

# NORTHCLIFF ROTARY CLUB

Weekly information Sheet of the Northcliff Rotary Club  
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## 19 October 2016

### Diary of Forthcoming Events

05 November GEM Cottages Fete.  
19 November Guild Cottage  
Winding down for the festive season???

### Our speaker

Our speaker last Wednesday was Fr Laszlo Karpanti. Fr Laszlo has travelled widely and spent seven years in Sao Paulo where he developed an intimate knowledge of the culture of street children. He founded Dinaledi House in Brixton, Johannesburg but his current parish is in Primrose, Germiston. Street children are a worldwide phenomenon just with different names for different countries. They are generally a victim of abuse and neglect but not all family siblings land on the street; it may be just one. The dynamics for just one sibling turning to life on the street are not always understood. A feature of Johannesburg is that children will migrate from rural areas to the metropole whereas in other places they will leave an existing urban home for a life on the street. The probability of successful rehabilitation is inversely proportional to the time the child has spent on the street which, in turn, predicates the child's migration from soft to hard drugs. Accessibility to drugs is a problem and each drug (marijuana, tic, heroin, nyaope etc.) is also associated with a particular area.

Circumstances notwithstanding, they all crave the same security, sense of belonging and role models they can aspire to. The residents of Dinaledi house are willing and able to improve their surroundings but need guidance and supervision. This is a possible avenue for a future project.

Fr. Laszlo was asked about and spoke of some of the success stories of Dinaledi House. There is a strong emphasis on vocational training such as plumbing and welding to enable them to be self-supporting in an informal economy. There are also shining stars where former residents completed their matric, obtained bursaries, went on to get their degrees and are now in full-time employment.

A fascinating talk and an insight into a world we do not know



Apologies we don't have the picture to show.

|                                     | 19-Oct                            | 26-Oct  | 02-Nov                   |
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| <b>Sergeant</b>                     | Francis Callard                   | Jennifer Roberts  | Jan Christoph Hadenfeldt |
| <b>Reception and Regalia</b>        | Dean Gounden                      | Ansie Hibberd   | Lylie Beukes             |
| <b>Grace</b>                        | Tommy Stratten                    | Peter Jacob   | Vaughan Russell          |
| <b>Welcome Visitors</b>             | Jennifer Roberts                  | Lylie Beukes  | Peter Jacobs             |
| <b>Swindle &amp; Fines</b>          | Ansie Hibberd                     | Ian Goldsmith   | Jennifer Roberts         |
| <b>Peace Prayer</b>                 | Jan Christoph Hadenfeldt          |   |                          |
| <b>Rotary 90" Slot / Int. Toast</b> | Ian Goldsmith                     | Francis Callard   | Lylie Beukes             |
| <b>Introduce Speaker</b>            | Francis Callard                   | Dean Gounden  | Tommy Stratten           |
| <b>Speaker</b>                      | Patrick Moraka<br>Bridget Edwards | Johann Engelbrecht  | TBC                      |
| <b>Topic</b>                        | Shilengne ECD                     | Thol'ulwazi Thol'impilo -<br>A Beam of Hope in<br>Southern Mpumalanga | TBC                      |

### Birthdays and Anniversaries:

20 : Pauline Goldsmith  
22 : Norman Macleod; Vaughan Russell  
24 : Ian Goldsmith

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| President<br><i>Andrew Buttress</i> | Club Secretary<br><i>Paul Westcott</i> | Club Treasurer<br><i>Tommy Stratten</i> | President Elect<br><i>Tommy Stratten</i> |
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### Fairlands Fete

The Fairland's fete was not a great success. We sold a number of tables and made some money but overall the fete was very poorly supported. The general complaint was that the fete was very poorly advertised. Our NRC stall sold bacon and egg rolls, which tasted pretty good, but we over-catered. Thanks to all who helped by buying up the surplus stock.

On the plus side there was some really good fellowship and, however limited, it was a good opportunity to interact with the community. One of the spin-offs is a meeting with a member of the mayoral committee on improving liaison between the city and civic organisations. Interested persons were also invited to come to future meetings.

### Our Speakers

This week we welcome Bridget Edwards, Patron, and Patrick Moraka, CEO, of **Sihlangene Early Childhood Development Forum** together with six of the ladies from the Executive.

Sihlangene ECD Forum is an association comprising of pre-schools and crèches in Ivory Park and surroundings (Johannesburg, South Africa). Since Ivory Park was founded in the early 1990's, there has been a need for children to receive Early Childhood Education, Health and Social Care. Sihlangene crèche owners serve to fulfil this need, and provide employment for teachers and staff.

With little or no formal education, these crèche owners have courageously faced and overcome enormous challenges, both on a personal and organisation level. Some 21 years later, Sihlangene is now organised as a registered Not-for-Profit Company.

The aims and objectives are to ensure township crèche and pre-school children receive quality Early Childhood Development, just as more the affluent children receive elsewhere in South Africa. We are also inspired to provide sustainable food gardens, mobile clinic, mobile library, training centre and monthly magazine to help fulfil these aims and objectives. Business partners, sponsorships and donations are required to help us achieve and sustain this long-term.

<http://www.bridget-edwards.com/patron/>

*The presentation is to explore if there is an opportunity for NRC to engage in a global grant*



### Wheelchairs

Dave was in Cape Town this Friday so Francis stood in for him. Stocks are very low and only thirteen items were issued but the pictures speak for themselves.



### Humour Corner

This is what all 70+ year olds, and yet to be, kids have to look forward to!!

This is a story from an assisted living center.

The people who lived there have small apartments but they all eat at a central cafeteria. One morning one of the residents didn't show up for breakfast so my wife went upstairs and knocked on his door to see if everything was OK. She could hear him through the door and he said that he was running late and would be down shortly so she went back to the dining area.

An hour later he still hadn't arrived so she went back up towards his room and she found him on the stairs. He was coming down the stairs but was having a hell of time. He had a death grip on the hand rail and seemed to have trouble getting his legs to work right. She told him she was going to call an ambulance but he told her "Old Age" no, he wasn't in any pain and just wanted to have his breakfast. So she helped him the rest of the way down the stairs and he had his breakfast.

When he tried to return to his room he was completely unable to get up even the first step so they called an ambulance for him. A couple hours later she called the hospital to see how he was doing. The receptionist there said he was fine, he just had both of his legs in one leg of his boxer shorts.

