



ROTARY GRIQUA

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ROTARY AND ITS FUTURE: Part 1

In a lively and frank session on the future of Rotary at the Dubai Zone Institute, IPRIP K R Ravindran asked some searching questions to both RI President **John Germ** and RIPN **Sam Owori**.

Disclosing that Germ was the one who had been instrumental at Rotary International in negotiating partnerships, Ravindran asked him about the importance of future partnerships, particularly with some of the big philanthropist organisations. Would it be okay to compromise some of the recognition that Rotary was entitled to through such partnerships?

“Yes, it is absolutely important to work with partners. I believe working with the Bill Gates Foundation has enhanced both the image and strengths of Rotary,” replied Germ. Gates had said that such a huge movement forward on polio would not have been possible “if Rotary didn’t have boots on the ground, and I would say his money helped too!” The partnership with USAIDS was also very important. “All the organisations we work with value our partnership. I had a meeting with the Gates Foundation recently and Bill Gates will be in Atlanta and we will be announcing a new partnership with them soon,” he said.

He added that seeing the success a partnership with Rotary entailed, many organisations “want to partner with us. And there are so many needs out there. Just think of how we can - multiply our efforts by adding people. As for credit, I’ve always said if we don’t care who gets the credit, a lot more can be done. Yes, Rotary is giving up some of the credit by - partnering with other organisations, but that’s okay and we have to face the fact that we cannot do this by ourselves, and will have to work with others if we want to keep serving humanity.”

Ravindran had the entire audience sitting up and listening, smiling, and chuckling too with his next question directed at RIPN Owori. “We are managed by this huge building in Evanston but if you see the membership graph in the world, all the arrows are up in our part of the world, but going down in the US and Europe. Do you think it would be a good idea to move the RI headquarters to Singapore, Delhi or Seoul?” And, decentralise the management, “maybe give \$15 million to Africa, \$25 million to South Asia,” and ask them to manage Rotary affairs in their region. But laying down guidelines on how projects must be costed, run, on stewardship, etc.

Owori replied it couldn’t be denied that there was merit in getting close to the scene and decentralising had the benefit of demystifying the organisation, so people could relate more closely to what Rotary does, “as many people in many parts of the world don’t get to meet people like you (Ravindran) or John except for an occasional visit.”

But while decentralising RI “might create more excitement, we need to look at the issue a little more closely to see what decentralisation means in terms of efficiency, resources utilised and what would be lost by it.” He was not sure if the Rotary headquarters in Evanston could be duplicated at the regional level. **(continued next week)**

Quality and numbers are not mutually exclusive. If we invite the right people, we’ll never have a problem about quality.

RIPN Sam Owori

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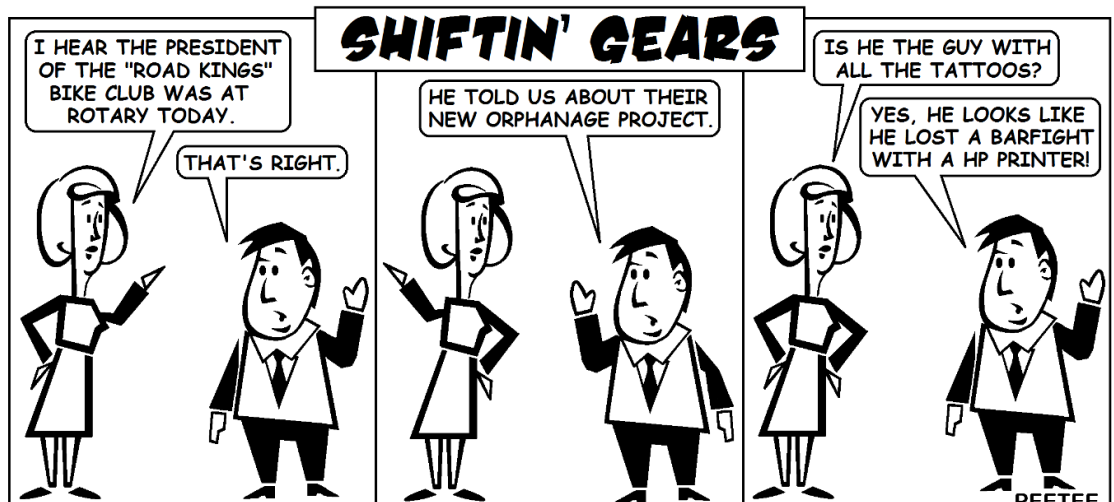
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PEETEE

CALENDAR & DUTIES

JANUARY

Rotary Awareness Month

23 Jan: BOARD MEETING 12:45 for 13:00

30 Jan: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

“There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.”

John Holmes

FEBRUARY

World Understanding Month

6 Feb: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

11 Feb: ROTARY ECLIPSE BIATHLON

13 Feb: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

20 Feb: BOARD MEETING 12:45 for 13:00

27 Feb: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

DUTIES

If you are unable to do a duty, please make arrangements for a substitute.

WEEK OF 23 JANUARY

FELLOWSHIP: Board Meeting – No Duties

CORPORAL: Board Meeting – No Duties

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Corlia van Tonder

WEEK OF 30 JANUARY

FELLOWSHIP: Clayton D. & Sharon DeVilliers

CORPORAL: Gill Quinn

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Pete van Zyl

WEEK OF 6 FEBRUARY

FELLOWSHIP: Barry D. & Colleen F.

CORPORAL: Ken Quinn

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Brenda Booth

WEEK OF 13 FEBRUARY

FELLOWSHIP: Jannie Jacobs & Philip Maritz

CORPORAL: Peter Thomas

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Clayton Daubermann

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

05 Feb Peter Thomas

17 Feb Brenda Booth

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

09 Mar Charles & Marie Parsons (Honorary)

26 Mar Peter & Amanda Van Zyl

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

02 Feb 2010 André Oberholzer

24 Feb 2014 Colleen Fairweather

COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS

26 Feb Rob Hollings

28 Feb Sam Goldblatt

28 Mar George Lodder

31 Mar Charles Burton

MEME OF THE WEEK

Someday everything
will make perfect sense.

So, for now, laugh at
the confusion, smile through
the tears and keep
reminding yourself that
everything happens
for a reason.



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