



in District 9320

Monthly Newsletter
October 2006

VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

From the Desk of the DG: **?**

The focus for this month's newsletter is the District Conference, held in Queenstown in September.

Congratulations to Conference Chairman, PJ Cloete, and to the Rotary Club of Lukhanji Sunset, Queenstown, on a great achievement. Every aspect of the Conference was well organised and most enjoyable.

Thank you too to the Rotarians from other clubs who assisted, to all who made presentations, and to those who attended. Each and every one of you contributed to the success of this conference.

September is New Generations Month in the Rotary calendar. How appropriate to have had the Conference in this month, with the emphasis very much on the New Generations and the Family of Rotary.

Yours in Rotary



RI President Bill Boyd's Personal Representative to the Conference of District 9320, PDG Rama Chetty, from Mauritius, with his wife Thelma.



Every Picture Tells a Story
Conference chairman PJ Cloete, the evening before the opening of Conference.

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Vocational Service Month

Every October, Rotarians are encouraged to focus their attention on vocational service. Discussions among clubs and districts on vocational service can lead to projects that not only develop the ethical consciousness and vocational skills of Rotarians but also the talents within their communities. Vocational service month is an opportunity to begin yearlong vocational service activities, ranging from Rotary discussions to awards to community projects. Below you'll find a number of ideas to help your club celebrate.

- **Devote a meeting in October** to examining the second Avenue of Service, including [The 4-Way Test](#) and the [Declaration of Rotarians in Business and the Professions](#). After expanding members' awareness, solicit their input in planning projects for the remainder of the year.
- **Introduce a "mini-classifications talk" series** in which each member gives a five-minute talk on his or her vocation. Schedule one speaker for the beginning of each meeting until everyone has made a presentation. The purpose: promote vocational awareness among Rotarians and help them recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations.
- **Present a vocational award to someone** in the community who has exemplified outstanding professional achievement while maintaining very high ethical standards. Promote the presentation within the community, and consider making it an annual October event.
- **Invite experts to give a presentation** on the vocational needs of the community and develop a project in response to those needs. Possible projects could focus on developing character, providing career information to youth, mentoring small businesses, or organizing workshops that provide employees with new skills.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

From November, the monthly newsletter will be distributed with *Rotary Africa*. Copy has to be at the offices of *Rotary Africa* by the end of the previous month. The previous month's attendance figures will not be available by that date; the figures will therefore be one month later, e.g. September figures will be in the November newsletter, etc.

WORLD INTERACT WEEK

You are reminded that **World Interact Week** takes place from 05 – 11 November; please make sure that Interact Clubs plan something special for that week.

ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

November is **Rotary Foundation Month**; please ensure that your club gives this important aspect of Rotary full attention.

ROTARY FAMILY MONTH

On the Rotary calendar, December is **Family Month**; club plans for that should be well underway by now.

Rotary Anns Conference

Queenstown, Saturday 23rd September 2006

Sheila McDonald

The Rotary Club of Lukhanji Sunset organised a "Conference with a difference" this year. It was dedicated to the memory of Johan Viljoen and consisted of 4 distinct sessions. We were welcomed by the Lukhanji Rotarians and

The First Session, chaired by PDG's Ann Cathy Willis, involved Anns' business - we were introduced to our DGE's Ann, Maureen Heath and our DGN's Ann, Kim Steyn. Our IPDG's Ann, Sheila McDonald, gave her report for the past year and then we were addressed by the RI President's Representative's Ann, Thelma Chetty. As a practicing medical doctor in Mauritius, the content of her talk was both interesting and informative.

The Second Session, chaired by PDG's Ann Melodene Stonestreet, consisted of interactive discussions around the role and future of the Anns' organisation. The subject was "Anns in the second century of Rotary." After tea,

The Third Session, chaired by Sheila, focused on the relationship between the Anns and Rotary International. PDG Mel Smethurst, our District Rotary Foundation Chair, gave out certificates recognising the donations given by us to Foundation during 2005 - 2006 (around R46,500.00). The Anns clubs of East London, Beacon Bay and Ladybrand shared with us details of some of the projects in which they are involved. We were then addressed by exchange students who shared their experiences and encouraged us to continue and expand our Youth Exchange programme. Jenny van Heerden gave a talk on the project "SPARROWS" and then Cathy gave us an interesting talk on the Inner Wheel organisation.

The Fourth Session, chaired by PDG's Ann Lyn Grenfell was our Ann's Luncheon, where we were joined by our DG, Ethne Papenfus, her husband Wes and the RI Presidents representative, Rama Chetty. There were 3 Anns awards to be presented by Sheila. They were;

1. **The Attendance Award** which was won by the Rotary Anns of Flamingo for having the highest attendance at Conference.
2. **The Val Saunders Trophy** won by the Rotary Anns of Grahamstown / Grahamstown Sunset for their skills development project.
3. **The Toni Award** was presented to the Rotary Anns of Ladybrand for their "Calendar Girls" project.

After lunch we all rejoined the main conference.

Everyone will agree that this conference was different - there was more discussion and debate and we were able to cover more topics because extra time had been allocated. On behalf of all the Anns and Ladies of the Inner Wheel who were present, I would like to offer my sincere thanks for the commitment and hard work put in by the Lukhanji Club, especially Rosemary Cloete and PJ Cloete.

District 9320
 Conference
 2006
 Queenstown



Webmaster, Barry Downs, has made CDs of Conference proceedings, with photos; a copy will be sent to every club president.



Driving into Queenstown, delegates were welcomed by the Rotary wheel. (Lent to Lukhanji Sunset by Kimberley South for the occasion.)



An elegant setting for the Opening of Conference

In true Eastern Cape style, proceedings were opened by a praise singer ...



Opening guest speaker, Graeme Codrington, on the topic *Mind the Gap*, very appropriately for this Conference, on the Generations Gap.



... with entertainment by a local choir



Home club of the DG

Emphasising the internationality of Rotary, Conference opened with an impressive flag ceremony, conducted by District 9320's Ambassadorial Scholar and Youth Exchange students.

The Family of Rotary, and particularly the young people, played a significant role at this Conference:



Youth Exchange



Group Study Exchange:
Team from Essex, UK



Team from Pennsylvania,
USA



Ambassadorial
Scholar



Rotaract



Interact



RYLA



Earlyact

But no part of the Family of Rotary was overlooked, with Rotarians speaking on the topics: *Rotary – Its Impact and My Impression as a New Rotarian*, *How Rotary is Perceived and its Impact on Membership*, and *Retention – Why I remain a Rotarian and how to retain Membership*, with the speakers ranging from the young to the more experienced Rotarian, and stressing the need for diversity in membership in all ways.

There was time for the important aspects of Foundation, Membership, Projects, with displays by some clubs of their projects, Finances, Club Administration, etc.

Rotarians of the District were the speakers for most of the sessions, with outside speakers including the DG of District 9210, Patrick Coleman, and Rev Bruce Davie, from East London, who conducted a short service on the Sunday morning.

Business was done, and there were serious moments, but what Conference would be complete without the fun moments as well, and this was well catered for on the Saturday evening by:



The irrepressible Potch Mooi Club



and the well known South African
team of *Boet and Swaer*.



The formal programme of
DisCon 9320 2006
concluded with an address by
Victor Vermeulen,
as moving as it was inspirational.



Could there have been a more fitting closing
to the Conference than having the young
president of the Lukhanji Sunset Club,
Anne-Lise Bollaert-Davies, addressing the
delegates, with assistance from the youngest
member of the Bollaert-Davies family.



Missed the 2006 Conference?
Make sure that you register
early for **Conference 2007** in
Maseru, in the **Mountain
Kingdom of Lesotho**.