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Be a gift to the world

March is recognised as Water and Sanitation Month in the Rotary Calendar.

Every now and then in South Africa we are reminded that water is a scarce commodity but then the rains come sometimes in abundance that causes flooding – dams fill to capacity and life is good.

Forgotten are the days of water scarcity because we believe that we will always be rescued by rain and who are we to doubt this.

It does give us a bit of an idea what people go through where there is very little rain. It is also probably difficult for people who live in say, the UK, where there has been excessive rain for several years to imagine an area without water.

What is perhaps the real problem when it comes to the

scarcity of water? Is it not the over population of the human race that has placed an additional burden on the water resources of the world? Water availability is a basic need and 'right' of mankind and everyone should have access to water is possibly fair comment but is it achievable? With the population explosion, sanitation has presented many challenges that almost seem insurmountable.

Population growth certainly does not receive the attention it deserves but someday, when it is probably too late, man will wake up and decide to do something meaningful to curb the growth, but what is the solution?

Have FUN

Gerald Sieberhagen - Editor

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RESPONSE TO SUGGESTION BY RICHARD HARGREAVES

The response to the suggestion was quite under-whelming which is normally the case when a request for comment from members is included in OUTA SPACE.

Nevertheless, Rob Lindegger, who is recovering from his nasty accident when he sustained a broken arm, has sent an update on what his future plans are.

"I will be leaving for Zurich on the 14th April. I am meeting Fredy Huber the Swiss cyclist and going to his Rotary club. Fredy was recalled to Switzerland - they had some issue with the gentleman who was assisting during his absence. He got as far as Turkey I think. I don't know what his plans are. Will find out when I see him and relay his news.

I think from there I will be going through to Geneva to see relatives. From there I will go to England to see Jacqui and my children in Wales. I will spend summer there, making up my mind what to do next. I need to see my kids before I continue with anything else. After my accident I need to do some careful thinking about what I will do next but hope to come up with some positive forward action.

Snippets from Port Alfred

Under the leadership of Mike Millard, several members of the Interact Club of Port Alfred High School visited Damant Lodge Old Age Home last Friday and entertained about 50 residents. The Interactors provided over 90 buttered hot cross buns and other treats for the oldies and sang various songs from the My Fair Lady Musical, which was recently produced and performed at PA High School.

The response from the residents of Damant Lodge was overwhelming and all enjoyed the very familiar tunes. Interact President Inga was visibly touched and proudly said:"We really made a difference and touched the hearts of many people today"



Holding one of the hot cross bun trays is President Inga Mpepanduku with Britney Hawkins holding a tray of the other treats. Britney is the Vice President and will be on the STEP outbound exchange programme later this year.

Tina Hon, who serves on the Board of Damant Lodge, has arranged that the Interact Club of Port Alfred adopted the Home as an official Interact project for 2016/2017.

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OUR CLUB HAS INTERVIEWED FOUR APPLICANTS FOR THE SHORT TERM EXCHANGE PROGRAMME FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT IRENE KOTZE'S YEAR



SAVANNA BRANDSMA



LEANZA ERASMUS



KWANELE MKHIZE



TATUM NIMMO

The District interviews will take place this weekend and we wish our applicants well as they progress to the next step.

Our thanks to Youth Director Angie Mitchell, for undertaking the mammoth task of ensuring that all the documentation is obtained. The interviews at Club level were conducted by President Elect Irene Kotze and Angie Mitchell.

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BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

17th – Pat Draper
18th – Lynette Millard
25th – Ann Hargreaves
27th – Peter Mugisha
28th – Ailsa Kaminski



APRIL

1st – Arlene Arnold
15th – Jerry Brown
22nd – Keith Kirton

ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH

24th – Paul and Sandra Maistry
27th – Ockie and Jeanette Esterhuysen

APRIL

6th – Gerald and Sue Sieberhagen
8th – Pat and Beryl Draper
27th – Keith and Rae Kirton
30th – Peter and Sandy Brauteseth

DATES TO DIARISE

2016

10/11th JUNE – District Conference in Potchefstroom

28th May – 1 June 2016 – Rotary International Convention in Seoul

Tuesday 5th July 2016 – Induction of President Elect Irene Kotze

15th November 2016
DG's visit to our E-Club on GoToMeeting

10th to 14th June 2017 – Rotary International Convention in Atlanta

Mark your calendars. The Rotary Foundation Centennial year begins 1 July 2016 and will be launched at the RI Convention in Seoul, Korea

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EVENTS AND PROJECTS

GLOBAL GRANT 1418817

Proceeding according to plan. The Rotary Foundation has accepted our Interim report.

GLOBAL GRANT 1527880

Proceeding according to plan.
Full steam ahead.

Trygve Knudsen, our Norwegian link with this Global Grant is in South Africa to have a look at the various projects that they have sponsored. He and Peter Brauteseth joined the GTM last Tuesday from Montague Hospital where Peter was receiving some treatment.

The activation of Project Dignity SUBZ, at JG Zuma High School will be on Wednesday 16th March at 12noon to 14h00. Also the follow-up of Ekuthuleni Primary School SUBZ.

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PRESIDENT JEAN'S PAGE



Dear Family of Rotarians

In the last few weeks various stores and East Coast Radio were filled with donations of water when I went with my donation of a bottle of water. It was a mixed feeling. The joy and smiles on my face and the many people who were active in a project together. The other was a churning feeling of so many people without this basic need, WATER!!!!

If you have not made your contribution as yet, please do so as so many Rotarians across the globe are doing. In some areas bore-holes and JoJo tanks are being erected.

On some continents, amongst other things, Rotarians are assisting in building wells and rainwater harvesting systems and teaching communities how to maintain new infrastructure.

Help improve your community by supporting a water and sanitation service project. With the assistance of Rotarian Suzanne Edmunds, CEO of Project Build, the refurbishment of toilets at Lenarea Secondary School is now saving all those drops of water that had previously been wasted.

Take time off to talk to learners at a school on the importance of clean water and containers that they use. Talking to the gentleman at MICA hardware store who fills purified water in your container, he told me that some people bring containers for purified water where the bottles are so untidy it really defeats the purpose.

So Rotarians make your mark by either talking to learners at a school or by taking bottled water to any collection point. Learners in school always listen to a guest speaker.

Earth is surrounded by water and yet mankind, in some areas, does not have clean water for survival.

Let's walk this road together.

President Jean

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TOPIC of the Week duties and the dates for GoToMeeting are highlighted in larger print to ensure that members do not overlook them

TOPIC of the Week ROSTER

**MARCH 2016 to JUNE 2016
THIS IS YOUR REMINDER**

21st Mar – Natasha Morris
28th Mar – Peter Mugisha
4th Apr – David Tilling
11th Apr – Zwakele Ngubane
18th Apr – Suresh Setty
25th Apr – Hans Hon
2nd May – Pat Draper
9th May – Patrick Andries
16th May – Ockie Esterhuysen
23rd May – BU Singh
30th May – Aadila Sabat St Clair
6th June – Gunnar Light
13th June – Francesco Petruccione
20th June – Suzanne Edmunds
27th June – Jean Singh
4th July
11th July
18th July
25th July
1st Aug
8th Aug
15th Aug

Please send your TOPIC of the Week to our Club Admin Director, Gerald Sieberhagen, by at least the THURSDAY preceding the date of your turn. It makes it easier if Rotarians send in their TOPIC of the Week well ahead of time.

Do you need a reminder to ATTEND and comment on the TOPIC of the Week? If so, please let me know and I will gladly send you a personal reminder *Editor*

GoToMeeting @ 19h00 TUESDAY

**22ND MARCH
5TH APRIL
19TH APRIL
3RD MAY
17TH MAY
31ST MAY
14TH JUNE
28TH JUNE
5TH JULY – President's
Induction – F2F & GTM
12TH JULY
26TH JULY
9TH AUGUST
23RD AUGUST
6TH SEPTEMBER
20TH SEPTEMBER
4TH OCTOBER
18TH OCTOBER
1ST NOVEMBER
15TH NOV – DG VISIT
29TH NOVEMBER
13TH DECEMBER**

During the week preceding the GTM, the login details REMINDER will be emailed to each member.

If you have any suggestions regarding a Guest Speaker please let me know – Gerald – Club Admin

PROJECT DIGNITY



One year ago our E-Club together with our sponsors, The Rotary Club of Armidale Central in Australia, was instrumental in providing all the girls at Ekuthuleni Primary School with a SUBZ pack.

Sue Barnes created Subz in response to a request for the donation of washable sanitary pads and panties for the under-privileged girls in her area. Subz are panties to which sanitary pads can be clipped.

The panty is made of 100% cotton knit, (130 – 140g) which allows the skin to breath. This is also an eco-friendly/green solution. The elastic has a standard non-woven rubber base, and won't stretch out of shape. The pad has 6 layers, the outer being the 100% cotton knit, water proofing, 3 layers of hydrophilic fabric and then the inner is a hydrophobic fabric.

Our Club set 1 goal and 2 key measurements:

GOAL - Eliminating regular monthly absenteeism from school

KEY MEASUREMENTS – Improved attendance and improved grades

The 1st key measurement has been assessed over the past year and there has been a 65% reduction in absenteeism days from term 1 to term 4. The second key measurement of improved grades is an ongoing assessment and will take longer to gauge but no doubt with the remarkable drop in absenteeism the marks in the various grades are bound to show an improvement.

Tomorrow it will be the turn of 660 girls from the JG Zuma High School, which is adjacent to Ekuthuleni Primary School, to benefit from this life-changing project.

Through the efforts of Mike Ferry and the Rotary Club of Liverpool Garston, an initial sponsorship of R9 900 was received. The Inner Wheel After Dark Club in Cairns contributed R4 400. After quite a few positive discussions the Rotary Club of Armidale Central contributed R91 000 which meant that all the girls in JG Zuma High School would benefit as well as the 50 additional girls at Ekuthuleni Primary School.

The Activation will take place at the school hall tomorrow at 12noon to 13h30 and we hope to link up through GoToMeeting with our wonderful sponsors.

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BACK PAGE – Last but not least

I'M ONLY
RESPONSIBLE
FOR WHAT I SAY
NOT FOR WHAT YOU UNDERSTAND

**I PREFER NOT TO THINK
BEFORE SPEAKING**

*I like being just as surprised as
everyone else by
what comes out of my mouth.*

**Don't confuse my
PERSONALITY
with my ATTITUDE...**

◀ My **PERSONALITY** is who I am. ▶
My **ATTITUDE** depends on who you are!

And now we are once again OUTA SPACE