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Be a gift to the world

September is BASIC EDUCATION and LITERACY MONTH which is one of the 6 Rotary International Area's of Focus.

If Rotarians continue to focus on Adult literacy and fail to shift their focus to Early Childhood Development and Foundation phase learning in primary schools there will always be a need to spend money on ill-equipped adults who have not mastered literacy and numeracy during their school going years.

"Grade 5 is too late to learn". A staggering 60% of Grade 5 pupils in 214 rural schools in South Africa are reading less than 60 words a minute. This is the results of research recently undertaken. By Grade 4, children should be making the transition from learning to read, to reading to learn.

"Thus the most fundamental capacity to be learned in primary schools – reading with comprehension – is left unmonitored in the majority of schools" the report lamented.

So where does the problem lie?
With the pupils or with the teachers?

The Annual National Assessment will be undertaken in the middle of this month and it will be interesting to see how the analysis of the results pan out.

Somewhere in this issue of OUTA SPACE there is an article relating to some humorous responses from Grade 1 students to various incomplete proverbs. That test might have taken place a long time ago because those answers appear quite advanced. But I may be out of touch with what the Grade 1 levels of literacy are in the more affluent schools.

There is also an article about the adverse effect that the computer age is having on the ability of children to learn properly and by and large the 'Computer Age' may not have reached the rural communities yet.

Education is in for some very interesting times.

Have Fun

Gerald Sieberhagen - Editor

HAPPY SPRING DAY

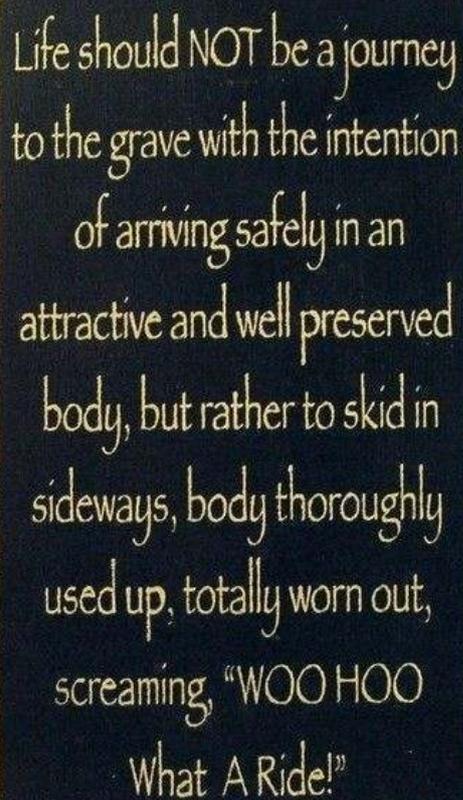
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If you have read this week's TOPIC, you will appreciate these further quotes by Kahlil Gibran

- *Life without love is like a tree without blossoms or fruit.*
- *When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight.*
- *Out of suffering have emerged the strongest souls; the most massive characters are seared with scars.*
- *Yesterday is but today's memory, and tomorrow is today's dream.*
- *Forget not that the earth delights to feel your bare feet and the winds long to play with your hair.*
- *You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.*
- *Ever has it been that love knows not its own depth until the hour of separation.*
- *Your pain is the breaking of the shell that encloses your understanding.*
- *Let there be no purpose in friendship save the deepening of the spirit.*
- *I have learned silence from the talkative, toleration from the intolerant, and kindness from the unkind; yet strange, I am ungrateful to these teachers.*

Thank you John Fannin for your TotW. It made me do some further research on KG



Life should NOT be a journey
to the grave with the intention
of arriving safely in an
attractive and well preserved
body, but rather to skid in
sideways, body thoroughly
used up, totally worn out,
screaming, "WOO HOO
What A Ride!"

Athletics has been in the headlines lately especially with a couple of South Africans achieving record times in their events:

Wayde van Niekerk – 43.48 in the 400m securing Gold

Anaso Jobodwana – 19.87 in the 200m securing Bronze and only beaten by the legendary Bolt and Gatlin

And then

PP Irene Kotze – 17.24.01 in the 5km River Trail in aid of SPCA

**Three remarkable achievements.
WELL DONE!!!**

With Africa having now experienced an entire year without a single wild virus polio case it is appropriate to:

Meet our polio partners

From the [September 2015 issue](#) of The Rotarian

Eradicating polio is a complex job. Since 1988, we've collaborated with the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF to tackle the disease through our Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Here's how our roles break down.

The Strategist: WHO

The World Health Organization (WHO) coordinates the management and administration of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and provides technical and operational support to ministries of health in countries around the world. WHO is responsible for monitoring our progress and strategic planning.

The Virus Hunter: CDC

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) deploys epidemiologists, public health experts, and scientists to investigate outbreaks of polio, identify the strain of poliovirus involved, and pinpoint its geographic origin.

The Immunizer: UNICEF

UNICEF buys polio vaccine and manages its distribution. The agency spreads the word about the benefits of vaccination to gain community acceptance – a process known as social mobilization. On the ground, field workers immunize children with the help of local health workers and volunteers such as Rotarians.

The Advocate: Rotary

Rotary uses its members' business acumen and passion for volunteerism to build awareness, fundraise, and encourage national governments to donate to and otherwise support the polio eradication effort. More than one million Rotary members have volunteered their time and personal resources to help end polio.

Our other partners

WHO, CDC, UNICEF, and Rotary spearhead the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, but many other partners help us work toward our vision of a polio-free world.

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation: The Gates Foundation is a core partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. It is the largest private funding source of the GPEI, contributing over \$1.9 billion to the fight against polio. The Gates Foundation will match all donations to Rotary for polio two to one, up to \$35 million per year, through 2018.

National governments: Governments are the largest donors to the polio eradication effort. Without the financial support of governments worldwide, and especially political support in polio-endemic and at-risk countries, we could not administer the polio vaccine.

Local health workers: Local health workers often risk their lives to vaccinate children. For example, women in Pakistan receive training to go door to door, speaking to mothers about the benefits of the vaccine. They address fears and help bring the vaccine into remote communities.

Gavi: Gavi is an international vaccine alliance that brings vaccines to some of the world's poorest countries. It is working with the GPEI to introduce at least one dose of the injectable inactivated polio vaccine into the routine immunization schedule.

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BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

12th – Bettie van der Merwe

21st – John Fannin

21st – Errol Martin



OCTOBER

6th – Jeneth van Leeuwen

9th – Rob Lindegger

11th – Angie Mitchell

20th – Sheree Light

24th – Michael Chen

25th – Anita Kistnasamy

25th – Jean Mugisha

ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER

2nd – Dave & Arlene Arnold

OCTOBER

15th – Gunnar & Sheree Light

DATES TO DIARISE

2015

24th Sep – Rotary Club of Durban Umgeni Annual Fun Fellowship Potjiekos Day at Beechwood Mangroves – Our E-Club will be entering 3 teams of 2 cooks [Jean & BU; Zwakele & Jabu; Irene & Gerald] and we have 1 additional guest/critic

4TH TO 10TH Oct – Rotary Club of Port Shepstone Youth Leadership Course

7-9TH Oct – Rotary Family Health Days

Saturday 24th Oct – World Polio Day – EClub EndPolioNow promotion at Windermere Centre

1st to 7th Nov – World Interact Week

DATE FOR DG's VISIT ON GoToMeeting to be confirmed shortly

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EVENTS AND PROJECTS

GLOBAL GRANT 1418817

Proceeding according to plan.

GLOBAL GRANT 1527880

Proceeding according to plan

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PRESIDENT JEAN'S PAGE



Dear Family of Rotarians
September is here so to all South Africans '**Happy Spring Day**'.
It is also Basic Education and Literacy month.

Rotarians across the globe promote the importance of Education and Literacy, not forgetting the assistance given to the schools in their respective communities.

It is always interesting to read and view pictures of the various projects. So please send us details of your projects promoting basic education and literacy that you are engaged in during this month.

The **Freedom Charter** of South Africa also calls for the opening of doors of learning and culture.

-The government shall discover, develop and encourage national talent for the enhancement of our cultural life.

-All cultural treasures of mankind shall be open to all by free exchange of books, ideas and contact with other lands.

-The aim of education is to teach the youth to love their people and their culture.

-Education shall be free, compulsory, universal and equal for all children.

-Higher education and technical training shall be open to all by means

of state allowances and scholarships awarded by means of merit.

-Adult literacy [*illiteracy?*] shall be ended by a mass state education plan.

If this is in the Freedom Charter, what has happened to education? Why have NGO's and other clubs had to step in and assist in the improvement of education and literacy?

I am sure all Rotarians would agree that we belong to a fantastic organization where Education and Literacy has been a priority across the globe.

We can be a Gift to the World, so let's make September 2015 a month to remember positively in Education.



Figure this out? On the M41 near Gateway Umhlanga, KZN, South Africa.

*Reading maketh a full man;
conference a ready man; and
writing an exact man.*

- Francis Bacon.

Let's walk this road together and have FUN!

Jean

Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another.

- G K Chesterton

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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

SEPT to DEC 2015

7th Sep – David Krug
14th Sep – Rob Lindegger
21st Sep-Richard Hargreaves
28th Sep-Aadila Sabat St Clair
5th Oct – Irene Kotze
12th Oct – Mike Ferry
19th Oct – Peter Brauteseth
26th Oct – Jean Singh
2nd Nov – Jerry Brown
9th Nov – Janet Rouillard
16th Nov – Angie Goody
23rd Nov – Gerald Sieberhagen
30th Nov-Aadila Sabat St Clair
7th Dec – Sandy Botha

Please send your TOPIC of the Week to our Club Admin Director, Gerald, 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.

TUESDAY

19h00 to 20h00

8TH SEPTEMBER
22ND SEPTEMBER
6TH OCTOBER
20TH OCTOBER
3RD NOVEMBER
17TH NOVEMBER
**WED 25th Nov – link with RC
of Winnipeg at 9pm**
1ST DECEMBER
12TH JANUARY
26TH JANUARY
9th FEBRUARY
23RD FEBRUARY
8TH MARCH
22ND MARCH
5TH APRIL
19TH APRIL
3RD MAY
17TH MAY

During the week preceding the GTM, the login details REMINDER will be emailed to each member and an SMS reminder may be sent on the day as a further reminder.

**Did you read page 2 of OUTA SPACE
dated 18th August 2015?**

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A 1st grade school teacher had twenty-six students in her class. She presented each child in her classroom the 1st half of a well-known proverb [in blue] and asked them to come up with the remainder of the proverb. Their insight [in red] may surprise you. Keep in mind that these are first-graders, 6-year-olds, because the last one is unbelievable

Don't change horses until they stop running

Strike while the bug is close

It's always darkest before Daylight Saving Time

Never underestimate the power of termites

You can lead a horse to water but how?

Don't bite the hand that looks dirty

No news is impossible

A miss is as good as a Mr

You can't teach an old dog new maths

If you lie down with dogs, you'll stink in the morning

Love all, trust me

The pen is mightier than the pigs

An idle mind is the best way to relax

Where there's smoke there's pollution

Happy the bride who gets all the presents

A penny saved is not much

Two's company, three's the Musketeers

Don't put off till tomorrow what you put on to go to bed

Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and you have to blow your nose

There are none so blind as Stevie Wonder

Children should be seen and not spanked or grounded

If at first you don't succeed get new batteries

You get out of something only what you see in the picture on the box

When the blind lead the blind get out of the way

A bird in the hand is going to poop on you

Better late than pregnant

When the Last Tree Is Cut Down, the Last Fish Eaten, and the Last Stream Poisoned, You Will Realize That You Cannot Eat Money."

Extracts from an Article written by KEVIN DONNELLY, a senior research fellow at the Australian Catholic University and first began using computers in the classroom in 1984.

(From an Australian newspaper article supplied by PP Irene Kotze)

There is no doubt we live in a multi-media, digital, electronic world where mobile phones, e-readers, laptops and computers are so pervasive that to be without one is to be socially ostracised and labelled a Luddite.

In schools, electronic whiteboards are the norm, students are known as digital natives and knowledge navigators, and libraries are renamed learning resource centres where books are replaced by computers and the internet.

For gen Z, social networking sites are de rigueur, living in a virtual world of ever-changing images and sound is commonplace, and everyone expects their 15 minutes of fame on the world wide web.

Not all though extol the virtues and benefits of the digital age. Baroness Susan Greenfield, an Oxford researcher investigating brain development, links autism and inability to concentrate on the increasing use of computers, digital games and the world wide web.

It is commonplace for primary school children, when given a picture book, to swipe the page in the same way they would an iPad. Many students also appear unable to focus or concentrate for extended periods as they are so accustomed to surfing the net, quickly moving from image to image and from site to site.

The co-founder of Twitter, Evan Williams admits that instead of iPads his children are surrounded by hundreds of books.

Much like the schools of old the Waldorf School emphasises rote learning, physical activity, traditional teaching styles and being surrounded by lots of books.

The irony is that while schools, parents and governments see computers, e-readers and laptops as central to education, many of the innovators and professionals most familiar with the new technologies express reservations.

Cognitive psychologists argue that, instead of relying on computers, students – young children in particular – would better spend their time hardwiring their brain, as it were, to ensure that learning was effective. Memorising times tables, completing mental calculations and learning poetry, rhymes and ballads by heart frees up short term memory so necessary for more complex learning. This is because students who cannot recall things automatically experience “cognitive overload”.

The human brain incorporates long and short-term memory. New knowledge, understanding and skills have to be processed by one's short term memory and after being mastered are then transferred to long term memory. Once transferred to long-term memory, one's short term memory is freed to deal with further learning as it arises.

When reading print, for example, those with the ability to decode words and sentences automatically can focus on meaning while those without such a skill stumble over each syllable and word and become frustrated.

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There is a strong relationship between learning to write with pen and paper and learning how to read. Social skills, including being empathetic and able to communicate and interact face to face, also suffer as a result of the new technologies. It is impossible to turn back the tide or ignore the digital age BUT at the same time, there is much that can be done to ameliorate its limitations and deleterious impact. Computers should not be used in early years of primary school where more traditional teaching methods need to prevail. In schools it is vital to realise information is not knowledge and understanding is not wisdom and that knowledge and wisdom require human interaction and learning represented by committed teachers, well versed in their area of learning.

Parents need to restrict the amount of time children spend on the internet and in front of screens and ensure that children are surrounded by books and spend plenty of time on physical activities.

In addition, those who find social networking sites compulsive (Ed – and I guess that doesn't only refer to children] and cannot go 10 to 15 minutes without checking their mobile phones or facebook page need to detox and realise there is a real world out there waiting to be experienced and lived.

WHAT AN ADVERT



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BOB KISTNASAMY REPORTS:

One of my friends wanted to donate R10 000 each to two organizations and requested that I research and advise him of possible recipients. The cheques were handed over at a function at the Royal Hotel. Funds were earmarked for some known existing and new projects.

Editor - Well done Bob; both extremely worthy recipients

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Re: Thanks and Appreciation

We the Missionaries of Charity, Sisters of Mother Teresa would like to express our most heartfelt and appreciation for your support and generosity. We thank you most sincerely for your kind contribution towards the continued care of our patients and children and those within the community.

May God bless you! Our gratitude is our prayers for you and your family.

Yours Sincerely in Christ

Missionaries of Charity

Ms. Vincenza M.C.



Arlene Arnold reports on her involvement at the Umgeni Specialized Psychiatric Hospital

We spoke to Matron Zondi about the Hydroponics, a vegetable garden, a flower garden, benches, a birdbath and shelter for those sitting down. I asked if we could use the Recreation Hall for concerts not just to fundraise but for the patient's enjoyment. She agreed to all our proposals.

Photographs of the shed promised to us by Matron Zondi (Umgeni Hospital) - and a view of the road upon which Pat Draper indicated that he would erect the hydroponic units. Including the road and the grassed area to the right thereof and measuring 30m X 18m is what is to be fenced to a height of 1.8m.

When the fencing is undertaken it will include the shed with its single door access on the "road" side. A "tennis court gate" will also be included in the fence to allow for entrance other than through the shed.



These are the 'before' photographs – we will watch this project unfold with much interest.



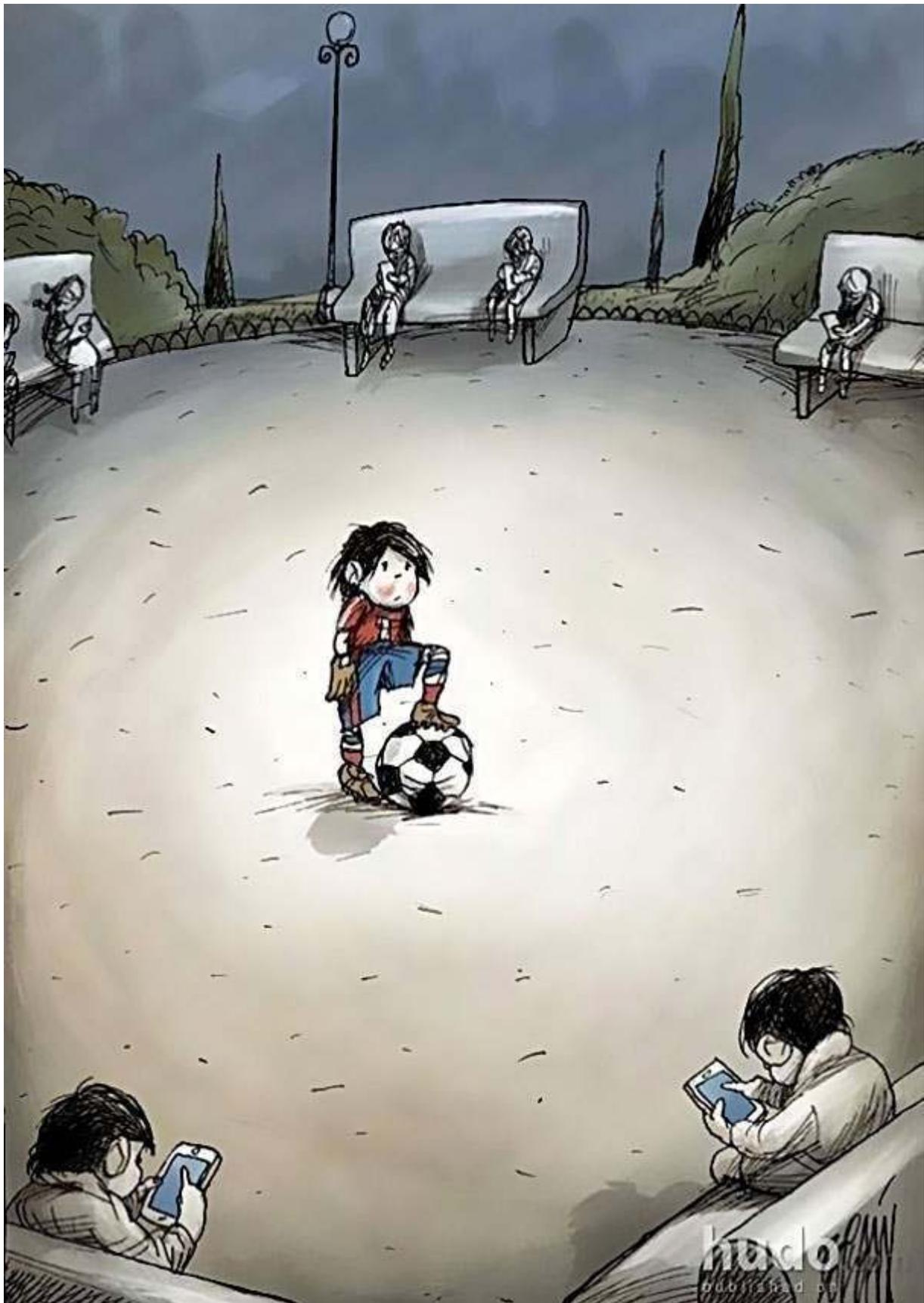
EXTRACT FROM 'FOU' NEWSLETTER.

As few of the Howick community are aware of "Friends of Umgeni", we erected a large bright yellow sign at the hospital entrance which has been received positively

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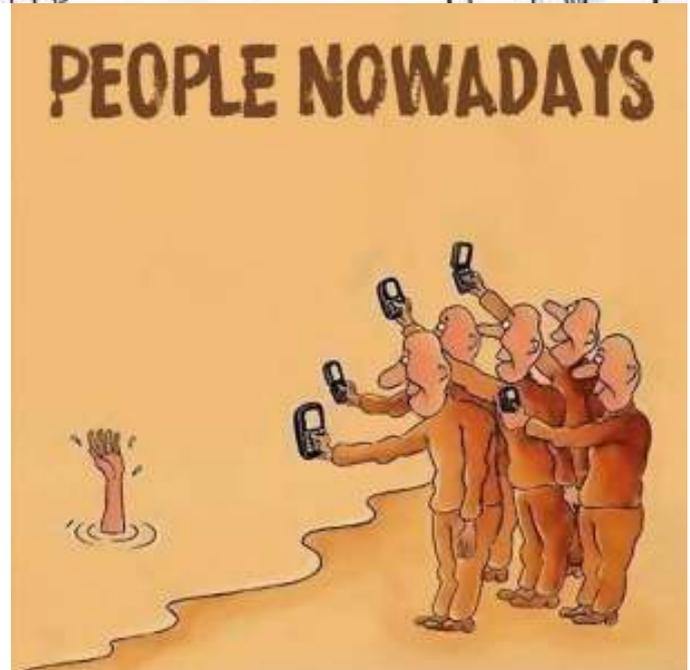
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Three pages of the TRAGIC DEATH OF CIVILISATION



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If you recognise yourself in any of the pics on these 3 pages you may want to consider changing some of your current lifestyle activities

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THE ZAPP FAMILY HAS COMPLETED THEIR JOURNEY THROUGH AFRICA.

From the most Southern Point of the African Continent where the Atlantic meets the Indian Ocean, till the end of the Continent on the Mediterranean Sea! We thought it was going to be a 10 - 12 months journey.....and only 8 or 9 countries.... But once again we were happily so wrong! It ended up being 3 years and 16 countries!

Thank you for Africa! Thank you for your company and push - everything and everybody for being so wonderful! Yes 'Cape to Cairo!'

ED If you have not read their book, you can now buy 'Spark your Dream' on E-book for you Kindle!

I asked Herman where they were off to next - 'Jordan & Petra is their next trip' - seem to remember that a while ago we had some interesting stories about those areas from Su Hawkins. ED

Here are some HELPFUL HINTS to use around the house.....



Flip a toaster on its side to make a grilled cheese sandwich.
INGENIOUS!!



Wrap rubber bands around the ends of a coat hanger to prevent dresses from slipping off.

Use cupcake cases to cover drinks glasses in the summer to prevent flies and bees from dropping in.

And now we are once again OUTA SPACE