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ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

From the Desk of the DG: ?

Best wishes to all for a highly successful New Year.

Planning done for the 2006-2007 Rotary Year should be coming to fulfilment now. From the clubs that I have visited, and the projects that I have seen, I know that there will be no difficulty in clubs fulfilling most of the requirements for Citations. However, some clubs will still have to work at achieving the required nett membership increase.

There are a few clubs that I have still to visit, and I look forward to doing so.

This year, we should see the chartering of at least one new club. More on that next month.

Yours in Rotary

Rotary Awareness Month is a good time to remember that there are more than **1.2 million Rotarians** worldwide, in **over 32,000 clubs**.

Members of a Rotary club are part of a diverse group of professional leaders working to address various community and international service needs and to promote peace and understanding throughout the world.

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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

(Hopefully) we all know, and live by, the Four Way Test; but some of our newer Rotarians may not be aware of its origin:

From the earliest days of the organization, Rotarians were concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives. One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics is The Four-Way Test, which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor (who later served as RI president) when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy.

This 24-word test for employees to follow in their business and professional lives became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company is credited to this simple philosophy. Adopted by Rotary in 1943, The Four-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways. It asks the following four questions:

"Of the things we think, say or do:

1. **Is it the TRUTH?**
2. **Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
3. **Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
4. **Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"**

LET'S TALK ROTARY

January being *Rotary Awareness* Month, there could scarcely be a better time to review the **training programme** introduced into D9320 in the first six months of the 2006-2007 Rotary year.

From evaluations of POETS (see the July newsletter, available on the District website) and from comments from Rotarians, it became apparent that what was wanted were interactive sessions, facilitated by Rotarians.

This required training of facilitators, and a programme for this was devised by PDG Fred Roberts. Fred, the District trainer for some years, was trained by RI, first as a facilitator for the DG training in the USA, and then as a trainer for the new group of trainers the following year. D9320 could not have been in better hands. Thank you, Fred.

With the training team members, PDGs John McDonald and Des Willis, a *Train the Trainers* course was developed, and presented in Port Elizabeth, Welkom and Kimberley.

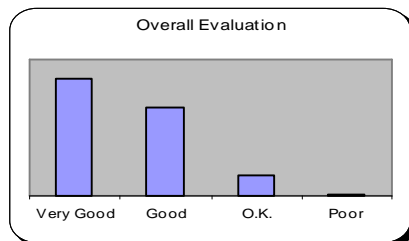
Led by John and Des, the newly trained facilitators then presented *Let's Talk Rotary* sessions in Port Elizabeth, Potchefstroom, Ficksburg and Bloemfontein.

Clubs in the East London area are considering a suitable date for *Train the Trainers* and *Let's Talk Rotary* sessions in their area early in 2007.

Let's Talk Rotary covers a wide variety of topics, is a fully participative programme, with no lectures, and is suited to both new and experienced Rotarians, the input of the latter invaluable in sharing vital information with the group.

But the only true reflection of the success or otherwise of a programme is what the participants themselves think of it. Evaluations of the different sessions have been very similar.

The summary which follows is of the evaluation done by delegates at the well attended Ficksburg *Let's Talk Rotary*:



This is the overall evaluation of the various topics, ie the topics offered, the way in which they were handled, etc.

Comments on the evaluation forms included:

- Concept is excellent.
- Content good.
- Excellent
- More people could be included in the groups.
(This raises the question, what the ideal number would be. The number in the groups is determined by the total registration. And one wants to keep a group to a size where everyone is happy to participate.)
- Facilitators should introduce session objectives clearly at the beginning of each session.
(Thank you; an important point.)
- Rotary documents could be distributed at these sessions
(Good idea; facilitators also draw attention of delegates to where suitable material can be found, including RI website, District website, Directory, Club Presidents and Club Secretaries Manuals, etc.)
- Very good information.
- More time.
- Rotarians need to be kept up-to-date and informed.

ANNS and INNER WHEELERS

Dear Anns and Inner Wheel members,

A Happy New Year to you all. May 2007 bring you and your families every happiness as you *LEAD THE WAY* during the rest of your year in service.

I hope you have all had a great Festive Season and most importantly that you are all having a well deserved rest and enjoying some relaxation. Many of our clubs are still in recess this month and have their first meeting of the New Year in February.

January is usually regarded as 'Awareness Month' on the Rotary calendar. "Awareness of what?" I ask myself. Having an awareness of self and the joys of giving of ourselves to our each other and to our communities. An awareness of the Family of Rotary and Rotary International and what it has achieved over the past 102 years. And an awareness of the pride of being part of this organisation. This recess month is a good month to reflect on what we have done thus far, and what we still need to achieve.

I wish you all a great second half of the Rotary year with much fun, fellowship and service.

Fondest Regards,
Cathy

Themes for the remainder of the 2006-2007 Rotary Year

Clubs are reminded of the monthly themes, so that they can plan for them accordingly:

February	<i>World Understanding Month</i>
March	<i>Literacy Month</i>
April	<i>Magazine Month</i>

Nominations for District Governor for 2009-2010

Clubs are invited to submit nominations for the position of DG for 2009-2010. Nominations should be sent to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, PDG John McDonald macpotch@lantic.net. Any questions should also be directed to John.

Deadlines for January

Clubs should have finalised election of office bearers for the coming year, and Secretaries should send details to RI (club secretaries should have received forms for this purpose from RI)

Semi-annual returns and payments of RI dues to be submitted.

There have been excellent articles by Trevor Long on the subject of the PHF in *Rotary Africa*, but it continues to be a subject that generates much discussion, and raises many questions.

The following is published in the hope that this might answer some of those queries.

HOW AND WHY THE "PAUL HARRIS FELLOW" WAS CREATED

By Past RI President Cliff Dochterman

The presentation to present a Paul Harris Fellow should be an impressive occasion. That is why The Rotary Foundation has the beautiful medallion on a blue and gold ribbon, in order that it can actually be presented around the neck of the individual, along with the certificate, to show that it is an event of special significance. However, it is not the presentation itself that gives a PHF its true value as recognition of exceptional service as is done in many countries outside the US. It certainly is an honour.

But, just as a Paul Harris Fellow can be a "recognition of exceptional service," it can also be many other things. To describe a PHF only in terms of "exceptional service" is far too limiting for the entire Rotary world, and totally disregards the historical background of the expression of appreciation for a very generous contribution to The Rotary Foundation. If we did not think much broader in describing a Paul Harris Fellow, and realize it is primarily a magnificent way to raise money for The Foundation, I assure you that The Rotary Foundation would not be one of the great humanitarian agencies of the world.

What is the historical fact? A few years ago, when I was a Trustee of The Rotary Foundation, I went back and read all of the minutes of the Trustees during the year 1956-57. In the year 1956, the total contributions to The Rotary Foundation were a little less than \$500,000 US dollars (\$493,722 to be exact). The Trustees began to think about how they could raise more money for the Foundation. What would be a good way to encourage Rotarians to give "big money." They finally came up with the idea of trying to get some Rotarians to give \$1000 in one major gift, by giving them a special form of public recognition. So, it was suggested that we call them "Paul Harris Fellows." There were three conditions: the contribution must be at least \$1000; it must be from one individual; and it must be given within a single year. A very attractive pin and medallion were designed as a means to identify this type of generous donor.

As you recognize, in 1957, a monetary gift of \$1000 was a very substantial amount of money equal today to \$25,000 to \$30,000. So, there weren't too many gifts, and thus, very few Paul Harris Fellows. So, in a few years, it was decided that they could collect more money if the gift could be collected and given over several years, and after there was an accumulation of \$1000, they would designate the person as a Paul Harris Fellow.

Later, it was suggested, that if a club did not have a person who could afford a \$1000 in a personal contribution, maybe several persons could go together and make the \$1000 gift. Then the question was raised, "Who will be the person who is named the Paul Harris Fellow?" Gradually, the answer in some clubs was to pick one person who had long service, or some distinguishing characteristics, and name him or her.

Thus, in some clubs, the concept developed that a Paul Harris Fellow was just an award for exceptional service.

The result was, that in those clubs a Paul Harris Fellow took on a totally different meaning that its original purpose -- to encourage individual Rotarians to give larger contributions to The Rotary Foundation. Ironically, in those clubs that chose to limit the Paul Harris Fellow recognition to a form of an "award for exceptional service," many Rotarians seem to be discouraged from making large personal gifts to The Rotary Foundation since it might be interpreted as "giving merely to seek an award." So, the per capita giving in those areas of the world is much lower than those areas where the concept of a Paul Harris Fellow is the original expression of appreciation by The Rotary Foundation Trustees for an individual, or in whose name, a gift of \$1000 is given to conduct the work of The Foundation.

Has the Paul Harris Fellow recognition by the Trustees been successful as a fund raising scheme? Absolutely! As I mentioned above, in 1956, less than \$500,000 was raised annually by The Foundation. Today, nearly \$70,000,000 is raised per year -- and about 80% of those funds come from individuals being named Paul Harris Fellows, or are naming other persons Paul Harris Fellows. The last time I checked, there were about 700,000 Paul Harris Fellows, and multi-Fellows in the world. They are the backbone of the annual support to The Rotary Foundation, and those donations are the only reason that enables Rotarians to carry on a world-wide program of educational and humanitarian programs.

So, what is a Paul Harris Fellow? Think for a moment of this statement: "A Paul Harris Fellow means whatever you want it to mean."

Should The Rotary Foundation accept a \$1000 contribution as a way to honour a person for exceptional service? Certainly.

Should The Rotary Foundation accept a gift of \$1000 as an expression of happiness for 20 years of marriage, or a new grandchild, or success in one's vocation or family life? Of course.

Should The Rotary Foundation accept a \$1000 contribution in memory of a friend, relative or associate who has been an important asset to your life? Certainly.

Should The Rotary Foundation accept \$1000 if you really believe in the tremendous value of the humanitarian work of TRF in developing parts of the world and express appreciation for your gift by naming you a Paul Harris Fellow or multi-PHF? Absolutely.

So, I suggest that a Paul Harris Fellow can mean whatever you wish it to mean. The Rotary Foundation benefits from your contribution and demonstrates this appreciation through the mechanism of a Paul Harris Fellow.

That is the way I see it.

GSE Team to Visit India, January 2007

(by GSE leader, Norman Adams)

January 3rd to February 5th 2007 will see the first GSE team from District 9320 visit the subcontinent of India. We will be going to District 3100. They have about 2,000 members in 93 Rotary Clubs. The District covers the western half of the State of Uttar Pradesh and the State of Uttaranchal. These states are just north of New Delhi and in full view of the Himalayas. The area of the district would easily fit into the Free State. One of the highlights we are looking forward to see is the Taj Mahal.

The following are the members of the team



Team Members: Niel, Derryk, Garth, Nicci, DG Ethne (who met with the team on the last evening of their training in Grahamstown), GSE Team Leader Norman

Team Leader: **Norman Adams**

Rotary Club of Raadzaal (Bloemfontein)

Team Members

1. **Garth Cambry** PhD (Bio Technology)

Sponsor: Rotary Club of Grahamstown Sunset

Vocation: Research and development of commercial uses of HONEY and honey derivatives. He has formed a commercial venture to produce Mead (honey wines). They have recently sent an entire container of mead to the USA. He is also involved with the manufacture of Bio-fuel.

Job responsibilities: Directly involved in the above activities. He is very active in the training of bee-keepers, at present he has about 1,500 beekeepers who tend their own hives and supply the honey to his mead factory.

Requested Vocational activities: He wants to meet with bee-keepers, oil seed producers, mustard farms, bio-fuel factories.

2. **Nicci Hayes**

Sponsor: Rotary Club of Grahamstown

Job responsibilities: Teaches at Victoria Girls' High in Grahamstown where she oversees the Arts & Culture Department, Publicity for the school, Functions and Fundraising, School plays, Leadership camps, and general Senior Teacher school management responsibilities.

Requested Vocational activities: Visiting Senior Secondary schools, Teacher Training Facilities. Nicci is also very interested in projects involving complementary medicines especially in the rural areas. She is also interested in visits to, and discussions about, religious activities of all types. Nicci is a Reiki master.

Derryk Jordan

Sponsor: Rotary Club of Port Elizabeth

Vocation: Science Teacher at Grey High School in Port Elizabeth. Also Vocational & Life Skills Teacher

Job responsibilities: Career and personal counselling. Head of Grade 8 pupils, Sports Coach, Hostel Master, Co-ordinates Toastmaster Public Speaking & Youth Leadership courses.

Requested Vocational activities: Meet with teachers. Visit schools, curriculum development, Youth Leadership Development, Sports coaching.

3. **Niel van Niekerk** PhD (Drama)

Sponsor: Rotary Club of Bloemfontein

Vocation: Drama Director, Teacher of Drama and related arts at Eunice Girls High School in Bloemfontein. Examiner and curriculum developer for Drama for the Free State Education Department.

Job responsibilities: Directing plays, Drama teaching, Drama administration, Drama curriculum development and examination. Creative development

Requested Vocational activities: Arts, acting, directing, meeting actors, directors, producers, film, stage and television. Education of drama. Niel is also a gourmet cook so would be very interested in anything to do with food and cooking.

Training

The team members have met twice to develop their presentations and get a better understanding of the Indian culture. We met in Bloemfontein in early September where we were joined by Sanjay Dharwadker, a friend of Norman, who is on a business contract from India. We also had Indian food prepared for us by the Bloemfontein Hotel School who have an Indian Chef who is working on his Masters degree.

We met again at the end of October and had the opportunity to spend time with a South African of Indian descent who frequently travels to India. He gave us a South African's perspective of India. We also met with Rachel Woods, the Ambassadorial student in Grahamstown who had been a GSE team member from the USA to India in January 2004. Her advice and insights were invaluable.

We will finalise our presentations at the beginning of December.

Are we ready?

India promises to be a wonderful, interesting experience. The team is prepared to be sensitive to accommodate whatever cultural experience we find.

Excited? Yes, very.

Norman

SOME ROTARY THEMES of the PAST FEW YEARS

 <p>1999-2000 Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity</p>	 <p>2000-2001 Create Awareness, Take Action</p>	 <p>2001-2002 Mankind is our Business</p>	 <p>2002-2003 Sow the Seeds of Love</p>	 <p>2004-2005 Celebrate Rotary</p>
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