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The Rotary Club of Pretoria East

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity



Message from President Ivan

The pages of the *Clarion* attest to the creative, vibrant, and imaginative energy of our Club, not only in the domain of projects and community outreach, but in the no less significant realms of fellowship, administration, and membership development. Although our statistics demonstrate that attendance at meetings is sometimes down, our spirits are always up; and although I am currently on leave of absence, I feel emphatically present owing to the wise and generous stewardship of the Club by our indefatigable and



indomitable Board. As our recent Business meeting proved so clearly, the members of our Club are not exactly reticent when they have an opportunity to express their views. Generous colloquy and interactive engagement keep our Club alive, and it is immensely gratifying to know that we exemplify the virtues of free and open debate, that we are not burdened by pettiness, and that we recoil from all actions that might deflect us from the high ethical injunctions embodied in the Four-Way test.

President Ivan Rabinowitz



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Flower Arranging Competition

On Monday, 30 September, Rtn Grant arranged a fun evening of Flower Arranging. He supplied all the flowers, accessories and basic tips for the competition. Members were divided into 4 teams and the winning team received a prize. Thank you Grant for all the effort you put into a successful evening.



The Winning Entry



Gautrain Fellowship

On Saturday, 22 October a number of Club members took the Gautrain to Sandton. This fellowship coincided with the Friendship Visit by Swedish Rotarians. After a stroll through the square, everyone went off for lunch, before returning home again in the late afternoon. A good time was had by all.



Fellowship Braai with visiting Swedish Rotarians



In the evening, after the Gautrain ride, Rtn Grant hosted a braai at his new home to entertain our Swedish visitors. We were also joined by members of the Pretoria Club



Finalisation of the Toilet Block

The hand-over of the toilet block is finally due to take place on Saturday, 26 November. This will be a wonderful opportunity for Rotarians to see first-hand the work being done by Bernard, Clive, Mayda and Aiden.

Interact Club News



The young people of the St Paulus Interact Club held a drive to collect clothing, which was subsequently delivered to the Winterveldt HIV/AIDS Project (WHAP), where the clothing was very well received. An excellent job done by the Interactors.



Our appreciation goes to PDG Eben for his continued support of the Interactors and the work done by them.

SOUNDS



The SOUNDS team once again visited us at the beginning of October, when follow-up training took place at primary schools. As set out in the Board Report, training has now been done with Grade R teachers, as well as Grade 1 teachers. We have also spread our wings and for the first time have moved out of the Primary Schools into the township and the crèches. Grade R teaches from Berakah Educational Foundation and Viva Village attended a training session at Viva, and there was great excitement amongst the staff when they saw 3-year olds responding to the instruction.



SPEAKERS



Ms Gernia van Niekerk of the University of Pretoria told us about their Community programs. We hope to be working together with Gernia on projects in the future.



PP Dr Robin Jones, our resident nematologist, discussed his favourite subject, namely “Worms”.



Councilor Siobhan Muller and Elia Takkos spoke about the preservation of green areas in our city.

What are the Rotary requirements for member attendance?

Basic attendance requirements

A member must:

1. attend or make up at least 50 percent of club regular meetings in each half of the year;
2. attend at least 30 percent of this club's regular meetings in each half of the year;
3. Be present for at least 60 percent of the meeting.

Makeups

There are a number of ways in which a member can make up a missed meeting:

If, within fourteen (14) days before or after the regular time for that meeting, the member,

- attends at least 60 percent of the regular meeting of another club or of a provisional club; or
- attends and participates in a club's service project or a club-sponsored community event or meeting authorized by the board; or
- attends a board meeting or, if authorized by the board, a meeting of a service committee to which the member is assigned; or
- attends a regular meeting of a Rotaract or Interact club, Rotary Community Corps, or Rotary Fellowship or of a provisional Rotaract or Interact club, Rotary Community Corps or Rotary Fellowship; or
- a Rotary district conference, a Rotary district assembly, any district meeting held by direction of the board of directors of RI, any district committee meeting held by direction of the district governor, or a regularly announced inter-city meeting of Rotary clubs; or
- is present at the usual time and place of a regular meeting of another club for the purpose of attending such meeting, but that club is not meeting at that time or place; or
- participates through a club website in an interactive activity requiring an average of 30 minutes of participation.

When a member is outside the member's country of residence for more than fourteen (14) days, the time restriction shall not be imposed so that the member may attend meetings in another country at any time during the travel period, and each such attendance shall count as a valid make-up for any regular meeting missed during the member's time abroad.

If, at the time of the meeting, the member is:

directly and actively engaged in a district-sponsored or RI- or Rotary Foundation-sponsored service project in a remote area where making up attendance is completely impossible, or

engaged in Rotary business duly authorized by the board which precludes attendance at the meeting.

Extended Absence on Out-posted Assignment

If a member will be working on an outposted assignment for an extended period of time, attendance at the meetings of a designated club at the site of the assignment will replace attendance at the regular meetings of the member's club, provided there is a mutual agreement between the two clubs.

Excused Absences

A member's absence shall be excused if:

- the absence complies with the conditions and under circumstances approved by the board. The board may excuse a member's absence for reasons which it considers to be good and sufficient. Such excused absences shall not extend for longer than twelve months.
- the age of the member is 65 and above and the aggregate of the member's years of age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more and the member has notified the club secretary in writing of the member's desire to be excused from attendance and the board has approved.

Duration of Membership

Membership shall continue during the existence of the club unless terminated as hereinafter provided:

Termination - Non-attendance

Attendance Percentages:

A member must:

- attend or make up at least 50 percent of club regular meetings in each half of the year;
- attend at least 30 percent of this club's regular meetings in each half of the year.

If a member fails to attend as required, the member's membership shall be subject to termination unless the board consents to such non-attendance for good cause.

Consecutive Absences:

Unless otherwise excused by the board for good and sufficient reason each member who fails to attend or make up four consecutive regular meetings, shall be informed by the board that the member's non-attendance may be considered a request to terminate membership in this club. Thereafter, the board, by a majority vote, may terminate the member's membership.

Leave of Absence

Upon written application to the board, setting forth good and sufficient cause, leave of absence may be granted excusing a member from attending the meetings of the club for a specified length of time. Such leave of absence does operate to prevent a forfeiture of membership; however, it does not operate to give the club credit for the member's attendance.



Did you ever wonder what happens to old tyres?

Thanks to Jenny for enlightening us!

The Back Page

Lovers of the English language enjoy this...

It is an example of why people learning English have so much trouble. Learning the nuances of English makes it a difficult language.

This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is

'UP.'

It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv], [prep], [adj], [n] or [v].

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP, and why are the officers UP for election. Why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends, brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and fix UP the old car. At other times this little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses...

To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed UP is special!

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP. We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about the word UP !

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look UP the word UP in the dictionary..

In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost quarter of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, the earth soaks it UP . When it does not rain for awhile, things dry UP. One could go on & on, but I'll wrap this UP for now because my time is UP !

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