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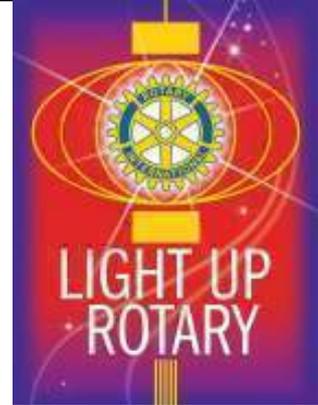


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January is recognized as ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH in the Rotary calendar.

Rotarians, clubs, and districts should raise awareness about Rotary in their community each January.

I think that when one considers this guideline provided by Rotary in the Memorandum of Procedure, it was drawn up long before the concerted efforts by the PR activities of RI and the Clubs. Clubs should certainly endeavour to raise awareness about Rotary in their community throughout the year, but do they and will they do anything special during January?

But is it still ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH?

I recently saw an item on the RI website which stated that the special observances for various months had changed.....

The special observance months are now:

July: Unspecified [as before]

August: Membership (remains)

September: Basic Education and Literacy [was New Generations]

October: Economic and Community Development [was Vocational]

November: The Rotary Foundation (remains)

December: Disease Prevention and Treatment [was Family Month]

January: Vocational Service (shifted from October) was Rotary Awareness month

February: Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution [Was World Understanding Month]

March: Water and Sanitation [Was Literacy Month]

April: Maternal and Child Health [Was Magazine Month]

May: Youth Services [Was nothing specific before]

June: Rotary FellowshipS [as before]

Ed - I find it very strange that Rotary International Board has now seen fit to designate a specific month to each of the SIX Areas of Focus. Surely there should be an ongoing focus on these Areas of Focus throughout the year!

What do you think?

In closing, I wish you all a HEALTHY 2015 and I wish you enough!!!

Have Fun

Gerald Sieberhagen - Editor

Does any member have a special message that they would like to show in this block – I can guarantee that after 12 months it will be noticed.

HALF-YEARLY SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE PAYABLE IN JANUARY.

PLEASE BE A GOOD ROTARIAN AND PAY YOUR SUBS PROMPTLY

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Photo page of some of the E-Club Rotarians at Work during November/December



Claire & Janet Rouillard, Mathew Mitchell, Irene Kotze, Gerald Sieberhagen, Angie Mitchell and Amy van der Merwe [Photo by Mark Rouillard]

Christmas Cheer luncheon at the Pavilion Hotel for resident of Ray Hulett Old Age Home and another home was organised by Bob Kistnasamy [second from right] President Irene Kotze [second from left] addressed the luncheon attendees. The other Rotarians in the photo are from the Rotary Club of Isipingo-Morningside



Arlene Arnold and her team at the Lighthouse Project in Bruntville, Mooi River, had expected 70 children for their Christmas party but instead 325 turned up for a meal and a gift.

Fortunately the team managed to perform a minor miracle by ensuring that all the attendees were kept happy.



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News from our Africa Adventurers

There are 14 years between these two pictures of Herman & Candelaria Zapp. And so many things have changed. There are now 4 kids. The Graham Paige is bigger in order to carry so many. And their love is multiplied a hundred times. Chasing dreams does wonders



Please contact Angie Mitchell if you would like to read their book **SPARK YOUR DREAM**

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BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

15th – Michael Ferry

FEBRUARY

13th – Sandra Maistry

15th – Rensie Cloete

19th – Linda Watts

26th – Sandy Brauteseth

27th – Gunnar Light & Sue Sieberhagen



ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY

11th – Sandy & Vic Botha

15th – Anusha & Anesh Timul

FEBRUARY

5th – Patrick & Rene Andries

8th – Richard & Ann Hargreaves

10th – Johnny & Gillian Stark

12th – EARLYACT CLUB OF EKUTHULENI PS

14th – Bob & Anita Kistnasamy

DATES TO DIARISE

2015

DG VISIT on GTM – date to be confirmed

23rd FEB – Rotary International – 110 years old

7th & 8th March – POETS* in Durban

*POETS = President and Officers Elect Training Seminar

24th to 26th APRIL – DISCON IN BLOEMFONTEIN

April – IFCR cricket week-end in Zululand

WEEKLY TOPIC - ROSTER FOR JAN/FEB/MARCH

5th Jan – Michael Ferry

12th Jan – Richard Hargreaves

19th Jan – Bob Kistnasamy

26th Jan – Ockie Esterhuysen

2nd Feb – Gil & Jenna Lewinsky

9th Feb – Emmanuel Ntongo

16th Feb – Sandy Botha

23rd Feb – Jayne Martin

2nd Mar – Peter Brauteseth

9th Mar – Paul Maistry

16th Mar – Natasha Morris

23rd Mar – Keith Kirton

Please send your TotW to either President Irene or Club Admin director Gerald by at least the THURSDAY preceding the date of the TotW.

It always makes it easier if Rotarians send their TotW well ahead of time.

Alternatively, if you are unable to fulfil your duty, please advise us well ahead of time so that we are able to find a replacement.

EVENTS AND PROJECTS

EAST COAST RADIO TOY STORY 2014

Eventually our Club allocated all the donated toys – sadly the numbers were down on previous years.

DISTRICT GRANT has been finalised

GLOBAL GRANT 1418817

Funds have been transferred to TRF by our Club as well as the Canadian Club so the proceeds should be transferred to our Club soon and the project can then get under way

GLOBAL GRANT 1527880

It would appear as though the funding is now in place and that the minimum TRF matching amount of US\$15 000 is within the budgeted numbers.

PROJECT DIGNITY

Funding has been received from our Rotary Friends in Australia for the first year of this project. Thank you very much Alan for once again recognising a worthy project for your Club to support

GoToMeeting – 19h00 to 20h00

13th January

Wed 21st Jan with RC of Sandvika Norway

10th & 24th February

10th & 24th March

7th & 21st April

5th & 19th May

2nd June

DURING THE WEEK PRECEDING THE GTM, the log on code will be sent BY EMAIL to each member.

ADVERTISING IN ROTARY AFRICA MAGAZINE

Have you ever considered advertising your products or services in the Rotary Africa Magazine? Or do you know of a business that may wish to do so?

You can obtain the 2014 Advertising rates on the Rotary Africa website @ www.rotaryafrica.com

PRESIDENT IRENE'S PAGE



Dear Fellow Rotarians

I trust that you all had a Happy Christmas with Family and friends and that you have started the New Year with lots of realistic resolutions such as that you will regularly join our GO TO MEETING sessions, and that you will comment on the TOPIC of the Week which is the equivalent of attending a weekly Rotary meeting.

We are into the second half of our Rotary Year and there are a number of exciting projects for our Club to be proud of. Project Dignity (Re-usable sanitary pads for the girls at EKUTHULENI Primary School) will be launched as soon as the new school year begins. This project is viable thanks to the generous financial assistance of the Rotary Club of Armidale Central in Australia and especially our good friend there, Alan Francis.

The Global Grant 'EDUCATION AND SUPPORT OF DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN IN MPHOPHOMENI' initiated and with lots of detailed work by Pat Draper and communication with our Partners in Canada, has been approved by TRF and as soon as the money has been transferred it's all systems go.

Peter Brauteseth is busy compiling all the information for the application of our second Global Grant - 'GAMALAKHE LITERACY PROJECT' a project in conjunction with our Norwegian Partners.

Without the support of our overseas partners, the dedication of our Rotary members and of course The Rotary Foundation, none of these projects that will serve the target communities and enhance the quality of life, would have been possible. As the RI President said "Our Rotary friendships give light to our lives and it is Rotary Friendship – as well as Service- that lets us Light Up Rotary"

Apart from our involvement with our communities, we also have to give a thought to our financial commitment as Rotarians to Rotary International, the District and Rotary Africa. Yes, it is that time of the year when I have, the not so pleasant task, of reminding all our members to pay their 6 monthly subs. Our Treasurer has sent out the statements - and maybe they went into the 'pay later' file. Well, it is now LATER! Please find the statements and with a sigh and a frown looking at the bank balance, please make that payment by EFT and please don't forget to include your name in the payment advice. Remember that your contribution this year might make the difference to ONE person, who you may never meet, but who might have food on his/her table in the future.

Last but not least I want to thank all the members who dedicated their time to assist with the sorting and packing of toys. As we always do, we had fun but were also a bit sad, that we could not fulfil all the orders. A very special THANK YOU to MR TOY STORY, Gerald, who I know spent many hours agonising about the allocation and distribution to the numerous applicants.

My best wishes to all our members for 2015. I hope all your dreams come true and may it be a Happy and Rewarding Rotary time for all of us.

*Yours in Rotary,
Irene*

More Africa Adventurers.....

Hi Rob

My name is Alfred. I am a nearly 66 year old Swiss Veterinarian who will retire next year at the end of March. And the nearer my retirement approaches, the more I tried to find out what life means after this point. I am a Rotarian since 1996 and have learnt a lot about Service Above Self and therefore decided to engage myself in a charity project for schools in South Africa. I love cycling and my second hobby is bird watching and thus I decided to combine these three things. I plan to set off in May 2015 from the northernmost point in Europe and will be cycling with the migrating birds through Europe and Africa to Cape Agulhas. One of my aims on this route is to visit as many Rotary clubs as possible. I will then give a short presentation about the Bizweni Center for Disabled Children – a project of the RC Helderberg and I hope that many Rotarians will support this project. When I found your website I have seen so many plans of you which have exactly the same objectives as mine. I am just half a year younger (28.03.1949) and I will set off half a year later in the North instead of the South. I hope we will both succeed in our projects and maybe we will even meet somewhere in the middle of the tour.

Happy cycling, Fredy

I received this from a gentleman in Switzerland. One of a few I have received where my adventure has helped motivate and inspire.

So fulfilling! Rob

And our Happy Wobbler, Rob, has spent a while in George after he and his bike parted company – the bike is fine and Rob believes that his bruised ribs are on the mend and he hoped to set off again yesterday.

If you haven't already done so, please register to receive updates on Robs blog.

You may view the latest post at <http://www.wobblingthroughafrica.com>

The connection between these 60 plus Rotarians could be very interesting. Of course Alfred will be at an advantage because whenever I look at a globe of the world it remains downhill from Europe and uphill all the way for Rob from South Africa.

Rob is also in no hurry. Being a typical laid back fellow he has all the time in the world to complete his adventure – something like the Zapp family – who Rob incidentally interviewed in Underberg some years back.

Alfred's website will be launched soon and as it will be in German, Irene Kotze will be providing suitable translations from time to time.

We wish both these intrepid adventurers good health and fair weather as they undertake their cycling travels. Editor

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Making contact with our Global partners.....



The first Global Grant for our E-Club has a Canadian Rotary Club as our partner – the Rotary Club of Winnipeg. Their member, Strini Reddy, was in South Africa recently and President Irene Kotze presented him with our Club banner. Gerald Sieberhagen accompanied them to lunch and shared many stories of mutual activities.

Rtn Pat Draper, who is spearheading the Global Grant, also met Strini and showed him around the schools where the projects will take place.

We expect to receive the proceeds of the Global Grant from The Rotary Foundation early this year which will enable the project to get off to a quick start when the schools re-open.

"The horse is here to stay but the automobile is only a novelty—a fad." – -The president of the Michigan Savings Bank advising Henry Ford's lawyer not to invest in the Ford Motor Co., 1903

"The wireless music box has no imaginable commercial value. Who would pay for a message sent to no one in particular?" – -Associates of David Sarnoff responding to the latter's call for investment in the radio in 1921

As can be seen, some predictions can be way off the mark. One wonders which predictions are being made now that will also be way off the mark!

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David Tilling organised the award event for the graduates at the Steve Morris Literacy Project which he has been running for several years. The recipients did a short performance in appreciation of the literacy skills that they have acquired.



Continuing on from page 7, here are a few more predictions

"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers." – Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943

"There is no reason for any individual to have a computer in his home." – Ken Olson, president, chairman and founder of Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC), in a talk given to a 1977 World Future Society meeting in Boston

"This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us." – Western Union internal memo, 1876

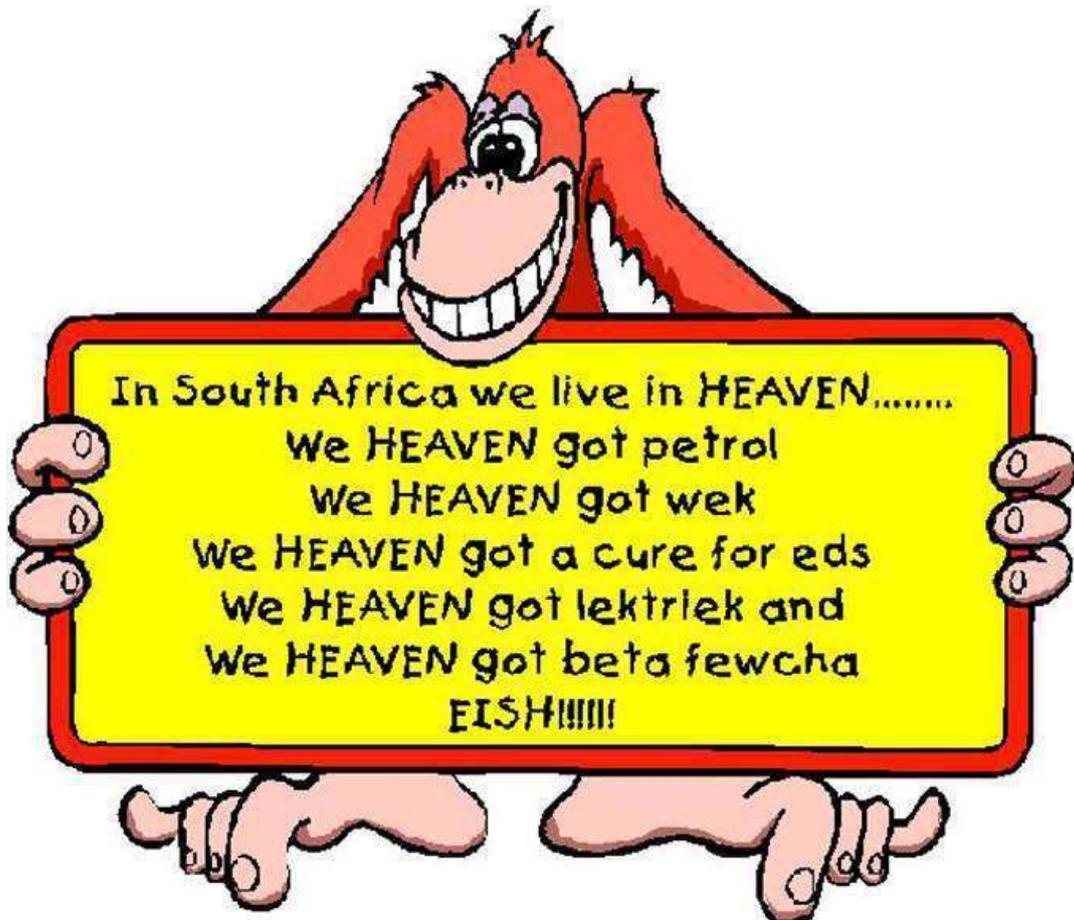
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Somewhere in Africa – I would love to see the next photo.....and a bit of sound



Living in Heaven in South Africa!



THE FRUGAL SCOT - Painting the Church

There was a Scottish painter named Smokey MacGregor who was very interested in making a penny where he could, so he often thinned down his paint to make it go a wee bit further.. As it happened, he got away with this for some time, but eventually the local church decided to do a big restoration job on the outside of one of their biggest buildings.

Smokey put in a bid and, because his price was so low, he got the job. So he set about erecting the scaffolding and setting up the planks, and buying the paint and yes, I am sorry to say, thinning it down with turpentine.....

Well, Smokey was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly completed, when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder, the sky opened and the rain poured down washing the thinned paint from all over the church and knocking Smokey clear off the scaffold to land on the lawn among the gravestones, surrounded by telltale puddles of the thinned and useless paint.

Smokey was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty, so he got down on his knees and cried:

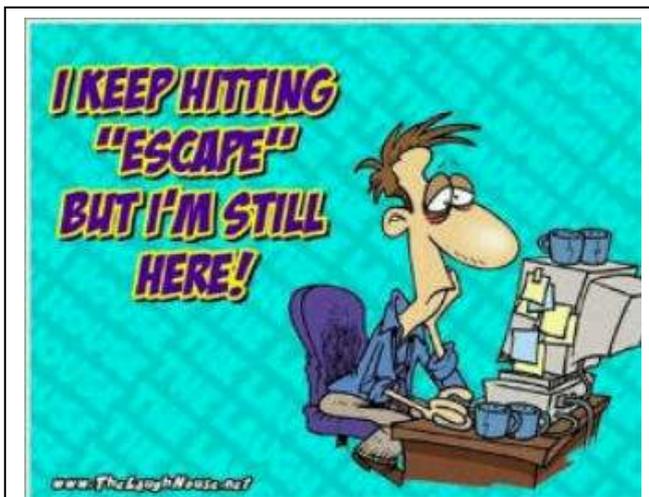
"Oh God, Oh God, forgive me; what should I do?"

And from the thunder, a mighty voice spoke:

"Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!"

PHILOSOPHY OF AMBIGUITY

1. ATHEISM IS A NON-PROPHET ORGANIZATION.
2. I WENT TO A BOOKSTORE AND ASKED THE SALESWOMAN, "WHERE'S THE SELF-HELP SECTION?" SHE SAID IF SHE TOLD ME, IT WOULD DEFEAT THE PURPOSE.
3. WHAT IF THERE WERE NO HYPOTHETICAL QUESTIONS?
4. IF A DEAF PERSON SWEARS, DOES HIS MOTHER WASH HIS HANDS WITH SOAP?
5. IS THERE ANOTHER WORD FOR SYNONYM?
6. WHERE DO FOREST RANGERS GO TO "GET AWAY FROM IT ALL?"
7. WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU SEE AN ENDANGERED ANIMAL EATING AN ENDANGERED PLANT?
8. IF A TURTLE DOESN'T HAVE A SHELL, IS HE HOMELESS OR NAKED?
9. IF THE POLICE ARREST A MIME, DO THEY TELL HIM HE HAS THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT?
10. WHY DO THEY PUT BRAILLE ON THE DRIVE-THROUGH BANK MACHINES?
11. WHAT WAS THE BEST THING BEFORE SLICED BREAD?
12. HOW IS IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE A CIVIL WAR?
13. IF ONE SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMER DROWNS, DO THE REST DROWN TOO?
14. IF YOU TRY TO FAIL, AND SUCCEED, WHICH HAVE YOU DONE?
15. WHOSE CRUEL IDEA WAS IT FOR THE WORD "LISP" TO HAVE "S" IN IT?
16. WHY IS IT CALLED TOURIST SEASON IF WE CAN'T SHOOT AT THEM?
17. CAN AN ATHEIST GET INSURANCE AGAINST ACTS OF GOD?



And on
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are once
again OUTA
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