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NEWSLETTER

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September is New Generations Month.

Much has been written and spoken about the importance of our youth. For us, as an E-club, it is just as important but will probably just be a shade harder to implement and maintain some of the projects on offer. But if we don't try, we will never know.

Moving on from Youth for a moment, one of our more active members, John Fannin, turns 80 this month. John & June are currently touring England and Scotland and have no email or telephone connectivity until they return on 26th September. That will not deter us I'm sure, from drinking a toast to John sometime on Friday 21st September.

On Page 5 you will read about more accolades for pupils of Ekuthuleni Primary School where our member, Sambulo Khalala, is the principal. Although he thanks our club for our continued contributions to their library, we also

need to thank some of our Rotary friends from other clubs as well who have contributed – Alan & Joy Francis, RC of Armidale Central and Mike & Julie Brzozowski, RC of Cairns Sunrise and Inner Wheel, Trinity After Dark Club respectively for their contributions. The Rotary Club of Durban Bay has also contributed. Much credit is also due to our member Nareshini Ranganthan whose focused efforts directed at reading and literacy skills are certainly bearing fruits. Equipping the teachers has been a key element.

With all the talent and enthusiasm at this school we really need to pursue the Chartering of an Early-Act club there. Who will put up their hand and take on this very rewarding task? All the ingredients are there for a successful club.

Somebody, JUST DO IT!!

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

SEPTEMBER

21st John Fannin – 80th CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

21st Errol Martin

ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER

VERY QUIET MONTH BUT JOHN MAKES UP FOR THAT

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES TO DIARISE:

2012

21st September – WORLD PEACE DAY & WORLD ALZHEIMERS DAY

24th September – FELLOWSHIP DAY AT BEECHWOOD MANGROVES - RC DBN NORTH – 11h30 ONWARDS

27th September – Board & members meeting

24th October – WORLD POLIO DAY

27th October – Basic PRLS

15th October – Global Handwashing Day

22nd November – AGM / 2nd Anniversary / Foundation / F2F – Dinner / Get together

2013

26th January – PEACE FORUM conducted by our Club

23rd February – Rotary International 108th Anniversary Celebration

9th to 11th May – ROTARY FAMILY HEALTH DAY

17th & 18th May – Last District Conference of D9270 – venue Sibaya

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

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

2014

8th 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 6th to 12th JUNE

New PHF folder will save more lives

In an effort to reduce the cost of PHF recognition throughout the Rotary world, the current PHF recognition folder has been replaced with a less expensive cover. This change will come into effect immediately and PHF certificates from The Rotary Foundation - Zurich Office will now be enclosed in the new folder.

For your information, donor recognition comprises approximately 10 per cent of the Foundation's annual Fund Development budget. Approximately 60,000 Paul Harris Fellows are recognised each year and moving to this heavy card blue folder will represent a minimum cost savings of US\$125,000 annually. This ensures more of the money contributed by Rotarians goes to support the many incredibly effective humanitarian and educational programs implemented by The Rotary Foundation and it would be fair to say none of us could argue about the wisdom of that. There is little doubt that the new folder will not have the 'feel' of the padded folder, but again it comes down to how we best use our limited funds. Many Rotarians frame their original certificate making the folder unnecessary while some keep the certificate in the folder for all time. The new folder is still a classy item and will look good in any company.

Editor – I have been truly amazed by all the negative comments from Rotarians following this decision by TRF. Aren't they all forgetting what the purpose of the US\$1 000 donation to TRF is for – "To do Good in the World".

On the other hand, I have also been heartened by all the comments praising The Rotary Foundation for this positive move.

I guess it is all a matter of personal opinion!



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Dear District Governors,

In May 2012, the World Health Assembly declared polio eradication a global health emergency. Thanks to the generous contributions of Rotarians, the number of polio cases is declining, but the current funding shortfall of US\$945 million and uneven political commitment puts the program at risk. Rotarians made a promise to the world's children that no child ever again would suffer the crippling effects of polio and we must increase our efforts in collaboration with our partners WHO, UNICEF, US CDC and the Gates Foundation to realize our dream.

I am asking each district governor to encourage clubs to do the following:

Advocate for political and financial support of polio eradication efforts with governments.

Communicate to Rotarians and the public the status of polio eradication and Rotary's role in the effort.

Fundraise for PolioPlus by engaging Rotarians and the corporate sector.

Call upon your End Polio Now Zone Coordinator for more information or e-mail

PolioPlus@rotary.org.

Encourage Rotarians to visit the interactive www.endpolionow.org website where they can sign a petition encouraging world leaders who will attend the UN General Assembly to support global polio eradication and learn more about the global effort to eradicate polio. These signatures will be presented to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon as a show of solidarity and support at a special polio event during the UN General Assembly.

Thank you,
Sakuji Tanaka
President, Rotary International

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Our club sponsored Westcott Primary School attendance at a Music Festival recently and in return the pupils undertook to sell END POLIO NOW stickers which they have now done. We await receipt of the funds. These are 4 happy sticker sellers who have also acquainted themselves with the Polio story. Well done Westcott Primary School.



When Patrick Andries recently visited Durban he was handed his Rotary Pin – also in the photo are Ivan Dunlop and Muzi Nkala, Manager of FoodBank Durban.

Dear President Gerald

1. Thank you for the amount of R1000.00 (One thousand Rand) deposited into our school account on 11 June 2012. It helped us with the buying of Gas. The SGB was very happy when we reported about our finances looking at the June statement.

2. I collected the 10 boxes of 50 Discovery Health lunch boxes from Dawn Wing. The photo is of some of the children standing in front of our container library. This has made a difference to 500 of our 1 600 when they eat lunch. You know previously about three or more simply ate in one plate or lunch box. They want the aunties to fill the lunch boxes up but they are very big, otherwise others won't get food.

3. Four of our Grade 6 learners entered a department of education reading and story telling competition. They won at ward level, circuit level, district level and lastly @ **provincial level** yesterday. Photos of certificates and a trophy attached. This is because of the library you forced me to establish years ago. This is also because of the books our E-club continues to furnish us with. Thank you so much.

Regards

Sambulo Khalala, Principal – Ekuthuleni Primary School



Editor – I really have nothing to add but I am sure Alan Francis will have a chuckle when he reads about the “forced library”



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Rotary E-Club of South Africa D9270 website www.rotaryclubs.org

There may be some confusion about accessing the website with the information that Dieter has provided you with.

Anyone can access our website by typing in the above address.

But only our Rotary E-club of South Africa D9270 members are able to access the Member's Clubhouse section.

Dieter would have sent you something like this:

Username: Gerald

Password: Sieber123 [please change this to something more personal – not sure how, but I do remember changing mine]

So what do you do with it?

If you have never logged onto the Member's Clubhouse you need to move the cursor to Members Clubhouse and a drop down menu will appear.

Click on Members Login

Scroll down until you see the login section.

Type in your username and password

You will then have to copy one of those cryptic things [once only] and then hit the submit button and you should be accepted.

Now go back to the Members Clubhouse and click on Topic of the Week. Next click on the applicable date and the Topic will appear.

Scroll down and leave a comment.

Even if you have nothing to say about the Topic just say something – maybe ATTENDED will be appropriate because that is the equivalent of attending the weekly meeting.

You may or may not be required to log in with your password every time you wish to view one of the drop down sections in Members Clubhouse.

Looking forward to seeing your comments and contributions

As always, please let me know if you encounter any problems.

Remember, there is lots of information on www.rotary.org and if you want to subscribe to receive email copies of the interesting publications produced by Rotary simply log on to www.rotary.org/en/mediaandnews/newsletter and select.

September is **INTERNATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.**

South Africa has not yet recorded childhood cancer cases due to poor data collection and poor access to health care. Yet an estimated 800 to 1500 children are currently diagnosed with cancer.

According to Clover's Childhood Cancer Statistic website, advances in cancer treatments with chemotherapy and radiotherapy have made 70 % of cases potentially curable. Statistics also reveal that many cases are not diagnosed correctly.

Of the cases that are correctly diagnosed, and reported, 80% are already in the late stages with no chance of a cure.

Childhood Cancer shares general symptoms with other illnesses, but if one or more of the following symptoms are evident, consultation should be done without delay.

CANSA' CHECKLIST:

Continued unexplained weight loss

Headaches, often with vomiting, at night or early morning

Increased swelling or persistent pain in bones, joints or back

Lump or mass in the abdomen, neck, chest, pelvis or arm

Development of excess bruising, bleeding or rash

Constant infection

A whitish colour behind the pupil

Nausea that persists or vomiting without nausea

Constant tiredness or noticeable paleness

Eye vision changes that occur suddenly and persist

Recurrent fevers of unknown origin.

This article was supplied by Secretary Irene Kotze

CANCERS THAT AFFECT CHILDREN

The cancers that affect children are generally unique to those that affect adults and the incidence of childhood cancer is 150 in a million worldwide. In South Africa, one in 600 hundred children is affected by cancer before the age of 16. The encouraging news is that if diagnosed early, 70%-85% of children can be cured.

TYPES OF CANCER

The cancers that affect children most often occur in the developing cells like bone marrow, blood, kidneys and nervous system tissues. The most common cancer is leukaemia followed by brain and a wide variety of other tumours. Life-threatening blood disorders include aplastic anaemia, thalassaemia and ITP.

TYPES OF TREATMENT

Childhood cancers require specialist paediatric treatment by a paediatric oncologist and comprise of chemotherapy, surgery or radiation. In some cases a combination of these treatments is used while bone marrow or stem cell transplantation is done in certain situations.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN SITUATION

In South Africa, less than half of the children are diagnosed early enough and reach a treatment centre in time. Many are diagnosed too late with an advanced stage of cancer for the treatment to have much chance of success and half are never diagnosed and so receive no treatment. As a result, we strongly advocate and encourage all efforts that lead to the early detection of childhood cancer.

As with early detection, the prognosis for cure is very positive.

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Our club recently received a donation of 4 large rolls of material which we handed to the Cato Crest Sewing Group. The Sewing group was started by Maureen Stacey in 1992 and is extremely well run.

Maureen does not believe in handouts and each one of the sewing trainees has to pay R4 per month and if they do not have the money they are told to make a garment or two and to sell them

A further consignment of flannel has also been acquired by our club and will also be handed to Maureen and her happy Sewing group.



Darla Leick – I just did a make-up with your club. Thanks. It was great to read about all the wonderful things your club is doing and I agree that fellowship can certainly be successful on-line.

Editor: Darla, RC Marshfield Sunrise is just one of many Rotarians, from around the world, who did a make up on our website. She also left a comment on our Facebook page, hence the pic. Others who recently made up are: Deidre Howell, Clayton RC; Elizabeth Jones, Ketchikan, Alaska; Naoki Kamiyama, Ryagusaki, Japan; Norman Krayner, Wesseling, Deutschland; Canan Ersoz, Adana-Guney, Turkey; Mark Yodice, East Cooper Breakfast RC, South Carolina; Leo Sanchez, Gooding, Idaho; Nicholas Marcus, N'Djamena, Chad; and Gary Alan Goforth.



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Pakistan scoring great gains despite challenges

“Pakistan this year has perhaps the best chance ever to achieve success, because tremendous new efforts are being undertaken, led by the government, in implementing a national polio emergency action plan that mobilized all government and civil society resources,” says Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary’s International PolioPlus Committee, about [progress in Pakistan](#). “There is strong evidence that implementation of the emergency plan is showing results, particularly in key reservoir areas such as Balochistan and Sindh.”

- Learn about the progress being made by Rotary and our partners in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#).
- Get the latest news from [Rotary](#) on the fight to finish polio.
- Follow stories about polio eradication on [Rotary’s blog](#).

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AND NOW WE ARE ONCE AGAIN OUTA SPACE