



# Turning Wheels of Bulawayo Rotary Club



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## The Pot of Fellowship

The aim is to foster Fellowship with fun and unity within Bulawayo Rotary Club.

The roving “Pot of Fellowship” will hold all Rotarian’s names and on the last Friday of each month, at the Rotary luncheon, a Rotarian’s name is drawn out of the pot and it is his/her turn to host the mobile concept of a Fellowship function for that month, within the 4 week time-frame. (Rotarians that have already hosted will not have their names placed back into the “Pot”.)

The “Pot” is placed in the possession of the Host of the month and should be prominently displayed at the ensuing function.

The function can take the form of a breakfast/lunch/dinner/games event, on a bring and share basis or whatever concept the Host of the month advocates.

The Host is to invite 4 Rotarians from our Club that have not been to a similar event within the past 3 months.

This can be checked from the “Pot of Fellowship’s” Visitors book which is passed on from Host to Host and endorsed at each Host’s event.

Rotarians can be included from other Clubs as along as there are 4 Rotarians from Bulawayo Club attending.

Rotary Anns must be included and notified of each event.

The “Pot” with the completed Visitors book is handed back to the Chairman of Fellowship as soon as the event occurs for the monthly draw.

PP Chris Pool

Chairman Fellowship

## **International Christmas Evening**

**Date:** 1st December 2001, 6.30 pm  
**Venue:** Church of Ascension Hall  
Kent Road Hillside  
**Cost:** Z\$ 450.00 per person  
(please bring your own drinks)  
**Contact:** RTN Rev Noel Scott  
Chris Pool 023406445  
Maureen Bond 244710  
Alan Downing 244314

The food prepared must be of the international traditions of your country with a Christmas theme. There can be as many dishes as you like, main courses, puddings – whatever you feel will add to the evening.

Suggest you supply small side plates for ‘tasters’ as they have a lot of dishes to taste from all the 8 countries on exhibition.

We are hoping for more than 100 people to attend. Figures can be confirmed soonest.

Each stall is to prepare a little speech about the Christmas traditions and foods prepared in their country over the Christmas period. Try and make as interesting and entertaining as possible! There will be a 3-4 minute spotlight on each stall for the speech before the guests are allowed to eat.

Please present the Fellowship committee with your invoices for the food prepared if you wish to be re-imbursed. (We do recognise in these hard times the cost of groceries.)

The Ascension Hall will be open all day Saturday. There is a limited amount of plates and cutlery available.

## **From the International Committee**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Rotary International and the District Governor have appealed to members to improve membership. Bulawayo Rotary Club has agreed that each committee member must introduce at least two members.

**GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE:** Interviews are being carried out from the 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October in Harare for next year. The group will be going to America.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** \$50 000-00 has been donated to Sojini Primary School. Peter Kruger and Norman Maphosa presented the money to the school.

**DOUG ANTE’S PROJECT:** Doug will be coming to Zimbabwe in December. He has sent a container of books, this is a four clubs project, with Phil Whitehead as chairman.

**EXCHANGE STUDENT:** Student Sipiwe has kept Rotary well informed on her progress. German exchange student Julia Polle, is currently studying at Girls College.

**AWARDS:** Lady Grace Todd was nominated by the committee to receive the Community Service Award.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** It was suggested that Rotarians in Bulawayo try to organise a bus for the Malawi conference. Information on visa’s, vaccinations etc to be given to members at least three months before the trip.

Khayelihle Children’s Village, for the poor and orphaned children, together with the underprivileged Sojini Secondary School and Rangemore Primary School have been taken as International Committee’s projects.

**NEWSLETTER:** Rtn P Maksimovich is seeking assistance for the production of the Newsletter, the cost of producing the newsletter is very expensive.

## **Australian student makes deep impression on Zimbabwean hosts**

(Rotary News Basket No. 726, 26 September 2001)

When Youth Exchange student Ricky Taylor was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Frankston, Victoria, Australia, to Zimbabwe, she did not know what excitement and honor lay ahead of her. In addition to her daily routine at Highlands School in Harare, Zimbabwe, Taylor participated in training disabled swimmers for the Special Zimbabwean Olympics and assisted at AIDS orphanages, and while on a mountain expedition during an outward bound Youth Exchange camp, helped in the rescue of a fellow group member who became ill.

For her enthusiastic support of community service, the Rotary Club of Highlands, Harare, named Taylor a Paul Harris Fellow. The club said the award recognized her "tangible and significant assistance for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world." "Ricky's positive outlook made her instantly acceptable and likeable," said Highlands School Headmistress T. S. Dumbutshena. "Australia was well represented by a loyal and forward-looking ambassador." Ken Rowe, Taylor's counselor, visited her in Harare and was pleased with the positive impact she made on her school, where she was one of only two white students among 800 girls.

### **WOMEN**

*They smile when they want to scream.*

*They sing when they want to cry.*

*They cry when they are happy and laugh when they are nervous.*

*They fight for what they believe in.*

*They stand up for injustice.*

*They don't take "no" for an answer when they believe there is a better solution.*

*They go without new shoes so their children can have them.*

*They go to the doctor with a frightened friend.*

*They love unconditionally.*

*They cry when their children excel and cheer when their friends get awards.*

*They are happy when they hear about a birth or a new marriage.*

*Their hearts break when a friend dies.*

*They have sorrow at the loss of a family member, yet they are strong when they think there is no strength left.*

*They know that a hug and a kiss can heal a broken heart.*

*Women come in all sizes, in all colours and shapes.*

*They'll drive, fly, walk, run or e-mail you to show how much they care about you.*

*The heart of a woman is what makes the world spin!*

*Women do more than just give birth.*

*They bring joy and hope.*

*They give compassion and ideals.*

*They give moral support to their family and friends.*

*Women have a lot to say and a lot to give.*

**IT'S BEAUTIFUL WOMEN MONTH!**

**IT'S GOOD TO BE THE WOMAN.**

**We got off the Titanic first**

**We can scare male bosses with mysterious gynecological disorder excuses.**

**Taxis stop for us.**

**We don't look like a frog in a blender when dancing.**

**No fashion faux pas we make could ever rival "The Speedo".**

**We don't have to pass gas to amuse ourselves.**

**If we forget to shave, no one has to know.**

**We can congratulate our teammate without ever touching her rear.**

**We never have to reach down every so often to make sure our privates are still there.**

**We have the ability to dress ourselves.**

**We can talk to people of the opposite sex without having to picture them naked.**

**If we marry someone 20 years younger, we're aware that we look like an idiot.**

**There are times when chocolate really can solve all your problems.**

**We'll never regret piercing our ears.**

**We can fully assess a person just by looking at their shoes.**

**We can make comments about how silly men are in their presence, because they aren't listening anyway.**

## **ULTIMATE TRUTHS**

- 1. If you're too open minded, your brains will fall out.**
- 2. Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.**
- 3. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you a mechanic.**
- 4. Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.**
- 5. If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before.**
- 6. My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance.**
- 7. Not one shred of evidence supports the notion that life is serious.**
- 8. It is easier to get forgiveness than permission.**
- 9. For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program.**
- 10. If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip.**
- 11. Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of cheques.**
- 12. A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.**
- 13. Eat well, stay fit, die anyway.**
- 14. Men are from earth. Women are from earth. Deal with it.**
- 15. No husband has ever been shot while doing the dishes.**
- 16. A balanced diet is a chocolate biscuit in each hand.**
- 17. Middle age is when you have a broad mind and narrow waist.**
- 18. Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.**
- 19. Junk's something you've kept for years and throw away 2 weeks before you need it.**
- 20. There is always one more imbecile than you counted on.**
- 21. Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.**
- 22. By the time you can make ends meet, they move the ends.**
- 23. Thou shalt not weigh more than thy refrigerator.**
- 24. Someone who thinks logically provides a nice contrast to the real world.**
- 25. Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves, for they shall never cease to be amused.**

## **To my Home Club!**

As you have heard, I am starting an Interact club at my school. Over the next few weeks we will be having the organizational meetings at school to begin the formation of this great club! (It is going to be a great club!) My club gave me booster money to get the club started and I am so glad that we don't have to do fundraising first. That will come when we are well set up.

This club has the largest support group of Rotarians I have seen in quite a while. I have a board of five Rotarians who oversee all the things that will happen in the club. Then I have two separate Rotarian advisors who will be attending all meetings. At school, I have a further two on campus advisors who will also be at all the meetings on campus. So, all in all, I have nine advisors to this club (excluding my teacher, mentor and My District Interact Chair Lady) I have quite a team supporting me! I am so excited. I sincerely believe that it will take off very well but that also it will have strong roots by the time I leave for home.

I was also involved with my club's major fundraiser which was selling Awesome blossoms (large deep fried onions) at the city fair. I helped sell during our 11 day festival and I will admit that I learnt a lot about the food industry. Further more the whole experience was fun and I got to get to know a few more Rotarians than I would have at any other event.

School wise I have no complaints (neither do my parents!) Last semester I passed with a 4.0 g.p.a (straight As) and passed quite a few major exams which I decided to take. This semester, I just received my Progress report and I have straight As once more. I made it to the Principle's Honor Role so now I get to graduate with a gold seal on my diploma! At the end of semester, which is just before I leave, if I still maintain the grades I have now, I will graduate with academic honors and possibly valedictorian.

Life is good and I have nothing to complain about. I will admit that my time to fast running short and there is still much to be done. I can say that I have enjoyed my time here. I have learnt so much, changed so much and taught so much that I genuinely feel that this year has probably been my best yet. I have so much more to tell you all but I shall wait till next time.

Homework calls! So I must love and leave you.

Love as always

Your student

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