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NEWSLETTER

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Dear E-Club members and OUTA SPACE readers,

With all the Public Holidays now done (for many retirees they cause much confusion) some normality will now take over until the end of this month when (in South Africa) a Friday and Tuesday are public holidays and no doubt the Monday will be part of a long week end just to add to the confusion.

This month the Rotary Focus moves to Maternal and Child Health.

Statistics of child mortality do not make good reading and if only humans, in already over-populated areas, would consider the alternate – rather stop the uncontrolled breeding which should go a long way to arresting the spiralling population – *over-population* is probably more appropriate.

When will we ever learn that there is only *so much* to share?

WARNING – Some of the photos and/or images in this Edition may be detrimental to the health and/or well-being of certain readers

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Gerald - Editor

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PRESIDENT GERALD'S PAGE



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Dear Fellow Rotarians

In previous years several statistics were calculated from 1st July to 31st March of the Rotary year, especially with regards to the RI Presidential Citation.

Nice to see that for this year's Citation the period involved is the entire Rotary year – 1st July till 30th June.

For me this means that there is still some involvement for my year as President and that everything has not shifted to the next Rotary Year; not that I would mind, because plans by President-Elect Irene Kotze and her team need to be put in place early to ensure continuity as we move from Rotary year to Rotary year in a seamless manner.

We need to tie up a couple of the items in the RI Presidential Citation and gaining new members is one of

them! Amazingly a very low percentage of Rotarians have ever proposed a new member. An accurate figure is not readily available but figures of 30% seem to be fairly close to the mark.

Our E-Club's figure is 32% but when we calculate how many of our members have proposed a member who is still a member, the figure drops quite a bit to 13% but at least they tried.


Are you part of the 13%?

And the membership of Rotary is ageing. Our average age is now touching 60 with only 25% of our members being younger than 50.

However, this quote by Robert Brault is worth considering:

Say what you want about ageing, it is still the only way to have old friends.

Continue to have FUN while MAKING A DIFFERENCE as

you consider how YOU  will BE THE INSPIRATION in the Rotary year ahead.

Gerald

Let's tell the world we are
PEOPLE OF ACTION

GET STARTED TODAY!



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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

APRIL to SEPTEMBER 2018

Please send your TOPIC of the Week to President Gerald by at least the THURSDAY preceding the date of your turn.

2nd Apr – Andisha Maharaj ✓
9th Apr – Brian Savage ✓
16th Apr – David Tilling
23rd Apr – Janet Rouillard
30th Apr – Merryl Flynn
7th May – Suresh Setty
14th May – Monique Labat
21st May – Anathi Qabaka
28th May – Francesco Petruccione
4th June – Johan Krugel
11th June – Gerald Sieberhagen
18th June – Bob Kistnasamy
25th June – Lindiwe Mvubu
2nd July – Irene Kotze
9th July – Philip Hedley
16th July – Tina Hon ✓
23rd July – Zwakele Ngubane
30th July – Bill Main
6th Aug – Angela Savage
13th Aug – Jean Singh
20th Aug – Derek Kimber
27th Aug – Angie Goody
3rd Sept – John Fannin
10th Sept – Murna van der Merwe
17th Sept – Aadila Sabat
24th Sept – Michael Chen

GoToMeeting
@ 19h00
TUESDAY

10th APR – Charmaine Wheatley –
Sunshine Coast Projects

24th APR –

15th MAY –

29th MAY –

12th JUN –

26th JUN –

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

If you have any suggestions for a Guest Speaker at one of our GTM's please let President Gerald know

DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

APR

14th – Alastair Stead

22nd – Keith Kirton

MAY

5th – Diane Main

12th – Candelaria Zapp

12th – Zwakele Ngubane

12th – Melanie Hegemann

13th – Dhiviyan Kalidas

15th – Aadila Sabat-St Clair

17th – Gillian Stark

17th – Kevin Flynn

23rd – Angie Goody

24th – Mike Bowley

27th – Gerald Sieberhagen

ANNIVERSARIES

APR

8th – Pat & Beryl Draper

8th – Mike & Dawn Bowley

11th – Johan & Angela Krugel

26th – Derek & Sue Kimber

27th – Keith & Rae Kirton

MAY

17th – Mike & Lynette Millard

23rd – EarlyAct Club of Our Lady of Fatima CTR

25th – Aadila & Brian Sabat-St Clair

BIRTHDAYS cont

28th – Andisha Maharaj

28th – Inga Mpepanduku

31st – Andrea Mellon

UPCOMING EVENTS 2018

7th April – 9h00 The Botanical Society KZN Coastal Branch walk led by Hugh Glen of Centenarian Trees of Durban Botanical Gardens – See page 9 for more details

22nd April – Earth Day and deadline day for planting a tree

SUNDAY 29th April – 8H30 UMGENI STEAM RAILWAY journey – see page 10 for details

5th May – Sunshine Coast, Australia Masquerade Ball

28th May – Menstrual Health Day

30th May – 2nd June – 3rd ICPCN Conference, Durban, South Africa

  ROTARY CONVENTION
23-27 JUNE 2018
TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA

28th June to 4th July - Shauna King and her International Medical Relief team will be in Durban

6th to 8th July – InterCity Meeting in Türi, Estonia of our SUBZ Global Grant partner Clubs

WEDNESDAY 18th JULY – 67 MINUTES FOR NELSON MANDELA

FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST/SATURDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER – ROTARY LEADERSHIP TRAINING

3rd to 5th October – Rotary Family Health Days

WEDNESDAY 24th October – WORLD POLIO DAY

2019

20TH to 25TH Jan – 10th World Rotary Cricket Festival in Melbourne

16th to 18th May - D9370 CONFERENCE in PORT ELIZABETH

1st to 5th June – RI CONVENTION - Hamburg



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From: John Green
Sent: 28 March 2018 04:56 PM
To: Tina Hon
Subject: Oxyflow

My committee agreed last night that it would donate £500 towards the cost of this equipment, we do not have available funds to fund the whole £1000 needed.

If you accept this donation the way forward is for you to give me bank details so that I can then get a good exchange rate through my dealers and then transfer the money to you in Rand. Used this method with Bev for the eye clinic and seem to get a good exchange rate without charges. Regards, John

From: Tina Hon
To: John Green
OXYFLOW

On behalf of the Rotary E-Club of South Africa One, I would like to thank you most sincerely for your generous contribution. The amount of £500.00 will assist us greatly in the purchase of the Oxygen generator for Damant Lodge.

We will compile a small power point of the project after handover, which will include the press cuttings of the local newspaper.

Please convey our gratitude to all your club members of RC Horwich **and we wish you all a very Blessed Easter.**

Kind regards

Tina, Director Southern Cluster, Rotary E-Club of South Africa One, Port Alfred

AND SO AN OXYFLOW GENERATOR IS ABOUT TO BE INSTALLED AT DAMANT LODGE

John Fannin reporting from Velddrif: The first spectacles have been handed out. Bettie has taken photos. She has a wonderful story about the first set handed to Florrie, the "F" in FDSA. She is a lovely lady to whom we talk when we visit the Youth Centre and Kitchen. Florrie still goes there every day, helping out in the kitchen. When given her new pair of spectacles, she put them on, then picked up her Bible and shouted, at the top of her voice, "Now I can read my Bible". What a wonderful Rotary moment making Service worthwhile. THANK YOU Charmaine Wheatley for bringing the spectacles to South Africa and to you and Irene for bringing them to us. They have "made a difference" in the lives of many old folk in Velddrif. Here are 3 of the recipients



FLORRIE van NEEL



DIRK STEENKAMP



MINA ERASMUS



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POETS 2018

Dear Fellow Rotarians

As your incoming President together with our Incoming Secretary/Treasurer for the next Rotary Year Gerald and I attended the President and Officers Elect Training Seminar (POETS) last weekend. Meeting up with fellow Rotarians and discussing ROTARY is of course always something that *juggles the mind and creates new cells in the brain*. So here is a short summary of what comes to mind.

POETS AT LADYBRAND

Dear Fellow Rotarians, if you ever go to Ladybrand try and avoid all their streets, except the main street; potholes after potholes in the little town. POETS was a great experience for me and I must admit that our incoming DG, Gianna Doubell, is a dynamic lady with invigorating ideas for our District. Here are some of her remarks:

“In a District which is a considerable size, Presidents are so important as we feel that we want you to have all the skills necessary to lead with confidence and enthusiasm. To do this, it is important that you are given as much Rotary knowledge as possible. During this upcoming Rotary Year, the District Leadership, with your assistance, will be making a big push to get all the Clubs to utilise Club Runner correctly. We are determined that the details of every Rotarian are correctly reflected including age and gender. Clubs also need to correctly use Rotary Club Central.

The Presidential Citation should be seen as a barometer to see whether your club is hot or cold and not merely as a set of duties/activities given to you to undertake during the year. In other words ARE YOUR MEMBERS INSPIRED?”

I know, having been President of our Club a number of times, the question arises, “why do I have to attend POETS again because I should know it all by now?” Wrong! There are always new ideas and new concepts being discussed and most of all the Interaction and Fellowship with Rotarians from other parts of our vast district is invaluable. We don’t want to be Rotarians in isolation in our little hubs – we need to meet and communicate with our fellow Rotarians. Of course we need to do that among the members in our E-Club as well.

Another one of Gianna’s recommendations to Presidents was the need to *meet with other Rotary Clubs*. I know several of our members already do this. Another splendid idea!

The D9370 goals for 2018/19 follow on the next page.

From an Inspiring POETS

Irene



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Rotary



BE THE
INSPIRATION

DISTRICT GOALS

2018-2019

1. Grow our clubs

Every club to have a net gain of one member

2. Strengthen our club information

100 percent of all clubs must have correctly uploaded their information onto club runner

3. Connect with the friends of our Rotary clubs

Build up a network of friends of Rotary Reach out to those people who have supported our fundraising efforts and include them in our Rotary family.

4. Reach out to our Alumni

Look up all our past alumni and form a new committee keeping our district in contact with district alumni

5. Connect with each other

Challenge every Rotarian to pay a visit to another Rotary club on our district

While these District Goals may not appear challenging, item 4 is indeed exceptionally challenging. It has been a challenge for many years and has never been properly addressed.

Alumni include former Interactors, Youth Exchange Students, Rotaractors, RYLA participants and GSE team members and leaders.

The biggest challenge is to maintain contact with former Interactors. Many of them have been extremely active and closely linked with Rotary Clubs during their High School years but many of them don't have any further involvement with Rotary once they leave school. Ideally they should be moving on to Rotaract Clubs but these are few and far between. Outbound Youth Exchange Students sometimes have little involvement with their sending Clubs – something that should not really happen! So where does the problem lie – how can it be rectified?



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PHOTOS TAKEN AT POETS PARTY



Top left – PDG Bruce Steele-Gray about to collapse onto the table with PDG Greg Cryer providing some sort of Caribbean magic sign.
Top Right – Irene Kotze with our regular E-Club of SA One guests, Gussie and Hilary Augustus.



Left Centre – President Gerald Sieberhagen with Marasha & President Eugene Moodley [Rotary Club of Chatsworth]
CentreRight – DGNN Maud Boikanyo
Bottom Right – President-Elect Irene Kotze doing her best to distance herself from the person on her left. Can't blame her!
Bottom Left – President-Elect Irene Kotze seems a lot happier with President Gerald Sieberhagen in this photo.





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Could it be that Irene Kotze was chatting to this fellow about membership?

The Centenarian Trees of Durban Botanic Gardens Rescheduled for Sat 7 April 2018 09h00
What did the Gardens look like 100 years ago? A repeat of this popular walk, led by Dr Hugh Glen.

Durban Botanic Garden is the oldest survivor of its kind in Africa, and was founded in 1849. Many of the trees in the garden are stately Victorians, between 120 and 150 years old. This walk aims to introduce participants to some of your guides' favourites, including a few relatively young 'uns, and one or two planted to commemorate special events over the last century or so. We will look at one of the last survivors of the forest that originally clothed the Berea (a greybeard of some 170 summers), and the rarest tree you'll ever see.

Entrance: R50 per person; proceeds towards Melissa Glen's medical expenses.
Bookings to botsoc-kzn@mweb.co.za/ Tel 031 2015111 Mondays and Thursdays 10:00-16:00, or cell 071 869 3693.



PEOPLE OF LEISURE

Sunday 29th April 2018 – Departs 08h30 Returns 11h30

Travel on the **UMGENI STEAM RAILWAY TRAIN** from Kloof Station, Old Main Road, Kloof on a 50km Vintage steam train ride through Valley of 1000 Hills to Inchanga Craft Market and return. The craft market with food stalls is available at Inchanga and a refreshment bar is on the train. No Card Facilities at Inchanga or on the train. Please carry cash to use on the train and in Inchanga.

Bookings on website <http://www.umgenisteamrailway.com/> it may be .co.za

Adults R200; Children 2 – 12 R170; Pensioners 65+ R170

JOIN YOUR FELLOW E-CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA ONE members on a relaxing outing.

Please let Irene Kotze know if you are joining the train journey.



9 reasons why cell phones are the new cigarettes

Published on Published on June 26, 2014

Keith Cowing: Product leader; Entrepreneur; Career advisor.

- 1. The level of brand loyalty is obscene**
- 2. They represent standard social behavior in bars**
- 3. They're prohibited in some public places**
- 4. They're the last thing you check in with before bed**
- 5. Sometimes you have to bum a light**
- 6. They are a marketer's dream**
- 7. We stuff them in our clothes**
- 8. They drive some people crazy**
- 9. You just can't put them down**

So how do we manage our addiction?

I love my phone, I use it constantly, and I have no desire to give it up. But maybe tonight we should all turn off our phones for 3 hours. We could spend **uninterrupted** time talking face-to-face with other humans. Don't worry; our phones will be on our nightstands in the morning.

This was originally published on my personal blog: [Keith on Careers](#)



TREE PAGE

Thirty trees have been allocated to Greg Cryer for planting in the Nottingham Rd area and a further 13 will be planted by the Interact Club of Our Lady of Fatima with Jeneth van Leeuwen spearheading that.

At 12 noon on 13th April 2018, 30 trees will be planted at Thabele High School in the 1000 Hills area. Should anyone wish to accompany Irene Kotze, Monique Labat and Gerald Sieberhagen on that day, please contact Irene Kotze. Many hands make light work. We will also probably go along to nearby Mnamatha Primary School to have a look at how the 30 trees we planted there last month are getting along.

Thirty trees will also kindly be transported by Gussie & Hillary Augustus to Himeville on 26th April 2018, after which PDG Ant Connolly, Chairman of Kwa Sani, a Satellite Club of Durban North, will arrange for them to be planted in the 3 towns around Himeville.

Slowly but surely the 250 indigenous trees as per project below, are being planted.

We are pleased to report that our joint tree project with the Rotary E-Club of Southern Africa D9400 is progressing well.

If we remain in contact with the organisations where we plant the trees, in years to come, those who follow us will be able to tell some success stories about this project.

On these very hot summer days there is very little shade for the children at many schools and, in time, the trees we plant now will provide some much needed shade.

Well done to all who have been involved so far.

BACK PAGE

As I get older I realize:

1. I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice.
2. Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.
3. I don't need anger management, I need people to stop pissing me off.
4. My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.
5. The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
6. When I was a child I thought naptime was punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation.
7. The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about.
8. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound.
9. Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for 10 minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
10. "Getting Lucky" means walking into a room and remembering why I'm there.

If you want to feed
the homeless, then feed
the homeless.
But the moment you post it
on social media, you're also
feeding your ego.



Readership in South Africa

You can tell a lot about a person by the paper they buy.

For example, if you buy the Cape Argus paper you are probably English and live in Cape Town.

... if you buy the Beeld paper, you are probably Afrikaans and live in Johannesburg.

... if you buy sand paper, you are probably Australian and play cricket.

(Thank you John Fannin)

Celebratory dates in April:

Saturday 7th - **World Health Day** Sunday 22nd - **Earth Day** Monday 23rd - **World Book Day**
Wednesday 25th - **ANZAC Day; World Malaria Day** Sunday 29th - **International Dance Day**
Monday 30th - **International Jazz Day**

Celebratory dates in May:

Tuesday 1st - **International Workers' Day; May Day** Thursday 3rd - **World Press Freedom Day**
Friday 4th - **Greenery Day; Star Wars Day** Saturday 5th - **International Midwives' Day**
Sunday 6th - **World Laughter Day; International No Diet Day** Saturday 12th - **International Nurses Day** Tuesday 15th - **International Day of Families** Tuesday 22nd - **International Day for Biological Diversity** Wednesday 23rd - **World Turtle Day** Thursday 24th - **Commonwealth Day**
Friday 25th - **International Missing Children's Day; Towel Day; World Multiple Sclerosis Day**
Monday 28th - **Menstrual Hygiene Day** Thursday 31st **World No Tobacco Day**

And now we are once again OUTA SPACE