



# Turning Wheels of Bulawayo Rotary Club



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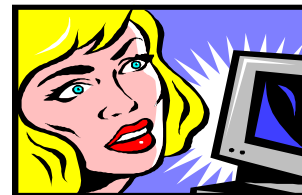
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**September 2002.**

## From the President's Computer



*September 11<sup>th</sup>* - One year ago the world changed forever with the terrorist attacks in America - 'a date that will live in infamy'.

The September 2002 Rotarian Magazine has written several articles on this human tragedy that I would like to share with you.

'The loss of thousands of lives and the unfathomable scale of destruction stunned the world. People of every nationality, race and religion felt the effects of the disaster and faced the prospect of life in a world where office buildings and passenger jets had suddenly become tools of mass destruction.

*In the wake of the tragedy, Rotarians found strength in "Service"*

Rotarians worldwide immediately responded with generous contributions for the disaster relief funds set up in New York and Washington, letters of sympathy and other expressions of support and goodwill. Clubs and districts also re-doubled their efforts to support programmes that foster international peace and understanding.

The district Governor John Capri, helped co-ordinate the relief effort, like many Rotarians was dismayed by this day, but saw it as proof of how necessary Rotary service is and how our job is not yet complete.

Our esteemed RI President Bhichai Rattakul has this to say:

"Today more than 30 armed conflicts ravage the world. In these precarious times, Rotarians feel and even greater sense of urgency and purpose. The wounds from September 11<sup>th</sup> may never fully heal, but tragedy has strengthened our resolve to fight terrorism and hate. Rotary founder Paul Harris once remarked 'Love is mightier than hate. Give it one half of the advertising that hate has had and there will be no more war'. Rotary, which has no hidden agenda, can accomplish more than a government in building world peace and goodwill. The first

**70 Rotary world peace scholars representing 32 countries are studying international relations, mediation and conflict resolution.**

**The anniversary of 11 September should not only be a day of remembrance, but a day of promise.**

**Together we will **Sow the Seeds of Love** to realize our dream for a peaceful world."**

**President Maureen Bond**

## **Retirement Plan**

**The American businessman was at the pier of a small coastal Mexican village when a small boat with just one fisherman docked. Inside the small boat were several large yellow fin tuna. The American complimented the Mexican on the quality of his fish and asked how long it took to catch them. The Mexican replied only a little while.**

**The American then asked why didn't he stay out longer and catch more fish? The Mexican said he had enough to support his family's immediate needs. The American then asked, but what do you do with the rest of your time?**

**The Mexican fisherman said, "I sleep late, fish a little, play with my children, take siesta with my wife, Maria, stroll into the village each evening where I sip wine and play guitar with my amigos, I have a full and busy life, senior."**

**The American scoffed, "I am a Harvard MBA and could help you. You should spend more time fishing and with the proceeds buy a bigger boat with the proceeds from the bigger boat you could buy several boats, eventually you would have a fleet of fishing boats.**

**Instead of selling your catch to a middleman you would sell directly to the processor, eventually opening your own cannery. You would control the product, processing and distribution. You would need to leave this small coastal fishing village and move to Mexico City, then LA and eventually NYC where you will run your expanding enterprise."**

**The Mexican fisherman asked, "But senior, how long will this all take?"**

**To which the American replied, "15-20 years."**

**But what then, senior?**

**The American laughed and said that's the best part. When the time is right you would announce an IPO and sell your company stock to the public and become very rich, you would make millions.**

**Millions, senior? Then what?**

**The American said, "Then you would retire. Move to a small coastal fishing village where you would sleep late, fish a little, play with your kids, take siesta with your wife, stroll to the village in the evenings where you could sip wine and play your guitar with your amigos."**

## **Scientific Method**

Perhaps I've been wrong to blindly follow the medical traditions and superstitions of past centuries. Maybe we barbers should test these assumptions analytically, through experimentation and a "scientific method". Maybe this scientific method could be extended to other fields of learning: the natural sciences, art. Perhaps I could lead the way to a new age, an age of rebirth, a Renaissance! [thinks for a minute] Naaaaaahhh!

Theodoric of York  
Medieval Barber

## **Benefits Of Being Female!**

We got off the Titanic first.

We can scare male bosses with mysterious gynecological disorder excuses.

We get to flirt with systems support men who always return our calls, and are nice to us when we blow up our computers.

Our boy friend's clothes make us look elfin and gorgeous - guys look like complete idiots in ours.

We can be groupies. Male groupies are called "stalkers".

We can cry and get off speeding fines.

We've never lusted after a cartoon character or the central figure in a computer game.

Taxis stop for us.

Men die earlier, so we get to cash in on the life insurance.

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

Free drinks.

Free dinners.

Free movies. (you get the point).

We can hug our friends without wondering if she thinks we're gay.

We can hug our friends without wondering if WE'RE gay.

We know The Truth about whether size matters.

New lipstick gives us a whole new lease on life.

We can sleep our way to the top.

Nothing crucial can be cut off with one clean sweep.

It's possible to live our whole lives without ever taking a group shower.

No fashion faux pas we make could rival The Speedo.

If we cheat on our spouse, people assume it's because we're being emotionally neglected.

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

If we're dumb, some people will find it cute.

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.

Our friends won't think we're weird if we ask whether there's spinach in our teeth.

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

Gay waiters don't make us uncomfortable.

We'll never regret piercing our ears.

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

We know which glass was ours by the lipstick mark.

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Held at Sharon And Mark Thomas home, 17 Edwards Rd, Khumalo  
On Thursday 15.8.2002, at 17.30

### 1. Present:

PP G. Geddes – Chairman  
Rtn S. Thomas  
Rtn M. Thomas  
Rtn P. Maksimovich  
Rtn J. Ilic  
President M. Bond – guest

Appologies: C. Barbour, K. Dube

1.1. Minutes from the last meeting confirmed. Print out needed for the record.

### 2. EXISTING PROJECTS

#### 2.1. Doug Ante Projects (PP C. Chiponda)

PP Charles Chiponda was not able to write the report since that will be the duty of the four clubs committee. Jasmina to contact the four club committee (Julie Bonnet) to get the report.

#### 2.2. Michael Walsby Medical Project

To be handed over to P. Rolason, Belmont Rotary club .

#### 2.3. Rotary International USA ( Rtn S. Thomas )

Application for the matching grant return to us. Pending on the written report that we have to do on the two projects done in the past . One of them is project number 8802 matching grant (blankets and computers) sponsor club Appleton USA. Action: Charles Chiponda and Julie Bonnet.

#### 2.4. Rotary Club Salmon Arm School repairs

Originally the School in Hwange District needed assistance for putting up the roof. Rotary matching grant assistance given. School is applying for electrification. Salmon Arm Club to put 1520 Canadian dollars, CRCID – 1520\$ and Bulawayo Rotary Club 500\$CA. (Canadian) .

Salmon Arm Club wanted offshore account opened. Done with Stanbic, Fairgrounds Branch Gabarone, FCA

0222006245102 signatories G. Geddes and L. Bond .

Local value of the project in August 2001 was 384 279.10 \$ ZIM.

Suggestion: We match equivalent of Canadian 500\$ in zim \$ deposited into local account (official value of 18250\$ZIM by the official rate).

#### 2.5. Rotary International Disaster relief Programme

We have to name 2 to 3 institutions that require assistance and provide information on how many people will be involved, nearest town, and which NGO is working near the proposed project.

#### 2.6. Seed Packs

K. Dube and D. Pool distributed seed packs.

#### 2.7. Water Project

Waiting for reply from B. Banges of Rotary Club of Edenvale who should have more information about it.

### 3. Container Import Documents

President M. Bond supplied information on import procedures.

### 4. Board Matters

4.1. Banges' team from SA arrives in Byo on the 20 September and we will have to accommodate them 20, 21 and 24 September.

4.2. On the same weekend, V. Bell is organizing a Cleaning Up Byo campaign. Donations in brooms, brushes, etc .

4.3. M. Bond gave report on chartering of the new Rotary Club in Vic Falls.

### 5. Bulletin

To provide district judges with copies of our bulletin ( June ,July, August 2002 ).

next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> September  
host: Jasmina Ilic  
7 Aurora Court  
13<sup>th</sup> Ave/ Tongogara St  
time: 17.30

## **Letter from Australia**

**Dear Past President Gordon,**

**I would ask you to please pass on the best wishes of the members of the Rotary Club of Raymond Terrace in District 9670, Australia to all the members of The Rotary Club of Bulawayo. At our meeting on Monday August 12, a toast was proposed to you all. This is a way we use to promote international understanding and to make contact with other Rotarians around the world. Until early last Rotary year, we were an all male club but we then inducted three female members into our Rotary Club in the space of a few months. Lyn Collins joined Susan Vadfalusi and Louise Marshall with us and we are hoping to attract more members of both sexes early in this new Rotary year.**

**The following list indicates the names of the members of the Rotary Club who are passing on their wishes:**

**Laurie Dicker(President), Norm Coventry (Secretary), Ray Beaumont, Ken Cooper, Ray Davies, Brian Douglas, Ernie Elbourne, Don Flynn, Steve Frith, Greg Gannon, Roy Hitchens, Paul Marshall, Louise Marshall, Michael Oakes, Kerry O'Connor, Richard South, Ron Swan, Susan Vadfalusi, Graeme Valler, Chris Wilson, Robert Winder, Jack Windeyer, Don Wood and Harold Wood.**

**We currently have no exchange student although we will be hosting a Japanese student later this Rotary year. In exchange, Alex Montgomery will be spending her year in Norway from January 2003.**

**Just a little information about where we live. Raymond Terrace is a community of around 12,000 people situated in the Hunter Valley, about 160km north of Sydney and close to the port city of Newcastle in the state of New South Wales. It is the principal town in the Shire of Port Stephens which is a popular tourist area that has been dubbed "The Water Wonderland" because of its fine surf beaches and sheltered bays.**

**If you would like more details about our Club and its activities, you can either contact me or refer to our website which can be located at:**

**[www.rotarnet.com.au/users/9/96732/index.htm](http://www.rotarnet.com.au/users/9/96732/index.htm)**

**The website is fairly basic at this time but we will endeavour to include other features as time allows. We hope that you will take the time to have a look at it and perhaps some of the links to features of our region. The music that plays while you view the home page is our country's National Anthem.**

**If someone would care to write back, we would like to maintain a link with you. Perhaps they could let us know about the vocations of your members and tell us of any special projects that the Rotary Club is undertaking. It may also be feasible that we could arrange a joint International project such as donation of books to one of your schools?**

**It will also be interesting to find out more information on the area in which you live. One of our members, secretary Norm Coventry has actually been to Bulawayo. In fact he has been bragging that he is the uncle of Commonwealth Games gold medal winner Kirsty Coventry.**

**If you happened to see the 100M hurdles in the track and field events, Australian finalist Jacqui Munro comes from Medowie which is a satellite area of Raymond Terrace.**

Anyway, President Laurie and the members hope that you and the other members of The Rotary Club of Bulawayo have a successful year in this 2002/2003 Rotary year.

With kind regards,

Ray Davies  
International Service Director.

## **A poem by Piet**

It was just the other Saturday and I was screaming in the stand when the bladdy stupid referee went and lifted up his hand 'another penalty' he said 'and yet again against the boks' and something in my mind just snapped like the elastic in my jocks. Piet Potch, I said, ou boet you just can't let this go someones gotta get out there and kill the flippin ou. I stumbled to the field vision blurred with all the dop I fell clear over the advert board and landed on my kop. No-one even checked me, no-one saw me coming and then before I knew it I was up and running.

Now remember boet, a wing I was when I still played the game and when I hit my sprinting stride it still felt all the same. The crowd they went ballistic, I was sure it was just for me forgotten were the injuries, even the shaky knee. The ref he was still blowing, the fools hand up in the air when I rounded past the scrum and lined him up from there. I hit him like a whirlwind, all boep and balls and grit, and down went the Irishman, that ugly little shit.

I heard him scream and whimper and even heard him cry and then that bladdy kiwi lock went and hit me in the eye. Corne was there too and I thought he'd come and help and whip the bladdy Kiwi and make the bugger yelp, but no, they went and left me to the mercy of the guards and the jail and the courts, the whole nine yards.

Would I do it again - you bet your broek I would and so should you okes, you really really should coz the bokke are the bokke and no ref is ever ever fair and they better just be careful to check that I'm not there.

## **Secret To a Happy Relationship for Women**

1. It is important to find a man that cooks and cleans.
2. It is important to find a man that makes good money.
3. It is important to find a man that likes to have sex.
4. It is important that these three men never meet.

## **RI Email Guidelines for Clubs and District Leaders**

**Based on the Rotary International Policy on Email Adopted November 2000**

- 1. Email pertaining to Rotary should contain 'Rotary' in the subject line.**
- 2. All Rotary email should contain a signature block that includes the name of the person sending the email and the sender's title or committee designation (if any).**
- 3. Each Rotary Club in our District shall establish a complete club email list for communication purposes within their club and from the District. No club member shall be added to this list unless they have given approval to have their email address included in the list and approval to receive regular communications from the club as well as the District Newsletter from the District and, on occasion, other District email of importance.**
- 4. The Club Internet Communications Officer shall have the responsibility of securing all email addresses to be included in the Club email list as well as managing this list for the club and the District.**
- 5. The Club Internet Communications Officer shall have the responsibility of forwarding District email messages to the Club email list.**
- 6. No Rotarian should be added to an 'e-groups' or other type of bulk mailing list without that person's permission.**
- 7. There should be no presumption of delivery of email, unless the email is acknowledged by the recipient.**
- 8. It is the responsibility of each District and/or Club leader to keep the District Secretary and the District Director of Communications informed of any change in their email address so there will be no loss of communication.**
- 9. E-groups and other bulk mailing lists shall not be used for expressing political views or for the distribution of 'spam', such as jokes and the like.**
- 10. All policies and procedures contained in the Rotary International Manual of Procedure pertaining to circularization shall be applicable to all email communication.**
- 11. Email lists shall not be published in any form that is available to the public. Websites containing mailing lists or individual email addresses (other than the email addresses of the webmasters) should be password protected. Such passwords should not be distributed to non-Rotarians.**
- 12. All users of email are encouraged to maintain an up-to-date version of virus-checking software on their computers in order to protect themselves as well as all individuals with whom they correspond by email.**
- 13. Attachments to email should be avoided whenever possible. Instead, copy and paste information into the body of the email message. If the club has its own web site, it is preferable to post the attachment to the club site for download and then link to it from within the email message. If an attachment is absolutely necessary, the attachment should only be in the Adobe Acrobat PDF format to keep the file size as small as possible and to insure that it can be opened, read and printed by all who receive it.**
- 14. Forwarding of email messages is discouraged unless specific instructions for forwarding have been given.**

## **THE ROTARY EMBLEM**

Affixed to the clothing of men and women around the world is a wheel with six spokes, 24 cogs and a keyway. It identifies the wearer as a Rotarian, one of who belongs to a Rotary club.

The basic design of the emblem, a wheel, dates back to 1905, the year the first Rotary club was organized in Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. A few weeks after the club was formed, its members discussed the design of an emblem, which would symbolize the character of their new club. At that time, meetings were held "in rotation" at members' places of business. One member submitted a design of a locomotive wheel with a counterweight and the words 'Rotary Club' on the connecting rod. Another submitted a design of a simple buggy wheel.

The wheel was familiar; it was basic - for theirs was and is a civilization of the wheel. And the wheel rotates.

Those first Rotarians chose as their emblem the buggy wheel design of Montague M. Bear, an engraver who had joined the club not many weeks before. So enthusiastic were the members for "Monty" Bear's design that they had a five-year supply of stationery bearing the buggy wheel printed and delivered to their headquarters.

Before even a small dent had been made in that supply, the members decided the emblem was "too plain, too static." Agreeing, "Monty" Bear worked some clouds into the design. But Tom Phillips, a lantern maker, pointed out that "not even Rotary could raise dust fore and aft a wagon wheel," and, so, the design was changed again.

"Monty" Bear heaved up the clouds and superimposed a ribbon reading "Rotary Club" across the wheel.

At the same time, other Rotary clubs were being organized in San Francisco, Oakland, New York and other metropolitan centers around the country. Each of the new clubs adopted the wheel as an emblem but added other features to identify the club with their city. The Rotary Club of Buffalo, New York, superimposed a buffalo over the center of the wheel. The Rotary Club of Oakland, California, superimposed the wheel on a giant oak tree.

In 1910, when the 16 Rotary clubs, which had sprung up, gathered in Chicago for Rotary's first convention and formed the National Association of Rotary Clubs, there were as many designs as there were clubs.

Before the 1912 convention in Duluth, Minnesota, the national headquarters invited all clubs to submit a design for an emblem to be used by all Rotary clubs, the wheel to be the basic element.

There, in Duluth, a gear wheel in royal blue and gold was adopted as Rotary's official emblem. But even it was to survive only eight years.

Engineers complained that the wheel was mechanically unsound and could do no work. So, a two-man committee, Oscar B. Bjorge of Duluth and Charles Henry Mackintosh of Chicago, was appointed to make the necessary corrections.

Their design, adopted and announced in 1920, has been used through the years - with one exception. They had neglected to add a keyway to the wheel. Without it, the gear was an idler, incapable of transmitting power to or from the shaft. The keyway was added in 1923 and the wheel turned on. It has been rolling ever since. Is there any symbolism in the wheel, aside from its general representation of Rotary International? Officially, there is none, though many



Rotarians have developed club talks and written essays on meanings they have chosen to ascribe to it.



The Rotary wheel is unique. There is no other like it. It has no rim. It has not tire. It cuts no rut. It makes no squeak. It runs silently through the air, a symbol of service everywhere. It welcomes travelers on great highways and lowly by-ways. It calls thousands to their weekly meetings, and hour's respite from work and tension. It teaches the value of The Four Way Test, and urges men to serve their best. It appeals to the hearts and minds of men, and performs miracles, now and then. Most important, it binds people of the world together in a peaceful and very worthy endeavor.



## **Ze Memberz of Ze Bord**

**President - Maureen Bond**  
**IC President - Kingsley Dube**  
**Vice President - Nomsa Ncube**  
**Treasurer - Laurie Bond**  
**International - Gordon Geddes**  
**Youth - Christoph Eisentraut**  
**Fellowship - Malcolm Ross**  
**Community Services - Charles Chiponda**  
**PRO - Charles Chiponda**  
**Sargeant in Arms - Sash Vaghmaria**  
**Attendance - Velma Ndhlovu**  
**Bulletin Editor - Maks Maksimovich**  
**Programme Officer - Laurie Bond**  
**Archives - Joe Stipinovich**  
**Secretary - Julie Bonett**  
**Board Secretary - Sharon Thomas**  
**3-H Representative - JC Dlamini**

## **Rotary Thoughts for the Month**

**‘We cannot direct the wind- but we can adjust the sails’**

**Anon**

**‘Remember that you are needed. There is at least one important work to be done that will not be done until you do it!’**

**Charles Allen**

**Rotary International designates each month to a particular subject. This is part of each clubs year planner.**

***The month of September is dedicated to:***

### ***New Generations Month***

**Our district is so rich in its youth resource and most of our clubs have very active programmes in Interact, Rotaract or Youth Exchange.**

**Interact is a combination of the words ‘international’ and ‘action’ with a purpose to foster leadership and citizenship skills among young people. Rotaract allows those a little older to develop their maturity before hopefully becoming Rotarians. Youth Exchange provides a child with the opportunity to be an ambassador for their country and foster the sense of togetherness and discovery of the world we live in.**

**Young people need all the help that can be offered from those with experience of change. It is just as important to provide for a child’s emotional well-being as it is for his physical well-being. Rotarians can act as mentors and role models to youth. Rotarians also need to help those children that are lost in the shadows of society, who have no voice of their own. They suffer daily from the deep wounds of abuse, neglect or lack of the basic necessities of life.**

**They are the forgotten children of the global family dying from hunger and disease, homeless, forced into hard labour and desolate.**

**We cannot talk about the future without talking about children.**

**They are our future.**

**President Maureen Bond**

## **From The Editor**

**From this month our Newsletter is going to be only in electronic form. I am going to post it to your e-mail addresses. Those of you who do not wish to receive it in your email every month please let me know. It is also possible to download our Newsletter from the Club site:  
<http://members.tripod.com/ilandama/rotary/clubofbulawayo/index.htm>**