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NEWSLETTER

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October is Vocational Service Month and November is Rotary Foundation Month

Time marches on and the "silly season" is just around the corner. There seems to be no letting up in the spending of South Africans if one judges that by how busy the many shopping malls, in and around Durban, are.

I wonder how different it might have been if there were no Credit cards? Credit cards as we know them today were born in Manhattan in 1951 when Frank McNamara, founder of Diners Club, found himself short of cash at a restaurant and was commanded to wash the dishes.

How often, even now, have you not been telephoned with an offer to increase your credit limit on your card? I seem to think that some stores even increase your buying limit without even asking you, the cardholder.

Is that fair to all concerned? I think not because easy credit is so tempting that people, young and old, are easily sucked into the debt trap these days.

All this rather reckless spending must surely affect how much people save and how much they set aside to spend on good causes. Contributing to a worthwhile cause is soon forgotten as families spend as though there is no tomorrow. So often a weekly visit to the mall ends up with some or other toy being bought for the children. So where is the joy of receiving a gift on a birthday and on Christmas Day only?

Sadly, for the vast majority of children in South Africa, there will never be the joy of receiving a new toy.

*Think about this while you
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

NOVEMBER – DOMINATED BY SPOUSES

1st Peter Bretherton

5th Mark Rouillard

6th Trevor Mitchell

22nd Rene Andries

26th Suzanne Edmunds

30th Vanessa Moodley

ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER

2nd Greg & Tammy Maddox

12th Trevor & Angie Mitchell

17th Themba & Barbara Njapha

23rd **Rotary E-Club of South Africa Charter**

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES TO DIARISE:

2012

10th November – END POLIO NOW and E-Club promotion at Essenwood Craft Market 08h00 to 14h00

22nd November – AGM / 2nd Anniversary / Foundation / F2F – Dinner / Get together / Year-end celebration / STEP farewell

2013

23rd February – 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

Peace Day/Forum 23rd February 2012

**“Peace comes from within.
Do not seek it without it”**

Gautama Siddharta

David Tilling and his working committee will no doubt soon have more information for us about progress that is being made with the planning of this event.

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END POLIO NOW

A few Rotarians have taken up the challenge of participating in the END POLIO NOW Sticker project which will be ongoing until 30th June 2012. Any ideas would be welcomed.

Thank you also to the Cash donations by members ranging from R20 to R100 – remember any donation is welcomed.

On 10th November our Club will have a stand at the Essenwood Craft Market – thank you to the 4 members and the 1 STEP who have volunteered to assist. This will also be the first time that the END POLIO NOW Piggy will be introduced to the public!!

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East Coast Radio Toy Story

Our volunteer members will probably commence sorting and allocating toys in the week commencing on 5th November and hope to wrap up the project on 20th December.

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Container Project

Thank you to the members who were involved with the compilation of lists and motivations. Hopefully the items applied will be received – the goods are expected to arrive sometime in March/April.



Let's make history together by participating in a unique global online event, the [World's Biggest Commercial](#).

Why the [World's Biggest Commercial](#)?

The world's largest global health initiative deserves the World's Biggest Commercial. One starring thousands of people -- leaders, celebrities, and supporters across the globe -- all making history together.

Join Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Bill Gates, Jackie Chan, Amanda Peet and other world figures and celebrities in Rotary's "This Close" campaign. [Upload a photo of yourself](#) making the "This Close" gesture to be added into the constantly expanding commercial.

Share your support on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and ask your friends and family to join you.

Why now? This is a historic year in the fight to end polio.

- India is polio-free and has been removed from the polio-endemic country list.
- West Africa has stopped polio transmission.
- World leaders and new and existing donors- including Rotary- have committed to ending polio.
- More than 398 million children have been protected against polio this year alone.

But if we don't finish the fight right now, polio could quickly resurge, with devastating consequences. More than 10 million children could be paralyzed in the next 40 years. This once-in-a-generation opportunity would be gone forever.

Its time to make history. Help us change the world. Let's end polio now.



Thank you,
The End Polio Now Team

Here is an ideal opportunity to be a FACE of the END POLIO NOW campaign.

Which of our members will be the FIRST to be on the Commercial?

The link is <http://thisclose.endpolio.org.en>

Our stand at Essenwood Craft Market on 10th November seems like a suitable spot to take photos of the volunteers.

The Annual Prize Giving at OPEN AIR SCHOOL is a special event. To watch these children, some in wheelchairs, some with walkers and some just struggling along walking, receiving their certificates of achievement and trophies bring tears to one's eyes, **reports Irene Kotze.**

Not only are the children proud recipients but the dedicated teachers who make it possible for dreams to come true are also extremely proud of the achievements of the children. 2012 was a successful year; many awards were won in national competitions, not only on the sports field but also in the academic environment. OPEN AIR SCHOOL CAN BE PROUD OF ITS LEARNERS. Our E-Club Member, Noel Moodley, who is the acting Principal also has reason to look back on a successful year. In conjunction with the Board and the Donors, he has achieved large scale improvements to the school and the hostel. Our Club is proud to be associated with this school and we hope to be able to find the funds again for a bursary for next year.

As the Head Boy said in the Matriculant's Valediction, teachers at OPEN AIR SCHOOL instil in everyone, no matter how disabled, the very apt schools motto of "**I CAN AND I WILL**".

The children in the photo wrote the words and composed the music of the song all by themselves and sang it beautifully.



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22 August 2012

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Att: Mr. Gordon Dowsett and the members of Rotary EClub for the wonderful donation of blankets that you have given to the rural community of Kilbarchan and Ingagane area. The children were so happy to receive a blanket for the winter months and years to come. Thank you so much for thinking of those that really need blankets.

It is always a worry to make sure children are looked after in the winter months in our area.

May God bless each one of you for your great gift

Lindie and the Boys of Thembelihle
Manager



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John Fannin writes from the West Coast: FDSA Velddrif is a registered non-profit and public benefit organization. (Section 18 A)

HISTORY

Velddrif is situated on the West Coast of South Africa and consists of 3 demarcated areas: Velddrif, Noordhoek and Laaipelek.

Fishing is the main income source but dwindling fish resources and allocation of fishing quotas has led to the closing of fishing companies, processing plants and the downsizing of the few that remained. As a result many people are now unemployed. The same scenario applies to the building trade, which collapsed as a result of the recession. Due to their lack of other skills and resources, people are living in dire poverty.

There is an alarming rate of single parents and abandoned children.

The aged are forced to foster and care for these children.

A survey at schools shows a rate of single parent homes to be as high as 64 %.

Drug abuse is also a huge problem among all populations groups, but more prevalent in the youth.

A few women from Noordhoek – Velddrif, identified the need and started cooking meals at their homes, to feed these children. The number of children soon outgrew their personal resources.

A few willing people undertook to supply the necessary resources and financial assistance. This led to the formation of FDSA Velddrif. (The name FDSA was derived from the names of the original ladies i.e. Flora, Dorothy, Sandra and Anna)

FDSA has grown to the extent that they now own ground and have built a kitchen. They are in the process of extending this building (a caretakers flat, garage, an office social workers and trauma/come night shelter will be added) which will be a youth centre when completed. They established a vegetable garden at Noordhoek School in 2007. The main aim is to teach children gardening skills. The produce gets used for the feeding scheme. They are also in the process of negotiating to plant 550 olive trees, which in future, when in full production, will help to add to the income of FDSA as well as job creation. At the youth centre they are also planning a vegetable garden and need to put a security fence around the grounds. The fence that is in use at the moment is on temporary loan from the school garden. They are planning a well point and the water from that will be used for the garden.

A test hole was drilled and it was found that the borehole water is suitable. All in all they have a couple of busy years ahead as they continue to improve the facilities.

John goes on to say: "I firmly believe that this is a project we should consider supporting. Herewith the items now required with costs:

Pump R4 400; Pop ups X 20 R2 300; PVC pipe R1 800; Timer R800; Valves R1 200; Tank R3 600; Dripper R1 800; Pipe 5mm R4 100; Taps Filters ex R480; Well with pipe R1 450; Garden equipment R310; **TOTAL: R22 240**

**The Board has agreed to support this project which will be funded as follows:
R10 000 from funds held by our club for a project on the West Coast;
R10 000 from private donors, that John has found.**

John has approached UK Rotary friends requesting £100 each from 2 clubs.

Well done John, we look forward to seeing this project unfold.

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It is important to have a good laugh sometimes!!!

The following questions were set in last year's GED examination.

These are genuine answers (from 16 year olds).

Q. Name the four seasons

A. Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar

Q. Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink

A. Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists

Q. How is dew formed?

A. The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire

Q. What causes the tides in the oceans?

A. The tides are a fight between the earth and the moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature abhors a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins the fight

Q. What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on?

A. If you are buying a house they will insist that you are well endowed

Q. In a democratic society, how important are elections?

A. Very important. Sex can only happen when a male gets an election

Q. What are steroids?

A. Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs. (Shoot yourself now, there is little hope)

Q. What happens to your body as you age?

A. When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental

Q. What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A. He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery (So true)

Q. Name a major disease associated with cigarettes?

A. Premature death

Q. What is artificial insemination?

A. When the farmer does it to the bull instead of the cow

Q. How can you delay milk turning sour?

A. Keep it in the cow (Simple, but brilliant)

Q. How are the main 20 parts of the body categorised (e.g. The abdomen)

A. The body is consisted into 3 parts - the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels: A, E, I, O, U. [What?]

Q. What is the fibula?

A. A small lie

Q. What does 'varicose' mean?

A. Nearby

Q. What is the most common form of birth control?

A. Most people prevent contraception by wearing a condominium (That would work)

Q. Give the meaning of the term 'Caesarean section'

A. The caesarean section is a district in Rome

Q. What is a seizure?

A. A Roman Emperor. (Julius Seizure, I came, I saw, I had a fit)

Q. What is a terminal illness?

A. When you are sick at the airport. (Irrefutable)

Q. What does the word 'benign' mean?

A. Benign is what you will be after you be eight (brilliant)

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This item of "News" was on the Mweb home page on Friday 26th Oct and repeated on TV News and also appeared in a few newspapers:

Johannesburg - A Soweto school principal lost a box of 20 matric science exam papers when he forgot them on the roof of his car on Thursday morning, the Gauteng education department said.

"When loading his car, he appears to have put the box with exam papers on the roof of the vehicle. He drove off forgetting to put the box inside the vehicle," the department said in a statement.

The man who made the blunder was headmaster of the Phefeni Senior Secondary School in Orlando West.

An extra box of exam papers was sent to the school. All pupils completed the exam. Answer papers submitted by pupils at four schools in the area would be scrutinised to determine if they had prior knowledge of the exam's content.

The principal, who was not named, was suspended from his exam duties pending an investigation.

He was also the chief invigilator and tasked with picking up the exams at the local collection point

I found one of the sentences quite amazing. The article says that the principal was not named! Wow, so was his school also not named?

Leaving something on the bonnet of one's car is surely quite common and I'm sure many of you may have done so. I once left my cell on top of my bakkie and after hanging on around 7 corners the cell phone finally fell off as I went around a circle. Fortunately it was found by someone who was keen to find the owner and he telephoned the previous number that I had phoned which happened to be my son so I was soon re-united with that little irritating irreplaceable gadget.

Oh yes, and there was the time that my wife placed a cake on the top of her mini and road 5km home – fortunately the roof rack helped to prevent the cake from falling off – Sue couldn't understand why so many strangers were waving to her while she drove home.

Has that ever happened to you? Let's hear what you have left on the top of your car and driven off without realising what you have done.

So now we have a headmaster who has been suspended from his exam duties – where are the days when the exam papers were delivered / posted to the schools in a sealed envelope, kept in the safe and opened on the day of the exams? Because of the dishonesty of so many desperate people the exam papers now have to be collected on the morning of the exam in case of a leak. What a huge waste of petrol and time.

I remember having to drive in to Truro house early in the morning to collect the day's exam papers and then having to repeat the trip with the completed answers in the afternoon.

Let's hope sanity prevails when this case against Headmaster X is investigated.

AND NOW ONCE AGAIN WE ARE OUTA SPACE