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NEWSLETTER

ROTARY E-CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA D9270

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JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

June is a time to reflect on the Rotary year that has nearly passed and to look forward to the one that is soon to begin. We look back at what we have accomplished and measure our progress toward the goals we have set for ourselves. In Rotary, we may pause to reflect, but never to rest on our laurels – for as much as we have achieved, we are always aware of how much there is still to do.

These are the words of **RI President Kalyan Banerjee** as he comes towards the end of his term of office.

These words can indeed apply to nearly all the Rotary Clubs in the world as the amazing “change-over” takes place where new Presidents and Directors are inducted. The fact that this is not happening in our Club this year, for very good reasons, does not mean that we need not take time to reflect on our achievements during 2011/12 and set out on a new path in 2012/13. Hang on to those things that have been successful and modify or discontinue those things that have not been as successful.

We are also starting the new Rotary year off with some new members - please ensure that you make them feel welcome in our club.

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

Now what about **FELLOWSHIPS** - and at the outset let me say that this is not the very important Fellowship that should be a cornerstone of all successful Rotary Clubs – no, this refers to the nearly 70 Rotary Fellowships that form part of Rotary's Global Networking Groups.

A Rotary Fellowship is a group of Rotarians who unite themselves to pursue a common vocational or recreational interest in order to further friendship and fellowship.

*Detailed information, including a list of all fellowships, can be found in the **Rotary Fellowships Handbook (729-EN)** and at www.rotary.org.*

You will find a copy of the Fellowship Advancer on our website where the various Fellowships provide short reports on their activities during the previous 6 months.

Have a look at the references above and see whether there are any Rotary Fellowships that you may want to join. Another section of RGNG's is Rotarian Action Groups details of which are also to be found at www.rotary.org.

STOP PRESS – Nareshini Ranganthan has secured a sponsorship of R25 000 from Willowton Oils for our Literacy project. Well done Nareshini.

We will also have distributed 50 new wheelchairs by the end of this Rotary Year.

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

JUNE

10th Israel Mqingwana

11th Johnny Stark

12th Janet Rouillard

13th June Fannin

ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE

17th David & Ellen Tilling

22nd John & June Fannin [55]

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES TO DIARISE:

2012

14th June – WORLD BLOOD DONOR DAY

18th July – NELSON MANDELA DAY

21st or 28th July – Westwood Shopping Mall
– Rotary E-club and END POLIO NOW
promotion

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

18th August – District Foundation Seminar

1st September – Basic PRLS

27th October – Basic PRLS

2013

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

23rd to 26th June – Rotary Convention in
Lisbon.

1st July – 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

SPECIAL MESSAGE OF THANKS

I was truly overwhelmed by the number of Birthday wishes I received this year – I guess there are some positives to be taken from being on Facebook!! The good wishes from my fellow club members were especially appreciated – THANK YOU.

I have taken until today to get my computer Inbox sorted like I always want it to be – no more than 20 emails ever sitting there but it has been a struggle and all because I decided not to look at emails from the time we left with the Aussies for the Wild Coast Conference on 15th May until we returned on 21st May. Doubt I'll ever manage that again!!! Pres Gerald

AUSSIE PROJECT SAFARI

We are pleased to report that the Aussie Project Safarians are enjoying their trip around KZN. After Conference they moved up to Selborne; then on to Eshowe; Empangeni; St Lucia; a few Game Parks and are now in Vryheid where sadly the Rotary Club recently closed.

EAST COAST RADIO WINTER WARMTH

You will have received an email earlier in the week regarding the ECR WW project where new blankets are distributed to Old Age Homes, Orphanages, Crèches and mainly households in the rural areas.

This is another opportunity where Rotarians can make a real difference in the lives of many needy folk out there by identifying those who may not survive a very cold winter.

Unlike Toy Story, where East Coast Radio are happy to give to the same worthy beneficiaries year after year, we should ensure that we find new beneficiaries for blankets as a blanket should really last for about 3 years before it needs replacing.

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MORE FROM THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

I thought this extract from the message of the Conference Chairperson, Rina Opperman was worth repeating in OUTA SPACE:

A non-Rotarian admirer once said:-

What is a Rotarian and what do they do?

They have dreams, plan them well and make them come true

They are a certain kind of people, committed to a better way of life

Their strength of character and tireless work helps ease other people's strife

They are a worthwhile band of people, dedicated to help their godforsaken earth

They do all they can, where they can

They truly show their worth

They have their Four Way test, the object and aims

They have never ending energy that puts us all to shame

I applaud you and all admire your high ideals

And take this opportunity to salute your Rotary wheels

But on a lighter note – and one I am sure you all agree

Without this band of merry people, just where would the needy be?

Most appropriate!

Message from DG Rob.

Thank you for the wonderful support for the Conference Raffle. Attached is a picture of the Draw which took place at the Banquet.

The prize winners were:-

Two days ay the Wild Coast Sun for two - John Webster --- from Hibiscus Coast
Two days in the Drakensberg - Avi Ramlikin --- Isipingo/Prospecton
Two days in the Drakensberg - Cell number on ticket sold by Teandra Pillay
from Kwa-Dukuza Stanger.

Cruise on MSC 'Opera' - Anita Vorster ---- from Port Shepstone

Trip to India - Paul Rose ----- from Zimbali

Good luck to the winners Regards Rob Gilligan



DG Rob Gilligan and tireless Fundraiser for the conference, Joanne Clark, did the Draw for the prizes which, as can be seen, largely favoured winners from Coastal towns – nothing for cyberspace clubs!!!!

Rotary E-club members need to have a good look at the Rotary emblem because knowing what it looks like will certainly assist you when you read OUTA SPACE No 23 – our Final OUTA SPACE for this Rotary Year – as there is going to be a “Test your knowledge of Rotary” section – no, it is not a quiz!



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Suzanne Edmunds, through PROJECT BUILD, is planning something for NELSON MANDELA DAY on 18th July as part of the 67 minutes of Volunteer work initiative – we will have more details soon.

TODAY IS WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY – DO SOMETHING – GO PLANT AN INDIGENOUS TREE!

WHO WOULD LIKE TO RUN WITH THIS PROJECT – SUCH A WORTHY CAUSE!!!



Friday 3rd August - Order Your Stickers NOW!

Last year we managed to raise R175, 000 to make dreams come true for children suffering from life-threatening illnesses across KZN. **All we had to do was wear our slippers to work or school for the day!**

This year... the whole of South Africa will be involved as we take slipper day national to get more people into slippers than ever before! We are so proud that this all began in KZN and would like to invite you to support us this year.

Slipper Stickers (just R10 each) entitle you to take part and are available from Reach For A Dream NOW. They can also be purchased (along with slippers) at any Miladys store nationwide from 1st July until the big day (Friday 3rd August). Schools can take stickers on consignment to sell on to students, parents and staff and take posters to help them promote the campaign.

Become an ambassador and get your child's school or workplace involved or if you are the boss, get the stickers for your staff.

Join us on the day at Gateway Theatre of Shopping where we will be celebrating with a Slipper Fashion Show & Competition modelling some wild and wonderful slipper designs thanks to students from The Style Design College in Westville. Guest judges from the industry will choose the winners for slipper entries in 3 different categories!

Become a Slipper Ambassador and help us to start raising awareness in your area!

To order your stickers for slipper day and for more information please email Ana on

kznadmin@reachforadream.org.za or call 031 566 2220



John Fannin hands over the wheelchair to Sister Jill Snyman of the St. Helena Sandveld Hospice, in Vredenburg.

This is the wheelchair received from the Rotary Club of Durbanville and the "good offices" of PDG Peter Vurgarellis.

John also had an opportunity to meet with Felicity Holmes, the manager of the Hospice.

Do you ever watch "Who wants to be a Millionaire?" Well if you do you will know that she has just lost whatever she had and she is not even blonde.



CAIA RESPONSIBLE CARE CELEBRATES
WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY
5TH JUNE 2012

Bhekisisa's advice on how to support a 'Green Economy'

- Make more responsible choices when shopping. Support local businesses and eat more local food.
- Save resources for example water by taking shorter showers and using a glass of water when brushing your teeth.
- Conserve energy by turning off electronic equipment not in use.
- Plant indigenous trees and shrubs in your garden.



GREEN ECONOMY: DOES IT INCLUDE YOU?



Work for it or do without.

And I don't think there has ever been a better explanation of the importance of incentive than this example

An economics professor at a local college made a statement that he had never failed a single student before, but had recently failed an entire class. That class had insisted that socialism worked and that no one would be poor and no one would be rich, a great equalizer.

The professor then said, "OK, we will have an experiment in this class on socialism".. All grades will be averaged and everyone will receive the same grade so no one will fail and no one will receive an A.... (substituting grades for dollars - something closer to home and more readily understood by all).

After the first test, the grades were averaged and everyone got a B. The students who studied 'hard' were upset and the students who studied 'little' were happy. As the second test rolled around, the students who studied little had studied 'even less' and the ones who studied hard decided they wanted a free ride too so they studied 'little'.

The second test average was a 'D'. No one was happy.

When the 3rd test rolled around, the average was an F.

As the tests proceeded, the scores never increased as bickering, blame and name-calling all resulted in hard feelings and no one would study for the benefit of anyone else.

To their great surprise, ALL FAILED and the professor told them that "socialism" would also ultimately 'fail' because when the reward is great, the effort to succeed is great, but when government takes all the reward away, no one will try or want to succeed. It could not be any simpler than that.

Remember, there IS a test coming up. "elections sometime soon when it is your chance to have YOUR say."

These are possibly the 5 best sentences you'll ever read and they are all applicable to this experiment:

1. You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity.
2. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.
3. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else.
4. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it!
5. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that is the beginning of the end of any nation.

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The World Blood Donor Day, June 14

by Cumlet, Haagen **Secretary, GLOBAL NETWORK FOR BLOOD DONATION – A ROTARIAN ACTION GROUP**



Global Network for Blood Donation, a Rotarian Action Group (GNBD) supports the World Blood Donor Day and urges Rotarians and Rotaractors to ask their club to join the celebration during the week of June 14. The World Blood Donor Day's theme this year is *Every blood donor is a hero*.

“Your involvement and support will help to ensure a wide impact for World Blood Donor Day 2012, increasing recognition worldwide that giving blood is a heroic life-saving act of solidarity,” the statement announcing World Blood Donor Day 2012 says.

The World Blood Donor Day is organized by World Health Organization; International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; International Federation of Blood Donor Organizations; International Society of Blood Transfusion.

Other collaborating partners: American Association of Blood Banks (AABB); Association of Donor Recruitment Professionals (ADRP), **Rotary International**; Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS); United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); World Council of Churches (WCC). World Blood Donor Day is dedicated to "thanking and celebrating voluntary non-remunerated blood donors". It occurs on June 14, the birthday of *Karl Landsteiner*, the creator of the [ABO blood group system](#), for which he won the Nobel Prize. The first World Blood Donor Day was held in 2005.

The statement announcing World Blood Donor Day, June 14, 2012

On 14 June 2012, *World Blood Donor Day* will be marked with events around the world to raise awareness of the need for safe blood and blood products and to thank all voluntary unpaid donors for their life-saving gift of blood.

The transfusion of blood and blood products helps save millions of lives every year. It can help improve life expectancy and the quality of life for patients suffering from life-threatening conditions, and supports complex medical and surgical procedures. In many countries, demand outstrips supply, and blood services face the challenge of making sufficient blood available, while also ensuring its quality and safety. Today, in 62 countries, national blood supplies are based on 100% (or more than 99.9%) voluntary unpaid blood donation. However, 40 countries still depend on family donors and even paid donors and collect less than 25% of their blood supplies from voluntary unpaid blood donors.

The goal of the World Health Organization (WHO) is for all countries to obtain their blood supplies entirely from voluntary unpaid donors by 2020.

The global theme of World Blood Donor Day changes each year in recognition of the selfless individuals who donate their blood for people unknown to them. In 2011, voluntary blood donors over the world were recognized and thanked with events and activities, from forming "human blood drops" in public places to colouring iconic monuments in red. These events and activities served as powerful symbols on the day, and rallied community involvement in promoting voluntary unpaid blood donation in all countries. Support from government leaders, royalty and celebrities, along with diverse community-based and youth-oriented activities, all contributed to the festivities.

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Every Blood Donor is a Hero

The theme of the 2012 World Blood Donor Day campaign, "Every blood donor is a hero" focuses on the idea that every one of us can become a hero by giving blood. While recognizing the silent and unsung heroes who save lives every day through their blood donations, the theme also strongly encourages more people all over the world to donate blood voluntarily and regularly.

The objectives of this year's campaign are to:

- thank and reinforce the self-esteem of those who give blood so they continue to do so regularly;
- inspire those who do not give blood but are in good health to start donating blood;
- encourage blood service staff to recognize blood donors for their "heroic" act each and every time they donate blood;
- and persuade ministries of health to show their appreciation of blood donors and provide adequate resources to move towards 100% voluntary unpaid blood donation.

World Blood Donor Day. "Every blood donor is a hero" 14 JUNE 2012

Everyday heroes respond to an immediate need for blood for transfusion, whatever the conditions, even when it may be inconvenient, putting the needs of others above their own. Voluntary blood donors come from all walks of life, all regions, backgrounds, religions and ages. By choosing to donate blood of their own free will, without any payment, these individuals perform a "heroic" act, a gesture of human solidarity with the power to save lives. Some of them do so many times over several decades.

The 2012 theme also resonates widely in relation to other everyday "heroes" – such as fire fighters, police men and women, rescue workers, civic leaders, and "champions" of social causes and community improvement. This may provide opportunities for powerful connections of people and stories around World Blood Donor Day. For example, as the world's attention turns to the London 2012 Olympic Games, blood services, blood donor associations and other institutions will have the opportunity to recruit sporting "heroes" to advocate for voluntary, unpaid blood donation at local, national or international levels.

Each year, a host country is identified for a global event that provides the focus for an international publicity campaign about World Blood Donor Day. The global event for 2012 will be held in Seoul, Republic of Korea, hosted by the Korean Red Cross and the Ministry of Health and Welfare, Republic of Korea.

Working together for World Blood Donor Day

Your involvement and support will help to ensure a wide impact for World Blood Donor Day 2012, increasing recognition worldwide that giving blood is a heroic life-saving act of solidarity. The enthusiasm and participation of interested partners is welcomed at all levels to make World Blood Donor Day a success.

Wouldn't it be marvellous if the Rotary E-Club of South Africa D9270 could establish a regular Blood Donation Drive – maybe after the merge with D9320 we might be able to get East Coast Radio to do something similar to the PE radio station in conjunction with shopping centres and the SANBS.

And FINALLY – remember I suggested that you may want to follow a Link so that you automatically received the Weekly Update from Rotary International – well here is the correct link to paste in your web browser; I think that is what it is called.

<http://www.rotary.org/EN/MEDIAANDNEWS/NEWS/EMAILALERTS/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

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THIS IS JUST ENTITLED "MEN" AND HAS BEEN SITTING IN MY FILES FOR AGES JUST WAITING TO BE USED.....LADIES, IF ANY OF THIS IS UNTRUE PLEASE LET US KNOW!!

NICKNAMES

If Laura, Kate and Sarah go out for lunch, they will call each other Laura, Kate and Sarah.

If Mike, Dave and John go out, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Bubba and Wildman.

EATING OUT

When the bill arrives, Mike, Dave and John will each throw in R100, even though it's only for R220.50.

None of them will have anything smaller and none will actually admit they want change back.

When the girls get their bill, out come the pocket calculators.

MONEY

A man will pay R20 for a R10 item he needs.

A woman will pay R10 for a R20 item that she doesn't need but it's on sale.

BATHROOMS

A man has six items in his bathroom: toothbrush and toothpaste, shaving cream, razor, a bar of soap, and a towel.

The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 337.

A man would not be able to identify more than 20 of these items.

ARGUMENTS

A woman has the last word in any argument.

Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

FUTURE

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.

A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

MARRIAGE

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't.

A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, but she does.

DRESSING UP

A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the trash, answer the phone, read a book, and get the mail.

A man will dress up for weddings and funerals.

NATURAL

Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed.

Women somehow deteriorate during the night.

OFFSPRING

Ah, children. A woman knows all about her children.

She knows about dentist appointments and romances, best friends, favourite foods, secret fears and hopes and dreams.

A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A married man should forget his mistakes.

There's no use in two people remembering the same thing!

AND NOW WE ARE OUTA SPACE