



# PROBUS

The Association of Retired Professional and Business  
Persons in Localised Clubs throughout the World

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## Milnerton

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### NOTICE OF MEETING

A lunch time meeting of the **Milnerton Probus Club** will be held at the Italian Club,  
Donegal Road Rugby on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2008** at 12h00 for 13h00.

### Agenda.

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Introduction of guests/visitors  
**must**
4. Announcements
5. Grace: Lunch
6. Members input

#### Please Take note

Apologies for absence  
from the meeting

be lodged with **Robbert**  
**v.d. Honert at Tel No.**  
**021 552-5611 not later**  
**than 20h00 on Tuesday**  
**12 th August 2008**

**This meeting will be for our Members, “to put in their own pennysworth”  
So come ready to say something interesting**

### **August Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries**

#### Birthdays

9<sup>th</sup> August Raymond Deel-Smith  
10<sup>th</sup> August Dilys Slaughter  
15<sup>th</sup> August Dave Brook  
19<sup>th</sup> August Molly Deel-Smith  
20<sup>th</sup> August Neville Heyne  
28<sup>th</sup> August George Stelzner

#### Anniversaries

5<sup>th</sup> August 1961 Ivy and Neville Heyne  
31<sup>st</sup> August 1957 Molly and Raymond  
Deel- Smith

### **Report on the previous meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2008.**

1) The attendance 26 members. There were 6 apologies. The President extended a warm welcome to all those present and indicated that he and Dave Brook had attended the recent

Probus Western Cape AGM held at the Mobray Golf Club on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008. Dave Brook gave members a brief overview of what transpired at the AGM.

- 2) After raising the issue of getting better publicity, which was one of the items highlighted at the AGM, John Visser suggested that we extend an invitation to Pam Fourie, the editor of the local newspaper Tabletalk, to join us for lunch at the next meeting so that she had a better idea of who we are and what we do. This was agreed.
- 3) The President wished all those who had birthdays and anniversaries during the month congratulations with special reference to Des and Dora Stoffberg who celebrated an anniversary.
- 4) The President presented Colin McClelland with his Probus Badge.
- 5) Member Rev. Terry Moulton said grace and lunch was served

The President asked John Visser who had inducted Colin McClelland into the Milnerton Probus Club to introduce the speaker, Colin McClelland, a member of the Club and former Director of the South African Petroleum Industry Association. John said he had a number of years ago, introduced Colin into the Milnerton Golf club and he had gone on to become the Treasurer and had turned the finances of the Club around. He hoped Colin would make an equally positive contribution to our Probus Club.

Colin thanked John and said that he had joined the oil industry back in 1965. He posed the question as to whether the World had built its civilisation on the availability of cheap oil and if so, as to whether this was a folly? He said we had now reached a point where we had the twin problems, that of what we are doing to our climate and for how long will oil be available?

He said that in 1965 the total world output of oil was 31 million barrels per day and this had almost doubled by 1973 when we faced the oil crisis and prices soared overnight from \$1.50 to \$7-8 dollars a barrel due to the inability of the oil producing countries to meet demand. Whilst initially demand then dropped, by 1982 oil was again under pressure and the price again rose this time to \$15-20 dollars a barrel.

Colin said that recent demand for oil had continued to grow to 86 million barrels per day and at present there was neither the refining capacity nor available oil supplies to meet this demand. Even at a conservative growth of 2% per year, in 5 years we would be well into unknown territory, as even the anticipated reserves in Angola would for example only produce another 2 million barrels per day. We would need another "Saudi Arabia" every 5 years. The price is rising to constrain demand. He asked the question, are we at the peak, or will we be able to find more oil?. He said the enhanced price could certainly help fund expensive exploration.

He said we had based so much of our energy use on oil and now we had to look to alternatives.. He said there was still oil in tar sands, but environmentally this could be a problem. He discussed various the alternatives such as bio-fuels, the use of public transport, energy efficient buildings and nuclear energy, as well as renewable energy sources.

Lively debate and questioning followed until the President felt it was time to bring the meeting to a close. He thanked Colin McClelland on behalf of the club for speaking to such a topical and interesting subject. He presented Colin with a bottle of wine

The raffle was drawn and a bottle of wine was won by Norman Olsen.

The meeting closed at 14h45.