

# OUTA SPACE

## NEWSLETTER

### ROTARY E-CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA D9270

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## September is New Generations Month.

As we move into a new month we are reminded of the importance of our Youth.

I am sure that our club, however, needs very little reminding of this. So many of our activities are aimed at youth – our signature project of Primary School Literacy, our involvement with STEP Youth Exchange, the wheelchairs that we have provided to young people, the blankets and toys that are distributed among the children and the pupils we sponsor on Youth camps and Youth Leadership Courses are just some examples. No doubt, though we could do more.

For starters, I believe we could sponsor an Interact and an EarlyAct club. Some members feel that we should consider accepting a long term Youth Exchange student. These are all things that are within our reach and capability as an E-club.

With our membership, as it stands

at the moment we should be thinking about expanding our reach.

Our efforts to attract more Rotarians to our club have really borne fruits and will continue to do so. Who would have thought 6 months ago that we would have a membership of 36 and that we would have members in Belgium and the Ukraine and of course Susan Hawkins has now moved to Saudi Arabia from Qatar!

But back to matters Youth – we were all very impressed by the enthusiasm with which our STEP YE students went about the task of distributing the 10 blankets – 3 of them have a further 50 to distribute and the other one will distribute 20 pillows to a shelter.

Jayne Martin from Cape Town paid us a fleeting visit last week and Patrick Andries will do the same this week.

*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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#### SEPTEMBER

5<sup>th</sup> Lynn Dowsett

21<sup>st</sup> John Fannin – 80<sup>th</sup> CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

21<sup>st</sup> Errol Martin

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### SEPTEMBER

4<sup>th</sup> Israel & Kudzai Mqingwana

VERY QUIET MONTH BUT JOHN MAKES UP FOR THAT

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES TO DIARISE:

### 2012

21<sup>st</sup> September – WORLD PEACE DAY

**24<sup>th</sup> September – FELLOWSHIP DAY AT BEECHWOOD MANGROVES - RC DBN NORTH – 11h30 ONWARDS**

27<sup>th</sup> October – Basic PRLS

**15<sup>th</sup> October – Global Handwashing Day**

**22<sup>nd</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary / Foundation F2F – Dinner/Get together**

### 2013

**26<sup>th</sup> January – PEACE FORUM conducted by our Club – see Page 4**

**23<sup>rd</sup> February – Rotary International 108<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

**17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May – Last District Conference of D9270 – venue Sibaya**

**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 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**

## Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September; Heritage Day

**We have been invited to join Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Durban North and other Rotarians to a relaxing day at the Beechwood Mangroves.**

You need to bring your own food and drinks and if you wish to do a braai, there will be braai fires. Also bring your own chair and anything else you may need. This Fellowship day has become a tradition for the past 3 to 4 years when FUN & FELLOWSHIP can be enjoyed in pleasant surroundings. If you haven't been to the Beechwood Mangroves before you will be amazed at the eco-systems that are present there.

Please advise Irene Kotze if you and your family are going to attend.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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You may have noticed that the date of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary and Foundation F2F Dinner/Get together has changed from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is because a venue is so very difficult to find for a Friday night. We hope that we will have a very good turnout of members on that evening.

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We need your assistance in ensuring a successful Global Handwashing Day event at Ekuthuleni Primary School. We need soap and anything else that can be associated with this event. Depending on the response we may be able to extend our activities to other schools as well but our main focus will be Ekuthuleni.

I know that Nareshini & Irene have already done some work in securing soap etc for this day.



**New member inductions** – Multiple Rotary Alumnus Aadila Sabat is congratulated by President Gerald and on the right Rosemarie Gee receives her Rotary lapel pin.

## STEP Youth Exchange students attended the Induction Dinner



L-J Houston with kudu [destined for Federico] Jeneth van Leeuwen, New Generations Chair, Lisa Grewing and Kristina Salontaji with springboks and Rotary E-club banners. **On the right** Irene Kotze accepts a book from Lisa – the Book is the history of the Rotary Club of Wildeshausen, Germany D1850 and was published this year on the occasion of their 25<sup>th</sup> Charter Jubilee 1987-2012

### **PEACE FORUM – 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2013.** *David Tilling-Director International Service*

RI President Sakuji Tanaka has chosen as his theme for 2012/13, **Peace through Service**. In keeping with this, clubs and districts are encouraged to promote this and we have it in mind to hold a Peace Forum on 26 January 2013. This coincides with the Peace Forum in Hawaii when the theme is The Green Path to Peace. Two other Peace Forums will be held before and after that in Berlin and Hiroshima respectively.

The idea we have is to have a function in Durban involving the refugee community of the beachfront, other community groups in the area, civic organisations, refugee oriented NGOs, Diakonia and faith groups etc. No specific theme has been decided upon although clubs/districts have been given suggestions such as the above one in Hawaii but if we are to have a function revolving around refugees, the theme for the Berlin event in December of Peace Without Borders would seem more appropriate and maybe we can work around that?

We invite your suggestions for the format and participants of the event. The only certainty so far is that the school hall at Addington Primary School on the beachfront next to uShaka is probably available for us. I have an agreement in principle to hold the event there if we wish and the school is enthusiastic about participating. A great many of their learners are refugee children and most of the learners at the adult literacy classes run by me at the Steve Morris Literacy Project in the evenings at the same school are parents of those same children.

Please see page 8 of Outa Space No 4 of 21<sup>st</sup> August for a list of 12 suggestions on what and how to do it. We can ✓ the first 2 items and 3, 4, 5 and 8 are obvious choices but how do we go about finding participants etc?.

Apart from doing something to promote peace being the right thing to do, we also need to bear in mind that the one remaining item in the Presidential Citation that needs to get a ✓ is:

**RI President Sakuji Tanaka challenges clubs to conduct a club or community peace forum or a service project focused on peace.**

With the intervention of summer holidays we need to get as much of the preparatory work done as possible before mid December to avoid a last minute rush. We ask you therefore for your suggestions/contributions by 30 September 2012.

Get in touch with me, David Tilling, at [orion2@iafrica.com](mailto:orion2@iafrica.com)

As an eClub function YOUR participation, if only vicariously, is welcome.

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August was a busy month with many of us who love sport enthralled by the sublime spectacle of the Olympic Games.

The Olympic movement has similar dreams to Rotary. Its iconic emblem with the familiar five rings that symbolize each continent is made up of six colours [including the flag's white background] so to reproduce the colours of all nations, with no exception.

The Olympic motto places an emphasis on personal and combined achievement and success: **Faster, Higher, Stronger**; Is this not what we in Rotary also reach out for?

**Faster** - who is not impatient to make the world polio free by removing this dreadful disease? The journey has been more of a marathon than a 100 meter sprint; a battle of endurance and determination.

**Higher** - we continue to promote and nurture high ethical standards. When each day we learn of more corporate malpractice, venality of officials and personal failings; we can only re-assert our belief in living a life inculcated by strong ethical values.

**Stronger** - we all know a stronger Rotary makes more of an impact. We can do so much when we come together, work together and grow together. In membership and extension month we ought to be able to see the thriving relationship between a nascent Rotary and a healthy, stronger Foundation.

But, like all successful sports people, you need to believe.

*In Rotary Service, Calum Thomson, Editor Rotary Foundation Newsletter*

## PARALYMPICS AT OPEN AIR SCHOOL.

Somehow or other Claude Pillai, Interact Facilitator got off to a flying start and President Gerald had no option but to declare her a worthy winner. The race took place at OPEN AIR SCHOOL open day. The Open Day was well supported by the public.



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Nadine, Kayleigh [on PowerPoint], Larissa-Jane and Kelly shared their experiences with us about their ECR Winter Warmth blanket deliveries to worthy recipients



At the airport to see off our STEP Youth Exchangees. Gevan, Annaline & Nadine Jack - Gerald at the back - Lisa Grewing, Irene Kotze, Kristina Salontaji, Kayleigh, Sandra and Barry Goodwin.

## Modern Technology of not!!!

I was visiting my daughter and son-in-law the other day when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper. "This is the 21<sup>st</sup> century old man," he said. "We don't waste money on newspapers. Here, you can borrow my iPad"

I can tell you, that bloody fly never knew what hit it!



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BILLION EMAILS ARE SENT EVERY DAY.

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OUT with the OLD and IN with the NEW!! President Gerald hands the Rotary E-Club of South Africa D9270 Charter to the Incoming President. Sue remains unconvinced about the change!

Past President Jeneth van Leeuwen seems the HAPPIEST of all in this photo!!



Past President Gerald Sieberhagen inducts our 3<sup>rd</sup> President of the Rotary E-Club

The INDUCTION of a new president of Rotary is always a happy occasion and the Induction Ceremony at the Rotary E-club of South Africa D9270 was no exception.

There was a good turn out of Rotarians and guests at No Four on Broadway to celebrate this event.

In addition to the Induction of our President for the year 2012/13 our Club also inducted 2 new members, Aadila Sabat and Rosemarie Gee.

We bade farewell to 2 of our STEP YE Inbounds, Lisa Grewing and Kristina Salontaji who did a presentation about their home towns in Germany. Together with Federico Amberti from Italy they will be fondly remembered as our Club's first Youth Exchange students.

Our Outbounds, Kayleigh, Kelly, Larissa-Jane & Nadine together with Kristina & Lisa told us about their ECR Winter Warmth blanket distributions. Listening to their stories it was clear that some of the families that they encountered will have left a lasting impression on them. Giving isn't always that easy!

Our guests included Aadila's Mom & Dad, parents of the STEP host families and Joe White as well as our Presidents wife, Sue.

We are extremely grateful to Irene Kotze for all the arrangements thereby ensuring that we had a memorable evening.

### SELECTED LEGISLATION THAT REFER SPECIFICALLY TO E-CLUBS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE 2013 COUNCIL on LEGISLATION to be held in Chicago in April 2013.

#### PROPOSED ENACTMENT 13-33

To provide that an e-club may schedule a meeting in place of its regular interactive activity on the club's website

**Proposed by the Board of Directors of RI**

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International 1 that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows

#### **Article 6 Meetings (for e-Clubs)**

##### **Section 1 — Regular Meetings.**

This club shall hold a regular meeting once each week by posting an interactive activity on the club's Web site or by holding a meeting on the day provided in the bylaws. The meeting held by way of an interactive activity, whether in person or through electronic means, shall be considered as held on the day that the interactive activity is to be posted on the Web site.

#### **PROPOSER'S STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

This enactment seeks to permit e-clubs to schedule a traditional meeting in place of their regular online meeting. Just as many traditional Rotary clubs utilize technology to encourage member participation, many e-clubs value the ability to meet with their members face-to-face. Under this enactment, e-clubs would be permitted to schedule meetings that members may attend in person, electronically, or a combination of both.

#### PROPOSED ENACTMENT 13-54

To remove the limitation on the number of e-clubs in each district

**Proposed by the Board of Directors of RI**

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows

#### **Article 2 Membership in Rotary International**

2.010. *Application for Membership in RI.*

2.010.1. *E-Clubs.*

The board shall assign each e-club to a district.

#### **PROPOSER'S STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

This enactment seeks to eliminate the cap on the number of e-clubs permitted in each district, which is currently two. Some district governors would like their district to include more than two e-clubs. Five districts have reached the limit. This enactment could increase membership growth through the establishment of more e-clubs.

#### PROPOSED ENACTMENT 13-104

To amend the provision for locality of an e-club

**Proposed by the Rotary Club of Mussoorie, Uttarakhand, India**

**Endorsed by District 3080, India December 2011**

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International 1 that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows

#### **Article 2 Membership in Rotary International**

**2.030. *Locality of an E-Club.***

The locality of an e-club shall be worldwide or as otherwise determined by the club board.

#### **PROPOSER'S STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

The existing definition of the locality of an e-club is either worldwide or as otherwise determined by the RI Board. Clubs are autonomous and therefore an e-club should have the authority to restrict the membership to a particular region so that the club will have the possibility of forming a hybrid club which can stipulate one or more physical meetings per month/year. This proposed enactment will allow the formation of such a club.

**For editors comments on these enactments see page 9**



## COMMENTS ON THE THREE ITEMS OF LEGISLATION

### **Proposed Enactment 13.33**

This is self explanatory – from this proposal it could be deduced that there are several e-clubs where face to face meetings are quite frequent.

### **Proposed Enactment 13.54**

It will be interesting to see how the Council will vote on this one. Only 5 Districts [there are more than 300 Districts] have 2 e-clubs and I wonder why those e-clubs are not attracting the members who seem to want to charter additional clubs.

Africa now has a second e-club and none of the districts in Africa are clamouring for more that 2 e-clubs per district.

### **Proposed Enactment 13.104**

Currently the situation is that the locality of an e-club shall be worldwide or as otherwise determined by the RI board. The proposed legislation wants RI board to be replaced with club board so that clubs decide if members are not accepted worldwide. I seem to remember that in the Charter application the Club made a choice and the RI Board was guided accordingly.



Jayne Martin, Gerald Sieberhagen and Irene Kotze shared some ideas during a luncheon when Jayne recently paid a quick visit to Durban. During her visit Jayne also met with some of her AfriTwin schools.

*And now we are once again OUTA SPACE*