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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 Areas of Focus.**

Our E-Club has, since inception, been involved with Basic Education and Literacy projects and can be justifiably proud of their achievements and the difference that they have made in the lives of many.

As we move towards October the Rotary Month focus area changes to **ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**. That covers a multitude of things but we always need to be mindful of the overall effect our activities will have on communities and whether our efforts will be sustainable. It also cannot just be any old thing that we think and believe that the community needs.

We have received the proceeds of the District Grant and the items are now being purchased which will allow us to submit our FINAL report in good time and well before the deadline. Just a bit of information – the funding for District Grants comes from portion of the District Dedicated Fund [DDF]. Districts may use up to 50 percent of

their District Designated Fund to receive one district grant annually. This percentage is calculated based on the amount of DDF generated from a district's Annual Fund giving three years prior, including Endowment Fund earnings.

Clubs in our District are permitted to apply for a District Grant to the value of R5 000 for a suitable project. It is really a very easy way to go about doing small projects. We have successfully applied for and been allocated a District Grant since our inception.

The one thing that our E-Club has done very well is that wherever we have a member, they have found a need within their communities that has needed addressing and in many cases we have been successful in finding funding for several small projects. Of course we have also been able to do large projects using Global Grant funding and long may that continue.

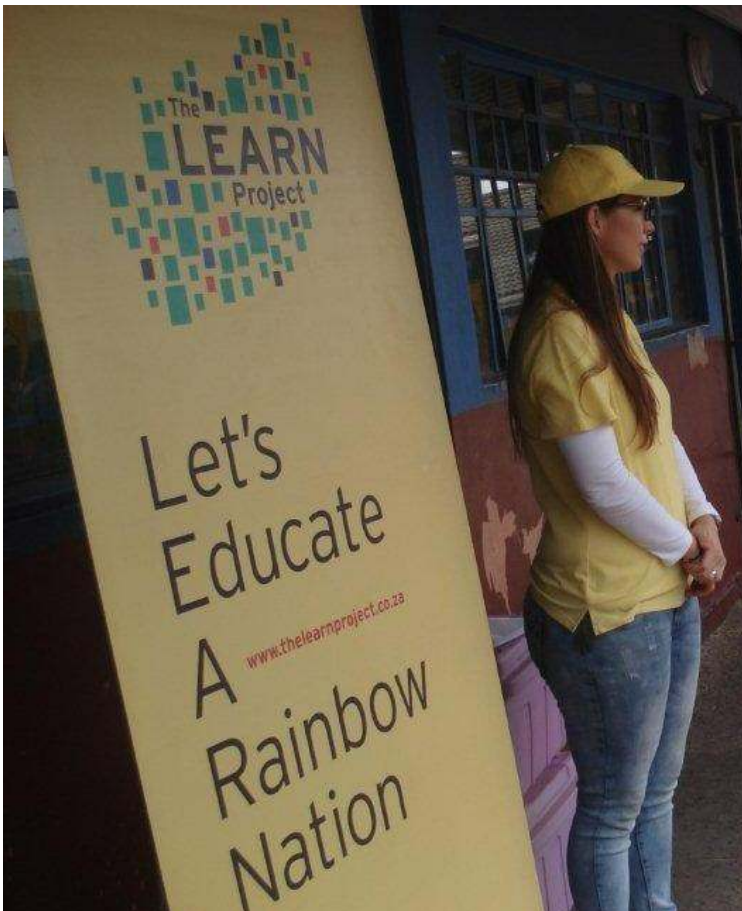
*Have Fun*

*Gerald Sieberhagen - Editor*

You may view the latest post by Rob Lindegger [on his way from Cape Town at last] at <http://www.wobblingthroughafrica.com>

## The LEARN PROJECT

For more info on this project go to  
[www.thelearnproject.co.za](http://www.thelearnproject.co.za)



Ros Toerien of the LEARN PROJECT recently put a 'reading corner' in each of the 18 Foundation Phase classrooms at Ekuthuleni Primary School.

The classroom teacher was handed a list of the books and she is responsible for them. After a month she will swop the books with another teacher. The project is ongoing and more books will be collected.

Judging from the photo, we seriously need to get some more paint to paint these classrooms and we cannot wait until the next 67 minutes for Mandela Day!



### Polio case confirmed in Mali

Posted by [Robert Herriman](#) on September 7, 2015

The West African country of Mali is on high alert after a circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was detected in a child in the capital city of Bamako, according to health officials. This is the first case in the country since June 2011.

Officials note that the case is a 19-month-old child from neighboring Guinea whose date of paralysis dates back to 20 July 2015.

The detected virus is genetically related to a cVDPV2 strain confirmed in the district of Siguiri, Kankan region in Guinea in August 2014 and for more than 2 years flows across international borders without detection.

Health officials say the risk of spread of this virus is considered high and indicates low immunization coverage in Ebola-torn Guinea. The health ministries of the two countries (Mali and Guinea), WHO and other partners are conducting investigations to determine the circumstances in which the virus appeared and circulated. At the same time emergency operations for strong and appropriate response is being organized in both countries to halt virus circulation and to quickly end the epidemic.

"The Government of Guinea and its partners are informed and we began to evaluate all available resources to prepare for the campaign," says Dr. Mamoudou Harouna Djingarey, assistant WHO Representative in Guinea.

The emergency operation must include at least three high-quality immunization campaigns to stop any possible spread to other communities. It is very important that people ensure that all children under five are immunized in the three passages campaign against polio. In Mali, the first campaign will begin this week and within 14 days in Guinea following the guidelines.

According to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Vaccine-derived polioviruses (VDPVs) are rare strains of poliovirus that have genetically mutated from the strain contained in the oral polio vaccine.

The oral polio vaccine contains a live, attenuated (weakened) vaccine-virus. When a child is vaccinated, the weakened vaccine-virus replicates in the intestine and enters into the bloodstream, triggering a protective immune response in the child. Like wild poliovirus, the child excretes the vaccine-virus for a period of six to eight weeks. Importantly, as it is excreted, some of the vaccine-virus may no longer be the same as the original vaccine-virus as it has genetically altered during replication. This is called a vaccine-derived poliovirus.

*Robert Herriman is a microbiologist and the Editor-in-Chief of [Outbreak News Today](#) and the Executive Editor of [The Global Dispatch](#)*



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## BIRTHDAYS

### SEPTEMBER

21<sup>st</sup> – John Fannin

21<sup>st</sup> – Errol Martin



### OCTOBER

6<sup>th</sup> – Jeneth van Leeuwen

9<sup>th</sup> – Rob Lindegger

11<sup>th</sup> – Angie Mitchell

20<sup>th</sup> – Sheree Light

24<sup>th</sup> – Michael Chen

25<sup>th</sup> – Anita Kistnasamy

25<sup>th</sup> – Jean Mugisha

## ANNIVERSARIES

### SEPTEMBER

### OCTOBER

15<sup>th</sup> – Gunnar & Sheree Light

## DATES TO DIARISE

2015

**24<sup>th</sup> 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

**4<sup>TH</sup> TO 10<sup>TH</sup> Oct – Rotary Club of Port Shepstone Youth Leadership Course**

**7-9<sup>TH</sup> Oct – Rotary Family Health Days**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – World Polio Day – EClub EndPolioNow promotion at Windermere Centre**

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

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

## 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)

## EVENTS AND PROJECTS

### GLOBAL GRANT 1418817

Proceeding according to plan.

### GLOBAL GRANT 1527880

Proceeding according to plan

**We are calling for volunteers for a couple of E-Club activities that will take place shortly.**

**FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015**

**ROTARY FAMILY HEALTH DAY**

**QADI CLINIC** which is in the Inanda area. We will have 3 shifts: 09h00 to 11h00; 11h00 to 13h00; 13h00 to 15h00 or later depending on how busy the site is. We need 3 volunteers per shift; one person to issue an arm bracelet with an *Individual Unique Identifier* number which you need to affix on the patient when they enter the facility, two persons to complete the Registration forms after which the patient proceeds to the relative service area.

Irene Kotze is our overall coordinator on the day.

**IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ASSIST, PLEASE ADVISE ME BY EMAIL TO [geraldandsue@mweb.co.za](mailto:geraldandsue@mweb.co.za)**

**SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER – WORLD POLIO DAY PROMOTION AT WINDERMERE CENTRE**

**IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ASSIST PLEASE ADVISE ME BY EMAIL TO [geraldandsue@mweb.co.za](mailto:geraldandsue@mweb.co.za).**

Shift times are as follows: 08h00 to 10h00; 10h00 to 12h00; 12h00 to 14h00



### PRESIDENT JEAN'S PAGE



Dear Family of Rotarians  
Education and Literacy is the "BUZZ" word in all forms of media. It is not only in South Africa but across the globe. Today learners show no remorse of a 0 to 10 % pass. In the local newspaper the headlines read that learners should get a 0% Pass. Now this is reason enough for the concern to promote literacy in all schools. Literacy is a fundamental human right. It is also the foundation for lifelong learning. Literacy unlocks the door of learning throughout life. Rotary International sets aside September as Literacy Month. During this month we are given the opportunity to recognize and celebrate the importance of literacy to individuals and their communities and to honour teachers. Literacy is not an option. It is a must for all. Kofi Anan stated that "literacy is a bridge from misery to hope." To be literate means that learners are able to read independently. Recent findings, however, show that in South Africa the literacy level of Grade 5 learners is a national catastrophe. Thirteen per cent of the Grade 5 learners (11 year olds) were illiterate. Four out of twenty learners in this grade could not do comprehension exercises successfully.

Nick Taylor found that teachers in urban and rural schools could not teach reading. He also found that learners were not taught to solve numeracy problems, nor could they read independently. Children were singing in unison.

Illiteracy is a crisis worldwide. The report by the World Literacy Foundation found that millions of people (800m) who cannot read are "trapped in a cycle of poverty with limited opportunities." Workforce illiteracy can reduce profitability which inadvertently affects the Gross Domestic Product of a country. Illiteracy impacts on people's ability to earn an income.

As Rotarians we can 'Be a Gift to the World'. We can help to alleviate the problem of illiteracy. We could assist affected schools and learners in our communities by assisting with oral skills, especially where they do not have the necessary resources.

Books fire children's imaginations. Consider collecting and distributing fiction and non-fiction books, dictionaries, newspapers, magazines, periodicals, journals, short stories, etc. Media literacy is critical to learner development. Not all schools have internet facilities in their libraries. At school, educators can ensure that reading be intertwined with writing, speaking, and listening.

It is important that reading should be declared a national priority. Let's make a difference in the lives of the unfortunate.

DID YOU KNOW THAT IN 2015, ILLITERACY WILL COST THE GLOBAL ECONOMY \$1,2tn.

**Let's walk this road together and have FUN!**

**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 SEPT to DEC 2015**

**21<sup>st</sup> Sep-Richard Hargreaves  
28<sup>th</sup> Sep-Aadila Sabat St Clair  
5<sup>th</sup> Oct – Irene Kotze  
12<sup>th</sup> Oct – Mike Ferry  
19<sup>th</sup> Oct – Peter Brauteseth  
26<sup>th</sup> Oct – Jean Singh  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Jerry Brown  
9<sup>th</sup> Nov – Janet Rouillard  
16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Angie Goody  
23<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Gerald Sieberhagen  
30<sup>th</sup> Nov-Aadila Sabat St Clair  
7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Thank you to all of you who comply with this.**

## **GoToMeeting TUESDAY**

**19h00 to 20h00**

**22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER**

**17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**WED 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – link with RC of Winnipeg at 9pm**

**1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER**

**12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

**23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY**

**8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH**

**5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**3<sup>RD</sup> MAY**

**17<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**I've learned.....That being kind is more important than being right**

**I've learned.....That you should never say no to a gift from a child**

## Egyptian Billionaire Will Purchase an Island to Provide 200,000 Refugees New Home



September 8, 2015 by  
Amanda Froelich

“All I need is permission to put these people on this island. I don't need any more from them. I'll pay them for the island, I'll provide the jobs, I'll take care of logistics,” he said.

*Credit: africanleadership.co.uk*

Money is a form of energy, and can only be as 'good' or 'bad' as the intention behind it. While some demonize the desire to attract large amounts of wealth, others recognize it as a tool that can come in handy during times of crisis. An example of such thought is shared below.

As *The Jerusalem Post* reports, Naguib Sawiris, an Egyptian billionaire and philanthropist, has decided to “*be the change*” and help remedy the Syrian refugee crisis by purchasing an island in the Mediterranean to provide a new home to those displaced by the civil war.

He put out a bid on Twitter, saying: “*Greece or Italy, sell me an island.*” In another tweet, he suggested calling the island “Aylan” after the Syrian boy who made international headlines when pictures surfaced of his drowned body washing up on a shore in Turkey.

In an interview with CNN, he claims there are dozens of empty and available islands off the Greek or Italian coast that could easily handle 100,000 – 200,000 people.

“*It is a very simple solution. They sell the island to me and I'll make a temporary shelter for these people.*” Sawiris stated.

The affluent CEO promises to pay refugees to build their own houses and schools along with a hospital and university.

“*All I need is permission to put these people on this island. I don't need any more from them. I'll pay them for the island, I'll provide the jobs, I'll take care of logistics.*” he said.

Naguib Sawiris heads Orascom, a diverse company spanning transportation, construction, and communications, which is Egypt's largest private sector employer.

His family has been active in helping Egyptians through their foundation for over 14 years. The organization provides scholarships, training and job placement for people, as well as awards prizes for Egyptian literature.

If only all entrepreneurs were as inspired to “do good” as Sawiris.

Thankfully, an outpouring of kindness is being witnessed all around the world. For example, when Iceland's Government capped the number of Syrian refugees at 50, over 10,000 residents offered up their homes. And amazingly, when refugees flood into Munich, Germany, so much aid poured in, the police became “overwhelmed” and asked the German populace to kindly “stop.”

**One thing is for certain:** If those who are inspired to create a greener, healthier, and more compassionate Earth continue to work together to resolve present crises, positivity will prevail and good **will** be realized from the struggles.

**It will be interesting to see whether this offer is ever taken up**

## COULD THIS EVER HAPPEN?????????????

PASTOR: "The Lord be with you!  
CONGREGATION: "And with your spirit"

PASTOR: "Will everyone please turn on their tablet, PC, iPad, smart phone, or Kindle Bibles to 1 Corinthians, 13:13.  
And please switch on your Bluetooth to download the sermon."

P-a-u-s-e . . .

"Now, Let us pray committing this week into God's hands. Open your Apps, BBM, Twitter and Facebook, and chat with God."

S-i-l-e-n-c-e

"As we take our Sunday tithes and offerings, please have your credit and debit cards ready."

You can log on to the church Wifi-If using the password 'Lord909887'.

The ushers will circulate mobile card swipe machines among the worshippers:

- A. Those who prefer to make electronic fund transfers are directed to computers and laptops at the rear of the church.
- B. Those that prefer to use iPads can open them.
- C. Those who prefer telephone banking, take out your cell phones to transfer your contributions to the church account."

The holy atmosphere of the Church becomes truly electrified as ALL the smart phones, iPads, PCs and laptops beep and flicker!

- "Final Blessing and Closing Announcements.
- A. This week's ministry cell meetings will be held on the various Facebook group pages where the usual group chatting takes place. Please log in and don't miss out.
  - B. Thursday's Bible study will be held live on Skype at 1900hrs EDT. Please don't miss out.
  - C. You can follow your Pastor on Twitter this weekend for counseling and prayers."

"God bless and have a nice day."

**ALTHOUGH THIS IS QUITE AMUSING, HEAVEN FORBID THAT IT EVER COMES TO PASS.....**



**ANOTHER VERY GOOD TIP.....  
Wrap rubber bands around ends of a coat hanger to prevent a Speedo from slipping off.**

**IF YOU STAY IN THE  
GREATER DURBAN  
AREA, DID YOU  
REMEMBER TO  
VOLUNTEER FOR THE  
ROTARY FAMILY  
HEALTH DAY  
AND/OR THE  
END POLIO NOW  
PROMOTION?**