

Meeting Date: 9 April 2018

Minutes Taken By: John Stephenson

Duties: Andy Ismay (Sergeant), Lew Botha (Four Way Test), Chris Beech (Grace and Toast)

Stirrers Spoon: N/A

Wine Swindle: N/A

Spots: N/A

Meeting opened by Sgt Andy Ismay.

President Graham Finlayson welcomed members, partners and special guests to the Annual Awards Evening.

Lew Botha recited the Four-way Test after giving a brief account of its origins and history.

Chris Beech delivered the Grace and Toast.

Sgt Andy handed over the meeting to International and Vocational Services chair, Jenny Ibbotson. Jenny introduced the Awards Evening as the culmination of Newlands Rotary's previous year's 'heart work', affording recognition to a) the promising Bursary Students for their progress, and b) the supported Community Leaders for the very real work they have undertaken.

Jenny stressed the critical importance of our vision of influencing the future, aligning our actions with the Chaos theory of small differences in one sphere effecting large change elsewhere.

The first segment of recognition honoured the Newlands Rotary bursary recipients:

1. Michaela Scholtz: Studying fourth year BCom Accounting at UWC. She will shortly be recognized by the Auditor General with an Auditing award later this year. Michaela thanked Rotary for taking risks on unknown young people and backing them unconditionally.
2. Kelly Luke: Has been studying Teaching for six years and is currently completing a BEd Foundation Phase through UNISA. She thanked Rotary for allowing her the privilege of touching the lives of young school children positively.
3. Kimberley Liel-Cock: Completing BEmergency Medical Care at CPUT. She is driven to help people. She wants to utilize her qualifications to make an impact in the fields of Disaster Relief and Mountain Rescue. She thanked Rotary for supporting her in her quest to make a difference in communities.
4. Jouvana Luindula: Studied Marketing and Advertising at CPUT. She plans to work as an intern at Ogilvie and then travel.

5. Courtney Michaels: She is a fourth year BCom student at UWC. Majoring in Financial Accounting. She intends teaching literacy and basic education and initiate a reading program.
6. SAEP Students: This group is running a tertiary support and bridging program for disadvantaged students, initiated in 2011 by Andile Nqoka. Two alumni students witnessed the program's successes, one in Nursing and the other in international Affairs.
7. Francoise Ndayizigiye: Completed a degree in Librarianship whilst working with Newlands Rotary on the Books-of-the-World initiative. Now she is studying, with Rotary's support, teaching through UNISA.
8. Prison Care Network: Bernadette Adams, an ex-prison inmate, inspired the meeting with her rendition of 'Wind beneath my Wings'. Mary -Anne Ferguson spoke about her volunteer work with Prison Care network, and ex-convict Kinston Mdingi is making a difference in the field of restorative justice with his qualification in BSocial Work.

Sgt Andy announced the dinner break.

Jenny Ibbotson introduced the second segment of the Awards Evening, the Community Leaders' Awards.

1. Regine Le Roux introduced Sihle Tshabalala, founder and MD of Quirky 30. Since his release from prison Newlands Rotary has supported him in creating jobs for unemployed young people through computer programming and coding.
2. Lew Botha introduced Andre Kraak, principal of Steenberg High School, who was recognized for the passionate execution of his and his staff's vision of changing the school through partnership, care and compassion. He was commended for the school becoming functional and highly effective.
3. Jana Forrester introduced and lauded Maggie Golding (MBE) for her dedication to the cause of Autism in South Africa and the African Continent, and the development of the Makaton sign language system. President Graham awarded her with a Paul Harris Sapphire pin for her immense contributions.

Jenny Ibbotson thanked all those who had made the evening possible and Sgt Andy in turn proposed a vote of thanks to Jenny which was endorsed by all.

President Graham introduced and welcomed President Frederick from Germany who gave greetings from his club back home. He complimented Newlands Rotary on a very fine initiative and confirmed he would like to do the same in his club.

Before closing President Graham reminded members of the Gift of the Givers 5lt water bottle project and ended with the announcement of coming birthdays and anniversaries.

Candice Adams assisted Sgt Andy in closing the meeting with a second song.

Meeting closed at 21h40