



# Turning Wheels of Bulawayo Rotary Club



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**March 2003.**



## **From the President's Computer**

March already and makes me think of Shakespeare's immortal words 'Beware the Ides of March' - Listening to all the news media lately with the talk of war, and having letters from friends abroad who speak of this chilling silence and the sense of something about to happen, saddens me to feel that the world is in such conflict and disarray.

Our RI President Bhichai Rattakul wrote these words "as our world struggles to find peaceful solutions to global tensions, Rotarians 'Sow the Seeds of Love' by nurturing peace and goodwill through their Rotary centers for peace and conflict resolutions. Rotary after all was born in a century defined by wars and realizes that by sharing fellowship and services with people of different cultures, we can start listening to one another with open hearts and open minds. We turn strangers into friends. And a world filled with friends is a world filled with love."

I have also found I am making friends in various petrol queues as we are all on the same mission, to secure petrol! In Rotary we are all on the same mission to improve the human condition and provide hope to the hopeless.

Ethan Zohn, winner of the Survival Kenya 11 CBC TV game, spoke to the club about his quest in life with Grassroots Soccer - Aids education through sport! Instead of squandering his winnings, he is putting back into the community like the Rotarians do, stepping out into the world and trying to make a difference, however small a contribution it might be.

The last three months of this Rotary year are going to be busy, with the District Conference looming even closer, and preparations going at full blast.

Bulawayo has been the hub of excitement with 3 World Cup Cricket matches held in our fair city.

We are pleased to welcome in another new member Raymond Rajah into our Club, now effectively making us the largest Rotary Club in Bulawayo! Our finances are in a healthy and up to-date state and the majority of members are committed and busy with their various Rotary duties.

President Maureen Bond

## Rotary Thoughts for the Month!

'The things that will destroy us are politics without principle, pleasure without conscience, wealth without work, knowledge without mortality, science without humanity and worship without sacrifice'.

Mahatma Gandhi

'Challenges are what makes life interesting, overcoming them is what makes life meaningful'.

Joshua J. Marine

'In three words, I can sum up everything I've learnt about life ... it goes on!'

Robert Frost

## March 2003

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

*The month of March is dedicated to:*

## World Rotaract Week

The month of March in the Rotary calendar has no theme, but includes Rotaract Week, which includes March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Rotaracts are dynamic young people, who have left school, wanting to belong and service the community. Most clubs have wonderful young people who are enthusiastic, energetic and have the new thinking! They have their own constitution, self-governing and self-supporting. This gives them a chance to develop a range of leadership skills while learning the value of teamwork and networking.

It is up to Rotary Club's to support these developing civic minds and teach them about Rotary and let them become more involved in our Clubs projects. The Rotaractors will in time, develop the same enthusiasm, knowledge and pride that we have for Rotary and be ready to become Rotarians when they have outgrown Rotaract.

## Rotary Round-up

### March 2003 - What's happening in our club!!!

Group Study Exchange: PP Charles Chiponda-Team leader is preparing for his trip to East Africa and is asking for financial help towards this adventure-quite an honour for our Club. Charles will hold a Fund raising event at Umgusa-open to all Rotarians. PP Eric has offered to provide the shirts and trousers for the group and is thanked for his generosity.

Exchange Student: Gloria Mlotshwa in Oshkosh unfortunately had a small throat operation, but is fine now. As you can see from the attached report, she is having a wonderful- eye opening time.

Fellowship Function: 23<sup>rd</sup> February has come and gone and was supported by 42 Rotarians from all the various Bulawayo Rotary Clubs. Special thanks to Rotarians Sharon and Mark Thomas for opening their home to us and hosting this special day-Rotary's 98<sup>th</sup> birthday and great fellowship and food and Sharon's home made bread was had by all!

Unfortunately a vast number of our Rotarians were conspicuous by their absence from this event and we hope that the Fellowship programme for the rest of the year will entice them to come along and become part of the fellowship we are trying to foster. There is always something for

everyone, its up to you to come along, enjoy yourself and support your club.

The Fellowship committee is always open to ideas for social functions.

International Committee: RI Foundation Humanitarian Matching Grant Application has been sent to RI. Grant is for US\$ 7250, which will cover antiseptic bedding equipment to cure burns, medicines, surgical tools, bed protection against insects, special food to rehabilitate children suffering from dehydration.

Dr Schales from St Luke's hospital was at our lunch a few Fridays ago and will shortly speak to the club.

Our Rotaractor contact Elizabeth Mhangami is plodding through all the paperwork involved for the medical container and this committee has highlighted their problems, breaking down large packages and who and where to donate to.

Rotary Club Port Shepstone wants to improve the Bulawayo Traffic Safety School on the outskirts of the park. New Rotarian Esther investigating.

Youth and Vocational Committee: MacDonald's Club being utilized for the Interactors District Conference and each Bulawayo Rotary Club is giving Z\$ 10000 monetary donation to help the children.

The issues to be discussed at the Conference will be 'big issues', educational, motivational and inspirational and they are hoping for over 200 Interactors to attend.

Gary Brooking looking into the freight costs for Colleen Bawn high school that needs computers.

Community Services: Rtn Zaine Tembo actively involved in a membership drive for Luveve Old Peoples home and a possible Four Club fellowship event to be organized. Rotarian Jack Andrews involved with Latter Day Saints in helping the San people in Tsholotsho.

Disaster/ Food/ relief. Food has still not arrived although we believe it is currently in the masses of trucks trying to clear Beitbridge border post. PP Eric Rensberg is monitoring the situation.

PP Gordon Geddes is in training for the London Marathon on 13<sup>th</sup> April, our best wishes to him and happy runnings!

Welcome to New Rotarians: Two gentlemen were inducted into our ranks. Rotarians Terrence Charsley on to the International Committee and Raymond Rajah to serve on Community Services.

Speakers: This month, so far, we have lined up Peter Rollerson to speak on the history of the Amphitheatre, Ethan Zohn on his Grassroots Soccer, Fiona Farmer, to name but a few.

Club Bulletin: Needs your input - please email or give to our Mags any snippets of interest that can be shared amongst our members.

**Rotary District Conference-Conference 2003**  
**Bulawayo-City of Kings**  
**Municipal Amphitheatre-Centenary Park**  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2003 - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2003**

Conference Convener: PP Omar Hussan  
Conference Website: <http://famona.tripod.com/conference.htm>

The registration forms are now out through the District News letter and Website. - Please support your city / our District Governor Phil Whitehead and your district 9210 by attending. So much time and effort has gone into the preparation of this annual event.

Reasons to attend a District Conference:

1. The bringing together of like minded people with a common purpose.
2. A Rotary convention is more akin to a family reunion. It is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy that part of Rotary so important to the success of Fellowship and Friendship. The Fellowship is so binding during conferences as we share ideas and experiences and identify common goals of working towards Rotary's vision of bettering the future of mankind the world over.
3. It is the celebration and opportunity of the District family of all our four countries to re-connect with old acquaintances, form new friendships and welcome those Rotarians and their partners attending a Rotary District Conference for the first time.
4. A time to relax and enjoy ones self and realise that you, being a Rotarian are part of a unique community that is Rotary. It makes one appreciate how vast Rotary International is and how much goodwill and good works are achieved through our District and Worldwide.
5. A chance to renew your knowledge about Rotary and a chance to gain information about our District 9210 by becoming aware of the Local, District and International Rotary projects.

I urge you all to attend and perhaps some of our dormant Rotarians will realize how privileged they are to be part of this organization and committee them properly to Rotary and become worthwhile and active members.

ROTARIAN		PARTNER / OTHER	
Surname & Initials		Surname & Initials	
Known As		Known As	
Gender		Gender	
Rotary Designation		Ann / IW / Rotaract / Interact / GSE / Youth- Exchange / Non-Rotary (PLEASE DELETE INAPPLICABLE)	
Club		Club	
ROTARIAN'S CONTACT INFORMATION			
Postal Address		Country/Town Dial Code	
		Work Telephone	
		Home Telephone	
		Fax	
Email Address		Cell/Mobile	
CONFERENCE COSTS PER PERSON			
Conference Rotarian		Zim\$ 21,000	
Ann / Inner-Wheel		Zim\$ 3,000	
Rotaract / Interact / Youth Exchange		Zim\$ 6,000	
Non-Rotary		Zim\$ 6,000	
DG's Gala Banquet		Zim\$ 4,500	
PRES & ADG's Cocktail Party		Zim\$ 1,500	
PE & IADG's Breakfast		Zim\$ 1,500	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remittances required on receipt of confirmation of registration</li> <li>• Please note that there will be NO facilities to process electronic payments, so cash payments will be required for late registrations</li> </ul>		TOTAL REMITTANCE REQUIRED	
PLEASE INDICATE NUMBERS FOR CATERING PURPOSES			
Meet & Greet (Wed)		Fellowship Dinner (Thurs)	
PRES & ADG's Cocktails (Fri)		Club Hosted Dinners (Fri)	
PE & IADG's Breakfast (Sat)		DG's Gala Banquet (Sat)	
Requiring vegetarian meals			
All meals prepared will be Halaal. Vegetarian dishes will be available at each meal			
TRAVEL			
Mode of Travel		Flight No if applicable	
Arrival Date		Departure Date	
Contact Phone Number whilst in Bulawayo if known			
SEND REGISTRATION FORM TO			
Please email registration form to roma@mweb.co.zw or jean@netconnect.co.zw		Registration queries phone Roma Honeyball (263 11 221 016) or	

or fax to 263 9 286104 or post to PO Box 3472, Bulawayo	Jean Whiley (263 9 285611 evenings)
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**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

<p>Wed 14 17:00-21:00 Meet &amp; Greet</p> <p>Thu 15 08:30-12:30 Assembly</p> <p>14:00-17:30 Conference</p> <p>18:00-20:00 Fellowship Dinner</p> <p>20:00-21:00 Fellowship Concert</p> <p>Fri 16 08:30-12:30 Conference</p> <p>14:00-17:30 Conference</p>	<p>Fri 16 17:30-19:00 Cocktail Party for PRES &amp; ADG's</p> <p>19:00-21:00 Club Hosted Dinners</p> <p>Sat 17 07:00-08:30 Breakfast for PE's &amp; IADG's</p> <p>08:30-11:00 Conference</p> <p>19:00-23:00 DG's Gala Banquet</p>
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**ADJACENT CONFERENCES**

Anns Conference at Adjacent Venue on Thu 15<sup>th</sup> May 2003. Anns also invited to attend main conference sessions Rotaract / Interact Conference at Adjacent Venue on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> & Sat 17<sup>th</sup> May 2003

**FOR QUERIES CONTACT:**

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**INVITATION TO SHARE FELLOWSHIP**

All Rotarians and partners are invited to attend:

- A "Meet & Greet" Fellowship evening at the Bulawayo Bowls Club on Wed 14<sup>th</sup> May from 17:00 to 21:00, with an informal meal and cash bar
- A Fellowship Dinner at Bulawayo Bowls Club on Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> May from 18:00 to 20:00, followed by a Fellowship Concert in the Amphitheatre
- A Fellowship Evening on Fri 16<sup>th</sup> May hosted by the four Bulawayo Rotary clubs

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CONFERENCE VENUE**

**Temperature**

The Amphitheatre is a roofed open air venue. Generally May in Bulawayo is dry, warm & windless. However as there can be cold or windy snaps, delegates are advised to bring layers of warmer clothing, particularly for early mornings & evenings

**Mosquitoes**

Bulawayo is not considered a malaria area, However delegates are advised to bring mosquito repellants, and if traveling on to tourist destinations in Zimbabwe, to take anti malaria precautions

**ROTARIAN HOME HOSTING**

Limited Availability Strictly "First Come First Served"  
Contact Adam Esat on 263-9-246006/881626 or email a.esat@edgars.co.zw  
Please inform Adam if you are making private arrangements to stay with Rotarians in Bulawayo, as this affects home hosting capacity

**HOTELS & LODGES IN BULAWAYO**

**PRE & POST CONFERENCE TOURS**

PLEASE MAKE YOUR OWN  
ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS

Bookings can be made through  
"Co-ordinating Zimbabwe" who  
have organised special  
"Rotary Conference" discounts  
at major hotels & lodges in  
Bulawayo

PLEASE MAKE YOUR OWN TOUR  
ARRANGEMENTS

Special "Rotary" tour  
packages have been organised  
by "Co-ordinating Zimbabwe"

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## ROTARY AND FREEMASONRY

Sitting in a Masonic Communication (General Meeting), I was amazed at how many prominent Rotarians were scattered around the Temple. Then again, was I truly surprised? On reflection, Masonry and Rotary stand for many of the same principals.

We all know about Rotary, but how many of us know for what, that great so-called secret society Freemasonry, stands.

Briefly, both Rotary and Freemasonry may be described as two things:

A way of life

Moral Education.

### A WAY OF LIFE

Against nearly one and a half million Rotarians, there are 4 million Freemasons falling under more than 100 "regular" Grand Lodges worldwide. Membership is open to every respectable man who believes in his own personal supreme being, which is usually known to Freemasons as "the great architect of the universe" or "the Grand Geometrician of the universe" or "the most high".

These descriptive terms epitomize the importance that a Freemason attributes to the Supreme Being in the order of things in life. But more than that, Masonry teaches its members to respect the law and live to improve the world in which we live, much within the Rotary concept "Service above Self".

### A MORAL EDUCATION

As everyone progresses in life through education, and as a Rotarian learns, he or she progresses through Rotary, perhaps onto the Board of the Club, or even to become President, or even District Governor, or higher. So a Freemason progresses through a series of Masonic stages, known as Degrees and as he grasps the teaching and principals of one degree, he then moves on to the next degree, and then onto what is often termed 'the ladder' through progressively advanced stages to Master of his or her Lodge, and on up to perhaps, Provincial or District Grand Master.

Where did these two noble organizations come from?

Whilst Rotary is almost a hundred years old, Freemasonry is believed to have started more than 500 years ago, among the bands of working, skilled builders or stone masons, employed in the building of the great Cathedrals and Temples in the then known world.

To ensure a fitting standard of workmanship and payment according to true skill levels, these operative Masons were organized into Lodges according to their degree of skill. First there was the apprentice, then the journeyman, known as the fellow of craft, and finally the master craftsman, or master mason as he is known.

As the mason progressed from an apprentice to a fellow craft, he was permitted to do more intricate work and was rewarded accordingly. He then progressed, if he was good enough, to master mason, where again he received a greater reward and was given far greater freedom of workmanship.

The fellowship, motivation for ongoing education and the development of high moral standards in life, proved so attractive that others who were not stonemasons wished to participate, so lodges formed, catering for people who were not stone masons who were known in Freemasonry as speculative masons.

The traditional framework for the Masonic Degrees is the story and symbolism of the building of King Solomon's Temple. Connected to this great edifice consists of a system of education related to the traditional craft of masons and interesting to the candidate - and, therefore more likely to be effective in his development.

There are other aspects of Freemasonry which coincide with Rotary's belief, being:

Principles

Attitude to religion

Attitude to Politics



## PRINCIPLES

Three great, but simple principals unite all Freemasons throughout the world and the good Freemason builds these into his everyday life. These three principals coincide with three of the four principals of Rotary:

### *Brotherly Love (Fellowship)*

This is a concern for a brother, which is readily shown by tolerance and respect for the beliefs, opinions and practices of his fellows and a willingness to care for his brother and his dependants. Likewise, in the Rotary family, Rotarians are united through fellowship.

### *Relief (Service Above Self)*

Freemasons are, by nature and teaching, charitable men, who will cheerfully and kindly assist those less fortunate, whether freemasons or not. Rotarians, too, are committed to serving the community in which they live and the worldwide community, through community and international service.

### *Truth (High Ethical Standards)*

A freemason believes in truth in all things, in honesty and integrity in his personal, business and public life, in fair dealings and firm standards of decency and morality. Rotary, too, has these standards as evinced in the four-way test.

## ATTITUDE TO RELIGION

Freemasons, as in Rotary, believe that religion is personal and precious to each individual. Freemasonry is not a religion and there is no "Masonic" God. When freemasons pray together, they do so to their own personal supreme being, be it God, Jehovah, Buddha or whoever. Many creeds can, in love and worship, meet and pray together with their own particular holy book, (known in Freemasonry as the "volume of the sacred law") one for each religion represented in a lodge, open during meetings. In some overseas lodges, five or six different volumes of sacred law may be open in one lodge and in this country it is not unusual to see the Bible, the Old Testament, and the Koran open together at meetings.

## ATTITUDE TO POLITICS

As in Rotary, discussion of politics is absolutely prohibited in a Freemasons Lodge, as a man's politics are his own concern. The craft of being non-political, it will not interfere in or express opinions on any political ideology or theories.

## FREEMASONRY AND SECRECY

Perhaps the most contentious aspect of Freemasonry is secrecy.

Freemasonry is often described as being a secret society. However, there are thousands of books on Freemasonry, openly available in libraries and stores throughout the world. The Masonic Temple, too, is often a fairly conspicuous building in any community. In Scotland, the library and museum are Masonic temples, are open to the general public. The principals and practices are anything but secret, and members are free to make it known that they are Freemasons. Indeed, I have here stated quite openly, much of the lore surrounding Freemasonry. The only "secrets" are those by which Freemasons in the various degrees recognize and greet each other.

In conclusion.

Like it's younger counterpart Rotary, Freemasonry is an ancient and honourable society. Its principals are just and steady standards of life and conduct in the changing world. The practice by Freemasons of brotherly love, relief and truth and the other principals of the craft, as do the principals, go a long way to making a good man better in the same way that Rotary tends to set down principles of fellowship, service above self, and

high ethical standards, by which a Rotarian should govern his or her life, to bring out the best in its members.

Laurie Bond

## Instructions for Life

1. Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully.
2. Memorize your favorite poem.
3. Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have or sleep all you want.
4. When you say, "I love you", mean it.
5. When you say, "I'm sorry", look the person in the eye.
6. Be engaged at least six months before you get married.
7. Believe in love at first sight.
8. Never laugh at anyone's dreams.
9. Love deeply and passionately. You might get hurt but it's the only way to live life completely.
10. In disagreements, fight fairly. No name calling.
11. Don't judge people by their relatives.
12. Talk slowly but think quickly.
13. When someone asks you a question you don't want to answer, smile and ask, "Why do you want to know?"
14. Remember that great love and great achievements involve great risk.
15. Call your mom.
16. Say "bless you" when you hear someone sneeze.
17. When you lose, don't lose the lesson.
18. Remember the three R's: Respect for self; Respect for others; Responsibility for all your actions.
19. Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.
20. When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps.
21. Smile when picking up the phone. The caller will hear it in your voice.
22. Marry a man/woman you love to talk to. As you get older, their conversational skills will be as important as any other.
23. Spend some time alone.
24. Open your arms to change, but don't let go of your values.
25. Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
26. Read more books and watch less TV.
27. Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll get to enjoy it a second time.
28. Trust in God but lock your car.
29. A loving atmosphere in your home is so important. Do all you can to create a tranquil harmonious home.
30. In disagreements with loved ones, deal with the current situation. Don't bring up the past.
31. Read between the lines.
32. Share your knowledge. It's a way to achieve immortality.
33. Be gentle with the earth.
34. Pray. There's immeasurable power in it.
35. Never interrupt when you are being flattered.
36. Mind your own business.
37. Don't trust a man/woman who doesn't close his/her eyes when you kiss.
38. Once a year, go someplace you've never been before.
39. If you make a lot of money, put it to use helping others while you are living. That is wealth's greatest satisfaction.
40. Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a stroke of luck.
41. Learn the rules then break some.
42. Remember that the best relationship is one where your love for each other is greater than your need for each other.
43. Judge your success by what you had to give up in order to get it.
44. Remember that your character is your destiny.
45. Approach love and cooking with reckless abandon.

## Gloria in Excelsis (oops!) Oshkosh!

Our exchange student found very good and well-meaning Rotarians who take good care of her. She is reasonably happy. Her parents here are regularly informed about their daughter's stay across the Big Pond. Also, our own Roma is kept in the picture!

Ze Brave Zimbabwean had a terrible sore throat so a naughty American doctor removed some cyst from the tonsil (probably completely unnecessary). She survived this terrible and (probably) unnecessary operation and we are still awaiting the news about the doctor. Though hoarse she managed to attend a Rotary function dressed in pyjamas which is certainly very appropriate in this town famous for its blue jeans intended for children. There was some problems with remuneration because the American doctors completely undeservedly expect to be paid for their efforts.

## Father O'dilo

Father O'dilo has a unique, unorthodox and unconventional but effective method of bringing folks to the Lord. He really has no need for a theological degree or pulpit or church building of brick and mortar, all he has to do is take them for a once in a lifetime ride in the bush in his left hand drive VW Combie.

While driving and fingering his prayer beads, his eyes apparently closed in deep prayer the car as though guided with an invisible heavenly hand would find itself manoeuvring around obstacles, bumps and corners at tremendous and dangerously high speeds.

The poor unfortunate passengers would be deep in desperate prayer calling on the Good Lord (whom they never knew or needed before) to bring them safely through this hair raising, 'bringing to God', experience. And so it was to be that I went with the Old Man to show him some superb rock paintings we had found on a property near ours in the Matopos. The ride there was, to say the least, horrific. By time we arrived at the farm.- I had almost decided to take my vows and become a devout Catholic - giving Father O'dillo an instant convert.-

I wished I could retaliate for him making me so scared but I remembered the words - "Revenge is not yours saith the Lord".

We parked the vehicle and after making sure we had sufficient drinking water and tasty Austrian brown whole wheat rye bread proceeded down the steep rocky tree covered valley towards the cave. It was a long hot haul climbing down the side of the valley - suddenly an alarmed shout and there was Father O'dilo standing freezingly still, mesmerised, with a huge cornered Black Mamba snake staring belligerently at him from the rocks.

The Lord's revenge was sweet and the Good Lord on seeing my satisfaction allowed the snake to slither quickly away without harming the Old man but not before putting the fear of God into Father O'dilo.

*"The Good Lord sure does work in mysterious ways  
his wonders to perform".*