

GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY NEWS LETTER

District Governor Jaap Steyn – 2008 / 09

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Dear Friends

What an experience! A **very big thank you** to the conference committee for all the organization that went into making the conference such a successful one. A very big thank you to the Rotarians, Anns, Ladies of Inner Wheel, Spouses & Partners of our District 9320 who came from near & far – it is your participation that made for a meaningful & fun conference. It was a great privilege having an experienced, humble Rotarian as Past RI Director Ken & his lovely wife Winnie Morgan as the RI President's Personal Representative couple.

Included in the Newsletter are the reports of the Break Away Sessions at conference - thank you PJ Cloete, PDG John McDonald, PDG Ken Stonestreet, Linsley Pudney & Noelene Jorgensen. I believe that this information will help clubs **Make Dreams Real** in the Communities of our District.

All the best, Jaap

OCTOBER – VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

Vocational Service, the second Avenue of Service, promotes high ethical standards in businesses and professions, recognizes the worthiness of all dignified occupations, and fosters the ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations.

One of the priorities of the *RI Strategic Plan* is to revitalize the advantage of Rotary's unique vocational basis by:

- Influencing ethical decision making by encouraging Rotarians to join and take leadership roles in business and vocational associations
- Finding new ways to develop vocational skills of others, especially people without jobs by fully utilizing Rotarian expertise and experience
- Developing more vocational forums for learning and information exchange to encourage professional development

When professionals join a Rotary club, they do so as a representative of their particular business or profession. Rotarians have the dual responsibility of representing their vocation within the club and exemplifying the ideals of Rotary within the workplace.

Vocational Service opportunities include:

- Mentoring
- Career days
- Vocational awards
- Business assistance
- Rotary club presentations

Every October, Rotarians are encouraged to focus their attention on [Vocational Service](#). Clubs celebrate with a variety of activities ranging from discussions about business ethics to awards to community projects. It is also an opportunity to begin year-long Vocational Service activities.

Participating in RI and Foundation programs can enhance a Rotary club's Vocational Service efforts.

Consider the following:

- [Rotary Volunteers](#) • [Group Study Exchange](#) • [Humanitarian Programs](#) • [Rotary Fellowships](#) • [Open World](#)

The following resources are available on the [RI Web site](#):

- [Vocational Service section](#) • [Vocational Service in your Community](#) • [Communities in Action: A Guide to Effective Projects](#) • [Menu of Service Opportunities](#) • [Community Assessment Tools](#) • [ProjectLINK Service Project Resource Center](#) • [Rotary E-Learning Center](#)



*** *Service above self – it is all about our communities* ***

***** GO FOR GOLD CONFERENCE *****

SUMMARY OF GROUP DISCUSSIONS

HEALTH & HUNGER – PDG Ken Stonestreet

91 delegates attended the 4 break away sessions. 60% of the time was used to discuss the Shelter Box for disaster relief, and the dual sided spoon for controlling dehydration /diarrhoea in infants / children. This demonstrated how well these two presentations were received.

Shelter Box:

It was suggested, and supported, that two more Shelter Boxes, in addition to the one which DG Jaap had promised on our behalf, be donated by our District.

It was also felt that the dual sided spoon be included in the Shelter Box.

Dual Sided Spoons:

Much enthusiasm was expressed, and the following implementation strategy was considered & supported.

- The idea should be protected by a patent or some registration system;
- Prepare a business plan and implementation strategy;
- Arrange a presentation to the Minister of Health to get government ‘buy –in;’
- A probable trial period may have to be sponsored.

Pollution Control and Re-cycling of waste:

This is recognised as a big problem in our part of the world. There were quite a few well known suggestions and solutions which were touched upon. In general, it was agreed that discipline and the attitude of the population needed changing. The best place to begin, is with the youth, such as in the Earlyact and Interact clubs.

Hunger Gardens:

Discussion ranged from the smallest vegetable gardens in squatter camps, to large business type tunnel gardening, There was some negativity toward the smaller gardens, with the feeling being that, in general, they only survive one season due to neglect and pilfering. It was agreed that the larger the garden, and the more thorough the training, the greater the success.

REACH OUT TO AFRICA – ROTA:

This newly launched Rotary International initiative was communicated to the delegates. They were Informed to expect a lot of information to be forthcoming in the months ahead. Subjects to be dealt with will be : Water projects; Child and Infant Mortality, Malaria, HIV / AIDS, Literacy, Health and Hunger. Delegates were informed that the Southern African committee required urgent information about their clubs’ water projects. This information to be sent to **PDG Ken Stonestreet** at :stonestreet@mweb.co.za. Please state the following : name of club; brief summary of project; community who will benefit; time span; and cost. There may well be international monies to support these projects.

This information needs to be communicated before the end of October, 2008.

LITERACY – PDG John McDonald

1. The discussion session was held in 4 separate sessions of 45 minutes each to enable all conference attendees the opportunity to participate.
2. The session was presented as a “show a little, talk a little” format, to encourage audience involvement.
3. Session 1 was lively with good audience involvement.
4. Session 2 was also good with satisfactory member participation
5. Session 3 was weak with only a few active participants.
6. Session 4 was acceptable with again some audience participation.

Literacy ...

General:

- 1) The session times were barely acceptable where audiences were enthusiastic.
- 2) Timing was difficult as no time was given to move from session to session.
- 3) It was obvious that Rotary knowledge in Literacy needs uplifting.
- 4) The active sessions had some members who had a basic knowledge of Rotary Literacy but little knowledge was shown around the LIGHTHOUSE PROGRAM. This needs some publicising.
5. It was also obvious that knowledge of the RI Booklet “Communities in Action - A guide to service projects” was weak and should perhaps be better publicised.
6. All members who showed an interest in the session and placed their email addresses have had the session content and CLE information sent to them.

YOUTH – *PJ Cloete*

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

- IMPROVE COMMUNICATION AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES TO CLUBS FROM DISTRICT YOUTH COMMITTEE
- EMPOWER CLUB LEADERS TO MARKET YOUTH EXCHANGE
- LOOK AT ALL YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE
- NEED TO ADVERTISE
- IMPORTANCE OF ASSESSING SPONSOR DISTRICT- SELECTION PROCESS AND PLACEMENT OF STUDENT
- DG AND COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE PROGRAMS
- POSSIBILITY OF 2 CLUBS CO HOSTING AND SHARING 6 MONTHS / 6MONTHS

RYLA - *ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS*

- CLUBS LOOK TO RUN RYLA COURSES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES FOR GREATER IMPACT
- VALUABLE TOOL TO IMPACT ON FUTURE LEADERS & THEIR VALUE SYSTEM

EARLY ACT

- RIPPR KEN MORGAN – SUGGESTED WE AS A DISTRICT LOOK TO SPONSOR A PROPOSAL FOR EARLY ACT TO BECOME A FORMAL RI PROGRAM.
- STRONG ACTIVE TEACHER

INTERACT

- LOOK AT INTERACT FOR NON SCHOOL ATTENDERS IN AGE GROUP
- INTERACT DROPPING OFF ON MALE MEMBERS
- IMPORTANT FOR SCHOOL TO GIVE INTERACT STATUS
- STRONG TEACHER IMPORTANT
- INFORMATION NEEDED TO DISTRICT COMMITTEE
- REGISTER ON RI WEBSITE
- RI PRES REP-OFFER TO LINK WITH NORTH CAROLINA FOR INTERACTION
- NEED TO SPREAD INTERACT TO PD SCHOOLS

ROTARACT

- IMPORTANCE OF STRONG FACILITATOR / LECTURER
- IMPORTANCE OF ROTARY GETTING ROTARACT ACCREDITED FOR ALLOCATION OF POINTS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE
- ID DEDICATED RTN IN CLUB TO DRIVE CHARTER
- LEARN FROM CLUBS WHERE ROTARACT WORKING
- START CLUB “BIG” BASE FRIENDSHIP CIRCLES**

membership...

MEMBERSHIP – *Lindsley Pudney & Noelene Jorgensen*

VENUE: ADEQUATE - With door open, rather noisy. However, with door closed it was stuffy.

ATTENDANCE: 1st session poorly attended, possibly due to delegates attending Conflict Resolution Session. 2nd and 3rd sessions were well attended, with numbers dropping off slightly for fourth session

GROUP PARTICIPATION: Rearranged seating to circle format, in order to facilitate “Discussion Friendly” sessions. Linsley, Noelene and John lead discussions which encouraged participation and discussions. Rotarians shared their successes and difficulties within each group. Many possible suggestions were offered in each group discussion.

INFORMATION DISCUSSED:

- Membership Development committee introduced, with details of clubs and location
- Membership Development committee is available to support clubs and Rotarians are encouraged to contact committee members for any assistance required or related queries. Assurance is given that the committee will assist wherever possible.
- Membership is No. 1 priority if RI and District goals are to be met.
- Membership Development and Diversity was discussed –
- Suggestions to “take Rotary to the suburbs”
- Invite *more than one* person from a different group at a time to ensure they feel welcome and can identify with each other (i.e. age, gender, race, etc.)
- Build & Support Rotaract in order to develop future Rotarians
- Rotary meetings must be enjoyable
- Member involvement must be encouraged
- Job talks regularly, for new members and “old”
- Involve all members in projects, socials, projects from early stage

RECRUITMENT:

- Utilise official classification list as base-line to compare with members profile.
- Conduct a “needs analysis” for your club (also part of Club Assessment Tools)
- Rotarians are reminded:
 - Identify
 - Invite and Orientate
 - Induct
 - Mentor & support
 - Inform
 - Involve

CLUB ASSESSMENT TOOLS – Available on RI Website:

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/club_assessment_tools_en.pdf

Refer potential Rotarians to other clubs either directly or via RI website: Membership Referral:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/members/GeneralInformation/MembershipResources/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

- Cost of Rotary mentioned in each session as a possible barrier to membership for both younger Rotarians with young children and education commitments and retired Rotarians.
 - Suggestion that membership fees and RI dues are calculated on a sliding scale with lower fees for those in 30-40’s and 65+ and higher in between
 - Suggest that meetings be flexible and arranged to not necessarily include cost of meal (adding to additional expense)

membership...

- Some clubs reported having tried the new 2 weekly meetings as opposed to traditional weekly meetings:
 - D 9320 clubs present indicated that reduced frequency has in fact had a negative effect, resulting in lack of continuity and loss of interest and club intimacy
 - Younger club example from UK (members avg age ~35 years) reported great success with 2 weekly meetings
 - POINT: Remain open-minded and flexible and be prepared to try ‘new’ formats from time to time
 - Club – 50 years in existence has recently changed format of meetings with positive outcome (having guest speaker first up as opposed to after formalities and meal). Venue/Caterer and members both happy with new arrangement.
 - Lesson “be open to change”
- Keeping members committed and interested:
 - Arrange Interesting Guest Speakers (share information with clubs in your area or via newsletter)
 - Assist members with make-up’s (do a ‘make-up’ with a new member for the first time)
 - Own ‘make-up’s’: try to make-up at a different club in your area every time or simply visit other clubs in the vicinity. This affords you the opportunity to see how other clubs operate and to meet other Rotarians. Learn or share something from every experience.
 - Try on-line make-up’s and share your experience with your club:
http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/eclub_list.pdf
- Public Relations: Clubs need to advertise and “show-case” their projects and clubs
 - Make a point of telling one person about Rotary every day
 - Wear your Rotary pin or badge with pride every day
 - Suggestion, each member wears Rotary shirt or top very week on meeting day (successful Branding)

CONCLUSION: Discussions were interactive and productive. Overall feedback was satisfactory.

AWARDS – *IPDG Lionel Heath*

The following awards were made at the District 9320 Conference banquet

THE FANIE CRONJE AWARD for the highest attendance at weekly meetings.

ROTARY CLUB OF GRAAFF REINET

THE JOY EWING AWARD for the highest number of points for involvement in all the programmes of The Rotary Foundation.

ROTARY CLUB OF ALGOA BAY

Runner up : ROTARY CLUB OF FLAMINGO WELKOM

THE FRANK CONNOCK AWARD for what was adjudicated to be the best bulletin.

ROTARY CLUB OF PORT ALFRED

Runners up : ROTARY CLUBS OF PORT ELIZABETH, JEFFREYS BAY, ARCADIA, PE WEST.

THE RONNIE McWILLIAMS AWARD for the highest per capita unrestricted giving to The Rotary Foundation.

ROTARY CLUB OF FLAMINGO WELKOM \$478.32

Runners up : ROTARY CLUBS OF FICKSBURG IMPERANI \$223.02,
UITENHAGE SOUTH \$180.91 and PORT ELIZABETH EAST \$135.58.

THE CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AWARD determined on the percentage of club members attending conference multiplied by the distance travelled.

ROTARY CLUB OF PORT ELIZABETH EAST

Runners up : ROTARY CLUBS OF JEFFREYS BAY, BEACON BAY and PE WEST.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT WILF WILKINSON'S SPECIAL AWARDS FOR SMALL CLUB MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Below 10 members to 10 or more

ROTARY CLUBS OF BOTHAVILLE, DE AAR and FICKSBURG.

Between 10 and 14 members to 15 or more.

ROTARY CLUBS OF JEFFREYS BAY and VRYBURG.

Between 15 and 19 members to 20 or more.

ROTARY CLUBS OF KIMBERLEY, KROONSTAD and MASERU.

Between 10 and 14 members to 20 or more – a double step.

ROTARY CLUB OF FICKSBURG IMPERANI.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AWARDS FOR MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES.

ROTARY CLUB OF EAST LONDON

for starting one club and initiating the starting of another.

ROTARY CLUB OF FLAMINGO WELKOM

for the induction of nine new members on the occasion of the DG's visit.

THE BEST CO-OPERATIVE PROJECTS AWARD

for working with an outside organisation on a successful project.

ROTARY CLUB OF KIMBERLEY SOUTH.

ROTARY ANNS' AND INNER WHEEL AWARDS

THE VAL SAUNDERS AWARD for the project that involves all club members and best serves a needy section of the community.

THE ROTARY ANNS' CLUB OF FLAMINGO WELKOM

for their fundraiser, Strictly Come Dancing, which led to the refurbishing of a home for abused women.

THE TONI AWARD awarded by the DG Ann for a project that had a special appeal to her.

THE ROTARY ANNS' CLUB OF BEACON BAY

for a Mothers' Day project.

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THE INNER WHEEL CLUB OF PORT ELIZABETH EAST

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

MAKE DREAMS REAL



Kim's Chatter Box... 😊



This is a HUGE HUG to...

- Ann President Jill Lombard for all the hard work and huge amounts of organizing she did to make the Anns' AGM and Luncheon such a great success.
- Ann President Cindy Cooper & Ann President Millie Hugo and all the Anns of the Goldfields Sunset, Flamingo Welkom & Odendaalsrus Clubs for all their work, input & gifts. • *It was a privilege and great fun being part of such a mean team! Thanks a ton!!!*
- The Viljoenskroon Anns for their support. Rosa Senekal for thanking Jackie Botes and Pat Whitfield for saying Grace at lunch.
- Melodene Stonestreet for taking such good care of RI Pres Personal Rep's Spouse – Winnie Morgan
- Everybody – hatted or unhatted (new words for my dictionary...) Thanks for coming all the way to Welkom – it was GREAT having you all there.

AND THE WINNER IS.....

VAL SAUNDERS AWARD
Flamingo Welkom Anns

TONI AWARD
Beacon Bay Anns

ATTENDANCE AWARD
Inner Wheel club of Port Elizabeth East

*Sometimes I think
I understand everything...
Then I regain consciousness*



*Hope your October has been
and will still be an
Opulent Occasion!
Lots of love – Kimxxx*

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT>>>>>>>

Went into Woolworths the other day and guess what????? Christmas decorations and gifts to buy!

I CAN & DO BELIEVE>>>>>>>

This is a time that people who care, people like the Anns, Ladies of Inner Wheel, Partners & Spouses in district 9320 AND worldwide... Make Dreams Real for adults & children who are in need of feeling needed, wanted, valued & loved.

I KNOW FOR SURE>>>>>>>>>

One needs to take some "ME" time to recharge your batteries otherwise you won't have the strength to help others!

TODAY...

&

THIS MONTH.....

**Observe the relationship of happiness & helpfulness:
The extent of your happiness is commensurate with the degree of your helpfulness to others.**