



Turning Wheels of Bulawayo Rotary Club



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From the President's Computer

A New Year brings with it hope, enthusiasm and resolution. It is a time to start afresh, a time of looking forward and a time for putting behind the sadnesses, which must pass with the old year.

Lets make 2003 the year of a meaningful life. Never mind those lists of 'musts and dos' - stop look around and enjoy the moment right now. Forget the chores; make time for family and friends and your fellow Rotarians. Find joy in living, savor your free time and remember to make everyday count.

Take a few moments at this time of year to think only positive thoughts despite all that is difficult in this country of ours at the moment.

Half way through a Rotary year is like drinking wine. Halfway through the bottle is either half full or half empty depending on how much you have taken out of your Rotarian membership or how much you intend taking out of your membership?

Laurie, ICP Kingsley and I take this opportunity to wish that all you hope for, comes to pass, that all your enthusiasm will be richly rewarded and that all your resolutions, will succeed.

President Maureen Bond
January 2003

Rotary Thought for the New Year 2003!

The way to a Happy New Year!

To leave the old with a burst of song
To recall the right and forgive the wrong
To forget the things that bind you fast
To the vain regrets of the year's that's past
To have the strength to let go your hold
Of the not worthwhile of the days grown old
To dare to go forth with a purpose true
To the unknown task of the year that's new
To help your brother along the road
To do his work and lift his load
To add your gift to the world's good cheer.

ROTARIAN'S NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

1. Develop the ability to accept criticism without being hurt.
2. Be Enthusiastic - and show it
3. Keep your dress and physical appearance in top form
4. Use tact with your dealings with others.
5. Be thoughtful - avoid the bug "I" and the little "You".
6. Have a sense of humour - SMILE
7. Take time to be courteous
8. Be a Self Starter - show initiative.
9. Face up to problems - don't duck them
10. Get cooperation by giving lots of yourself
11. Be loyal - and spread the feeling amongst others.
12. Have confidence in yourself - inspire it in others.
13. Be honest - there's no substitute for it.
14. Be economical and efficient - be a cost cutter
15. Develop your memory for names and faces
16. Systematize - be orderly and tidy
17. Weigh facts carefully - curb prejudices.
18. Express yourself clearly - get your ideas across
19. Be patient of the shortcomings of others.
20. Be flexible - adjust to change.

January 2003

Rotary International designates each month to a particular subject. This is part of each club's year planner.

The month of January is dedicated to:

Rotary Awareness Month

During Rotary Awareness month, Rotarians worldwide are encouraged to discover their own ways to share Rotary with their communities. They should be conscious of their responsibility to those less fortunate souls and seek through donations and service to bring a little sunshine into lives that do not enjoy much in the way of love and support.

Figures this New Year indicate that in Africa alone, 20 million people face severe food shortages due to poor harvests, brought on by drought, war and natural disasters. Through Rotary, it enables us to try and deal with the terrible and seemingly insurmountable problems in Africa.

Are you as a Rotarian aware of the many Humanitarian programmes, matching grants and many other help aids through the Rotary Foundation that are available to help us carry out life saving projects?

Are you aware as a Rotarian of the Four Way Test and the Objects of Rotary-Rotary's code of conduct- that enable you to bear the responsibility for the destiny of many others who seek Rotarian's help.

Are you aware of the Brotherhood and Internationality of Rotary demands that Rotarians everywhere take an interest in people everywhere, to also advance international understanding, goodwill and peace in the world?

Rotary Awareness Month is a good time to find out how much you know or don't know about Rotary. There is a wealth of information out there on web sites, magazines, newsletters, electronic media, make it your New Years resolution to find out more about this wonderful organization we belong and serve with.

President Maureen Bond
Bulawayo Rotary Club

President's Footnote: SUPPORT YOUR FELLOWSHIP FUNCTIONS!

The Fellowship Committee put a lot of time and effort into the organization to promote 'Fun and Fellowship' within this Club.

A flyer of forthcoming December events along with weekly advertising was given to you all.

Attendance at the last few events have been dismal despite the notices, phoning around, empty promises of attendances or just completely ignored, and at times there is not even the courtesy of apologies, which is disappointing and disheartening to those of us that try to create fun family Rotary theme's and that something different.

Carols by Candlelight is one of our main projects that was created by Bulawayo Club Rotarians over 50 years ago. The support from our Rotarians was abominal and I could count perhaps less than 10 Rotarians from our Club that attended. PP Eric Rensberg, Zime Themba and Community Services put their heart and soul into this event for weeks ahead.

Doug Ante, who has flown from Canada, to again perform service in this community was given a very lack-luster welcome home from our Rotarians-again there were the same 'famous few' that made the effort to go and welcome him back.

The annual Christmas Party held at your Presidents home was support well by those that attended and proved to be a success and unifying of all Rotarians that were there- a real building of the Rotary spirit in these hard times. But again, there were 12 Rotarians from the Club, the rest being other Club Rotarians, what happened to the other 30 of you?

Please put these events into your Social calendar, as they are planned and advertised well in advance and incorporate, co-ordinate and fit them in with your family events, as Rotary is a family as well, to which we all belong as Rotarians.

The next function will be held in February - a 'Bond Bonanza'- watch this space for later details.

Support your fellowship functions please, you will never know what you are missing until you do!

Christmas Round the World Bulawayo Club Rotary Christmas Party December 13th 2003

The 30 people that attended along with some Matopos and Belmont Rotarians enjoyed a very festive finale to the year 2002. The theme was a Rotary Christmas round the World depicting different traditional dishes held at your Presidents home that was adorned with different nation's flags and background Christmas Carol's. Indian, Austrian, American, South African, Zimbabwean, Alaska, Portuguese, Irish and Scottish fare was represented. Particular highlights of the evening was PP Laurie's Scottish address to the 'Haggis' and the carrying of those Whiskey bottles, Sharon Thomas's spectacular Choux pastry tower (Alaska), Velma's Peanut butter and samp dish, the Brookings' Irish coffee's, Kingsley's Traditional chicken, Cassie Kara's Portuguese chicken, Rosie's and Les' s Portjie and MD and Sash's starter Samoosas!

Doug Ante representing Canada attended to experience some of our Clubs renowned Fellowship and beneath the balmy skies and Christmas feeling the first half of this Rotary year was completed in great style and Rotary fellowship and friendship.

President Maureen Bond



Stop AIDS

The world can afford to stop AIDS. We can't afford not to.

The human cost of HIV/AIDS is immense:

- * 6 young people become infected with HIV every minute
- * 720,000 babies contracted HIV from their mothers last year
- * 10.4 million children have been orphaned by AIDS
- * 40 million people are living with HIV/AIDS today

URL: <http://www.stopaidscampaign.org.uk/>

Imagine waking up one morning to discover that everyone in England has an incurable disease which will kill them within ten years.

This is not so far from the truth.

Today, over 40 million people worldwide are living with HIV/AIDS - that's one in every 150 people. There is no cure. Most of these people live in Africa and cannot afford HIV testing, medical services or the medicines that prolong life.

Poverty makes people more vulnerable to HIV/AIDS; infection is more likely if you can't afford to attend school and learn about HIV, if you can't afford condoms to protect yourself and others and where there are few testing facilities. And AIDS makes poor people poorer.

Over 10 million children in Africa have already lost their parents to AIDS - that's as many as every child in Britain. World leaders need to wake up to the fact that without immediate action millions more will die needlessly.

People in poor countries are already supporting each other and trying to prevent the further spread of HIV/AIDS. Their efforts are hampered by poverty and lack of access to the services, means of prevention and medicine that we take for granted.

The world can afford to stop AIDS. The UN has estimated that this will cost \$10 billion each year. As the fourth richest country in the world the UK's share of this should be around \$1 billion. That's as much as we spend each year on cinema tickets.

Increased aid money invested in improving health services, education and buying testing equipment and medicines is essential to stopping AIDS, but it is not the only answer. The UK Government can also work harder to tackle the debt burden of poorer countries, which diverts vital resources away from health care. It should also do more to tackle the lack of affordable medicines to treat HIV/AIDS.

We are calling on the UK Government to do everything it can to help stop AIDS. Adding your voice to our campaign will show that you are standing in solidarity with those who show enormous courage fighting and living everyday with HIV/AIDS.

Bishop Desmond Tutu: "In the battle against Apartheid we scored a tremendous victory in the face of considerable evil. The solidarity of people from around the world, including the UK strengthened us at some of our darkest moments. Now as we enter another battle - the battle against HIV/AIDS we need the same solidarity, the same passion, the same commitment and energy. I congratulate our brothers and sisters in the UK on the launch of the Stop AIDS Campaign. By working together, we can be unbeatable."

Archbishop Ndungane of Cape Town: "The global HIV/AIDS epidemic is not about statistics, but about real people who feel real pain. To tackle this we need to be moving together and moving fast. That is why I welcome the launch of the UK's Stop AIDS Campaign as it joins with people all over the world working for a generation without HIV/AIDS."

Jon Snow, Broadcaster: "I regard this as one of the deciding Campaigns of humanity. We either all pull our weight to fight AIDS together or we face history's judgement of failing so huge a proportion of the world's population."

Glenys Kinnock MEP: "The Stop AIDS Campaign will provide an important focus for the global challenge which we face from the HIV/AIDS pandemic. The Campaign will, I'm sure, tackle the profound injustice which leaves the vast majority of those infected in the developing world unable to afford the medicines which so improve the quality of life of those with

HIV/AIDS in the West. The UK Government has a critical role to play in the campaign which has to be waged to ensure that the worlds poor have access to affordable medicines."

John Monks, General Secretary Trade Union Congress: "The HIV/AIDS pandemic is one of the most intractable problems facing mankind today. It poses a formidable challenge to all developmental efforts. It has certainly set the clock back by decades in some of the poorest regions in the world, nullifying painstakingly made progress in the economic and social well-being of millions of people. The TUC and its affiliates have been in the forefront of the fight against the disease in the UK, collaborating with the CBI and ACAS on workplace response to it. The TUC plays a key role in developing policies of the international trade union movement on HIV/AIDS through the Trade Union AIDS Network of the ICFTU. We are at present contemplating the launch of a major initiative designed to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS, combat discrimination against its victims and alleviate suffering in Zambia. The TUC wholeheartedly supports the aims and objectives of the Stop the AIDS Campaign and is keen to contribute to it. We wish you every success."

President Obasanjo of Nigeria: "HIV/AIDS is the greatest challenge facing the world to day. To rise to the challenge requires firm political commitment and unprecedented solidarity between peoples. I welcome the launch of the Stop AIDS Campaign in the UK as a valuable contribution to the international struggle to free the world from this epidemic."

Sir Elton John: "The AIDS crisis is on a scale that almost defies our comprehension. And yet the response from the international community is marked by inertia and denial. Together with activists from around the world, through the Stop AIDS Campaign, people across the UK will call their leaders to account and make sure they turn their rhetoric into action. I urge everyone, whatever race or creed to get involved in the Stop AIDS Campaign. Together we can begin to turn around this tidal wave of human suffering"

Roger Moore CBE: "In my travels around the world for UNICEF, I have seen the effects of HIV/AIDS and the devastating impact it has on the lives of children and their families. I have met children who are alone and bringing up their younger siblings without the care and love of their parents, who have been lost to AIDS. I vigorously support this new campaign, one which I know, with your help, will make a huge difference."

Ralph Fiennes: "Whilst in Uganda in 2000 I saw for myself the effect that AIDS is having on countries in Africa. I hope, along with the tens of thousands of other people supporting the Stop AIDS Campaign, that we can make a real difference to people's lives wherever they live."

Kofi Annan, United Nations Secretary General: The global HIV/AIDS epidemic is an unprecedented crisis that requires an unprecedented response. In particular it requires solidarity - between the healthy and the sick, between rich and poor, and above all, between richer and poorer nations. The Stop AIDS Campaign, which is being launched in the United Kingdom on World AIDS Day 2001, is an example of just this kind of response and one which I warmly welcome.



Carol's by Candlelight December 11th
Amphitheatre, Century Park, Bulawayo

The Australian sponsored community singing of Carols at Christmas which has become so popular in many parts of the world, was first

introduced to Bulawayo in 1953 by the Bulawayo Rotary Club who have run it ever since!

PP Peter Rollason of Belmont Rotary Club, along with the TS Matabele Sea Cadets has performed the comparing and giving out of programmes and candles for the past 30 years. A wide variety of schoolchildren have participated in past years in all the Navity roles including your President who was an Angel when she was 8 years old in the very event!

In past years, there were two nights of this event as the amphitheatre never had a roof and the heavens always opened on one of the nights without fail! The erecting of a roof and permanent seating has helped tremendously in the organizing as well as the continued support of the Bulawayo City Council.

This year was no exception. Aply coordinated by PP Eric Rensberg yet again, his family and the Community Services committee, opened by the Mayor of Bulawayo His Worship Mr. Japhet Nadini Ncube, this event was enjoyed by Rotarians and the many residents of Bulawayo especially the children singing Christmas Carols by Candlelight! One's emotions come to the fore front when the children sing "Little town of Bethlehem' on their own!

All the funds raised go towards numerous Children's charities to help them enjoy a better Christmas.

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Fellowship Functions - Bulawayo Rotary Club

Several functions have taken place in the past couple of months under the guidance of our two Past Presidents Malcolm Ross and Chris Pool and the Fellowship Committee.

We nickname this Committee the FFF - Fun, Food and Fellowship!



RFE stands for Rotary Fellowship Exchange program whereas our Club along with Bulawayo South had a raid by the Edenvale Rotarians of South Africa.

Organized Bryan and Theresa Bengis end of September 2002. The Rotarians were home hosted by the Bulawayo Clubs, then zoomed off to the Matopos to see all the historical sites and wild game in the National park by Pres Adrian Feather and Maureen Bond to finish off the day with a braai and overnight stay at the Maleme rest camp prepared by Rossie and Chris.

ICP Kingsley Dube provide very interesting talks on the history of the area and is encouraged to write a book as he was such an interesting fountain of local knowledge!

Sunday bought a bundu breakfast, back to town and final dinner at Pres Adrian Feather with entertainment in the form of Cabaret by the Edenvale Rotarians.

Monday was a visit to various Rotary project areas.

Strong Club links and friendships were born!

PP Bryan Bengis wrote to us upon his return saying: "I am sure you will agree that this raid was an unparalleled success. I believe it created tremendous goodwill besides giving us the opportunity to perform good deeds."

Sausage Sizzler-Sunday 27th October 2002

As named the main emphasis was on providing sizzling sausages on quite a sizzling hot summer Sunday morning! Les and Malcolm provided a 'poietjie'.

Punch along with Sharon T's mealie meal porridge with Laurie and Sharon sizzling the sausages! PP Chris worked out how to make scrambled eggs on a plough disc with much advice from Sharon T-the lady with the know! The second Alan Cooper was the 'toast master' this time and did us proud.

Thank you to all those that supported us along with the Rotators that come to be part of the morning!

President Maureen Bond