



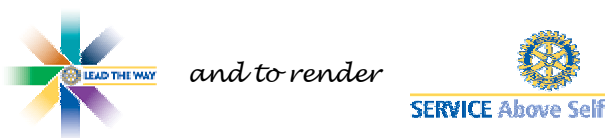
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Monthly Newsletter
May 2007

From the Desk of the DG: ?

With no theme attached by RI to May, it becomes the appropriate time to review the past year. Has your Club met the goals which you set at the beginning of the year? Have the goals accepted by the District last year, and those set by our RI president been met? I have received reports from most clubs, either from the Club President, or from the AG, and clubs have more than fulfilled their aims.

29 of the Clubs in D9320 have qualified for Citations. Congratulations to you all. Of those who have not met the criteria, in almost all cases it was the requirement of a minimum net increase of one member that precluded their qualification. Ironically, for the most part, those are also the clubs with very active, frequently younger, members, upwardly mobile in their careers, where transfers happen rather readily. The newsletter item 'In Memoriam' indicates another reason for membership decline. Nonetheless they have not failed to



in their communities. Well done to all.

Yours in Rotary

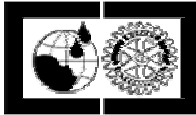
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Interact Conference

Congratulations to Interact Coordinator Anne Botha, and to the Rotary Club of Klerksdorp for organizing a very successful Interact Conference for the Interact Clubs of schools in the Northern part of D9320.



Some of the delegates to the Conference with the President of the Rotary Club of Klerksdorp, Clifton Piek, Interact Coordinator Anne Botha and DG Ethne Papenfus.



The case for finishing polio eradication

A fresh approach for the final phase

In January 2007, PolioPlus entered a new era by adopting tailored approaches to reach the last children, in each of the last 4 endemic countries, with new eradication tools.

This move, from the 'one-size-fits-all' eradication strategy, is the single biggest development since PolioPlus was launched in 1985.

Polio can be eradicated

- § *Impact* – polio cases worldwide have fallen by 99% since PolioPlus was started in 1985.
- § *Polio Surveillance* – since 2004, new surveillance standards and laboratory processes have ensured that every country can detect every circulating poliovirus more rapidly than ever.
- § *Outbreak Control* – every re-infected country has already stopped its outbreak or is on the verge of doing so; since 2006, new international response guidelines stop outbreaks faster than ever.
- § *Finishing Eradication* – the poorest, most war-torn and most crowded countries on earth have stopped polio; new generation 'monovalent' polio vaccines provide even more potent tools for the last 4 endemic countries which, in December 2006, adopted new and tailored approaches:
 - **India:** monthly polio campaigns will target the very young children who sustain polio;
 - **Nigeria:** new Immunization Plus Days will target the very high risk states where polio continues to circulate;
 - **Afghanistan & Pakistan:** synchronized campaigns will target the populations moving across borders and living in insecure areas where poliovirus survives.

Polio should be eradicated

- § *A humanitarian legacy:* already, 5 million children are walking who would have been paralyzed and more than 1.5 million lives have been saved. Switching to a 'control' strategy, instead of finishing eradication, would condemn 10 million children to polio over the next 40 years alone.
- § *A financial responsibility:* once polio is eradicated, the developing world can save over US\$1 billion each year. Polio eradication will also help secure the future earning potential of children and reduce the massive costs of polio that are now borne by the poorest families and communities.

*The case for finishing PolioPlus is compelling.
The opportunity to finish PolioPlus is unprecedented.
Rotary's PolioPlus legacy will last in perpetuity.
Polio Eradication IS realistic*

Matching Grants

Reports:

From having been a District with a proud record of having all MG reports up-to-date and in-on-time, D9320 found itself in the unfortunate position of having to chase some clubs to complete their reports correctly, and get them in. Thank you to the defaulting clubs for doing this, and to MG Chairperson Ron Stevens and others on the Foundation Committee for ensuring that this was done.

An urgent appeal to all clubs: please ensure that your reports are always in on time.

Guide to Matching Grants:

A detailed and comprehensive Guide to applying for Matching Grants has been written by Rtn Bill Mills of the Rotary Club of Grahamstown. It is available on the District website. Our thanks to Bill for his hard work and dedication.

D9320 Attendance for March

CLUB	%	Mem	Mtgs
Algoa Bay	77.5	62	4
Aliwal North	85.8	12	3
Arcadia			
Beacon Bay			
Bethlehem			
Bloemfontein			
Bonza Bay			
Bothaville			
Colesberg			
Cradock	92.5	11	3
De Aar	80.0	8	4
East London	78.7	55	5
Ficksburg			
Flamingo	80.7	22	4
Gately	72.0	44	4
Goldfields Sunset	94.6	24	4
Gonubie	71.0	26	4
Graaff Reinet			
Grahamstown	66.0	36	4
Grahamstown Sunset			
Harrismith	65.8	14	5
Imperani	62.5	14	4
Jeffreys Bay	74.0	13	4
Kimberley			
Kimberley South			
King William's Town	34.8	23	4
Klerksdorp	86.0	40	5
Kroonstad	87.5	21	4
Ladybrand	73.3	21	5
Lukhanji Sunset			
Maloti			
Maseru	55.0	20	3
Odendaalsrus	74.0	13	5
Orkney	71.0	18	4
Parys			
Port Alfred	85.4	36	4
Port Elizabeth	60.0	50	5
PE East	66.0	17	4
PE South	73.0	17	4
PE Sunrise	68.9	18	5
PE West	81.0	26	5
Potchefstroom	55.6	35	5
Potchefstroom Mooi	90.5	21	4
Queenstown	65.3	4	28
Raadzaal	69.7	12	4
Stutterheim	100.0	14	5
Uitenhage	60.0	10	3
Uitenhage South	82.5	30	4
Viljoenskroon	89.3	30	4
Vryburg			
Welkom	82.0	11	5

Rotary Clubs of D9320: There is only one newsletter left for this Rotary year. An appeal to every club attendance officer to ensure that the attendance figures for your club reach Attendance Officer Phil Hart on time. Let's have a true reflection of attendance averages across the District for the last newsletter of the year.

In Memoriam

Bob Stear passed away on 15 December 2006. He was married to Natalie for 48 years, and had two sons, Rory & Robert. Bob joined the Rotary Club of Uitenhage in 1989 and the PE West Club in 2000. He served on various committees and was President for the 2005/06 Rotary year. He was much loved and respected not only in his own club, but also in other clubs in PE and Uitenhage. The sympathies of the District go to Natalie, Rory and Robert.

An appeal to all clubs: If you have lost a member of your club in this Rotary year, and that member has not yet been remembered in the In Memoriam column, please let the DG know immediately.

Good Ideas from Clubs


Many clubs have interesting and original customs and ideas. There is no space to give more than a couple, but here are two that other clubs might wish to copy or adapt for their own use.

Ø In its bulletin, the **Rotary Club of Port Elizabeth** includes a *ROTARIAN 'SNAPSHOT' OF THE WEEK*. The Rotarian of the week gives answers to the following:

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| • Favourite colour | • Favourite food |
| • Favourite movie | • Person most admired |
| • Favourite flower | • Favourite charity |
| • One wish | • Passion in Life |
| • Personal Life Mission | • Own obituary |
| • Why did you become a member of Rotary? | • Why are you proud to be a Rotarian? |
| • The most memorable experience of your life | • The 3 most important items you'd need on a desert island |
| • Favourite music | • Reason for Existence: |

A bit of fun and an opportunity to get to know some of one's fellow Rotarians a bit better.

Ø When a Rotarian of the **Rotary Club of Grahamstown** enjoys good service from a business in the town, he or she completes the following card and gives it to the manager or owner of the business. A wonderful idea, expressing appreciation and ensuring that that employee is recognised at his or her work place, and at the same time serving a PR function for Rotary.

 Rotary Club Grahamstown <i>Service Above Self</i>
I, have today..... received exemplary service from..... an employee of yours who went out of his / her way to render service to me beyond the normal call of duty.
Signed:.....

Group Study Exchange

PDG Trevor Long sent this clip from the communiqué sent by TRF to RRFCs each month:

Pat Gaudin, 2006-07 GSE team leader alumna from District 1240 (England) to District 9320 (South Africa) had a very interesting exchange with her team. Rotarian Gaudin says, "We are half way through our programme of presentations to Rotary clubs in our district – virtually one per week (until the end of June). Usually three of us are present – depending on commitments of team members." The team brought back a number of service projects that they will hopefully raise funds for at various districts. For more information on their exchange, please visit:
<http://www.ribi.org/districts/committee-details.asp?DistSubCtteeID=503>

*Thank you for sharing this with us, Trevor.
And it's pleasing to know that there may be support for projects in our District.*

Training in the District

There has been considerable emphasis on training in the District in this year, with a new style adopted for this, based on the evaluations and comments which Rotarians of the District have themselves given following last year's POETS, Conference, the *Let's Talk Rotary* sessions themselves, and also *PRLS*. (Summaries of some of the evaluations have been given in earlier newsletters, space permitting.)

Let's Talk Rotary sessions have been preceded by **Train the Trainers** sessions, the most recent being held in East London.

Some of the comments of that Evaluation follow (in the words of the participants themselves):

- ◇ We need to use AG's to run *Train the Trainers* with volunteers from their cluster of clubs & then run *Let's Talk Rotary* with their facilitators with their clubs.
- ◇ Membership & Foundation must be kept within the *Let's Talk Rotary*.
- ◇ AGs & District Chairs must link up with info on Membership & Foundation for facilitators.
- ◇ This is a great concept and vital for our future.
- ◇ Learnt new info and new thoughts; almost like Think Tank working on the New Outcomes.
- ◇ Exciting way to get info across about Rotary.
- ◇ Facilitation Techniques need time to practice and grow in experience.
- ◇ I found this most energetic & enthusiastic. It was good for me. I believe this will be good for Rotary in EL, the District and Further!
- ◇ Valuable time well spent. Thank you! Need follow-up regularly.
- ◇ Thank you; it was a wonderful educational morning
- ◇ The debate, interaction and learning of new ideas are very exciting.
- ◇ The method of training of Facilitators is very good.
- ◇ The Facilitators need to be taught more about each subject.
- ◇ Perhaps one or two facilitators should know more about 1 subject.
- ◇ Efforts must be made to allow participants to facilitate other sessions at regular intervals to improve their skills.
- ◇ Personally, I found this a.m. very good. Have learned much today, would like more. Think we need more info meetings – Yes, we need to come more up to date – change Old Guard ideas – need more Youth in all Clubs. I think the 2 tier membership is the way to go!
- ◇ New innovative way – heading in the right direction

To sum up:

- ✓ This has been the trend in the evaluations of all the sessions held this year.
- ✓ The District asked for the change in the style of training; the trainers have tried to meet that request; and the response has been very positive.
- ✓ To Trainers PDG John McDonald and PDG Des Willis, thank you. Thank you too to PDG Fred Roberts for designing the *Train the Trainers* session, to the AGs for making the arrangements, and to all who participated.
- ✓ This was an experiment that by all accounts seems to have worked. We look forward to seeing where it will go from here.

Rotary Friendship Exchange



Gavin Schaefer, of the Rotary Club of Queenstown, writes:

With the phrase *World Cup* in everyone's mind - what about the idea of District 9320 arranging a visit to **New Zealand** in 2011 for the **Rugby World Cup!**

Here in South Africa we could arrange a reciprocal visit for our own **Soccer World Cup** in 2010. I'm sure that we will have many supporters.

A great idea; anyone who is interested, please contact:

Gavin & Cynthia Schaefer

Hessels Cash & Carry cc, 10 Joubert Street, Queenstown, 5320

Tel: 045 839 2654; Fax: 045 839 6760

RFE Coordinator Andy Russell wants to know if anyone is interested in a Friendship Exchange with **India**. If so, please contact Andy, he will help organise the exchange.

Andy also mentions that the return RFE to **Sweden** will take place in August this year. At the time that he sent his e-mail they still had room for an additional three couples (6 persons).

Andy can be contacted at arussell@sasfin.com or tel: + 27 43 781 1827.

And for those considering a Friendship Exchange, you may be interested in the following:

Where in the world...

Can you make up a club meeting in a beer museum?



If you make up a meeting at the Rotary Club of Burton upon Trent, England, make sure to bring peanuts. The club, located in the beer capital of Britain, holds its weekly meetings in the Coors Visitor Centre, which features lots of foamy brew and a museum explaining the history of beer and the brewing process. Visitors can also sample a pint, so stick around after the meeting (Mondays at 12:45 p.m.), and you'll be just in time for happy hour.

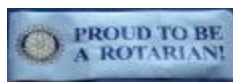
Promoting Rotary

The Rotary Clubs of D9320 are certainly proud to be Rotarians, and proud to let others know about Rotary.

The response to the chance to obtain funding from RI for PR work was outstanding, and many of our clubs have received approval of their applications. Clubs are reminded that they must comply with the requirements of those PR grants, and ensure that their PR work is done in accordance within the time limits set by RI.



Is your club doing all that it can to make Rotary visible? Information on the ordering of **magnetic signage** such as this can be obtained from PDG Bev Radue.



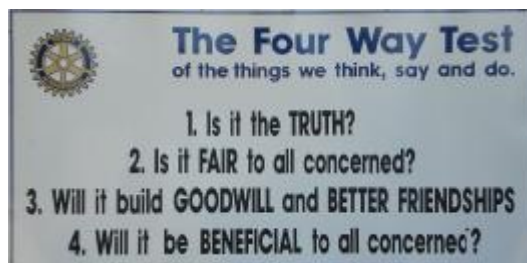
Reasonably priced car stickers can be obtained through the **Rotary Club of Port Elizabeth West**



Club President Clifton Piek and his wife Rtn Alma Piek with the banner that the **Rotary Club of Klerksdorp** uses to promote Rotary at the projects initiated by that club.



No one relaxing on the beach at Gonubie can possibly escape noticing this huge sign, advertising that is the **Rotary Club of Gonubie** that supports the Beach Life Savers!



Still in East London, the **Rotary Club of East London** sponsored this highly visible and very effective sign on the fence of the **Stirling High School**. This would be a very good example for other Rotary Clubs that sponsor Interact Clubs to follow.