



Turning Wheels of Bulawayo Rotary Club



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Quo Vadis?

We are about to embark on one of the most important periods of our nation's existence. As in 1980, the years preceding the elections were marked with violence - contending parties promised a new life for all and the ground was swamped with international observers to determine whether the elections were free and fair.

Given the tumultuous historic background then, is the position any different today when efforts are made once more to unroll the historic carpet to satisfy the electorate.

Parliamentary and Presidential elections in the intervening period have been characterised by low poll turn outs. The 1996 Presidential elections attracted the attention of only 30% of the electorate. Two aspiring candidates withdrew from the elections, one 2 days before and still mustered votes in Matabeleland without even showing his face.

The two current contenders have made themselves clear to the electorate. We have witnessed the effects of draconian laws (effecting even our own Rotarians) and attempts to disenfranchise the electorate and reduce the number of polling stations.

The 9th and 10th of March are going to be decisive days which will determine the lives of us all.

Where do we stand as Rotarians in this uncertainty. Our ethical standards are guided by the 4 - Way Test.

**Is it the Truth?
Is it Fair to all concerned?
Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
Will it be Beneficial to All Concerned?**

We should make it our clear and undivided duty to use our civic responsibilities to VOTE no matter how long it takes to stand in the queue. The idea of taking the easy way out of escaping the trauma with a trip outside the borders should be an anathema. We should remember others who have faced the brunt of violence whilst we have had an easy time.

As the leaders of our community, we should be there to show all WE ARE CONCERNED.

If you had had a notice to disenfranchise you, take steps to appeal against the objection to you voting.

President Gordon

97th Birthday

One summer evening in 1900, Chicago Lawyer Paul Harris dined with a friend in Chicago's Rogers Park neighbourhood. Afterwards they strolled around stopping in various places of business. In each case his friend introduced the proprietor. Paul began to think what a good idea it would be to get together such a group of business friends in a social setting. There would be a particular advantage if each represented a different trade or profession. He thought of his own clients, Silvester Schiele a coal dealer, Gustavus Loehr a mining engineer and Harry Ruggles a printer.

On the night of February 23rd 1905, Paul Harris along with Silvester, Gus and a Hiram Storey a merchant tailor meet at Gus's office downtown – hence the first meeting of Rotary!

They begun to meet regularly, bringing other acquaintances into their 'club'.

Paul suggested a few names and they chose Rotary, since the plan was to meet in 'rotation' at each others offices.

Membership grew rapidly, attracting men who had achieved business success unaided, most of them bachelors from farms and small villages.

Rotary Clubs soon sprouted into other cities and into other countries to involve into Rotary as we know it today!

There are many articles and events being planned for the 100th year of Rotary in 2005 worldwide.

ICP Maureen Bond

Brunch at Ross' Den

A successful fellowship morning was held at the home of PP Malcolm Ross and Les to whom we extend our grateful thanks for hosting this event.

Bright skies and sunny weather added to this occasion and the several chefs de cuisine did a superb job.

Alan Downing was the "Toastmaster" Chris Pool, adopted ex Rotarian Dave Judge cooked and sweated over the hot skottles producing the sausages, egg and bacon whilst Rossie cooked up his mealie meal porridge in his 'fellowship pot'!

Adrian Feather ICP for Bulawayo South joined us in the spirit of the day and hoped that in the 2002./2003 new Rotary year coming up that we will have interclub events.

Pres Gordon thanked everyone and talked about Paul Harris - a lawyer from Chicago who founded this movement called Rotary 97 years ago!

ICP Maureen Bond

Road to the Lake

I have been looking at a map to plan route and overnight stays to come to Malawi conference.

From Harare I have the following distance and route details (please confirm accuracy and detail if this is the correct way to go).

Harare to Nyamapanda (Zim/Moz. border) - 238 kms (The Pumpkin Inn is a good stop for Bulawayo for Tuesday night - 20km from Nyamapanda border at Kotwa).

Nyamapanda to Tete - 142 km (via Changara 49km, Tete 93km).

Tete to Blantyre - 224 km (via Majete 70km, Blantyre 154km).

Blantyre (via Limbe) to Zomba - 120 km.

Zomba to Mangochi - 77km.

Total Distance Harare to Manochi - 801 km.

The 583 km drive on Wednesday to Arrive at the Meet and Greet Wednesday night.

In Harare you mentioned FREE FUEL in Malawi. Is this a reality? Please advise as we will need to plan accordingly.

Please amend my registration to not stop in Blantyre overnight on way into Conference. Instead will stay at Resort Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday nights.

Regards,

Phil

Visit to Entembeni Old Peoples Home On Tuesday 4 December 2001.

The Interact Club of Founders High visited Entembeni Home accompanied by Rotarian Father Scott with an aim of making a kind donation. Twelve thousand (\$12.000) was donated in cash to the home in the presence of the press from "The Chronicle". After the donation, the Senior Matron of the Home narrated to us how they managed to make ends meet at the Home during these harsh economic times. It was pleasing to know that various charitable organisations were financially assisting the Home. However, it was disheartening to learn that the government, through its Ministry of Social Welfare, was giving the institution two hundred and fifty (\$250) per head per month which is unreasonable when looking at the cost of living. There are no fixed salaries for the Entembeni Home staff because they rely on various organs for funds. The authorities at the Home are expected to pay for medication for their ill patients thus they are at times forced to seek some assistance from friends. Most of the elderly at the Home are of different nationality.

I therefore urge the various charitable clubs or organisations to assist the underprivileged in society.

McIntosh M. Ngwenya
President, Founders Interact Club.

Rotary District 9210 – Conference and Assembly 2002
“Malawi – Lake of Stars”
SUN-N-SAND RESORT – MANGOCHI (LAKE DISTRICT) MALAWI
THURSDAY 23rd MAY 2002 – SATURDAY 25th MAY 2002

FROM THE CONVENER

This is your conference. Help us to make it the way you would like it to be. Send us your views, ideas, suggestions. Recollect hearing this at PDG Eric Marquis conference:-

“Reach out to people, work with them, learn from them and teach them, so that when the project is complete, THEY will say WE have done it”- A Chinese Philosopher

ACCOMMODATION

Please find attached the list and prices of Conference Hotels and Transit Hotels. In Blantyre, Protea Hotel Ryalls and in Lilongwe Le Meridien Capital Hotel are designated Conference transit venues.

Please Note:- The rates quoted for Conference hotels are inclusive of Bed & Breakfast at the resort of your choice plus lunches, dinner, morning and afternoon teas at the Conference venue (SUN-N-SAND RESORT). Tentative plans for meals are as follows:-

Wednesday	22 nd May 2002	-	“MEET & GREET” – DINNER
Thursday	23 rd May 2002	-	BUFFET LUNCH
			“BRAAI ON BEACH” DINNER
Friday	24 th May 2002	-	BUFFET LUNCH
			BANQUET DINNER
Saturday	25 th May 2002	-	“FAREWELL” LUNCH

For those wishing to stay over at the lake after the Conference, the same special rates will be applicable either for full board or bed and breakfast.

TRAVEL

ROAD	-	From Harare via Mozambique to Blantyre	- travel time 7 – 8 hours
	-	From Lusaka via Chipata to Lilongwe	- travel time 9 – 10 hours
	-	From Blantyre to Sun'n'Sand	- travel time 3 hours
	-	From Lilongwe to Sun'n'Sand	- Travel time 4 – 5 hours

Please check that you have the correct travel documents, Passports, visas, health book (vaccinations) etc.

AIR - Majority of International flights are from Harare, Lusaka & Johannesburg. Flights from Nairobi land at Chileka Airport, Blantyre. Likewise many flights also land at Lilongwe International Airport. Connecting flights (in smaller aircrafts) from both these airports to Mangochi (air field closest to Conference venue). Flight details to be obtained from your travel agent closer to dates of Conference.

We are aware of the distances and travel times. If possible, it is advisable for participants to plan their journey such as to enable them reach the conference venue before dark on Wednesday 22nd May 2002. However, if time or circumstances preclude you from doing this, then kindly arrange overnight accommodation in Blantyre or Lilongwe on Wednesday 22nd May 2002 and travel early morning to conference venue. Taking cognisance of this possibility, we are looking into arranging the conference opening session accordingly.

TRANSFERS

All transfer arrangements from Airports to Transit Hotels, to and from transit hotels to conference venues and the transfers between various resorts and Conference are being organised.

HEALTH, SWIMMING, SECURITY, INSURANCE

Please refer to my earlier document distributed at PDG Derek's conference in May 2001.

DRESSING

Smart casuals will be the order of the day, long sleeves and trousers for night with light pullovers and jackets. Please bring along the usual beach attire.

BANQUET DINNER

This will be a formal function. Dinner jackets or dark suits for men and evening dress for ladies please.

HOME HOSTING

Rotarians wishing to be hosted by friends or families during transit or at the lake are requested to make their own personal arrangements. But please inform us of the arrangements for our records.

POST CONFERENCE TOURS

A number of options are enclosed in your folder. If you wish to make arrangements of your choice, kindly contact ZINA DALE at rotaryconference2002@africa-online.net or you could contact your respective travel agent.

Finally, please send your registration as soon as possible keeping in mind our limitation of resorts at the lake. For any specific inquiry or further information viz-a-viz accommodation at the lake, please contact – SAJID at srashid@malawi.net

FARUK KIDY

CONVENER

Dear Phil,

Your distance from Harare to Mangochi is more or less right. It is advisable to try and get to the Nyamapanda border when it opens (I think it is 6.00 am!!) so that you have adequate time to arrive at Sun n Sand. Please make time allowances for the borders as there seems to be so many different forms to be filled out. Make sure that you have small denominations of either US\$ or rands to pay your road insurance etc at the Mozambique border. Please drive well within the speed limit when you cross the Tete bridge as that is a great place for fining people. Make sure that everything works, windscreen wipers, indicators etc, as the police will try and find any excuse to fine you. Certain vehicles have to display reflectors and triangles - will try and find out more for you. Once you have overcome all the obstacles of borders and the bridge you will find that the rest of the journey is very scenic and the roads are not as bad as everyone thinks.

Hopefully, you will experience the warmth and friendliness of our people on arrival at Malawi, hence the slogan "the warm heart of Africa". From the Malawi border to the lake you will be amazed at how many pedestrians and cyclists there are on the edge of the roads. Many of them seem to think the roads are pavements, especially the small children. If you need a pit stop have it at one of the garages, preferably a BP, in the towns as you won't find one stretch of road where you can do your business in private. Once you turn onto the lake shore road at Liwonde please be on the lookout for domestic animals, especially the goats, they are everywhere. This road also has a few pot holes which you normally cannot see until you are on top of them. Hopefully they will have been repaired before the conference commences.

We will contact Sun N Sand today to adjust your booking - in Wed 22nd May, out Su 26th May. We presume the people traveling with you or are in convoy are also changing their accommodation bookings? If so please could you give me a list of names so that I can advise Sun N Sand.

We hope that all of the above information will make your journey easier and we all look forward to meeting you at the conference.

Best regards

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