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December is Family Month

In South Africa and I guess in many other countries the last month of the year is when many families get together, be it on holiday or to celebrate religious holidays. So it is quite appropriate that Rotary International has named December as Family Month.

Several of our members are involved with assisting East Coast Radio with their Toy Story campaign and this in itself brings the spirit of Christmas into reality.

The very thought that many disadvantaged children will perhaps be receiving a cherished gift for the first time is quite uplifting.

It also, unfortunately sometimes brings out the worst in some people who somehow believe it is their right to receive Toys to distribute simply because they have completed an application form. Many don't bother to read the application form and I seem to think that they believe we have a Toy factory with rows and rows of

new toys all neatly lined up just waiting to be allocated to them. This is of course not what happens and without the generosity of the many donors of NEW toys East Coast Radio Toy Story would not happen.

Very soon many of us will be celebrating Christmas so here is wishing you...

Merry Christmas



**AND A PROSPEROUS AND
HEALTHY 2013**

Have Fun

Gerald Sieberhagen - Editor

Please remember that it is the responsibility of each Rotarian to introduce prospective Rotarians.

Rotarians 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

DECEMBER

20th Noel Moodley
21st Anesh Timul
22nd Beryl Draper
27th Gaëtan Burm
31st Nareshini Ranganthan

JANUARY

None

ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER

7th Richard & Moira Alborough
13th Paul & Sue Hawkins

JANUARY

4th Jacques & Jeneth van Leeuwen
12th Gordon & Lynn Dowsett
15th Anesh & Anusha Timul
28th Tino & Lynn Stefano

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES TO DIARISE:

2013

23rd February – PEACE FORUM conducted by our Club

23rd February – Rotary International 108th Anniversary Celebration

9th to 11th May – ROTARY FAMILY HEALTH DAY

17th/18th May – DISTRICT 9270 CONFERENCE – Sibaya Casino

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

1st July – Merger of Districts 9320 & 9270 to form a 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



Only 57% of people will understand this:

2 + 2 = Fish. 3 + 3 = Eight.

7 + 7 = Triangle.

First correct answer came from Paul Maistry and so far I have only received 5 correct answers so our members appear to be well below the World average or perhaps lethargic.

Peace Day/Forum 23rd February 2012

"Wise words by Dalai Lama: The planet does not need more successful people. The planet desperately needs more peacemakers, healers, restorers, storytellers and lovers of all kind".

David Tilling and his working committee had a fruitful meeting on 23rd November and soon David will be able to furnish our members with a detailed programme of events for the day so that our members, who are able to, may participate.

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FDSA Project. – Update from Bettie.

Good afternoon John. I am waiting for the builders to get out of the way. They are busy plastering and putting on the roof. In the meantime we are busy digging trenches for the irrigation system and we have built a tank stand from the poles that is part of the fencing, which is in the process of being erected. I hope by next week Wednesday [5th December] the borehole will be ready with the pump installed and the electricity connected. The electrician that does the builders work will connect the pump the same day as he does the building. Will keep you informed and take photographs as we progress.



When Jeff Watts from the Frozen, soggy North paid a fleeting visit to Durban, Irene Kotze, his Vocational counterpart went to some lengths to eventually meet him F2F. Well done both of you for making the effort.



When CLAYTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, Overport, Durban held an End Polio Day the pupils all wore a red T-shirt. Well done to the school for their efforts.

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Some more toilet & bathroom installations that went horribly wrong



YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED – CHOOSE WISELY WHEN YOU HIRE CONTRACTORS OR EMBARK ON “DO IT YOURSELF” PROJECTS. Beware Mrs Walters!!!

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As we progress into 2013 here are some DAYS that we need to consider celebrating and others, well you decide!!

2nd Feb – International Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day.

4th Feb – World Cancer Day

14th Feb – Valentine's Day

17th Feb – St Patrick's Day

22nd Mar – World Water Day

7th Apr – World Health Day

22nd Apr – Earth Day

29th Apr – World Dance Day

5th May – World Laughter Day

12th May – Mother's Day

15th May – International Family Day

28th May – International Burger Day

1st June – International Children's Day

5th June – World Environment Day

16th June – Father's Day

21st June – World Music Day

11th July – World Population Day

18th July – Mandela Day

30th July – International Friendship Day

9th Aug – National Women's Day

12th Aug – International Youth Day

19th Aug – World Humanitarian Day

8th Sep – World Literacy Day

13th Sep – International Chocolate Day

21st Sep – World Peace Day

22nd Sep – Car Free Day

27th Sep – World Tourism Day

11th Oct – World Egg Day

16th Oct – World Food Day

13th Nov – World Kindness Day

1st Dec – World Aids Day

3rd Dec – World Conservation Day

10th Dec – International Human Rights Day

I have left out the Public Holidays of the various Countries of our members.

I received this message from Gaëtan yesterday.

Gerald, FYI: the project I am involved in with my old Rotaract club and with Rotary Letaba in Tzaneen got rewarded 'Best Project' by RI President Tanaka at Rotary Global Peace Forum in Berlin.

Quote: "Today Rotaract Hearts (RH) got awarded 'Best Project' by RI President Tanaka at Rotary Global Peace Forum in Berlin. It is again time to say thank you to Marc (founder of RH); Simon, Laura, Gaetan and Rudi (trustees of RH); Rene and Gween (RC Letaba); Rowena, Tumi and Ruan (RAC Warriors); Michèle, Judith, Karolina, Kirsten, Marieke, Sönke, Stephan, Thijs, the Warriors, Harry and all people who supported us the last years!"

Our CONGRATULATIONS to Gaëtan and his Rotaractors – excellent achievement.

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It is now a good time for our Directors to reflect on what they have achieved in the first half of this Rotary year and to plan for the remainder of this Rotary year. What meaningful difference can we still make in the next 6 months that will also lay the foundations of what we will achieve in future Rotary years.

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I would like to see a lot more contributions from our members for inclusion in OUTA SPACE..

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**AND NOW WE ARE ONCE AGAIN
OUTA SPACE!**