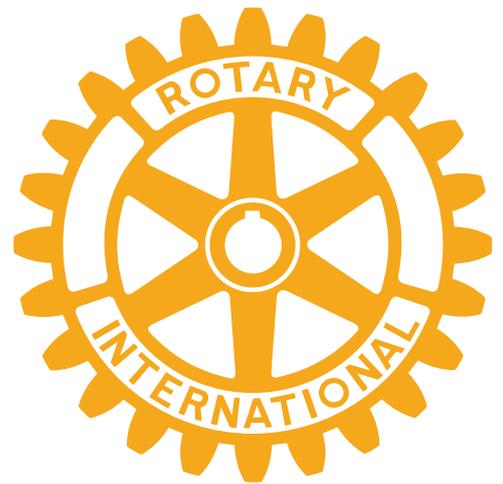


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Mondays
12:45 for
13:00

Meeting Report: 11 January 2016

by Barry Downs

President André gave Corporal Philip Maritz the privilege of opening the first meeting of the New Year. This he did with the Rotary Grace, the Four Way Test [with a little help from his friends!], and [with a little more help from his friends] a toast to South Africa and the USA (for Exchange Student Ahna's benefit).

President André reminded board members that there is to be a board meeting on 23 January. [However, since that is a Saturday, one of two things must have happened. Either your scribe had a senior moment and misheard and/or wrote it down incorrectly (a suggestion patently too ridiculous to even consider), or (a far more likely scenario) André had a senior moment and gave us the wrong date. Either way, the suspicion is that the board meeting is likely to happen on Thursday 21 January.] He did, however, stress that although the 2016-17 board will be populated much as it is this year, anybody else (from the newest to the oldest members) who would like to be considered for a seat on the board is completely at liberty so discuss the matter with André. ALL club members are eligible to serve on the board, regardless of length of Rotary service, age, sex, colour, religion, weight, height, shoe size, blood group or anything else.

Attendance Office Ken recorded a few apologies (people still swimming, sun-bathing, settling into new university residences or whatever), and reported our attendance as 14 out of 20 for 70%.

Donning his treasurer's hat, Ken went on to advise that since a number of the December accounts seem to have inexplicably disappeared into the ether, he will re-send them all. If you find you still haven't received your December account by email, please contact Ken urgently [or just pay R5000 – that should cover it].

Corporal Philip took the floor and regaled us with the story behind the British Railway gauge of 4' 8½" [that's about 1.43 meters for Corlia's benefit], tracing it right back to Roman times. Essentially the point is that it's the amount of space taken up by two horses' arses [Philip's description, not your blushing scribe's]. He further explained that this dimension also, indirectly, influenced the physical sizes of the rockets used to blast men into space (they had to fit into railway tunnels when being transported to their launch sites). [However, with apologies to Philip, your scribe believes that the real reason for the 4' 8½" gauge is that it is in fact the distance between the neck and ankles of a damsel in distress]. In any event, Philip's session served its dual purposes of entertaining us and benefitting TRF.

Finally, Philip brought the meeting to a close with his profound tail piece [back to the two horses' anatomies]. *"If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will save yourself a hundred days of sorrow."*

At which point President André rang the bell and announced that school was out.



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"Arriving at one goal is the starting point to another."
- John Dewey

Upcoming Events

January - Vocational Service Month

February - Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

March - Water and Sanitation Month

13 Golf Day - To be confirmed

**April—Maternal and Child Health Month
Fellowship**

Jan 18	Bettina Daubermann & Brenda Booth
Jan 25	Clayton Daubermann & Colleen Fairweather
Feb 01	Corlia van Tonder & Jannie Jacobs

Corporal

Jan 18	Peter Thomas
Jan 25	Philip Maritz
Feb 01	Luzan Hoffman

Birthday Greetings

Jan 15	Maryna Thomas
Jan 22	Amanda van Zyl
Feb 05	Peter Thomas

Induction Anniversaries

Feb 08	André Oberholzer	2010
Mar 05	Amanda van Zyl	2008
Mar 18	Jannie Jacobs	2013

Meeting Reports (email them to: dwaynemevans@gmail.com)

Jan 18	JJ Hoffman
Jan 25	Ken Quinn
Feb 01	Pete van Zyl

Rotating Dinner

New roster to be announced in next Griqua

If you are unable to perform a duty, please make sure you arrange a replacement.

Please advise Dwayne by email or SMS of any changes:
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Wedding Anniversaries

Jan 12	Peter & Maryna Thomas
Jan 22	Ken & Gill Quinn
Feb 01	Hugh & Maureen McGibbon

Coffee Club

Jan 19	Barry Downs
Jan 26	Jannie Jacobs
Feb 02	Peter Thomas

Coffee Club - Birthday Greetings

Dec 20	Alec Woodrow
Dec 27	Chris Marnitz
Jan 07	Dave Thomas
Jan 09	John Barret

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