

# OUTA SPACE

## NEWSLETTER

### ROTARY E-CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA D9270

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## March is Literacy Month

Our Club's Signature project is most certainly directed at Literacy and in particular Literacy at Primary School level. The question is what else could we be doing if we had more resources?

DGE Greg Cryer and his Merger committee have certainly made huge strides to ensure that the merger will proceed as seamlessly as possible. It is really up to each Rotarian in D9320 & D9270 to do their bit to make it happen.

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March the Seminar for Presidents Elect, Secretaries and Treasurers took place. Although there was a fair sprinkling of Presidents who were going to serve for a second year there were also many new faces which is encouraging because the very essence of Rotary is to "Rotate" the various officers throughout the organisation.

Of course the issue of Membership was discussed and there are targets and slogans and ideas but surely until the current membership understands what to look for, Rotary membership will continue to hover around 1,2m Rotarians.

## What are the qualifications for Rotary membership?

A prospective member must be a person of good character with a good business, professional or community reputation and also be one of the following:

- A current or former professional, proprietor, executive, manager or community leader
- Committed to service with a record of personal involvement
- A Rotary Foundation alumnus

It is amazing that there are many very capable potential Rotarians out there who are persons of good character with a good community reputation with a record of personal involvement in service who are overlooked because they do not hold a Managerial position which the above MOP guidelines clearly do not require.

Getting back to the seminar – it was well organised, well conducted and the content of the various talks and discussions was good. Many excellent suggestions were made and certainly less of "Clubs MUST do....."

*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

#### MARCH

3<sup>rd</sup> Rosemarie Gee

5<sup>th</sup> Jacques van Leeuwen

8<sup>th</sup> Paul Hawkins

11<sup>th</sup> Richard Alborough

17<sup>th</sup> Pat Draper

25<sup>th</sup> Luke Sazi

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### MARCH

24<sup>th</sup> Paul & Sandra Maistry

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES TO DIARISE:

### 2013

**16<sup>th</sup> March – PEACE FORUM  
conducted by our Club at  
ADDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**22<sup>nd</sup> March – WORLD WATER DAY**

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

**Date to be decided – ROTARY E-CLUB  
QUIZ EVENING**

**17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> May – DISTRICT 9270  
CONFERENCE – Sibaya Casino – HAVE  
YOU REGISTERED YET?**

**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

**11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> April – District 9370  
Conference on MSC Opera**

**13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July 2014  
8<sup>th</sup> WORLD ROTARY CRICKET  
FESTIVAL in NOTTINGHAM UK.  
Hopefully SA IFCR will have a full  
team attending this Festival –  
Great Fun always**

The work at the **ITHEMBALETHU EDU CARE CRECHE** in Lamontville is nearing completion. There are a few photo's on page 9..

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Our Literacy project, spearheaded by Nareshini Ranganthan continues to flourish – **WATCH THIS SPACE!**

A meeting with funders has been held and we await further developments. **WE HOPE WE RECEIVE SOME GOOD NEWS DURING LITERACY MONTH.**

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Peace Forum – as a result of another large function taking place at uShaka Marine World we have re-scheduled our Peace day activities at Addington Primary School to 16<sup>th</sup> March. David Tilling has matters in hand.

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The **FDSA** water project in Velddrif area is being held up by a few small snags such as the builders needing to clear their building rubble and then some final work has still to be done at this site - John Fannin has this in hand. We are sad to report the passing away of the husband of Bettie, who is our link with this project. Her husband had been ill for quite a while – our condolences to Bettie & the family.

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Our exciting QUIZ evening project spearheaded by Suzanne Edmunds is scheduled for a Saturday in summer during our next Rotary year.

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We have had a preliminary report back from our Outbound STEP Exchange students. In the next few editions of OUTA SPACE we will have more detailed reports **which were due on 18<sup>th</sup> February but no doubt they are all very busy with their Final School year studies.**

Interviews with OUTBOUND STEP Exchange students, for the end of this year, will take place this week.

### JUST JEFF.....

I had said to Gerald some time ago that I would write, if so required, a regular piece from The Frozen North. As usual, the moment one sits down to think about something, the 'phone goes, the doorbell rings or "she who must be obeyed" suggests that "if you don't come now your dinner will be in the dog!!!" I wouldn't mind but we don't even own a dog!

One subject that I would like to discuss is gambling. Now I am no saint regarding this matter and have had some wonderful pieces of good fortune in the past. I lay no claim to the moral high ground and do not look down upon those who, like myself, enjoy the occasional "flutter". You in South Africa do not (yet!) have the "high street bookie"; the betting shop in the local village. I hope you will resist it's almost inevitable global march for as long as possible. Here in the UK, virtually every other TV advertisement is for gambling...from your iPhone, Smartphone, iPad, computer...the world is going mad. Gaming machines online where you can allegedly win millions but realistically lose hundreds and thousands...and millions on your boring journey to work. And I know people who have lost thousands that they couldn't afford to lose. I know one unfortunate person who has stolen from the company that employs him to feed his habit. He will be lucky to avoid a custodial sentence. But it is all SO EASY. Companies with tag lines like "It matters more when there's money on it". We have politicians that are socially unaware, irresponsible and morally bankrupt. We live, our government tells us, in a time of austerity. It is a well documented fact here that when times are tough, gambling increases. And so do the revenues that the government takes in taxes from the gambling industry. I hope and pray that it is not too long before the government here comes to its senses and that the South African government never allow the same situation to develop.

On a happier note, as I write this missive it is the eve of Linda, my wife's birthday. We will have been married for 30 years in August and she is the best gamble I have ever taken in my life. She may, quite rightly, claim that her gamble was much, much bigger than mine!!! And who could argue with her!!?

Yours in Rotary

Jeff  
18<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

**It is always good to receive an article from Jeff, or from any member for that matter.**

**It is quite a demanding task to do a Club bulletin but it would be so much easier if there were lots of contributions from the Club members.**

**But, don't despair – this seems to be a problem in most Rotary Clubs; but why can't our members be different – please just drop me a line about anything you want me to include.**

## About World Water Day

International World Water Day is held annually on 22 March as a means of focusing attention on the importance of freshwater and advocating for the sustainable management of freshwater resources.



An international day to celebrate freshwater was recommended at the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED).

The United Nations General Assembly responded by designating **22 March** 1993 as the first World Water Day. Each year, World Water Day highlights a specific aspect of freshwater.

**World Water Day**  
22 March 2013



Does anyone have a suitable idea for our Club for World Water Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> March? Perhaps we could showcase a Tippy Tap at the Peace Day on 16<sup>th</sup> March.

The Rotary Council of South African Governors [COSA] meeting takes place on 22<sup>nd</sup> March at Mt Edgecombe Country Club but I'm not sure that there is a suitable site to erect the Tippy Tap there.

Let's have some ideas of what you may be planning for World Water Day.

While researching some information on the Fellowships website I came across these useful keyboard shortcuts.

### International Computer Users Fellowship of Rotarians

Details - Category: Tech Tips

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Written by Carl Cardey

Below is a list of 10 keyboard shortcuts that will help you increase your productivity by eliminating the need to reach for the mouse.

1. **CTRL + C** will copy text after it has been highlighted.
2. **CTRL + V** will paste text that you have copied.
3. **CTRL + Z** will undo any change that you have done.
4. **CTRL + ESC** will bring up the Start Menu.
5. **SHIFT + F3** will turn all capitalized text into lowercase.
6. **SHIFT + DELETE** will delete an item immediately without placing it in the Recycle Bin.
7. **ALT + TAB** will bring up a Window with a list of icons representing programs which are currently running on your computer. While holding the ALT key, press and depress the TAB button to cycle between each icon task.
8. **ALT + ESC** will switch to the next task running on your computer. Hold down ALT before pressing and depressing the ESC key to cycle to the next task.
9. **CTRL + ALT + DELETE** will bring up Task Manager and allow you to end a process (terminate a program) if it has crashed or has stopped responding. Select the process which has stopped responding, and then press "END PROCESS".
10. **SHIFT + INSERT** will paste any text that is in your clipboard. Your cursor must also be placed in an area that will accept keyboard input for this to work.

**Carl Cardey** - Tech Tips  
Secretary ICUFR

**What about joining this ROTARY FELLOWSHIP – we're not sure of the Annual Fees but here is their website address – [www.icufr.org](http://www.icufr.org)**

This Rotary Fellowship is just one of the 65 Fellowships that you may wish to join. For more details please have a look at

[www.rotary.org/ridocuments/en\\_pdf/fellowships\\_flier\\_en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/ridocuments/en_pdf/fellowships_flier_en.pdf)

### **You will also read the following about one of the newest Fellowships - International Fellowship of Geocaching Rotarians**

Dedicated to fostering Rotary friendship, fellowship and international cooperation among Rotarians and their families who have a common interest in using GPS devices for Geocaching, Waymarking and associated activities and to promote the work of Rotary within the local and international community through those pursuits.

After reading the HIGHER GROUND news, be sure to have a look at their website - [www.higherground.org.za](http://www.higherground.org.za) to see the marvellous work that they do.

### Higher Ground February News - A quick glance at March!

Steamy summer days often make me think of wet footprints on the passageways of one of the venues we used to use for our holiday programmes. I think of sun block, of swimming towels draped over the pool fence. I think of the privilege I have of watching memories being made. Summer holidays are special times!

I'm greatly anticipating our three upcoming holidays. In March we run a programme for young adults with intellectual impairments followed by one for adults with acquired brain injuries. Both are popular, fun times filled with special people and happy sunny days. Please get in touch if you would like to book for either of the above.

In April we head down to the Cape to run a holiday for adults who are blind or partially sighted. Think holidaying minus the hassle of organising it yourself plus the bonus of having interesting people around to get to know. Think holidaying on the side of a lagoon in lovely holiday houses. Think kayaking, walks, cups of coffee on the veranda chatting with new friends, archery, board games, campfires and more. If you are blind or partially sighted I invite you to join us for a fabulous holiday in one of the most beautiful places I've visited. Please get in touch for more information.

If none of these holidays are for you, but you are in a position to sponsor someone who can't afford the fees, we'd love for you to get in touch so we can tell you more!

Another bit of exciting news is that we have a team from The World Race joining us for most of the month of March. We are looking forward to meeting and working with another team of passionate volunteers from the States. They bring with them a lot of love and some really handy skills too.

Finally a very big thank you to Sport and Recreation KZN for sponsoring our holiday for adults with acquired brain injuries. What a difference they are making by making it possible for people to attend!

March is going to be a good month!  
Be blessed in all you do.

Emma Roos Director

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### **Rotary Peace Forum Report – Honolulu – January 2013**

*Gil Lewinsky and Jenna Reinbach of Rotary E-Club South Africa D9270*

The Rotary Peace Forum was a unique experience, both for personal development and to build an understanding of Rotary as a global movement. We met people from the four corners of the world. Many of them were from other Hawaiian branches of Rotary, but we met Rotarians from interesting parts of the world, such as Morocco, Mali, Nigeria, other USA states, Australia and Japan. Each had a unique message about how to move Rotary forward and each brought their own unique expression of peace combined with their own peace identity shaped by geopolitical factors.

The speakers that the Rotary Forum organisers put together were high class. Rotary International President Tanaka made perhaps the biggest impression during the opening ceremony, enlightening us with his global message of understanding, peace, goodwill and cooperation.

In a South African context, we would like to suggest that our District connect with the United Nations Association of South Africa and form a partnership with them to align ourselves to reaching the Millennium Development Goals. Our Literacy and Polio projects would fall into the category of the Millennium Development Goals and it would help to emphasise the excellent work of our District. We learned from other Rotary clubs abroad how important these partnerships are.

**Social media** and the future of peace activism dominated the theme at this Peace Forum. At first we thought it was because of the high attendance of young Rotaract participants but later the point came across that this really is the future. So as much as our more senior Rotarians want to protest the transition into Social Media as a new Rotary platform, it's true that this is the way that all clubs should move towards the future. Certainly, the E-club of South Africa can help the "more conventional" Rotary clubs move towards the digital era.

The highlight of our trip was that we were given a tour of the Pearl Harbour complex that included a boat ride to the USS Arizona memorial site. We met with Herb Weatherwax, a Pearl Harbour survivor. As Rotarians, we were very touched by the experience. It's always sad when diplomacy fails because of deception and greed. A lesson that is still relevant today in the world.



**Hmmmmmm!!!!**

**[Knowledge Bank](#)**

***There are more people on Facebook [aka Social media] as of today, than there were on the entire planet 200 years ago.***

And here are the most popular/liked Facebook sites. [I rest my case - Ed]

*Most liked pages on Facebook (January 2013):*

1. Facebook for Every Phone - 190,921,383;
2. Facebook - 83,971,033;
3. YouTube - 67,622,044;
4. Texas HoldEm Poker - 67,613,845;
5. Rihanna - 64,705,327;
6. Eminem - 64,409,277;
7. The Simpsons - 58,725,967;
8. Shakira - 58,469,206;
9. Coca-Cola - 56,837,442;
10. Lady Gaga - 54,640,788;
11. Harry Potter - 54,618,525
12. Michael Jackson - 54,426,669;
13. Cristiano Ronaldo - 52,497,157;
14. Katy Perry - 49,996,060;
15. Justin Bieber - 49,853,705;
16. Family Guy - 49,678,695;
17. Linkin Park - 48,105,209;
18. AKON - 43,863,229;
19. South Park - 43,105,109;
20. Lil Wayne - 42,006,639;
21. Bob Marley - 41,312,934;
22. Beyoncé - 40,863,037;
23. MTV - 40,796,905;
24. Leo Messi - 40,751,999;
25. Disney - 40,295,870.

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### U gotta be a Capetonian to understand these.....

1. The fruit seller walks up to the car and says:

**"Peske, Peske. Lekke peskes. Net vyf rand virrie laanie."**

The guy in the car says: **"Is hulle soet?"**

The fruit seller says: **"Dja menee, kyk hoe stil sit hulle!!"**

2. Three guys selling snoek on the corner shouts:

**"Hiers djou snoek"**

The guy in the car says:

**"Wat vra julle vir daai snoek?"**

One guy replies: **"Ons vra hulle niks, wil djy hulle iets vra?"**

3. Gatiep en Maraai sit innie bus in Cape Town toe die lady op klim "with a face made up to kill" ekse: bloed roei lips, "seven layers of base" en silke "massive eyelashes" dat sy nie ees haar oë kan oep maakie.

Daars nie oep seats, so sy skeem sy hang maar aan die leather strap.

"Hei Gammat," se Gatiep, **"kom offer djy nie die lady 'n seat?"**

"Nei," skeem Gammat, **"a painting moet mos hang."**

4. Every morning when the English teacher came to the Afrikaans students to Give them an English lecture she greeted them as follows; **"Good morning class!"** and every time only one boy would get up out of the whole class to greet the teacher in return. This happened time and again until she decided to call him up to her desk and ask him loud enough for everyone to hear:

**"Why is it that every time I greet the whole class, only you stand up to greet me?"**

He replied to the teacher in English: **"It are 'cause I are the only person here what's name are Klaas!"**

**"Most of the problems in life are because of 2 reasons: we act without thinking, or we keep thinking without acting."**



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Much to everyone's delight the new building at the crèche is starting to take shape – well by now it is completed.

The 6 x 6 building will bring much needed relief at the **Ithembaletu Edu Care Centre** in Lamontville.

Previously the 90 odd children were all housed in one room. Now the staff will be able to provide some much needed pre-school teaching to equip these youngsters for BIG school.

Repairs are also being done to the existing toilets and additional toilets and a urinal will be provided.

We will also be providing the school with educational toys and no doubt Nareshini Ranganthan will do the necessary training of the teachers to ensure that the maximum benefit is derived.

The Canadian Rotarians who have spearheaded this and many other fundraisers will be extremely proud that they have made a HUGE difference to the lives of many orphans and vulnerable children in our district.

Credit must of course also go to our member, Pat Draper, who has done such sterling work in our District to secure the funding. At times “balancing” the books has presented several challenges but Pat has always come up trumps.

Thanks also to the tireless Irene Kotze for establishing the need and then compiling the proposal.



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Our Club recently paid a visit to Ekuthuleni Primary School. The odd man out was Jimmy Stewart who has yet to be persuaded to join Rotary, but he was certainly not “odd”.

***In the photo from the left – Nareshini Ranganthan, Tsaone Mabelane [who was formally inducted during the visit] Jimmy Stewart, Sambulo Khalala, Gerald Sieberhagen, Kudzai Nqingwana, Irene Kotze and Penny Pewa [former Rotarian who may just be our next Eclub member].***

Our Rotary Club has recently organised an EarlyAct club at Ekuthuleni Primary School with Irene Kotze as the Rotarian Advisor. Forming an EarlyAct club under the Rotary New Generations programme is a first for our E-Club. It certainly will not be the last as there is another EarlyAct Club and an Interact Club in the pipeline.

The school is organising a Peace Day Celebration for Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March during which the senior class will do several presentations. This will take place in the hall adjacent to the school. We wish them well. During that Celebration the EarlyAct club will be formally chartered with the EarlyActors receiving their button badges. This will certainly be another proud day for the school.

Page 12 is an attachment – hope it arrives as I am finding out all kinds of new things in my updated Microsoft – It is an invitation to the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Charter of the Rotary Club of Umhlanga. Please reply directly if you intend attending. Unfortunately Sue & I will be away and will not be able to attend. ed



Our newest and certainly youngest member, Tsaone Mabelane was inducted into our club last month. We welcome her and charge all our members to ensure that Tsaone is welcomed into the fun and fellowship in our Club.

## **ROTARY E-CLUBS NETWORKING BREAKFAST - RI CONVENTION, LISBON**

The ROTARY E-CLUBS NETWORKING BREAKFAST is being held in Lisbon, Portugal during the Rotary International Convention. It is an opportunity for members, friends and supporters of Rotary e-clubs to meet, share ideas and learn from like-minded Rotarians.

The breakfast will feature a keynote speaker from Rotary E-Club One, the world's first Rotary e-club now 11 years old, and a Q & A session that will cover all aspects of establishing, operating and developing a successful Rotary e-club. The venue is the Tivoli Lisboa Hotel Av. da Liberdade 185, Lisbon, Portugal  
The time is 7:30am to 9:30am on Tuesday June 25, 2013

**When I last enquired from our members, no one from our Club will be attending this Convention – What a pity - Gaëtan, what about you?**

**And this brings me to our District 9270 Conference on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May at Sibaya – how many of our members will be attending the Conference? I know of 5 members so far. If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact me.**

**And just to whet your appetite – the D9370 Conference in 2014 will be held on the MSC Opera from 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> April as we set sail for Portuguese Island.**

*And now we are once again OUTA SPACE*