



Turning Wheels of Bulawayo Rotary Club



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Induction Dinner - ICP Gordon Geddes - Saturday 2nd June 2001

With 60 people attending, this was an excellent show of support and solidarity from our club as well as from the other three Bulawayo clubs for our new President Gordon Geddes. The Dinner was held at the Lions Club in Hillside amidst gold and blue decor that are Rotary International's official colours adorned with Orchids from the Bond's garden that decided to bloom that particular day!

Special guests included the ADG Phil Whitehead with Sandy and PDG Brain Meikle with Shelia and the eloquent speaker for the evening from Harare RTN Bob Stumbles with Pam.

Bob spoke on the history of Rotary using a legal theme whilst Phil spoke on Gordon's 'new starting race in Rotary'.

Outgoing President Chris thanked the club for their help during the 2000/2001 year with several special thank yous for some Rotarians who gave of their best this year. M/C PP Malcolm Ross was superb in this role again, guiding us through the evening's events. Lorna Riley, as always provided an excellent supper catering for all guests in her normal smooth and efficient manner.

The two 'Alan's' of the Fellowship Committee organised a Whisky raffle raising Z\$ 1600 towards the evenings costs!

Special thank yous go to my Fellowship Committee for all their hard work and to Les Lacey and Margaret Pool for helping layout the tables, Julie for organising the 2 colour overlays at the last minute and to Rossie and Chris for organising the man's side of the decor - hanging banners, lighting etc.

We all wish Pres Gordon a happy and successful and memorable Rotary 2001/2002 Rotary year.

ICP Maureen Bond

Mankind is our Business

This theme was adapted from the Charles Dickens novel "A Christmas Carol". The tale is about a hard hearted businessman Ebenezer Scrooge who is visited by the ghost of his former partner Jacob Marley. Jacob has been condemned to an afterlife of regret for his heartless behaviour on earth.

Scrooge tries to reassure Marley by saying "But you were always a good man of business". The distraught ghost cries despondently: "Business! Mankind was my Business! The common welfare was my business, charity, mercy, forbearance and benevolence were all my business".

Some thought to ponder on perhaps

The design on the theme is inspired on Don Quixote's 'Man from Lamancha'. The arrows and lances signify the reaching of unreachable heights the Globe signifies the World.

ICP Maureen Bond



Motivation/Inspiration

"People often say that motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does bathing; that's why we recommend it daily." - Zig Ziglar

"The greatest composer does not sit down to work because he is inspired, but becomes inspired because he is working." - Ernest Newman

"A mediocre idea that generates enthusiasm will go further than a great idea that inspires no one." - Mary Kay Ash

"When a goal matters enough to a person, that person will find a way to accomplish what at first seemed impossible." - Nido Qubein

Training launches New Models for Rotary Clubs Pilot Project

Thirty-five Rotarians representing 19 countries recently attended training at RI World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, to serve as country representatives for the New Models for Rotary Clubs Pilot Project.

The New Models for Rotary Clubs is the first pilot project to be conducted as a result of a decision of the 2001 Council on Legislation, which gives the RI Board the authority to conduct pilot projects as a method for investigating organizational change and is aimed at generating a tested new club model. The training was the first official step of the three-year pilot project in which participating clubs can develop constitutions that have substantially different parameters regarding club leadership, committee structures, membership, and attendance.

The team of pilot project country representatives, who recently received training, will support the 190 new model clubs that have been approved by the RI Board for participation in this unique program. They will assist clubs with key aspects of the project such as developing a constitution and implementation plan. The country representatives will serve for three years and are responsible for monitoring the progress of the pilot project clubs and reporting their observations to the RI Board.

It is hoped that, through this pilot project, a new model for a Rotary club will emerge that will better meet the needs of the 21st century, be more attractive to younger professional and business leaders, and increase the effectiveness of clubs and future potential for membership growth and extension.

Recommendations will be submitted for consideration at the 2004 Council on Legislation based on the successful experiences of the new models pilot project clubs. The results of this important initiative will be presented at the 2005 RI Convention celebrating Rotary-s centennial anniversary.

The Future

"The history of the human race is the history of ordinary people who have overcome their fears and accomplished extraordinary things." – Brian Tracy

"What's exciting about using our mind is that we can short circuit all the excuses thrown up by our fears." - Mark Victor Hansen

"The wise man in the storm prays to God, not for safety from danger, but for the deliverance from fear. It is the storm within that endangers him, not the storm without." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we often might win, by fearing to attempt." - William Shakespeare

The RUNNER'S GUIDE to the MEANING of LIFE

What 35 years of running has taught me about winning, losing, happiness, humility, and the human heart

Amby Burfoot (Born 1947)

**Winner of the 1968 Boston Marathon
Author of 'The Principles of Running' and 'Runner's World Complete Book of Running'**

Until you begin a new venture, you never know what awaits you.

... my life took a new direction. The next year, I tried out for the track and cross-country teams rather than basketball. From there, it was a straight line to a Boston Marathon victory and later to a great job at Runner's World magazine. Running has introduced me to hundreds of my best friends and given me opportunities I never dreamed about in my childhood.

My life is no more charmed than anyone else's. You name it - death, divorce, moving to a different part of the country. I've had to cope with life's brutal challenges, just like every single adult must do.

I've managed by convincing myself that new beginnings - starting lines - are my friend. This confidence comes, of course, from my experiences in running. On the starting line I calm myself I breathe deeply and slowly, I tell myself that I can get through this and then I am ready.

Nothing ventured, nothing gained. That's the familiar old saw. I expand on it. Nothing started, nothing experienced, nothing learned, nothing finished.

Starting lines are one of the most important stations in life. We need to do more than just avoid them. We need to actively seek them out. Otherwise, we grow stagnant. We will disappear in to black holes.

When you see the first hazy edges of a starting line begin to form in your life, don't avoid it. Don't look the other way. Try to bring the starting line into sharper focus. Consider its potential. Remember that if you don't go to the starting line, you will never view the whole course with all its possibilities.

And you will certainly never see the glories of the finish line.

... not familiar with the work of Steven Wright, he's the guy who once said: "I woke up one morning and all of my stuff had been stolen... and replaced by exact duplicates."

Many excellent expressions below to lighten your day...

A Few Words from Steven Wright

**If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before.
Plan to be spontaneous tomorrow.
Half the people you know are below average.
99 percent of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.
When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.
Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.
Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film.
I intend to live forever - so far, so good.
If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.**

The Rules of Combat

- 1. If the enemy is in range, so are you.**
- 2. Incoming fire has the right of way.**
- 3. Don't look conspicuous: it draws fire.**
- 4. The easy way is always mined.**
- 5. Try to look unimportant, they may be low on ammo.**
- 6. Professionals are predictable, it's the amateurs that are dangerous.**
- 7. The enemy invariably attacks on one of two occasions:
 - a. When you're ready for them.**
 - b. When you're not ready for them.****
- 8. Teamwork is essential; it gives the enemy someone else to shoot at.**
- 9. If you can't remember, the claymore is pointed at you.**
- 9a. Claymores are labelled "This side toward enemy" for a reason.**
- 10. If your attack is going well, you have walked into an ambush.**
- 11. Don't draw fire, it irritates the people around you.**
- 12. The only thing more accurate than incoming enemy fire is incoming friendly fire.**
- 13. When the pin is pulled, Mr. Grenade is **not** our friend.**
- 14. If it's stupid but works, it isn't stupid.**
- 15. When in doubt empty the magazine.**
- 16. Never share a fox hole with anyone braver than you.**
- 17. Anything you do can get you shot. Including doing nothing.**
- 18. Make it too tough for the enemy to get in and you can't get out.**
- 19. Mines are equal opportunity weapons.**
- 20. A Purple Heart just proves that were you smart enough to think of a plan, stupid enough to try it, and lucky enough to survive.**
- 21. Don't ever be the first, don't ever be the last and don't ever volunteer to do anything.**
- 22. The quartermaster has only two sizes: too large and too small.**
- 23. Five second fuses only last three seconds.**
- 24. It is generally inadvisable to eject directly over the area you just bombed.**

Bill Gates: 11 Rules

To anyone with kids, of any age, here's some advice Bill Gates recently dished out at a high school speech about 11 things that he did not learn in school. He talked about how feel-good, politically correct teaching created a full generation of kids with no concept of reality and how this concept set them up for failure in the real world.

RULE 1: Life is not fair - get used to it.

RULE 2: The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

RULE 3: You will NOT make 40 thousand US dollars a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice president with a car phone, until you earn both.

RULE 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss. He doesn't have tenure.

RULE 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping they called it opportunity.

RULE 6: If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

RULE 7: Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you are. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

RULE 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not. In some schools they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

RULE 9: Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself... Do that on your own time.

RULE 10: Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

RULE 11: Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

NO PERSONAL PRIVILEGES

Frequently, friends ask whether Rotarians receive special business benefits from their Rotary membership. Should Rotarians expect a special discount or some preferential service just because they are dealing with a fellow Rotarian?

The answer is clearly "no." The Rotary Manual of Procedure expressly states the Rotary position on this matter. The policy, originally approved by the RI Board of Directors in 1933, is that in business and professional relations "a Rotarian should not expect, and far less should he ask for, more consideration or advantages from a fellow Rotarian than the latter would give to any other business or professional associate with whom he has business relations."

Over 50 years ago the concept was expressed that "true friends demand nothing of one another, and any abuse of the confidence of friendship for profit is foreign to the spirit of Rotary."

On the other hand, if new or increased business comes as the natural result of friendship created in Rotary, it is the same normal development which takes place outside of Rotary as well as inside, so it is not an infringement on the ethics of Rotary membership.

It is important to remember that the primary purpose of Rotary membership is to provide each member with a unique opportunity to serve others, and membership is not intended as a means for personal profit or special privileges.

The 4-Way Test

One of the most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics in the world is the Rotary "4-Way Test."

It was created by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor in 1932 when he was asked to take charge of the Chicago-based Club Aluminum Company, which was facing bankruptcy. Taylor looked for a way to save the struggling company mired in depression-caused financial difficulties. He drew up a 24-word code of ethics for all employees to follow in their business and professional lives. The 4-Way Test became the guide for sales, production, advertising and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company was credited to this simple philosophy.

Herb Taylor became president of Rotary International during 1954-55. The 4-Way Test was adopted by Rotary in 1943 and has been translated into more than 100 languages and published in thousands of ways. The message should be known and followed by all Rotarians.

"Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?"

A poem written by an African Shakespeare

Dear white fella,

Couple things you should know:

When I was born, I black
When I grow up, I black,
When I go in sun, I black
When I cold, I black
When I scared, I black
When I sick, I black,
And when I die, I still black.
You, white fella,
When you born, you pink
When you grow up, you white
When you go in sun, you red
When you cold, you blue
When you scared, you yellow
When you sick, you green
And when you die, you grey.
And you have the nerve to call me colored?

May 2001. Attendance

NAME	MO %	YTD %
1. Andrew Jack	33	60
2. Barbour Celia	0	79
3. Bond Laurie	100	100
4. Bond Maureen	100	100
5. Bonett Julie	0	72
6. Chiponda Charles	100	100
7. Clark Ron	100	88
8. Cooper Alan	100	60
9. De Souza Ali	100	100
10. Dlamini J. C.	100	100
11. Downing Alan	67	64
12. Dube Kingsley	100	81
13. Eisentraut Chris	100	100
14. Geddes Gordon	100	100
15. Ilic Jasmina	100	95
16. Johnson Marina	67	70
17. Lazarus Charles	100	71
18. MacDonald Malcolm	67	31
19. Maksimovic Predrag 'Maks'	100	91
20. Maphosa Norman	33	43
21. Matatu Sipiwe	100	100
22. Naik M.D.	100	100
23. Ncube Nomsa	0	60
24. Peters Tony	0	26
25. Pool Chris	100	100
26. Rensburg Eric	100	100
27. Ross Malcolm	67	53
28. Scott Rev Noel	100	55
29. Shoko Dennis	0	25
30. Sinclair Brian	0	7
31. Thomas Mark	67	67
32. Vaghmaria Sash	100	100
33. Williams Alban	67	67

EXCUSED ATTENDANCE

34. Katz Basil	0	0
35. Munyoro Nehemia	0	10
36. Stipinovich Joe	33	64
37. Weeger Fr. Odilo	100	100
38. Whitaker Gerry	0	2

CLUB AVERAGE 77.80%

TOTAL MEMBERS 38