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Rotary Opens Opportunities

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Good morning E-Club of South Africa One members and OUTA SPACE readers

End Polio Now - Rotary in the news

Rotary and its members received significant coverage from top media outlets around the world for our leadership in [eradicating wild polio in the African region](#). The news was covered by outlets across Africa, including Nigeria's [Channels TV](#) and the [South African Broadcasting Corporation](#).

A feature in [TIME](#) magazine quoting Rotary's General Secretary and CEO John Hewko and Dr. Tunji Funsho, chair of Rotary's Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee, credits Rotary members and our partners for the decades-long dedication to vaccinating millions of children across Africa. Other stories appeared in [Reuters](#), the [BBC](#), and [Le Monde](#).

An opinion piece by Rotary International President Holger Knaack and Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, director-general of the World Health Organization, appeared in [Frankfurter Allgemeine](#) and many other outlets, discussing why eradicating wild polio in Africa is important today and how lessons learned in polio eradication can help with the response to COVID-19.

GoToMeeting – 27th October 2020



We were indeed privileged to have Chairman of the RI PolioPlus Committee, Mike McGovern, as our speaker. He updated us on the current state of EndPolioNow.

Bill Main then briefly told us about the ROAR activities for EndPolioNow.

Irene Kotze also mentioned the annual EndPolioNow collection [10th year now] at Windermere Centre.

There was a good turnout of members and guests – special mention of Philip Byrne – fellow Aus Ham Radio colleague.

Till next month - HAVE FUN, but take care and stay well

EDITOR – Gerald Sieberhagen

ROTARY'S MOTTO IS: Service Above Self



President's Perspective

Good Morning Fellow Rotarians,

The new theme for October is Economic and Community Development and if you ask Uncle Google, the description tells us that "*it is a community driven process where communities identify and initiate their own solutions to economic, social and environmental issues to build economically viable communities*".

In other words, it should be an effective long-term endeavour, well-planned, inclusive and equitable.

This certainly encompasses our President's theme of Rotary opens opportunities.

The critical element is that it is community driven and thus, the community decides what and what is not a good project. Very often we make the mistake that we assume to know what the community needs. A good friend of ours in Botswana explained that

communities will always agree with you if you tell them what projects they need because they view it as impertinent to reject a present.

Thus, rule number one is to let the community formulate a proposal and present it to YOU!!!

The Rotary Website includes the following ideas under the heading of Community Development and here are some comments

Microfinance - RAGM (Rotary Action Group for Microfinance) was established in 2007 and, although membership is restricted to Rotarians, their spouses, and Rotaractors, the organization encourages outside institutions to make contact for further partnership in delivering microcredit. Microfinance institutions grant small business loans to individuals who would otherwise be unable to utilize a traditional bank services. Entrepreneurs use microloans to become street vendors, rickshaw drivers, weavers, tailors and such like. It is simply a model being applied as a means of boosting local economies.

Rotary Community Corps and Adopt A Village - In my opinion, these two project ideas are inter linked. If you want to undertake a successful Adopt A Village project, it is essential to establish a RCC first. There are over 10 000 RCCs in 100 Countries and they are fantastic partners to Rotary.

A Rotary Community Corps can be formed anywhere a Rotary club is active.

All you need to do is to reach out and explain the concept to a few people in the community, ask them what challenges they're facing, and empower them to take action.

It is not quite as simple as that, in reality it took quite a long time and a several meetings with only one prominent community member. Once he agreed to the project, about 24 members of the community were selected to establish the RCC, of which there was only 1 male member!!! Upon our suggestion, a meeting with the Rate Payers Association was arranged. It became very clear that the latter was an unknown entity. The meeting was at the Community Hall and approximately 300 women attended. It became very clear who rules this community. The needs analysis discussed and submitted to us had some interesting components and comprised of an upgrade and refurbishment of the clinic and community hall, security cameras, a computer class room and vegetable garden for the school and rainwater tanks according to their list of needy households (380) and not the indigent list compiled by Municipality because apparently, it included a lot of not so indigent residents. We chose to only use contractors from the community and it took approximately 12 months to complete our first Adopt A Village Grant project.

A typical and rewarding example of Rotarians in Action!

A lot of assistance can be found on www.ragcd.org. - The Rotary Action Group for Community Economic Development is a source of knowledge and expertise that helps Rotarians plan, implement, and manage impactful and sustainable economic development projects. It is a partnership between people who have experience with community economic development projects and those for whom assistance is needed.

If you have a successful Community Economic Development project; share it! The site can be used to publish stories on community projects.

Of course, Economic and Community Development covers many aspects and included in the primary area are projects on Disaster Management and the Environment. Of assistance is the Rotary Action Group which focuses on disaster preparedness, communication, and recovery worldwide and the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group that helps clubs and districts plan, implement, and evaluate projects related to environmental sustainability and climate change.

Hans

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TOPIC of the Week duties

2nd Nov – Greg Cryer ✓
9th Nov – Lesley Maullin
16th Nov – Bill Main
23rd Nov – Khaya Mposula
30th Nov – Mike Millard

7th Dec – Nokuthula Mvubu
14th Dec – Monique Jackson
21st Dec – Amanda J van Rensburg

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

10th NOV – Speaker - Dr Leon De Bruyn - A day in the life of a Country Vet looking after game reserves

24TH NOV – 10TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF OUR E-CLUB
Guest speaker will be RI President Holger Knaack followed by our District Governor Maud Boikanyo

1ST DEC – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8TH DEC – Social gathering – cocktail hour – midnight snack for some

5TH JAN – Welcome back from Holiday period

19TH JAN – Possibly a speaker from NSRI

26TH JAN – BOARD MEETING

2ND FEB – Club Business meeting – members only

16TH FEB – Speaker – Ann Lee Hussey

2ND MAR – Speaker – Mike Kendrick – Wild Shots Outreach

16TH MAR – Speaker – Nick Evans – Snake Rescuer

23RD MAR – BOARD MEETING

30TH MAR – Club Business meeting – members only

13TH APR -

27TH APR -

11TH MAY -

18TH MAY – BOARD MEETING – Combined with Incoming Board

25TH MAY – Club Business meeting – members only

8TH JUNE –

22ND JUNE -

29th JUNE – Yearend social gathering –

6th JUL - INDUCTION OF INCOMING CLUB PRESIDENT

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

If you have any suggestions for a Guest Speaker at one of our GTM Speaker dates, please let President Hans or Secretary Irene know.

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DATES TO DIARISE

2020

Saturday 14th November – AUCTION of Painting
For END POLIO NOW FUNDS at 17h00 to 18h00

MONDAY/TUESDAY - 23rd AND 24TH NOVEMBER
10TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF FIRST ROTARY E-CLUB IN AFRICA
*The Rotary E-Club of D9270 subsequently changed to
The Rotary E-Club of South Africa One*
And Official Visit to the Club by DG Maud Boikanyo

Saturday 28th November **END POLIO NOW** collection and information stall at
Windermere Centre

2021

23rd to 25th April
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF FIRST ROTARY CLUB IN AFRICA,
The ROTARY CLUB OF JOHANNESBURG, culminating in the
CELEBRATION DINNER at Emperor's Palace in Johannesburg
On SUNDAY 25TH APRIL
In the meantime you may want to look up this link:
<https://rcjohannesburg.org.za/africa/>

21st to 23rd May
District 9370 Conference in Lesotho
At Thaba Bosiu, Maseru District

6th to 10th June
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION in Taipei – Taiwan
*Bill and Diane Main have Registered – anyone else from our E-Club
going?*

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

OCT

30th – Philip Hedley

NOV

1st – Peter Bretherton

2nd – Ockie Esterhuyse

5th – Mark Rouillard

6th – Trevor Mitchell

8th – Yentl Juggernath

13th – Bob Kistnasamy

16th – Bill Main

17th – Rachael Blair

19th – Agnes Khaya Mposula

21st – Mike Millard

24th – Pam Brown

24th – Sharon Robertson

24th – Nokuthula Mvubu

24th – Irene Setty

27th – Lindsay Cryer

27th – Theo Venter

29th – Amanda J van Rensburg

DEC

7th – Angela Savage

13th – Richard Hargreaves

13th – Sivashni Singh

16th – Lesley Maullin

20th – Monique Jackson

22nd – Beryl Draper

24th – Chris de Bruyn

25th – Steven Lancaster

26th – Amar Indurjeeth

28th – Jeanette Esterhuyse

31st – Nareshini Ranganthan



ENJOY
YOUR
DAY

ANNIVERSARIES

OCT

31st – Greg & Lindsay Cryer

NOV

1st – Peter and Karen Rentsch

12th – Angie & Trevor Mitchell

23rd – 10TH **CHARTER ANNIVERSARY**
OF ROTARY E-CLUB OF SOUTH
AFRICA ONE

DEC

19th – Hans & Tina Hon

22nd – Sivashni Singh & Dhiviyan
Kalidas

23rd – Suresh & Irene Setty

23rd – Theo & Thilde Venter

31st – Steven & Tracy Lancaster



MAKE THIS
A
VERY SPECIAL
CELEBRATION

Special Event Station VK65PFA (Polio Free Africa) *by Diane Main*

Australian Rotarians of Amateur Radio (ROAR) will be activating the special event station VK65PFA to celebrate the eradication of the wild Polio Virus in the 65 countries, States and Territories in Africa as announced by the WHO on August 25th 2020.

The activation commences on October 24th to mark World Polio Day and will be active until Nov 24th 2020. The campaign to eradicate Polio by Rotary International was initiated by Sir Clem Renouf.

Sir Clement William Bailey Renouf AM (19 April 1921 – 11 June 2020) was an Australian accountant and President of [Rotary International](#) in 1978–79. In this latter role he contributed significantly to the planned eradication of [poliomyelitis](#) worldwide.

He was born in [Ingham, Queensland](#) in 1921. He joined the [Nambour](#) Rotary Club in 1950 and remained a member until he died.

In 1978 he became World President of [Rotary International](#). He died in June 2020 at the age of 99.

He was appointed a Member of the [Order of Australia](#) in 1979. He was knighted in 1988 "for outstanding service to the community", and awarded the [Centenary Medal](#) in 2001

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. Its goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever.

As a founding partner of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), polio cases have been reduced by 99.9 percent since Rotary's first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralysing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort.

Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. But it's crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyse as many as 200,000 children each year.

Further information on the event can be viewed on the Ham Radio website use by Hams worldwide at <https://www.qrz.com>. Although a login is needed for hams to see the callsign owner's details of the event, the main information is easily viewed





RAH/Tastic Partnership

This World Food Day, the 16 October 2020, Tastic rice and Rise Against Hunger Africa launched their 2020/21 partnership.

This partnership will see Tastic supply RAH Africa with enough rice to provide 6 million meals to families and ECD centres. Considering the impact that Covid-19 has had on our country, this could not have come at a better time. The number of people who are food insecure is said to have nearly doubled during this year and Tastic is committed to assisting in the fight against hunger.

“We are so grateful to Tastic rice for this ongoing support. This will certainly assist us in reaching our goals to alleviate hunger in South Africa. With Tastic rice as part of our meals, we can also be confident that we will be delivering a quality product to our beneficiaries” Brian Nell, CEO RAH Africa. Rise Against Hunger Africa would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Tastic rice and the dedicated team who made this possible.



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Rise Against Hunger is registered as a beneficiary for the SA Big5k virtual event which is taking place on the **7th November**.

As 2020 nears its end, we reflect on what was a tough and trying year, realizing that, through it all, we are survivors, over-comers, and winners!

It is time to celebrate our best life. Time to unite as we did for the WORLD CUP RUGBY WIN last year November. It is time to join the SA BIG5K movement - Enter and participate, run or walk, fly our flag higher than ever, and show that when our nation unites, we become world champions! You can be part of an anticipated 100 000 South Africans that will 'pitch up', participate and celebrate being the winners we are.

We've reserved the first weekend in November to celebrate the one year anniversary of our World Cup Victory. Wherever you are ... show up, show your colours, show your love for SA ... let us rise again like the Springboks did a year ago. Come on SA - Get Up and Go!

To enter

visit: <https://www.webtickets.co.za/v2/event.aspx?itemid=1503007121&promoterid=1503632965>

[Enter SA Big 5k](#)



Posted on **October 27, 2020**

By Rotary International President Holger Knaack

For many years in Rotary, we have talked about the importance of [Rotaract](#) and how young people have the potential to reshape our organization. Thankfully, in the last few years we have gone beyond talk and have moved into a time of action.

This has coincided with the world experiencing dramatic change due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our traditional connections and ways of meeting have been disrupted. We have all had to learn how to operate fully in the digital world — the same world that Rotaractors inhabit regularly and naturally.

What we are discovering is that Rotaractors are tremendous leaders. This is something I've known for quite some time. When it was my turn to host an Institute as a district governor, I turned the entire planning project over to Rotaractors. Not only did they not let me down, they continually delighted me with their ambition and vision.

This is why, for my Presidential Conferences in 2020-21, I will showcase the leadership abilities of Rotaractors around the world and give all Rotarians an opportunity to see, first hand, just what they are capable of accomplishing.

The COVID-19 epidemic has made clear that we are living in a different world, a world dominated by young people with the foresight and drive to take advantage of rapid change and move on from the old ways of doing things. Our Presidential conferences will be somewhat like World's Fairs for Rotary, a vision of our future, with new club models, new ways for members to connect across space and time, and a new vision for a truly diverse organization that builds lasting friendships across generations.

I invite you to join us at three events that will be held virtually — and to the extent possible — in person. I invite you to learn more about our three virtual events that will be held [15-16 January in Brazil](#), [22-24 January in Nigeria](#), and [14-16 May in the United States](#).

No matter what your age or experience in Rotary, our conferences are designed to enlighten and surprise you. I look forward to exploring Rotary's future with you.

[Learn more about Rotary International President Holger Knaack.](#)

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Clockwise from bottom left: Collection of porridge from Durban depot by Emoyeni Educare Centre, using their new Combi [their combi was stolen from the EduCare Centre during the lockdown], 2 deliveries by Logie Naidoo of 5kg bags of porridge. Then groups of children who benefited from the donation of Jerseys, scarves and beanies which was portion of the donation by Kim Cooper and Kim Brown

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Graphic copied from our E-Club facebook page.

ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA ONE PRESENTS

Charity Art Auction



RENOWNED ARTIST : LINDSAY CRYER
BENEFICIARY : POLIO PLUS
OIL PAINTING (DIMENSIONS 900 X 1200 MM)

Well done to the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of Blouberg D9350 for showing the area how proud they are of Rotary International for ensuring that Africa has eliminated the wild polio virus



Africa Kicks Out Wild Polio!
#VaccinesWork

Thank You Rotary

Rotary District 9350
Rotaract District 9350

END POLIO NOW

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

The early days of the first Rotary E-Club on the African Continent

Extracts from the Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Durban Bay – the sponsor club

14th July 2010: The Dinghy – Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Durban Bay [Sponsor Club]

“Following the decision taken at the 2010 Council on Legislation we will pursue the Chartering of an e-Club – The Rotary E-Club of Durban D9270”.

25th August 2010: The Dinghy – Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Durban Bay [The D]

“We have received 17 positive responses, to date, from potential e-club members and this, together with our existing 6 ‘e-club’ members takes us quite close to our initial target of having at least 25 positive responses before we move onto the next step.

1st September 2010: [The D] A photo of Lionel Wybrow, District Club Extension Chairman with the caption *“He seems pleased with what he heard about the proposed Rotary E-Club of South Africa D9270.”*

Page 6 – What is the purpose of a Rotary e-club? Which also includes: Is a Rotary e-club just a virtual club that lacks Rotary Service?; 5 key goals of every Rotary e-club and What are the attributes of successful Rotary e-clubs?

15th September 2010: [The D] *‘We remain confident that we will achieve our Charter target date of 3rd November 2010. As soon as we reach our magic figure of 20 prospective members we will be able to move on to the next stage of submitting our application to Charter to Rotary International*

29th September 2010: [The D] *‘Prospective e-club member, Nareshini Ranganthan was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Durban Bay.*

6th October 2010: [The D] *‘We have made it – 20 prospective members and that means we may now submit our application to Charter to Rotary International. We now have to nominate Office Bearers for the new Club and the members will be doing that during the coming week. An Internet/Email meeting for the 20 e-club members will take place on Thursday 7th between 19h00 and 20h00. For most of us this will be a new experience and we will report back next week.*

13th October 2010: [The D] *Page 5 – photo of Update and DG Richard Alborough and President in waiting, Jeneth van Leeuwen signing the application forms The first interactive meeting of the Rotary e-club of South Africa D9270 was held on Thursday 7th October 2010. It was a lively meeting and the selecting of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, President-elect and Board members went quite smoothly. The first President of a Rotary e-Club on the African Continent will be Jeneth van Leeuwen who will be followed by Sarah van Heerden. The Secretary is Peter Bretherton; Treasurer is Shelley Sabbatini with Jayne Martin, Jenni Higgs and Nicolette Mudaly making up the rest of the Board. There were quite a few gremlins on the night. For some the emails just never arrived and there were a few with apologies as they had prior commitments. One forgot that her emails would be coming through on her hotmail address and one just forgot **[Passed No 1 of the Rotary 4-Way Test with flying colours]**. Another member had not received the email about the meeting but her blackberry alerted her to the fact that something was a-happening when all the messages started flying around. There was a suggestion by Gavin Price that in order to get to know each other better, each member to send a short pen picture of themselves. During the meeting Jayne Martin sent through her info as did Sarah van Heerden [admitted that she was in her pyjamas during the meeting].*

20th October 2010: [The D] *Page 3 – Update on Rotary E-Club of South Africa D9270*

‘The e-club meeting of 14th October 2010 was once again well attended and some good exchange of ideas regarding the conduct of the meetings took place. Sarah van Heerden and her husband Danie are looking at a website [that’s Danie’s forte] for the e-club because the e-club site on the District website will not have the minimum features that an e-club website requires. We have submitted all the Charter documents to RI.’ There is also a photo of Peter Bretherton, e-club secretary adding his signature to the documents.

27th October 2010: [The D] *‘The lively meeting last Thursday centred mainly around 2 topics – the preferred method of weekly/24/7 communication and the ‘About Me’ updates.*

3rd November 2010: [The D] *Sarah van Heerden reports ‘The Yahoo group is now up and running. The group has a fully functional chat room, member birthday and anniversary calendars, events calendar, links page, provision for databases, member map etc’*

10th November 2010: [The D] Note the correct way of writing our club name: Rotary E-Club of South Africa D9270. Here is a question posed by RI regarding the Charter of the E-Club: *‘According to the Standard Rotary club constitution, the club shall hold a regular meeting once each week by posting an interactive activity on the club’s website on the day provided for in the bylaws. Could you please confirm that the Rotary E-Club of South Africa D9270 maintains such a website that will be used as a meeting place and if so, could you please send us the link?’ That all appears quite simple, but is it?*

In the same Dinghy – *‘Last Thursday the first trial run in the yahoo group took place. It is an interesting way of meeting but needs some refining so that all members are able to access the group even with Blackberry. We also need to find a way of ensuring that our website is interactive. The boffs are working on this.*

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17th November 2010: [The D] *Slow but positive progress is being made as we sail into uncharted waters. Trial and error – Yahoo and District Websites – Joined the Chat room – left the Chat room – can't get in – oh, it really is quite easy – these are common phrases during a meeting that takes place from 19h00 to 20h00 on a Thursday evening. Because of the obvious talent of the Van Heerden family, Sarah has been involved in quite a lot of the computer/website/meetingsite activity which is much appreciated. Several of our members have emailed existing E-Clubs to gain more information and by and large they have been more than willing to assist us.*

24th November 2010: [The D] *We have been advised by RI Zurich Office that they have submitted our documents for the E-Club for final approval. Once the Charter is received we will be able to move on setting a charter date and venue and then we will leave it to the DG to work out how and where he will do his Official visit.*

1st December 2010: [The D] *We continue to have 'light bulb' moments as we navigate and probe the yahoo space and anxiously await our Charter.*

8th December 2010: [The D] *We are proud to announce that the first Rotary E-Club on the continent of Africa, **The Rotary E-Club of South Africa D9270** was admitted to membership of Rotary International on 23rd November 2010. A suitable date and venue will be established for the Charter Dinner. 'Well done to all the members of the Rotary Club of Durban Bay who have worked tirelessly to make this happen. "Jack, you can now sleep peacefully as we no longer have those strange items in our Durban Bay membership numbers."*

12th January 2011: [The D] *Forthcoming Events and Speakers*

17th February 2011 – Proposed date for Charter Ceremony for the Rotary E-Club of South Africa D9270

Members of our club are meeting with some of the E-Club members on 27th January – we hope to finalise arrangements for the Charter ceremony on 17th February during that meeting. We are certainly entering uncharted territory here and we will need lots of support and encouragement from members of our Club in the coming weeks and months

19th January 2011: [The D] *Rotary E-Club of South Africa member, Suzanne Edmunds also attended our meeting. Suzanne, who is the CEO of Project Build, will play a key role in our Global Grant as Project Build will be doing the building alterations. 'Gremlins and Glitches greeted the E-Club members when they tried to access the Yahoo Chat room on 13th January 2011 – it has simply been discontinued by Yahoo but the boffins are looking at alternatives. Perhaps Yahoo Messenger*

2nd February 2011: [The D] *Forthcoming Events and Speakers*

It was proposed that instead of meeting on 16th February, we meet on 17th to attend the E-Club Charter Ceremony at Garden Grove at 17h00 for 17h30 at Garden Grove, 211 St Thomas Rd Durban.

23rd February 2011: [The D] *'The meeting of the 17th February 2011 was the Charter Ceremony of the Rotary E-Club of South Africa D9270. It was well attended by District officials and members of the Rotary Club of Durban Bay. DG Richard and Moira Alborough; DGE Rob and Marj Gilligan; AG John and Ivy Johnston-Webber and District Club Extension Chairman Lionel Wybrow and Ann were there to enjoy the glittering event held at the GG ICC. Jeneth van Leeuwen was inducted as a Rotarian by President Gerald Sieberhagen after which DG Richard Alborough inducted Jeneth as the Charter President of the first Rotary E-Club on the African Continent and presented her with the Club Charter. President Jeneth then inducted the Charter members who are scattered across South Africa. Secretary Peter Bretherton, Treasurer Suzanne Edmunds and Service Projects Director Jenni Higgs were present for the induction. A surprise in the evening's proceedings was the invitation by the Rotary E-Club of South Africa D9270 to Rotarians Gerald Sieberhagen and Irene Kotze to be Honorary Members of the new Club.*

The Charter members of the Rotary E-Club of South Africa D9270 were: PETER BRETHERTON; SUZANNE EDMUNDS; JENNIFER HIGGS; CLARE JOSHUA; GREG MADDOX; JAYNE MARTIN; NICOLETTE MUDALY; GAVIN PRICE; STEVE PYPYER; NARESHINI RANGANTHAN; VERUSHKA REDDY; SHELLEY SABBATINI; GAYDRE SCHOLTZ; JOHNNY STARK; LYNN STEFANO; ANUSHA TIMUL; SARAH VAN HEERDEN; JENETH VAN LEEUWEN; ALAN VELLS; MARCIA ZUNGU.

Honorary members – Irene Kotze; Gerald Sieberhagen.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DISTRICT GRANT BETWEEN THE ROTARY CLUBS OF E-CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA ONE and MONT ALBERT AND SURREY HILLS

Robert Veenstra Entrepreneurship Centre

The Entrepreneurship Centre in Nemato, Port Alfred opened its doors in 2010 and has made a tremendously positive impact in the community through computer training, computer access, printing services, internet availability and entrepreneurial and career support of members of the community.

Over its ten years of operation, the centre has graduated over 3500 members of the community through a 9 week part-time training course. Graduates include children, high school learners, the unemployed, teachers, police, fire fighters, and retirees, to name but a few. The stories of how this training has changed lives are numerous and the fact that not one computer in the centre has ever been damaged or stolen is a testimony to the appreciation of the wider community for this centre. The availability of computers and internet for school children outside of training hours has proven invaluable in empowering the youth.

Our Rotary E-Club is a great partner and has supported the Centre during the past 5 years together with the Rotary Club of Hamburg International during 2015, followed with a grant from our District earlier this year.

Now in Partnership with our Australian friend, Richard Groom and the Rotary Club of Mont Albert and Surrey Hills and Rotary District 9810, ten new computers were provided through this Rotary Foundation District Grant.

The handover was done on Monday 26th October.

During the period of the COVID-19 lockdown, the time was used to give the Centre a major facelift. An additional room was built to accommodate a computer café type facility for graduates. The premises were repainted. New partitions and furniture were also provided.



Four members of the Rotary E-Club of South Africa One, Southern Cluster, Hans and Tina Hon, Mike Millard and Sheena Louca attended the handover.

In the photo our Club President Hans Hon, hands over one of the computers to John Mabote, Manager of the Entrepreneurship Centre.

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**I SPEAK
MY MIND**
Because
**IT HURTS TO BITE MY
TONGUE ALL THE TIME**

I'm from tech support.
I'm here to delete your
cookies



QUOTE FOR THE MONTH – Some of us hear.....some listen!

Imagination is more important than knowledge – Albert Einstein

Celebratory dates in NOV:

Sunday 1st - World Vegan Day; Monday 2nd to Sunday 8th – World Interact Week;
Thursday 12th - World Pneumonia Day;
Friday 13th - World Kindness Day; Saturday 14th - World Diabetes Day;
Monday 16th - International Day for Tolerance; Thursday 19th - International Men's Day;
World Toilet Day; Citizen's Day; Universal Children's Day;
Saturday 21st - World Television Day;
Wednesday 25th - International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

Celebratory dates in DEC:

Tuesday 1st - World AIDS Day; Thursday 3rd - United Nations' International Day of Persons with Disabilities; Saturday 5th - International Volunteer Day; World Soil Day; Sinterklaas;
Monday 7th - International Civil Aviation Day;
Wednesday 9th - International Anti-Corruption Day; Tuesday 15th – International Tea Day;
Friday 25th - Christmas Day; Thursday 31st - New Year's Eve

Till next month – HAVE FUN

And now we are once again OUTA SPACE