

OUTA SPACE

NEWSLETTER

ROTARY E-CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA D9270



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NOVEMBER IS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Our Club has done very well with the sale of END POLIO NOW stickers and will continue to do so through schools when they re-open in the New Year. We were also pleased to be able to assist the Rotary Club of Durban North by providing stickers for them, as proof of payment, for the many wine lovers who attended their Wine Tasting project which raised funds for END POLIO NOW. To date we had sales totaling R4 700.35 and I thank the members who have been involved with this project.

A reminder to Club members that we need to finalise the election of President for 2012/13 and also the nomination of a President Nominee for the year 2013/14 by 15th December 2011. As our Club has an Executive Secretary, we need to ratify that appointment for the next Rotary year as well. The third office bearer is that of Treasurer for the Rotary year 2012/13.

Please remember that it is the responsibility of each member to introduce prospective members.

People have been known to have had huge demonstrations because they were excluded from having a VOTE.

Each of our members has a vote to cast regarding re-districting. To date I have only received 3 votes plus mine. Now if we were holding a Club assembly and only 4 members were present we could probably say that the majority voted and therefore the vote was regular. But the E-Club is different. I need to get at least 11 votes "in favour" or "against" to constitute a clear majority, and, yes, I know that you have all probably diarised to send your Votes before the deadline of **THE END OF NOVEMBER**. So I expect quite a flood of votes in my email in the next 3 days – PLEASE. In case anything may have happened to your voting slip I have enclosed another one with this copy of OUTA SPACE.

I'm also very proud of Aadila Sabat, featured on Page 4. She was selected for the programme when I was District Governor.

Have FUN

Editor – Gerald Sieberhagen

Members should always be on the lookout for suitable projects that would be suitable for our E-Club to undertake.

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

WHAT'S LEFT IN NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

30th Vanessa Moodley

ANNIVERSARIES

None

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES TO DIARISE:

4th December – Family of Rotary Day

**5th December – Year End Function
2012**

**23RD January - District Governor's Visit
VERY IMPORTANT DATE IN THE CLUB'S
CALENDAR**

11th February – Basic PRLS [Potential
Rotary Leaders Seminar]

**Details about PRLS will be listed on our
Website by 15th December**

23rd February – Rotary Internationals 107th
Anniversary

3rd March – PETS [President Elect Training
Seminar]

31st March – District Assembly

6th to 9th May – Rotary International
Convention in Bangkok

18th & 19th May – D9270 **District Conference**
at Wild Coast Sun.

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**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
IN DURBAN in JUNE**

LITERACY PROJECT

We are fortunate that we have continued to receive Funds from Cairns in Australia; firstly from the Inner Wheel Club and now from the Rotary Club there. This all goes back to contacts made during the IFCR 2010 with Mike & Julie Brzozowski from Queensland, Australia.

Nareshini Ranganthan is hard at work to find matching funds from Corporates for these donations totalling R15 058.30 for our Literacy projects.

YEAR END FUNCTION

We have had a reasonable response to our year-end function on Monday 5th December – Thank you David Tilling. Perhaps you now need to adopt some of your outstanding sales skills so aptly demonstrated at Essenwood Craft Market to get some of the others to attend – please let me know whether you need some assistance from the rest of the sales team!!

Previous OUTA SPACE quiz:

So how much did we raise? Well that is the quiz for this edition – a clue – it was somewhere between R100 and R1 500.

The member with the guesstimate closest to the FINAL figure will win the prize.

And the winning guesstimate was by Janet Rouillard – making a habit of winning, Janet!!

TOTAL SALES WERE R1 086.35.



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EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR [EREY] NEW AREAS OF FOCUS FUNDS

You can now direct your Annual Fund contributions to any of the Foundation's [six areas of focus funds](#).



corporations, and foundations.

While these additional giving options are not included in a district's *SHARE* calculation, and therefore do not generate any District Designated Funds (DDF), they are an excellent way to attract new donors to support our Foundation's strategic priorities. Spread the word to non-Rotarians, first-time contributors, alumni, members of Rotarian Action Groups, Interactors, Rotaractors,

TOP FIVE REASONS TO SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION

There are as many reasons to support the Foundation as there are ways to do good in the world. [Learn](#) how your contributions are making change possible.

ROTARY AND MERCY SHIPS PARTNER TO DELIVER VITAL MEDICAL CARE TO WEST AFRICA



perform life-changing surgeries. Watch the [video](#) to learn more.

The Foundation will provide packaged global grants to Rotary clubs and districts to assemble vocational training teams of medical professionals, who will work with Mercy Ships' medical staff members to

THREE THINGS EVERY ROTARIAN SHOULD KNOW

Help members understand the importance of their continued support by sharing [Foundation facts](#) at your next club meeting.

WHAT IS YOUR CLUB DOING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR FOUNDATION?

"If the answer is 'not enough,'" says Trustee Chair Bill Boyd in his [November message](#), "now might be a very good time to start."

THE FOUNDATION BELONGS TO US ALL

CONTRIBUTE

2011-12 Annual Fund goal:

US\$104 million

Contributions as of
30 September 2011:

US\$28,802,000

Make your [contribution](#) today and help the Foundation reach its goal. Check your contribution history through [Member Access](#).

ENROLL IN ROTARY DIRECT

Doing good just got easier. Sign up for recurring giving through [Rotary Direct](#) and choose the amount, frequency (monthly, quarterly, or annually), and contribution method.

Enrollment is integrated with the Foundation's secure [online contribution](#) system, and contributions can be made in any one of 12 currencies.

RECOGNITION POINT CHANGES

A donor no longer needs to be a Paul Harris Fellow for Rotary Foundation recognition points to start accumulating. [Recognition points](#) are awarded for contributions to the [Annual Fund](#), [PolioPlus](#), or the sponsor portion of a Foundation grant. Receive one recognition point for every U.S. dollar contributed. [Learn more](#).

Former Rotary Scholar educates, supports new mothers with HIV



Photo courtesy of Aadila Sabat

Aadila Sabat is passionate about her work in [maternal and child health](#), one of Rotary's areas of focus under the [Future Vision Plan](#).

Aadila Sabat is on a personal mission to help achieve one of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. "We can all do something to heed the call to action from the United Nations to eliminate by 2015 all new HIV infections among children and keeping their mothers alive," says the former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar from South Africa. "Because the transmission of HIV/AIDS from mother to child is preventable." The rate of transmission is as high as 45 percent for mothers with HIV who don't receive antiretroviral drugs, according to the World Health Organization. Use of the drugs, however, decreases the transmission rate to less than 2 percent.

Helping mothers

Sabat works in Los Angeles for [mothers2mothers](#) (m2m), a non-

governmental organization that educates and supports pregnant women and new mothers on issues related to HIV and maternal and child health. She helps train new mothers living with HIV to provide such support to women like themselves. These "mentor mothers" then work alongside doctors and nurses to serve the needs of this population group, helping to lessen the burden on critically understaffed health systems. In addition to saving lives, achieving the UN's goal is an economic imperative, says Sabat. "It costs less than \$100 to stop the transmission of HIV/AIDS from a mother to her child during pregnancy, but if that baby is born HIV-positive the cost [of treatment] is \$150,000." Since 2001, m2m has grown from a single site in Cape Town to more than 700 in nine countries in sub-Saharan Africa, with offices also in London and Los Angeles. One of the first donations to the organization came from the Rotary Club of Waterfront in Cape Town. Sabat's connections with m2m and Rotary go back to her teenage years in **Durban**. She was president of her Interact and Rotaract clubs, and a Rotary Youth Exchange student to France.

AIDS orphans

"Thanks to the guidance of my parents and Rotary District 9270, I have always been involved in some kind of activism," Sabat says. "Many projects the district is involved with are related to the care of the nearly two million AIDS orphans in South Africa. I was fortunate to be part of many of these projects, and this instilled in me the desire to do more work related to AIDS." Sabat, who was a 2007-08 Rotary Scholar at the University of San Diego in California, travelled back to Cape Town earlier this year and met with mothers involved in the program. "Some of the women spoke about their reactions when they found out that they were HIV-positive and what it was like sharing the news with their partners," she says. "They thought their lives had ended, because they had such little knowledge of HIV/AIDS. Only after being introduced to mothers in the program did they think that their babies could be born HIV-negative and that they could live long, productive lives caring for their families."

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You may not be aware that Rotary International is held in high esteem at the United Nations.....here is a report of some of the activities on.....

Rotary day at the United Nations in New York City (Day 2 of 2)

Dateline: United Nations, New York, November 5, 2011

Greetings again, Rotarians and friends:

Other than some traffic delays in NYC, as a result of the marathon activities, we had a good start on our second day at the United Nations. Unfortunately some of our Canadians were unable to get into this session, due to the sold out event. But they had a great time anyway seeing the sites of New York, World Trade Center Memorial and Broadway Shows.

Maternal and Child Health was first on the program with global leaders speaking on the issues that surround this challenge. It is estimated that between 50% and 60% of mortalities take place in village home settings because mothers cannot go to the larger centers for medical help. Health education, culture, and rural economic development all affect this problem. The shortage of adequately trained health care professionals is a key factor. In East Africa, Rotary International and Ag Khan University Foundation are working on a joint venture to improve this situation. In Pakistan, such training has resulted in a 20% reduction in mortality. Similar training activities are also needed in South Asia.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene was next on the agenda with a note that Diarrheal diseases are a huge cause of mortality in our world at 1.1 million deaths per year. It is the second leading cause of death (after pneumonia) in children under 5 years of age. The numbers are staggering and mostly preventable considering 88% are related to Water, Sanitation and Hygiene. The goal is to have "improved" water that is sourced within one mile of homes. In addition, simple latrines are necessary to prevent human feces being in contact with people or the environment. It appears that on average the MDG (Millennium Development Goal) for drinking water is on target, but not in some areas. It was noted that some inequities exist and are hidden by the averages. Sustainability is also a concern, with limited data and operation/maintenance challenges of wells and equipment. There is a need to promote National Government campaigns to monitor and treat water quality and storage in homes. A holistic management approach with WHO and the market environment is needed to be fair to all. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene is a keystone to development and work is being done to achieve universal access to water by 2025. But access to safe water may take a bit longer. Continued state support will be needed to achieve this. A presentation on *Transforming a Community with safe water in Kenya* showed the impact water can have on a region of 1.2 million residents. A result of less poverty and hunger and better health was observed with less disease. There are profound implications with better education and less child mortality. A micro bank was used to fund a water tank construction and related small businesses. A Rotary Community Corp was formed to help coordinate and residents participated in a tree planting project to earn financial credits for their water system. Women were freed to do more productive entrepreneurial activities and nourish their family.

Water is key to life and livelihood. In this case the Rotary Club invested in people, not in technology. In the past we have focused too much on hardware and not enough on software (people). The RCC extended the Club's reach into a small village with a multi-year commitment. Rotarians trained and employed skilled people and the households committed labour. Funds were earned from tree planting and micro-credit initiatives. Overall sustainability was promoted with the involvement of recipients.

Report on Rotary in Haiti – It was interesting to several Rotarians who have been working on the many needs and projects in that country. The local Rotary Disaster Relief Committee has been working on Schools, Education, Limbs, Super Feeding Kitchens, Water Filters and Cholera disease control. So far 29,526 children have been helped in a literacy programs with 36 schools rebuilt. In addition Rotary has helped to supply 27 schools with computers, art and other training programs. Three bridges were also rebuilt, necessary to allow the masses to travel to school and civilized areas. So far \$2.1 million of Rotary contributions has been leveraged into \$6.5 million worth of aid to our Haitian friends. Congratulations to those of you who helped!

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Our Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair, Bill Boyd asked us "Why there are so many songs about rainbows?" We all have our dreams in life and as Rotarians our overall dream is a world of peace. Together, the UN and Rotary are working toward the same goals and dreams, working to improve the world and have it be better because of us. The MDGs and TRF goals are all focused on helping others and giving them hope for a better life in a better world. So we must continue working toward this end.

A New Vertical Farm concepts was explained to help feed our world and restore the environment. It is becoming harder to deal with climate changes with more floods, fires, droughts and hurricanes being predicted. All of these have the effect of diminishing food supplies and raising food prices. This food crisis with people going hungry affects world conflict so the idea of raising food indoors where you have better control is appealing. Some feel pleasant farm scenes are now becoming more unpleasant with weather, disease and water shortage issues. Modern hi-tech greenhouses allow for enhanced control of factors to grow crops better. With the political will and society pressure, acceptance of this new technology should develop. With space-aged technology and using bands of sun focused on what is needed by plants 'LED sun' can become a source of high energy for plant growth. Vertical farms are already a clean environment and this can short circuit most infections and result in radiation-free food. Plant laboratories can be developed underground with multi-level green houses closer to the urban population. Three such facilities are now in trial stages and progress is being monitored with interest.

We hope you have enjoyed a recap of what the Rotary - United Nations partnership is doing. Please consider joining us next year in early November for another great experience.

PDG **Douglas W Vincent**, RC Woodstock-Oxford

Rotary United Nations Representative, Z24

Our Clubs 1st Anniversary came and went on 23rd November 2011 with just a little fanfare – as an E-Club we could sit back and relax at home and toast our Club in whatever way we deemed appropriate.

Of course we did have the birth of our website to celebrate. But! That was the first time we had seen it and as it was set up remotely there will be things to fix and we are aiming at 15th December 2011 to show this as our website for RI's information as well as listing it as our Make-up site. Wow, these things take time and one thing about an E-Club that comes through loud and clear – you gotta have patience!



This is not a Cop-out but an appropriate time to say we are now OUTA SPACE as Durban prepares to burst at the seams.