



Turning Wheels of Bulawayo Rotary Club



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JUST THINKING

I started walking with my friends, Max and Alex, sometime last year. Exercise that suppose to keep us fit and slim. Just look at Max now, you must admit it is bearing fruits.

So, we got to know Bulawayo quite well, on foot. What we have noticed during our walks are big areas around our famous Masheumphlope river not utilized at all. Bad smell I guess.

Just think for a moment that our town has no other priorities left but to regulate the river and to get all that flows into it filtered, clean river in one word.

Can you imagine what a challenging site that is for any architect and builder? Promenade stretching for kilometers, bringing life on the streets to Bulawayo, and people "going out" instead of "going in", to meet friends.

Possibilities are just endless. The only thing needed is paving the areas, with a little bit of landscaping. Inventive business people will take care of the rest. Small cafés with not more than four-five tables every here and there, different music, little performances outside, children painting on the pavement, riding bicycles, roller-skates, small bands playing. Living outside. You don't need anybody to organize any of this officially, it comes spontaneously.

Free of traffic zone is something that many towns can not have because they have no space, living on top of each other. Our Bulawayo has, looks like, the opposite problem. We have ideal site, stretching throughout, it must be the "living outside spirit" missing then.

Can it be changed, I wonder?

Jasmina Ilic

Michael

Michael is the kind of guy you love to hate. He is always in a good mood and always has something positive to say. When someone would ask him how he was doing, would reply, "If I were any better, I would be twins!" He was a natural motivator. If an employee was having a bad day, Michael was there telling the employee how to look on the positive side of the situation. Seeing this style really made me curious, so one day I went up to Michael and asked him, "I don't get it! You can't be a positive person all of the time. How do you do it?"

Michael replied, "Each morning I wake up and say to myself, you have two choices today.

You can choose to be in a good mood or ... you can choose to be in a bad mood. I choose to be in a good mood.

Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim or... I can choose to learn from it. I choose to learn from it.

Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining or... I can point out the positive side of life. I choose the positive side of life.

"Yeah, right, it's not that easy," I protested. "Yes, it is," Michael said. "Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice. You choose how you react to situations. You choose how people affect your mood. You choose to be in a good mood or bad mood. The bottom line: It's your choice how you live your life."

I reflected on what Michael said. Soon hereafter, I left the Tower industry to start my own business. We lost touch, but I often thought about him when I made a choice about life instead of reacting to it.

Several years later, I heard that Michael was involved in a serious accident, falling some 60 feet from a communications tower.

After 18 hours of surgery and weeks of intensive care, Michael was released from the hospital with rods placed in his back.

I saw Michael about six months after the accident. When I asked him how he was, he replied. "If I were any better, I'd be twins. Wanna see my scars?"

I declined to see his wounds, but I did ask him what had gone through his mind as the accident took place.

"The first thing that went through my mind was the well-being of my soon to be born daughter," Michael replied. "Then, as I lay on the ground, I remembered that I had two choices: I could choose to live or... I could choose to die. I chose to live."

"Weren't you scared? Did you lose consciousness?" I asked. Michael continued, "...the paramedics were great. They kept telling me I was going to be fine. But when they wheeled me into the ER and I saw the expressions on the faces of the doctors and nurses, I got really scared. In their eyes, I read 'he's a dead man. I knew I needed to take action.'"

"What did you do?" I asked. "Well, there was a big burly nurse shouting questions at me," said Michael. "She asked if I was allergic to anything.

"Yes, I replied." The doctors and nurses stopped working as they waited for my reply. I took a deep breath and yelled, "Gravity." Over their laughter, I told them, "I am choosing to live. Operate on me as if I am alive, not dead." Michael lived, thanks to the skill of his doctors, but also because of his amazing attitude. I learned from him that every day we have the choice to live fully.

Attitude, after all, is everything.

“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

After all today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.

Grim Zim

Some think of Zim,
as this place so grim,
with chances of recovery slim,
and patience running thin,

But some in this proud land,
Are willing to make a stand,
And this mottled little band,
Will draw a line in the sand,

Some will take flight,
But others are willing to fight,
For what we believe is right,
because the end (election) is in sight,

In the next few months some will fall,
And some won't even answer the call,
A small number though won't stall,
Because to us this land is all,

Every month people run away,
Nothing for us here they say,
trouble and strife, come what May,
We will be here on voting day,

That day we won't mind standing in the Que,
We can save this country ,it's true,
It's all up to me and you,
We all can make a difference bru,

It's us who hold the key,
So join me and Leigh,
Come back from the land of rain and sea,
Because every vote will count, you'll see,

We're proud and hold our heads high,
And although our gov. is pretty sly,
We will stand tall never to cry,
And in this fine land we will live and die.

An old folk song used to say:

We will preserve this little nation for our childrens children too,
Because once you are a Zimbabwean no other land will do,
We will stand toward the sunshine, with the truth upon our side,
And if we have to go alone, we'll go alone with pride.

When Mugabe and Morgan stand in the election it is WINNER TAKES ALL. People will be voting for one or the other in a two horse race. One vote can make a difference.

You too can vote in the up coming election - register with your passport and I.D. here in Zim. Think about it. Give back to this little country something that you have taken out. We have all had good times here, we owe it to our little home and we can enjoy more good times together.

C. U. in the que!

ROTARY'S GLOBAL QUEST

Hi everyone. It is hard to believe that it is only seven weeks to go to the 1st of July! How time flies and with so much to do. No doubt you have all been busy getting into gear, to ensure that it is 'Full Steam Ahead' to launch ROTARY'S GLOBAL QUEST in your District at the beginning of the new Rotary year.

I sincerely hope that you were able to get a full and enthusiastic commitment from all the Incoming Presidents at the P.E.T.S. to achieve the 'GOALS' of this essential campaign and that you were given the opportunity at the District Assembly to solicit the support of District and Club leaders. Please share with me your success to date.

I would also appreciate your letting me know how you have fared in appointing your Membership Development and Retention Committee members (remember the recommendation of one per three Clubs) and whether as we discussed in February, you have formed a separate Extension Committee. Undoubtedly, these Committee members in my mind will have to play a crucial role in ensuring the success of the campaign.

Has a date or dates been confirmed for your District Membership 'WORKSHOPS'? Please also advise most urgently. I and Zone Coordinators Mark Doyle and Alan Barrable are very keen to participate in these important events to help get the message across and ensure an unqualified commitment from everyone, so that we in Southern Africa will succeed in achieving the 'GOALS' of ROTARY'S GLOBAL QUEST.

Finally, I came across an exciting success story at a Conference that I attended recently in the United States. This year the Garden State Rotary Club in D 7640 is celebrating its 25th anniversary and the President Tom Veevers decided that the best way to recognise this milestone, would be to recruit 25 new members into the Club during the 2000/1 Rotary year. As at the Conference, the President reported 24 new members inducted with one to go! How did the Club set about achieving this goal? Firstly, they produced an excellent publicity brochure headed "All you want to know about Rotary", which I believe every Rotary Club should consider doing. I have today sent you a copy by post. Apart from telling the story about Rotary, it includes details about what service activities the Club has been involved in this year and most importantly, an invitation to join the Club at one of their weekly meetings. Secondly, the President with the support of the members set a definite goal, which they believed was obtainable. I share this success story with you to illustrate that 'where there is a will, there is always a way'.

Look forward to hearing from you as to progress in your District in preparation for the year ahead and in particular, confirmation of the dates of your Membership Seminar(s) "Workshops". In the meantime, good luck with all your endeavours.

Sincerely,

Graham Money-RIMC

RESIGNATION

I am hereby officially tendering
my resignation as an adult. I have
decided I would like to accept the
responsibilities of an 8 year-old again.
I want to go to McDonald's and think
that it's a four star restaurant.

I want to sail sticks across a fresh mud
puddle and make a sidewalk with rocks.
I want to think Smarties are better than
money because you can eat them.

I want to lie under a big oak tree and
run a lemonade stand with my friends on
a hot summer's day.

I want to return to a time when life was
simple; When all you knew were colors,
multiplication tables, and nursery
rhymes, but that didn't bother you,
because you didn't know what you
didn't know and you didn't care.

All you knew was to be happy because you were blissfully unaware of all the
things that should make you worried or upset.

I want to think the world is fair.
That everyone is honest and good.
I want to believe that anything is
possible. I want to be oblivious
to the complexities of life and be
overly excited by the little things
again.

I want to live simple again. I
don't want my day to consist of
computer crashes, mountains of paperwork,
depressing news, how to survive more days
in the month than there is money in the
bank, doctor bills, gossip, illness,
and loss of loved ones.

I want to believe in the power of
smiles, hugs, a kind word, truth,
justice, peace, dreams, the imagination,
mankind, and making angels in the snow.

So ... here's my cheque-book
and my car-keys, my credit cards
and my IRP5 slips and my cellphone.

I am officially
resigning from adulthood.
And if you want to discuss this
further, you'll have to catch me
first, cause...

"Last Touch! You're it."

Pass this to someone and brighten
their day by helping them remember
the Simple things in Life.

How to Install Love

Customer Service (CS) Rep: Yes, Ma'am, how can I help you today?

Customer: Well, after much consideration, I've decided to install LOVE. Can you guide me through the process?

CS Rep: Yes, I can help you. Are you ready to proceed?

Customer: Well, I'm not very technical, but I think I'm ready to install now. What do I do first?

CS Rep: The first step is to open your HEART. Have you located your HEART ma'am?

Customer: Yes I have, but there are several other programs running right now. Is it okay to install while they are running?

CS Rep: What programs are running ma'am?

Customer: Let's see, I have PAST-HURT.EXE, LOW-ESTEEM.EXE, GRUDGE.EXE, and RESENTMENT.COM running right now.

CS Rep: No problem. LOVE will gradually erase PAST-HURT.EXE from your current operating system. It may remain in your permanent memory, but it will no longer disrupt other programs. LOVE will eventually overwrite LOW-ESTEEM.EXE with a module of its own called HIGH-ESTEEM.EXE. However, you have to completely turn off GRUDGE.EXE and RESENTMENT.COM. Those programs prevent LOVE from being properly installed. Can you turn those off ma'am? Customer: I don't know how to turn them off. Can you tell me how?

CS Rep: My pleasure. Go to your Start menu and invoke FORGIVENESS.EXE. Do this as many times as necessary until GRUDGE.EXE and RESENTMENT.COM have been completely erased.

Customer: Okay, done. LOVE has started installing itself automatically. Is that normal?

CS Rep: Yes. You should receive a message that says it will reinstall for the life of your HEART. Do you see that message?

Customer: Yes I do. Is it completely installed?

CS Rep: Yes, but remember that you have only the base program. You need to begin connecting to other Heart's in order to get the upgrades.

Customer: Oops. I have an error message already. What should I do?

CS Rep: What does the message say?

Customer: It says "ERROR 412 - PROGRAM NOT RUN ON INTERNAL COMPONENTS." What does that mean?

CS Rep: Don't worry ma'am, that's a common problem. It means That the LOVE program is set up to run on external HEARTS but has not yet been run on your HEART. It is one of those complicated programming things, but in non-technical terms it means you have to "LOVE" your own machine before it can "LOVE" others.

Customer: So what should I do?

CS Rep: Can you pull down the directory Called "SELF-ACCEPTANCE"?

Customer: Yes, I have it.

CS Rep: Excellent. You're getting good at this.

Customer: Thank you.

CS Rep: You're welcome. Click on the following files and then copy them to the "MYHEART" directory: FORGIVE-SELF.DOC, REALIZE-WORTH.TXT, and ACKNOWLEDGE-LIMITATIONS.DOC. The system will overwrite any conflicting files and begin patching any faulty programming. Also, you need to delete VERBOSE-SELF-CRITIC.EXE from all directories, and then empty your recycle bin afterwards to make sure it is completely gone and never comes back.

Customer: Got it. Hey! My HEART is filling up with new files. SMILE.MPG is playing on my monitor right now and it shows that PEACE.EXE, and CONTENTMENT.COM are copying themselves all over my HEART. Is this normal?

CS Rep: Sometimes. For others it takes a while, but eventually everything gets downloaded at the proper time. So, LOVE is installed and running. You should be able to handle it from here. One more thing before I go.

Customer: Yes?

CS Rep: LOVE is freeware. Be sure to give it and its various modules to everybody you meet. They will in turn share it with other people and they will return some similarly cool modules back to you.

Customer: I will. Thanks for your help. By the way, what's your name?

CS Rep: You can call me the Divine Cardiologist, also known as The Great Physician, but most call me God. Most people feel all they need is an annual check-up to stay heart-healthy, but the manufacturer (Me) suggests a schedule of daily maintenance for maximum efficiency. Put another way, keep in touch...

Murphy's Laws of Computing

When computing, whatever happens, behave as though you meant it to happen.

When you get to the point where you really understand your computer, it's probably obsolete.

The first place to look for information is in the section of the manual where you least expect to find it.

When the going gets tough, upgrade.

For every action, there is an equal and opposite malfunction.

To err is human ... To blame your computer for your mistakes is even more human, it is downright natural.

If at first you do not succeed, blame your computer.

A complex system that does not work is invariably found to have evolved from a simpler system that worked perfectly.

The number one cause of computer problems? Computer solutions offered by family members.

And if I may add - The best line I have heard when trying to explain to new computer users why something is happening that you don't understand is, "I think you have a problem with the interface between the chair and the keyboard."

Gordon The Marathon Man

Gordon is being his usual humble self, but I learned that the Durban to Balito Marathon he ran on 28/29 April in pouring rain, he finished as the first Grand Master (60 and over) and received prize money for the same (Think R 200).

Time I also heard was about 3:38 but needs to be verified.

Congratulations Gordon, we are proud of our OMs running Chairman.

Also nice to see Gordon has turned professional. Gordon is also being inducted for his one year President post of the Bulawayo Rotary club on June 2nd. A man of many talents.

Regards

Phil

April 2001. Attendance

NAME	MONTH %	YTD %
Andrew Jack	0	63
Barbour Celia	67	84
Bond Laurie	100	100
Bond Maureen	100	100
Bonett Julie	33	87
Chiponda Charles	100	100
Clark Ron	100	77
Cooper Alan	0	56
De Souza Ali	100	100
Dlamini J. C.	33	85
Downing Alan	33	64
Dube Kingsley	67	77
Eisentraut Chris	100	100
Geddes Gordon	33	95
Ilic Jasmina	67	97
Johnson Marina	67	67
Lazarus Charles	67	69
MacDonald Malcolm	0	28
Maibvisira Edward	0	21
Maksimovic Predrag 'Maks'	100	90
Maphosa Norman	33	44
Matatu Sipiwe	100	100
Naik M.D.	100	100
Ncube Nomsa	67	64
Peters Tony	0	31
Pool Chris	100	100
Rensburg Eric	100	100
Ross Malcolm	100	51
Scott Rev Noel	100	51
Shoko Dennis	0	25
Sinclair Brian	0	8
Thomas Mark	67	50
Vaghmaria Sash	100	100
Williams Alban	67	67

EXCUSED ATTENDANCE

Katz Basil	0	0
Munyoro Nehemia	0	10
Stipinovich Joe	25	67
Weeger Fr. Odilo	100	100
Whitaker Gerry	0	3

CLUB AVERAGE SENT TO DG. 60.80%

TOTAL MEMBERS 39

NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD 4