

# OUTA SPACE

## NEWSLETTER

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## January is Rotary Awareness Month.

Elsewhere in this Newsletter you will read about the Rotary Theme for 2013/14 which comes into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013.

In the meantime we continue to be aware of the marvellous organisation we belong to – a real privilege, I believe. Why not invite your friends to be part of this wonderful experience? All it needs is a simple “Just ASK” and if your prospective member shows interest we then need to make them aware of the benefits of being a Rotarian.

There is a huge amount of information available on a very user-friendly [rotary.org](http://rotary.org) website. If there is something you need to know about Rotary you are sure to find it there. Of course there is always the “problem” that you don’t know what you don’t know. So that is when you simply browse the various sections of [rotary.org](http://rotary.org). There are also many weekly /monthly publications that you may receive at your email address. Let

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

a member of the Board know if you need any assistance with this.

So far half-yearly subscriptions are dribbling in and hopefully we will have sufficient funds to pay our Rotary International dues, Rotary Africa subscriptions and District 9270 dues by the end of this week. Thank you to the members who have paid so promptly.

We don’t normally include the RI Presidents Monthly message in our newsletter because it also appears in Rotary Africa but seeing Rotary Africa does not publish a magazine in December, the RI Presidents message that we have included on page 3 may be missed by our members.

Remember we asked you to VOTE.

**Rotary wins 2,501,338 charity miles. Thank you and for all who voted for us. Safe journeys for those who qualify for Rotary’s humanitarian missions.**

*Have Fun*

*Gerald Sieberhagen - Editor*

**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

#### FEBRUARY

2<sup>nd</sup> Tino Stefano  
13<sup>th</sup> Sandra Maistry  
19<sup>th</sup> Linda Watts  
27<sup>th</sup> Sue Sieberhagen

#### ANNIVERSARIES

##### JANUARY

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

##### FEBRUARY

5<sup>th</sup> Patrick & Rene Andries  
10<sup>th</sup> Johnny & Gillian Stark

## 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**



We are still hopeful that someone will volunteer to organise something for the Rotary Global Swimarathon. Who will it be?

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Rotary Global Peace Forum Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii, USA  
25-27 January

This forum focuses on the importance of conserving and protecting our environmental resources and explores how alleviating the effects of natural disasters can help pave the way to peace. Special emphasis is given to New Generations and how to empower their visions of peace.

Highlights include a keynote address from Nobel Peace Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi.

**Our Club is proud to have 2 members who will attend this Forum – Jenna Reinbach & Gil Lewinsky – what an honour.**

*We can't wait to hear from them about all the happenings at this event!*



### RI President Tanaka's Rotary moments in December and January

As I travelled in 2012 to Rotary clubs and projects, I saw the joy of being a Rotarian. I noticed that the deeper your involvement with Rotary, the more you can grow as a person. Furthermore, I believe that Rotary can mean something different to each Rotarian, and it's a part of our journey to discover that meaning. My wish for 2013 is that Rotarians discover what this organization means to them, and then share it with others. These personal experiences are our Rotary moments. Here were some of my Rotary moments from the past few months.

#### **Peace**

At the end of November and early December, I went to the Berlin Rotary Global Peace Forum in Germany. Past RI President Luis Giay and I were impressed with the hard work the German Rotarians put into this sold-out event. We offer them our sincere thanks. If the next two peace forums – which are in Honolulu and Hiroshima -- are anything like the one in Berlin, they too should be very successful. I'm looking forward to the Honolulu peace forum at the end of January. In early December, my wife, Kyoko, and I went to Rome where we were honored to have an audience with a man of peace, Pope Benedict XVI. I presented him with a gift on behalf of Rotary International as well as stayed to hear him give a speech, which was translated into seven languages to a large crowd.

#### **Polio**

In Geneva, Switzerland, Dr. Margaret Chan, the director-general of the World Health Organization, asked me to thank Rotarians for our work in eradicating polio. I too thanked her for the support Rotary has received over the years from WHO in our shared mission to end polio. WHO, along with UNICEF, CDC, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation are our polio eradication partners. Then in Tokyo, I met with current and former representatives of Congress to personally thank them for their support of Rotary International and of their support of Rotary's polio eradication efforts.

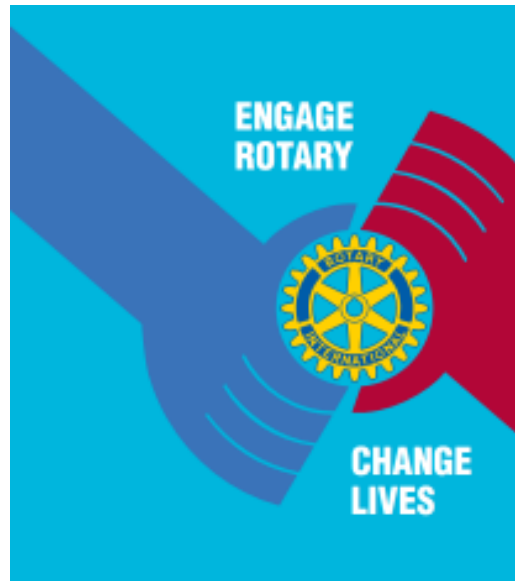
#### **Celebrating and promoting Rotary**

Celebrations in Rotary are important. They let people know that Rotary is a part of their community, and it helps us to rejoice in our work and our milestones. I had the privilege recently of attending the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rotary Club of Osaka North in Japan as well being in the Rose Parade in California. Both were important events.

In the Rose Parade on 1 January, I rode the Rotary float with Rotary Vice President Ken Schuppert. It was hard work waving to the many thousands of spectators at the parade, but I enjoyed their boisterous cheers! This was the biggest parade I have been in, and I also got to attend my first American football game. It's much better to see it in person than to watch it on TV.

Also in early January, I went to the Rotary Club of Abbotsford, in British Columbia, Canada – via Skype! I think it's important to meet as many Rotarians from around the world that I can, in what ever way is available.

Rotary moments come in many shapes and sizes, but each one is unforgettable. I wish you a joyous 2013 filled with many Rotary moments.



## 'Engage Rotary, Change Lives' is 2013-14 RI theme

By Daniela Garcia Rotary News -- 14 January 2013

RI President-elect **Ron Burton** announced the 2013-14 RI theme, *Engage Rotary, Change Lives*, during the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

RI President-elect Ron Burton will ask Rotarians to *Engage Rotary, Change Lives* in 2013-14. He unveiled the RI theme during the opening plenary session of the 2013 International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, the annual training event for incoming district governors.

"If we really want to take Rotary service forward, then we must make sure that every single Rotarian has the same feeling about Rotary that each one of us here has today," Burton said. "We need to make sure that every Rotarian has a meaningful role to play, that they're all making a contribution, and that their contribution is valued." Burton said the July launch of The Rotary Foundation's new grant model, makes it an exciting time to be a Rotarian. He said the new grant model represents a new era for the Foundation, and will help Rotarians get excited about Rotary's ability to change lives. "It takes everything that is wonderful about Rotary and raises it to a new level — by encouraging bigger, more sustainable projects while providing increased flexibility for local projects, both of which address the needs of the community being served," he said.

Burton asked the incoming district governors to take the lead in helping their clubs through the transition, with the assistance of their district Rotary Foundation chairs, who also attended the assembly this year. The training sessions are focusing heavily on equipping these leaders to go back to their districts as experts on the new grant model. Before the assembly, Burton asked each of the incoming governors to make a donation in their name to The Rotary Foundation in order to demonstrate leadership by example. At the assembly, he announced that all 537 governors-elect had complied; along with donations from all RI Board members and Foundation Trustees, the contributions totaled US\$675,412.

"Now, I have to believe that some of this is money that The Rotary Foundation probably would not have received had I not asked. And I think that this is an important lesson" he said. "If you want somebody else to do something, you can just sit around and wait for them to get the idea, or you can ask."

Burton applied that lesson also to membership development, which he insisted is the responsibility of every Rotarian. He told the audience that he joined Rotary simply because the Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma, invited him to. "You have to ask," But Burton emphasized that the job doesn't end when a new member joins: **"It's not done until that new member is engaged in Rotary, inspired by Rotary, and uses the power of Rotary service to change lives."**

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Dear District Governor-elect Greg Cryer:

Welcome to the 2013 International Assembly. Jetta and I look forward to meeting each of you during our week here in San Diego and working with you in the coming year as we ***Engage Rotary, Change Lives.***

Share Rotary's [2013-14 theme and logo graphics](#) with your clubs by forwarding this email. And start using these materials in your club and district newsletters, websites, and social media outlets beginning **1 July**.

In addition to the theme and logo graphics, I've included a link to a video of my theme speech for you to share with your clubs. A PDF of all of the speeches given this week will also be available for download on rotary.org by 1 February.

Thank you for your commitment to Rotary and your support in the 2013-14 Rotary year as we seek to change lives through Rotary.

Ron D. Burton  
2013-14 RI President

**To support the implementation of the strategic plan, RI will no longer have presidential emphases that change every year. This decision will help us to have greater continuity in our service, and achieve more significant goals over the long term.**

**Future Vision, which will be implemented throughout Rotary International on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013, will in future, simply be referred to as Rotary Grants. Read all about it at [www.rotary.org/grants](http://www.rotary.org/grants)**

**Rotary Grants will consist of:**

**District Grants; Global Grants & Packaged Grants**

#### **ON A LIGHTER NOTE:**

##### **A Romantic New Year's Day Story**

**A married couple had been out shopping for most of the day. Suddenly the wife realised that her husband had "disappeared". Somewhat irate she called her husband's cell phone and demanded, 'Where are you?'**

**Husband: 'Darling, do you remember that little jewellery shop where you saw that beautiful diamond necklace and totally fell in love with it but I didn't have the money at that time and I said "Darling it'll be yours one day"'**

**Wife, tremulously, 'Yes, I do remember that my love.'**

**Husband, 'Well I'm in the Pub next to that shop.'**

I'm not sure how many of you follow the various Rotary LinkedIN blogs. There is one topic doing the rounds, regarding the implementation of Future Vision, which seems to have brought out the worst in some of our fellow Rotarians judging by the comments that have been made.

*I was very pleased to see this contribution by our Zone Rotary Coordinator, Nick Phillips.*

"I don't really want to get into the debate about the scope and application of FV and, personally, it upsets me to see my fellow Rotarians engaging in what appears, sometimes, to be a rather mean and spiteful debate. I, too, live and work in a developing country where small interventions can mean a great deal to needy people and where access to TRF funding plays an important part in our humanitarian service. I am also in a pilot district that has successfully implemented the new grant model far in excess of the international average number of approved grants in pilot districts. One important fact that I think the commentators may have overlooked is the need for us to look beyond TRF for our project resources as the future of Rotary humanitarian service is closely linked to our being able to access the social responsibility reserves of corporates, governments and other NGO's. This is because TRF reserves are finite and will have more and more pressure placed on them as time goes by. Because of this I believe that the decision to tighten up the nature and scope of grants under FV is entirely appropriate as we Rotarians are quite capable of seeking assistance elsewhere for grant activity that does not comply with the new grants model rules. Approaching TRF has always been the easy way out but, come on guys, we are a lot smarter, resourceful and able to find new funding and resource partners, than that!"

I'm pleased to say that our E-Club has been doing exactly that and has raised quite a large sum of money from various sources to implement our projects which fall below the threshold of Global Grants. It is simply a case of "n Rotarian maak 'n plan!" [Jeff that is borrowed from a common saying in our country – 'n boer maak 'n plan – a farmer makes a plan]

Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But then I repeat myself.

-- **Mark Twain**

If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free!

-- **P. J. O'Rourke**

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**BRAAI SOUTH AFRICAN STYLE** – here is a typical example of a BOER MAAK 'N PLAN! Hot dogs anyone?

## Forget Newton and Galileo.

### Here are some of the real laws of nature:

**Law of Probability**- The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

**Supermarket Law** - As soon as you get in the smallest line, the cashier will have to call for help.

**Variation Law** - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.

**Law of Close Encounters** - The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

**Law of the Result** - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.



This is the banner received from The Rotary Foundation in recognition of our Club's Annual Fund contribution to The Rotary Foundation in 2011-2012 - \$375.18 Per Capita. We were also the Club with the highest Total Contribution of R52 000. Take a bow!