



in District 9320

Monthly Newsletter
 April 2007

MAGAZINE MONTH

From the Desk of the DG: ?

With this Rotary year drawing to a very rapid close, it leaves us with only a few months to ensure that what we planned at the beginning of the year will be completed by year end.

Clubs have already done this to some extent, in completing their forms for the RI President's Citation. Sadly, though the District adopted the goal of every club achieving a Citation, not all clubs have managed to do so, in almost all cases the one (and usually the only) item missing being the net gain of one member. Interestingly, it is often the most active clubs, with strong projects and very committed Rotarians, that have had a problem with this. The reason in most cases is that those are often the clubs with ambitious, (sometimes) younger, upwardly mobile members, whose successful careers result in their relocating. Though those clubs have missed the Citation, they remain excellent, top achieving clubs.

To all clubs, please go a bit further than the Presidential Citation, and do a check both against the Club Goals which your club set at the beginning of the year, and the District Goals, adopted at POETS last year (these can be read in the District Directory).

April is Magazine Month. More on that elsewhere in this newsletter.

Yours in Rotary

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Spread the word!



Invite someone to become a
Rotarian
 today.



Finding New Members

When it comes to **finding new members to join Rotary**, start by looking in the obvious places, says Rosemary Barker Aragon, a member of the Rotary Club of University District of Seattle, Washington, USA. As a regional RI membership coordinator, or RRIMC, Aragon is always on the lookout for potential Rotarians who are just waiting for an invitation.

“I look for people who are **‘already Rotarians,’**” she says. “They’re active in the community, they volunteer, they might be part of another organization that you might be involved in.” Parent-teacher associations, neighborhood groups, and volunteer events draw involved, community-minded individuals who might be just right for Rotary but never thought to join.

Children and grandchildren of Rotarians are also good potential members, according to Aragon, because they understand the nature of Rotary. “Rotary is a commitment organization, and they know that,” she says. “You need to find out what people are passionate about and then show them how they can get involved through Rotary.”

At the same time, it’s very important to **make sure that prospective members receive proper information about Rotary’s membership expectations**. RRIMC Tony Lico, of the Rotary Club of Roma Sud Est, Italy, looks for new members mainly among **business and personal acquaintances**. He says prospective members come to several meetings and speak to the club before their membership is approved.

Lico adds, “It is important to **demonstrate to the new member what Rotary is and what Rotary does**, because it happens many times that people join Rotary and they say after a few months, ‘I had no idea.’” Once it’s clear that prospective members are a good fit, they receive their Rotary pins. Then, he says, “We cross our fingers.”

Visit the Membership Referral page.

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Rotary Anns’ News

How wonderful it is to hear about all the unique and wonderful ideas, on raising money, entertaining the young and old, featured in our previous newsletters.

We have all had a wonderful break with families and friends over the festive season and now prepare to continue working towards helping again.

It was wonderful to enjoy the company of District Governor Ethne, as she visited Clubs in our section of the Eastern Cape. The Rotary Anns certainly felt very much part of her visits and she showed genuine interest in the Anns’ activities.

Thank you, DG Ethne, for being who you are.

The **Tree of Joy** was a great success run by all the Rotary Clubs of East London very ably assisted by the Rotary Anns of those clubs. This is truly a worthwhile project, where the community can become involved and experiencing the greatest joy handing out those gifts to old and young. This is what the Festive season is all about!

While Rotary is not only helping the needy, I see some of our clubs have been promoting fellowship among their members. Valentine’s Day lunches were ever so gracious affairs. As were Fellowship lunches. After all fellowship is a vital part of Rotary members and their Anns. Just getting to know one another leads to better working conditions.

Yours sincerely,
Lynn Grenfell

DISTRICT 9320 ATTENDANCE

No. @	CLUB	%	FEB Mem	Mtg
01-Jul				
62	Algoa Bay	75.6	62	4
16	Aliwal North	85.4	12	4
39	Arcadia	89.8	39	4
29	Beacon Bay			
18	Bethlehem	94.0	13	4
17	Bloemfontein			
23	Bonza Bay			
8	Bothaville			
8	Colesberg			
10	Cradock			
9	De Aar			
55	East London	79.0	55	4
18	Ficksburg			
28	Flamingo	86.4	22	4
39	Gately	83.0	39	4
26	Goldfields Sunset	72.0	25	4
28	Gonubie	79.0	26	4
8	Graaff Reinet	100.0	7	4
38	Grahamstown	76.5	35	4
36	Grahamstown Sunset	72.0	35	4
15	Harrismith	95.0	11	4
19	Imperani	62.5	12	4
17	Jeffreys Bay	94.0	13	4
19	Kimberley	71.3	20	4
30	Kimberley South	77.5	30	4
21	King William’s Town	37.3	23	5
43	Klerksdorp	94.4	40	4
19	Kroonstad	81.3	21	4
16	Ladybrand	86.9	21	4
21	Lukhanji Sunset			
28	Maloti			
18	Maseru	54.3	20	4
12	Odendaalsrus			
17	Orkney	67.0	18	4
8	Parys	75.0	8	4
32	Port Alfred	81.6	34	4
47	Port Elizabeth	69.0	50	4
17	PE East	63.0	17	4
16	PE South	75.0	17	4
18	PE Sunrise	70.8	18	4
30	PE West	88.0	27	4
26	Potchefstroom	66.6	35	4
18	Potchefstroom Mooi	81.9	18	4
31	Queenstown	72.2	29	4
13	Raadzaal	83.3	14	4
12	Stutterheim	98.0	14	4
15	Uitenhage	68.8	12	4
29	Uitenhage South	83.3	30	4
27	Viljoenskroon	100.0	30	4
10	Vryburg	90.0	10	4
11	Welkom	86.0	11	4
1170	Total		973	

SHARE YOUR VIEWS



Do you have something which you would like to share with others in the District?

Send your letters (brief please) to the DG’s e-mail address (wesðne@isat.co.za). Space permitting, letters will be included in the next newsletter.

This invitation was included in the September newsletter, but to date the response has been very limited. Do you have something which you would like to share? There is still some time, but remember that there are only two newsletters left for this year.

Magazine Month

Commenting on Magazine Month, Past President of RI, Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, wrote:

April is Magazine Month. The official magazine of Rotary International, *The Rotarian*, is published monthly in English. There are **30 additional magazines** published **throughout the Rotary world**. Each has a local touch, and many are published in a language other than English. **Every Rotarian must subscribe to either *The Rotarian* or one of the other Rotary magazines.** (For District 9320 that is, of course, '*Rotary Africa*'.)

Each Rotary magazine must be certified by the RI Board of Directors. This process is of vital importance, as it unifies messages to Rotarians throughout the world while still allowing the editors to adapt their magazines to fit local needs. The editors meet on a regular basis to exchange information and update the publishing procedure. Until recently, such meetings had been held every third year; now they are held every other year.

The **Rotary magazines** are of **great importance** for **communication** between Rotarians and the RI Board. According to our Manual of Procedure, they exist to **further the purpose of RI and the Object of Rotary.**

The Rotarian and the other magazines, known collectively as the Rotary World Magazine Press, are a wonderful source of information. We can read about Board decisions, Foundation issues, upcoming events such as the next convention, items for consideration at the next Council on Legislation, possible changes within the administration, and projects from all over the world.

Not long ago, the telegram was the way to communicate internationally. Then the telegram was replaced by the telex machine, which was followed by the facsimile. Now the Internet is the way of daily communication. Television has also added to rapid communication. Yet newspapers, books, and magazines remain fundamental resources, difficult to replace. Through *Service Above Self*, let's **support our magazines, a super source of information.**

(Of course, the DG's Monthly Newsletter is not a magazine, merely a newsletter; but Magazine Month is a good opportunity to find out what Rotarians of the District think of the current format and method of distribution. The minimum requirement (set by RI) is that it provide on-going information for Presidents and Secretaries. In District 9320, some DGs have expanded it into a newsletter for all in the District. In some years it is only published on the website; in others it is distributed to all members, either directly to the clubs, for distribution, or, as is the case this year, to each member, as an inclusion with 'Rotary Africa'.

Of course, there is a cost to doing it this way, but that is covered in the allowance received by the DG from RI. (It is a limited allowance, so the manner in which it is used has to be carefully budgeted and accounted for in detail.) There is no cost to the District or to members.

Your comments would be appreciated.)

International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians (IFCR)

Together with many other fellowships that flourish under the Rotary banner, the RI Board have recognised that they have the potential to promote fellowship in its widest sense, to create bonds between nations and clubs for the furtherance of the work of Rotary. In fact the RI Board has promoted a Fellowship committee to engender such contact internationally.

The IFCR has been a shining example of how successful a fellowship can be and has succeeded. Created through the vision and action of two of our leaders, Past RI President Raja Saboo and past RI Director Geoffrey Pike, many countries in the cricketing world have gathered enthusiasts to form fellowships. They have exchanged tours for a number of years and many heart warming stories both on the fellowship side as well as shared projects to help those less privileged than ourselves have emerged. Various centres where Rotary leagues and clubs are encouraged to play social matches against one another. It is a wonderful way to attract new members to your club.

Southern Africa has already had the good fortune to host enormously successful touring sides from Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

This enthusiasm led to the creation of an International Cricket Festival which is held every three years, the last being hosted three years ago in the Hunter Valley, Australia, under the capable and charismatic leadership of Peter Daly and his happy band of Rotarians. A Southern African side attended for the first time and enjoyed overwhelming hospitality throughout their trip.

The next Festival is to be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka from the 11th to the 15th August and promises to be another exciting adventure into Rotary fellowship.

A warm invitation is extended to all Rotary cricket enthusiasts to participate in this tour – yes – especially YOU. You do not have to be a brilliant exponent of the game to participate – just a fellow Rotarian that has fun. Join in either as a player or a supporter!!

Costs are important, and our research gives us the following expenses for the trip,

Cricket:

The week in Colombo will be : US\$ 400 – about R 3000 – which includes accommodation, food and the games.

Travel: Emirates: Flight R9890; Taxes etc, R1600

This includes a one night stopover in Dubai DBB and a night drive into the desert

Any breakaway excursions after the Festival will be for your own account

Should you be interested please contact URGENTLY:

Co-ordinator: PDG Gordon Dowsett:

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In Memoriam

Trevor Wait, Past President of the Rotary Club of Uitenhage South, passed away in January 2007. Trevor served his club in all the Avenues of Service and also served as District Treasurer for a number of years. He joined the Rotary Club of Uitenhage South on 7 July 1975 and up until his death had a 100% attendance for club meetings, a truly remarkable achievement, Trevor was also a Sapphire Paul Harris Fellow as well as a Major Benefactor.

Bob Upton, also a Past President of the Rotary Club of Uitenhage South, passed away on 19 November 2006. Bob served the club with distinction in all the Avenues of Service, and was also a Paul Harris Fellow.

Tom Mullins, a Rotarian for more than 50 years, was a member of the Rotary Club of Port Elizabeth, since he and his wife moved to PE from Grahamstown more than 18 years ago. A judge in his working life, he was known for his wisdom. The sympathies of his Club and the District to his wife, Pat, and his family.

Norman Abousalem, a member of the Rotary Club of Queenstown, was swept away in the flooded river in a tragic accident. Conference attendees will remember Norman as the Conference photographer. He was an active member in Queenstown, not only of Rotary, but also of the Yacht Club and the Harriers Running Club. To his wife, Ingrid, his children, and his father, our thoughts and prayers.

YOUTH Programmes in D9320

Our YE Student in Finland

It was a moment of great pride in our District when I received the following e-mail:

Dear Ethne

I will tell you that I have today met a wonderful ambassador of South Africa and your Rotary District. She is **Nonqaba Stamper**, who arrived as an exchange student in my district and my home club. She gave today an excellent presentation about South Africa and her home town Port Alfred. All listeners in the club meeting were so surprised, how it is possible that so young girl as Nongaba is so ready to tell and discuss about many kind of political, ethical and social issues.

Best greetings to the president of Port Alfred Club, Colin Wiggett too. They have made an excellent selection when sending Nongaba to **Finland** as an **Exchange student**.

I wish you all the best.

Let's **Lead the Way!**

Best regards,

DG Tauno Lovén



Well done, Nongaba, we are so proud of you. Well done to the Rotary Club of Port Alfred, and to Port Alfred High School.

YE Student Emma returns home



E-mail Message received from **Emma Lancaster**, Youth Exchange Student 2006, who recently returned home to Australia:

*Hi everybody, I was a YEP student in Kimberley (from Australia) last year (2006) and I'm home now. I'm sitting at University doing HARD WORK. Just wanted to say 'hi' and let you all know I'm still thinking about you all over there. And how awesome my year was in R.S.A. I'm involved in the **ROTEX club** here now, which is for the Rebound students. We are busy organising the **YEP stall** at the **District Conference** in April, and a dinner in August and another dinner in November. It's keeping me busy. Just letting you know what's up with me!! lol I'm sure you'll hear from me again soon. Emma*

(PS HI ETHNE!! GO KIMBERLEY SOUTH!)

Emma having fun at the D9320 Conference in Queenstown

Has your **Rotary Club** participated in **Youth Exchange**, either **Long Term** or **Short Term**, recently? The enthusiasm of the young people who have benefited from these exchanges confirms the value of the programmes, especially when there is an on-going involvement with Rotary after their once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Watch out for news from the YE Committee about future YE opportunities, and make sure that your club makes the programme available to young people from your community.



STEP (Short Term Exchange Programme)



Photo taken at the OR Tambo International Airport of the **STEP Students from D9320**, prior to their departure to Europe for their six weeks exchange programme.

(After each person's name, the sponsoring club and the country of destination are shown.)

Back row: (from left)	Seated: (from left)
John Hall (Step co-ordinator, D9320)	Rizelle Lombaard (Klerksdorp – Germany)
Jaco Botma (Viljoenskroon – Germany)	Tiana Lombaard (Klerksdorp – Germany)
Ryan Otto (Gonubie – Switzerland)	Tessa Randall (Gonubie – Germany)
Carryn Beard (King William's Town – Germany)	Kirsty Godwin (King William's Town – Germany)
Kelcey Brock (Gonubie – Germany)	
Danene Wiggill (Gonubie – Austria)	
Caley van der Kolk (Gonubie – Germany)	
Lynne Hall (Step Co-ordinator, D9320)	

(Thanks to Lynne Hall for the photo, and special thanks to John and Lynne for traveling to Johannesburg to see the team off on their exciting adventure.)

It will be noticed how many participants were sponsored by only a few clubs. As always, **the success of a programme** depends on the **commitment of the club**.

Earlyact



D9320 **Earlyact** co-ordinator, Gay Best, with members of the committee of the Earlyact Club which she runs at the Herbert Hurd Primary School, where she is a teacher, together with their guest speaker, and two young guests with their care-giver.

Has your **Rotary Club** considered starting an **Earlyact Club** at a **primary school** in your area?

Earlyact could be the first step in a young person's lifestyle of *Service Above Self*.

