

# OUTA SPACE

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**Be a gift to the world**

When we look at the October Rotary International Area of Focus Month of **ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** there are invariably more questions than answers. The Johnny Nash song goes something like this:

*There are more questions than answers  
Pictures in my mind that will not show  
There are more questions than answers  
The more I find out the less I know*

Those words have a fairly true ring to them and the following questions come to mind:

- Do we as Rotarians assist in developing leaders to guide communities to take charge of their future and not depend on the ever 'helping hand'?
- Are we aiming to equip individuals and communities with tools with which to express THEIR values?
- Do we correctly address and foster the avenues of skills development in our Clubs?
- The government is talking a lot about skills shortages and leadership development, but it is not happening. Are we as

Rotarians able to contribute even in a small way?

Our E-Club does to a certain extent fulfil some of these needs but what about the greater Rotary family?

Some interesting points to ponder!

Last week saw the 3<sup>rd</sup> country-wide **Rotary Family Health Day**

campaign. It was hugely successful in many centres based on the numbers that attended. However, there were also isolated instances where the attendance was abysmal and our E-Club was unfortunately based at one such venue. With a 3 day total of 178 'customers' of which only 38 arrived on the Friday when our Club was on duty, it can hardly be considered a success story! Of course it didn't help matters that the site was changed on the Monday and the 10 posters and 1 000 pamphlets that we distributed all showed the previously selected site. But, next year we will volunteer again and hope for a better turnout.

**Have Fun**

*Gerald Sieberhagen - Editor*

You may view the latest post by Rob Lindegger  
at <http://www.wobblingthroughafrica.com>

## Nareshini Ranganthan reporting.....

### King Shaka International Airport family makes a difference at the “forgotten” community of Frasers in Tongaat!!

The KSIA SED Committee did a follow up visit to the Frasers informal community this week to drop off some much needed clothes, blankets and school items. This time they took Bidvest Prestige Cleaning with them to witness the need of the community and to participate in the lunch time feeding program. The Frasers community is just outside King Shaka International Airport and informally houses about 3 000 adults and about 200 children.



It is one of the communities that have been adopted by KSIA through their SED programme and they are appealing to all staff and stakeholders at KSIA to donate clothing, blankets and non-perishable items. The Communications and Brand team who are situated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the ACSA office block will gladly accept any donations.

Nareshini will facilitate an application for toys and food to East Coast Radio to bring some Christmas cheer to this impoverished community.

### Irene Kotze reporting on UMDUDUZI.....

UMDUDUZI HOSPICE CARE FOR CHILDREN – reporter Irene Kotze

On Saturday 3 October 2015 I had the pleasure of attending UMDUDUZI's, in conjunction with ICPCN (International Children's Palliative Care Network), fundraising event showing the film premiere of an award winning film "LITTLE STARS" telling the surprisingly life-affirming stories of children and their families, who with the help of palliative care, manage to enjoy quality of life despite serious illness and life-limiting conditions.



Dr Julia Ambler, a medical doctor and Tracy Brand started UMDUDUZI to promote and provide compassionate care to children with life-threatening and life-limiting illnesses.

Their mission: to bring compassion, dignity, relevant care and relief from discomfort and pain to children in KZN diagnosed with serious illnesses. They accomplish their mission through direct patient care, mentorship, empowerment

of caregiver's training and advocacy.

The services under the umbrella of palliative care are:

- Advice on the control of pain and other symptoms
- Teaching and training of healthcare professionals
- Compassionate care for children suffering from life-threatening and life-limiting conditions
- Counselling for children and families
- Age-appropriate HIV disclosure counselling
- Home visits and assessments and support through bereavement.

UMDUDUZI treats children as people not just as patients and seeks to ensure that these children receive the best possible care and comfort. Play is an integral part of healing and comfort. A structured play programme takes place daily at Clairwood Hospital for all the children in the ward. This is facilitated by a play-coordinator.

Our Club is proud to have assisted the play centre with educational toys in the past, and we hope to be able to make a "Christmas" visit again this year.

Palliative care was an unknown medical term to me, till I met Julia and Tracy about 2 years ago. They had just started the play centre at Clairwood Hospital. As soon as the new KZN Children's Hospital opens its doors there will be four beds that have been allocated for children's palliative care.

The need for palliative child care has been recognised worldwide and ICPCN is a registered international charity which networks with organisations and individuals working in children's palliative care from all over the world. For those who want to learn more about this organisation and children's palliative care see their website:

**[www.icpcn.org](http://www.icpcn.org)**

It takes very dedicated and committed persons to work in this environment day in and day out and Julia and Tracy are two of these special ones.

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## BIRTHDAYS

### OCTOBER

20<sup>th</sup> – Sheree Light  
24<sup>th</sup> – Michael Chen  
25<sup>th</sup> – Anita Kistnasamy  
25<sup>th</sup> – Jean Mugisha



## ANNIVERSARIES

### OCTOBER

15<sup>th</sup> – Gunnar & Sheree Light

## DATES TO DIARISE

**2015**

15<sup>th</sup> Oct – Global Handwashing Day – anyone planning anything exciting?

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – World Polio Day – E-Club EndPolioNow promotion at Windermere Centre

1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Nov – World Interact Week

**2016**

**DATE FOR DG's VISIT ON  
GoToMeeting to be in FEBRUARY 2016**

26/27 Feb - RI President Ravi Ravindran's Development Conference in Cape Town

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March – PRESIDENTS AND OFFICERS ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR [POETS] in DURBAN

10/11<sup>th</sup> JUNE – District Conference in Potchefstroom

## ADVERTISING

### IN ROTARY AFRICA MAGAZINE

Have you ever considered advertising your products or services in the Rotary Africa Magazine? Or do you know of a business that may wish to do so? You can obtain the 2015 Advertising rates on the Rotary Africa website @ [www.rotaryafrica.com](http://www.rotaryafrica.com)

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## EVENTS AND PROJECTS

### GLOBAL GRANT 1418817

Proceeding according to plan.

### GLOBAL GRANT 1527880

Proceeding according to plan

### SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER – WORLD POLIO DAY PROMOTION AT WINDERMERE CENTRE

We have a full house of volunteers for this promotion but should anyone else like to come along, there will always be something for you to do.

### TOMS SHOES

Through the efforts of Andisha Maharaj, TOMS SHOES have been obtained for Park Gate Primary School and Nongoanga Primary School. The total number of TOMS SHOES is in excess of 1 000. Thank you to Sesëgo Cares and especially Annemarie Mostert for making this possible.

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### PRESIDENT JEAN'S PAGE



Dear Family of Rotarians  
Economic and community development is another burning issue across the globe. Rotary's goal orientated business model approach has attracted other organizations to partner with us to address these shared priorities. Rotary is at the forefront of tackling major humanitarian issues facing the world today.

Maternal and child health, clean water and sanitation, literacy, disease prevention and treatment are among Rotary's area of focus. As Rotarians what are we doing in any one of the above areas of focus to assist our communities? (Share your ideas on Facebook!).

Did you know that the E-Club of Lantau, Hong Kong was a partner in a 'Storytelling Event @ Tung Chung'? The event is part of the community Neighbourhoods Developmental Project to encourage the establishment of a quality parent-child relationship & communities networking. This event required no cash but only volunteer hours.

Rotary at the feet of children: Rotarians who have assisted in the handing over of TOM SHOES, thereby assisting communities by giving their children self-esteem and prevention

of disease and injuries. Shoes help children improve their posture and walking.

Nearly 1.4 billion employed people live on less than \$1.25 a day. Rotarians carry out service projects that enhance economic and community development and develop opportunities for decent and productive work for young and old. We also help strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities. Imagine a community where the residents are all free to plant, grow, harvest, and eat healthy food whenever they want to, without having to pay for it.

Launched by the Rotaract Club of Versailles, Potalib was inspired by the Incredible Edible project, an international food-sharing movement founded by Nick Green in England. The Rotaract members obtained Green's permission to apply the concept in France, changing the name to "Potalib," a contraction of "potager libre" (free vegetable garden). The project's success goes to the Rotaract club's sponsor, the Rotary Club of Versailles. "They have always given us good counselling. Without 'our' Rotarians, we would not be here today," says Rotaractor Mathieu.

Rotary does help communities increase their capacity to support sustainable economic development.

Across the world, the family of Rotary is making its mark in developing communities, and you, as a Rotarian, are making your mark.

**Let's walk this road together and have FUN!**

**Jean**

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**TOPIC of the Week duties and the dates for GoToMeeting are highlighted in larger print to ensure that members do not overlook them**

## **TOPIC of the Week ROSTER SEPT to DEC 2015**

### **THIS IS YOUR REMINDER**

**19<sup>th</sup> Oct – Peter Brauteseth**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Oct – Jean Singh**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Jerry Brown**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Nov – Janet Rouillard**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Angie Goody**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Gerald Sieberhagen**  
**30<sup>th</sup> Nov - Aadila Sabat St Clair**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Sandy Botha**

Please send your TOPIC of the Week to our Club Admin Director, Gerald, by at least the THURSDAY preceding the date of your turn. It makes it easier if Rotarians send in their TOPIC of the Week well ahead of time.

**Thank you to all of you who comply with this.**

## **TUESDAY**

**20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER**  
**17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**  
**WED 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – link with RC of Winnipeg at 9pm**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER**  
**12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**  
**26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**  
**9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY maybe DG visit**  
**23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**  
**22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH**  
**5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**  
**19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> MAY**  
**17<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

During the week preceding the GTM, the login details REMINDER will be emailed to each member and an SMS reminder may be sent on the day as a further reminder.

**I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.**  
**I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.**  
**I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.**  
**Velcro - what a rip off!**  
**I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.**  
**Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.**  
**England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.**  
**I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.**

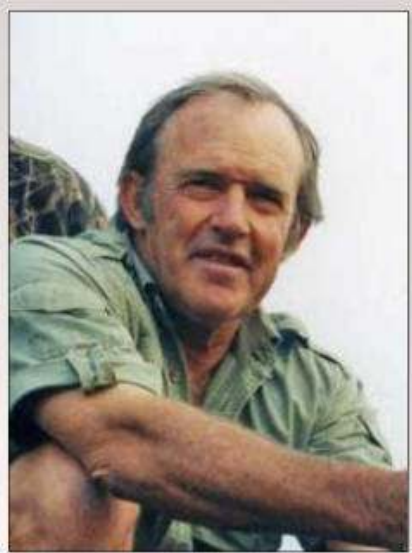
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FROM JOHN FANNIN.....

On behalf of myself, my wife June and our two sons, Craig and Glenn, our Family Trust has deposited R1,000 into the Club's bank account.

This is a donation to The Rotary Foundation in memory of a Fellow Rotary Foundation Alumnus, the late **Tony Tomkinson**, who died tragically, aged 66, ten days ago in Windhoek from complications following extensive colon surgery.



I feel it is necessary to tell you something about Tony. June and I met him and his wife Barbara when he was a junior ranger at Ndumu Game Reserve in northern Zululand. We "clicked" immediately as we enjoyed the same delights provided by nature in the wild, including flora and fauna, as well as the delights of well fermented grape juice.

We became firm friends and Tony and Barbara, with their two daughters, often stayed in our home in Cowies Hill on their time off. We watched Tony rise in the ranks of the old Natal Parks Board until he became Warden of Mkuzi Game Reserve. Over the years, I experienced many wonderful moments with

Tony, i.e. climbing up the nearest tree when we were charged by a Black Rhino while out on patrol on foot in Mkuzi; sleeping out on the banks of the Mkuzi River and being visited by a leopard in the night; seeing my first Fishing Owl in Ndumu, and enjoying good wine and good food together.

Tony had no tertiary qualifications but huge experience in the bush. He was also a magnificent shot. I once travelled with him at night in an open Landy on a cull of male Impala in Mkuzi. Using only 102 bullets, he shot dead 100 Impala males that night. The meat was processed and bought by a German Company who set up their own mobile abattoir to process the fresh carcasses as they arrived at the camp.

He did not wish to be promoted to a desk job at head office, so I suggested he apply for a Rotary Foundation Technical Training Award which was available to a few candidates in each District at that time. I assisted him with his paperwork but was not on the Foundation selection committee at that time. He "walked" the interview and having received the award, he spent a year at the University of Colorado studying Conservation. During that time he gave many talks to Rotary Clubs including one on the turtles breeding on the northern Zululand coast. I had been with him when we tagged Green Backed and Leather Backed Turtles in the early hours of a summer morning as well as taking photos of two turtles making the holes in the sand and laying their eggs. There was also a photo of me in an old UCT rugby jersey holding on to a very large Green Backed Turtle. The lectures he gave to Rotary Clubs, and to a number of other conservation organisations, using these photos, were always winners!

On his return from the USA he gave talks to many Clubs in the District. As expected, he was promoted to Head Office, but soon resigned to set up his own Safari Business. It was a huge success. It was not only a hunting safari business, but included photographic safaris, historical safaris and safaris to the wine areas of the Western Cape. His clients loved him and they returned year after year to take advantage of his hunting expertise, his tremendous knowledge of the flora and fauna of our country, his generosity, his outgoing personality and kindness to everyone, irrespective of age, colour, religion or gender.

### Angels.....as explained By Children

I only know the names of two angels, Hark and Harold. - Gregory, age 5

Everybody has got it all wrong. Angels don't wear halos anymore. I forget why, but scientists are working on it - Olive, age 9

It's not easy to become an angel! First, you die. Then you go to Heaven, and then there's still the flight training to go through. And then you got to agree to wear those angel clothes. - Matthew, age 9

Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else.  
- Mitchell, age 7

My guardian angel helps me with math, but he's not much good for science.  
-Henry, age 8

Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from Holy Cows!!! - Jack, age 6

Angels talk all the way while they're flying you up to heaven. The main subject is where you went wrong before you got dead. - Daniel, age 9

When an angel gets mad, he takes a deep breath and counts to ten. And when he lets out his breath again, somewhere there's a tornado. - Reagan, age 10

Angels have a lot to do and they keep very busy. If you lose a tooth, an angel comes in through your window and leaves money under your pillow. Then when it gets cold, angels go south for the winter. - Sara, age 6

Angels live in cloud houses made by God and his son, who's a very good carpenter.  
-Jared, age 8

All angels are girls because they gotta wear dresses and boys didn't go for it.  
-Antonio, age 9

My angel is my grandma who died last year. She got a big head start on helping me while she was still down here on earth. - Ashley, age 9

Some of the angels are in charge of helping heal sick animals and pets. And if they don't make the animals get better, they help the child get over it. - Vicki, age 8

What I don't get about angels is why, when someone is in love, they shoot arrows at them. - Sarah, age 7

**As they Say .....No One says it better than A Child.....**



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ROTARY FAMILY HEALTH DAYS – 7, 8, 9 OCTOBER 2015



Our E-Club team – BU Singh, Mike Lezar [Amanzimtoti] Gerald Sieberhagen and seated Suzanne Edmunds, President Jean Singh and Irene Kotze.

Below – Huge crowds turned up at the official launch site at the Albert Luthuli Museum, Stanger. WELL DONE to the organizers of this site.



The Rotary Club of Cape Town had a busy site at the Metrorail Cape Town Station. Well done!



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

**1 NO POVERTY**



End poverty in all its forms everywhere

**2 ZERO HUNGER**



End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

**3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**



Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

**4 QUALITY EDUCATION**



Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

**5 GENDER EQUALITY**



Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

**6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION**



Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

**7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY**



Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

**8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH**



Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

**9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE**



Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

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## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

**10** REDUCED INEQUALITIES



Reduce inequality within and among countries

**11** SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

**12** RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



Ensure sustainable, consumption and production patterns

**13** CLIMATE ACTION



Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

**14** LIFE BELOW WATER



Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

**15** LIFE ON LAND



Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification and halt and reverse land degradation and halt Bio-diversity loss

**16** PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

**17** PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

These then are the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals as defined in Transforming Our World - the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. There is a lot more detail available under each goal

*"There is sufficient in the world for man's need but not for man's greed" - Mahatma Gandhi*

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Remember, sometime in August we had this photo of Rae Kirton in OUTA SPACE as a provincial winner in the Business Women of the Year awards ceremony.

Then on 16<sup>th</sup> September I received the following message from Keith:

*Hi there, Just to let you know that Rae won her category in the Business woman of the year awards. Keith*

**So I am presuming that the award is at National level. WELL DONE RAE!!!** *Editor*

### THOUGHTS

- Not everything that counts can be counted and not everything that can be counted counts
- One meets his destiny often in the road he takes to avoid it.
- We don't know who we are until we see what we can do.
- No pessimist ever discovered the secret of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new doorway for the human spirit.
- Bygone troubles are a pleasure to talk about.
- Nothing lasts forever – not even your troubles.
- I am an old man and have known a great many troubles, but most of them never happened.
- Is there some principal of nature which states that we never know the quality of what we have until it is gone?
- If the rich could hire other people to die for them, the poor could make a wonderful living.
- The wise man, even when he holds his tongue, says more than the fool when he speaks.
- What you don't see with your eyes, don't invent with your mouth.
- A hero is someone who can keep his mouth shut when he is right.
- One old friend is better than two new ones
- One of life's greatest mysteries is how the boy who wasn't good enough to marry your daughter can be the father of the smartest grandchild in the world.
- Old friends, like old wines, don't lose their flavour.

When I get old, I'm going to move in with my kids, hog the computer, pay no bills, eat all the food, trash the house, and when asked to clean, pitch a fit like it's killing me!



*And now we are once again OUTA SPACE*