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Rotary Opens Opportunities

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Good morning E-Club of South Africa One members and OUTA SPACE readers
A reminder of the following virtual events:

Tuesday 6th July 2021

**Induction of our Incoming Club President, IRENE KOTZE,
on GoToMeeting at 19h00**

And so time marches on and soon we will be into a new Rotary Year. But first we need to consider June and Rotary Fellowships Month. Perhaps a visit to the D9370 Public Image page will take you to a post by committee member, Richard Chennells featuring Rotary Fellowships.

Is there nobody amongst our members who would like to do our monthly newsletter next year? Several weeks ago we mentioned that we were looking for a new editor.

This is OUTA SPACE No 217 – just one more editorial to write and one more Newsletter to compile at end of June 2021.

.See also some interesting attachments to read.

HAVE FUN, but take care and stay well

Retiring EDITOR – Gerald Sieberhagen

ROTARY'S MOTTO IS: Service Above Self



President's Perspective

Good Morning Fellow Rotarians,

"The youth of every generation has stood in a critical position, for the scales have been tipped one way or the other by the training they received from their elders. This is particularly true today. Our boys and girls have greater freedom, exercise greater power, and have more opportunities for both good and evil, than ever before. How important it is, therefore, that youth's great possibilities for good be realized and developed!"

Angus S. Mitchell, 1948-49 RI President

It is internationally accepted that the development of any country requires active participation from the youth. In every field, youth is needed. It is up to us to help the youth in playing this role properly. It is our duty to make young people aware of their power and the role they have to play in nation-building.

Rotary offers various avenues for young people, all of which are well known to us because our E-Club is actively involved.

These avenues include

- **Interact**, mainly inside school clubs for youth ages 12-18. Our E-Club is actively mentoring a few clubs.
- **Rotaract**, Rotary service club for young adults. During 2019, Rotary announced that the Council of Legislation amended the constitutional documents of Rotary International to include Rotaract clubs as a membership type. Apart from some concessions, Rotaract clubs will also begin paying dues to Rotary International as from 1 July 2022. The annual dues will be \$5 per member for university-based clubs and \$8 per member for community-based clubs. Thus, Rotaract members are not being elevated to full Rotarian membership but remain part of Rotaract. The comments on the web reveal *that, unfortunately, money is always an issue, and RI is the less flexible of all in walking the talk.*
- **RYLA**, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. Our E-Club sponsors scholars every year to take part in the Leadership development course
- **Rotary Youth Exchange** Our E-Club has taken part in both the long term and short term exchanges for many years.
- **Rotary International Scholarship** Opportunities for young adults. Scholarships are funded either through Clubs, District and Rotary Foundation.
- Are we doing enough for our young members?

Monique Jackson replied *"I really feel like the club is doing enough. One thing though is maybe we can invite someone to the board meetings? I've really enjoyed them and the insight into what happens behind the scenes is amazing. I think everyone sees the guest speakers and the club admin at the end but it's really so interesting to see what all goes into running a club like this!"*

Inga Mpepanduku said: *"I think the outreach to find younger members is definitely a great start and from personal experience I have always felt included and welcome in the club."*

The involvement the club had with the school's Interact club was a great way to incorporate a youth element into the club".

RI Trustee Geetha Manek gave an inspiring presentation during Discon this year. Her topic *"Rotary and Youth Empowerment"* provided a strong message of the need to identifying needs of the youth in our community, working toward addressing those needs, and finding ways to engage our youth in service projects.

We must never forget that together Interact and Rotaract have a membership of about 590 000 compared to 1.1 Million Rotarians. That is 50% now but they certainly will be 100% of the future.

In 1949, the Rotary International Board adopted the slogan "Every Rotarian an Example to Youth" as an expression of commitment to children and youth in each community in which Rotary clubs exist.

Supporting the environment has become our new area of focus and a great opportunity to support the youth. The current strong movement on climate change reminds us on the generation of the 1960s, the generation that participated in the waves of student movements all over the world.

School students have led the way on climate protests in recent weeks and months, challenging the complacency of established politicians standing silently by while we move towards the point where it will be too late to reverse climate change.

These students, who should be applauded for the courage and dedication to the biggest political challenge they are likely to face in their lifetime.

Greta Thunberg, the 17-year-old climate activist from Sweden, addressed world leaders at the UN Climate Action Summit in New York on Monday, 23 September 2019. 'How dare you,' she roared. 'How dare you look away... and come here saying that you're doing enough,' Greta asked. "How dare you pretend that this can be solved with just 'business as usual', but the young people are starting to understand your betrayal."

You can listen to her speech on YouTube.

Let us invite the youth to our meetings on a regular basis, let us share their vision and let us make sure that every youth has the chance to prove themselves worthy.

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TOPIC of the Week duties

17th May – Peter Rentsch ✓
24th May – Janet Rouillard ✓
31st May – Tony Holness ✓

Volunteers sought for these dates please
7th June – Monique Labat ✓
14th June – Irene Kotze
21st June –
28th June – Hans Hon ✓

5TH July –
12th July –
19th July –
26th July –

✓ means that you have already sent your TOPIC of the Week to the Club Admin Director
Please access the weekly TOPIC in the Member's Clubhouse on our website.

Thank you to all the members who send their TotW to the Club Admin Director at geraldandsue@mweb.co.za by the Thursday preceding their date.

Dates for GoToMeetings

GoToMeeting @ 19h00 TUESDAY

This schedule is for guidance only and is subject to change

8TH JUNE – Speaker - Nicolette Forbes - Chairman of our Birdlife eThekweni KZN

22ND JUNE – Speaker - Doug Bullis publishes books under the imprint of Atelier Books, LLC, registered in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He has published 23 books – as listed on Amazon. He will speak to us about Crete.

29TH JUNE – Year-end social gathering –

6TH JUL – INDUCTION OF INCOMING CLUB PRESIDENT, Irene Kotze

20TH JUL –

3RD Aug –

17TH Aug –

31ST Aug – Club Business meeting

7TH Sep –

21ST Sep –

5TH Oct –

19TH Oct –

2ND Nov –

During the week preceding the GTM, the login REMINDER will be emailed to each member.

DISTRICT 9370 – ZOOM TRAINING – SATURDAY MORNING 8.15am to 12pm

12th June – Club Admin-Club officers, committees, protocol, surveys, minutes, training, Rotary minute, agenda

10th July – Membership – membership types, meeting styles, Rotaract, diversity, inclusion, Zoom training

14th Aug – Foundation – grants and giving, areas of focus, grant application training

11th Sep – Youth – Part 1 & empowering girls

16th Oct – Youth – Part 2 – RYLA, Youth Exchange, Interact Conference

13th Nov – Rotary Day of Service

?? Dec – Membership activities – Fellowships, Action Groups, mentorships, networking, member fellowship

?? Jan – Engaging Rotary partners and non-Rotary organizations

?? Feb – Value of Rotary, Conferences, Discon, training and inter-club activities

March - To be announced; April - To be announced; May - To be announced; June - To be announced

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DATES TO DIARISE

2021

6th to 10th June
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION in TAIPEI—TAIWAN
WILL NOW BE VIRTUAL

Tuesday 6th July
Induction of our Incoming Club President, IRENE KOTZE,
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24TH OCTOBER
VOLUNTEER to assist Rotary Club of Durban North with AMASHOVA Cycle race.

2022

Saturday 30th APRIL and Sunday 1st MAY
D9370 CONFERENCE in MAKHANDA aka
GRAHAMSTOWN

4th to 8th June
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION in HOUSTON – TEXAS - USA

2023

27TH to 31ST MAY – RI CONVENTION in MELBOURNE - AUSTRALIA

2024

8TH to 12TH JUNE – RI CONVENTION in SINGAPORE

2025

21ST to 25th JUNE – RI CONVENTION in CALGARY - CANADA

2027

5TH to 9th June – RI CONVENTION in HONOLULU

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

2nd - Richard Brooks
12th – Janet Rouillard
13th – June Fannin
30th – Jean Singh

JULY

1st – Sizakele Khalala
2nd – Sambulo Khalala
6th – Francesco Petruccione
16th – Derek Kimber
18th – Peter Rentsch
18th – Dave Arnold
20th – Suresh Setty
21st – Irene Kotze
27th – Monique Labat

AUG

5th – Gael Traa
7th – Jayne Martin
7th – Patrick Andries
18th – Rajen Ranganthan
20th – Brian St Clair
23rd – David Tilling
24th – Jeff Watts
25th – Rae Kirton
25th – Paul Maistry
25th – Angela Krugel
28th – Tina Hon



ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE

1st to 30th - none

JULY

6th – Meryll & Kevin Flynn
11th – Monique Labat & Francesco Petruccione
14th – Janet & Mark Rouillard
14th – Murna & Brian van der Merwe

AUG

4th – Logie & Trevor Naidoo
13th – Jeff & Linda Watts
18th – Sambulo & Sizakele Khalala
29th – Nareshini & Rajen Ranganthan



SUNDAY 18TH JULY 2021



FOR INFORMATION OF MEMBERS

From: Hilary Augustus [mailto:aug.iafrica.com@clubrunner.email]

Sent: 11 May 2021 07:33 AM

To: Gerald Sieberhagen

Subject: Shaping Rotary's Future Committee-Pilot Program

Dear PDG Gerald Sieberhagen,

Please see **attached presentation by PRIP Barry Rassin** with regards to a Pilot project in which all 16 districts in the Zone have been asked to participate.

After consultation with the District Council, DG Maud Boikanyo has advised RI Zone 22 Director, Katerina Kotsalis-Papadimitriou that our District wishes to be involved.

Kind regards

Hilary Augustus

Rotary District 9370 Secretary

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May 20, 2021



Statement from the RAGFP Chair

Conflicts and illnesses around the globe are adversely affecting millions of people, including a number of those close to the Rotary Action Group for Peace (RAGFP). In this time of turmoil, the leadership of the RAGFP wishes to reaffirm its commitment to non-violence, and to the desire to help everyone find a path to permanent Peace, thereby protecting the Human Rights for all mankind.

The Board encourages all nations to engage in meaningful dialogue towards the cessation of violence and to a mutual desire for a good and equitable outcome for all.

Alison Sutherland

Rotary Action Group for Peace - Chair

Seven Areas of Focus



Peacebuilding and
Conflict Prevention



Community Economic
Development



Maternal and Child Health



Basic Education and Literacy



Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene



Disease Prevention and Treatment



Supporting the Environment

**7 Areas of
Focus**

The
Rotary
Foundation



More and more emphasis is being placed on projects that benefit the 7 Areas of Focus.

Global Grants must be focussed on one or more of these Areas.

An attachment to the May edition of OUTA SPACE was the Policy Statement relating to the Areas of Focus.

This is a document that is invaluable when considering a Rotary project. Does the Community need satisfy one or more of these Areas of Focus?

SNIPPETS FROM OUR NEXT SPEAKER'S BOOK

CRETE – Douglas Bullis

"The people of Crete have a proud history as a fiercely independent people with a unique and complex culture. There are many books about Crete and its history, but very few about the lives and thinking of Cretan people as they live their daily lives and tell their own stories. Timeless People in a Changing Time is a you-are-there walk through the streets, quays, and countryside as you meet everyday people whose lives are impacted by modernity and tourism wealth. Meet colourful characters, listen to their joys and worries, work alongside them at their jobs, dine in their cafes, listen to their histories. Laced with humour and wit, the scenes are described with literary grace and cultural accuracy. Crete and its people have never before been portrayed as vividly as in this memoir. What the readers are saying: ~Elysoun Ross, Xania, Crete—"Douglas Bullis's book is the best account of modern Crete I have come across. Crete is known mainly for Knossos, Theseus, and the Minotaur—the culture of the ancient Minoan times. But, what about today? Mr Bullis's luminous portraits of Crete's people as they live and work brings the Crete of the Minoan heroes to life in today's average weaver, shepherd, and cafe server." ~Yiorgos Vardakis, Xania, Crete—"This is not a book as much as literary cinema. The sharp details take us into a cultural landscape that lies between National Geographic and being there. I've never seen Crete so accurately portrayed." ~Dan Wylie, poet, South Africa—"This is more than mere travelogue, more than sharp observation: Bullis all but lives the lives of Cretans, gets inside their crafts and conversations, deftly weaves in history and myth, and manages to be both contemporary and elegiac."

Mystery Boat

(written from my cafe table in Crete last time Elysoun and I visited):

"The dumpiest fishing boat I have ever seen—nay, that probably ever existed—eased away from the quay in front of the taverna next door. This taverna had a bit of a reputation (read: tourist trap putting on airs of mob connections), so it was hardly surprising to see this piece of motorised flotsam in front of it. Polished brass and teak it was not. The hull had faint traces of what once might have been blue and white paint, but only an antiquarian could tell for sure. The nameplate on the bow could have been vastly improved by any five-year-old. The gunnels were weather-beaten planks lashed down with the remains of yellow fish net. There was a sunshade over the deck made of welded angle iron that had been bashed so many times that it looked like just after the explosion in an action movie. There was a loudspeaker aimed aft (lord knows what for), a spotlight up front, a couple of big plastic jerrycans for fuel, a broken-planked rudder held together by the type of stamped metal hinges you see in the hourly rental class of motel room, and the whole thing reeked of diesel and stale fish.

But when it started up and pulled away from the quayside I couldn't believe it! The motor—the motor!—this thing's motor purred with a low, throaty, finely meshed rumble more like a Maserati than the godforsaken wreck it pushed through the water. With a burbling snort like a cross between leopard and drag-racer, it hurled that entire shuddering hull of flotsam and junk from dead stop to harbour speed within seconds. It crossed the harbour like an arrow and once outside the jetty opened up into an unmuffled panther-on-the-prowl scream that more resembled a hydroplane racer at full throttle. I don't know what manner of hull lay below the waterline, but it sure wasn't the same hull that was above it.

I looked in astonishment at my friend Iannis, who sat near my table.

'Smuggler's boat,' he explained. 'Where do you think Libya gets its Marlboros?'

Editor – make sure you log on to our GTM on 8th June 2021 to hear Douglas Bullis speak!!!

WATER AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLY IN SOUTH AFRICA

It is interesting to read about and listen to people speak about the lack of suitable water and electricity supply in South Africa.

For those of us who grew up in the Fifties it was not a given that water was available at the end of a tap or that electricity was available at the flick of a switch. In some areas these conditions still prevail.

Similar conditions were to be found in Australia and in fact are still present.

Here is what Bill and Diane Main observed during their earlier days.

WATER SUPPLY THEN and NOW

We lived in Kalgoorlie for most of our lives where there is no local water storage other than a concrete "reservoir" located on a high point which holds water pumped 600km from Mundari near Perth. We were on permanent water restrictions and learnt to truly value water. Here in Queensland where we now stay, rainfall is very erratic and can range from almost non-existent to major floods. We rely on tank water totally.

In the dry northern part of Somalia which we visited, storms were infrequent and ground water often held mosquito larvae which posed another risk for those using the water.

The house we stayed in stored water caught from roof gutters and fed into an underground well.

Do any of our members have stories about their situation past and present?

Riddle for seniors....

Today's riddle for seniors...Here is the situation:

You are on a horse, galloping at a constant speed.

On your right side is a sharp drop-off.

On your left side is an elephant travelling at the same speed as you.

Directly in front of you is a galloping kangaroo and your horse is unable to overtake it.

Behind you is a lion running at the same speed as you and the kangaroo.

What must you do to get out of this highly dangerous situation?

Think logically before you track down for the answer.

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For Those Who Thought They Knew Everything Here's A Refresher Course

The liquid inside young coconuts can be used as a substitute for Blood plasma.

Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes or shark attacks.

You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.

Oak trees do not produce acorns until they are fifty (50) years of age or older.

The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum.

The King of Hearts is the only king without a moustache.

American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating one (1) olive from each salad served in first-class.

Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise. (Since Venus is normally associated with women, what does this tell you? that women are going in the 'right' direction...?)

Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning!

Most dust particles in your house are made from DEAD SKIN!!

The first owner of the Marlboro Company died of lung cancer. So did the first 'Marlboro Man'.

Walt Disney was afraid of MICE!

PEARLS DISSOLVE IN VINEGAR!

Oh, by the way, the Riddle for seniors – Quietly get off the merry-go-round and go home!

Judas Asparagus

A child was asked to write a book report on the entire Bible. This is amazing and brought tears of laughter to my eyes. I wonder how often we take for granted that children *understand* what we are teaching???

See a footnote by the Editor.

Through the eyes of a child:

The Children's Bible in a Nutshell

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, 'The Lord thy God is one, but I think He must be a lot older than that.

Anyway, God said, 'Give me a light!' and someone did. Then God made the world.

He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet. Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden.....Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars.

Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel.

Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something. One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check.

After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat.

Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable.

God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them His Top Ten

Commandments. These include: don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbour's stuff.

Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Humour thy father and thy mother.

One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town.

After Joshua came David. He got to be king by killing a giant with a slingshot. He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me. After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed up on the shore. There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them.

After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of The New. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. (I wish I had been born in a barn too, because my mom is always saying to me, 'Close the door! Were you born in a barn?' It would be nice to say, 'As a matter of fact, I was.')

During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Democrats.

Jesus also had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him. Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount.

But the Democrats and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead.

Anyways, Jesus died for our sins; then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminium. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution.

-----Do share this delightful story! -----

Editor – reminds me of the time at Sunday school when we were told the story of 'The return of the prodigal son'. This was a small Sunday school and my brother, 5 yrs my junior and I were in the same Sunday school class. After listening to the story we were told to draw a picture of the story we had just been told. After a while I glanced over to my brother's drawing because he seemed to be using lots of red and yellow crayons. Bless his soul – prominently in the drawing was the SUN.

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Celebratory dates in JUNE:

Sun 5th - National Cancer Survivors Day; World Environment Day; Tues 8th - World Oceans Day; Sat 12th - World Day Against Child Labour; Mon 14th - World Blood Donor Day; Sun 20th - World Refugee Day; Father's Day; Sat 26th International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking; Wed 30th – last day of Rotary International Year

Celebratory dates in JULY:

Thurs 1st - Canada Day; Fri 2nd - World UFO Day; Sun 4th - Independence Day (USA); Sun 11th - World Population Day; Thurs 15th - World Youth Skills Day; Sat 17th - World Day for International Justice; Sun 18th – Nelson Mandela International Day; Wed 21st – President of first E-Club in Africa's Birthday; Thurs 22nd - Pi Approximation Day; Wed 28th - World Hepatitis Day; Thurs 28th - International Tiger Day; Fri 30th - International Day of Friendship; World Day against Trafficking in Persons

Celebratory dates in AUGUST:

Sun 1st - Friendship Day; Fri 6th - International Beer Day; Thurs 12th – World Elephant Day; International Youth Day; Fri 13th - International Lefthanders Day; Thurs 19th – World Orang-utan Day; World Humanitarian Day; Fri 20th - World Mosquito Day; Thurs 26th - Women's Equality Day



One liner - I told a joke over my zoom meeting. It wasn't even remotely funny

Professional Opinion - My six-year-old son ran to me after lightly scraping his knee at a park. I looked at the scratch and kissed it better, and he ran off to play again. My brother, who was standing nearby, raised his eyebrows and quipped, "Five years of medical school and that's all you've got?"

Sweet Revenge - On the day I got my learner's licence, my father agreed to take me out for a driving lesson. With a big grin, he hopped in behind the driver's seat. "Why aren't you sitting up front, on the passenger's side?" I asked. "Kirsten, I've been waiting for this ever since you were a little girl," Dad replied. "Now it's my turn to sit back here and kick the seat."

Till next month - HAVE FUN

And now we are once again OUTA SPACE