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April is Magazine Month

We owe it to our community and the world to tell our story, to make the world aware of our efforts. One way to achieve this is by supporting our Rotary regional magazine, Rotary Africa, particularly in April, which is Magazine Month.

Another way would be through our Club Newsletters by also making them available to the broader public through our website.

I wonder how many Rotary Club newsletters are produced annually and I often wonder whether they satisfy the intention of keeping the members informed?

Recently we asked members about the Rotary Africa magazine – thank you to those members who took the trouble to contribute some valuable information.

The last quarter of a Rotary year is always a real challenge for clubs as they start preparing for the change-over that takes place on 1st July each year. Committees need to hit the road running and need to be sure that their plans are all in place for the coming year – **“If you fail to plan, you plan to fail”**. Of course there are also projects in the current year that may need to

be finalised and most importantly, the financial affairs of the club.

I hope that all our members have registered on “Member Access” on the RI website – www.rotary.org – If not and you need assistance, please ask Irene or me – we will be happy to assist.

On 30th June each year RI updates which club officers may access various Club data. It is therefore important to have the particulars of certain of the incoming officers in the Club data to ensure a smooth transition.

Rotary International is in the process of improving the RI website – a mammoth task. I am sure that they will not be duped like the story in the next paragraph!!

I read in the newspapers last month that one of the Provincial Governments in a country paid R40m for a website redesign and it turns out that the website was actually based on a Wordpress template that costs R400!! One wonders how that was possible but it actually happened.

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

APRIL

22ND Keith Kirton

ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL

2nd Errol & Jayne Martin

6th Gerald & Sue Sieberhagen

8th Pat & Beryl Draper

27th Keith & Rae Kirton

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES TO DIARISE:

2013

**24th April – ROTARY CLUB OF DURBAN
NORTH WINE TASTING at KENSINGTON
SHOPPING CENTRE**

30th April – last day to register for Discon

9th to 11th May – ROTARY FAMILY HEALTH DAYS

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

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

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

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

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**11th to 14th April – District 9370 Conference
on MSC Opera**

**13th to 19th July
8th WORLD ROTARY CRICKET FESTIVAL in
NOTTINGHAM UK.
Hopefully SA IFCR will have a full team
attending this Festival – Great Fun always
– Read more about this in the March
Rotary Africa – You missed the article? Go
and have another look.**

A SNIPPET.....

**Following the recent email about our
newest proposal for membership, one of
the replies I received was:**

**“I’m in for a Penny” and who could be the
only one who would think of that? Yep,
the one and only Jeff!**

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 17TH & 18TH MAY 2013

See you there!!!!!!

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The work at the **ITHEMBALETHU EDU CARE
CRECHE** in Lamontville is nearing
completion. Tiling will be completed this
week with repairs to the roof and
guttering to follow.

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Sue Hawkins had a fleeting visit to Durban
– we didn’t manage to get together!!!
Next time we really must make a plan.

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**Peace Day and Charter of EarlyAct Club
of Ekuthuleni Primary School** – Read all
about this on page 3 with photo’s on
pages 4 & 5.

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Thanks to Irene Kotze and her Berea Mail
connection we had a write-up in the
paper with a couple of photo’s of our
Peace Celebration at Addington Primary
School

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Michael Chen made his annual visit to
Durban on 30th March and a couple of us
were able to spend some time chatting
over a cuppa at Gateway.

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Following a comment made by Jean
Singh we are investigating the feasibility
of having a Charity Shop somewhere in
the Berea. Several Rotary Clubs in the
Cape Town area make a good income
from their Charity shops. It is still very
much in the “we’d like to have” stage.

The 3rd and last Rotary Global Peace Forum will take place on



17-18 May 2013
Rotary Global Peace Forum
in Hiroshima

Our club conducted its 2nd Peace Celebration at Ekuthuleni Primary School. This follows the successful Peace Celebration at Addington Primary School. The newly organised EarlyAct Club of Ekuthuleni Primary School was handed its Charter document at this event and it is pertinent to mention that most of the organising of the day was undertaken by the EarlyAct Club. It was not long ago that our Club challenged our member who is the Headmaster at the school, Sambulo Khalala, to form an EarlyAct club at the school. Together with the Deputy Principal, Penny Pewa, they identified a teacher, Nokuthula Felicia Mvubu to be the facilitator and our club nominated Irene Kotze to be the Rotarian Liaison for the EarlyAct club.

The Club has 35 members and their President is Mukelani Msomi.

The full programme was dealt with in a very efficient and organised manner and consisted of an opening prayer, and an enthusiastic Programme Director, Sambulo welcoming the guests and telling the audience who were the 200 odd learners in Grade V1 about the past involvement of Rotary with their school; the EarlyAct club reciting the Four-way Test, a music item – “Let there be Peace” – a speech and a poem about Peace, a spectacular Zulu dance, Good things about having Peace and Bad things about Not having Peace. There was a play with a real life message and there was also an item about P_E_A_C_E = P for **PATIENCE**; E for **ENCOURAGEMENT**; A for **ACCEPT**; C for **CALM**; E for **EDUCATION**.

After a few more speeches which included the Programme Director, Ms NE Linda, explaining how it came about that the dove was accepted as the symbol of PEACE, it was time to present the Certificate of Organisation of the EarlyAct Club and to welcome the members to the wonderful world of Rotary. The EarlyActors then recited the Rotary Grace after which it was time for a cooldrink and a cake.

Our Club also made use of the opportunity to demonstrate a Tippy Tap to the learners.

Former Rotarian Penny Pewa also announced that she was pleased to have submitted a Proposal for membership of Rotary and looked forward to once again being a member of Rotary.

Rotary thanks all who ensured that this was a successful event.

Pictures of the event are on pages 4 & 5.

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Part of the audience
- Zulu dance -
Happy ending to the
short Play - Ending
off with the PEACE
song



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Proud moment when EarlyAct President received the Charter. From l to r Nokuthula Mvubu, Ekuthuleni PS Facilitator; Irene Kotze, Rotarian Advisor; Mukelani Msomi, President, EarlyAct Club of Ekuthuleni PS and Gerald Sieberhagen, President of Rotary E-Club of South Africa D9270 – the Sponsor Club. Bottom left – Some of the EarlyActors Bottom right Using the Tippy Tap with Headmaster, Sambulo Khalala, an interested observer – and washing sticky hands after enjoying a cooldrink and cake.



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DAY AT
EKUTHULENI PRIMARY SCHOOL

TELL YOUR LEADERS TO FUND THE FIGHT

In April, a Vaccine Summit will be held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates to build on recent successes against polio and to demonstrate the global commitment to ending polio. This summit will feature an event highlighting the promise of polio eradication and encourage funding commitments from world leaders and their governments. Become an advocate to make the case for polio eradication.

In 2012, the fight to end polio made historic progress. The year ended with the fewest wild polio cases, in the fewest places ever in history. Fewer than 250 cases were reported-- compared to 350,000 cases in 1985 when Rotary pioneered the effort. The polio vaccine is reaching children in some of the most remote regions on Earth. Nearly 430 million children were vaccinated against polio last year alone. For this progress to continue, we must ensure that polio immunization campaigns are fully-funded. World governments, nonprofits, agencies, and individuals have donated funds to support this humanitarian mission. Now we ask that you share your voice to urge world leaders to fund the final push to end polio forever. Your advocacy efforts can help to ensure no child will ever suffer from this devastating disease again.

Please sign the letter below to help Rotary make history and create a polio-free world.

We believe that every child deserves the chance for a healthy life.

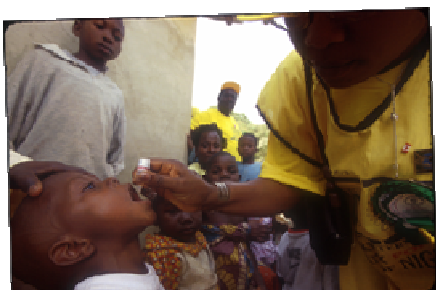
Through the provision of vaccines, we can help ensure a better future for millions of children around the world.

Right now, we have a unique opportunity to use the power of vaccines to wipe out a disease for good – polio.

We have the technical tools to end polio and the means to reach all children with immunizations.

We have developed a clear plan and we are confident we can achieve a polio free world.

Ending polio means that no child anywhere in the world will have to suffer from this debilitating disease again.



And it will prove to the world that we can reach even the hardest-to-reach children with other vaccines and health services.

We call on world leaders to make the most of this window of opportunity and fully fund polio eradication efforts through to the end.

Together, we can create a brighter future for all the world's children – beginning with a future free from polio.

I am signing on to join more than one million Rotarians and other supporters across the globe by sharing my voice in the fight to end polio now.

Please sign the letter at the link below to help Rotary make history and create a polio-free world.

<http://www.endpolio.org/advocacy>

Five Reasons to Eradicate Polio

1 - IT SAVES LIVES

Experts say if we choose to control polio rather than eradicate it, more than 10 million children under the age of five could be paralyzed by the disease in the next 40 years.

2 - IT'S ACHIEVABLE

We have the tools to end the disease and the means to reach all children. The new bivalent vaccine successfully targets the two remaining strains of polio in one dose.

3 - IT'S A GOOD INVESTMENT

An independent study published in the medical journal *Vaccine* estimates that the US\$9 billion global investment in a polio-free world will net an economic benefit of \$40 billion to \$50 billion over the next 20 years.

4 - IT STRENGTHENS THE SYSTEM

Our polio eradication efforts have established an active disease surveillance network in all countries that is supporting other health interventions, including measles vaccinations and the distribution of deworming tablets and bed nets.

5 - IT SETS THE STAGE

The ability to reach all children with the polio vaccine is proof that we can succeed on our next major global health initiative.

Twelve Rotarians from Cotonou, Benin, reached about three million people with Rotary's This Close campaign through social media. The Rotarians changed their Facebook profile picture to a This Close ad so that all their friends (ranging from 125 to more than 2,000) saw it. They also tagged some of their friends on the pictures, and added a comment explaining Rotary's polio eradication work. Each tagged friend received a notification of the tag and the comment. The effort triggered conversations about polio eradication, and soon others began changing their profile pictures to This Close ads. "It started in Cotonou and went to other cities in Benin," says Boris Crestia, Rotary public image coordinator for Zone 20. "People in Togo started changing their profile pictures, and in Gabon they did the same. In Côte d'Ivoire they changed their profile pictures, then it went to Morocco, then it went to France. It was a very, very big success."

Polio Eradication Update For The Week Ending 23/03/2013

In 2013, no Wild Polio Virus Type 3 cases have been reported. Over the past six months, only two cases due to this strain were reported worldwide (both in Nigeria, the most recent had onset of paralysis on 10 November). In Asia, no WPV3 cases have been reported since last April.

These are the lowest levels of WPV3 transmission ever recorded.

The Final Three -

Pakistan - 5 Polio Cases recorded in 2013 compared to 14 on this date in 2012, with the most recent case reported on Feb. 12, 2013.

Afghanistan - 1 Polio Case recorded in 2013 compared to 5 on this date in 2012, with the most recent case reported on Jan. 31, 2013. NIDs were held March 10 - 12 except in southern parts of the country where they were held on March 12, 2013 with more to follow in high risk southern areas in April.

Nigeria - 5 Polio Cases recorded in 2013 compared to 10 on this date in 2012, with the most recent case reported on Feb. 13, 2013. Immunization Plus Days are planned for April & May.

2013 Polio Case Breakdown by Country (Green Numbers are 2012 Totals)

Endemic Countries – 5 Pakistan (2012-58), 1 Afghanistan (2012-37), 5 Nigeria (2012-122)

Importation Countries (2012 & 2013) – 0 Chad (2012-5), 0 Niger (2012-1)

Our Goal is Global Polio Eradication!

Have a look at the Advocacy Flier at the following link

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/polioplus_advocacy_flier_en.pdf

The 3 pages on POLIO are just a reminder that we cannot relax our efforts to eradicate polio – we must not lose sight of the opportunities to raise funds for END POLIO NOW.

WE ARE REALLY THIS CLOSE

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It is almost the end of March and Literacy month. Literacy is a huge challenge we all face daily in our lives. As a teacher I found this year to be most challenging. Learners that reach grade 10 still find it difficult to read or write in English. This is South Africa and learners in an English medium teaching school do not communicate in English at home.

This is the challenge. It is difficult teaching to complete the scope set by the department of education. Getting a child to school is just the first step but the BIG challenge is helping these learners after school to continue the communication in English.

Sometimes children cannot identify certain words. Learners sometimes need assessment by a professional person who will be able to help the teacher. This is not available as soon as needed due to "red tape" in certain areas.

So as a teacher I cannot stress how important LITERACY is, and help still needed in lots of areas. **Jean Singh 24th March 2013**

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY:

"We are like tenant farmers chopping down the fence around our house for fuel when we should be using Nature's inexhaustible sources of energy -- sun, wind and tide. ... I'd put my money on the sun and solar energy. What a source of power! I hope we don't have to wait until oil and coal run out before we tackle that. -Thomas Edison, inventor (1847-1931)"

Below left – What do these 3 pupils from Our Lady of Fatima School, the winners of the Rotary Daily News Team Speaking, have in common with our Rotary E-Club?

Emma Weir was one of the Interact volunteers who assisted at our Addington School Peace Celebration; **Nadine Jack and Larissa-Jane Houston** are STEP Students sponsored by our Club. We extend our congratulations to them. They have chosen JG Zuma High School, which is adjacent to Ekuthuleni Primary School, as a worthy recipient school of the R20 000 winner's prize.

Below right – The cover page of the Programme at the Ekuthuleni Peace day and EarlyAct charter event – pleased to see the dove as the symbol of PEACE!



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A young lady confidently walked around the room while explaining stress management to an audience with a raised glass of water. Everyone knew she was going to ask the ultimate question, 'half empty or half full?'

She fooled them all ... "How heavy is this glass of water?" she inquired with a smile. Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. to 20 oz. She replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it.

If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem.

If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm.

If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance.

In each case it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes." She continued, "And that's the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on."

"As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden - holding stress longer and better each time practiced.

So, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don't carry them through the evening and into the night... Pick them up tomorrow.

- Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!
- Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
- Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.
- Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker..
- If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague
- If you lend someone R2200 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
- It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
- Never buy a car you can't push.
- Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
- Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
- Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.
- The second mouse gets the cheese.
- When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
- Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.
- We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colours, but they all have to live in the same box.
- A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
- Save the earth..... It's the only planet with CHOCOLATE!

And now we are once again OUTA SPACE