

OUTA SPACE

NEWSLETTER

ROTARY E-CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA D9270

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MAY IS NOT IDENTIFIED AS ANY SPECIFIC MONTH IN THE ROTARY CALENDAR

How many of you believe that it is courteous to reply to an invite whether you are able to attend or not?

RSVP – *répondez s'il vous plait* which means "please reply." The person sending the invitation would like you to tell him or her whether you accept or decline the invitation. That is, will you be coming to the event or not? **Etiquette** rules followed in most Western cultures require that if you receive a formal, written invitation, you should reply promptly, perhaps that same day. For organizers who are planning a function this is important from a practical point of view, because they need to know how many people to count on and how much food and drink to order. More important, though, is the simple courtesy of responding to someone who was nice enough to invite you, even if it is to say that you regret that you will not be able to attend.

Written invitations often carry the host's telephone number so you can call with your reply, although under strict etiquette rules, a written invitation requires a written reply. Nowadays, invitations often carry a "regrets only" notation at the end. That means that the host will count on your being there unless you tell him or her otherwise.

You might wonder why we use the initials of a French phrase in an invitation that is written in English.

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

You could say that the French "invented" etiquette, although that would be a simplification because there have always been rules of courtesy to follow in civilization. In fact, an Italian diplomat, Conte Baldassare Castiglione, wrote the first book about proper behavior among nobility in the 16th century. Many of the practices of Western etiquette, however, came from the French court of King Louis XIV in the late 17th and early 18th centuries. At Versailles, his palace, Louis XIV had the rules for court behavior written on what the French referred to as "tickets," or "étiquette." [Like in KZN they would say "Have you got e-ticket to the e-club function?"] The tickets either were signs posted at Versailles or were the invitations issued to court events with the rules of behavior printed on the back; experts give different versions of the origin. And French was the language of refinement and high society through the 19th century in the United States. Judith Martin, the author of etiquette books and a syndicated newspaper columnist known as "Miss Manners," thinks that "R.S.V.P." came about as a polite way of reminding people of something that they should already know: If you receive an invitation, you should reply.

So if you get an invite or Notice of a function Reply ASAP!

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 – May

10th Tammy Maddox

17th Gillian Stark

ANNIVERSARIES - May

22nd John & June Fannin

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES TO DIARISE:

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

**9th May – get together with John & June
Fannin at Breakers in Umhlanga**

**12th May – Arrival of Alan & Joy Francis
and PDG Harry & Joyce Durey at 20.05
from Australia on their Project Safari**
**13th May – 17h00 – Members and family of
E-club - braai at Garden Grove with
above Project Safarians**
14th May – 10h00 visit to Ekuthuleni PS

18th & 19th May – D9270 **District
Conference** at Wild Coast Sun. **Closing
date for Registration was 13th April**

**20th May – East Coast Radio & Discovery
Big walk – 5km; 10km; 15km or 20km**

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

2013

17th & 18th May – Last **District Conference**
of D9270 – venue Sibaya

**1.7.2013 – Merger of Districts 9320 & 9270
to form new District 9370**

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 from 6th to 12th JUNE**

LITERACY PROJECT

While there has been much fanfare about our R100 000 donation, and quite rightly so, there has been another significant donation for our Literacy project.

Nareshini Ranganthan obtained a R20000 sponsorship from Gem Clothing for the ongoing roll out of our Literacy project at Ekuthuleni Primary School.

Well done Nareshini – very soon Ekuthuleni PS will be a school on which others will be able to model their Literacy and Numeracy programmes.

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As you can see in the adjacent column there are many activities taking place in May and by the time OUTA SPACE #21 appears half of the activities will have come and gone but they will no doubt be replaced by some or other new activity.

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Remember we wrote about the Swimathon that took place on 25th February 2012 and invited you to take part of organise something. Well, you missed an opportunity to be part of a Guinness World Record.

Rotary swimmers in sync against polio

More than 5 200 people in 23 countries swam at least 100 yards at the same time during a Swimathon on 25 February raising over US\$70 000 for Rotary's Polio Challenge. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Grantham, Leicestershire, England, the event drew the support of 120 Rotary, Rotaract, Interact, EarlyAct, [St Catherine's EarlyAct club in Empangeni had 113 participants and were able to send R2 500.00 to the "End Polio Now" campaign] and Inner Wheel clubs, and set a new Guinness World Record for the most people swimming simultaneously in different countries, breaking the previous mark of 2,533 swimmers. The 132 participants in Grantham began swimming at 12:00 at a facility that featured a live Skype link to their counterparts around the world. In Lahore, Punjab, Pakistan, 35 Rotarians, Interactors, and friends of Rotary, ages 7 to 74, took part in the event. In San Diego, California, USA, where the local time was 04:00, 84 people swam in the ocean using glow sticks to navigate the pitch-black water. The Grantham club has sponsored swimathons for 22 years to benefit a variety of causes, including polio eradication. Roger Graves, chair of the event, described it as "a fun and easy way to raise money and help Rotary's drive to wipe out polio."

OUTA SPACE SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT-29 APR 2012

John Fannin writes...

"TWO MONETARY DONATIONS TO OUR CLUB

Through an amazing set of circumstances the Rotary E-Club of South Africa has received two donations totalling R100 000.

On my return from our recent travels I found a message on my home phone asking me to get in touch with a lady I had recently met at a private function.

This I did and she indicated that she had remembered hearing me tell another guest that I had recently rejoined Rotary. She then told me that a friend of hers had asked her if she knew where he/she could donate money to the Rotary Foundation. However, her friend wished to remain anonymous. I suggested she enquire whether her friend would be prepared to allow the Rotary E-Club of South Africa to handle the donation, indicating the advantages that this would bring. She came back to me a few days later and told me that the donor was in full agreement as long as his/her anonymity was maintained. The donation of R25 000 was placed in my personal account through her bank. I have made no attempt to find out the name of the donor and have no idea why he/she wishes to remain anonymous.

At about this time I learnt that a Trust, based in Cape Town, was about to make significant donations to charity. It is not a charitable trust, but does make donations to organisations of its choice when its investments allow it to do so.

I requested that this Trust make a donation to the Rotary E-Club of South Africa and was amazed, and overwhelmed, when I was told that the donation would total R75 000.

It is my personal suggestion that R25 000 of this second donation be earmarked for the Rotary Foundation, giving a 50/50 split of the total between the Rotary Foundation and our project fund.

By the time this is published, the funds will have been deposited in our club's bank account".

The funds have indeed been received by our Club and the necessary transfers made to The Rotary Foundation.

We thank and congratulate John on this marvellous achievement – just shows what happens when one talks about Rotary. □

This contribution means that our Annual Giving to The Rotary Foundation totalled R52 000 and our END POLIO NOW contribution was R6 289.30.

Rotary E-club of South Africa D9270, take a bow!!

John is now researching the various options for a Global Grant for a project somewhere up the West Coast with the R50 000 Project Funds.



THE R100 000 HANDSHAKE

June and John Fannin, Gerald and Sue Sieberhagen celebrate the Donations totalling R100 000 obtained by John Fannin.

Photo taken by Shirley Piek

Extract from
OUR FOUNDATION NEWS FOR ROTARY LEADERS
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The Business of Giving Charitable giving — it's big business. In a highly competitive world, many if not most of our charitable behemoths have adopted new tactics in fundraising. Some of the huge foundations are spending millions on additional administration costs that help fund the television advertisement; corporate hospitality; the call centre; unsolicited mail; or baleful, aggressive, paid street fundraisers affectionately known as 'chuggers' (an amalgam of the words charity and mugging).

Contrast this with The Rotary Foundation. From its conception it would never be either 'an assessment or a tax' according to founder Arch Klumph. The Foundation, with its low administrative costs cannot compete with the charitable Leviathon; it must rely on its core, loyal support—our Rotary club members.

I would suggest we all owe a duty of responsibility to tell the Rotary story of achievement and success to all of our 1.2 million members; to tell them of how we achieve such things—through voluntary contributions.

The only donations worth anything are those that are given freely and with love.

Calum Thomson,
OFN Editor

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When Sherri Muniz became governor of District 5840 (Texas) in July, she and her husband, Al, both of the Rotary Club of San Antonio-Northeast, took along a piggy bank on club visits, challenging Rotarians to “stuff the pig in the fight against polio.” The couple had received the piggy bank from the Rotary Club of San Antonio West, their first stop.

All 56 of the district’s clubs responded with contributions, including 11 that had never before donated to polio eradication, raising nearly \$11,000. At one club meeting, a Rotarian contributed \$1,000 and became a Paul Harris Fellow. At another meeting, “helper pigs” had to be summoned to collect almost \$900 in pocket change.

We have a couple of PINK PIGGY BANKS and perhaps we will be able to persuade DGE Richard Brooks to do something similar during his year.

So little time and so much to do. Early signs of Multi-tasking!

Photo of the new generation!



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It was with great sadness that we learnt of the passing to higher service of **PDG John Pender-Smith (1989-90)**. Our sincere condolences to his widow Margaret and the family. The first time I met Rev John was when he performed the marriage ceremony, in Eshowe, of one of our friends Karen Lawrie. Some years later when I again met up with Father John I said: "Oh, yes I remember where I met you – it was when you married the Lawrie girl in Eshowe!" He looked at me quizzically and with the usual twinkle in his eyes said: "No I didn't" "But I did perform the marriage ceremony".

PDG John served on many organisations; SANTA; St Johns; SANBS and was Chairman of the Board of Rotary Africa until a few years ago.

He was a wonderful character and a real stalwart of our District. His keen sense of humour was second to none as was his attention to protocol – he will be sorely missed. RIP

I think PDG John would have appreciated a bit of humour on the same page as his condolences message so here are a few crazy headlines and some interesting thoughts.

**Federal Agents
Raid Gun Shop,
Find Weapons**

**Man Accused of Killing
Lawyer Receives a New Attorney**

By Scott Simsovic
SUN Staff Writer

Charged in the murder of his former attorney, Miguel Trujillo has been appointed another attorney from the public defender's office.

Judy Reed, from the Public

trict was hired because most the attorneys working for the Public Defender's Department of Santa Fe knew Carlos Vi

il, the man Trujillo is accused of

schedule the next hearing.

All First District Court judges were disqualified from the hearings, with Judge Stephen Pfeiffer excused. The Supreme Court ap

**Meeting
on open
meetings
is closed**

**SHORT PEOPLE
GOD ONLY LETS
THINGS GROW UNTIL
THEY ARE PERFECT
SOME OF US DIDN'T
TAKE AS LONG AS
OTHERS!!!!**

**The most important
thing a father
can do for his
children is to
love their mother**

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Listen earnestly to anything your children want to tell you, no matter what. If you don't listen eagerly to the little stuff when they are little, they won't tell you the big stuff when they are big, because to them all of it has always been big stuff.

-Catherine M. Wallace-

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- ☁ be grateful
- ♥ act with love
- ⚡ check your motives
- 👛 watch your attitude
- ☂ forgive

Lessons in Womanhood



**You are only
helpless while your
nail polish is wet.
Even then, you
could pull a trigger
if you had to.**

Rotary announces partnerships with food bank network and youth service group



[Rotary International](#) on Facebook

Two new service partnerships announced this month by Rotary International will support humanitarian efforts by clubs and districts.

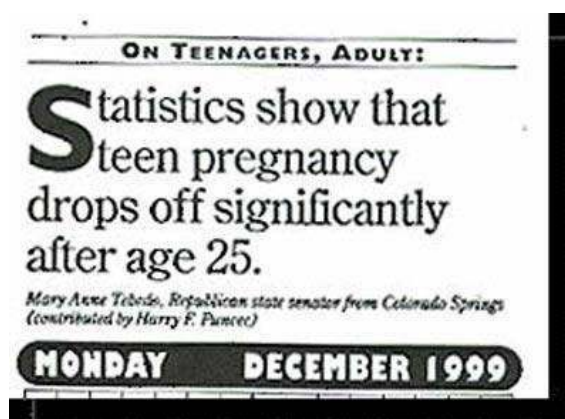
RI will combine resources with the [Global FoodBanking Network](#) to alleviate hunger worldwide. And Rotary and [YSA \(Youth Service America\)](#) will work together to encourage young people to participate in service projects in their communities.

Working with the Global FoodBanking Network, Rotary clubs and districts will be able to volunteer at food banks and help create new ones, organize food collection drives, sponsor trucks for food delivery and distribution, raise awareness of hunger, and distribute food to hungry children through the Backpack and other school food programs.

"Rotarians have served selflessly in the communities where we are developing and expanding food banks," says Jeffery D. Klein, CEO of the Global FoodBanking Network. "We want to connect Rotary clubs and districts to service projects and food distribution in the 19 countries where we are currently engaged in food banking activity, and inspire them to take leadership in this generation's quest to end hunger."

Top: The Global FoodBanking Network works with food banks in 19 countries to collect goods that would otherwise go to waste from sources such as stores, manufacturers, restaurants, and farms, and distribute them through local pantries, soup kitchens, hospices, and school programs. Bottom: Rotarians in Johannesburg, [on the right is PDG Hennie de Bruin] South Africa, served on the planning committee for a food bank program in that country. *Photos courtesy of Global FoodBanking Network*

Here are a few more amazing headlines...



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How many of you have thought of taking a trip to Eshowe, an historic little town in Zululand.....they have a booklet - 101 things to see and do in and around Eshowe and you will be amazed at what there is to do. Something that every visitor to Eshowe should see.....

Eshowe Butterfly House

