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NEWSLETTER

ROTARY E-CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA ONE

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During last week Rotary celebrated 112 years of Service and we are proud to be part of that.

There are many different ways that Rotarians celebrate Rotary's Anniversary or Birthday - our Club posted the above on our facebook page and several of us, I guess, shared it with our facebook friends.

Some Rotarians probably proposed a toast to this wonderful organisation during their weekly meeting.

We were extremely privileged and delighted to have Ian Riseley, RI President 2017-18 as our guest speaker on 21st February at our GTM.

His talk was a shorter version of his message to the District Governors when he addressed them at the RI International Assembly in San Diego during January.

His set out his goals in a sincere manner and after his talk he responded to several questions and comments from our members.

I'm sure that our members who attended the GTM thoroughly enjoyed the meeting [even those who did not believe that Ian Riseley was going to be our guest speaker].

*Have FUN and Make it happen
Gerald Sieberhagen - Editor*

**NOW ONLY THREE SUBSCRIPTIONS STILL OUTSTANDING!
RI AND DIST DUES AND ROTARY AFRICA SUBS
HAVE BEEN PAID. ARE YOU ONE OF THE 3?**

PRESIDENT IRENE'S CORNER



From DownUnder

Dear Fellow Rotarians

I have jetted off to Australia for 5 weeks. It's time to see my family again. However, I will keep in e-mail contact and also attend the GoToMeetings together with our OZ members in the middle of the night.

One of the projects our member Pat Draper is passionate about is to assist matric learners to get to grips with their subjects and to guarantee a high pass rate. Our next Global Grant has been approved by The Rotary Foundation [TRF] after they insisted that teacher training had to be part of this project. Why? With a bit of research into this subject, it becomes obvious why TRF stipulated this as a condition.

Change is never easy, especially in complicated matters such as the evolving education system to meet the demands of life in the 21st century. Teachers tend to fall back on simplistic answers that attribute blame, rather than instituting processes that help the system to adapt and work towards achievable vision. One area in South Africa's education system where the change of management is absent is the role of teachers in digital education. It is said that teachers are resistant to change, harbouring beliefs about technology that prevent the realisation of a 21st-century educational system.

As affirmed by a recent study published in the South African Journal of Education, teachers need systematic support to cope with change. The study suggested that the motivation for teachers to use technology in the classroom was affected by how useful they found it in teaching.

A good start to demonstrate the usefulness of technology to teachers is to look back at how the role of the teacher has been constructed, and how the impact of social, economic and technological shifts has made teaching an unenviable task.

In a few centuries, as knowledge and the economy have changed, the position of the teacher has gone from respected bearer of knowledge to one who operates a computer. Knowledge is now more directly accessible through technology such as Google and Wikipedia, and other specialised self-learning tools. Some people are questioning why there should be a teacher at all. It is not surprising that this hard line position is often the result of teachers resisting introducing technology into the classroom. The role of teachers now should be that of a guide sitting beside learners, helping them to use the tools at their disposal to access knowledge and to build the critical thinking skills they need, to thrive. Thoughtfully designed digital education technologies, such as tablets and related digital education apps will give teachers, who are trained and familiar with modern technology, the tools to provide guidance to the learners. This can take place in a classroom, remotely or in a combination of both.

In conclusion for teachers to be able to use digital technologies they need to be trained, which answers my question at the beginning of this article.

Till next time with news from OZ.....

Irene

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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

MAR 2017 to JUNE 2017

THIS IS YOUR REMINDER

Thank you to the following volunteers! **PLEASE NOTE YOUR DATE**

6th Mar – Suzanne Edmunds
13th Mar – Keith Kirton
20th Mar – Aadila Sabat
27th Mar – Ailsa Kaminski
3rd Apr – Pat Draper
10th Apr – Ockie Esterhuyse
17th Apr – Peter Brauteseth
24th Apr – Angie Mitchell
8th May – Monique Labat
15th May – Hans Hon
22nd May – Suzanne Edmunds
29th May – Nadja Fredericks
5th June – Steven Lancaster
12th June – Johan Krugel
19th June – Greg Cryer
26th June – Amanda van Rooyen

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.

**GoToMeeting
@ 19h00
TUESDAY**

**7TH MARCH
4TH APRIL
18TH APRIL
2ND MAY
16TH MAY
30TH MAY
13TH JUNE
27TH JUNE**

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

5th – Jacques van Leeuwen
8th – Paul Hawkins
17th – Pat Draper
18th – Lynette Millard
25th – Ann Hargreaves
28th – Ailsa Kaminski

APRIL

1st – Arlene Arnold
14th – Alastair Stead
15th – Jerry Brown
22nd – Keith Kirton

ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH

2nd – Alastair & Alecia Stead
2nd – INTERACT CLUB OF EKUTHULENI
10th – Sharon & Bill Robertson
24th – Paul & Sandra Maistry
27th – Ockie & Jeanette Esterhuyse

APRIL

6th – Gerald & Sue Sieberhagen
8th – Pat & Beryl Draper
11th – Johan & Angela Krugel
27th – Keith & Rae Kirton
30th – Peter & Sandy Brauteseth

UPCOMING EVENTS

2017

3rd to 5th March – POETS [Presidents, Officers Elect, Treasurers and Secretaries] in Ladybrand

25th to 27th May – District Conference in Grahamstown
'Kindle a Spark'
Make an extra effort to attend

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

4th July – Rotary E-Club of South Africa One Induction Dinner

1st to 7th September – Arbor Week – ideal time to plant a tree in South Africa

14th to 16th September – Rotary Zone 20A Institute in Johannesburg

21st September – International Day of Peace

15th October – Global Handwashing Day

2018

27th April – Arbor Day in USA and deadline day for planting a tree

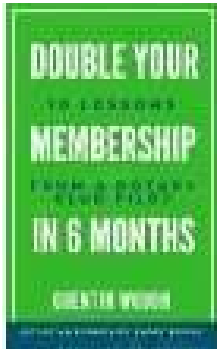
GREG CRYER'S APP

For those of you who have a Smart phone, there is an APP that will assist you in finding out whatever you need to know about our District, courtesy of an APP set up by our member, Greg Cryer.

Download the app at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/rotary-d9370/id886103778?ls=1&mt=8>



These ebooks are worth checking out – who will do it?



Free ebook: Double your membership in 6 months: 10 lessons from a Rotary club pilot

Dear all - My club (Capitol Hill in Washington, DC) implemented a number of major changes in July that led to us to double our membership in six months. I wrote a short book on the experience with 10 simple suggestions for other cub. The book is part of a series of short and free ebooks available at

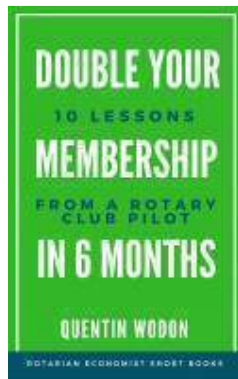
<https://www.smashwords.com/books/byseries/27926>.

I hope that the ebook and others in the series will be useful to you. Feel free to share the link with others who may benefit from these free resources.

Rotarian Economist Short Books

Double your Membership in Six Months: 10 Lessons from a Rotary Club Pilot by Quentin Wodon Series: Rotarian Economist Short

Rotarian Economist Short Books



[Double Your Membership In Six Months: 10 Lessons from a Rotary Club Pilot](#) by [Quentin Wodon](#)

Series: *Rotarian Economist Short Books*. Price: Free! Words: 10,390.

Language: English. Published: February 13, 2017. Categories:

[Nonfiction](#) » [Business & Economics](#) » [Non-profit business](#),

[Nonfiction](#) » [Business & Economics](#) » [Management](#)

How can membership and volunteer-based organizations such as service clubs grow? This book answers this question by documenting the experience of the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. In just six months the club doubled its membership. Ten practical and simple

lessons emerging from the experience of the club are provided to help other organizations grow their membership.

[Partner, Innovate, Evaluate: Increasing Rotary's Impact](#) by [Quentin Wodon](#)

Series: *Rotarian Economist Short Books*. Price: Free! Words: 16,660.

Language: English. Published: February 15, 2017. Categories:

[Nonfiction](#) » [Business & Economics](#) » [Non-profit business](#),

[Nonfiction](#) » [Business & Economics](#) » [Development / sustainable development](#)

If Rotary clubs are to have a larger impact, they need to put together more projects that rely on partnerships, are innovative, and are evaluated properly. This is because partnerships, innovation, and evaluation can increase the quality, scope, and reach of Rotary's service work, thereby making a larger difference for communities. This book suggests with case studies how it can be done.



ROTARY CHARITY SHOPS



The photo of this CHARITY SHOP in Notting Hill got me wondering whether any of the towns, where we have members, have a Rotary Charity Shop.

I know, from having attended a few Rotary meetings in Somerset West, that some clubs there have Charity Shops which work very well.

Surely there should be a Rotary Charity Shop in Durban or is there one that we are not aware of? If there isn't one, is there not a compelling reason for the clubs in Durban to consider starting one or several?

A couple of years ago President Irene and myself thought we had found the ideal premises for a Charity Shop but sadly, that didn't materialise.

NEWS FROM E-CLUB OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Posted on [February 17, 2017](#) by [Rotary International](#)

By *Kate McKenzie, Rotary E-Club of Western Australia*

Recently, I came across the concept of “conscious inclusion” when reading an article about how a bank consulted with an NGO for people with vision impairment when designing their new credit/debit cards. I started thinking about whether Rotary clubs are practicing conscious inclusion.

Unconscious bias means that we are often not aware of the needs of others. We may be willing to adjust if someone asks, but we may not be proactive about thinking ahead, asking for advice and then communicating with people that we have considered their needs.

People used to raise children in their 20s so by the time they were in their 30s they were starting to have time to do other things. Now parents often welcome their first born when they are in their 30s and juggling career with everything else. Volunteering with Rotary



Rotary E-Club of Western Australia

could be easier if children could be a part of it. Does your venue have highchairs and maybe a small box of toys/books? Does your website mention that children are welcome? Do you plan some activities in family-friendly places like parks?

When I became a mother, I was suddenly

a lot more aware of street design, building entrances and corridor width. Pushing a pram around made me aware of the challenges that people using a wheel-chair must face. Has your club conducted an accessibility audit of the venue(s) where you meet? Do you consider accessibility when planning social events? Perhaps you could engage a guest speaker to help learn what you need to consider? You may find that persons with disability are more likely to join your club if your website gives them key information relevant to their needs.

In my previous Rotary club, one of our members had impaired hearing. He was taught to lip read from a young age, so didn't use sign language. It was important, however, that we allowed him to sit where he could easily see the guest speaker and that we made an effort to face him directly during conversation. Through asking him what he needed, we learned how to make his Rotary experience more fulfilling.

Finally, many Rotary clubs come together in the act of sharing food. It's important, however that we consider medical, ethical and religious dietary needs, so that food doesn't divide us. Does your venue serve vegetarian or vegan options? Can kosher, halal options be made available? Do you collect information about dietary requirements in advance? If a member or visitor is fasting, can they attend without feeling obligated to pay for a meal? Is the kitchen capable of serving food that is safe for people with allergies or other medical needs?

A little forethought can go a long way to making our clubs more welcoming of diversity in our communities. Diversity makes us stronger.

NEW CLUB IN OUR DISTRICT - MTUNZINI

Our member, Greg Cryer, in his capacity as District Rotary Foundation Chair, attended the Charter Dinner of the newest Club in our District – The Rotary Club of Mtunzini.

Greg exchanged banners with the club and here is their banner:



Editor – I have known several of the members of the new club for a number of years and I'm sure one of them will explain what their banner depicts [I know it's about shade] – I see several birds making a desperate attempt to escape from the banner.....

THEY WALK AMONG US

TRUE STORY:

A noted psychiatrist was a guest speaker at an academic function where Nancy Pelosi (Speaker of the United States House of Representatives) happened to appear. Ms. Pelosi took the opportunity to schmooze the good doctor a bit and asked him a question with which he was most at ease.

'Would you mind telling me, Doctor,' she asked, 'how you detect a mental deficiency in somebody who appears completely normal?' 'Nothing is easier,' he replied. 'You ask a simple question which anyone should answer with no trouble.. If the person hesitates, that puts you on the track.'

'What sort of question?' asked Pelosi. Well, you might ask, 'Captain Cook made three trips around the world and died during one of them. Which one?'

Pelosi thought a moment, and then said with a nervous laugh, 'You wouldn't happen to have another example would you? I must confess I don't know much about history.'

Sadly, they walk among us! And, MORE sadly, hold high offices!!!

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I couldn't find my luggage at the airport baggage area and went to the lost luggage office and reported the loss.

The woman there smiled and told me not to worry

because she was a trained professional and

said I was in good hands. 'Now,' she asked me,

'has your plane arrived yet?'...

(I work with professionals like this.)

They Walk Among Us!

ROTARY E-CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA ONE SUPPORTS THE SPCA

Reporting: Irene Kotze

When my good friend Joan, at the age of 104, passed on to higher service two weeks ago, the family allowed me to sell her clothes and use the funds for our E-Club. Problem was: where to sell; take a stall at one of the flea markets or a second hand shop? To my rescue came none other than Gerald who offered to donate R2 000 for the lot on condition that the clothes went on behalf of our Club to the SPCA for their second hand shop which is in dire need of funds for the "resident" cats and dogs.

A big THANK YOU to Gerald!

At the same time our Club received an appeal from HIGHER GROUND, who were looking to us for sponsorship of R2 000 for a blind person to take part in their holiday camp who could not afford the fee and never had been taken on a holiday. We decided that this is where the R2 000 would be spent.

Today 3 huge bags of dresses, blouses and skirts in pristine condition were handed over to the SPCA. You should have seen the smiles on the faces of the staff that run the shop. There was such joy and laughter when they shouted: WOOF, WOOF AND MIAOW, MIAOW on behalf of their four legged homeless charges. It is amazing how things in Rotary just fall into place.

The Watts' are in South Africa



Front – Linda and Jeff Watts. Back - Gerald Sieberhagen and Irene Kotze

Jeff and Linda Watts are in South Africa on what Jeff termed Linda's Big Birthday Bash.

They arrived in Umhlanga on Saturday 25th February and met President Irene Kotze and Secretary Gerald Sieberhagen for a chat shortly before Irene flew off to Perth. Wonderful meeting up with Jeff again and with Linda for the first time.

MONIQUE LABAT reporting.....



Francesco Petruccione and Monique Labat recently attended a meeting of the Rotary Club of Scottburgh.

Monique exchanged an E-Club banner with Past President Eugene Tupholme and reported that:

Francesco and I received a very warm welcome from the Rotarians and all their Partners. It was wonderful to reconnect with the active and involved Rotarians who have an amazing array of projects in their greater Community.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE IN JOHANNESBURG



JOHANNESBURG

INSTITUTE ZONE 20A 14-16 SEPTEMBER 2017

WORLD PEACE THROUGH UNDERSTANDING

SAVE THE DATE

GETS: Monday 11 - Wednesday 13 September 2017

ROTARY INSTITUTE: Thursday 14 - Sunday 17 September 2017

THE 2017 INSTITUTE WEBSITE WILL OPEN FOR BOOKING SOON!

This year's Governor Elect Training (GETS) and the Rotary Institute for Zone 20A will be held at Misty Hills in Johannesburg, South Africa - the country on the southernmost tip of the African continent. South Africa is regarded by many as one of the most beautiful countries on the continent and it is here where Rotary International Zone 20A leaders will assemble from 11 districts - D9101, D9102, D9110, D9211, D9125, D9150, D9210, D9212, D9220, D9350, D9370 and D9400.

The Convenor RID Corneliu Dinca and Co-convenor RIDE Yinka Babalola cordially invite all Rotarians in Zone 20A to attend.

Come be inspired by a wide range of exceptional speakers and trainers from across the world. Get information directly from the Rotary leaders making a difference in our communities every day.

Please Join Us!

It is not often that the Rotary Institute for Zone 20A is held in South Africa [I remember it was held in Johannesburg in 2005].

If you are keen to learn a lot more about Rotary, you may want to consider attending the Rotary Institute – a website with all the details will be up and running soon.

Clubs and Districts will also have an opportunity to exhibit their projects on Saturday 16th September.

Please give this some thought.

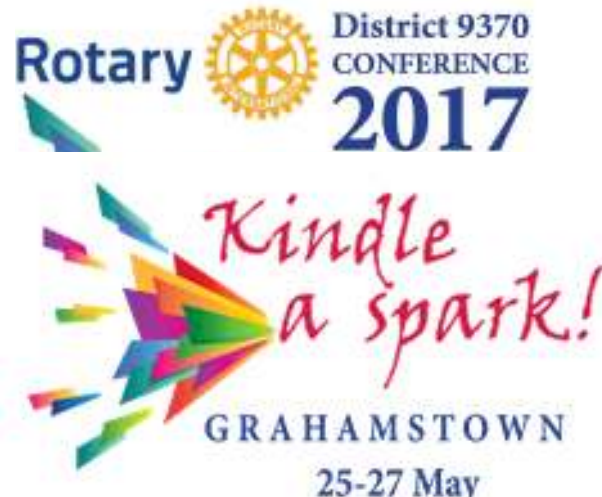
LACHLAN'S LAWS

- "Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about."
- "A closed mouth gathers no feet."
- "The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act."
- "The most common cause of hearing loss amongst men is a wife saying she wants to talk to him."
- Lachlan's Theorem of the Bath - "When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone invariably rings."
- "The things that come to those who wait will be the things left by those who got there first."
- "He who laughs last, thinks slowest."
- "Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't."
- "Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer."
- "Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people look bright until you hear them speak."
- "The man who thinks he knows it all, is a pain in the neck to those of us who really do."
- "The reason we Scots fight so often among ourselves is that we're always assured of having a worthy opponent."
- "When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of 15 people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty." (Note that there are 15 jurors in Scotland, not 12).
- "When women see the first strand of grey hair they think they are going to dye..."
- "The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor covering are directly correlated to the newness, color and cost of the carpet/rug."
- "All marriages are happy - it's the living together afterwards that causes all the problems."
- "Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong."
- "At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle arrive last and during a critical time in the show."
- "By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere."
- "Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you."
- "Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground."
- "Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognise a mistake when you make it again."
- "The average woman would rather have beauty than brains, because the average man can see better than he can think."
- "Wisdom comes with age - but sometimes age does a solo act."
- "Marriage is a relationship in which one person is always right - and the other person is a husband..."
- "Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional."
- "Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside."
- "Don't worry about what people think - they don't do it very often."
- "Someone who thinks logically makes a nice contrast to the real world."
- "You know when you're getting old when you wake up with that morning-after feeling, and you didn't do anything the night before."
- "The only way to keep healthy is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like, and do what you'd rather not." (*Mark Twain may have said it first*).
- "The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow."
- "A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water."

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BACK PAGE

The best TV tray I have ever seen! Please, no puns about the food being 'crappy'!
Patent Pending



More of Lachlan's Laws:

- "Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea."
 - "Before you criticise someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticise them, you're a mile away - and you have their shoes..."
 - "After a certain age, if you don't wake up aching in every joint, you are probably dead."
 - "There is no vaccine against stupidity!"
 - Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician
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- "A man with no sense of humour probably doesn't have any sense at all."
 - "Think about this ... No one ever says "It's only a game" when his team is winning."
 - "Never test the depth of the water with both feet."
 - "Women who think they are the equal of men lack ambition."
 - "Don't be irreplaceable. If you can't be replaced, you can't be promoted."
 - "If at first you don't succeed - skydiving is not for you."
 - "No husband has ever been shot while doing the dishes."
 - "Genius may have its limitations, but stupidity is not thus handicapped."
 - "A woman always has the last word in any argument. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument."
 - "The best way to get a man to do something is to suggest he's too old for it."
 - "To be happy with a man you must understand him a lot and love him a little. To be happy with a woman you must love her a lot and don't expect to understand her at all."
 - "Any married man can forget his past mistakes - there's no reason for two people to keep track of the same things."
 - No matter how hard you try, you can't baptise cats..
 - Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree.
 - It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions...

And now we are once again OUTA SPACE