

# OUTA SPACE

## NEWSLETTER

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## May Month has been a busy month for our Club.

We have seen the completion of the FDSA project in Velddrif, the upgrade at Ithembaledu Edu Care crèche is virtually complete but before and after photos will just have to wait for a future publication as time and a few technical gremlins prevented us from taking photos on Friday.

Our 2 STEP YE students to Italy in December have been placed and their counterparts have been identified and will be arriving in June – they are Sofia Ruggiero and Camilla Castellani. Then Kelly O'Donoghue's exchange partner, Marleni Polt, will arrive from Austria on 16<sup>th</sup> June. Busy time ahead for these families!!!

Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May also saw the start of the 3 days of Rotary Family Health Day project. A big THANK YOU to Irene Kotze for all her hard work in liaising [well more than just liaising] with Neil Christopher & the Rotary Club of Berea to ensure that the volunteers from our Club were all placed in suitable time slots. No matter how few or how many hours were given of your time, it all made a difference. I know that not

everyone was able to volunteer but we sincerely thank, Irene Kotze, Suzanne Edmunds, Tsaone Mabelane, Angie Mitchell, Janet Rouillard, Aadila Sabat and Jeneth van Leeuwen for assisting. I also managed to put in a few hours. I am sure that this project will be repeated in the future as the need is enormous. The DoH staff worked tirelessly as well as did the volunteers in the other Health care areas. A big thank you to the RC of Berea for allowing us to join them! Neil Christopher did a great job in co-ordinating the KZN sites and managed to overcome many obstacles along the way.

That brings me to Discon 2013 – WOW – 11 of our members and 3 wives have registered to attend – really excellent. Gordon and Lynn Dowsett; Rosemarie Gee; Irene Kotze; Kudzai Mqingwana; Janet Rouillard; Jean Singh; Jeneth van Leeuwen and Pat & Beryl Draper; John & June Fannin and Sue & myself. No doubt we will have lots of FUN and make many new friends and renew some old ones. There are no doubt very good reasons why some of our other members are unable to attend.

*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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#### MAY

15<sup>th</sup> Aadila Sabat

17<sup>th</sup> Gillian Stark

19<sup>th</sup> Lynn Stefano

27<sup>th</sup> Gerald Sieberhagen

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### MAY

None!!!

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES TO DIARISE:

2013

17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> May - DISTRICT 9270  
CONFERENCE - Sibaya Casino -  
EXTENDED DEADLINE WAS 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY!!!

### 26<sup>th</sup> May - EAST COAST RADIO - BIG WALK

6<sup>th</sup> June - Talk by Jenna Reinbach at RC of Durban North Meeting - 5h30pm at Northwood/Crusaders Club, Ranleigh Crescent, Durban North - TOPIC - her recent trip to Global Peace Forum in Honolulu. Jenna will be accompanied by her fiancée Gil Lewinsky who also attended the Peace Forum.

22<sup>nd</sup> June - Saturday - ROTARY E-CLUB  
QUIZ/FUN EVENING

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

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 - Read more about this in the March Rotary Africa - You missed the article? Go and have another look.



The final touches are now definitely being done at the **ITHEMBALETHU EDUCARE CRECHE** in Lamontville and everything should be completed by end of week - photo's in next OUTA SPACE.

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**John & June Fannin are in Durban on their annual "home coming" which they have combined with attending the DISCON.**

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**How many of you will be taking part in the EAST COAST RADIO Big Walk on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May?**

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**Remember to pass on your suggestions to Suzanne Edmunds for the FUN QUIZ evening.**

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**In the adjacent column there is a reminder of the talk by Jenna accompanied Gil on their recent attendance at the Global Peace Forum in Honolulu. If you intend attending the RC of Durban North Meeting on that evening, please let me know so that I may advise them of the number of our members who will be attending.**

**Further to that, Jenna & Gil have set a date for their wedding!!!**

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### Providing free health care to thousands in Africa

Posted on [May 6, 2013](#)



Marion Bunch

*By Marion Bunch, Rotarians for Family Health and AIDS Prevention (formerly RFFA)*

For three days this month, 9-11 May, Rotarians from 225 clubs in Uganda, Nigeria, and South Africa will be helping provide free health care service to thousands of families. I am excited about the campaign, which will be the third annual event organized by Rotarians for Family Health and AIDS Prevention (RFHA), Rotary's mobilizing and implementing partner in disease prevention.

The program was initially developed to address the critical issue of HIV/AIDS in Africa, but has always included other health care services.

Fighting AIDS is personal for me. I lost my second born child, Jerry, to AIDS early in the American epidemic (1994). At that time, the disease was so stigmatizing, I felt quite lonely not being able to discuss Jerry's illness with anyone outside my family. I never thought I'd do anything about it until one day, three years after his death, I felt a tap on the shoulder and a voice in my ear said "mom, get up and get going, you haven't done anything, and it's been three years."

#### **Epiphany**

It was an epiphany of a moment that completely altered the course of my life.

In 1998, I was propelled into taking the first step to begin a project in my Rotary club. The fact that our club president said 'yes' to my idea made me a passionate Rotarian for life! From the start, I realized that finding partner organizations in the field of HIV/AIDS would be important because Rotarians are not AIDS experts. I created a partnership program with a local AIDS service organization whereby together, we provided AIDS education in the middle schools of Georgia. This sobering program has now been seen by 450,000 students!

My interest ultimately took me to Africa in 2001, where I quickly realized the huge disparities between America and the developing world. I was struck by the hugeness and the filth of the slums in places like Nairobi, Kenya. I realized that there are 20 million orphans living there now because their parents died of the consequences of AIDS. They have little to eat, they are often shunned by their community, and they drop out of school because they don't have the funds to pay the schools fees or get uniforms.

I was also amazed at the reception given me in African countries by fellow Rotarians who were so glad to welcome an American Rotarian woman who was interested in working on this issue. The year was 2001. I ultimately began a Rotarian Action Group recognized by the RI Board of Directors in 2004. It was so rewarding to meet thousands of Rotarians out in the world that had an interest in doing something about this disease!

#### **Incredible journey**

Today, I look back and realize what an incredible journey I have been on since then. I gained ideas from public health experts, and I met people that I'm sure God put in my path because I didn't have the knowledge or good sense to even know that I should be meeting them. I have gained mentors in many parts of the world on this issue. I got to thinking that the 'partnership' concept was the right way to approach helping the children and their families. We can't do things alone but must work together to really get something done.

The action group (now known as Rotarians For Family Health and AIDS Prevention) is in its third year of doing a huge health event in Africa, which takes place in May 2013. We will provide free health care services of all kinds (from HIV Testing to Polio immunization, tuberculosis and malaria screening, etc.) to 200,000 children and families at 400 different sites in three countries, all during a three-day event led by Rotarians from 365 clubs. The action group has obtained partnerships with The Coca-Cola Africa Foundation, the Center for Disease Control, USAID, at least 100 non-government organizations that provide the medical work, Delta Airlines, and the Ministry of Health in each country. Can you believe it? I'm certainly not a genius and have faced many challenges along the way. But I have never lost my passion because I remember all the challenges that my son realized when he was alive. That drives me as it would most moms. But most importantly, I have been able to achieve this work because of the power of Rotary's brand and the respect it receives everywhere. I am so proud to be a part of this organization!!



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Rotary Family Health Day at St Paul's Anglican Church Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> May 2013. These photo's captured a few of the activities that took place there and the volunteers who made it possible.

263 people made use of the various health tests that were available – Blood pressure; vaccinations, HIV testing and handwashing,

Our Club was grateful that we were able to team up with Berea & Umgeni Rotary Clubs for this event.

### EXTRACT FROM LINKEDIN

12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2013

### Proposed New ROTARIAN ACTION GROUP for Endangered Species

G 'day!

A group of us from 5 different countries are looking at starting a **Rotarian Action Group** or a **RAG for Endangered Species** or **RAGES**. This proposed RAG is as a result of information which we have received from the Rotary Club of Kenton on Sea in South Africa, with their project Save Our Rhinos.

Our steering committee is now looking for help and advice to get this up and approved by RI. We have created a good Facebook page which we invite you to visit. We publish stories every day on the plight of the elephant and rhino in Africa right now. The loss of these magnificent animals will have dire consequences on the local economies in countries such as Kenya, Tanzania and South Africa where tourism is high on the national GDP.

The poaching is also creating a situation where people are being killed both rangers and poachers. We believe that education is a top priority, alongside economic development and peace resolutions. All three come under Future Vision's areas of focus.

Our committee is looking at several worthwhile projects to support on the ground starting with the Kenton on Sea's project Save Our Rhinos. We also see this proposed RAG looking at other endangered species such as the Orang-utans in Borneo and a host of other species as time and members allows us. Therefore we are asking you to have a look at our Facebook page, comments are very welcome as our expressions of interest in becoming a member of this proposed RAG.

Please share our request and this post with as many people as you know who may want to become involved. Thank you. Yours in Rotary, John Glassford Secretary; Past President 08/09;

Rotary Club of Coolamon District 9700;  
New South Wales, Australia

**If just so happens that the EarlyAct club of St Catherine's in Empangeni has chosen, as their project for the year, fundraising to supply baby milk formula for the rhino orphans who must surely still be extremely traumatised by the events surrounding the cowardly slaughter of their mothers by a group of people who are beyond a description that would be suitable for publication.**

**These are just the Rhinos, what about all the other wild life that is hunted simply for another trophy?**

**Mankind certainly has a lot to answer for!!**

**Our President-Elect, Irene Kotze, is jetting off to Australia next week to be there with her daughter, Martie, when granddaughter No 2 arrives early in June. Irene we wish you safe travelling and send our best wishes to your family in Perth.**

*And now we are once again OUTA SPACE*