

OUTA SPACE

NEWSLETTER

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FEBRUARY IS WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH IN THE ROTARY CALENDAR

Today is also Valentine's Day ♥ so to all the young at heart romantics in our Club, please note the background colouring being used for this edition.

Now back to **World Understanding Month**. During this month, clubs are urged to present club programmes and other activities emphasizing understanding and goodwill as essential for World Peace. Next year's theme is Peace Through Service and perhaps we should start thinking about how we are going to apply the theme during our Rotary Service activities.

Some months ago I asked you all which committee you would like to serve on during the next Rotary year and in fact for the remainder of this Rotary year. The response was poor, apart from the Board members who confirmed that they would be happy to continue in

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

their current positions for next year as they are just starting to get a feel for what the position entails. This is acceptable for the coming year and I have done the next best thing for the members and allocated them to the various committees. How you plan to direct your committees is up to you as the Director. Each Director will shortly be receiving a handout regarding their portfolio. These handouts form part of the Club Presidents Manual [which I have often referred to as **The Secret Document** because in many cases it is looked at during PETS and then locked away to ensure that it is not lost; so it is rarely shared with members]. I will post a copy of the CPM on the website under Members Clubhouse – ref is 222en as well as some of the Directors Manuals – ref is 226en.

The list of committees is on the addendum.

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.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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FEBRUARY

19th Linda Watts
26th Stuart Brooks
27th Sue Sieberhagen

ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY

None

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES TO DIARISE:

23rd February – Rotary Internationals 107th Anniversary

Any thoughts on how we can celebrate this in a meaningful way

3rd March – PETS [President Elect Training Seminar] at Mount Edgcombe Country Club

31st March – District Assembly – Board Members to attend if possible
Correction – VENUE – Mount Edgcombe Country Club

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

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

Closing date for Registration is 13th April – time is running out

2014

8th WORLD ROTARY CRICKET FESTIVAL in NOTTINGHAM UK in JULY

Hopefully SA IFCR will have a full team attending this Festival – Great Fun always

2019

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN DURBAN in JUNE



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY



LOGGING ONTO

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I have done all I can to get the members to log onto our Members Clubhouse and post a comment but I have failed.

Of course some of you may have tried to leave a comment and when it didn't appear you just gave up. All comments have to be vetted prior to release which may take a few minutes or sometimes a day, but don't give up!!!!

I asked Dieter to send each of you who had not yet accessed the Members Clubhouse your passwords again [you are encouraged to change them once you have logged on] so that you could **"attend a meeting"** by clicking on the TOPIC of the Week and posting a comment.

As I have failed dismally I am now going to allocate your names to either the Director of your committee or if the Director hasn't logged on yet, to a couple of task masters who will ask you, cajole you, beg you and as a last resort bribe you to perform this fairly simple task. So expect an email shortly, followed by a telephone call, followed by a personal visit and oh, by the way, we are well on our way to propose another new member, a lawyer, so there may even be a Letter of Demand!

Please do not think that it will be OK to oppose this new member's proposal to avoid these tough measures as you actually need a valid reason to prevent a member from being accepted into our Club.

You haff been warned; vee hav vays und means!!!! Vee dowant anudder Valentines Day Massacre - The PREZ

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WINNER OF LAST QUIZ – JANET ROUILLARD!! Surprise? No, not really. I think Janet has won every quiz so far. Who can dethrone her? Here is the next Quiz. Answers to geraldandsue@mweb.co.za

FORTNIGHTLY QUIZ – OUTA SPACE N0 14.

Q1. In which battle did Napoleon die?

Q2. Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?

Q3. River Ravi flows in which state?

Q4. What is the main reason for divorce?

Q5. What is the main reason for failure?

Q6. What can you never eat for breakfast?

Q7. What looks like half an apple?

Q8. If you throw a red stone into the blue sea what will it become?

Q9. How can a man go eight days without sleeping?

Q10. How can you lift an elephant with one hand?

Q11. If you had three apples and four oranges in one hand and four apples and three oranges in other hand, what would you have?

Q12. If it took eight men ten hours to build a wall, how long would it take four men to build it?

Q13. How can you drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it?

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL'S 107TH ANNIVERSARY IS ON 23RD FEBRUARY 2012.

I have received no suggestions as to how we will celebrate this very special day in the Rotary Year. OK, I know what's holding you back! If you suggest something you will end up by having to arrange everything. No, not actually, just get your committee to help you.

SHORT TERM YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Our Club has taken the plunge and we have interviewed and submitted applications from 6 students to go on a short term exchange on a family to family basis. Read more about this programme in the next OUTA SPACE under New Generations.

SOME CLEVER QUOTES

**The Happiest people don't have the Best of Everything,
they just make the Best of Everything.**

Remind yourself that it is okay NOT to be perfect.

Judging a person does not define who they are. It defines who YOU are.

Be so happy that when others look at you they become happy too.

**Don't confuse my Attitude with my Personality. My Personality
Is who I am, my Attitude depends on who you are.**

Directors please take note of the following important announcement

Remember the next issue of OUTA SPACE, due on 28th February or maybe we should just make that the last day of February, will be filled with your reports.

It is important that you get the copy to me by Monday 27th February, oops no make that Sunday 26th February – I just remembered something important is happening on 27th February so I will be pressed for time.

As I mentioned the reports should ideally be filled with interesting news from your committee and what you hope to achieve during the remainder of this Rotary year. Get your committee members involved.

You do not need to produce a novel! Something that will not take up more than one page and good photos are always important. I have specifically not published any photos in this edition in case you want to include them in your report.

You will be surprised how much hidden talent there is amongst our members!

Retirement Planning

ONLY IN AMERICA

If you had purchased \$1 000.00 of Nortel stock one year ago, it would now be worth \$49.00.

With Enron, you would have had \$16.50 left of the original \$1 000.00.

With WorldCom, you would have had less than \$5.00 left.

If you had purchased \$1 000 of Delta Air Lines stock, you would have \$49.00 left.

But, if you had purchased \$1 000.00 worth of wine one year ago, drank all the wine, then turned in the bottles for the recycling REFUND, you would have had \$214.00.

Based on the above, the best current investment advice is to drink heavily and recycle.



Now we know why the USA has such a huge debt!!!

Now we are OUTA SPACE