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This Rotary year should be a very special year as it is the Centennial of The Rotary Foundation. But it will only be a very special year if WE choose to make it a very special year.

We are going to be inundated with stories about the progress and achievements of our Foundation through E-mails and articles on the Rotary.org website as well as publications such as Rotary Africa and The Rotarian magazines.

Those stories will reach the members of Rotary but it is important that these wonderful stories reach the broader public and the best way is probably through stories in newspapers, both national and local as well as through radio and TV.

What are we as a Club going to do to leave a lasting impression during this year? We need to put our thinking caps on and spring into action. We must ascertain what our District plans to do and what Rotary in South Africa plans to do. If funding is available to promote Rotary and the Foundation we must make use of that channel.

Tomorrow will be the induction of our 7th Club President, Irene Kotze. It will also be an opportunity for PP Jean Singh to reflect on the past year.

A total of 72 members, families and friends will share the evening's activities.

Have FUN

Gerald Sieberhagen - Editor

**SEVENTY-EIGHT % OF OUR MEMBERS HAVE ALREADY PAID THEIR
SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THIS HALF-YEAR**

TOTAL ERADICATION OF POLIO IS ROTARY'S TOP PRIORITY

Disease is spreading in only two countries: Afghanistan, Pakistan
Rebecca Martin, director of the Center for Global Health at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated the tens of thousands of Rotarians gathered Tuesday at the Korea International Exhibition Center in Goyang, Gyeonggi, on the latest accomplishments in polio eradication efforts.

"Since developing PolioPlus, first in the Philippines, Rotary has remained at the forefront of the eradication efforts," Martin said. "In the last three decades, we have seen astonishing progress. Polio cases have declined worldwide by more than 99.9 percent. We are closer to eradicating polio than we have been at any point in history."

PolioPlus, the first global vaccination program for polio, was established in 1985 by Rotary International. Rotary spearheaded the efforts to establish a public-private partnership for eradication of polio, which in 1988 materialized into the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). The partnership now involves the World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Children's Fund, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and national governments.

"Since GPEI was created, there have been 15 million cases of paralytic polio prevented and more than half a million deaths averted," Martin said.

Polio is a virus that spreads through human contact and can lead to paralysis, usually in the legs. In 1988, polio reportedly paralyzed more than 1,000 children every day. Children under the age of five are known to be most vulnerable to this disease, which is incurable but vaccine-preventable.

"For the first time ever, the entire African region is approaching two years of being polio-free," Martin said to the crowd, whose applause filled the auditorium.

As it takes a complete three-year period of no polio detection in a region for the WHO to declare it polio-free, efforts to sustain the current state of zero polio case in Africa continue.

Afghanistan and Pakistan are the only countries where the spread of wild poliovirus has never stopped. There are now 16 cases of polio infection in the two countries.

Although close to their goal of complete eradication of the disease, which will be second only to the eradication of smallpox by WHO in 1980, the road ahead is not an easy one for Rotary and its partners.

"Insecurity remains a challenge which requires strong skills in negotiating and working with new partners to deliver vaccines while keeping all polio workers safe from harm," Martin said, in regard to military strife in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

As an innovative solution to reach children in regions under conflict, the GPEI parties started to recruit women volunteers to find children using their own local networks.

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"The recruitment of the Female Community Volunteers in high threat areas has led to a major breakthrough," Martin said. "These female volunteers are vaccinating in their communities and reaching an increasing number of children previously missed."

In explaining how imperative it is to have governments exercise political will to carry out the vaccinations, Martin said it is the Rotarians, the 1.23 million volunteer leaders, who can be the best advocates.

"I need each of you to continue to advocate and engage with your political leaders and key individuals with your strong, influential Rotary voice and passion, so that all of our stakeholders will continue to commit to funding the final steps of polio," she said.

Rotary has contributed more than \$1.5 billion to immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries, including some \$14.6 million from Korean Rotary clubs.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation matches each dollar donated by Rotary two-to-one, up to \$35 million a year through 2018. Donor governments have contributed more than \$7.2 billion to the project.

Martin warned Rotarians not to be complacent with their achievements on the frontlines of battling polio. According to the immunization expert, it's all or nothing.

"If we don't achieve eradication, we can quickly see cases come back," she said. "Through modelling estimates we figured it's about 100,000 to 150,000 cases a year that could come back if we don't keep our level of protection now through our campaigns."

"Poliovirus knows no borders."

BY ESTHER CHUNG [chung.juhee@joongang.co.kr]

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<http://koreajoongangdaily.joins.com/news/article/article.aspx?aid=3019440&cloc=joongangdaily%7Chome%7Cnewlist2> dated 14/6/2016



Our Youth Services Director, Angie Mitchell, in the centre with this year's outgoing STEP students. [There is a special prize for the first E-Club member who sends me the names of our students in the correct order – *Editor*]

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BIRTHDAYS

JULY

6th - Francesco Petruccione

18th - BU Singh

18th - Dave Arnold

20th - Suresh Setty

21st - Irene Kotze

27th - Monique Labat

27th - Elsa Doubell

AUGUST

7th - Patrick Andries

10th - Chris Hutton

18th - Rajen Ranganthan

20th - Brian St Clair

23rd - David Tilling



ANNIVERSARIES

JULY

11th - Francesco Petruccione & Monique Labat

14th - Janet & Mark Rouillard

AUGUST

13th - Jeff & Linda Watts

18th - Sambulo & Sizakele Khalala

DATES TO DIARISE

2016

Wednesday 6th July - Induction of President Elect Irene Kotze at the Gateway Hotel, Umhlanga Ridge Cluster gatherings in Port Alfred, KZN Midlands, Port Owen, and Australia

30th July - World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

3rd to 7th October - National Human Trafficking Awareness Week in South Africa

**12th to 14th October
Rotary Family Health Days**

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

2017

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

EVENTS AND PROJECTS

GLOBAL GRANT 1418817

Proceeding according to plan. In the final straight now. Some exciting follow up developments.....

GLOBAL GRANT 1527880

Proceeding according to plan. Interim report completed and signed off by both Club Presidents exactly one year after receipt of the Global Grant funding. Well done Peter Brauteseth.

The Rotary Foundation Centennial year began on 1st July 2016 and was launched at the RI Convention in Seoul, Korea



**THIS
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IS
BEING
UNDER UTILISED**

PRESIDENT IRENE'S PAGE



TO MY FELLOW ROTARIANS

The last time I served as your president was in 2014-2015. We still have a vibrant group of active members dedicated to service in our respective communities and we need to build on that strength and strive to bring more of our members into that special area of Rotary Serving Humanity.

Some of the members then have left us but others have joined us and I believe that although our club has a stronger mix of members now, our goal remains the same: to serve those in need.

So let us take the first step together as we begin the new Rotary Year. Where SERVICE ABOVE SELF is our Rotary Motto and THE FOUR-WAY TEST is a great way to live our lives, the key to a happy Rotary Year for all our members, in a nutshell, is this quote by John Wesley:

**“Do all the good you can.
By all the means you can.
In all the ways you can.
In all the places you can.
At all the times you can.
To all the people you can.
As long as ever you can.”**

Since the presidents' role should be that of a serving leader, I encourage anyone who has ideas or suggestions of how we can build on our strengths to talk to me.

Thank you for giving me another opportunity to lead our Club. Hope to 'see' many of you at our Induction tomorrow.

From Down Under

Irene

FILLERS

- Whatever you may look like, marry a man your own age. As your beauty fades, so will his eyesight.
- Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance?
- Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing up is like shovelling the sidewalk before it stops snowing.
- The reason women don't play football is because 11 of them would never wear the same outfit in public.
- Best way to get rid of kitchen odours: Eat out.
- A bachelor is a guy who never made the same mistake once.
- I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them.
- Most children threaten at times to run away from home. This is the only thing that keeps some parents going.
- My photographs don't do me justice - they just look like me.
- The only time I ever enjoyed ironing was the day I accidentally got gin in the steam iron.

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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

JULY 2016 to NOV 2016

THIS IS YOUR REMINDER

11th July – Irene Kotze
18th July – Mike Ferry
25th July – Bill Main
1st Aug – Monique Labat
8th Aug – Greg Cryer
22nd Aug – Jeff Watts
29th Aug – Pat Draper
5th Sept – Sambulo Khalala
12th Sept – Nareshini Ranganthan
19th Sept – Suresh Setty
26th Sept – Nadja Fredericks
3rd Oct – Irene Kotze
10th Oct – Philip Hedley
17th Oct – Keith Kirton
24th Oct – Mario Hegemann
31st Oct – Peter Brauteseth
7th Nov – Janet Rouillard
14th Nov – Sivashni Singh
21st Nov – Jerry Brown

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

WEDNESDAY 6th JULY –

President's Induction –
F2F & GTM

12TH JULY – Angie Goody –
my passion

26TH JULY – Nadja Fredericks -
Dementia

9TH AUGUST – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

23RD AUGUST – Rev Johan van
Schalkwyk – Sailors Society

6TH SEPTEMBER

20TH SEPTEMBER

4TH OCTOBER

18TH OCTOBER

1ST NOVEMBER – PDG Nick

Phillips – TRF Speakers Bureau
– TRF Centennial

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

RI PRESIDENT-ELECT'S SPEECH TO THE 2016 ROTARY CONVENTION

John F. Germ, Korea, 1 June 2016

My friends, my fellow Rotarians:

A Greek philosopher once wrote that great enterprises begin with small opportunities.

That sounds good, doesn't it? But you know what? I don't think it's true.

Great enterprises *don't* begin with small opportunities. They begin with great opportunities. It's just that great opportunities sometimes have a way of looking small.

Every one of us here has been given a great opportunity: the opportunity that came in the form of a Rotarian saying, "I'd like to invite you to a meeting of my Rotary club."

It might have seemed like a small opportunity at the time. But for whatever reasons, for each of us, it also seemed like a good idea: an interesting chance to meet some good people, and do some good work, and have some fun along the way.

Looking back on that now, I think every one of us recognizes the opportunity to serve through Rotary for what it truly is: not a small opportunity, but a great one — the great opportunity that led all of us to the great enterprise that is Rotary.

And what I want all of us to take from that — today, tomorrow, and in the year ahead — is that the only difference between a small opportunity and a great one is what you do with it.

Each one of us has been given the opportunity to serve in Rotary. What we do with that opportunity, that's up to each of us. But the decisions we make — they won't end with us.

The effects of *our* work, *our* decisions, will ripple out all over the world to people we'll never meet but whose lives Rotary will change.

Like the women who, right now, at this moment, are walking down dirt paths with water jars on their heads, on their way to get water from a polluted stream that's an hour away from their homes. Next year, they won't have to carry that water anymore, because of the bore wells that Rotary will dig.

The girls in India who have to leave school at age 12 or 13 because their school has no toilets: Next year, those girls won't have to leave, because of toilet blocks that Rotary will build.

And the children in Pakistan and Afghanistan, who live every day with the risk of being paralyzed by polio: Next year, they won't have to worry about that, because we'll have vaccinated those children. And soon, their countries and the whole world will be polio free.

All of that is what can happen — not what *will* happen, but what *can* happen — when we recognize that the opportunity to join Rotary was the opportunity of a lifetime. A great opportunity to change the world for the better, forever, through *Rotary Serving Humanity*.

My friends, we are at a crossroads in Rotary. We are looking ahead at a Rotary year that may one day be known as the *greatest* in our history: the year that polio finally falls.

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All of Southeast Asia, and all of Africa, are now polio-free. Only two countries now share one remaining reservoir of the wild poliovirus. And those two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan, are giving it everything they have, with all the help we can give them, to make this the year that the last child contracts the last case of polio caused by the wild poliovirus.

But it is so important that we all understand that when that happens, it won't be over yet. Because getting to zero doesn't mean that we've gotten to the end.

We'll only be done when we've reached our goal: a world that is certified polio-free. And that means three full years without one single case.

That means that we have to keep up all of our efforts, not just for another few months but for at least another three years. And we can't forget that we are still \$1.5 billion short of the money we'll need to get the job done.

It's not our job to raise all of that money ourselves. But it is our job to *advocate*, anywhere and everywhere we can, to make sure that it is raised. We need to be talking about polio, tweeting about polio, putting polio front and center in the minds of our communities and our elected officials.

We started this more than 30 years ago now. We've stuck with it all this time. And soon — 1.85 billion Rotary dollars and more than 2.5 *billion* immunized children later — we're going to finish it.

And when that moment comes, we need to be ready for it, to be sure that we are recognized for that success, and leverage that success, into more partnerships, greater growth, and even more ambitious service in the decades to come.

We need to make sure that everyone knows the role that Rotary has played in making the world polio-free. That is tremendously important, because the more we are known for what we've achieved, the more we'll be able to attract the partners, the funding, and — most important of all — the members, to achieve even more.

We're working hard at RI to be sure that Rotary does get that credit. But it can't all happen in Evanston. We need you to get the word out through your clubs and in your communities about what Rotary is and what we do.

And we need to be sure that your clubs are ready for the moment that polio is finally eradicated. When people who share our values, who want to do good, see that Rotary is a place that can change the world, we need to be ready for these members. Every club needs to be ready.

My friends, we are entering into historic times.

You told us that we need to change and become more flexible so that Rotary service will be attractive to younger members and recent retirees and working people. You spoke with clarity, and groundbreaking legislation was passed this year at the Council on Legislation. I am pleased to share with you that Rotarians the world over are responding with great excitement.

You told us that Rotary needs to be relevant in our second century of service, and because of this, we are entering into the most progressive year in our organization's history. Clubs have the opportunity to be who they want to be but at the same time remain true to our core.

We need clubs that can not only attract new members but engage them in Rotary service: clubs that are welcoming and active, that truly follow The Four-Way Test.

The reason Paul Harris founded Rotary, 111 years ago, is still very much the reason people come to Rotary today: to find people who share their values. People who believe in honesty, diversity, tolerance, friendship, and peace. People who believe that serving humanity is the best thing they can do with their time on this earth.

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Whether we're reading to schoolchildren or building a clinic or fighting polio, even as we change and adapt and move forward, the *essence* of who we are and what makes a Rotarian doesn't change.

We're still based on a classification principle, because our diversity is our strength. We still hang The Four-Way Test on the wall, because high ethical standards don't ever go out of style. And we still believe, as Paul Harris believed, that serving humanity is the most worthwhile thing any one of us can do with our lives.

We need to seek out new partnerships, opening ourselves more to collaborative relations with other organizations, to achieve even more together. And we need to prioritize continuity in our leadership. Because if there's one thing we've learned from polio, it's that if we want to go as far as we can, we all have to be moving in the same direction. We have to be serving humanity.

My friends, we are doing so much incredible work already. Judy and I have seen so much of it this year, all over the world. But we could be doing so much more.

We need more willing hands, more caring hearts, and more bright minds to move our work forward.

We're all in this together. We're all on the same team. If one of us scores, we all score. And we take just as much pride in an assist as we do in a goal. Because the goal we have is one that we all share: to transform the lives of the people who need our help the most.

They're waiting for you. They're waiting for us — to dig the wells, to build the schools, to put an end to polio.

Every day that you serve in Rotary, you have that opportunity to change lives. Those opportunities might look small. You might sometimes think that what you do doesn't matter.

But they're not small. And everything you do matters, especially to the people you help and the people you love, in this generation and the next and the next. Every good work you do in your life makes the world better for them all. One good work at a time. One day at a time. That's all it takes.

That's what we're here for in Rotary. That's what we do. That is the responsibility that each one of us accepted when we accepted the privilege of wearing a Rotary pin.

To serve humanity — as much as we can, as well as we can.

To change as many lives as we can, for the better.

Not alone. Not as individuals. But together — as a team — through *Rotary Serving Humanity*.

The Deaf Italian Bookkeeper

A Mafia Godfather finds out that his bookkeeper, Guido, has cheated him out of \$10,000,000

His bookkeeper is deaf. That was the reason he got the job in the first place.

It was assumed that Guido would hear nothing so he would not have to testify in court.

Then the Godfather goes to confront Guido about his missing \$10 million, he takes along his lawyer who knows sign language. The Godfather tells the lawyer, "Ask him where the money is!" The lawyer, using sign language, asks Guido, "Where's the money?"

Guido signs back, "I don't know what you are talking about."

The lawyer tells the Godfather, "He says he doesn't know what you're talking about."

The Godfather pulls out a pistol, puts it to Guido's head and says, "Ask him again or I'll kill him!"

The lawyer signs to Guido, "He'll kill you if you don't tell him."

Guido trembles and signs, "OK! You win! The money is in a brown briefcase, buried behind the shed at my cousin Bruno's house." The Godfather asks the lawyer, "What did he say?"

The lawyer replies, "He says you don't have the balls to pull the trigger."

NEWS FROM OUR PORT ALFRED CLUSTER

These photos show activities of the Interact Club of Port Alfred High School on International Environmental day. The Club cleaned the gardens at Port Alfred High School and permanently placed our E-Club banner.



MORE NEWS FROM OUR PORT ALFRED CLUSTER

In the last edition of OUTA SPACE we mentioned that we would show close-ups of the various features of The Gazebo. Here they are and they are indeed a truly lasting reminder of what Rotary is all about.



Is there not an opportunity to do something similar for a Community to commemorate The Rotary Foundation Centennial?

GoToMEETING on 28TH JUNE 2016

**PRESENTATION
to
ROTARY E-CLUB
OF SOUTH
AFRICA ONE
by
ANDREA
MELLON
on
28th June 2016**



HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Andrea Mellon gave an excellent talk on HUMAN TRAFFICKING which certainly gave her audience a new look at this problem facing the world.

In the June edition of Rotary Africa there was an article dealing with this topic which got us thinking.

Then hearing first hand from Andrea during our GTM was just what we needed to focus on this scourge.

Her talk will be available on our website as soon as I am able to process the recording. *Editor*

The White House – Valley of a 1000 Hills, Inanda Valley

How the White House came to be:

Russell Chili lives in a humble home built with his own hands in the Inanda Valley, Durban. At first he lived alone, but now he lives with his lovely wife Precious and their own two children. Orphaned as a small boy, one day he sat as a grown, successful adult, and imagined what his life would be like had he not been gifted with the "aunty" who lovingly opened her home to him when he was a small boy.

It was on that day that he decided to do the same for other children. In 2003, he took on Bonginkosi Madlala, whose parents had passed away and when his blind granny passed away too, with nobody to care for him, Russell thought nothing of taking on the challenge and taking him in. By 2004 with 5 children, he had registered as Sithembakuye Children's Home with NPO number NPO065-800. By 2006, he had added 4 rooms for the children onto his house. As he gathered orphans, they became a big family and he named his home, the White House. When asked why he chose that name, he replied "because in America, that's the best house you could live in, and that's what we are here". The White House Community Centre was

registered in July 2015 with a New NPO – 156 351 NPO.

Russell and Precious have taken in disabled children, mostly suffering from cerebral palsy. Often they come from homes without parents or with aged or impoverished families unable to take on the endless task of caring for them. Old bedridden patients are also taken in, and for this need Russell built a whole new section on his land to accommodate them, separate from the younger children.

Adele Walters at The White House



He receives financial assistance from Lionsraw and GAGA (Goodwill And Growth for Africa UK) but as you can imagine, his monthly costs are never ending. They receive help from extended community members and churches, always receiving their donations with comments like 'God never ceases to bless us'.

Expenses include:

Food R20x60 residents R1200 per day X 30 days, R36000 per month. Electricity/Gas cost of R2500 - R8000 per month. Seven paid Staff members at R1900 each = R13300. 7 volunteer staff members. Medical costs obviously fluctuate. Nappies cost R37000 per month. Water is fortunately an expense they don't incur, as they use rain water from JoJo Tanks.

They desperately need physiotherapy for the handicapped. Annual school uniform supply for school going children is also a need.

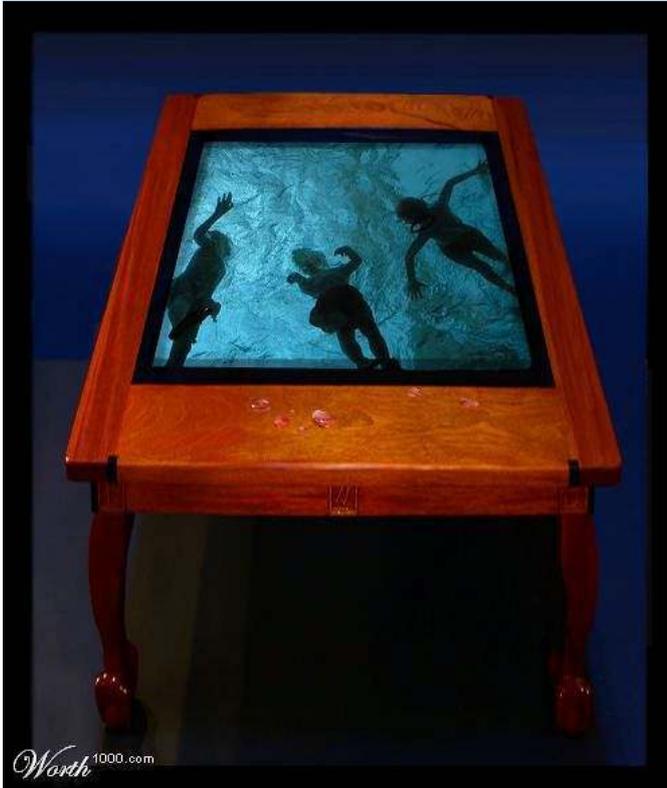
Russell and Precious manage with their deep set faith in God. When you ask them how they manage to feed everybody, Russell's face lights up and he proudly says that 'God provides' = a true testimony to the Bible story of Jesus feeding the 5000. Matthew 14:13-21

One has to visit the 'White House' to feel the wonderful love. Everybody is made to feel welcome. There truly are miracles happening there every day.

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MIND GAMES – Study these five pictures – what thing do they represent?



You may need to think outside the box for a couple of these – but of course it is sometimes a lot more comforting to know what thinking inside the box is taking place. HAVE FUN. No prize for the first correct answers that I receive - *Editor*

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BACK PAGE – Last but not least

REVERSE BUCKET LIST – The first one was: 'Sky walking in the Alps'; the 2nd one: 'Extreme picnicking' the 3rd one 'Cliff Camping' – and here is the 4th one: Tree Camping in Germany – Once again I ask the question "Where do they make the camp fire?"



The four Goldberg brothers, Lowell, Norman, Hiram, and Max, invented and developed the first automobile air-conditioner. On July 17, 1946, the temperature in Detroit was 97 degrees. The four brothers walked into old man Henry Ford's office and sweet-talked his secretary into telling him that four gentlemen were there with the most exciting innovation in the auto industry since the electric starter. Henry was curious and invited them into his office.

They refused and instead asked that he come out to the parking lot to their car. They persuaded him to get into the car, which was about 130 degrees, turned on the air conditioner, and cooled the car off immediately. The old man got very excited and invited them back to the office, where he offered them \$3 million for the patent.

The brothers refused, saying they would settle for \$2 million, but they wanted the recognition by having a label, 'The Goldberg Air-Conditioner,' on the dashboard of each car in which it was installed.

Now old man Ford was more than just a little anti-Jewish, and there was no way he was going to put the Goldberg's name on two million Fords.

They haggled back and forth for about two hours and finally agreed on \$4 million and that just their first names would be shown.

And so to this day, all Ford air conditioners show --

Lo, Norm, Hi, and Max -- on the controls.

And now we are once again OUTA SPACE