



Turning Wheels of Bulawayo Rotary Club



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From the President's Computer

The new Rotary year 2002/2003 is upon us and my theme for the incoming year is:

'YOU ARE THE KEY'

How do you feel when you are told that **YOU ARE THE KEY!** to the success of the many programmes of Rotary International?

How do you feel when you are told that **YOU ARE THE KEY!** to the progress of our Club?

How do you feel when you are told that **YOU ARE THE KEY!** to attracting new members into Rotary?

Each one of us is the key that can open the door to someone new, the way the door was opened for each of us.

Do you feel like getting out there and working?

I ask you all not just to follow me this year, but walk beside me and help me lead this Club and I really do need all of your help, support and guidance in the months ahead. Our Club is a team and we are altogether with one motto: 'Service above Self'. Sometimes we have to look at ourselves and ask why are we in Rotary and how truly committed are we?

We live in changing times especially in Zimbabwe and we have to adapt to the changing environment. We are the only ones that can work together to keep our Club strong.

I look forward to a year of Fellowship, fun, teamwork and rewarding projects.

President Maureen Bond.

**Rotary International designate each month to a particular subject
This is part of each club's Rotary Year Planner.**

July is ' Literacy Month '

The word 'Literacy' means the ability to read and write.

**Former RI President Glen Kinross advocated that
"education is the platform to prosperity - prosperity enables peace".**

Many clubs focus their efforts on projects promoting literacy to enable the poor to make their lives better and creating a more literate society. The topic of adult literacy has never been more timely in Africa. With the large number of youths and adults, for whom earlier education was insufficient or denied, entry into the world of literacy opens a possible path to future economic and social change as well as democratic participation.

Pres Maureen Bond

GG's Eulogy of MM

Outgoing President Gordon Geddes in his valedictory speech to the Rotary Club of Bulawayo recalled that his theme 12 months previously was "Get Involved".

Whilst there any many Rotarians who are willing to chair subcommittees and are Board members, he felt recognition should be given to the ordinary floor members of the club who show their activity. There were a number during his year of office, but the one who stood out was Dr Predrag Maksimovich, or "Maks" as he is commonly known.

Although he is the club's bulletin editor, it should be noted that English is not his native language. He attended just about every lunch during the year; he participated in another club's fun walk - with much noise; he came out to the Matopos fellowship weekend where he took on the job of game spotter - again with much noise and gesticulations making certain game move quick enough to attract our attention, he climbed rocks and lost his family in the hills and on his return demonstrated the Serbian way of braaing mince meat on toast.

He attended another club's induction dinner and the four club church service. Past President Gordon singled out Maks as a person who enjoys himself in Rotary and hoped members would share Maks' enthusiasm in the affairs of his own club and others. Gordon presented Maks with a little token of appreciation for following his theme of involvement.

Can I Find Purpose For My Life?

We live in a society that in the post-Vietnam, post-impeachment scandal era has become increasingly cynical and jaded. What have we become – and does it even matter?

Read these moving words penned by a Columbine High School student shortly after the mass murders there:

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers; wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints; we spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy it less.

We have bigger houses, but smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; we have more degrees, but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgement; more experts, but more problems; more medicine, but less wellness.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We have learned how to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to our life, but not life to our years.

We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbour. We've conquered outer space, but not inner space; we've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul; we've split the atom, but not our prejudice.

We have higher incomes, but lower morals; we've become long on quantity, but short on quality.

These are times of tall men, and short character; steep profits, and shallow relationships. These are times of world peace, but domestic warfare; more leisure, but less fun; more kinds of food, but less nutrition. These are days of two incomes, but more divorce; fancier houses, but broken homes.

It is a time when there is much in the show window, but nothing in the stockroom; a time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose to either make a difference or just hit delete.

HOMELAND

Within my soul, within my mind
There lies a place I cannot find
Home of my heart, land of my birth
Smoke coloured stone. Flame coloured earth
Electric skies. Shivering heat
Blood red clay beneath my feet.
At night when finally alone
I close my eyes - I am at home
I kneel and touch the blood warm sand
And feel the pulse beneath my hand
Of ancient life too old to name
In an ancient land too wild to tame
How can I show you what I feel
How can I make this essence real
I search for words in dumb frustration
To try and form some explanation
But how can heart and soul be caught
In one-dimensional written thought?
If love and longing are a "fire"
And man "consumed" by his desire
Then this love is no simple flame
That mortal thought can hold or tame
As deep within the earth's own core
The love of home burns evermore
But what is home? I hear them say
This never was yours anyway
You never had a birthright to this place
Descendant of another race

**An immigrant? A pioneer?
You are no longer welcome here
Whoever said that love made sense
"I love" is an imperfect tense
To love in vain has been man's fate
From history to present date
I have no grounds for dispensation
I have no home or nation
For just one moment in the night
I am complete, my soul takes flight
For just one moment... Then it's gone
And I am once more again undone
Never complete. Never whole**

District Governor's Message

I am delighted to welcome the Victoria Falls Rotary club to the 48 Rotary clubs of District 9210. The Charter Dinner on 27 July in Victoria Falls will be a great occasion graced by several dignitaries and senior Rotary officials. The Rotary District 9210 comprises the four countries of Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe and our membership is some 1100 Rotarians. Each Rotarian is part of Rotary International that continues to grow since its inception in 1905 and comprise some 1,2 million International members.

Rotary International plays a significant role in the four countries of District 9210 and indeed across the world. The most significant achievement will be the eradication of Polio and the immunisation against the other 6 major childhood diseases. Presently it is estimated that each year some 4 million children run and play as normal since Polio has been arrested in most countries of the world. We remain committed to "fulfill our promise" to the world to eradicate Polio by 2005. This will now cost in the region of US\$ 450 million. We are supported in this programme by Unicef, World Health Organisation and support from the national governments structures. A primary sponsor will be the Bill Gates Foundation.

National Immunisation Days are still a feature in the immunisation campaign and presently President Mwanawasa of Zambia has launched a Zambian initiative on the border with DRC.

This year we are faced with severe famine in our region and again Rotary will play an active role in partnership with the World Food Programme and World Vision.

Our District will be greatly strengthened by the 26 new Rotarians of Victoria Falls in conjunction with the members of the Rotary clubs of Livingstone and Bulawayo South will see a strong club grow. Rotarians' motto of "Service Above Self" will be adopted and put into practice in this community in partnership with several international opportunities for developing projects.

Rotary has a plethora of projects operating presently and that range in scope from provision of clean water, roll back of Malaria, equipping of rural schools, literacy programmes, Aids/HIV initiatives to name a few.

Internationally Rotarians participate in Group Study Exchange and Youth Exchange programmes that foster the development of world understanding and

peace. Presently we have 13 Youth Exchange students in Brazil, USA, Belgium, Germany and Argentina for a full year.

Our Rotary International President for 2002/2003 is Bhichai Rattakul from Thailand and his theme for the year is "Sow the Seeds of Love". We commit ourselves to making our communities different by loving service. We are delighted that Victoria Falls Rotarians join us in this commitment.

My personal congratulations to Victoria Falls Charter President Lenias Sibanda as he leads the club forward this year.

Phil Whitehead

From The District Online Newsletter (AKA DG Phil)

**This & That
with Danny Meyer (excerpt)**

Review by Jeremy Thomas of a book entitled "Invest like a Pro", which appeared in the South African weekly Sunday Times Business Times earlier this year, caught my eye. The author of the book Anton Swanepoel is of the view that professional golfers and investors have ten fundamental habits in common.

Being debt free should be the priority of every would be investor. This means making sure that you live within your means, having sufficient life, disability and medical cover in place, saving for retirement and setting aside sufficient cash for emergency needs. Good business advice as well for any entrepreneur.

Turning to the ten fundamental habits that Swanepoel believes professional golfers and investors have in common. They are as follows and if applied correctly make a lot of sense, as doing business in general is common sense:

- a. Identify your targets - every target requires a special approach.
- b. Come to grips with constant factors - choose correctly.
- c. Aim at your target - don't be misled by greed and desperation.
- d. Be aligned - with long term goals in mind.
- e. Adopt a balanced posture - make balanced well informed decisions.
- f. Be confident - this leads to full commitment and avoidance of defensive and tentative notions.
- g. Implement - if you are uncomfortable, walk away and start again.
- h. Anticipate the downswing - beware of impatience, particularly in the few months immediately after implementation.
- i. Follow through - complete the full circle as it is critical to stick to long term plans with confidence.
- j. Keep your balance from start to finish - take the larger view and make sure that you understand where making money fits into your purpose of life.

Rotary founded by Paul Harris in the American city of Chicago just short of a century ago, has over the years expanded its activity to 163 countries around the globe. The international service organization with a membership of 1 188 492 in 30 149 clubs, has a strong presence in Zimbabwe. Forming part of an administrative district covering the four countries of Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe, the community service organization was first established in Harare in 1930.

The Rotary Club of Harare, one of nine in the capital city, held a dinner on Thursday night to induct its new president for 2002/03 entrepreneur and successful business leader Egbert Wever, and to recognize two community leaders who have provided service beyond the call of duty. Rotary's philosophy can be summed up in two words, fellowship and service. Membership is drawn from leaders in business, the public sector and from the professions. People who enjoy serving the community in which they live and work, and who meet regularly to network and fellowship. The organization is best known for the supportive role it has rendered over the years to the Ministry of Health and Child Welfare in the nation's quest to eradicate polio, and more recently for its active involvement in the supply of drought relief.

Annually Rotary Clubs recognize others in the community for services provided, by bestowing on them a Paul Harris Fellowship. Named in honour of the founder of the organization, the recipients of the Rotary Club of Harare's fellowships this year are Mary van Heerden the founder and driving force behind the Anti-hijack Trust and local business executive Lionel Meltzer, who recently retired after three decades of involvement with and service to the Athol Evans Hospital Home, since the days of its inception. Two worthy recipients who have indeed rendered service above self.

Did you know cats, camels and giraffes are the only animals in the world that walk right foot, right foot, left foot, left foot, rather than right foot, left foot?

Rotary's Global History Newsletter
Rotary's Global History Project
www.RotaryHistory.org

Our www.RotaryHistory.org website is gaining in popularity every month as more and more Rotarians all over the World discover our website and enjoy the value of Rotary History. Our website is the result of thousands of hours by Rotary history volunteers around the world. The material comes from Rotary archives, clubs, districts, Rotary publications and many books on Rotary.

We have a new page of links called "QuickLinks" that makes it easier to find different information on our website. You can find "QuickLinks" at <http://www.rotaryhistory.org/quicklinks.htm>. It is also at the top of nearly every page.

We have many new editorial articles. You will find dozens of links to new interesting articles at www.rotaryhistory.org/committee/contributors/.

You can also sign up for our new [RotaryHistory.org](http://www.rotaryhistorydiscussion.org) discussion group at www.rotaryhistorydiscussion.org. This enables you and other Rotarians to share ideas and suggestions about our website. Don Higgins, a senior member of ROTI (Rotarians on the Internet) is moderating this discussion group.

Our historian Calum Thomson, from Scotland, spent his entire vacation visiting the Rotary International Archives department and visiting clubs in Canada and the US to gather material for our convention project. You can read about Calum and his writings at <http://rotaryhistory.org/committee/contributors/thomson.htm>.

Our German historian Wolfgang Ziegler has contributed many convention pages. You can read about Wolfgang and his writings at <http://rotaryhistory.org/committee/contributors/ziegler.htm>

You can read about our historian Doug Rudman at <http://rotaryhistory.org/committee/contributors/rudman.htm>. Doug has done a great job setting up the web page about all past Rotary Conventions at <http://rotaryhistory.org/conventions/themes/index.htm>.

Our historian Basil Lewis has contributed many articles about Rotary in England, Scotland and Ireland. You can read about Basil at <http://rotaryhistory.org/committee/contributors/lewis.htm>.

We also have a partnership with the Rotary Heritage and History International Fellowship You can read more about the Heritage Fellowship at <http://www.rotaryhistory.org/history/rhhif/index.htm>.

Our weekly "Rotary Minute" is growing. It is now the 9th largest of over 440 Yahoo! Rotary Groups on the Internet. You can receive it for free by visiting our website at www.whatpaulharrissaid.org.

Presidential Conference Nairobi - Feb 2003

As I am sure you are all aware the Presidential conference for Africa will be held in Nairobi in Feb 2003. The main topic of the conference will be Health concerns in Africa. As a member of the Advisories committee on health and population to the RI board I have been requested by the Chairman of the organising committee to encourage Rotarians from Southern Africa to make every effort to attend this very important conference. I have negotiated with SAA for a special fare to Nairobi leaving on the 20th of Feb and returning on the 25th. The fare is R2350 return ex Johannesburg. I can only get a very restricted number of seats. So it is first come first served. Please would you be so kind as to spread the word in your District and get back to me as soon as possible. Best regards for a great year.

Ted Pope (via DG Phil's computer).

Weird things you would never know

Butterflies taste with their feet.

A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.

In 10 minutes, a hurricane releases more energy than-all of the world's nuclear weapons combined.

On average, 100 people choke to death on ballpoint- pens every year.

On average people fear spiders more than they do-death.

Ninety percent of New York City cabbies are recently arrived immigrants.

Thirty-five percent of the people who use personal ads for dating are already married.

Elephants are the only animals that can't jump.

Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or- older.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

It's physically impossible for you to lick your elbow.

The Main Library at Indiana University sinks over an-inch every year because when it built, engineers failed to take into-account the weight of all the books that would occupy the building.

A snail can sleep for three years.

No word in the English language rhymes with "MONTH."

Average life span of a major league baseball: 7 pitches.

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our-nose and ears never stop growing.

The electric chair was invented by a dentist.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.

"Go," is the shortest complete sentence in the-English language.

A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.

The cigarette lighter was invented before the match.

Americans on average eat 18 acres of pizza every day.

Almost everyone who reads this email will try to lick-their elbow.

Youth Activities of Rotary International (published 1982)

ROTARACT, organized in 1968, brought the service club concept to older youth (age 18-28). In terms of service, Rotaractors in more than 80 countries do just about everything Rotary clubs do and have shown a remarkable ability to raise funds for various activities and community-betterment projects.

Rotaract goals are similar to those of Interact but they have an additional commitment: To promote high ethical standards in businesses and vocations. To fulfill this commitment, a Rotaract club must undertake an annual Vocational Service Project in addition to the Community Service and International Service projects that are expected of both Interact and Rotaract Clubs. These objectives of Rotaract enable the sponsoring Rotary club, or clubs, to contribute to the guidance and development of the next generation's leaders in business and community affairs while these young people are at a critical stage in their careers.

Rotaract (ROTARY ACTION) was adopted as a worldwide program of Rotary in 1968, when the Rotary International Board of Directors saw a need to extend the opportunity of service to young people who had grown out of the Interact age group. Since 1978 "FELLOWSHIP THROUGH SERVICE" has been the official Rotaract motto. By the early 1980's the program included about 75000 members in more than 80 countries. The activities of Rotaract clubs are determined in part, by the fact that these young people are finding their way in the adult world and are eager to put their own ideas to work and receive community recognition for their contributions. For this reason, sponsoring Rotary clubs encourage Rotaractors to act with a large measure of independence in choosing and carrying out projects.

Rotaractors, in addition to undertaking their own projects, sometimes choose to give substantial aid to the Community Service projects of their sponsoring Rotary clubs. Although Rotaractors enjoy the fun and excitement of fundraising, they place a higher value on personal service, a priority shared with Rotary clubs.

Because they are exposed to Rotary's emphasis on international fellowship, Rotaractors seize upon occasions to meet young people of other countries. The arrival of a Rotary-sponsored exchange student from another country is a challenge to these young men and women to greet the newcomers with enthusiasm and expose them to all the best features of their host country.

Rotaractor's rapport with other young people leads them to work easily on some of the Rotary club and district projects which present more of a challenge to Rotarians. Rotaractors are especially useful on such projects as drug abuse and suicide prevention, because of their familiarity with the problems of the young. Thoughtful Rotarians have stressed the need, therefore, for more communication between Rotarians and Rotaractors. Some clubs hold seminars for just this purpose. The ability and optimism of each Retractor, Rotarians believe, deserves the most careful cultivation. Sponsoring and supervising a Rotaract club may be one of the most significant services a Rotary club can provide for its community and, in the long run, for the community of nations.

ROTARACT Activities to Date.

Introduction

The Rotaract has been operating from May 2002. From that day we have managed to go through a single activity. In my report, I will give you details of what we have archived, what we are currently doing, what we are planning for the future and most importantly how you may help us with our activities.

Objectives

Since we are not operating formally for the moment we agreed that the purpose at our activities will be as follows:

- Fund Raising
- Community Service
- Leadership training and enhancement among members

Past Projects

In May we saw the plight at AIDS Orphans in the city, and the burden that those caring for them have to bear. We then decided to have a cycle from Plumtree to Bulawayo so as to raise funds for the orphans.

As a result at red tape we were forced to change the destination and postpone the cycle. On the 8th of June we had our cycle to and from Esigodini {approximately} 90 km. We managed to raise a little over \$100.000-00 from donors.

We hope to hand over the funds to the Mayor of Bulawayo on a date to be stated by his office.

Current Projects

Current we are taking part in a Southern Africa youth self Actualisation programme. This youth exchange programme was organised by the city of Naledi in Bloemfontain, South Africa in conjunction with the city of Bulawayo. We will leave Zimbabwe on the 17th of July. The trip will take approximately two weeks. We might spend a week in Naledi and another in Lesotho I am not sure of the details at this moment.

Proposed Future Projects

In the near future we would like to partake in the following projects:

- Fundraise for ZimCare trust to help them get their school bus back
- Engage in youth interaction with the cities interact clubs
- Help children in need, in and around the city.

These among others are the objectives we would like to fulfil in the near future.

As you might have noticed this is a big job we have embarked on. We would love to meet you so as to share ideas on how we may follow your footsteps as future Rotarians.

Yours in art
Ndabezinhle Mvelase, President.

Disaster Relief Programme

You have all heard of RI-FRA (ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FLOOD RELIEF FUNDS) which we would like now to change to RI-DRP (ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAMME), as by now we all know that our district 9210 will be in a very bad food situation. The Presidents within this region have all declared their countries as disaster areas already.

At the Malawi conference I alerted all the Rotarians of this disaster and David Roper (director of RI) is trying to raise some funds for our district and create some more awareness of our situation at the Barcelona convention.

I will communicate immediately the outcome of the above. In the meantime, I think we can do some work at our clubs already and may I suggest that you set up a small group of members who could start organizing some fund raising activities e.g. raffles etc. to raise some funds for the purchase of the required food in the near future.

To establish the need of food in our district please could each club chose two or three projects (hospital, school or mission) and establish for each the following:

- a) Full name and address and contact person**
- b) How many people are involved (children, adults, elderly people)**
- c) What is the nearest big town and how many kilometers are on dirt or tar road**
- d) Which NGO is working near the proposed project**

I would be most grateful if you could forward this information to me so that as and when we get some assistance from overseas we know to which areas and the quantities involved in this food relief.

I think it is very important that we start already now and have a solid plan prepared before the panic starts.

Thank you very much for your kind co-operation.

Egbert Wever.

Thought for the Month

Good works are not all there is in Rotary: good works are expressions only of something beneath.

Beneath the good works of Rotary there is the invisible power:

It is the power of goodwill!

Interact Conference - 16 June 2002 "Sowing the Seeds of Love"

On Sunday 16 June, a conference was held at Eveline High School. The agenda was to educate Interactors on how to "sow the seeds of love" in the community. A number of Interact members from different schools in Bulawayo were in attendance.

The topics to be discussed were divided into "sessions" with short breaks in between. The first session began at approximately 9.15 am.

Our first speaker was Mr. Stirling. He spoke about agriculture, with main focus on AGRICULTURE IN ZIMBABWE, particularly in Bulawayo. After speaking, he initiated discussion and the questions and views aired by the alert Interactors were thought provoking.

Mr. Esat was our second speaker. He shared with us some interesting facts and mind-boggling statistics on the history of the Zimbabwean economy. He was so knowledgeable and covered many aspects of economy that very few questions were asked during the discussion that followed.

Next in our line-up of speakers was Mr. Kluckow. The topics at hand were "DRUGS" and "COMMUNICATION", topics relevant to the youth of today. His approach was different, and much appreciated by the audience. His "tips" on "effective decision making" and "how to become an excellent communicator" were indispensable.

After the lunch break the Interactors appeared to be a bit sluggish and not as lively as before.

Mr. Banda spoke about how the education system in Zimbabwe has changed over the years and the effect of these changes on the youth.

Dr. Z. Mhlanga was our next speaker. "HEALTH" was the topic under discussion and Dr. Mhlanga told us of the difficulties faced by the Health Department in Zimbabwe.

Our last speaker was of the day was the young robust Ms. Siphiosethu Ndlovu, an Interactor who had been to the USA on a Rotary Exchange Programme for a year. We hung onto every word as she shared with us her numerous experiences of "American Life". She clearly conveyed the message that she was proud of where she came from and encouraged us young Zimbabwean Interactors to be proud of our "Zimbabwean Roots".

Father Neil Scott brought the conference to an end by thanking our speakers and briefing us on some exciting up-coming events. Overall, the conference was a success and many Interactors shared their thanks with Mr. Stirling and Father Scott. We left the conference with hope in our hearts and a greater understanding of the job at hand, that is, "sowing the seeds of love". After hearing of the factors affecting the state of our community, we will venture forth well prepared with faith, vision and our "hybrid" seeds.

Damaris Hussey

Fellowship Committee Meeting - 18/07/02

Held at Alan and Margaret Cooper's home on Thursday 18/07/02.

Present - Pres Maureen Bond, Alan Downing, Alan Cooper and Malcolm Ross.

Apologies - Chris Pool.

3) Possible Fellowship function venues:

Shumba Shava - Dennis Paul - Malcolm Ross to follow up.

(Preferably on weekend of 21st September - full moon).

Beaconsfield - Barbara Viljoen - Alan Cooper to find costs.

Rosenfell's Camp - Marula - Alan Cooper to follow up.

Maleme Dam chalets Matopos Sailing Club - Mike Hopwood and Cecil Barnett.

The Bond's home - sausage sizzle - October/November.

Christmas International function - December.

All Committee Chairman please note - It was suggested that the newer members of each Committee be responsible, together with their Committees, to arrange and provide the meals (brunches and suppers and teas) at each fellowship function.

All other Bulawayo Rotary Clubs to be invited to all our fellowship functions.

4) The Edenvale Raiders - Brian and Theresa Bengis and their Edenvale Raiders (RC of Edenvale) intend raiding our Club later on in September this year - more about this later when we have details - hosts needed.

5) Friendship Exchange District 5170 California - 23rd to 25th March 2003 visit to Bulawayo Clubs - hosts needed.

Next meeting - Malcolm's and Les's home - 2 Alexandra Gardens, Galway Road off 16th Avenue on Thursday 22nd August 2002 at 17.30.