

OUTA SPACE

NEWSLETTER

ROTARY E-CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA ONE

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May is Youth Services Month in the Rotary Calendar.

I would imagine that the vast majority of Rotary Clubs have at least one programme directed at Youth, whether it is an Interact Club, an EarlyAct Club, a Youth Exchange or Rotary Youth Leadership Awards there is surely one of these activities that has attracted members to Rotary and kept them interested in Rotary.

June is Rotary Fellowships Month in the Rotary Calendar.

Most clubs probably have at least one member who finds great joy and fulfillment in belonging to one of the many Fellowships in Rotary. The annual RI Convention sees many of the Fellowships and Rotary Action Groups with a booth in the House of Friendship and several have their AGM and a special dinner or event during Convention time. Many of the Fellowships such as the Golfing and Cricketing Fellowships have tournaments and festivals during the year.

These 2 Rotary months then have much to offer Rotarians.

I am not quite sure just when the "Make up" for attendance started

in Rotary but it is something very worthwhile. The fact that a Rotarian will be welcomed into any Rotary Club in the world has tremendous benefits. When last did **YOU** attend a meeting of another Rotary Club? Those of our members who do attend meetings of other Rotary Clubs always find something of interest to talk about.

Thank you to those members who have responded to the various requests that have been sent out during the past month. And, yes, as usual it is the same old same old respondents. Sure, some members are just too busy to respond BUT what is really irritating is that some members who enjoy the benefits of being a member of the Rotary E-Club of South Africa just couldn't be bothered.

Gerald Sieberhagen - Editor

My comments between 'bothered' and my name have been blanked out.

**NOW ONLY ONE SUBSCRIPTIONS STILL OUTSTANDING!
RI AND DIST DUES AND ROTARY AFRICA SUBS
HAVE BEEN PAID.**

PRESIDENT IRENE'S CORNER



Dear Fellow Rotarians

It is that time of the year to reflect on whether we decide to remain a Rotarian and pay our dues or do we say enough is enough; I have done my duty to the community and to Rotary. It is time to look after myself and my family. No, I would not blame anyone who takes that decision as one of our guidelines is FAMILY COMES FIRST. But it is also time to reminisce about what we have managed to achieve.

What, as Rotarians, is our goal in life? Why did we become a member of the family of Rotary? What is our vision and why are we Rotarians: We have helped communities to live with dignity, hope and purpose. We have encouraged our crèches to reach out to Early Childhood Development; we have helped with feeding schemes.

Through our Interact Clubs we have developed life skills and looked after our aging friends. Our EarlyActors have done their bit; we have in a small way helped people to empower themselves and in the words of the late Robert F Kennedy: *"Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centres of energy and daring those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."*

We can be proud of what we have achieved through the dedication of our members and their efforts to obtain Global Grants to further the studies of

senior learners, with the excellent support of our Canadian friends, and have helped them on their way to achieve. Our friends in Norway and Australia have supported our Literacy and Empowerment project and our friends in Germany, with the assistance of their European friends, have provided funding for Project Dignity.

We had our Australian members promote our Club at the 2016 International Convention in Seoul, and they will do so again in Atlanta; we have our Australian friends with their ongoing support and donation of funds to further engage in our Project Dignity; and friends in the UK doing so as well. What it means to the girls is going to school every day without a worry.

We are looking forward to receiving funds from Australia to refurbish St Thomas Children's Home thereby turning it into a haven of enjoyment, for those youngsters who have only known hardship, by providing books and educational toys so that they will learn that life has a few thumbs up for them.

Now what we need to do is to get some of the ladies of the various retirement/old age homes engaged in knitting jerseys for the girls and boys when the chilly mornings start setting in. Wool has been provided. If you need wool and in our clusters as well, please let me know as the salvage store in Durban is always happy to help.

A final note! It is great to have you in the E-Club fold and I do hope that you are enjoying your Rotary experience and will continue to do so. If, however, for whatever reason you did not enjoy your Rotary Year I would like to know (personal and private to my e-mail). Maybe there is something that needs to be addressed. We really want all our members to be happy ROTARIANS.

Have FUN
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

MAY 2017 to AUG 2017

THIS IS YOUR REMINDER

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

15th May – Hans Hon
22nd May – Suzanne Edmunds
29th May – Alastair Stead
5th June – Steven Lancaster
12th June – Johan Krugel
19th June – Greg Cryer
26th June – Amanda van Rooyen
3rd July – Irene Kotze
10th July – Arlene Arnold
17th July –
24th July –
31st July –
7th Aug –
14th Aug –
21st Aug –
28th Aug –

Please send your TOPIC of the Week to our Club Admin Director, Gerald Sieberhagen, by at least the THURSDAY preceding the date of your turn. It makes it easier if Rotarians send in their TOPIC of the Week well ahead of time.

GoToMeeting
@ 19h00
TUESDAY

16TH MAY – HELENE GRIFFITHS –
Granny Griffs Sugar Shack
30TH MAY – Dr Marieanna C Le
Roux - PAT 'Pets as Therapy'
13th JUNE – Dr Julia Ambler -
Umduduzi
27th JUNE
4th JULY – Induction Dinner
11th JULY
25TH JULY
8TH AUG
22ND AUG
5th SEPT
19TH SEPT

During the week preceding the GTM, the login details REMINDER will be emailed to each member.

If you have any suggestions for a Guest Speaker please let me know – Gerald – Club Admin

DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

MAY

12th – Candelaria Zapp
12th – Melanie Hegemann
12th – Zwakele Ngubane
13th – Dhiviyen Kalidas
15th – Aadila Sabat
17th – Gillian Stark
23rd – Angie Goody
26th – Andisha Maharaj
27th – Gerald Sieberhagen
31st – Andrea Mellon

JUNE

6th – Giel van Rooyen
7th – Herman Zapp
11th – Johnny Stark
12th – Janet Rouillard
13th – June Fannin
30th – Jean Singh

ANNIVERSARIES

MAY

13th – Cyril & Clementine Phakathi
17th – Mike & Lynette Millard
23rd – EARLYACT CLUB of OUR LADY
OF FATIMA
25th – Aadila & Brian Sabat St Clair

JUNE

17th – David & Eleni Tilling
22nd – John & June Fannin
30th – Jean & BU Singh

UPCOMING EVENTS 2017

10th May – TRF 100 YEARS CELEBRATION

14th May – Mother's Day is celebrated in many countries on this day

25th to 27th May – District Conference in Grahamstown - 'Kindle a Spark'

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

23rd June – Meeting with Rotarians from D5340 USA – more details to follow from Pat Draper

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

19th November – World Toilet Day

2018

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

I WISH YOU ENOUGH

Recently, I overheard a mother and daughter in their last moments together at the airport as the daughter's departure had been announced. Standing near the security gate, they hugged and the mother said:

"I love you and I wish you enough."

The daughter replied, "Mom, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough, too, Mom." They kissed and the daughter left.

The mother walked over to the window where I sat. Standing there, I could see she wanted and needed to cry.

I tried not to intrude on her privacy but she welcomed me in by asking, "Did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?" "Yes, I have," I replied. "Forgive me for asking but why is this a forever good-bye?"

"I am old and she lives so far away. I have challenges ahead and the reality is the next trip back will be for my funeral," she said.

When you were saying good-bye, I heard you say, "I wish you enough." May I ask what that means?"

She began to smile. "That's a wish that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone." She paused a moment and looked up as if trying to remember it in detail and she smiled even more.

"When we said 'I wish you enough' we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them". Then turning toward me, she shared the following, reciting it from memory,

"I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright.

I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more.

I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive.

I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger.

I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye."

She then began to cry and walked away.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person. An hour to appreciate them. A day to love them. And an entire life to forget them.

- Author Unknown -

Rotary Fellowships – Philip Hedley reporting

In early April I had the opportunity to have a week's golf in Perth, Western Australia with 80 members of the Australian Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians (AGFR). In its 39th year, this annual tournament is shared with each of the 6 states and Northern Territory on a rotation basis. It is hosted by a local Rotary club, who are awarded the tournament two years in advance. N.B. In 2018 it will be at Murray Bridge, outside Adelaide and 2019 in Alice Springs.

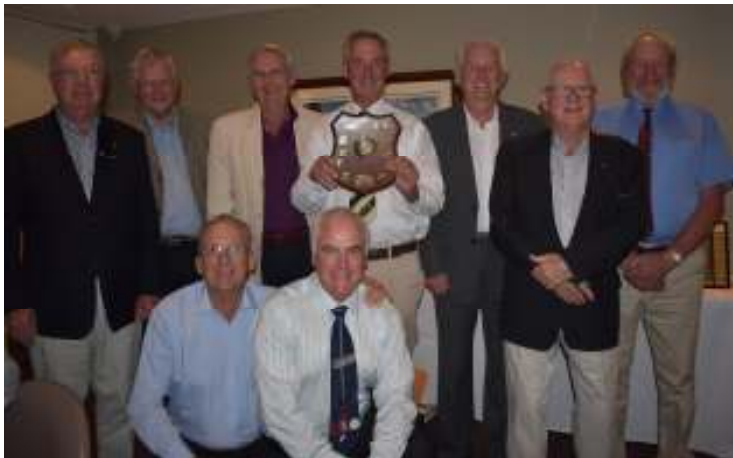


There is a fundraising element to the week and the Rotary Club of Ascot chose Interplast.

Interplast sends teams of volunteer plastic and reconstructive surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and allied health professionals to provide life-changing surgery in 17 countries across the Asia Pacific region.

Integrally involved in the establishment of Interplast in 1983 with the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Interplast is supported by Rotarians in clubs and districts throughout Australia and New Zealand. The Board is made up of equal representatives from both Organisations.

Since 1983 over 70 Rotarians have accompanied teams as observers.



It was a great opportunity for golf, fun and fellowship, catching up with Rotarians and their partners from the far flung parts of this Continent. We played on two courses – Mt Lawley and The Western Australian. This was my sixth tournament and I was lucky enough to secure runner-up in “B” Grade and

was part of the winning South Australian State Team.

Attached are a few photos. Despite my protestations, the editor insisted I include myself.

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Our shy golfing star, Philip Hedley, collecting his runners-up trophy



It wasn't all plain sailing – bunkered!!!



With scenes like this, the Perth skyline as a backdrop, who wouldn't enjoy belonging to a Rotary golfing Fellowship?

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Thank you to those of you who responded to my request. Here is what our members had to say and of course there is no right or wrong answer.

1. The last test is the most important of the four. It is an old orator's trick called "end stress". That is, the stress (or the most important thing) is left until last (or, the end...). This way, it is the last thing people hear and it is what they are left thinking about as they leave. Of course, the other way to look at this being the most important of the tests is that if it is not beneficial to all concerned, then it is not fair to one or more of the parties concerned, meaning there is not full truth in it and it won't create goodwill or better friendship.
2. I think without TRUTH none of the other parameters will be achieved. Truth underpins every thought choice decision one makes. It defines the moral compass for other relationships that result from the three others.
3. I believe "Is it fair to all concerned" is most important. It revolves about each individual's treatment and consideration of others. In many ways abiding by this tenet automatically includes the others.
4. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? This is one of the most important to me when applied to my personal relationships - Will it build goodwill? i.e. long term - will it be worth winning the "argument" as it may change the course of your future relationships e.g. my very difficult daughter-in-law
5. My choice is IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED. To be fair one has to be honest. Fairness undoubtedly brings benefit to others and certainly fairness enhances friendship and relationships.
6. It has to be: "Is it the Truth?" Without being the truth, nothing else is of consequence!
7. Thank you for your comments, you really got me thinking. Also I still am stating that the Four Way Test is a complete identity, I have started to analyse the 4 points. No 1 to 3 reflects the ethics and integrity of A PERSON as a Rotarian in his very day life, job etc., while No 4 is directed away from the personal ego. Benefit accrues to others as a consequence of any act that is not based on selfish motives (or at least in the Rotary way it should not be for personal gain). So if we live by the FOUR WAY TEST the answer to your question the most important is: "WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED".
8. I think for me. "Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned" would be my choice.
Does it uplift not just for the sake of it but does it really help everyone in a community, school or Country.
9. For me the most important has always been No 1 Is It the truth? Why, because if we all adhere to the truth the other questions will be achieved with ease.
10. I believe No 2 is the most important. It is very difficult for everything that one does to be BENEFICIAL to all concerned and what one thinks, says and does although FAIR, may not lead to BETTER FRIENDSHIPS. At times things one says may not be the TRUTH for very good ethical reasons. So as long as it is FAIR it is OK by me.

So after 1 week our Club of 50 members was right on the button of the Pareto principle. Yes 10 responses = 20%

No 1 – 30%; No 2 – 30%; No 3 – 10% No 4 – 30%

And the after some cajoling, the next 10 that have trickled in over a 2-week period:

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

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1. The Truth is the most important because the others all rely on the Truth to be effective,
2. I think the fourth question 'Will it be beneficial to all?' is the most important. As Rotarians I feel that we should always be concerned about the broader ramifications our actions and statements have on the community at large. This fourth test, in my mind, has always been a conclusion to encompass the others and ties up neatly the intentions of the previous three.
3. I believe the 1st is the most critical - if the truth applies then all the other 3 questions will comply and we will better serve humanity and be better citizens.
4. Only just received this. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? Because it really sums up what we should be striving for.
5. Number 3 I think. In our environment this is what we strive for most of the time.
6. For me number 2 is the most important: Is it fair to all concerned? I really believe in fairness and expect all people to adhere to being fair to themselves and others. The older I get however, I realize that not everyone plays fairly and so I know that in order to be true to myself - I have to remember to be fair to myself and others.
7. "Is it the Truth" is the most important. Because if you can't be truthful then it is almost impossible to truly follow the other 3.
8. Of course ALL points of the four way test are important, but I believe that the last one WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED is probably the most important. If a project undertaken by a Rotary Club is beneficial to all concerned, upon completion, it will mark the success of that project. The day to day lives of the beneficiaries will be enhanced, the community will be enriched and the Rotarians and their Club will enjoy the feeling of accomplishment that the successful outcome of the project will bring.
9. Number 3 is the most important. What we need in this world is goodwill and better friendship. The other 3 hinge on this one.
10. For me, the most important question in the Rotary Four-Way Test is "Is it the TRUTH?" Going back to an earlier life in music, if you don't get the rhythm track correct, it doesn't matter what you add to the recording, it will never be right. I believe this analogy can/should be used in life: If one doesn't establish the truth in any project or action to start with, there will be avoidable consequences further down the line.

So after 2 more weeks, of our Club of 50 members 20 had submitted their choice

FIRST 10 - No 1 – 30%; No 2 – 30%; No 3 – 10% No 4 – 30%

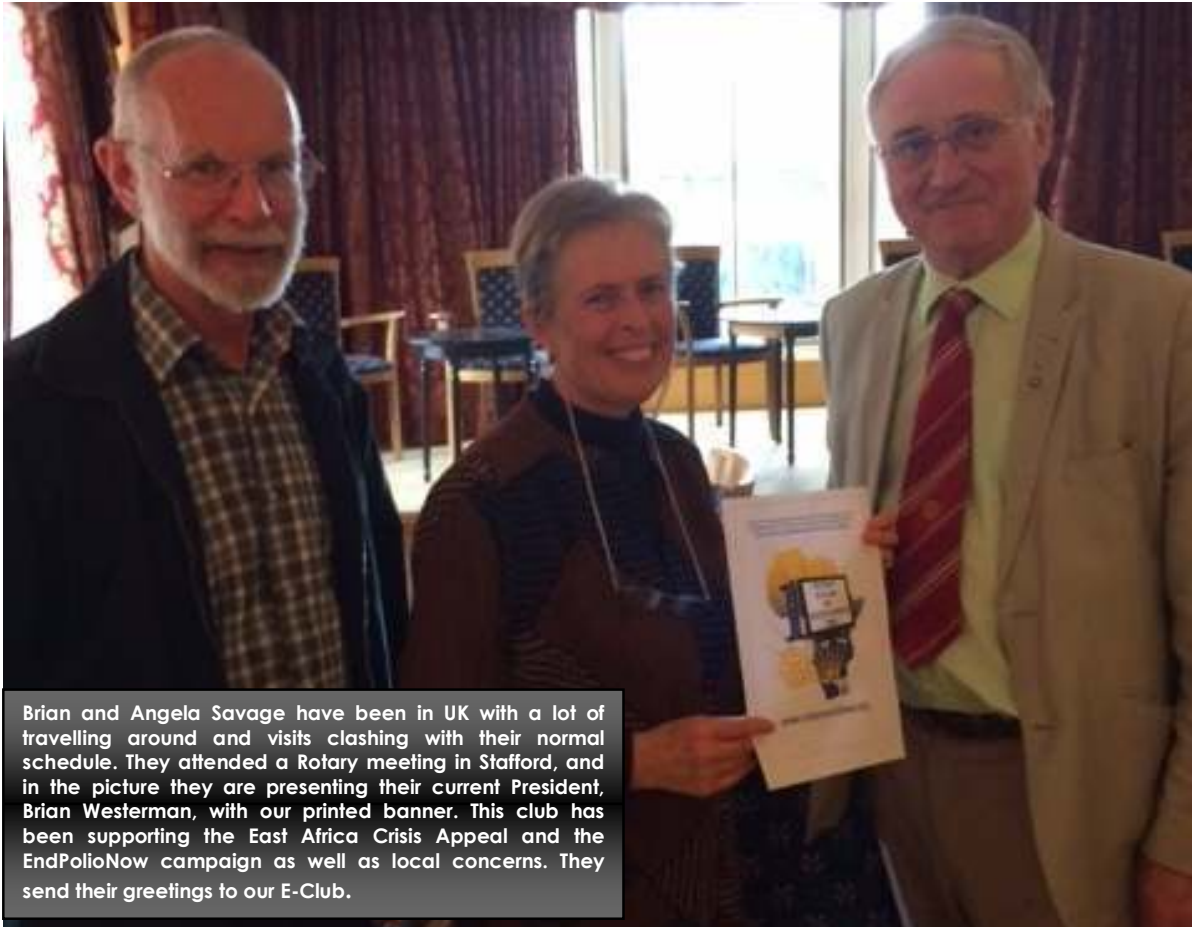
NEXT 10 - No 1 – 40%; No 2 – 10%; No 3 – 20% No 4 – 30%

TOTAL - No 1 – 35%; No 2 – 20%; No 3 – 15% No 4 – 30%

I have forwarded our member's responses to Rotarian Corinne Gregory Author, "[It's Not Who You Know, It's How You Treat Them](#)" who also has a message that she speaks about 'Character and the Four-Way Test!'

I will try and get her as a speaker at one of our GoToMeetings

MAKING UP AND CLUB RAIDS



Brian and Angela Savage have been in UK with a lot of travelling around and visits clashing with their normal schedule. They attended a Rotary meeting in Stafford, and in the picture they are presenting their current President, Brian Westerman, with our printed banner. This club has been supporting the East Africa Crisis Appeal and the EndPolioNow campaign as well as local concerns. They send their greetings to our E-Club.

Mike Millard, Tina and Hans Hon and 2 Interact Club of Port Alfred High School members, President Britney Hawkins and Past President Inga Mpepanduku raided the Rotary Club of Kenton on Sea on 18th April. Britney and Inga gave a presentation on Project Dignity while Hans spoke briefly about the status of our Global Grant with Tina answering pertinent questions. The Rotary Club of Kenton on Sea has 48 members and our members had a very cheerful and informative meeting. No doubt there will be a reciprocal raid in the near future. In the photo below President Tony Swift and Hans exchanging banners together with Britney, Tina and Inga.



TAKE NOTE

Interesting decisions by RI and probably long overdue - Editor

District Memorandum of Understanding (Effective: 1 July 2017)

3. Club Qualification

Districts are responsible for qualifying their member clubs. To be qualified, the club shall agree to the club MOU and send at least one club member to the district Rotary Foundation grant management seminar.

A. A club must be qualified in order to receive TRF global and packaged grants. **Club qualification is not required for a club to receive district grant funds.**

B. A district may establish additional requirements for club qualification, in order to take into consideration relevant local laws or district-specific circumstances. Additional requirements must be attainable by all clubs in the district. **Districts cannot require any financial contributions to TRF as a requirement of club qualification.**

C. **A district may allot district grant funds to nonqualified clubs in its district or other districts;** however, the district remains responsible for the use of those grant funds.

Nonqualified clubs that fail to abide by all applicable TRF policies, including the terms and conditions for TRF district grants, may jeopardize the district's qualification status.

YOUTH



Rotary Alumnus, **Lisa Ehn** writes from Sweden: I am now in my second year of university. I am studying Mechanical Engineering and I love the student-life. I live in another city so I have now moved away from home, but I like it. The first year of varsity was a lot of partying and studying. This year, it's still a lot of studying of course, but I have started to get involved outside school as well. From October to January I was part of the project group of a company fair here at Linköping University. It's the biggest fair on campus and about 150 companies come

here for a day to show themselves for the students and so on. It was a lot of fun.

I am also in the PR committee of the organisation Engineers Without Borders at Linköping University. We are a local organisation that is also a part of the national and global Engineers Without Borders.

I am planning to go overseas to study for a year in 2018/2019. I have found a school in Sydney and one in New York that I would love to go to, so I'm hoping I'll be accepted for one semester at each school.

Lisa was a Youth Exchange Student in our District in 2010/11

CENTENNIAL TREE PLANTING PAGE

Andisha Maharaj trees

The Parks and Gardens dept at Ethekwini can provide TEN trees only.... I knew asking for 100 trees was a grand wish list! Ten will do. Since we are going into winter it was decided that we will collect the trees in Aug/Sept.

Arlene Arnold trees

Well perhaps suggest that all our members plant a tree (as we are going to do in 2017-18) or donate a tree to a worthy site and talk to friends and colleagues showing them the need to plant a tree.

Then perhaps we can all send a picture to you showing the tree etc.

As our members are scattered we could perhaps make up a calendar for next year with pics of the trees etc

Reply to Arlene

A decision was taken shortly after the photo by Sue Hawkins of the tree planted by Paul Harris in Cape Town Gardens that we would each plant a tree this year to Commemorate TRF Centennial and for members to take a photo of their tree and to send it to me for publication in OUTA SPACE.

Then the RI President Elect requested each of us to plant a tree during his year.

Some members have taken up the challenge and some havn't.

We are also planting 100 olive trees @ R100 each in Velddrif in a special area set aside for us by the Municipality. Rotarians have already pledged R2 000 i.e. 20 trees. [See message from John Fannin below]

Ideally we would like a tree in every area where we have Rotarians – I like your idea of a calendar. Will pursue that!

John Fannin writes:

Further to my previous advices, Bettie and I have now met with the Municipal manager again and he has agreed that the Rotary E-Club of South Africa One can provide a Memorial Olive Grove of 100 olive trees to commemorate 100 years of the Rotary Foundation, at a specific site on Municipal ground, which is close to Bettie's present olive trees. The Club may place a banner/plaque in the area commemorating the centenary of the Rotary Foundation.

He says that there is some cleaning up to be done in the area but it should be ready for planting by the end of May 2017.

Would any members like to contribute R100 towards an olive tree in this Memorial Olive Grove?

Things are certainly starting to look up

Thank you to the members who took up the offer and purchased an olive tree.

INVITATION FROM SUZANNE EDMUNDS:

I formally invite the Club members who are available to plant trees at the Victor Deitz Foundation/JNF Eco Centre in Hammarsdale on Arbor Day or any other suitable day. A tour of the work being done at the centre will also be arranged.

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They Walk Among Us!

One day I was walking down the beach with some friends when someone shouted.... "Look at that dead bird!" Someone looked up at the sky and said... "Where?"

While looking at a house, my brother asked the estate agent which direction was north because he didn't want the sun waking him up every morning. She asked, 'Does the sun rise in the north?' My brother explained that the sun rises in the east and has for some time. She shook her head and said, 'Oh, I don't keep up with all that stuff.....' My sister has a lifesaving tool in her car which is designed to cut through a seat belt if she gets trapped. She keeps it in the car trunk.

My colleague and I were eating our lunch in our cafeteria, when we overheard an admin girl talking about the sunburn she got on her weekend drive to the beach. She drove down in a convertible, but said she "didn't think she'd get sunburned because the car was moving."

Advertisements that actually appeared

A superb and inexpensive restaurant; fine food expertly served by waitresses in appetizing forms.

Dinner Special -- Turkey \$2.35; Chicken or Beef \$2.25; Children \$2.00

For sale: an antique desk suitable for lady with thick legs and large drawers.

Four-poster bed -101 years old; perfect for antique lover

Now is your chance to have your ears pierced and get an extra pair to take home, too.

FAMILY OF ROTARY

Please remember those of our members, who are in poor health, in your prayers

And now we are once again OUTA SPACE