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Governor's Monthly Newsletter
From the **Lion's Den**

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FOUNDATION MONTH

THE MISSION AND DEFINITION OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

The mission is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

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The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

November is Foundation Month in the Rotary calendar. In your district directory, clubs are encouraged to arrange a talk on the Foundation for each week of November. Earlier in the year all presidents were sent a booklet from which they were requested to get somebody to read a short section on The Foundation each week. Despite four talks and a reading each week, members will probably still know little of what the Foundation is all about.

A number of Rotarians have now attended training on The Rotary Foundation (note the capitals on all three words which is why it is abbreviated as TRF). These Rotarians should be able to pass on some knowledge to members of their clubs and neighbouring clubs.

If your club has not yet planned something on Foundation and is unable to arrange a speaker, there is a wealth of information on the new-style www.rotary.org website and somebody in the club should be able to find something to lead a discussion or give a talk at a club meeting on one of the many aspects of TRF.

A bit of research on the part Rotary has played in the eradication of Polio, Rotary scholarships that are available, some major Health, Hunger and Humanity (3H) achievements or the wonderful money creating activity known as Matching Grants can provide enough for a successful club meeting.



A child receives what could be a life-saving dose of polio vaccine.

FOUNDATION RECOGNITION FOR MEMBERS OF DISTRICT 9320



The picture above shows IPDG Ethne Papenfus in the centre with PDG Trevor and Denise Long on the left and PDG Mel and Desray Smethurst on the right after Trevor and Mel had received prestigious Foundation awards from RIPPR Raman Bhatia at the banquet at the Rotary in the Mountain Kingdom Conference.

Mel received the Citation for Meritorious Service. One Rotarian from each district may be recognized with this citation by the Foundation Trustees each year. A handsome certificate in a walnut frame is presented to the recipient.

Four Rotary years after receiving the Citation for Meritorious Service, a Rotarian becomes eligible for the Distinguished Service Award, The Rotary Foundation's highest service recognition. A recipient's exemplary service to the Foundation must extend beyond the district level and over an extended period of time. We congratulate Trevor on obtaining this award. He is seen holding his engraved cast bronze plaque mounted on a walnut base.

PEACE IS POSSIBLE

One of the goals (or dreams according to past chairman, Bhichai Rattakul) of our Foundation for this year is the bold challenge that Peace is Possible. This claim is based on the faith RI has in its peace programmes. We in South Africa should be supporting these programmes, but our support has been poor.

WE NOW CAN PLAY OUR PART by finding suitable candidates for the July 2008 short term peace programme run by the Foundation. The deadline for completed applications to be submitted to The Rotary Foundation for this session is 1 December 2007. This is very short notice but some Rotarians may know of suitable candidates. The short term programme is held in Bangkok, Thailand and up to 30 participants undergo three months of intensive study instructed by leading specialists in the peace and conflict resolution fields. The customized curriculum, crafted by specialists in the field capitalizes on the theoretical and practical experience of both participants and lecturers.

Ideal for busy professionals, the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program's customized curriculum helps promising leaders expand their global outlook, strengthen their negotiation skills, and ultimately make a positive impact on future peace and conflict resolution efforts worldwide. Let us help and support the training of leaders to build peace.

Application forms can be found on the website and we urge you to contact Geoff Antrobus, our scholarships chair, by 20 November at the latest if you have a suitable candidate.

CONNECTING WITH OUR LOST ASSETS

Another goal for the year is to connect with our alumni, all those who have benefited from Foundation programmes as GSE members or leaders and as recipients of Rotary scholarships like the Ambassadorial scholarship.

Foundation month provides clubs with an opportunity to get an alumnus (lists of those in each area of the district have been sent to clubs) to talk to the club about the benefits he or she has obtained from being an alumnus.

The club should then keep in touch with the alumnus and bring him or her into the club as a member if possible.

POLIO ERADICATION IS REALISTIC

We have reached the stage where the knock-out blow must be given to POLIO. Clubs will be encouraged in May to do a bit towards this.

Won't it be wonderful, one day, to think that you have played a part in the eradication of a disease that would have crippled billions if it had continued?

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FOUNDATION CHAIR TO VISIT 9320



Bob Scott, the Rotary Foundation Chair for 2007 to 2008 will be visiting South Africa in May next year and has included a visit to Port Elizabeth in his schedule. Details will be provided later and all Rotarians near to Port Elizabeth are encouraged to make the effort to attend his presentation.

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

The final Foundation dream is an appeal to get every Rotarian to make a **personal** contribution to the Foundation each year. Our clubs have all set a per Rotarian goal varying in amounts up to \$110 per Rotarian. All Rotarians are encouraged to make a personal donation to add to the club donation. At one club, after my visit, one senior Rotarian offered to pay the difference between \$50 the club had offered and \$100 per Rotarian and this has already been paid in. In November the Rotary exchange rate is good (R6.80 to \$1.00) and clubs and Rotarians should try to make their Foundation donations (or part of them) this month.

At my induction I mentioned that the IPDG of the district that includes Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi and part of Mozambique had offered to shave his beard if his district averaged \$100 per Rotarian last year. He had to do so as they achieved the target.

In a rash moment I offered to shave my head if our district did the same. PDG Fred Roberts is so sure the district will do so that he has already produced a photograph of me at DGE Jaap's induction next year with my hair suitably shorn. Jaap looks concerned that he may have to do the same and our lawyer "Paul Harris" looks to the skies in disbelief at what has happened to Rotary.





INTERACT WEEK
5-11 NOVEMBER 2007
 Are you doing something?

Before our training in San Diego we were invited by Rotarians in Melbourne, Florida to visit them. At a military cocktail party one of the non-Rotarians mentioned that he had been a Junior Rotarian at school. As Interact started in Melbourne, he was probably at the school which started the first Interact Club.

Clubs have been informed via their presidents of ways to celebrate and benefit from Interact Week. They received a colourful message from our DGN Anne – a sign of things to come in the district.



CLUB ELECTIONS NEED TO BE HELD

Elections for office bearers for 2008-9 need to be held before Christmas. All clubs are reminded to consult their club constitutions and bylaws to check on the election regulations and procedures.

According to the District Strategic plan for 2008-9, **ALL CLUBS ARE TO APPOINT COMMITTEES FOR 2008-9 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CLP (CLUB LEADERSHIP PLAN).**

This makes sense as all training, all handbooks, all evaluations for Rotary clubs have already been changed to the CLP. All training documents provided for this year's club officials provide details about CLP.

Clubs are reminded that according to the latest Council on Legislation regulation **NO PRESIDENT MAY BE INDUCTED UNTIL HE OR SHE HAS ATTENDED POETS.** If the president does not attend POETS, the present president will automatically continue in office. POETS attendance before 2007 does not count as it did not involve CLP.

POETS IS SCHEDULED FOR 18 TO 20 APRIL 2008.



Potential Rotary Leaders' Seminars Rotarians in the Klerksdorp area have been able to attend a successful Master PRLS, the successor to Basic PRLS which many of us have attended. A PRLS session develops skills for Rotary leaders that can be used in all situations inside and outside Rotary. **WATCH OUT FOR A PRLS NEAR YOU.**

2008 RI CONVENTION
LOS ANGELES
 15 to 18 June 2008

Lights, Camera, Action!

See the Stars!

Share the spotlight with fellow Rotarians in the entertainment capital of the world.



If you intend going to the convention, please remember that the first deadline to get a good price is 15 December.

Download the official brochure from:
http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/c08_brochure.pdf
 Register online at <https://riweb.rotaryintl.org/>
 For more information go to:
<http://www.rotary2008.com/>



PRE CONVENTION FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

If you intend going to the convention, why not make your trip extra worthwhile and join other members of the district on a friendship exchange to District 5080 (British Columbia, Canada) from 30 May to 14 June? You can even go on the friendship exchange without going to the Convention. You will **NEVER** forget it.

Contact Andy Russell – details in the District Directory.

ROTARY IN ACTION



A learner at the Uitvlucht Farm school shows her LITERACY skills to the DG and visiting Rotarians. In addition to receiving new reading books, the learners have access to WATER since the gutters and pipes at the school have been repaired to make the water tank operative again. This is thanks to a MINI GRANT obtained by the RC of Jeffreys Bay with the RC of Port Elizabeth as a partner. Books were also provided by FAMILY OF ROTARY members, the Interact Club of Nico Malan, who also provided puncture proof bicycles to two learners who have to walk many kilometres to school.

(Three of President Wilf's four emphases were met!)

ROTARY INFORMATION FOR ROTARY OFFICIALS

Each month your president and secretary receive a copy of the above publication and they should pass on some of the contents to their clubs. Important items this month include requests for two important nominations the club should make and calls for applications for Assistant Governor posts. The latest attendance figures are also given.

PERSONAL

PDG Tubby Grenfell is not at all well and has to undergo treatment in Johannesburg. Please keep Tubby and Lynne in your thoughts and prayers.

IN MEMORIAM

With sadness we report a second tragic and senseless murder of one of the long-standing members of the Rotary Club of Kingwilliamstown, **Dr Pox Raghavjee**. It appears that he was hi-jacked on his way to work and was ruthlessly murdered. Pox was inducted to the Rotary Club of King William's Town in January 1986. Besides his active involvement in Rotary he was very active in the community in which he was a well loved member.

**ARRANGE SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR
THE ROTARY FAMILY IN DECEMBER!**

SPOUSE'S SPOT

Lionel and I have been continuing our travels to clubs in the district and have been so interested in the visits to the various projects - both Rotary and Anns'/ Inner Wheel - and we can see that you are all very busy finding just the right need in your community and fulfilling it as best your club can, whether your club consist of 30 or 3 members. Each time we do something for others we are contributing to making a difference to someone else - we are sharing what we have with someone who is in need.

Do remember to take photos of your projects - big or small - as they occur so that at the end of the year you will be able to look back and to remember what an impact you have had on many people during that year. It is so often the small acts of kindness and thoughtfulness that will long be remembered by the elderly, the lonely and children.

At the Conference in Maseru in September I urged each club to make a donation to the Rotary Foundation during this Rotary year.(July 2007 - June 2008). The money donated is used for so much throughout the world - not least of all in our district where matching grants, medical equipment, books for literacy etc are made available to the needy. The month of November is Foundation Month. Please make sure that you have a plan in place to make an annual donation to the Foundation through your Rotary Club. Remember that only a few words can appear on the recipient's bank statement so make sure that you ask your Rotary Secretary/Treasurer to ensure that the deposit has only three or four words eg. 1. Club name; 2 "Anns" or "Inner Wheel" and 3 "Foundation" on the slip. If this is not done, you will not receive any credit or acknowledgement for the deposit. Please also let me know each time you make a deposit so that I can keep my records up to date as well.

The Merit Certificates, which are available from me for R60.00 and can be awarded to someone in your club, your Rotary Club or your community, are a way of giving public recognition to someone who has done something special. In addition it means that your club will have made a donation of R60.00 with each Certificate to the Rotary Foundation. You will just need to send me an e-mail and I will post the certificates to you.

I have copies of the talks that our RI PPR Ann, Deepa Bhatia, and Neil Robertson (Basotho Blankets) gave at Conference. I will send you an e-mail copy of either or both if you contact me.

With my very best wishes

Maureen