

# OUTA SPACE

NEWSLETTER

ROTARY E-CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA ONE

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Rotary 

14th MARCH 2017  
No 17



## March is recognised as Water and Sanitation month in the Rotary Calendar.

Water and Sanitation is quite significant in The Rotary Foundation.

The first donation of US\$26.50 to the Foundation in 1917 was for a toilet facility.

The very first Global Grant in D9270 was for the upgrade of existing toilets as well as a few new toilets at Ekuthuleni Primary School. It fell within the Water and Sanitation Focus Area.

This was before D9270 and D9320 merged to form D9370.

This Global Grant was hatched when Richard Groom, a member of the Rotary Club of Hawthorn Australia, visited Durban during the World Rotary Cricket Festival in March 2010.

The handover of the keys to the toilets took place on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011. There are a few photos of the handover on page 8.

Quite interesting that Richard Groom is now involved, with our E-Club, in putting together a District Grant – we look forward to the outcome.

Some interesting figures emerge from the Rotary Foundation Global Grant statistics for the six Areas of Focus for the 2015/16 year:

Overall, the most, 32%, Global Grants are in the Disease Prevention and Treatment category followed by 23% for Water and Sanitation. In Zone 20A, where we are, the most Global Grants are in Basic Education and Literacy which is probably understandable.

*Have FUN and Make it happen  
Gerald Sieberhagen - Editor*

**STILL THREE SUBSCRIPTIONS OUTSTANDING! WHY?  
RI AND DIST DUES AND ROTARY AFRICA SUBS  
HAVE BEEN PAID. ARE YOU ONE OF THE 3?**

### PRESIDENT IRENE'S CORNER



Dear Fellow Rotarians  
Warm greetings from DOWN UNDER!  
I am having a great time with the family and especially with my two granddaughters and getting into trouble for spoiling them!

Looking at the time table in Erin's classroom I noticed a subject "VOLUNTEERING" and asked her teacher what that meant. Her explanation: **we encourage and support positive civic participation through volunteer service by people of all ages and from all walks of life. We now have a publication of a new nationally significantly resource curriculum fostering a culture of giving with practical lessons for teachers from foundation phase to grade 10. This resource was developed as one of a number of national innovations and collaboration projects funded by the Federal Department of Social Services under its Families and Community programme.**

Asking some more questions, I learnt that Australia has a strong tradition of volunteering and it is being promoted and strengthened in an ever changing world. Opening up opportunities in the mainstream schools for all young Australians to learn about volunteering and to em-

brace a culture of giving, has the potential to set patterns for lifetime fulfillment and community connection.

Another teacher explained: **through this curriculum project we now have a tailored resource promoting young peoples' positive civic involvement, aligned with formal curricula and pedagogy in our schools and of course there are a number of associations that also promote volunteering. If you look at the notice board in the public libraries you will find a number of leaflets all advertising volunteer services.**

Indeed I did find leaflets from VOLUNTEER TASK FORCE - their mission is aimed at supporting those who have difficulty with everyday tasks due to frailty or disability. JOIN TODAY AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE is the motto of the St Vincent de Paul Society. But the one I thought was unusual is the FISHABILITY FOUNDATION who strives to enhance the quality of life and self esteem of people with disabilities. They provide opportunities for children and adults in the community to have the freedom of being outdoors to enjoy the excitement, reward and camaraderie of fishing. This objective is reached through specially structured fully supervised fishing activities from a purpose built boat equipped to carry participants with disabilities off shore. Amazing!

Enjoy OUTA SPACE

**Irene**

*I'm pleased to see that I am back on my feet now*

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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**

**MAR 2017 to JUNE 2017**

### **THIS IS YOUR REMINDER**

Thank you to the following volunteers! **PLEASE NOTE YOUR DATE**

20<sup>th</sup> Mar – Aadila Sabat  
27<sup>th</sup> Mar – Ailsa Kaminski  
3<sup>rd</sup> Apr – Pat Draper  
10<sup>th</sup> Apr – Ockie Esterhuysen  
17<sup>th</sup> Apr – Peter Brauteseth  
24<sup>th</sup> Apr – Angie Mitchell  
8<sup>th</sup> May – Monique Labat  
15<sup>th</sup> May – Hans Hon  
22<sup>nd</sup> May – Suzanne Edmunds  
29<sup>th</sup> May – Nadja Fredericks  
5<sup>th</sup> June – Steven Lancaster  
12<sup>th</sup> June – Johan Krugel  
19<sup>th</sup> June – Greg Cryer  
26<sup>th</sup> June – Amanda van Rooyen  
3<sup>rd</sup> July –  
10<sup>th</sup> July –  
17<sup>th</sup> July –  
24<sup>th</sup> July –  
31<sup>st</sup> July –  
7<sup>th</sup> Aug –  
14<sup>th</sup> Aug –  
21<sup>st</sup> Aug –  
28<sup>th</sup> Aug –

Please send your TOPIC of the Week to our Club Admin Director, Gerald Sieberhagen, 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.

**GoToMeeting  
@ 19h00  
TUESDAY**

**21<sup>st</sup> MARCH  
4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
2<sup>ND</sup> MAY  
16<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
30<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
13<sup>th</sup> JUNE  
27<sup>th</sup> JUNE  
11<sup>th</sup> JULY  
25<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
8<sup>TH</sup> AUG  
22<sup>ND</sup> AUG**

During the week preceding the GTM, the login details REMINDER will be emailed to each member.

**If you have any suggestions regarding a Guest Speaker please let me know – Gerald – Club Admin**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### BIRTHDAYS

#### MARCH

17<sup>th</sup> – Pat Draper  
18<sup>th</sup> – Lynette Millard  
25<sup>th</sup> – Ann Hargreaves  
28<sup>th</sup> – Ailsa Kaminski

#### APRIL

1<sup>st</sup> – Arlene Arnold  
14<sup>th</sup> – Alastair Stead  
15<sup>th</sup> – Jerry Brown  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Keith Kirton

#### MAY

5<sup>th</sup> – Diane Main  
12<sup>th</sup> – Candelaria Zapp  
12<sup>th</sup> – Melanie Hegemann  
12<sup>th</sup> – Zwakele Ngubane  
13<sup>th</sup> – Dhiviyana Kalidas  
15<sup>th</sup> – Aadila Sabat  
17<sup>th</sup> – Gillian Stark  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Angie Goody  
27<sup>th</sup> – Gerald Sieberhagen

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### MARCH

24<sup>th</sup> – Paul & Sandra Maistry  
27<sup>th</sup> – Ockie & Jeanette Esterhuyse

#### APRIL

6<sup>th</sup> – Gerald & Sue Sieberhagen  
8<sup>th</sup> – Pat & Beryl Draper  
11<sup>th</sup> – Johan & Angela Krugel  
27<sup>th</sup> – Keith & Rae Kirton  
30<sup>th</sup> – Peter & Sandy Brauteseth

#### MAY

13<sup>th</sup> – Cyril & Clementine Phakathi  
17<sup>th</sup> – Mike & Lynette Millard  
23<sup>rd</sup> – EARLYACT CLUB of OUR LADY  
OF FATIMA  
25<sup>th</sup> – Aadila & Brian Sabat St Clair

#### MORE MAY BIRTHDAYS

28<sup>th</sup> – Andisha Maharaj  
31<sup>st</sup> – Andrea Mellon

## UPCOMING EVENTS 2017

**22<sup>ND</sup> March – World Water Day**

**25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May – District Conference in Grahamstown  
'Kindle a Spark'  
Make an extra effort to attend**

**10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June – Rotary International Convention in Atlanta**

**4<sup>th</sup> July – Rotary E-Club of South Africa One Induction Dinner**

**1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September – Arbor Week – ideal time to plant a tree in  
South Africa**

**14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September – Rotary Zone 20A Institute in Johannesburg**

**21<sup>st</sup> September – International Day of Peace**

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

**19<sup>th</sup> November – World Toilet Day**

## 2018

**27<sup>th</sup> April – Arbor Day in USA and deadline day for planting a tree**

### **2017-18 RI President Ian H.S. Riseley announces his presidential theme, *Rotary: Making a Difference***

By **Ryan Hyland**

Rotary International President-elect Ian H.S. Riseley made the case on Monday that protecting the environment and curbing climate change are essential to Rotary's goal of sustainable service.

Riseley, a member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia, unveiled the 2017-18 presidential theme, *Rotary: Making a Difference*, to incoming district governors at Rotary's International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

Environmental degradation and global climate change are serious threats to everyone, Riseley said. "They are having a disproportionate impact on those who are most vulnerable, those to whom Rotary has the greatest responsibility. Yet environmental issues rarely register on the Rotary agenda," he said.

Environmental degradation is one of the major threats listed by the UN's High-level Panel on Threats, Challenges, and Change.

Riseley added, "The time is long past when environmental sustainability can be dismissed as not Rotary's concern. It is, and must be, everyone's concern."

The president-elect challenged every Rotary club to make a difference by planting a tree for each of its members between the start of the Rotary year on 1 July and Earth Day on 22 April 2018. Trees remove carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from the air, which slows global warming.

"It is my hope that the result of that effort will be far greater than the environmental benefit that those 1.2 million new trees will bring," Riseley said. "I believe the greater result will be a Rotary that recognizes our responsibility not only to the people on our planet, but to the planet itself."

### **Securing Rotary's future**

In his address to the 2017-18 class of district governors, Riseley also urged clubs to improve their gender balance and lower the average age of their members.

Only 22 percent of Rotary's members are women, up from 13 percent 10 years ago. At that rate, Riseley said, it will take another three decades for Rotary to achieve gender parity.

We know that we can do more together than we could ever hope to do alone.

"Three decades is far too long to wait to achieve a Rotary that reflects the world in which we live. We need to make it a priority now," he said.

Noting that 103 of the 539 incoming governors are women, Riseley said they are the type of women we need in Rotary, "leaders who will help Rotary connect with, and represent, and better serve, all of the members of all our communities."

Riseley also believes it is imperative that clubs find ways to attract and engage younger members. Today only 5 percent of reported members are under 40, and a majority of members are over 60, Riseley told the audience.

"Consider what Rotary stands to look like 10 or 20 years from now if we don't get very serious, very soon, about bringing in younger members," Riseley said.

Clubs will make a difference this year through their own decisions, said Riseley, but it will take teamwork on a global scale to move Rotary forward and secure its future.

"We know that we can do more together than we could ever hope to do alone," he told incoming governors. "I ask you to keep that spirit of teamwork and cooperation always in your minds and to take it back with you to your districts."

### Savannah Brandsma – addressing the pupils of Our Lady of Fatima School

Rotary Youth Exchange - the best experience of my life!

Last year I was sitting in assembly and listening to girls speaking about this exchange that they had done where they hosted someone from another country and then later they went and stayed with that person and their family. I thought to myself what that would be like? To be in another country with another family! Well this morning I will briefly share with you how my Rotary Youth Exchange went and how I have felt and how I have changed through this experience. .

For anyone interested in participating in the Rotary Short Term Exchange programme, there is quite a bit of paper work but once you are selected it's all excitement and fun from there.

The country I was allocated was Germany and my exchange sister is Lucie Strohecker. And I can tell you all now, that through this exchange I have indeed gained a sister, a German sister.

Lucie came here to live with my family for 6 weeks and she came to our school and got involved in almost everything! We seriously were the perfect match!

After her stay I couldn't wait to see her again... and have my turn for the 6 week exchange in Germany.

Germany... what can I say. The culture and history is so rich and runs so deep that I saw it in the streets, buildings, schools and the people. I loved every second and learned so much. I attended Lucie's school which is so different to ours ... there are no uniform (a mission to choose new outfits all the time) and it was co-ed. There are more differences and I could go on forever.

My host family was truly amazing and I hope to see them again soon. I have also made so many friends and most of them are friends of Lucie. I was really surprised at how everyone was so eager to ask me questions and they even tried really hard to speak English, although I managed to learn a bit of German too.

I remember that in one of Lucie's classes (politics) the teacher asked the class if I could do a presentation for them in English and they all said yes and then he asked if I would mind speaking about South African history (Mr Harris would have been proud). I can't count the number of questions I got after my presentation and Lucie was happy that her class paid attention for a change. I was rather surprised myself.

I went on a Rotary tour for my first week where I met other exchange students and saw most of Germany very quickly. But, wow... What an experience.

There were so many amazing moments in my trip and I will remember them all.

I have been asked what my favourite aspects of my exchange in Germany have been.

- The freedom - I could hop on my bike and Lucie and I could ride to school, training and friends houses... I loved the independence.
- The amazing chance of seeing Germany and going on the wonderful Rotary weeklong tour and meeting exchange students from Brazil, Germany and South Africa.
- Being able to meet Lucie and her family and know that I now have a second home that will always be waiting for me in Germany.

I really do encourage those interested in the exchange to follow it up because who knows, maybe you will be standing here next year and speaking about a once in a life time experience and your once in a life time exchange sister.



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## RENE PHEASANT DELIVERED TOYS TO CHILDREN IN BIZANA



Thanks so much for all the presents donated by you. The Kids had the best party ever with sweet parcels as well. Please thank all. Love, Rene

For many years, as far back as I can remember, Rene Pheasant and a few helpers have made Christmas [even if it was in February] very special for children living in Bizana. For many years she relied on the East Coast Radio Toy Story project for toys but for the past 2 years it has not been that easy. But miracles do sometime happen and our E-Club came to the rescue – don't ask me how.

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## GLOBAL GRANT NO 25206



The keys to the ablution facilities were handed over one year after the Global Grant was first discussed by Richard Groom, RC of Hawthorn Australia, when he visited Durban as a participant in the 6<sup>th</sup> World Rotary Cricket Festival in March 2010.

In the photo, Suzanne Edmunds, CEO of Project Build, Irene Kotze and President Gerald Sieberhagen, members of RC of Durban Bay and Sambulo Khalala, Headmaster of Ekuthuleni Primary School

At the time, Suzanne Edmunds was a Charter member of the E-Club with both Irene and Gerald being Honorary Members – Gerald moved to the E-Club in July 2011, Irene followed a year later and Sambulo, who had received a Paul Harris Fellowship on 17.03.2011, moved to the E-Club on 02.01.2012.





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## GLOBAL GRANTS – E-CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA ONE

### GG1418817 – PRIMARY CONTACT – PAT DRAPER

This grant is virtually completed and a FINAL REPORT is imminent. A very successful grant! It has made a difference, and will continue to do so, in the lives of many people.

### GG1527880 – PRIMARY CONTACT – PETER BRAUTESETH

The next report for this grant is due by 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017.  
The teaching/training in the Communities is ongoing.  
A graduation ceremony for Competency L2 Communication was held at the end of November 2016.  
Training is ongoing.

### GG1744284 – PRIMARY CONTACT – PAT DRAPER

The grant proceeds are expected from The Rotary Foundation any day now as all the funding is in place, either at TRF or in our Global Grant account.  
In the meantime, below is what the branding on the mobile unit will look like.  
Pat is itching to get started with the nuts and bolts of this project after quite a lengthy process in getting approval for the grant. We learn something new all the time.



### GG1771972 – PRIMARY CONTACT – HANS HON

This grant is still in draft form with much negotiation and guidance between our Club and The Rotary Foundation.  
Patience is the name of the game but ultimately it is worth it when one considers the benefits for the recipients.

### DISTRICT GRANT – 2017/18 ROTARY YEAR

All documentation for the next District Grant for R5 000 has been submitted to our District. This consists of:

- Club Qualification MOU
- D9370 District Grant Agreement
- District Grant Application

## Rotary International Board adopts new zone structure

At its January 2017 meeting, the Rotary International Board of Directors adopted a new zone structure for Rotary clubs.

Rotary bylaws require the Board to complete a comprehensive review of the 34 Rotary zones no less often than every eight years to ensure that each zone has an approximately equal number of Rotarians. The Board's previous review of the zones occurred in 2008.

The Board earlier approved the creation of three regional workgroups to develop rezoning proposals for Asia, Europe/Africa, and the Americas. These workgroups comprised one representative (either a current director, incoming director, or immediate past director) from each zone in the region. The regional workgroups submitted their proposals to the Zones Review Committee, chaired by past Rotary Vice President Michael K. McGovern, which consolidated them into a single, worldwide plan for the Board's consideration.

"I think the regional workgroups did a great job," says Rotary President John F. Germ. "Rezoning is always an emotional subject for some Rotarians, but the workgroups and Board acted courageously in an effort to be fair to all concerned."

The Board will consider other zone-related issues such as sectioning, pairing, and director election rotation at its June 2017 meeting.

If you have questions, please contact [zones@rotary.org](mailto:zones@rotary.org).

You may also download the new zone structure and the board decision timeline.

What will be of interest to our E-Club is that, at last, Africa will be a Zone on its own. The new Zone 22 will come into effect in 2019 when Zone 20 and Zone 20a will cease to exist. The districts to the north of Africa will fall into new Zones.

**How does this affect our Club?** *What do you think?*

**How does this affect our District?** *What do you think?*

**How does this affect our Zone?** *What do you think?*

## TREES

**ANDISHA MAHARAJ REPORTING:** Good News! I brought up the topic of planting TREES in Ottawa. My idea was for residents to spare their gardener for a day to assist with planting the trees. I received overwhelming response. Residents themselves want to do the planting and cleaning up of some of the areas that could beautify Ottawa. Next step is to FIND the indigenous trees. I am hoping the municipality's parks and gardens will assist by providing the plants. I am planning to start the planting in April/May – depending on planting times... will need to check with the horticulturist.

**ON GTM ANGELA SAVAGE SAID:** We have planted many trees in an around the area where I work – have instilled the importance of trees with the students that I work with. Several of the trees planted are fruit trees.

**With all this TREE news cropping up I will devote a special page in each OUTA SPACE until April 2018 for TREES so please help me to ensure that it isn't a blank page!**

## BEING A SENIOR



**My kids will never  
know the joy of  
finding a quarter  
in the coin return**



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**I MISS BEING ABLE TO SLAM MY PHONE  
DOWN WHEN I HANG UP ON SOMEBODY.**



**VIOLENTLY PRESSING "END CALL"  
JUST DOESN'T DO IT FOR ME!**

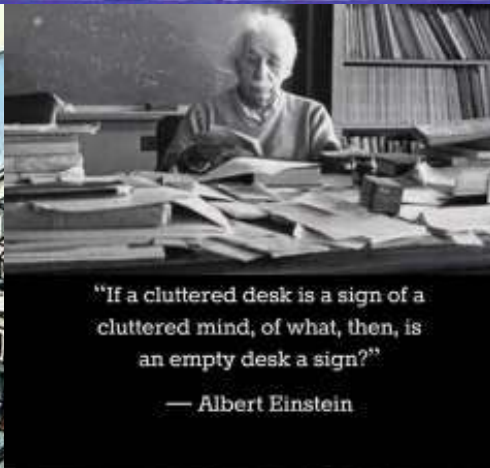
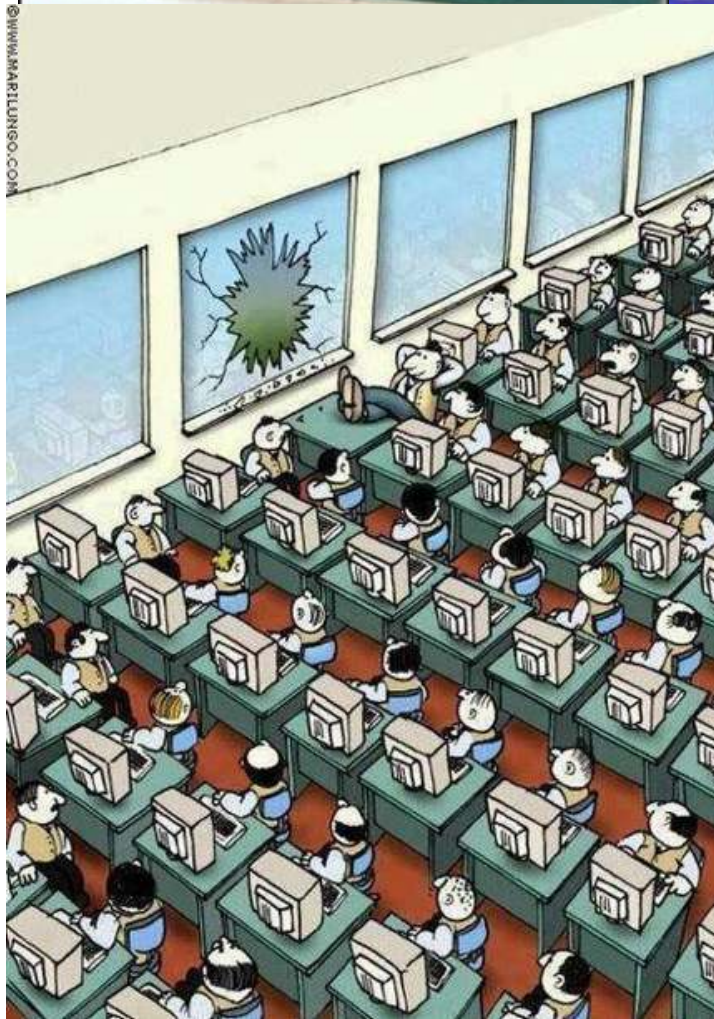
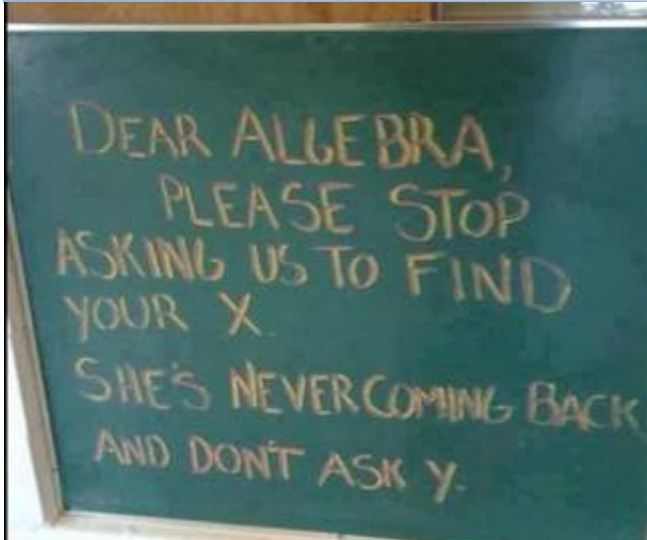
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## BITS OF WISDOM

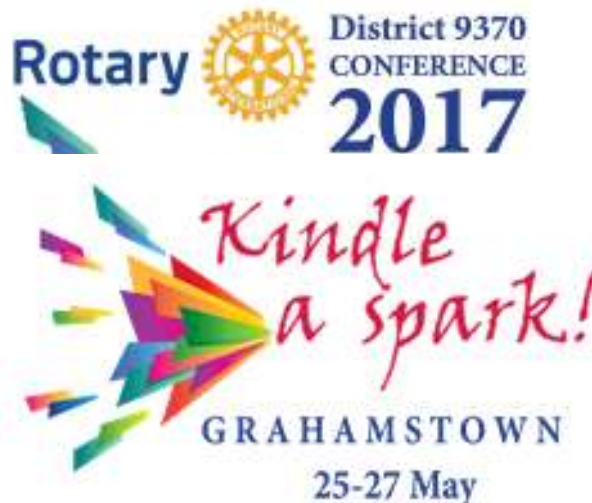




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### Children in Church

I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime. She would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us from E-mail."



### More Children in Church

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?" One child answered, "Mary."

The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?" A little kid said, "Verge."

Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?"

The kid said, "Well, you know, they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."

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3-year-old Reese: "Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen."

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A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

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One particular four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

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A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

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Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother, Joel, were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."