

# OUTA SPACE

NEWSLETTER

ROTARY E-CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA ONE

[www.rotaryclubsouthafrica.org](http://www.rotaryclubsouthafrica.org)

PBO 930039682

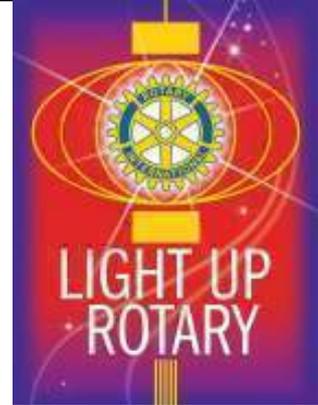


[www.rotaryclubsouthafrica.org](http://www.rotaryclubsouthafrica.org)

Rotary



26 May 2015  
No 23



During the 30 odd years that I have been a Rotarian, by far the majority of activities and projects undertaken in the various Clubs where I have been a member, have been directed at our YOUTH. As we near the end of what will in future be designated YOUTH SERVICES MONTH in the Rotary Calendar our Club continues to be involved with YOUTH activities.

Early in July our 3 inbound STEP students will be arriving in Durban and their hosts are finalising their plans for the 6 week hosting. Please make a prominent diary note that on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August our E-Club will be meeting with our Inbounds and Outbounds at the home of our Youth Services Director, Angie Mitchell.

Our Interact Club is finalising plans for a visit to an Old Age Home in KwaMashu and our 2 EarlyAct clubs are no doubt busy with their on-going activities. We would love to hear more about what these 3 clubs are involved with.

Several of our current projects revolve around youth. The Global Grant in Mpophomeni near Howick will benefit the youth tremendously and we look forward to seeing the results as they unfold during the implementation of this project.

The Early Childhood Development programmes at the Edu Care Centres are invaluable for the pre-schoolers.

The FDSA project, with Bettie at the helm and John providing support, in the west coast town of Velddrif is most beneficial for the youngsters there; Jayne's AfriTwin project does wonders for learners in the well equipped schools as well as those in developing schools. The stories of AfriTwin Alumni must be extremely interesting.

This is by no means a full list of how our club is involved in the youth in the communities we serve but just a glimpse of how we do make a difference.

*Have FUN*

*Gerald Sieberhagen - Editor*

Please make a prominent note in your Diaries →→→→

Induction of Jean Singh as President of our E-Club – 1.7.2015

## INDUCTION OF PRESIDENT JEAN SINGH

on

WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2015

at

GATEWAY HOTEL, UMHLANGA

18H30 for 19H00

DRESS – SMART CASUAL/FORMAL

COST R100 pp

The Induction of the Club President is the most important event in the calendar of a Rotary Club. We look forward to an excellent turn out of members especially those from in and around Durban.

## When Grandma Goes To Court

### When Grandma Goes To Court

**Lawyers should never ask a Mississippi grandma a question if they aren't prepared for the answer.**

In a trial, a Southern small-town prosecuting attorney called his first witness, a grandmotherly, elderly woman to the stand. He approached her and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know me?' She responded, 'Why, yes, I do know you, Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a boy, and frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, and you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you'll never amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you.'



The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know the defense attorney?'

She again replied, 'Why yes, I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone, and his law practice is one of the worst in the entire state. Not to mention he cheated on his wife with three different women. One of them was your wife. Yes, I know him.'

The defense attorney nearly died.

The judge asked both counselors to approach the bench and, in a very quiet voice, said,

'If either of you idiots asks her if she knows me, I'll send you both to the electric chair.'



## Rotary club meets on a train

by [Rotary International](#)

Members of the Rotary Club of Pune Deccan Queen meet on the passenger train between Pune and Mumbai.

By Deepak Shikarpur, past district governor  
On the Deccan Queen Express, an Indian passenger train that connects Mumbai with Pune, members of the Rotary Club of Pune Deccan Queen conduct their weekly meeting. It may very well be the only Rotary club in the world that meets on a train.

The Deccan Queen is one of the most popular trains in the sector and a daily

means of transportation for thousands commuting between the two cities. The idea was first proposed in 2012, but since the route crosses through two Rotary districts, it took a while to reach agreement the club would be considered to meet in District 3131 (which includes Pune). Every Thursday, members get together in a special car for pass holders. There are 25 members at the moment, and prominent citizens travelling on the train are invited as speakers. We have conducted community service projects including health check-up camps for train porters and railway staff, and made infrastructure improvements to the station in Pune. We are planning to begin monthly fellowship meetings in the city so members can bring their family and they, too, can experience the joy of Rotary.

**Now that's what I call being innovative! Ed**

**Any ideas for our E-Club members for Mandela Day – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July – 67 minutes for Mandela**



“There is little to be said in favour of poverty, but it was often an incubator of true friendship. Many people will appear to befriend you when you are wealthy, but precious few will do the same when you are poor. If wealth is a magnet, poverty is a kind of repellent. Yet poverty often brings out the true generosity in others”

# OUTA SPACE

Page 4

## BIRTHDAYS

### MAY

26<sup>th</sup> – Andisha Maharaj  
27<sup>th</sup> – Gerald Sieberhagen



### JUNE

7<sup>th</sup> – Herman Zapp  
11<sup>th</sup> – Johnny Stark  
11<sup>th</sup> Jacqueline Lindegger  
12<sup>th</sup> – Janet Rouillard  
12<sup>th</sup> – Natasha Morris  
13<sup>th</sup> – June Fannin  
19<sup>th</sup> – Peter Brauteseth  
24<sup>th</sup> – Shirley Hutton  
30<sup>th</sup> – Jean Singh

## ANNIVERSARIES

### MAY

25<sup>th</sup> – Aadila & Brian St Clair

### JUNE

17<sup>th</sup> – David & Eleni Tilling  
22<sup>nd</sup> – John & June Fannin  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Patrick & Delia Kleu  
30<sup>th</sup> – BU & Jean Singh

## DATES TO DIARISE

**2015**

1<sup>st</sup> July – INDUCTION of President Jean Singh at Gateway Hotel – 18h30 for 19h00

3<sup>rd</sup> August – Meeting with IN and OUT STEP students at the home of Trevor and Angie Mitchell, 18 Clarendon Drive, Durban North. More details to follow

7-8-9<sup>th</sup> Oct – Rotary Family Health Days

1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Nov – World Interact Week

## WEEKLY TOPIC - ROSTER FOR JUNE

1<sup>st</sup> June – Suresh Setty  
8<sup>th</sup> June – Maxwell Pomeyie  
15<sup>th</sup> June – Peter Mugisha  
22<sup>nd</sup> June – Irene Kotze  
29<sup>th</sup> June – Jean Singh  
6<sup>th</sup> July –  
13<sup>th</sup> July –  
20<sup>th</sup> July –  
27<sup>th</sup> July –  
3<sup>rd</sup> Aug –  
17<sup>th</sup> Aug –

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.

## EVENTS AND PROJECTS

**PRESIDENT JEAN SINGH'S INDUCTION DINNER WILL BE HELD AT THE GATEWAY HOTEL ON WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2015.**

### GLOBAL GRANT 1418817

Proceeding according to plan.  
Pat Draper gave us an interesting update at the last GoToMeeting

### GLOBAL GRANT 1527880

Proposal has been submitted and we now await the outcome from TRF

### GoToMeeting – 19h00 to 20h00

2<sup>nd</sup> 7 30<sup>th</sup> June

14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> July

11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> August

8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> September

6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> October

3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> November

1<sup>st</sup> December

**DURING THE WEEK PRECEDING THE GTM, the log on code REMINDER will be sent by EMAIL & SMS 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 2015 Advertising rates on the Rotary Africa website @ [www.rotaryafrica.com](http://www.rotaryafrica.com)

## Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges

You mean there's something stronger than duct tape?

## PRESIDENT IRENE'S PAGE



Dear Fellow Rotarians

Finally we have found a recipient for the artificial hand. Rotarian Themba Nosenga a member of the Rotary Club of Durban Bay has found the ideal candidate, and I am looking forward to doing the "fitting" as soon as the recipient arrives in Durban. For those of our new members who may not be aware of the artificial hand project, please Google *Amazing Rotary LN-4 Prosthetic Hand Project*.

The last of the food parcels have been distributed and it is nice to know that some families will not go to bed hungry for a while.

The management and residents of RAY HULETT HOME are delighted that the carpets in the common area (including the steps) are now sparkling clean after a cleaning service toiled for a few days. Next week the new carpet cleaning machine will be delivered and the staff members are excited that the carpets will now always be kept spotlessly clean. I am sure you will agree with me that these were funds well spent.

As a result of our Club's involvement with Ray Hulett Home and my previous work environment I am often

asked: "what is there for us to do, we just sit around and wait for the next meal?" That leads me to the question: Can the elderly play an important role in today's society? Typically, the elderly are thought to hold a certain level of wisdom and knowledge. But in today's society, we have the Internet and many other valuable sources to acquire knowledge. Wisdom is becoming less and less valued, and elderly people are thought to hold out-dated views.

Youth dominates today's society, and the elders that attempt to keep up with the times are pushed to become youthful as well. Many elders are moved to retirement communities, so ultimately there is a lack of their presence in influencing modern life.

In a society where everything new and young is valued, is there a place for our elderly? If not, how should we attempt to create a place for them? Could the elderly - I purposely use that term and not "old people" - become an influential part of our society? What role could we give them?

Do any of you have any suggestions or ideas?

**IN THE MEANTIME, HAVE FUN  
BEING A ROTARIAN**

*Irene*

**Seen during a  
conference:**

**FOR ANYONE WHO HAS  
CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW  
IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE ON  
THE 1ST FLOOR**

## TRF Trustee Chair's Message

When the new grant model for The Rotary Foundation was introduced under the Future Vision Plan, the Trustees decided that it should be reviewed in the 2015-16 Rotary year so that your experiences could help make our processes as effective as possible.

The Trustees recognize that grants involve many participants who may have different expectations so I have appointed an independent committee of four past RI presidents to ensure that all views will be considered and to ensure confidentiality to anyone who may want it.

The committee would like to hear about your experiences with the areas of focus and district and global grants, and to seek your ideas for any improvements that could make our Rotary Foundation the best possible.

The Committee comprises myself and Past RI Presidents Kalyan Banerjee, Ray Klinginsmith, and Bill Boyd, who will serve as chair. We welcome your suggestions, which you can email to [futurevisionbillboyd@outlook.com](mailto:futurevisionbillboyd@outlook.com).

We will read and analyze your ideas and meet at the Rotary International Convention in São Paulo, Brazil, to decide on any items that should be given to the Trustees Programmes Committee. That committee will undertake the necessary surveys to ensure we are reflecting the opinions of every Rotary member, and will report back at the January 2016 International Assembly. We intend to make our recommendations at the April 2016 meeting of the Trustees.

We seek your support to ensure that our Rotary Foundation continues to do 'Good in the World' in the best possible way.

**John Kenny**  
Trustee Chair (2014-15)

**Here is your opportunity to air your views. Those of our members who have been directly involved in Global and District Grants will be best placed to provide feedback.**

Being a Rotarian involves various forms of giving. Here are some interesting quotes regarding giving. Do you have any other thoughts on giving?

## QUOTES ON GIVING

No one has ever become poor by giving. **Anne Frank**

A bone to the dog is not charity. Charity is the bone shared with the dog, when you are just as hungry as the dog. **Jack London**

You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you. **John Bunyan**

The simplest acts of kindness are by far more powerful than a thousand heads bowing in prayer. **Mahatma Gandhi**

Carve your name on hearts, not tombstones. A legacy is etched into the minds of others and the stories they share about you. **Shannon L. Alder**

There is not a man of us who does not at times need a helping hand to be stretched out to him, and then shame upon him who will not stretch out the helping hand to his brother. **Theodore Roosevelt**

Behold I do not give lectures or a little charity, when I give I give myself. **Walt Whitman**

Sometimes those who give the most are the ones with the least to spare. **Mike McIntyre**

Contrary to popular opinion, we are all a vast brotherhood of human beings whose very survival hinges not on what we keep, but on what we give. And it is in the giving that we not only survive to live another day, but we thrive to celebrate another day. **Craig Lounsbrough**

In every human act of charity, something larger, greater, divine has come down to visit the act. **Geoffrey Wood**

## How To Maintain A Healthy Level Of Insanity in RETIREMENT

1.	At lunch time, sit in your parked car with sunglasses on, point a hair dryer at passing cars, and watch them slow down!
2.	On all your cheque stubs, write, 'For Marijuana'!
3.	Skip down the street rather than walk, and see how many looks you get.
4.	With a serious face, order a Diet Water whenever you go out to eat.
5.	Sing along at The Opera.
6.	When the money comes out of the ATM, scream 'I Won! I Won!'
7.	When leaving the Zoo, start running towards the car park, yelling, 'Run For Your Lives! They're Loose!'
8.	Tell your children over dinner, 'Due to the economy, we are going to have to let one of you go....'
9.	Pick up a box of condoms at the pharmacy, go to the counter and ask where the fitting room is.
<b><i>And The Final Way To Keep A Healthy Level Of Insanity: My Favourite:</i></b>	
10.	Go to a large Department store's fitting room, drop your drawers to your ankles and yell out, "There's no paper in here!"

# OUTA SPACE

Page 9

## THE CURTAIN IS CLOSING ON EAST COAST RADIO TOY STORY - 2014



Michelle Mohomed of Browns Hyperstore has been a tower of strength in the Food parcel warehouse for several years ensuring that the NGO's & Rotary Clubs received the correct number of Food parcels for distribution.



President Irene Kotze identified Gogo, Nompucuko Nomaqhiza as a worthy recipient of a food parcel. Nompucuko looks after 7 orphans.



Rob Lindegger surveys the road ahead from Cape to Cairo and beyond.....

### Weather forecasting

[The items on this page courtesy of the NUTSHELL]

It is May and the Bushmen in the Kalahari asked their leader, Spaarwater Kruijer, whether the approaching winter will be mild or cold.

Because he became the Tribal chief during modern times, he never learnt the secrets of studying the weather and he could not predict what the weather would be.

Nevertheless, he decided to play it safe and he declared that it would be a cold winter and that they should start collecting fire wood in preparation for the cold weather. Because he was a practical man he walked to a public telephone next to the national road and telephoned the weather bureau and asked: "Is the coming winter going to be cold in the Kalahari?" "Yes, it would appear so" was the reply.

He went back to the tribe and gave them instructions that they must collect more fire wood.

A week later he telephoned the weather bureau again. "Does it still look like a very cold winter?" "Yes, it looks like it is going to be very cold" said the man at the weather bureau.

So Spaarwater went back to his tribe and ordered them to collect every scrap of wood they could find.

Two weeks later he telephoned the weather bureau again. "Are you absolutely certain that it is going to be a very cold winter?" "Without a doubt, was the reply, It appears as though it will be one of the coldest winters ever in the Kalahari." "What makes you so sure?" enquired Spaarwater.

"Our satellite photos indicate that the Bushmen are diligently collecting fire wood and they are never wrong".

oOo

### Newspaper headline

## Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures

Who would have thought!

Well it could have been the Bushmen! Ed

### 10 things to do to be a good Rotarian



1. Attend Rotary meetings and / or online and electronic interactions regularly.
2. Keep your financial obligations to your club up-to-date.
3. Get better acquainted with your fellow members.
4. Widen your friendship by visiting other Rotary Clubs and by attending District Conferences and International Conventions whenever possible.
5. Help your Club's advancement in the realm of International Understanding, Good Will, and Peace.
6. Spread the idea of Service Above Self which is the spirit of Rotary.
7. Practice in your daily living Rotary's Four Way Test and try to base your decisions on this philosophy which states:
  - Is it the TRUTH?
  - Is it FAIR to all concerned?
  - Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
  - Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?
8. Support Rotary projects as much as you can
9. Help your Club grow in membership by proposing new women and men in the Community whom you think would become good Rotarians.
10. Try not to say NO to a task assigned to you in Rotary especially if it serves and promotes Peace.

# OUTA SPACE

Page 11

## Poor use and good use of the background when taking photographs



**YOU BE THE JUDGE!!**

Have you considered joining.....



Rotarian Action Group  
for Endangered Species

*The Rotarian Action Group for Endangered Species or RAGES, operates in accordance with Rotary International policy but is not an agency of, or controlled by Rotary International*

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