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NEWSLETTER

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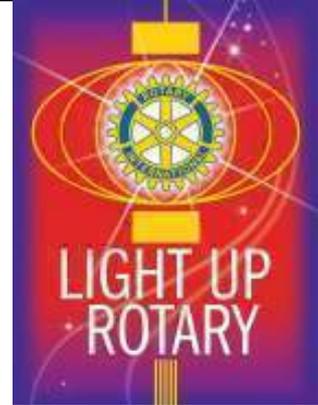


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Rotary



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Rotary International has quite wisely not allocated any special focus for July because there is enough for Clubs to contend with as a new leadership team takes over and hopefully continues to steer a successful ship on a steady course in a proven direction. Problems could arise is when the ship being handed over has been floundering in heavy seas.

At the start of our new Rotary year we need to remind our members that it is a **requirement** of E-Club membership that members 'attend' the club website and comment weekly [not weakly] on TOPIC of the Week. [TotW]

Is it more difficult to comment on TotW than it is to post something on Facebook? Probably is, but I would not know.

Why is it so easy for several of our members to comment on TotW?

It would really be interesting to hear why members find it so difficult to express an opinion on TotW.

Here is one of the responses to the last TotW for the previous Rotary year:

Please remember

Weekly TOPIC of the Week

"What I can do that is tangible, is to (again!!!) encourage everyone to contribute to TOPIC of the Week. This is not only a "place to meet", it is a potential "chemistry lab" where we can exchange ideas and interact and achieve who knows what. The one sure thing is that if we don't use TOTW as a regular forum for us all to exchange views and ideas, we really are missing a massive opportunity for our E-Club."

I have repeated the posting here because I firmly believe that all our members read OUTA SPACE.

So let's hear from those who find it so difficult to access the Members Clubhouse and post a comment. The post above says it all – **"we really are missing a massive opportunity for our E-Club"**.

Thank you to all the members who selected a date 'of their choice' when they will provide the TOPIC of the Week. [to perform your share of club service, where applicable - 'remember that clause in your induction?'] To those who have not volunteered yet, don't despair that you will be left out – you have been allocated a date 'of our choice'.

Have Fun

Gerald Sieberhagen - Editor

Rotarians should always

uphold The Four-Way Test

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BIRTHDAYS

JULY

18th BU Singh; Dave Arnold
21st Irene Kotze



ANNIVERSARIES

JULY

14th Janet & Mark Rouillard

DATES TO DIARISE

2014

8th July [THIS EVENING] Farewell braai for YE Quique at the home of Angie – BYO

18th July [Friday] NELSON MANDELA DAY – Suzanne Edmunds/Project Build organising a work project.

Moved to Aug – International Rotary Evening

1st August – Reach for a Dream Slipper Day

2nd August – FUN DAY at NINGIZIMU SPECIAL SCHOOL

5th September – Casual Day – See page 10



21ST SEPTEMBER

24th OCTOBER – WORLD POLIO DAY

TOPIC OF THE WEEK – ROSTER FOR

JUNE/JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

14th July – Jeff Watts

21st July – Keith Kirton

28th July – Su Hawkins

4th Aug – Suzanne Edmunds

11th Aug – Jean Singh

18th Aug – Arlene Arnold

25th Aug – Aadila Sabat St Clair

1st Sept – Janet Rouillard

8th Sept – David Tilling

15th Sept – Patrick Kleu

22nd Sept – John Fannin

29th Sept – Pat Draper

These are the dates YOU have chosen to provide the TOPIC of the Week. Please send the TotW to either President Irene or Club Service director Gerald by at least the THURSDAY preceding the date of the TotW.

EVENTS AND PROJECTS

The **Fun Day at NINGIZIMU SPECIAL SCHOOL** on 2nd August will give our members the ideal opportunity to be fully involved in hands-on activities.

This event will allow our club to promote our **LITTLE SUN** project as well as the **GIVE HOPE – GIVE A HAND** project and the **TIPPY TAP**.

At this type of event there is always the opportunity to promote membership of our E-Club.

We will call for volunteers nearer the time, but if you are keen to volunteer for 2nd August please let President Irene know.

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The **REACH FOR A DREAM** Slipper day will be held on **1st August**. Please support this worthy cause – see promotional advert in this issue.

You can buy your R10 token at any Wimpy store or at the Reach for a Dream kiosk at Gateway.

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GoToMeeting & Global Grant

We now have proof that you need to be at least 73 years old to be able to

1. Remember the GTM
2. Successfully log onto GTM

The average age of the participants at GTM on 1st July was 76 and an excellent discussion took place regarding the Rotary Foundation Global Grant that Pat Draper is putting together. You missed something special. BUT President Irene didn't, because she was up at **1am** in Perth to join GTM.

GoToMeeting – 19h00 to 20h00

29TH July

12th & 26th August

9th & 23rd September

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

PLEASE NOTE THAT FROM JULY THE GTM WILL BE ON A TUESDAY AND WILL START AT 19H00 INSTEAD OF 20H00

PRESIDENT IRENE'S PAGE



Dear Fellow Rotarian

A big hello from Australia! As usual, this time of the year, the Granny is having a wonderful time with the family in Perth. But it is not all play; in between, there is time to catch up with the Rotary Club of Mindarie (the nearest Club to where we live). They have started a new project that is a big hit with their community. The Mindarie Rotary Swap Mart started as a monthly event in a covered car park at Ocean Keys shopping centre, with about 50 sellers and hundreds of buyers turning up at each Sunday event.

The President, Darren Meakins, told me that they have raised close to \$5000 for their club's local initiatives, including youth and cultural programmes and it is a special part of the community with something for everyone. All of the proceeds go to charity and the club members are proud to be a part of that. Mrs Meakins said the club was grateful that its hosts had allowed the club to increase the mart to a fortnightly event. Sellers can set up for \$10 in the car park from 6:45 am. The next one is taking place next Saturday and I am looking forward to see this project myself.

The Rotary E-Club NEXTGEN in Queensland used to meet on SKYPE every Tuesday at 19:00, but recently have changed their weekly meeting to GoToMeeting.

They found that GTM had less technical problems than SKYPE. Guest are welcome and I am looking forward to joining them next Tuesday; have already received my log in number from their Secretary. It will be interesting to see how they conduct their meeting on GTM.

Africa is very much on the agenda of the Clubs in Australia. I came across 2 projects. One is an Organisation called UNOFA who collect funds for orphans and vulnerable children in Kenya. Another is Crutches for Africa aimed at Uganda. I have looked at numerous websites of Australian Clubs and their effort to support END POLIO NOW is remarkable. This made the Australian Government very aware of what the Rotary Clubs are doing and the Australian Government has now pledged \$100 Million towards END POLIO NOW.

Apart from the activities that the numerous Rotary Clubs are involved in, it always amazes me how much emphasis is placed on community involvement in each city. To give an example; the City of Joondalup offers

COMMUNITY GROUPS: There are a range of clubs, community and hobby groups.

VOLUNTEER RESOURCE CENTRE: The VRC connects residents to volunteer positions

NEIGHBOURHOOD BQ PROGRAMME: Organising a barbeque or picnic in a local park is a great opportunity for neighbours in your street to meet and get to know each other.

ART OF AGEING: Events promoting active ageing, health and well being for City members. These events combine the provision of relevant information and light entertainment for people aged over 50 years.

ANCHORS YOUTH ACTION PROGRAMME: This programme offers recreational activities during school holidays including indoor rock climbing, laser games and go-karting. Young people with special needs are encouraged to participate.

That's all for now.....

Irene

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DGE ANDREW JAEGER & CHRISTINE

CHRISTINE AND DISTRICT GOVERNOR
ANDREW JAEGER



We wish DG Andrew Jaeger and Christine all the very best as they assume the leadership role in District 9370.



Olive Harrison, a member of the Rotary Club of Ewell, Surrey D1140, recently visited South Africa and we presented her with one of our E-Club banners. As promised, Olive posted us a banner of the Ewell Club. PP Gerald Sieberhagen handed it to President Irene Kotze at her Induction.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

6 Reasons to Let Them Go

by John Borst, Communications Director District 5550

Conventional wisdom in Rotary is to put effort into retaining members, in equal measures to recruiting new members.

After a year as a President, I think this is a mistake. There are many good reasons why retention may not be a good idea.

(1) Lifestyle situations today are in constant flux.

If we put an over emphasis on retaining a member we run the risk of being insensitive to the changing demands or circumstances of a member. Marriage or partnership break-up, lay-offs, employment mobility, swings in income and travel demands are just a few of the fields which can dramatically change a members ability to attend or even participate in Rotary. In this case either grant the Rotarian a Leave-of-Absence to permit them to sort out the situation or wish them the best in their future endeavours.

(2) The changing demographics of a club.

At some point all clubs have to reinvent themselves. This often doesn't sit well



with long established members for whom the club has become a weekly social get-together.

In this case explain to the member that the needs of the club must take precedence over the desire of the member to retain his former image of the club. Invite him to partake of the new drive the club is

experiencing but in the end for the good of the club if the member is not willing to accept the changes occurring, he should be encouraged to end his relationship with Rotary.

(3) Encourage new members to try out Rotary

Often, when recruiting new members they are not sure of Rotary's full scope, or the demands it will place on their time and pocketbook. Invite them to join and use it as a learning opportunity. Even if they do end up leaving, they will, in all likelihood have gained a much better understanding of how the club brings benefit to the community and how it is working for good in other areas of the world.

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(4) Choice is a societal expectation

Compared to the 50s and 60's when Rotary growth was at its nadir, choice has become a dominant expectation as part of a consumer society. Today's youth expect to be able to come and go when they chose. Loyalty to an organization of any type is no longer given the status it had in the 20th Century.

There is little a club can do about this trend in social behavior. Like a trial membership the positives outweigh the negatives in helping more key members understand and appreciate the goals of Rotary. It is still too early to know what the long term effects the issue of choice will have on the future of the organization.

(5) Use Leavers as an Opportunity to Self Evaluate

Regardless of the reason a member chooses to leave, the president or membership chair should sit down with the member and discuss his reasons for leaving especially the things they like or dislike about their experience with the club.

No club is perfect. The leaving member may have valuable insight into ways which the club can attract new members or suggest changes in format which would enhance the Rotary experience.

Certainly, if a club finds they are experiencing a high turnover rate among new members it is a sign that they need to do a serious self examination.

(6) Retention is not just a matter of mathematics.

On the surface it makes mathematical sense to say the more members you retain while increasing new members the more members your club will have.

But being a Rotarian is not just a numbers game. Even an index such as Jim Henry's Lifetime Value Index can't account for the exigencies of human behavior, or the ebb and flow of life's personal challenges and interests.

If you think about it The Four-Way Test is both a good tool for a Rotarian to use to judge his or her future role in Rotary and a good set of criteria for a Rotarian leader to use is to just let a Rotarian leave of his or her own accord.

Let's face the facts; retention is not something over which we have much control. We recognize this for death and serious illness but other reasons for leaving Rotary are equally serious and equally beyond our control.

In the end what is in our control is asking new members to join us in fellowship, community and "service".

It takes huge quantities of provisions to feed passengers on the average cruise ship. Here are a few examples of what's consumed, on average, during a week aboard the 3,690-guest Carnival Magic.

Onboard chefs prepare 2,200 pounds of prime rib, 2,500 steaks and 15,000 pounds of shrimp. Pizzas are a favourite dish -- the Magic produces about 7,000 of them in a week. Other impressive numbers: 66,000 eggs, 36,000 slices of bacon and 20,000 Danish pastries.

Meanwhile, the bars and lounges go through 24,500 cans of soda, 1,420 bottles of Champagne and more than 3,500 bottles of wine.

NOW READ THE FOOT OF THE NEXT PAGE.

Would you like to learn more about Rotary? Here are six short videos that you will find informative

ROTARY CLUB & DISTRICT SUPPORT

Dear incoming Club Officer,

Greetings from Rotary International.

We would like to share with you six short online Rotary training video-presentations, developed by the Club and District Support Department of the Europe/Africa Office of Rotary International (RI) in Zurich, Switzerland.

In these videos, we provide answers to many typical questions we have received from Rotary clubs over the years, as well as general practical information for club officers.

The six videos cover the following topics:

Video 1 - Website Overview and Registration: About Rotary's new Website

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Video 2 - Club Administration in My Rotary: Important online tools for club officers

Video 3 - Rotary Staff at your Service: Staff support from the RI Europe/Africa Office in Zurich, Switzerland

Video 4 - Rotary Club Central: Rotary's online goal-setting tool for clubs and districts

Video 5 - Rotary's new Visual Identity: About the new Rotary logos and visual style

Video 6 - Semiannual Membership Dues: About the payment of membership dues and the important change that is coming during the 2014-15 Rotary year.

You can view these video-presentations on YouTube in different languages. Simply click on your preferred language below to start watching:

If you would like to watch any of these videos just send an email to geraldandsue@mweb.co.za and I will send you a copy of the email which will enable you to simply click on your preferred language to start watching [Ed]

Video 1: [English](#) | [Français](#) | [Deutsch](#) | [Italiano](#) | [Svenska](#)

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Feel free to share these links with other club members. If you are already familiar with the content of these videos, please note that the links will stay active throughout the 2014-15 Rotary year, so you can always refer back to this material if needed.

We wish you the very best for a successful year as a Rotary Club Officer!

On page 6 you will have marvelled at the shopping list of the Cruise Ship. Now think about the 750 families that the Lighthouse Project in Mooi River feeds per month with the help of 'Meals on Wheels'. In June a total of 24 665 meals were provided, mainly vegetarian; rice and veggies at a cost of less than R1 each.

Just imagine how many families they could feed with all that Cruise Ship food. Somehow life just isn't fair is it.

WHY THE ROTARY YEAR BEGINS 1 JULY



Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended. The convention of the Rotary Clubs of America was held in Rotary's birthplace, Chicago, in 1910.

Ever wonder why the Rotary year begins 1 July? The international convention initially played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year. Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended, on 18 August 1910. The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the convention, beginning with the first day of the 1911 convention on 21 August.

At its August 1912 meeting, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal year on 30 June to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the convention and board, and determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention.

The executive committee concurred, and at its April 1913 meeting, designated 30 June as the end of the fiscal year. This also allowed for changes to the schedule for reporting club membership and payments. Even *The Rotarian* changed its volume numbering system to correspond to the fiscal year (beginning with vol. 5, July 1914).

Rotary continued to hold its annual conventions in July or August until 1917. Delegates to the 1916 event in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, approved a resolution to hold future conventions in June, mainly because of the heat in cities where most of them occurred. The next one was held 17-21 June in Atlanta, Georgia.

The term "Rotary year" has been used to signify Rotary's annual administrative period since at least 1913. An article in *The Rotarian* that July noted, "The Rotary year that is rapidly drawing to a close has been signaled by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs that are so situated as to assemble together easily and conveniently." Since the executive committee's decision in 1913, the end of the Rotary year has remained 30 June.

EXTRACT FROM ROTARY WEEKLY – 27TH JUNE 2014

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Sue Hawkins shared HAPPY news with us. These are her stunning daughters Merridy and Kerry. Merridy, a radiographer, travelled up from Cape Town to join the 21st birthday celebration of Kerry. Straight 'A' student, Kerry spent a year in USA on Youth Exchange and is now studying Computer Science [or something just as complicated] at UKZN. One of her dreams is to work for Google!!!



NEWS FROM OUR TRAVELLING ROTARIANS

President Irene is having a great time with her family in Perth. John & June Fannin and their whole family [9 of them] are travelling to Mauritius on 19th July for a week's holiday which is a continuation of the celebration of June's 80th Birthday. Sounds like great fun. Keith Kirton and family will be making their biennial trip to Umdloti from 10th to 13th July and would love to get together with E-Club members while he is here. Angie Mitchell & family are travelling to Tzaneen for an Aunt & Uncle's 60th Wedding Anniversary. Exchange Student Quique will be returning home on 16th July and we hope there is a good turnout for his farewell at Angie's home this evening. Pat Draper is off to Canada on 2nd August for a month's holiday with his son & family but before he leaves he is hard at work putting a Global Grant together. Rob Lindegger perhaps just needs a push to get started on his bike ride through Africa, or maybe fit a 'kick-start' to the bike. Patrick Kleu is probably travelling to some or other country or maybe he and his daughter, Dana, are spending more time walking across Switzerland [see <http://walking4kids.wordpress.com>] David Tilling is sometimes here but mostly in Africa somewhere. Jeff Watts will be travelling from London to Nottingham in mid-July. Herman Zapp & family have moved from Zanzibar and were travelling among elephants somewhere in Africa when last I looked at his Facebook page. There is a truly remarkable video of their encounters with elephants. I guess the elephants were not keen to tussle with a 1928 Graham Paige. Arlene & Dave Arnold will be in Umfolozi/Hluhluwe area for a couple of days. On the 12th July I will be joining 4 South Africans on a trip to play cricket in the 8th World Rotary Cricket Festival in Nottingham UK. We will join Rotarians from New Zealand to form a team and play against teams from India, Australia, UK & Pakistan [Ed]

Our teacher members are all probably travelling somewhere right now as well!!!

REQUEST FROM OPEN AIR SCHOOL GENERAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT



WHAT IS CASUAL DAY?

Casual Day is the biggest fundraising- and awareness-creating project in SA for persons living with disabilities. It is a day when you can dress up or down, funny or fancy when you go to work or school, and wear the official Casual Day sticker to indicate that you are dressed differently because you care for persons living with disabilities.

WHEN IS CASUAL DAY? Casual Day is always on the first Friday of September. This year Casual Day is on **Friday 5 September**.

WHAT DO PEOPLE NORMALLY WEAR ON CASUAL DAY?

They either dress up or down, depending on what the atmosphere is in the company they work for. Some companies decide on a theme and dress accordingly. Some people leave their shoes at home and others decide to go to work in their pyjamas!! You can decide on the amount of fun you want to have that day, as long as you wear the official Casual Day sticker.

WHAT IS THE THEME FOR CASUAL DAY 2014? The Casual Day theme for this year is **"Bring on the Bling!!!!"**. You can dress up or down (or look like a clown) as long as you wear your Casual Day sticker. Get your party clothes out, go crazy - be creative and dress differently, anything to do with "Bling" !

WHY SHOULD PEOPLE WEAR THE OFFICIAL CASUAL DAY STICKER?

To show that you support and care about persons living with disabilities. By wearing a sticker, the public will be able to identify the respective personnel and companies supporting the project. It also creates a feeling of belonging in the company and is a great way of team building.

WHERE CAN THE PUBLIC OBTAIN A STICKER?

From any participating welfare organization - that's us! The more stickers sold for Open Air School, the more money we get to keep from the sticker sales. This is why we need your help!

WHY IS THE STICKER R10? Since 1995 the Casual Day sticker has been the only thing in South Africa with 0% inflation! This year we want to celebrate 20 years of service to persons with disabilities and raise more than in 2013 - R23 million by selling stickers for R10 each. The cost of living is more than double what it was 20 years ago and the welfare organizations that render a service to the disabled, battle to make ends meet. Just think what happened to the price of petrol since 1995 . . . budgets used to provide transport by these welfare organizations have to absorb these fuel price increases, let alone basic food costs like bread and milk.

WHAT WILL THE MONEY BE USED FOR?

Casual Day is a fundraising campaign for the following national welfare organizations in the field of disability:

- ❖ The National Council for Persons with Physical Disabilities in SA (NCPDSA)
- ❖ SA Federation for Mental Health
- ❖ Disabled People South Africa (DPSA)
- ❖ Deaf Federation of SA (DEAFSA)
- ❖ Epilepsy SA
- ❖ SA National Council for the Blind



These are all national welfare organizations and they represent more than 400 different welfare groups, homes, schools and workshops for the disabled. About 130 of these local welfare organizations participate in the project every year and raise funds for their respective services via the infrastructure of the project.

We get R4 for every R10 sticker sold.

PLEASE SUPPORT OPEN AIR SCHOOL!!!!!!

OUR CLUB IS VERY SUPPORTIVE OF OPEN AIR SCHOOL. If you are thinking of going casual on Friday 5th September, think of supporting OPEN AIR SCHOOL.

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Courtesy of PDG Patrick G. Coleman [D9210 2006/7] (One of my DG Class mates – Ed)

You're	You are.	PLEASE SHARE
Your	It belongs to you.	
They're	They are.	
Their	It belongs to them.	
There	A place.	
We're	We are.	
Were	Past tense of are.	
Where	A place.	
Then	A point in time.	
Than	A method of comparison.	
Two	The number 2.	
To	Indicates motion.	
Too	Also or Excessively.	

Its quiet useful too has the above guidelines sew that their is a bit more assistance with understanding the written word in English. Far two many of us are able too speak English with all it's strange words but writing are far more difficult. Were has this guidelines being when I needed them. Been not to good your always looking were an easy guide are. But its better late then never. Thank's Patrick it's being a great help. See, you learned me quick!! Ed

And now we are once again **OUTA SPACE**