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NEWSLETTER

ROTARY E-CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA D9270

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## APRIL IS MAGAZINE MONTH

With April being Magazine Month it is appropriate to repeat the Rotary International requirements regarding the need for each Rotarian to subscribe to either **The Rotarian** or the regional magazine which in our case is **Rotary Africa**.

The following are extracts from the MOP [Manual of Procedure]

### Official Magazines: The Rotarian and the Rotary World Magazine Press

All Rotarians are required to subscribe to one of 32 official magazines authorized by the RI Board, collectively known as the Rotary World Magazine Press.

*The Rotarian*, the flagship publication, is a monthly magazine published by RI in English, and is available in print by mail or electronically online. Selected portions of each issue are available at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). *Rotary Canada* is a quarterly supplement distributed with *The Rotarian* to 30,000 subscribers in Canada. Certain material from *The Rotarian* also appears in the 31 official regional magazines, which are published in 25 languages with a combined circulation of more than 750,000.

The Rotary World Magazine Press assists the RI Board to further the purposes of RI and achieve the Object of Rotary. The magazines also provide a vital communication tool for informing and

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

inspiring Rotarians.

### 20.030. Subscription to Magazines.

#### 20.030.1. Required Subscription.

Each member of a club **not** located in the United States or Canada and each member of an e-club shall become a paid subscriber to the official magazine of RI or to a Rotary magazine approved and prescribed for that club by the board, which in our case is **Rotary Africa**.

Two Rotarians residing at the same address have the option to subscribe jointly to the official magazine. The members shall maintain such subscriptions for the duration of their membership.

Rotary clubs are encouraged to submit newsworthy articles regarding their activities to *Rotary Africa* for possible inclusion in the monthly publication. It is also suggested that good quality photographs accompany the articles.

April is also an opportunity to consider what we do with our copy of *Rotary Africa* after we have read it.

*Do we pass it on to someone else – maybe a prospective member?*

*Do we just toss it into the rubbish bin?*

*Do we file it away, never to be looked at again by anyone?*

**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

### BIRTHDAYS – April

None – quite amazing

### ANNIVERSARIES - April

The two have come and gone!

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES TO DIARISE:

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

9<sup>th</sup> May – get together with John & June Fannin in Umhlanga

12<sup>th</sup> May – Arrival of Alan & Joy Francis and Harry & Joyce Durey at 20.05 from Australia on their Project Safari

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

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**

**2013**  
17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May – Last **District Conference** of D9270 – venue Sibaya

**2013**  
1<sup>st</sup> July – Districts 9270 & 9320 merge to become a new district D9270

**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 from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

## PROJECTS and ACTIVITIES

More good news from the West Coast – John and Jayne have secured 8 wheelchairs from D9350 for distribution on behalf of the Rotary E-club of South Africa. This is wonderful news and brings to nearly 50 the number of wheelchairs that we have handed over to worthy recipients so far this year.

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On 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013, Districts 9320 and 9270 will merge to form a new district D9370. That begs the question – what do we do with the name of our club? We will no doubt receive the correct advice and guidance from RI Zurich office. My feeling is that we should just be known as The Rotary E-club of South Africa. On our letterhead and club banner the D9370 can be added like all other clubs do. What do you think?

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On 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013 another significant event will take place – The Future Vision Plan [FVP] of the Rotary Foundation will be extended to all Rotary Districts. Up until then there will still only be the 100 Pilot Districts, of which D9270 is one, who will operate under the changes envisaged in the FVP. This brings us to our next requirement – our club needs to qualify in order to benefit fully from the FVP and during the next few weeks you will be receiving various documents to read regarding the FVP because one of the requirements of the Memorandum of Understanding [MOU] is that all members need to vote for its acceptance.

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There is further good news from our West Coast members but for strategic reasons that news will only be made available on May Day – no they are not going to strike!! The news is far more exciting than that.

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

## The first polio-free BRICS

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### WHO [World Health Organization]

The leaders of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa are gathering in New Delhi, India this week for the 4th BRICS summit. As India has stopped transmission of endemic poliovirus, this is the first polio-free BRICS summit. The BRICS play a pivotal role in international support for global eradication of polio, having made significant investments in their domestic eradication activities as well as contributions to stop recent outbreaks of polio.

As most of the world is now polio-free, the remaining reservoirs of polio (Pakistan, Nigeria and Afghanistan) now pose an ever-greater risk to polio-free countries with vulnerable populations. Recent polio outbreaks in China, Congo and Tajikistan have paralyzed and even killed adults. The World Health Assembly in May will consider a resolution declaring the eradication of polio a global emergency in order to protect polio-free areas. Greater accountability will be sought both from the governments of polio-affected countries and from international partners and donors. Currently, a funding shortfall of US\$ 1 billion for global polio eradication has led to activities being curtailed in 20 countries in Africa and central Asia, leaving children there unprotected from poliovirus.

Finishing the job of polio eradication will require the political and financial support of the BRICS, who together represent a large proportion of the polio-free world. Brazil was a pioneer in implementing polio eradication strategies, and its success helped the Americas become polio-free in 1991. India was the last of the BRICS to stop transmission of native poliovirus, with its last case in January 2011. In the past two years, China and Russia have both suffered outbreaks due to poliovirus that travelled from polio-endemic areas. Russia has to date provided US\$ 33 million to polio eradication; India, which is largely self-financing, will have provided over US\$ 2 billion by the end of 2013. Response to the outbreak in China in 2011 was estimated to cost at least US\$ 75 million, which the country largely met from its own resources.





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**A variety of pictures:** Top L – At Dist Assembly - Jeneth [New Gen] Gerald [Pres] Janet [Club Admin] Top R – with RC Merewent L to R (front) Wilber Nomvete; Daya Naidoo; Sagren Thanthony & Sagren Govender (back) Janet Rouillard; Irene Kotze [Exec Secty] Jeneth v Leeuwen; Gerald Sieberhagen **Centre** Inland sea near Doha, Qatar; Inland sea with Rtn Susan Hawkins. **Bottom** L - Don't touch my Mother!!!!!! R – Well not quite protecting a mother, but beware of GP parkers during this holiday.



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Remember some time ago I took part in an E-club Focus Group Webinar – some of you also provided your input to the set of items we were asked to comment on. So now I have been invited as a panelist for their two webinars but have had to decline because I am flying to Cape Town on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. Quite disappointed!! Please make a note to register for one of these webinars when it is advertised.

**From:** Tara Finglas [mailto:Tara.Finglas@rotary.org]

**Sent:** 28 March 2012 11:41 PM

**To:** Gerald Sieberhagen

**Subject:** Re: Panelist Invitation for a Rotary webinar

**Importance:** High

Dear Gerald Sieberhagen,

RI is organizing some webinars on *Learn about e-clubs and the potential they offer for Rotary* and we are currently seeking panellists who could share some positive experiences and insights.

RI webinars are typically structured to include a moderator and three panellists, with each panellist offering several best practices, providing some practical examples and sharing their successes in attracting younger professionals. As with many RI webinars we will provide participants with a *Best Practice* handout based on topics covered during the webinar. Webinars will be announced on [www.rotary](http://www.rotary) with the target audience being club and district leadership.

There are two webinars scheduled:

**Tuesday 17 April 2012 9AM – 10AM (Central Daylight Time, Evanston USA)**

**Thursday 26 April 2012 3PM – 4PM (Central Daylight Time, Evanston USA)**

We would like you to give a 'show and tell' about your e-club:

- Overview about your club website
- How does your club meet?
- How does your e-club do service projects?
- How does your club attract members?
- Benefits of e-clubs

Following from your participation in our recent e-club focus groups, we felt that you could be a great prospective webinar panellist.

Please let me know if you would be interested in serving as a panellist for both sessions above. I will organize a call with you so we can discuss this role further, and the topics you could cover.

Prior to the webinars I will organize a rehearsal so you can become familiar with the webinar system, the moderator and panellists, and to run through the content.

Regards,

Tara Finglas

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**One of the requirements of ProjectLINK is that the Club is required to send an annual report on progress and a final report once the project is completed. We submitted our report on 9<sup>th</sup> April and received a reply from RI later on the same day. So our project will remain on ProjectLINK for a further year – remember we are hoping that a club in USA will provide some support in the next Rotary year.**

## **ProjectLINK W05940 [Feeding Project at Ekuthuleni Primary School]**

Dear Rotarian Sieberhagen:

Thank you for the detailed ProjectLINK project report; we are pleased to see advancements in your project goals and look forward to future updates as they become available. The pictures you have provided are excellent and you will be notified in the near future if we are able to use them on the RI website or an RI newsletter to help further promote your service endeavors.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Best of luck,

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**Please note that a club may list up to 5 projects on ProjectLINK at any one time – we have 2 – so if you think that you have a project that is worth listing on ProjectLINK please let the Board know.**

## **Hotel/Motel Scam (This one is so simple it is shocking)**

**This is kinda scary if only because of how simple it is.**

You arrive at your hotel and check in at the front desk.

When checking in, you give the front desk your credit card (for all the charges for your room). You get to your room and settle in. Someone calls the front desk and asked for (example) Room 620 (which happens to be your room). Your phone rings in your room. You answer and the person on the other end says the following, 'This is the front desk. When checking in, we came cross a problem with your charge card information. Please re-read me your credit card number and verify the last 3 digits numbers at the reverse side of your charge card.' Not thinking anything you might give this person your information, since the call seems to come from the front desk. But actually, it is a scam of someone calling from outside the hotel/front desk. They ask for a random room number. Then, ask you for credit card information and address information. Sounding so professional that you do think you are talking to the front desk. If you ever encounter this problem on your vacation, tell the caller that you will be down at the front desk to clear up any problems. Then, go to the front desk and ask if there was a problem. If there was none, inform the manager of the hotel that someone called to scam you of your credit card information acting like a front desk employee. This was sent by someone who has been duped.....and is still cleaning up the mess. **ANYONE travelling regularly should be aware of this one!**

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*Quiz for Bright People like for instance Rotary E-club members.*

*There are only nine questions. Answers at the bottom so don't cheat and scroll down before at least trying.*

*This is a quiz for people who know more than most do! These are not trick questions. They are straight questions with straight answers..*

1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.
2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
5. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
6. Only three words in Standard English begin with the letters 'dw' and they are all common words. Name two of them.
7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?
8. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.
9. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter 'S'.

**OOPS, THERE WAS NO SPACE FOR THE ANSWERS SO THERE IS A SPECIAL PRIZE FOR THE FIRST CORRECT ANSWER THAT I RECEIVE @ [geraldandsue@mweb.co.za](mailto:geraldandsue@mweb.co.za)**



Oh, and by the way, how many of you are CREATIVE?