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NEWSLETTER

ROTARY E-CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA D9270

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## MARCH IS LITERACY MONTH

March is turning out to be a very busy month.

We have our four Short Term Exchange students going for their District interviews this week-end; some of us will be visiting Ekuthuleni Primary School as part of our Literacy project; our Board members will be having an important meeting on **Thursday 15th**; **Angie Mitchell** will be formally inducted into our Club on Thursday and **Jeff Watts** from the "not so frozen North" will be in Durban for a few days before he jets off to Cape Town for a short stay and then on the **31st March** there is the **District Assembly** where we would like all board members to attend if possible but the Assembly is also open to all members so if you intend attending please let me know by **Tuesday 20th March** at the very latest. This is an opportunity to not only meet other Rotarians in our District but also to learn something about Rotary. I have attended at least 20 District Assemblies and not-

only have I come away having learnt something new, but have always been re-energized for the Rotary year ahead.

We then also have the Fun walk with the Rotaractors which was re-scheduled from the 6<sup>th</sup> because of inclement weather and is now on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**.

After having disposed of all my pairs of crocs someone comes up with this bright idea. Can just imagine a yellow & pink croc with flowers....on our patio!



*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

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None

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES TO DIARISE:

**20<sup>th</sup> March @ 17h30 – Fun Walk with Rotaract Club of Dbn at Suncoast Pirates Surf Lifesaving Club**

**15<sup>th</sup> March – E-Club BOARD MEETING at Suzanne's place @18h00**

31<sup>st</sup> March – District Assembly – Board Members to attend if possible **[and any other members]** at Mount Edgecombe Country Club

6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> May – Rotary International Convention in Bangkok

**9<sup>th</sup> May – proposed get together with John Fannin in Umhlanga**

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

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

18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May – D9270 District Conference at Wild Coast Sun. **Closing date for Registration is 13<sup>th</sup> April - time is running out**

**3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST – Reach for your Slippers Day – a REACH FOR A DREAM Fundraiser 2014**

**8<sup>th</sup> 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**

I was browsing through some Club web-sites last week – amazing how many interesting items there are – one club posted 20 reasons why one should join Rotary.

**What about us starting a list of reasons why one should join our Rotary E-club?**

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### URGENT!!

This message is for every man, boy, woman or girl who goes to work, college or school alone. If you find a child crying on the road showing his/her address and asking you to take him/her to that address, immediately take that child to the police station and please DO NOT take the child to the address that he/she asks! This is a new way to gang rape women and girls, rob and kill men and boys. Please spread this message, one message may save many lives!

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**Every Friday evening after work, Gamat would braai a big, fat juicy steak. But his neighbours, being Catholic and therefore not allowed to eat meat on a Friday, suffered agonies of tempta-tion as the delicious aroma carried on the evening breeze. They persuaded the priest to try and convert Gamat... and the priest was successful in doing so. When Gamat attended mass, the priest sprinkled holy water over him and said: *You were born a Protestant, raised a Protestant, but now you are a Catholic.***

Everybody was delighted, but when Friday night came, the wonderful aroma of grilled steak again wafted over the neighbourhood. The priest rushed into Gamat's garden just in time to see him clutch a small bottle of holy water, sprinkling it over the grilling meat and chanting: *Djy was gebore 'n bees, djy was raised 'n bees, maar nou is djy 'n snoek!*

## The secret of enjoying a good wine:

1. Open the bottle to allow it to breathe.



2. If it does not look like it's breathing, give it mouth-to-mouth.

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Sue Edmunds and 2 colleagues went to the iNgawavume Palace at the invitation of His Majesty King Goodwill Zwelitini the Zulu Monarch. "We were wonderfully received. The Marula ceremony was taking place. Zulu subjects from all over South Africa and Swaziland came to celebrate. We met various community members including the Senior Queen. Three younger Queens were amongst the dancers. The King is a most charming interesting man and a wonderful host".



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With PEACE being something we will hear much about in the coming year here are some interesting items followed by information on page 5 about Peace scholars.

### **BUILDING PEACE**

When we in Rotary work for peace, we don't do it by negotiating treaties or demonstrating in the streets. Instead, we build peace by example - by working together, whatever our nationality or background, and putting others' needs above our own. We build peace by dealing with the problems that disrupt people's ability to live normal, peaceful lives – whether those problems are a lack of water, or sanitation, or safe, affordable housing; whether they stem from a shortage of education or health care, or a need to build productive and positive connections between communities.

In everything we do, we rely on our good name. Our Rotary work speaks to our belief that a better, more peaceful world is possible, and we need to be sure that our voices are heard.

KALYAN BANERJEE

PRESIDENT, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

**PRIP Luis Vicente Giay stated, “Everything we do through our Rotary clubs from fighting poverty to eradicating polio is intended ultimately to promote world peace. What better way to contribute to that effort than by helping to develop future world leaders committed to achieving peace and understanding”.**

### **PEACE THROUGH SERVICE**

The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace is one of the cornerstones of the Rotary movement. With Rotary's active presence in more than 200 countries and geographical areas, our organization has established itself as a world leader in fostering **Peace Through Service**. We have accomplished a great deal in this area throughout our history, but we must continue to look forward and recognize that the future of Rotary and the future prospects for world peace rest with today's youth. To ensure a lasting legacy in this arena, we must engage young people in a meaningful way and empower them to carry Rotary's peace-building efforts into the future. In 2012-13, Rotary International will hold three Rotary Global Peace Forums, which will focus on young people, including New Generations program participants (Rotaractors, Interactors, Youth Exchange students, and RYLarians), Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotary Peace Fellows, alumni, and young Rotarian leaders.

SAKUJI TANAKA

PRESIDENT-ELECT, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, 2012-13

**Past Rotary International President Bhichai Rattakul said, “In one way or another, all of the excellent programs of The Rotary Foundation contribute to world peace and understanding.”**

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**You may know of somehow who we could nominate to be one of the Rotary Peace Fellows in 2013.**

## **TRF IS SEEKING POTENTIAL ROTARY PEACE FELLOW CANDIDATES APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2012 DEADLINE**

Through your district's recruiting efforts to date, you may have started to notice that there are more potential Rotary Peace Fellow candidates in your area than you thought. Keep in mind that when creating the Rotary Peace Centers program, The Rotary Foundation Trustees crafted Rotary's objective to seek potential leaders in many areas of vocational service in order to develop specific skills to aid their own respective countries and communities. Every candidate is different and you are continually finding applicants that exceed our expectations. This month we'd like to answer some of our frequent application questions to better assist you in working with your district's Rotary Peace Fellowship candidates. As always, if you have additional questions, please contact TRF.

**“How many applicants can a district endorse”?** If we endorse more than one, will it affect our applicant's competitive chances? Districts can endorse as many applicants as they deem qualified for either program. Applicants that are endorsed by a district which sponsored multiple applicants will be reviewed and selected based on merit and not the other applicants from that district. For example, recently D-9800 endorsed 4 candidates that were all selected for fellowships.

**“If our district's candidate is selected, are we responsible for funding them”?** No! The Rotary Peace Fellowship Program is generously supported by a fund of DDF and donor contributions allocated to Rotary Peace Centers. A district is welcome and encouraged to support the fund but any contribution has no bearing on the success of the application.

**“How much experience is enough experience when it comes to being a competitive applicant”?**

We strongly advise that applicants have at least 3-5 years professional full-time experience (paid or unpaid) before applying for a fellowship. Normally successful candidates exceed that requirement. However the relevancy and extent of the experience is also important.

**“Does an applicant need TOEFL/IELTS scores and a language ability form”?**

If the applicant's native language is not English they will most likely need to submit qualifying TOEFL or IELTS scores. The language ability form relates to a separate program requirement regarding second language proficiency. All Rotary Peace Fellow MA program applicants must be proficient in a second language (not necessarily English) which will be evaluated on the form.

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Father Christmas may have come a bit late for these youngsters down the South Coast but no doubt they all had much fun and joy receiving gifts. And there is little doubt that they would remember that they received these toys because East Coast Radio & Rotary care and of course Rene Pheasant deserves a huge amount of praise for identifying these worthy beneficiaries.

