

# OUTA SPACE

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**Be a gift to the world**

**Maternal and Child Health was covered quite extensively in the last OUTA SPACE. In May we turn our Focus to Youth Services but before that here is an extract from the Rotary Weekly – a roundup of Rotary News:**

### Council grants clubs greater flexibility

The 2016 Council on Legislation may well be remembered as one of the most progressive in Rotary history. Council members granted clubs more freedom to determine their meeting schedule and membership, and approved a per capita dues increase of \$4 a year for three years to enhance Rotary's website, improve online tools, and add programs for clubs.

I will leave that comment for now and move on to other matters of our E-Club.

Our two choices of meeting attendance – TOPIC of the Week and fortnightly GoToMeeting have served us well and following COL2016, there does not appear to be any compelling reason to change either of them as both

have served their purpose well and allow for the flexibility that we strive for.

However, should there be a good reason to change them, now is the time to start thinking about that.

One of the concerns I have is the time, in South Africa, when we have our GoToMeeting. Is 7pm to 8pm suitable or would 2am to 3am be more suitable? It seems to suit our Aussie members!

Please remember that if you find a speaker who is able to address our Club at a GoToMeeting to let me know so that we are able to schedule a suitable date.

Would our members be more comfortable with only a few of our members being specifically tasked with finding a fortnightly speaker?

Your comments to any of the above will be most welcome.

*Have FUN*

*Gerald Sieberhagen - Editor*

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## PROJECT DIGNITY – SUBZ – Washable Panties and Pads



Here are the 5 members of the Rotary Club of Armidale Central who were referred to in OUTA SPACE No 19. Kristyn Currie, David Gee, Alan Francis, Ian Garske and Gerald de Gabriele will no doubt be excited when they read the data regarding the improvement in the marks of the Ekuthuleni girls who benefited from the donation of SUBZ packs. I know everyone in our E-Club, who is involved in this project, is delighted that we have made a difference in the lives of so many young girls.

### EKUTHULENI PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### NUMBER OF GIRLS FAILURE RATE IN THE 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> TERMS - 2015

GRADE	TOTAL NUMBER OF GIRLS	1 <sup>ST</sup> TERM	2 <sup>ND</sup> TERM	3 <sup>RD</sup> TERM	4 <sup>TH</sup> TERM
5	113	37	31	21	2
6	95	26	20	15	0
7	137	41	35	20	0

## NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS



Kerry Hawkins obtained a Bachelors' Degree in Computer Science



Law Graduate, Andrea Mellon obtained her Master's Degree



Presentation of **Fellow of the University of KwaZulu-Natal** to **Francesco Petruccione** in view of outstanding research record and international recognition as well as his contribution to science in South Africa

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## BIRTHDAYS

### MAY

5<sup>th</sup> – Diane Main  
12<sup>th</sup> – Candelaria Zapp  
13<sup>th</sup> – Dhiviyam Kalidas  
12<sup>th</sup> – Zwakele Ngubane  
15<sup>th</sup> – Aadila Sabat-St Clair  
17<sup>th</sup> – Gillian Stark  
25<sup>th</sup> – Angie Goody  
27<sup>th</sup> – Gerald Sieberhagen  
28<sup>th</sup> – Andisha Maharaj



## ANNIVERSARIES

### APRIL

27<sup>th</sup> – Keith and Rae Kirton  
30<sup>th</sup> – Peter and Sandy Brauteseth

### MAY

17<sup>th</sup> – Mike & Lynette Millard  
25<sup>th</sup> – Aadila and Brian Sabat St Clair  
23<sup>rd</sup> – EarlyAct Club of Our Lady of Fatima

## DATES TO DIARISE

2016

10/11<sup>th</sup> JUNE – District  
Conference in Potchefstroom

28<sup>th</sup> May – 1 June 2016 – Rotary  
International Convention in  
Seoul

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016 –  
Induction of President Elect  
Irene Kotze

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE  
FROM 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY to 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY

15<sup>th</sup> November 2016  
DG's visit to our E-Club on  
GoToMeeting

2017

10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June – Rotary  
International Convention in  
Atlanta

## EVENTS AND PROJECTS

### GLOBAL GRANT 1418817

Proceeding according to plan. In the  
final straight now

### GLOBAL GRANT 1527880

Proceeding according to plan. We are  
waiting to receive photos of the  
vegetables being grown.

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



**THIS  
SPACE  
IS  
BEING  
UNDER UTILISED**

### PRESIDENT JEAN'S PAGE



Dear Family of Rotarians  
*MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH*  
Stronger Health Systems

It is April and our focus is still on Maternal and Child Health.

I have to share this that I heard on the radio during a "Talkshow", which made my body get into a state of shock. As educators we are not allowed to complain to parents of a 12year old learner who is sexually active or had a medical procedure e.g. Abortion. As the learner has the right to make the decision. It will be a difficult task for educators to assist learners follow the responsible way of life.

In our previous issue mention was made of Rotary's focus areas on Some of the areas of focus, inter alia, include: reducing infant and child mortality; reducing maternal mortality; improving child health; improving the health of women and children; promoting safe emergency pregnancy care and training; monitoring prevalence birth defects, especially birth defect related disabilities every year; encouraging doctors and nurses help promote safe breast-feeding for HIV infected women; and controlling infectious diseases associated with human reproduction; Integrating health services ensures healthier mothers and children and leads to a more efficient, effective, and sustainable health system. MSH works with women at all levels of the health system to support healthy timing and spacing of pregnancy, antenatal care, safe delivery, and postpartum care.

Consider the following infectious diseases, inter alia, that are affecting the lives of children and adults alike.

1. Diarrhoeal Diseases - Diarrhoea kills approximately 760 00 children under 5 years each year. Yet it is both preventable and treatable through safe drinking water and adequate sanitation and hygiene. Lack of access to water and sanitation and poor hygiene are responsible for most of these deaths.
2. Vaccine preventable Diseases - The World Health Organisation estimates about 1,5 million children under the age of 5 years continue to die annually from diseases that are preventable via the administration of vaccines. Vaccines can prevent pneumonia and diarrhoea.
3. Cervical Cancer - Cervical Cancer is the third most female cancer worldwide. Most of these deaths occur in developing communities where HIV prevalence is often high. Most governments provide technical assistance.
4. Syphilis - Another prominent cause of infant mortality is untreated maternal syphilis. Syphilis accounts for more than half-a-million stillbirths and infant deaths annually. These deaths could be prevented through routine detection and treatment of syphilis during antenatal care.

As a Rotarian I urge you to continue to educate and mobilise communities to help prevent the spread of these and other major diseases. Rotary Clubs continue to work at the grassroots level to identify community needs and to develop workable, sustainable, culturally appropriate solutions.

As Rotarians we should be proud to be associated with ROTARY, as clubs across the world are doing such sterling work.

*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

MAY 2016 to AUG 2016

**THIS IS YOUR REMINDER**

2<sup>nd</sup> May – Pat Draper  
9<sup>th</sup> May – Patrick Andries  
16<sup>th</sup> May – Ockie Esterhuyse  
23<sup>rd</sup> May – BU Singh  
30<sup>th</sup> May – Aadila Sabat St Clair  
6<sup>th</sup> June – Gunnar Light  
13<sup>th</sup> June – Francesco Petruccione  
20<sup>th</sup> June – Suzanne Edmunds  
27<sup>th</sup> June – Jean Singh  
4<sup>TH</sup> July -  
11<sup>th</sup> July – Irene Kotze  
18<sup>th</sup> July  
25<sup>th</sup> July – Bill Main  
1<sup>st</sup> Aug     *you are invited to*  
8<sup>th</sup> Aug     *volunteer for any*  
15<sup>th</sup> Aug    *of these dates*  
22<sup>nd</sup> Aug  
29<sup>th</sup> 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

3<sup>RD</sup> MAY  
17<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
31<sup>ST</sup> MAY  
14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JULY –  
President's Induction – F2F  
& GTM  
12<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
26<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST  
23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST  
6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER  
15<sup>th</sup> NOV – DG VISIT  
29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER  
13<sup>TH</sup> 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

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN SEOUL

Our members, Bill & Diane Main will be attending the Seoul Convention. Being members of Rotarians of Amateur Radio Fellowship [ROAR] they will often be found at Booth 2639 in the Hall of Friendship. Hopefully they will meet up with members of the E-Club of Southern Africa D9400 as several of their members will probably be at the new fellowship '**The 4X4 International Fellowship for Rotarians**' booth which will attract those who enjoy outdoor exploration in 4x4 vehicles while experiencing nature and conserving it for future generations. Contact chair is Ida van den Bergh.

## ROTARY DISTRICT 9370 CONFERENCE IN POTCH

Our club will be represented by new member PDG Greg Cryer – **Greg please send out an "I need list" of anything that will assist you during the Conference.**

## THE LONG REACH OF ROTARY AND THE VALUE OF ROTARIANS' NETWORKING

*Dear PDG Philip,*

*I look forward to welcoming you as a member of the Rotary E-Club of South Africa One on 6th July this year. As an introduction, I am the "Old Man" of our Club, having been a Rotarian for more than 40 years.*

*My wife, June and I have a connection to Mount Gambier. In 1976 I was the Charter President of the Rotary Club of Durban Musgrave, regrettably no longer active. I was the Counsellor for our first Rotary Exchange Student, Shelley Chapman, from Mount Gambier. She spent the first two weeks in our home. She was an outstanding Exchange Student in every respect.*

*At the end of her year, her father and sister came to Durban and stayed in our home. The following year June and I visited Australia and stayed with Bob Chapman in Mount Gambier. If I remember correctly, Bob was a member of the Rotary Club of Mount Gambier? Our visit to the Blue Lake was a stand out occasion.*

*Following Shelley's marriage we lost contact with her.*

*May you have a long, fruitful and enjoyable membership of our Club!*

*Yours in Rotary*

*John Fannin Port Owen South Africa*

This request was received from Jayne Martin – we previously supplied wheelchairs to Blouville School where Gideon Petersen previously taught. Does anyone know where we will be able to source these wheelchairs?



**ST. JOSEPH'S HOME  
R.C. PRIMARY**

Pallotti Road (off Robert Sobukwe) Montana  
Postal Address: P.O. Box 21 Howard Place 7450  
Telephone: (021) 935-1369 Fax: (021) 934-2287  
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[www.stjosephinclschool.co.za](http://www.stjosephinclschool.co.za)

### **Main purpose of our school:**

Our primary goal is to provide inclusive education where all children reach their full learning potential.

### **The types of services the school provides:**

At St. Joseph's we provide education to:

1. Chronically ill learners
2. Learners with learning barriers
3. Learners who are cognitively impaired
4. Mainstream learners

### **Synopsis**

St Joseph's Home R. C. Primary School is a place for chronically ill children. Currently 30% of the admissions are cancer related and 25% HIV/AIDS. We have also been admitting more children with acute problems, such as renal failures, dialysis and heart/lung disease. Our HIV/AIDS children are thriving on Anti-Retroviral Treatment and most of them are attending crèche and school.

In 2005 we opened our school for learners with specific learning problems. We currently have six SID classes for those learners who are cognitively impaired. In addition to this we have two unit classes for learners experiencing learning barriers. We also provide Multigrade teaching from grade R to 7. Our aim is to equip these learners with a skill to enable them to be self-sufficient one day. The skills programme includes cooking, car washing, soap making, arts and crafts and in addition we have extended our programme to include gardening as this is therapeutic to the learners we accommodate.

Our school provides pastoral care, occupational therapy, speech therapy as well as learning support. The school is also supported by an educational psychologist from an inclusive education team.

### **Our Need**

We have a need for three wheelchairs which could be utilised on educational excursions for our learners. This would be kept at school for learners who are semi mobile, but who is not physically strong enough to move around when in a group. Most of our learners who are wheelchair bound have their own wheelchairs which they receive through the St. Joseph's Home. On our previous excursion we borrowed a wheelchair for a particular learner which did not have the feet section; hence her feet were hanging and some passers-by enquired which was a bit embarrassing to the staff to explain.

This would also be utilised in the event of an emergency as we have chronic learners which sometimes have to be returned to the St. Joseph's Home when they are not feeling well. The sizes of the wheelchairs would vary as our learners range from 6 to 18. We would therefore ideally need a small, medium and large wheelchair so as to evenly spread it in the different phases.

Jayne I kindly thank you in advance for always being of assistance and being willing to forward our request to be reviewed.

Yours in education

G. Petersen

Deputy Principal

Date: 22:04:2016

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**“All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.”**

**— J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring***

**Rowan Hornby**

**Truisms** -If I had a dollar for every girl that found me unattractive, they'd eventually find me attractive. -I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom, until they're flashing behind you. -Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool, so I gave him a glass of water. -I changed my password to "incorrect" so whenever I forget it the computer will say, "Your password is incorrect." -Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity. -I'm great at multi-tasking--I can waste time, be unproductive, and procrastinate all at once. -If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame. -Never tell your problems to anyone, because 20 percent don't care and the other 80 percent are glad you have them. -Doesn't expecting the unexpected mean that the unexpected is actually expected? -Take my advice — I'm not using it. -My wife and I were happy for twenty years; then we met. -I hate it when people use big words just to make themselves sound perspicacious. -Hospitality is the art of making guests feel like they're at home when you wish they were. -Television may insult your intelligence, but nothing rubs it in like a computer. -I bought a vacuum cleaner six months ago and so far all it's been doing is gathering dust. -Every time someone comes up with a foolproof solution, along comes a more-talented fool. -I'll bet you \$4,567 you can't guess how much I owe my bookie. -Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes. -If you keep your feet firmly on the ground, you'll have trouble putting on your pants. -A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kick boxing. -Ever stop to think and forget to start again? -When I married Ms. Right, I had no idea her first name was Al-ways. -My wife got 8 out 10 on her driver's test--the other two guys managed to jump out of her way. -There may be no excuse for laziness, but I'm still looking. -Women spend more time wondering what men are thinking than men spend thinking. -Give me ambiguity or give me something else. -He who laughs last thinks slowest. -Is it wrong that only one company makes the game Monopoly? -Women sometimes make fools of men, but most guys are the do-it-yourself type. -I was going to give him a nasty look, but he already had one. -Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine. -The grass may be greener on the other side but at least you don't have to mow it. -I like long walks, especially when they're taken by people who annoy me. -I was going to wear my camouflage shirt today, but I couldn't find it. -If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you. -Sometimes I wake up grumpy; other times I let her sleep. -If tomatoes are technically a fruit, is ketchup a smoothie? -Money is the root of all wealth. -No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

**If you didn't laugh several times while reading the Truisms, better you read them again and if you still don't laugh out loud, please let me know and I will start a fund for you rehabilitation!**

## BACK PAGE – Last but not least

Will Rogers, who died in a 1935 plane crash in Alaska with bush pilot Wiley Post, was one of the greatest political country/cowboy sages the US has ever known. Some of his sayings:

1. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
2. Never kick a cow pat on a hot day.
3. There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither works.
4. Never miss a good chance to shut up.
5. Always drink upstream from the herd.
6. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
7. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket.
8. There are three kinds of men: The ones that learn by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.
9. Good judgment comes from experience and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
10. If you're riding ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
11. Letting the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier 'n puttin' it back.
12. After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. **The moral:** When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

*“To anyone out there thinking about having kids, today my 2 year old threw a temper tantrum because she couldn't get rid of her shadow.*

*“4-year-old: What happens when you die?*

*“Me: You go to heaven.*

*“4: No, I mean when you die, do I get your stuff?*



*And now we are once again OUTA SPACE*