

OUTA SPACE

NEWSLETTER

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**FEBRUARY IS WORLD
UNDERSTANDING MONTH
MARCH IS LITERACY
MONTH**

So much continues to happen in Rotary – Polio break through in India; Rotarians reach US\$200m in matching funds for Gates Foundation contribution and nearer home, agreement reached by D9270 & D9320 to merge with effect from 1st July 2013.

There are certainly interesting times ahead of us.

On the END POLIO NOW front, we need to follow up and collect the funds from schools who have undertaken to sell END POLIO NOW stickers to enable us to send our contribution to The Rotary Foundation. Thanks especially to Jeneth, Jayne, Nareshini, Suzanne and Irene for their involvement with this project at the various schools. We need to think about how we can improve it for future years.

I have dealt with the redistricting issue on page 8.

If any of you have items, articles, Links etc that you think would be of interest to our members or Rotarians making up a meeting on our website please send the information to me and I will arrange for it to be added to our website.

Please also have a look at our Facebook page. New items for the Facebook may be sent to Executive secretary Irene who will add them onto the page.

This is all good news so far.

But, it cannot ALL be good news. There are still a few subs that are outstanding and Treasurer Greg will be sending out some polite reminders this week.

Remember that song in My Fair Lady ♪Oh wudn't it be luvelly if all subs were paid on time, Yes wudn't that be luvelly ♪

On Saturday I will be attending the President Elect Training Seminar and look forward to reporting back on some good news.

Have FUN

Editor – Gerald Sieberhagen

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

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

BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY

27th - Sue Sieberhagen

MARCH

5th – Jacques van Leeuwen

8th – Paul Hawkins

ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH

None

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES TO DIARISE:

3rd March – PETS

at Mount Edgecombe Country Club

6th March @ 17h30 – Fun Walk with Rotaract Club of Dbn at Suncoast Pirates Surf Lifesaving Club

8th March – E-Club BOARD MEETING

31st March – District Assembly – Board Members to attend if possible

at Mount Edgecombe Country Club

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

9th May – proposed get together with John Fannin in Umhlanga

12th May – Arrival of Alan & Joy Francis and Harry & Joyce Durey from Australia on their Project Safari

13th May – 17h00 – Members and family of E-Club - braai at Garden Grove with above Rotarians

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

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

3RD AUGUST – Reach for your Slippers Day – a REACH FOR A DREAM Fundraiser

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

So far we have a few energetic walkers for the 6th March.

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Following on from PETS, I would like to have a Board meeting on Thursday 8th March in the evening. Any thoughts on a venue – there are 9 board members. The purpose would be to discuss plans for 2012/13 and to hand you your manuals for next year. Meeting shouldn't take longer than 1½hrs so say 6 o'clock to 7h30.

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Somewhere in this OUTA SPACE you will also find brief reports from the Directors of their Avenue of Service activities as well as what is planned for the remainder of the year.

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Susan Hawkins paid a brief visit to Durban during last week and is now back in Qatar

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I hope quite a few of you will manage to attend our Face-to-Face on **9th May** which will coincide with John Fannin's visit to Durban, well actually Umhlanga.

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Please make a prominent note for the **13th May** for the braai at Garden Grove to welcome our visiting Rotarians from Australia. You will find them to be totally different to the cricketers and rugby players, and of course referees and umpires, from Down Under. Thoroughly nice people are the Rotarians from Australia. They do talk funny, but I guess, so do we.

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One of the truly remarkable projects that take place in our District is the **Rotary Club of Empangeni Connection Ride**. About a dozen cyclists set off from Empangeni and cycle to Cape Town to take part in the Argus Cycle Race. Along the way they meet Rotarians and link up with Engen and contribute to worthwhile projects along the route. A truly remarkable project which is in its 7th year now.

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As we plan for our new Rotary year it is appropriate that we repeat the Rotary theme for the year and read what RI PE Sakuji Tanaka has to say.

RI President-elect Sakuji Tanaka will ask Rotarians to build Peace Through Service in 2012-13.

Tanaka unveiled the RI theme during the opening plenary session of the 2012 International Assembly, a training event for incoming Rotary district governors.

"Peace, in all of the ways that we can understand it, is a real goal and a realistic goal for Rotary," he said. "Peace is not something that can only be achieved through agreements by governments, or through heroic struggles. It is something that we can find and that we can achieve, every day and in many simple ways."

Peace has different meanings for different people, Tanaka said.

"No definition is right, and no definition is wrong," he said. "However we use the word, this is what peace means for us. "No matter how we use, or understand the word, Rotary can help us to achieve it," he added.

Tanaka, a businessman from the greater Tokyo metropolitan area, shared how becoming a Rotarian broadened his understanding of the world. After joining the Rotary Club of Yashio, in 1975, he said, he began to realize that his life's purpose was not to make more money, but to be useful to other people.

"I realized that by helping others, even in the simplest of ways, I could help to build peace," Tanaka said.

He noted that the Japanese tradition of putting the needs of society above the needs of the individual helped his country rebuild after the tsunami and earthquake in March. "This is a lesson that I think the whole world can learn from, in a positive way. When we see the needs of others as more important than our own needs -- when we focus our energies on a shared goal that is for the good of all -- this changes everything," he said. "It changes our priorities in a completely fundamental way. And it changes how we understand the idea of peace."

Tanaka will ask Rotarians to focus their energy on supporting the three priorities of the RI Strategic Plan, he said. He added that he will ask the incoming leaders to promote three Rotary peace forums, to be held in Hiroshima, Japan; Berlin; and Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.

"In Rotary, our business is not profit. Our business is peace," he said. "Our reward is not financial, but the happiness and satisfaction of seeing a better, more peaceful world, one that we have achieved through our own efforts."



From: Koen Louise - Captain

Subject: URGENT NOTICE

Dear Colleagues & Friends

Please don't buy or drink any bottled water called "DEW". Customs say it was shipped into Nigeria from Tanzania where it has killed 180 people. It is said to contain a poisonous chemical. Please pass this on and save millions.

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Regrettably there were no correct entries from members – a couple came close.

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

Q1. In which battle did Napoleon die?

*** he didn't die in battle – he died on St Helena island**

Q2. Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?

*** at the bottom of the page**

Q3. River Ravi flows in which state?

*** liquid**

Q4. What is the main reason for divorce?

*** marriage**

Q5. What is the main reason for failure?

*** exams**

Q6. What can you never eat for breakfast?

*** Lunch & dinner**

Q7. What looks like half an apple?

*** The other half**

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

*** it will simply become wet**

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

*** No problem, he sleeps at night.**

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

*** You will never find an elephant that has only 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?

*** Very large hands**

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

*** No time at all, the wall is already built.**

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

***Concrete floors are very hard to crack.**

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BRITISH HUMOUR IS DIFFERENT

These are classified ads, which were actually placed in UK Newspapers:

FREE YORKSHIRE TERRIER.

8 years old,
Hateful little bastard.
Bites!

FREE PUPPIES

1/2 Cocker Spaniel, 1/2 sneaky neighbour's dog.

FREE PUPPIES.

Mother is a Kennel Club registered German Shepherd
Father is a Super Dog, able to leap tall fences in a single bound.

COWS, CALVES: NEVER BRED.

Also 1 gay bull for sale

FOR SALE BY OWNER

Complete set of Encyclopaedia Britannica, 45 volumes.
Excellent condition, £200 or best offer. No longer needed, got married, wife knows everything.

Children Are Quick

TEACHER: Why are you late?

STUDENT: Class started before I got here.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.
(I Love this child)

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Millie, give me a sentence starting with 'I.'

MILLIE: I is..

TEACHER: No, Millie..... Always say, 'I am.'

MILLIE: All right... 'I am the ninth letter of the alphabet.'

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's..

Did you copy his?

CLYDE: No, sir. It's the same dog.

(I want to adopt this kid!!!)

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher

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Unaware of the advanced world we live in, they sit on a grass mat living an isolated life



MARCH IS RECOGNISED AS LITERACY MONTH IN ROTARY. HOW MUCH DIFFERENT COULD THE LIVES OF THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN IF THEY WERE ALL LITERATE AND NUMERATE.

How safe is this playground? Kids are living a reality that we cannot even imagine



Which milk is best for my baby? I only want the best but....

All that belongs to me is on my body.



Study, Play, Work, all in one!

Living on a pile of garbage...



Do you see Hope in my eyes or only despair?



How do orphans sleep...

Time to buy a new bedroom set???



Above and Right - looking for food and where the next meal will come from
Below - this is my home, my world, my universe.
Below Right - Don't waste water, some people desperately need it



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These are the Clubs in D9320 that will merge with the Clubs in D9270

Algoa Bay
Aliwal North
Arcadia East London
Beacon Bay
Bethlehem
Bloemfontein Raadzaal
Bonza Bay
Bothaville
Colesberg
Cradock
De Aar
East London
East London Sunrise
Ficksburg
Ficksburg Imperani
Flamingo Welkom
Gately East London
Goldfields Sunset
Gonubie
Grahamstown
Grahamstown Sunset
Harrismith
Jeffreys Bay
Kenton-on-Sea
Kimberley
Kimberley South
King William's Town
Kroonstad
Ladybrand
Lukhanji Sunset
Maloti Maseru
Maseru
Odendaalsrus
Parys
Port Alfred
Port Elizabeth
Port Elizabeth East
Port Elizabeth Sunrise
Port Elizabeth South
Port Elizabeth West
Queenstown
Stutterheim
Uitenhage
Uitenhage South
Viljoenskroon
Welkom

The Rotary Clubs of Klerksdorp, Orkney, Potchefstroom and Potchefstroom Mooi will be given the choice of which District they would like to join, the new merged District or D9400.

These are the Clubs in D9270 that will merge with the Clubs in D9320

Amanzimtoti
Ballito
Butterworth
Chatsworth
Chatsworth High Noon
Dundee
Durban
Durban Bay
Durban Berea
Durban Clairwood Park
Durban Kingsmead
Durban Morningside
Durban North
Durban Thekwini
Durban Umgeni
Durban Umhlatuzana
Empangeni
Eshowe
Estcourt
Greytown
Hibiscus Coast
Hillcrest
Hilton & Howick
Inchanga a 1000 Hills
Isipingo Prospecton
Kloof
KwaDukuza Stanger
Kwa Mashu
Ladysmith Emnambithi
Mandini
Melmoth Ulundi
Mooi River
Mount Edgecombe
Mthatha
Newcastle Majuba
Nongoma
Phoenix
Pietermaritzburg
Pietermaritzburg Azalea
Pietermaritzburg Umgungundlovu
Pinetown
Port Shepstone
Reservoir Hills
Richards Bay
Rotary E-Club of South Africa D9270
Scottburgh
Shelly Beach
Umhlanga
Westville
Zimbali

The Rotary Club of Piet Retief has opted to transfer to D9400.

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So what do we as a Club and as members of Rotary E-Club of South Africa D9270 need to do now in preparation for the merger of the two Districts on 1st July 2013?

Well, nothing really – it is business as usual at Club level

Or

You can learn more about the District that will be part of the new merged District, possibly D9410.

District 9320 has a very good website and several of the clubs also have a website or a Facebook page.

Do a Google search for **Rotary District 9320**.

Read their District Governors Newsletter – Kevin's Koerant – and see what they are achieving in their District.

Have a look at the Club websites and you will see that they have many things in common with us and a whole lot more in certain instances.

And

Now that the merged Districts will have a membership of 2 000 members we are surely well clear of the 1 200 mark set by RI for June 2012. Not so, that figure of 1 200 is set to increase to 1 300 for June 2013 and in all likelihood will continue to increase as Rotary International continues to seek ways of remaining cost effective. History has shown us that when districts merge there is invariably a drop off in membership so we should continue to strive to invite new members to join our E-Club and to ensure that we retain the ones we have.

Remember, if you don't ask, you will never know.

Currently clubs pay RI Dues for a minimum of 10 members so even if they have less than 10 members they still have to pay RI for 10 members and that figure could possibly rise to 15 if RI obtains a favourable vote at the Council on Legislation in 2013. To Charter a new Club now there have to be minimum of 25 members which is indicative of what RI considers is a cost effective number for a Club. We hover around the 20 mark. Please think about who you can invite to become a member. Well done to our members who have successfully invited a member to join our Club.

Please let us have your ideas of what we can do with regard to the merger and to ensure membership growth.

In 2009/10 the Rotary theme was **"The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands"** and it continues to be in your hands. [I see Finance Minister has said that the Future of South Africa is in our Hands, and that is probably very true just as the Rotary theme is]

And now we are OUTA SPACE