



Turning Wheels of Bulawayo Rotary Club



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Christmas and New Year Message from the Fellowship Committee

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was an age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us".

Thus wrote Charles Dickens in his Novel "Tale of two Cities" - wouldn't he have made a wonderful Rotarian! He is vividly describing our situation within our beloved country at this moment and how due to this the majority of us have lost sight of fellowship within our Clubs.

It's been a great disappointment to me in being forced to cancel our Rotary Christmas International Party due to the lack of commitment and lack of any tangible response from our Club. The APATHY that seems to have overtaken many of our lives needs to be fought and transplanted into positive thought.

I do thank once again those few that did support us and have always supported Fellowship. Thank you to my committee for all their hard work towards this unfortunate non-event.

The only way our Rotary Clubs will survive in the difficult times ahead is to have strong Fellowship. As more and more needy situations arise and we are put under more and more pressure to give assistance we will find ourselves relying on each other a great deal more. The only way in which we will come through this is if we are comfortable with one another. This can only be achieved by fellowship.

We are all different, with different needs, feelings and views and backgrounds, but have to work together as a club. We can only be effective in maximizing our resources if we all pull together.

People everywhere imbue the start of a New Year with expectations for change. We can ask ourselves is it not time to make changes in Rotary - changes that will allow us to confidently face the incredibly increasing needs of this new century.

Amongst those problems we face are the growing gap in living standards between rich and poor, increased violence, population growth, environmental deterioration and the loss of cultural, family and moral values to name just a few.

If “Mankind is our Business”, our product is our service and our members are Rotary’s important assets.

This is our time, our day, our generation, our one chance to do something for somebody else and it is Rotary's business to improve the quality of life within our community.

It’s a sobering Christmas message this year.

Let’s all be vigilant, strong and grow through our fellowship and friendship within Rotary.

Let’s hold together, be together and look ahead positively together!

ICP Maureen Bond

Lady Grace Todd

Joan Grace Todd, her husband Reginald Stephen Garfield Todd and their daughter Alycen arrived in the then Southern Rhodesia on the 13th July 1934 – Garfield’s 26th birthday, as Missionaries from New Zealand.

Mr Todd, now Sir Garfield, assumed his new responsibilities as the Missionary Superintendent of the schools and churches sponsored by the Foreign Mission Union of the Churches of Christ in New Zealand. These schools and Churches of Christ were in the Lundi (Runde) and Matsai Reserves in the Zvishavane and Mashoko (Zaka) districts, respectively.

Grace – Lady Grace – also immediately assumed the duties of the Headmistress of Dadaya Mission, 150 km east of Bulawayo, and in 1936 drafted some teaching notes for her Dadaya teachers, with whom she first thoroughly discussed, determined to gain the staff’s inputs, so that these notes or teaching instructions, in fact, would be both relevant and balanced for desired effectiveness.

The teaching instructions came to be known throughout the country as the Dadaya Schemes, which were taken up by the Ministry of Education as the syllabus, and were eventually officially printed and distributed as such.

She spent herself fully in her work which, of course, was of the highest quality. She also supervised physical drill every morning for the whole school, the instructors being senior students she had trained.

The motto was EDUCATION FOR LIFE at Dadaya. She visited the classes in the school, assisting her teachers, as necessity required – a job that lasted from morning till late afternoon for her every day. There was excellent co-operation between her and her teachers at every level. By 1940 the academic limit at Dadaya had risen from Grade 4 in 1936 to Grade 7, and in 1946 a dozen or so students at Dadaya Mission pioneered secondary education. They undertook studies towards completing the requirements for University (of South Africa) Junior Certificate, equivalent of the present day ‘O’ levels.

Industrial education was also taken seriously, with boys being given a most useful all-round basic knowledge and ability in such arts as woodwork, brick making and laying, carpentry, agriculture, and animal husbandry among others. These efforts enabled those who did not proceed further with their education after Grade 7, for instance, to practice these skills and earn a reasonably comfortable living.

The girls were taught needlework, cookery and other aspects of domestic science. This contributed powerfully towards the all-important task of modernizing the African society and to the emancipation of the African woman.

‘Education for Life’ – Full pursuance of the School’s motto at Dadaya facilitated the production of men and women of trained intellect, who loved the dignity of labour. Many of them have made and are making significant contributions towards the quality of life throughout Zimbabwe. Lady Grace has been a great achiever and nation-builder in our country in her own right. The people greatly respect and love her also as a pillar of the Todd family of Zimbabwe and New Zealand.

Rtn Tony Peters

Tony Peters was inducted into the club some 17 years ago. His sponsor was the late J. B. Ramphal. He got involved in committee work and was active in community services throughout his association with our Club. He was solely in charge initially of the Community Services Repair Scheme, and also took part in the film show programme for the elderly as well as Carols by Candlelight programme.

He was unable to take further participation in the club’s activities since the last year or so due to his sudden serious illness. The club then decided to make him an Honorary Member of the club.

We pray Almighty rest his soul in peace and give comfort to Violet and the family to overcome this sad loss.

Notice to All Club Members

The Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held on Friday 7th December 2001, at the Bulawayo Golf Club at 1.30 pm.

Agenda: Nominate club officers and Directors for Rotary year 2002-2003.

By Order of the Board,

J. Bonett, Secretary

Of Heaven and Hell

Heaven is where the police are British, the chefs Italian, the mechanics German, the lovers French and it is all organized by the Swiss!

Hell is where the police are German, the chefs British, the mechanics French, the lovers Swiss, and it is all organized by the Italians!