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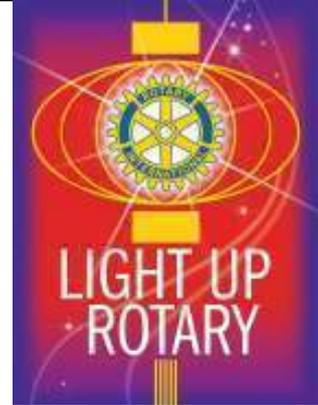


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## August is Membership and Extension month.

There are many things that have been written about why someone should join Rotary. It is certainly not uncommon for a Rotarian to stumble around for words when asked by a prospective Rotarian: *Why should I join Rotary?*

During the past week I came across a short video 'Why join Rotary' compiled by Rich Lalley, a member of the Rotary Club of Winnetra-Northfield D6440. Here is a list of reasons included in the video:

1. Make new friends
2. Business networking
3. Personal growth
4. Develop leadership skills
5. Involved in your community
6. Rotary is fun
7. Develop public speaking skills
8. Practice high ethical standards
9. Serve youth and next generation leaders

Please do not forget to comment weekly on the E-Club of South Africa One TOPIC of the Week in the Member's Clubhouse

10. An opportunity to serve
11. Associate with nice people
12. Be a citizen of the world
13. Be part of history as we end polio

## *Come Join Us!!*

You may well be able to think of several more reasons why someone should join Rotary but whatever you do, be prepared with an answer when you are asked the question.

## *Have Fun*

*Gerald Sieberhagen - Editor*

### A PUN OR TWO:

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

A cartoonist was found dead in his house. Details are sketchy.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.

Rotarians should always be willing to volunteer when there are hands-on projects

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## BIRTHDAYS

### AUGUST

7<sup>th</sup> Jayne Martin & Patrick Andries  
9<sup>th</sup> Rob Lindegger  
14<sup>th</sup> Victor Botha  
15<sup>th</sup> Anusha Timul  
18<sup>th</sup> Rajen Ranganthan  
20<sup>th</sup> Brian St Clair  
23<sup>rd</sup> David Tilling  
24<sup>th</sup> Jeff Watts  
25<sup>th</sup> Sue Hawkins; Paul Maistry & Rae Kirton  
28<sup>th</sup> Kudzai Mqingwana



## ANNIVERSARIES

### AUGUST

13<sup>th</sup> Jeff & Linda Watts  
14<sup>th</sup> Rob & Jacqueline Lindegger  
18<sup>th</sup> Sambulo & Sizakele Khalala  
29<sup>th</sup> Nareshini & Rajen Ranganthan

## DATES TO DIARISE

2014

International Rotary Evening – Date unknown

DG'S VISIT – DATE UNKNOWN

5<sup>th</sup> September – Casual Day



21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER

24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER – WORLD POLIO DAY

## TOPIC OF THE WEEK – ROSTER FOR/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

4<sup>th</sup> Aug – Suzanne Edmunds  
11<sup>th</sup> Aug – Jean Singh  
18<sup>th</sup> Aug – Arlene Arnold  
25<sup>th</sup> Aug – Aadila Sabat St Clair  
1<sup>st</sup> Sept – Janet Rouillard  
8<sup>th</sup> Sept – David Tilling  
15<sup>th</sup> Sept – Patrick Kleu  
22<sup>nd</sup> Sept – John Fannin  
29<sup>th</sup> 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

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FUN DAY at NINGIZIMU SPECIAL SCHOOL on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2014. Eventually there were several volunteers to assist at this event. There will be a full report, with photos, in the next OUTA SPACE.

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The activities and attendees at the Face2Face at Les Hutton's home when Keith Kirton was in town is slowly being revealed. The attendees were Les & Shirley Hutton, Keith & Rae Kirton, Suzanne Edmunds & Ailsa Kaminski. It has also been revealed that the cool weather was not conducive to the wearing of a white Speedo BUT there are no photos to support this and even if there was a professional documentary producer at the event, no video exists to support the fact that the white Speedo was not paraded. However, Keith and Rae decided that they would certainly make more frequent trips to Umdloti.....so maybe, just maybe before the year end there will be a white Speedo parade – perhaps Keith will have some willing members who will join him in the Speedo parade!!!! Tickets for the event could be arranged with the funds going to PolioPlus.

**GoToMeeting – 19h00 to 20h00**

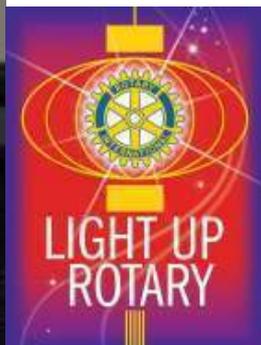
**12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> August**

**9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 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



Hello dear Fellow Rotarians

Back home from OZ and after a slight mishap [tried to kiss the floor and got a suitable multicolour face, don't worry almost look my usual self again] back to normal Rotary duties.

Today [31<sup>st</sup> July] is a bit of a chit chat.

Am looking forward to the Morning Market/FUN DAY at Ningizimu Special School on Saturday that RC of Durban Bay has arranged and we have a table showing the LN4 prosthetic hand as well as our Little Sun sunflower lights and last but not least the Tippy Tap device. Remember no running water but a good gadget to wash your hands. And of course we are going to have FUN as the Family of Rotary. Thank you to all the members who have offered their time.

I will report back in the next issue.

Being away for a month is really not the ideal for a president so I can't tell you how our vegetable project is doing. But promise to follow up next week. Same goes for our crèches.

Our GO TO MEETING on Tuesday for once was technically 100 %. No interference. That was great, especially talking to our members in the UK MIKE FERRY and GUNNAR LIGHT in the US. Both of our members are keen to help us with projects for our Club. Literacy has always been our first priority, feeding schemes and supplying school uniforms comes a close second. But you know if we want our Exotics to help raise funds we need to assist them with photos and well documented material.

Ekuthuleni Primary School is our main benefactor, but our members surely must know of worthy schools that need our support. Our Exotics can't come and see for themselves so please members you are working in your communities, please come forward with suggestions for worthy school projects. These days with the economy dipping in most countries it is not easy to find sponsors and for our members overseas it is important to have as much detailed information as possible.

From our TOPIC of the Week there was a suggestion, well actually, a great idea to have a quiz again and seeing only 8 members have responded, I am raising it in my column and hope that ALL our members respond positively.

The last item of the chit and chat is a sore point; I assume you all read OUTA SPACE and are au fait with what our club is up to BUT what about the TOPIC of the Week. TOO FEW COMMENTS! Does it really take so much time to click on our website and comment?

Many of our members are ardent Facebook fans. Should we post the most interesting articles of OUTA SPACE on Facebook for comments? (NOTE TO THE EDITOR: GOOGLED THE OTHER E-CLUBS AND THEY DO, SO PLEASE DON'T SHOOT ME!) All I want from our members is just to be more connected and involved and yes, Facebook helps to do just that. A number of you have said in the past that information on Facebook would be welcome and we do have our own Facebook page. Comments please! No, we don't put TOPIC of the Week on Facebook. That is not for the world to read, that is our member's corner and just for us.

Now I have stated 'comments please'. Can I expect any comments/suggestions or answers either on:

- 1) My e-mail [jmkpropad@mweb.co.za](mailto:jmkpropad@mweb.co.za) or
- 2) on our Rotary Facebook page or
- 3) on my own Facebook page - Irene Kotze

*Have Fun*

*Irene*

Note from Editor – there is no reason why the entire OUTA SPACE can't be on Facebook except that Facebook probably has its limitations. Just please don't ask me to load things onto Facebook!

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**A while back Mike Ferry mentioned to me that he was going into hospital for a couple of days – when I was in UK, I tried to telephone him but got no reply. Then on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> I received an email from Michael which explains why he was in hospital – I have included a section of Michael's ABOUT ME as a preamble. Ed**

ABOUT ME - MICHAEL FERRY – MARCH 2014

I was born in Liverpool UK. Educated at Walton Technical College and studied Engineering at Liverpool Polytechnic and earned a National Diploma in Mechanical Engineering.

After suffering an accident at the age of 20, I was left a paraplegic and had to abandon my plans to become a Ships Engineer and followed instead an office bound career in engineering design.

27<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

Good afternoon Gerald

I do believe that you missed the best of the "English Summer" The weather here for the past week has been excellent. Upwards of 24 degrees! It feels just like a winter's day in Umhlanga! Of course the natives here are moaning that it's too hot and the humidity makes it difficult to sleep. There is just no pleasing the British.

I spent a month in the Liverpool Royal Hospital where the level of care and treatment is very good but the hospital itself is really the last card in the pack. It is such a depressing place. Thank God they will be tearing it down within the next eighteen months and moving to a brand new facility currently being built next door.

I have been suffering for a number of years with a non-healing sore on my right foot. I have had the District Nurses come in to treat me three times each week. But the wound just kept getting bigger and was occasionally getting infected which would leave me confined to bed feeling very ropey. Because I was more or less "House-Bound", fearful of knocking my foot or lower limb and aggravating the wound and making my situation even more serious, I decided to consult the surgeon with a view to having the lower portion of my leg amputated. This sounds rather extreme, but I could see no other alternative.

So the deed was done and now here I sit with one and a half legs to carry on with. I will be having a prosthetic device fitted within the next month or so which will give me a semblance of normality. I am however somewhat apprehensive on the sort of "Wooden Leg" they will be providing. With the recent cut-backs in the National Health Service, I'm expecting a device fashioned from half a coconut shell and a length of broomstick handle. If I do end up with some of this nature I will invest in a parrot for my left shoulder and a tricor hat and eye patch.

Perhaps I should look into starting a Rotary International Fellowship for One-Legged Rotarians!!

I look forward to joining you on the next GoToMeeting. In the meantime keep well and extend my regards to all who may still remember me.

Best wishes

Michael Ferry

**And Michael did attend our GoToMeeting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July.**

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Jayne Martin, from Cape Town, sent her apologies for the GTM saying that she had volunteered to assist at a Soup Kitchen. During our GTM she sent us a few pics from the Soup Kitchen which meant that all the GTM attendees shared the photos as well.

Jayne explained: "I have chosen to get involved with the Soup Dragons' initiative to feed the homeless in Diep River/Plumstead. They have a facebook page and tonight the duty is 7 -8 pm Please excuse me? With very best wishes - Jayne Afritwin"

Dear Gerald

The couple who started the Soup Dragons' initiative drove around checking out where soup kitchens were and found a gap for a Tuesday night. This was their eighth Tuesday and it is growing in support both cookers/helpers and those being fed. The Haven and Ark type places are quite widely spaced and these are people, of all race groups, who are living very close to the bone.

They have asked for colouring books etc for the many children [and they arranged for a vet to come to inoculate the dogs]

Anyway thanks for sharing the photos



Ed – I couldn't find the Facebook page that Jayne referred to [doesn't actually surprise me because I seldom find anything on Facebook] but I did find a whole heap of references to Soup Dragons.

Isn't it marvellous though, that here was a couple who decided to do something, just to make a difference, and then went out and 'Just Did It' – we look forward to hearing more about this initiative and perhaps some of our Facebook Fundi's will find the Facebook page and let us all know more about this worthwhile initiative.



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There was a very good turnout at the GTM on 29<sup>th</sup> July and, as mentioned by Pres Irene, the reception was very good – no gremlins or background noise for a change.

Sometime during the GTM discussion, Michael mentioned that he had met someone who was going to spend a year in Winterton. The very next day I received an email of this poster which appears in the Winterton bar. There appears to be some hope for the young English lass who is coming to Winterton!!!

Michael, perhaps you will pass on the good news to the young lady. Ed

## Webinars and courses

### **Membership: It's Now or Never**

In the first session of a five-part webinar series, international membership expert Nikki Walker from [MCI Group](#) will discuss new ways of thinking about membership, including innovative strategies for addressing changes in people's attitudes toward joining clubs and associations.

*Membership: It's Now or Never* is scheduled next month; dates and topics for the other Membership Matters webinars to be held during 2014-15 will be announced later.

Space is limited to 500 attendees, so use the link below and register today for the first webinar, which will be presented in English:

[Wednesday, 13 August, 10:00-11:00 Chicago time \(UTC-5\)](#)

[Check your local time.](#) **ED – this will be 5pm to 6pm South Africa time – You would have received an email invitation regarding this Webinar from President Irene.**

*The face to face was awesome. Unfortunately the weather was rather miserable so the Speedo did not make an appearance!*

*The bad thing about being an "Exotic" is that lack of personal interaction, and a F2F gives a real sense of belonging to and ownership of our special club.*

*I think many of our members are not aware of the achievements and the projects many of our members are involved with. It was also interesting to hear why people do not always make the GoToMeetings, and I think the new time and day might just improve the attendance. The good news is that Rae and I have undertaken to get down to Umdloti far more often than we have up until now so you will be seeing a lot more of my ugly mug, and if the girls play their cards right they may just catch a glimpse of that SPEEDO of mine. See you tomorrow night on the GoToMeeting. Keith & Rae*

And now we are once again OUTA SPACE