

# OUTA SPACE

## NEWSLETTER

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## January is Rotary Awareness Month

As we enter the New Year and the second half of the Rotary Year we are confronted with January being ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH.

So what does that mean to you? Does it mean that we should be more aware of Rotary in our daily lives or does it perhaps mean that we should be doing more to ensure that many more people out there are aware of Rotary and especially what Rotary is and what Rotary does?

Whilst for newer Rotarians it may be a case of being more aware of what Rotary is able to achieve, I believe that it should really be making more people aware of what Rotary is, but not only during January.

Do you always have a ready answer when someone asks you "what is this Rotary that you always talk about?" Are you simply going to reply?

Well... **Rotary is a worldwide network of inspired individuals who translate their passions into relevant social causes to change lives in communities!**

Will you be surprised if they look at you and say "Huh?"

This year there are two important activities on the Rotary International Calendar for January;

### January — Rotary Awareness Month

- 13-19 - [International Assembly](#) (San Diego, California, USA) *This is attended by all the Incoming District Governors and is the last of their training sessions. DGE Greg Cryer & Lindsay will be attending this Assembly.*
- 25-27 - [The Green Path to Peace](#) (Honolulu, Hawaii, USA)

**Are you aware that TWO of our E-club members will be attending this Peace Forum – Jenna Reinbach & Gil Lewinsky? We wish them well in all the deliberations and look forward to hearing all about the activities in due course.**

**Are you aware that one of our members was sort of involved in the Berlin Peace Forum? The project that Gaëtan Burn was involved in recently as a Rotaractor received a special award at the Berlin Peace Forum. Quite an achievement!**

*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

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#### JANUARY

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4<sup>th</sup> Jacques & Jeneth van Leeuwen

12<sup>th</sup> Gordon & Lynn Dowsett

15<sup>th</sup> Anesh & Anusha Timul

28<sup>th</sup> Tino & Lynn Stefano

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES TO DIARISE:

### 2013

**23<sup>rd</sup> February – PEACE FORUM conducted by our Club**

**23<sup>rd</sup> February – Rotary International 108<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

**9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> May – ROTARY FAMILY HEALTH DAY**

**17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> May – DISTRICT 9270 CONFERENCE – Sibaya Casino**

**23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June – Rotary Convention in Lisbon.**

**1<sup>st</sup> July – Merger of Districts 9320 & 9270 to form a new District 9370**

### 2014

**8<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

**“To laugh often and love much; to win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children; to earn the approbation of honest citizens and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to give of one’s self; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to have played and laughed with enthusiasm and sung with exultation; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived—this is to have succeeded.”**

*Bessie Anderson Stanley*

## YOUTH EXCHANGE – STEP

Our 4 Outbound STEP students will arrive back sometime this month.

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### FDSA Project

This project should be finalised once the builders return from their annual year end holidays.

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### MEMBERSHIP

We started the Rotary year with 21 members and now our membership is 34 of which ?? are Rotarians.

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## THE NEXT 6 MONTHS

Our Directors should now be looking very closely at which of our goals have been achieved and formulating plans to finalise those that still need attention.

This is hardly “Rocket Science” and we look forward to including a section in the next OUTA SPACE for Directors reports.

**“IF YOU FAIL TO PLAN, YOU PLAN TO FAIL”**

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## CONGRATULATIONS

To all those members whose children did well in year end examinations especially those who wrote Matric.

For them life will be a big change and when I say “them” that means parents and children.

We wish you all well in whatever the future holds.

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**Susan Hawkins** paid a fleeting visit to Durban and had some fascinating tales to tell about Saudi Arabia. Also had her cell phone stolen in Durban!!!



### **RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – JANUARY 2013**

**Dear fellow Rotarians,**

I am a Japanese businessman, and I wear a suit almost every day. The Rotary pin is always on my lapel. It is there because I am proud to be a Rotarian. Anywhere I go people will see the pin and know who I am. Other Rotarians will see it and know that I am a friend, and people who are not Rotarians will see it as well. I want to be sure that all of them also understand the meaning of this pin. This is why I am asking all of you to wear your Rotary pin and to raise awareness of what the pin means. I believe having that pin on your lapel changes you. It makes you think more before you speak and before you act. It makes you remember, all the time, that you are a Rotarian – and that as Rotarians, we are here to help. I believe having that pin on your lapel changes you. It makes you think more before you speak and before you act. It makes you remember, all the time, that you are a Rotarian – and that as Rotarians, we are here to help. We cannot go to prospective members and ask them to join Rotary only because we want more members. We have to show them that Rotary is a wonderful organization, and that they will be happier because they belong to a Rotary club.

When we ask people to join Rotary, we are doing this to help them as well. I think all of us are grateful to the person who asked us to join. I know that my life is much happier, and has been much more productive, because of Rotary. It is clear to me that the day I joined the Rotary Club of Yashio was a day when I took my first step down a different path in life – a path of greater connection, greater satisfaction, and a deeper sense of fulfillment and peace. This is a feeling that I want to share with others. And I know that one way to do that is through bringing in new members. But we must also do it by raising awareness of Rotary and Rotary's work, by focusing on our public image and wearing our Rotary pins every day. This is why I am asking all of you to wear your Rotary pin and to raise awareness of what the pin means.

**Sakuji Tanaka, President, Rotary International**



Keith Kirton, our member from White River, spent a few days in Umhlali just before Christmas. He joined Angie Mitchell, Irene Kotze & Gerald Sieberhagen, who seemed to be the only members who had not escaped from Durban to cooler parts of the world, at a braai.

This was a time to share stories and be suitably distracted from the task at hand for some of us tasked with braaing the meat. Oh well, the odd burnt offering did not seem to have a detrimental effect on anyone. We also met Trevor Mitchell and Sue persuaded our 104 year old neighbour, Stephen Young [a strange surname] and his wife Judy [only 89½yrs old] to join us. **[PS – Because Stephen is not too keen on computers we are not trying to recruit him]**

### Monthly messages of Foundation Trustee Chair Wilfrid J. Wilkinson

#### January 2013

##### **A year of momentous change**

As we begin another calendar year, I'd like to offer my best wishes to all Rotarians for 2013, the 108th year of Rotary's existence. This will be a year of momentous change for our Foundation. Our new grant model will be implemented worldwide six months from now, bringing changes to every district. We are looking to you to make sure those changes will be a success.

One of the fundamental premises of district grants under the Future Vision Plan is that Rotarians at the district level can determine what they can accomplish, whether in their own communities or abroad, more effectively than the Foundation can from a central office in Evanston. The new grant model puts responsibility for decision making, and for wise and careful use of substantial Foundation resources, into the hands of Rotarians at this level.

Our success will be supported by our investment of time and money in our International Assembly, the annual training for district governors-elect that takes place later this month in San Diego. This year's event will include a great deal of information and education about Future Vision. As a result, when your district leaders return home, you will find them specially trained to lead Rotary and its Foundation to a successful conclusion to the 2012-13 year. We'll create a solid basis for an even stronger Foundation in 2013-14, helping us as Rotarians with Doing Good in the World.

#### December 2012

##### **Are you on track to meet your goals?**

It's hard to believe that we have already reached the month of December, the month that celebrates the family of Rotary. We are also nearing the halfway point of our Foundation's year. Now is the time when our plans to reach our 2012-13 goals should be re-evaluated. Our words, our promises, our actions should be taking shape to ensure that we will accomplish what we planned during the last calendar year.

The month of December also provides each of us with much to think about. It is during this month that we pause to recognize World AIDS Day, International Volunteer Day, and Human Rights Day – all significant reminders to Rotarians of our Foundation's aim of Doing Good in the World. Many of our clubs are working to help people with AIDS, others are volunteering all over the world to deliver *Peace Through Service*, and it is hard to count the number that will be raising their voices on 10 December for human rights.

My friends, as we start to wind down another calendar year, I am thankful to report that your Foundation is on track to achieve its goals for 2012-13 because of each and every Rotarian. This provides us with much to celebrate over the upcoming holiday season. My prayers and best wishes go out to each of you for a happy holiday season, and I eagerly look forward to sharing 2013 with you.

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Although the Rotary year is from July to June quite a lot changes from January. The RI President Elect will announce his theme for 2013/14 and also give guidelines for achieving the Presidential Citation. It will almost feel like this Rotary year and its theme and Presidential Citation will have been prematurely superseded – which of course in reality is what actually happens.

Training for incoming Assistant Governors and Club Presidents will take place in February & March. Club Presidents will finalise their Board members for the coming year and like most appointments in Rotary, these positions change on a yearly basis.

Although Clubs all have a 3 to 5 year Strategic Plan in place this needs to be updated and refined on an ongoing basis and at least annually.

Our District will also be involved in the merger with D9320 to form D9370. A huge amount of work has already been done to ensure that this exercise goes ahead as smoothly as possible and everything appears to be on track.

There will be changes in the way certain things get done but by and large most things at club level should be 'business as usual'. **EXCITING TIMES!!!**

Further North in Africa the opposite will happen – D9200 which currently has >4000 members will split into 2 districts. Hard to say whether a MERGE or a SPLIT will be the most comfortable.

If you are someone who likes attending District Conferences just think how many new friends you will meet following the merge! **EXCITING TIMES!!!**

The other BIG change which will not affect our D9270 so much will be the roll out of the New Vision of The Rotary Foundation. We are fortunate to have been one of the 100 Pilot Districts who have worked with the new system for the past 30 months but for the clubs in D9320 this will be a new experience. Without a doubt, TRF has done an excellent job in providing suitable training material for Rotarians and Clubs to enable them to become au fait with the new process.

The common thread that runs through this page is that one little word that so many find so uncomfortable – **CHANGE.**

This reminds me of the bride, who was probably blonde, who found difficulty in remembering the sequence of events at the marriage ceremony. So she was told – "First you walk down the AISLE, then you get to the ALTER and then we will sing a HYMN". And so she repeated to herself AISLE ALTER HYMN over and over which of course soon became **I'LL ALTER HIM!!**

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