

Notes from Chat Transcript:

Eppie McFarlane : As president, I feel the need to be as well informed and connected as possible. The opportunity to have Zoom sessions is really useful.

Maguno Kathindi (Oshakati Rotaract Club) : Wow we now plan on adopting an informal settlement (s)

Maguno Kathindi (Oshakati Rotaract Club) : **Yinka Babalola**, “Senior clubs needs junior academies” (Very true)

Ian Robertson : We need to find our mojo again, this is very interesting

Shaun Oberholzer : Agree Ian, there are a lot of people we lose to these issues. Including those we desperately need.

Maguno Kathindi (Oshakati Rotaract Club) : Jerome O’Ryan “let’s focus on building relationships”

Justin - Wynberg : Ian and Shaun, mojo starts with involvement. If youth and new members are not involved with a project or implement projects they lose that mojo. Clubs must ask new members what area of focus are they interested in and seek to find a project that excites new members. "New Members Projects"

Koos Burger : Correct Yinka, yes, we need to look in the mirror again.

Ian Robertson : Yes, we need to place a higher value on new blood

Shaun Oberholzer : Very very true @Justin, we also need to make sure we have people who we can allow to grow and explore their passions. Big part of that is ensuring to keep those relationships and asking those who have been/are part of the family to join us. There are lots of alumni who love Rotary and its values, but have lost their way as we have allowed the relationships to dwindle.

Andrew Finn : One way to get long term involvement is to involve people from outside the Rotary umbrella - they then become potential members

Shaun Oberholzer : Hear hear, I don’t think enough of us approach our colleagues and friends to get involved. We should be dragging them to projects/meetings. Whether they come kicking and screaming, getting them there is the big thing.

Angela O’Brien : I like Yinka's response that it is all our responsibility to move on and embrace diversity and face the race issue head on

Shaun Oberholzer : I think its up to every Rotarian to live up to the 4 way test. If this is experienced by our members, we need to look inwards.

Yinka Babalola : if you find something good happening in another club, something that is working, please copy it shamelessly !

Yinka Babalola : Do not be afraid to fail. Be afraid not to try