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NEWSLETTER

ROTARY E-CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA D9270

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May Month is Conference Month.

D9270 Conference was held in Mid-May at Sibaya. The venue was very good but sadly, compared to recent conferences in D9270, the attendance was very disappointing I'm not sure what the reason for this apathy was.

Our Club was well represented and the members looked good in our new club shirts.

One of the long standing traditions of our conferences was sadly missing – that of the Club roll-call; it was on the programme – but it never took place.

Each club received a Certificate to commemorate their contribution to D9270 over the years. Then it was time for the Presidential Citations to be presented and 11 Clubs had qualified. Our official photographer, Irene, made her way to the front to capture the moment when our club would receive the citation but amazingly our name was not called. It was mentioned at the banquet that 2 clubs had

been erroneously overlooked for the Presidential Citation – we were one of them but sadly the moment had gone.

Our Club received an RI award for our membership plan to grow membership and the certificate appears elsewhere in the newsletter. Amazingly, with so much emphasis being placed on membership growth, the 2 district awards for membership, which were listed, were not presented to the winning club which was us! I would imagine that the passing away of the District Membership chair may have had something to do with this oversight but our Club really won by a country mile. We were delighted that our club won the "Best Literacy Project" award and also the "Best Fortnightly Bulletin" award once again beating off our rivals, Westville.

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

JUNE

1st Tsaone Mabelane
1st Greg Maddox
1st Barbara Njapha
5th Themba Njapha
10th Israel Mqingwana
11th Johnny Stark
12th Janet Rouillard
13th June Fannin
24th Shirley Hutton
30th Jean Singh

ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE

17th David & Eleni Tilling
22nd John & June Fannin
30th Jean & BU Singh

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES TO DIARISE:

2013

6th 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.

22nd June - Saturday – ROTARY E-CLUB QUIZ/FUN EVENING

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

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

2014

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.



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. So far no one has advised me that they will attend this presentation – come on members, we can do better than that!!!!

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

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I got the impression that there was some confusion about the TOPIC of the Week when I looked at some of the comments so I decided to get our expert on this, Nareshini Ranganthan, to tell us what the situation is. [Ed]

TOPIC of the Week – 13 May 2013 by Irene Kotze

The new curriculum as set out by the South African Government and to be introduced, gives learners the option of learning in their mother tongue for the first three years of their schooling. English will still be taught but will not replace the mother tongue of their home language in the early grades of their schooling.

What is your opinion about this and are there any parallels in your Country?

From: Nareshini

My apologies for the very late response. I have been extremely busy with the implementation of CAPS. CAPS (Curriculum Assessment Policy Statement) has been implemented since January 2012. This is being done in Phases:

1st Phase – 2012 – Grades 1-3 and Grade 10; 2nd Phase – 2013 – Grades 4-6 and Grade 11;

3rd Phase 2014 - grade 7 -9 and Grade 12

In all phases learners are required to take 2 languages. Indigenous languages are offered as Home Language to learners and English is offered as the First Additional Language (FAL) for e.g. a learner at a Black school in KZN will do IsiZulu as Home Language and English as FAL. An Indian or Coloured school will offer English as a Home Language and can choose either IsiZulu or Afrikaans as FAL. The choice is largely dependent on the demographics of learners. If the school has majority Black learners, they will choose IsiZulu as their FAL.

In the case of Foundation Phase Learners (Grades 1, 2, and 3), learners learn in the medium of their mother tongue. English is taught as FAL. The department has decided to implement this in order for learners to develop a better understanding of concepts taught so that a solid foundation can be built. The teaching of English as an additional Language was included so that learners are able to speak, read and write by the time they progress to the Intermediate Phase (Grades 4-6) where the medium of instruction is English for all subjects.

The main problem areas that have stemmed from this implementation are:

1. Educators are not properly trained to teach English and therefore struggle in the classroom. In some instances, they are unable to communicate in English or their level of communication is very poor.
2. Lack of Resources – schools do not have adequate resources to implement the teaching of a second language. In fact, in most cases the departmental monetary allocation does not cover the resources that are needed. Schools are unable to purchase the new approved textbooks and or workbooks for all learners as is required.
3. Schools lack resource centres – learners do not have access to good reading material – there is no opportunity for learners to improve their very poor literacy levels.
4. A large majority of Black learners attend ex- Model C Schools, Indian and Coloured schools where English is offered as a Home language and IsiZulu is offered as FAL. Majority of these learners struggle with English since their communication is mainly in their Mother Tongue. With the teaching of the languages, the CAPS document very clearly outlines the topics, content as well as the assessment that has to be covered in the classroom. English H/L does not accommodate the second language speaker. Both learners and educators in such cases struggle in the classroom.

Hiroshima peace forum notes that peace begins with you

By Arnold R. Grahl Rotary News -- 20 May 2013



Left: Past RI President Luis Giay (left), RI President Sakuji Tanaka (center), and Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Wilfrid J. Wilkinson (right) placed wreaths in Hiroshima Memorial Park during the third Rotary Global Peace Forum 17 May. Giay served as chair and convener of the forum. Right: RI President Sakuji Tanaka (right) and Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Wilfrid J. Wilkinson lay a wreath in front of the memorial. Photos courtesy of Noriko Futagami, *The Rotary-no-Tomo*

In a ceremony heavy with symbolism, RI President Sakuji Tanaka joined other Rotary and community leaders 17 May in laying a wreath in Hiroshima Memorial Park, dedicated to the victims of the atomic bomb dropped on the city during World War II.

The subject of peace has been at the heart of Tanaka's year as Rotary's president. A member of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Japan, Tanaka selected *Peace Through Service* as RI's theme for his year, and he organized three global peace forums to motivate Rotarians and others, particularly youth, to work for peace in their daily lives.

The wreath-laying event took place during the third of these forums, in Hiroshima, Japan, 17-18 May. Tanaka also visited the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and signed the guest book, which contains messages of peace from many past and present world leaders.

More than 2,700 people attended the forum, including Rotarians, community leaders, and students and alumni of Rotary's Peace Centers program -- a peace studies initiative that provides future leaders with the skills needed to resolve conflicts and promote peace. The governor of Hiroshima Prefecture, Hidehiko Yuzaki, and the mayor of Hiroshima, Kazumi Matsui, also attended.

Previous forums were held in [Berlin, Germany](#), and [Honolulu, Hawaii, USA](#). Tanaka selected all three sites because they were affected by the events of World War II and now represent the healing power of sustainable peace between nations.

"Every Rotary project, every act of service, is an act of love and kindness," Tanaka said in his closing address. "When we serve in the right ways, and for the right reasons, we bring people together, in peace and in harmony. How could it be otherwise?"

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A call to action

Participants at the forum also adopted a declaration, "[Peace Begins With You](#)," which serves as a call to action for individuals to make a conscious effort in their daily lives to promote harmony with their neighbours and create friendships that transcend the divisions of nationality, politics, religion, and culture.

"Today, as we leave this last Rotary Peace Forum, I ask you to understand that peace, in all of the ways that we can understand it, is a real goal, and a realistic goal for Rotary," Tanaka said. "Peace is not something that can only be achieved through treaties, by governments, or through heroic struggles. It is something that we can find, and that we can achieve -- every day, and in many simple ways."

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair-elect Dong Kurn Lee, of the Rotary Club of Seoul Hangang, Korea, spoke about the contributions Rotary has made in moving the nations of Korea and Japan closer together as allies and economic partners, healing old wounds. He quoted a Korean saying, "It takes two palms to make a clapping sound," to illustrate that neither nation could decide alone to live in peace with its neighbour.

"Every year, for the last eleven years, Japanese and Korean Rotarians have had a very special meeting: a Japanese-Korean friendship meeting," Lee said. "It is a wonderful event. We talk about Rotary, and we do some Rotary work. But the most important part of the meeting is simply coming together, in Rotary fellowship. . . . Rotary has helped us to make our dream of peace between our countries real."

President-nominee Gary C. K. Huang noted that the idea of treating others as we would like to be treated ourselves is a common concept across cultures and religions. Rotary members strive to achieve this by putting service above self and by laying a foundation for peace.

"We build peace in the world by building peace in our communities -- within our Rotary zones and districts, and within our neighbourhoods," Huang said. "We build peace in our communities by forging friendships, and by cultivating an open mind and a welcoming spirit within ourselves."

Rotary in Japan

Rotary has been in Japan since 1920 with the chartering of the Rotary Club of Tokyo. Other Rotary clubs soon followed in Osaka, Kyoto, Yokohama, and several other cities. Today, there are about 88,000 Rotary members in Japan belonging to 2,285 clubs.

In March 2011, a massive earthquake off the coast of Japan and the resulting tsunami brought devastation to much of the nation. Rotarians around the world responded with moral and financial support, raising more than US\$7.8 million for disaster recovery efforts in Japan and Pacific island nations.

Rotary has a long-standing commitment to peace. At the grassroots level, members have worked to address the underlying causes of conflict and violence, such as hunger, poverty, disease, and illiteracy. Ten years ago, Rotary decided to take a direct approach to promoting world understanding by providing future leaders with the tools they need to "wage peace" on the global stage.

Since 2002, Rotary clubs have annually sponsored up to 110 scholars who embark on one to two years of study, earning either master's degrees or professional certificates in peace and conflict resolution at Rotary Peace Centers at universities around the world. Seventy peace fellows have graduated from the Rotary Peace Center in Tokyo at International Christian University, and another 21 are currently enrolled; 25 peace fellows from Japan have studied abroad at Rotary Peace Centers.

After each of the 3 Rotary Peace Forums held during this Rotary year a DECLARATION OF PEACE document has been compiled – on the next page you will read about the Hiroshima document

DECLARATION OF PEACE

“Peace Begins With You”

Hiroshima, 18 May 2013

All human beings have the right to live in a state of peace, free from violence, persecution, inequality, and suffering. As leaders and friends of the Rotary movement, united in service, we publicly declare our commitment to creating a more peaceful world. We look to the future with the hard-earned knowledge of past lessons as our guide. We have come together in Hiroshima, a city that experienced the destructive consequences of war just a few generations ago. Out of the ashes of that terrible conflict, people decided to rebuild and move forward in the collective pursuit of peace. While the world must never forget the tragedy that took place here, Hiroshima's resurgence demonstrates the transformative, healing power of sustainable peace between nations. We know that peace cannot thrive unless we are willing to work for it. Peace is a way of life, requiring steadfast commitment.

“Peace begins with you” is our call to action, and each of us recognizes that we have a personal responsibility to answer it.

Peace begins when all of us make a conscious effort in our daily lives to promote harmony with our neighbours and create friendships that transcend the divisions of nationality, politics, religion, and culture. Peace is sustained when we join together, work together, and in turn, inspire young people to hear the call to action and carry the pursuit of peace forward, generation after generation. We express our desire for a peaceful world through the action of service. By serving and helping others, we gain empathy and understanding, build lasting bonds of friendship, and empower others to become peacemakers. Consider some of the ways that we have enhanced peace together through Rotary:

- To help mend international relationships that were damaged during two world wars, Rotary established inter-country committees, which facilitate humanitarian and peace efforts between countries. Today, nearly 250 inter-country committees are working to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace.
- For more than 75 years, students and host families have broadened their horizons through Rotary Youth Exchange. Each year, more than 8,000 students in 80 countries have the opportunity to bridge cultures and enhance international understanding through short-term and long-term exchanges.
- Through The Rotary Foundation's Peace Fellowships, more than 700 Rotary Peace Fellows have earned master's degrees or professional certificates that enable them to pursue careers in peace-building and conflict resolution.

We urge everyone who shares our vision of peace to take action:

- Be a peace-builder in every interaction you undertake with your fellow human beings. Let every action be one that builds goodwill and better friendships.
- Use your voice and your vote to encourage your elected leaders to adopt peaceful conflict resolution practices instead of resorting to war.
- Reject the notion of enemies. Actively befriend people from countries that have traditionally had adversarial relationships with your own country.
- Provide opportunities for young people to develop their leadership potential and become active stakeholders in their communities.
- Connect with others to make a difference. There are Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas, working in more than 34,000 communities worldwide. Join us in advancing *Peace Through Service*.

Peace is not a final destination to be reached, but an active and continuous process. All of us are capable of becoming peacemakers in our own lives, and through our words and actions, we will demonstrate that peace is possible.

“Peace Begins With You”

**ROTARY GLOBAL PEACE FORUM
HIROSHIMA 17TH TO 18TH MAY 2013**

We don't always get the opportunity to showcase really exciting products in OUTA SPACE but here is something that is worthwhile looking at from our UK member, Jeff Watts

Solar Grow 1

Take a group of world-renowned scientists, award-winning engineers, commercial business strategists and specialists that has come together to tackle an increasing world shortage of energy, food and water resources with renewable energy and clean technology solutions and what do you get? SG1 !!!

Alexander K. Bushell, the irrepressible driving force behind SG1, is over the moon that his invention has won the "British & World Invention of The Year Award" and is justifiably confident that this will undoubtedly raise the profile of this most important technology.

SG1 housed in a standard adapted ship container, are mobile, modular, solar powered germination and seedling plant factories and are a major step forward in scaled horticultural plant production, due to the diversity of what it can produce. It can deal with virtually any kind of seeded crop and was specifically developed for use in sustainable horticultural arenas, as well as humanitarian and disaster scenarios. It has the ability to grow micro crops to the point where they are ready to eat within 7 days, as well as planning for longer-term production.



SG1 can function 24/7, meaning that operators can constantly be producing and rotating salad crops in particular. For example, in any temperate climate, it can grow 10,000 to 50,000 tomato plant seedlings in just one week if the localised conditions are optimised and are capable. Since it can grow a wide variety of different plants, its test lab can also help farmers to diversify crops, which in turn reduces expensive food transportation costs. Production equipment supplied is reusable and there is a drastic reduction in the amount of waste produced.

The aim is to get SG1 straight to site, analyse the soil and localised water options and then to begin crop repopulation immediately. Once on site, SG1 can be up and running within 2 hours. It contains all the necessary horticultural equipment imaginable and meets EU Health & Safety guidelines. It can be sited anywhere, as it runs on solar power. SG1 can use any type of local water supply. It comes with "plug and go" deep well pumps and can even work with seawater, which it desalinates.

As we go to press, the first SG1 is being installed in the village of Turbo in Kenya. You can follow the progress at:

<http://www.boundlesshorizons.co.uk/kenyan-trip.htm>

SG1 has huge potential for Governments, NGOs and Charities with the need and desire to address hunger anywhere in Africa. Not only will the SG1 bring a food solution through a manageable crop production system to communities, it will also bring potential local employment and a centre to communities where one previously may not have existed.

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I know that some time ago I said no more competitions in OUTA SPACE but seeing we are nearing the end of this Rotary Year I thought just one more wouldn't hurt. Please take as long as you like but remember only the first correct entry that I receive will win a prize. Send your entries to geraldandsue@web.co.za



A-Levels

Time allowed: 1 minute

1. Continue this sentence in a logical way.	25 points
<u>M</u> <u>T</u> <u>W</u> <u>T</u> — — —	
2. Correct this equation with a single stroke.	25 points
$5 + 5 + 5 = 550$	
3. Write anything in the space below.	25 points
<input type="text"/>	
4. Draw a rectangle with 3 lines.	25 points

Of course failure to send in an entry will signify that you have failed the test - all entries received will be treated as confidential as will the names of those who fail to submit an entry.

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President Gerald Sieberhagen, on the left, and President-Elect Irene Kotze, on the right, with the D9270 trophies that were on display at the District Conference at Sibaya. The trophies will now go on display at Rotary Africa Offices following the merger of D9270 & D9230 to form a new District 9370 in 1st July 2013.



Theo van der Merwe, Past President of the Rotary Club of Westville was the first to extend heartiest congratulations to our Club for winning the Bulletin Award, with our good friend Rob Campbell in the background. The story goes all the way back to last years' conference!!!

Three of our certificates are shown above – the one in the centre is for our very successful Literacy project at Ekuthuleni Primary School.

We were particularly proud to receive the Certificate on the left from Rotary International in recognition of our very successful Membership Development Plan which saw our club grow its membership by 76%. Well done to all our members for these achievements.

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Eclub members at the Conference in their distinctive shirts. Gerald, Irene, Janet, Jeneth, Jean, John, June, Lynn, Gordon, Pat & Beryl were all there somewhere!!!



Left – Gerald with the vivacious RIPPR from D9350, June Webber, a good friend of our District. June gave several inspired addresses during the Conference and we would have to delve deeply into the archives of D9270 to find a more charming Rotary International Presidents Personal Representative to have attended our conferences. On the right – Colleen Pieterse keeping a watchful eye on the Eclub team



John Fannin proposed the toast to South Africa

Colleen Pieterse was presented with a most deserved Rotary Foundation Meritorious Service Award by DG Richard Brooks.

Our members at the banquet.

DGE Gregory Cryer about to be inducted as District Governor – with fists clenched we could just hear him saying: Yes! Yes! Yes! Our best wishes to Greg for a most successful year as DG9370.



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Here is something that we may once again be able to take part in.....



These past years Project Build Trust has invited friends and associates to be part of our Mandela Day volunteers endeavour. We have painted school classrooms and had a lot of fun and made new friends.

It is such a good feeling to get up on the 18th July to know one is marking the birthday of our great leader MADIBA – President Mandela in his wish to bring benefit to the communities in which we live. And that we are sharing this with so many thousands of our fellow South Africans.

We are still working out the details of which school we will work at this year. We will send out the details during the first week in June. Please save the date.

Warm regards
Suzanne Edmunds / Contact: suzanne@projectbuild.org.za / 031307 5322

IMPOSSIBILITIES IN THE WORLD

- 1) You can't count your hair.
 - 2) You can't wash your eyes with soap.
 - 3) You can't breathe when your tongue is out.
Put your tongue back in your mouth, you silly person.
- Ten (10) Things I know about you.
- 1) You are reading this.
 - 2) You are human.
 - 3) You can't say the letter "P" without separating your lips.
 - 4) You just attempted to do it.
 - 6) You are laughing at yourself.
 - 7) You have a smile on your face and you skipped No. 5.
 - 8) You just checked to see if there is a No. 5.
 - 9) You laugh at this because you are a fun loving person & everyone does it too.

And now we are once again OUTA SPACE