



in District 9320

Monthly Newsletter

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FOUNDATION MONTH

From the Desk of the DG:



With Christmas only weeks away, all clubs are no doubt focusing on Christmas activities, both for projects in their communities and for fun events for club members themselves. Thanks to those clubs who are involved in the Tree of Joy projects. This is happening right across the district.

November is Foundation Month. With the recent new outbreaks of polio, Rotarians in the District have become involved in the immunization programmes run by the Departments of Health. Read about this on the next page.

Best wishes to all as you prepare for projects and fun activities for the festive season.

Yours in Rotary

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Tree of Joy

Is your club running a **Tree of Joy** project? Being few in numbers does not mean that a club cannot do this. The Rotary Club of De Aar, with only 10 members, is doing so, with the help of a local pharmacy.

There is information on the website on the running of a **Tree of Joy** project. It is not too late for this. It can be run for a couple of weeks, and make a worthwhile contribution in your community.

We are hoping that every club will participate in a festive season project.

Please send photos and information on your project, to the DG (wesðne@isat.co.za), for the December newsletter.



The Tree of Joy Project of the Rotary Club of De Aar. On the left, Pres Elsabe Thiant, on the right, Secretary and Media Liaison, Rina Edwards.

Not only is the club achieving their goal of bringing Christmas joy to the elderly living in one of the old age homes in the town, they are also ensuring publicity for Rotary by having the Rotary wheel prominently displayed on the tree itself, and by the Rotarians in attendance, but also by having coverage in the local paper.

Well done, De Aar.

The Rotary Foundation

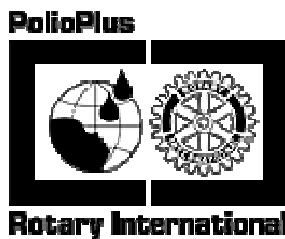
November being Foundation month, this newsletter gives focus to **The Rotary Foundation**.

From the Rotary website:

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

The Foundation was created in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." It has grown from an initial contribution of US\$26.50 to more than US\$117.9 million contributed in 2004-05. Its event-filled history is a story of Rotarians learning the value of service to humanity.

The Foundation's Humanitarian Programs fund international Rotary club and district projects to improve the quality of life, providing health care, clean water, food, education, and other essential needs primarily in the developing world. One of the major Humanitarian Programs is PolioPlus, which seeks to eradicate the poliovirus worldwide. Through its Educational Programs, the Foundation provides funding for some 1,200 students to study abroad each year. Grants are also awarded to university teachers to teach in developing countries and for exchanges of business and professional people. Former participants in the Foundation's programs have the opportunity to continue their affiliation with Rotary as Foundation Alumni.



With the outbreak of polio once again so close to our own borders, Rotarians have again had to focus on working to eliminate this dread disease.

Several clubs in **District 9320** have participated in the inoculation drives in their areas, and some have written in to share their experiences:

Club President Clifton Piek, of the **Rotary Club of Klerksdorp**, writes that they are actively involved in mobilizing their Club to assist with Polio immunization in their town – about 40 crèches are to be vaccinated and they are to man a "HOT SPOT" in one of the local townships. The club mobilized and immunized 1,463 children in the Klerksdorp area, the previous week, and hope that this will help to increase the number of polio resistant children in the community.

From the **Rotary Club of Port Alfred**, John Lardner-Burke, the Club's Director for Foundation affairs, writes: At the invitation of the District Governor, I communicated with the local Health Department in Port Alfred, who after "much tooting and froing", eventually put me in touch with the Makana (Grahamstown) Health Department, who were responsible for the campaign in Grahamstown and its outlying areas.

I offered Rotary Port Alfred's assistance in the campaign, explaining where why we were involved and the extent of our involvement. A Mrs Bloom invited me to the launch of the Polio eradication program in our area which took place at Jauka Hall in Nemato Township, Port Alfred, on Wednesday 4 October 2006.

The launch was to publicize the campaign and I was asked to assist with transport from the local clinics in the Kenton Township of Ekupumleni, the Bushman's River Township of Marcelle and the Township of Klipfontein.. This took place during the period of 9 to 20 October. Fortunately there were only a handful of crèches and the exercise was completed in 3 days. I was informed that some 120 children under the age of 5 were vaccinated from the Marcelle clinic and some 90 from the Ekupumleni Clinic. Both clinics were informed that we would be willing to assist should they require our services further.

We were not asked to assist in Port Alfred's Nemato Township as they had advised that they had sufficient coverage of the area.

In **De Aar**, the **Rotary Club** helped the staff of the local clinics on Saturday 14 October, and they donated fruit juice.

In Kimberley, Club President of Kimberley South, Marlene Viljoen, writes that the **Rotary Clubs of Kimberley and Kimberley South** were both involved in the Campaign. They assisted the Department of Health by conducting immunization surveys on three different days. This meant questioning the public on the campaign to determine whether children had been immunized or not. The surveys were conducted in various areas including taxi ranks, Greenpoint, Galeshewe & Roodepan. Rotarians involved were Tom McGhee, Gill Quinn, Barry Downs, Percy Manuel, Marlene Viljoen, Philip Vorster, Liz Voigt & Australian Youth Exchange Student Emma Lancaster, with sandwiches provided for the whole week of the campaign by Rtns Willie Goldblatt & Wes Papenfus from their respective businesses.

Marlene also reported that meetings took place with representatives from the Department of Health and the World Health Organisation. The feedback was positive and it was a good opportunity for Rotary to get involved.

Rtn Barry Downs wrote the following:

A Rotarian's Perspective

Last week some of us assisted the Department of Health with their hastily arranged Polio Immunisation Campaign in the Kimberley area.

As Rotarians we all know about RI's Polio Plus campaign which was launched in 1988. But, for most of us, this was the first opportunity we had had to roll up our sleeves and participate at a level beyond collecting funds and sending our contributions to RI.

On this occasion there were two areas of Rotary involvement:-

"Independent monitoring of the immunisation teams and

"Conducting surveys to see how well informed the population at large was about the programme.

Monitoring of the immunisation teams meant accompanying a Departmental official as Independent Observers, and interviewing 4 or 5 teams at various points - clinic, hospitals etc. The object was to see just how well trained the teams were, whether or not they had adequate stocks of vaccine, did they know how to check the vaccine's viability, were they handling the paperwork correctly and so on.

My personal experience was rather unsettling. The two small clinics I visited in Galeshewe were good. There the staff seemed

to know exactly what they should be doing and were indeed doing it efficiently and effectively - in spite of long queues of waiting patients. However, the situation at the Hospital was rather different. There it appeared that the staff knew little about the campaign; they claimed that they had no stocks; and seemingly wouldn't have known what to do with them anyway. Quite simply, they were not executing the campaign. According to the staff concerned, they had had little or no training or information from their immediate supervisors. Even more disturbing was the fact that they didn't seem to be particularly concerned about the situation. One could perhaps be forgiven for thinking that they have more than enough work to do without any additional burdens - were it not for the ubiquitous games of patience sitting boldly on computer screens!

So far as the public surveys were concerned - my understanding from some of those Rotarians who participated is that the public is well aware of the campaign. And most of the young children were seen to have been immunised—marked thumbs much in evidence. Most people reported that they had been made aware of the campaign by the many posters being displayed at various locations - clinics, crèches, schools etc.

I trust that the next campaign (due shortly, I believe) will be professionally controlled. It would also be nice if the authorities were aware of Rotary's past involvement and contributions - both in cash and in kind. It would also be good if Rotary could be more involved, and from an earlier stage.

This experience makes me realise that Rotary's Polio Plus contributions, in excess of US\$600m, are partly wasted if there is not informed and conscientious participation all the way along the chain, right down to the nurse or volunteer who is educating the public, administering the drops and completing the paperwork.. Presidents, Rotarians, World Health Organisation officials and others can (and do) deliver the most heart-warming speeches. But, at the end of the day, if the doctor, nurse or volunteer at the sharp end isn't truly motivated, then some of the impact will inevitably be lost.

Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Programme

Call for Applications

The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies (RPCS) Program has announced a call for applications for the July 2007 program session.

The deadline for district-endorsed applications to be submitted to The Rotary Foundation for this session is 1 December 2006.

Check the Rotary website for more information.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for September are given in the table in the next column. Attendance officer Phil Hart sent these figures in on 15 October. Several clubs had still not submitted their figures by that date. Please check that all your attendance figures have been submitted, including the number as @ 01 July 2006. Number of meetings held for the month should also be shown. Please always send in the attendance figures within the first week of the next month.

ROTARY DISTRICT 9320 ATTENDANCE September 2006

No. @ 01-Jul	CLUB	SEP		
		%	Mem	Meet.
62	Algoa Bay	80.2	60	4
16	Aliwal North			
39	Arcadia	72.8	40	3
29	Beacon Bay			
18	Bethlehem			
17	Bloemfontein			
23	Bonza Bay			
	Bothaville			
8	Colesberg			
10	Cradock	80.0	10	3
9	De Aar	86.0	10	4
55	East London	76.7	55	5
18	Ficksburg			
	Flamingo	69.0	25	4
39	Gately			
26	Goldfields Sunset	100.0	26	3
28	Gonubie	78.0		4
8	Graaff Reinet			
38	Grahamstown			
36	Grahamstown Sunset			
15	Harrismith	78.0	17	4
19	Imperani	66.7	18	4
17	Jeffreys Bay	76.0	14	3
19	Kimberley			
30	Kimberley South			
23	King Williams Town	71.3	23	4
43	Klerksdorp	83.7	43	4
19	Kroonstad	78.6	19	4
16	Ladybrand	88.2	17	4
21	Lukhanji Sunset			
28	Maloti			
18	Maseru			
12	Odendaalsrus			
17	Orkney	53.0	20	4
8	Parys			
32	Port Alfred			
47	Port Elizabeth	64.0	48	4
17	PE East	67.0	17	4
16	PE South	87.8	15	4
18	PE Sunrise	68.4	19	5
	PE West			
26	Potchefstroom			
18	Potchefstroom Mooi	82.4	17	4
31	Queenstown	71.4	29	4
13	Raadzaal			
12	Stutterheim	95.0	15	4
	Uitenhage			
	Uitenhage South			
27	Viljoenskroon	82.6	26	4
10	Vryburg	86.7	10	3
11	Welkom	82.0	11	4
1062	Total		604	

WORLD INTERACT WEEK 05 – 11 November



It is not easy for Interact Clubs to do much for **World Interact Week** in November, since that is when most schools in South Africa are well into their exam programmes.

However, if the Interact Clubs under the sponsorship of your Rotary Club were able to plan something special for that week, you are asked to give a brief report about the event, and to send it to the DG's e-mail address for possible inclusion in the next newsletter.

INTERACT and ROTARACT

It is, of course, exam time for most Rotaractors as well as the Interactors.

We wish all our members of the Family of Rotary everything of the best at this time.

Please keep Anne Botha informed of the activities of your Interact Club, and Hazel Dell and Sarah Fischer of the Rotaract Clubs.



New Generations in District 9320



Youth Exchange students to our District photographed with YE Chairman Pam Cameron-Ellis.



Projects bring help and fun to the young.

CLUB OFFICERS for the 2007-2008 Rotary Year

All clubs should arrange their AGMs for the election of club officers for the next Rotary year.

As soon as this is done, club secretaries should notify the RI office, the DG and the DGE of the newly elected officers.

Toasts to other clubs

In some of the club bulletins it is recorded that the members have toasted another club, sometimes in our own District, sometimes in Districts elsewhere in Africa and in other parts of the world. It is a lovely idea, and serves to remind us of our Family of Rotary.

Share your Views

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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.

Carte Blanche and Rotary

Public Image Chairperson Karen de Jager writes:

If you go on to the Carte Blanche website (www.cartablanca.co.za) and click on "Eastern Cape Schools" on the top of the page, you will see that not only did we make the website in terms of mentioning, but my contact details have also been posted on it. Based on that, I received a phone call from a Wendy Phillips in Johannesburg who saw the programme, got my telephone number off the website, and offered a whole bunch of school text books worth approximately R30 000 plus! How's that for advertising!

Now only if the clubs in our District will grasp on to the idea!!!!

Econo Globe Project

Clubs are reminded of the Econo Globe Project: Rotarians are encouraged to assist an old age or children's home in their area by replacing their standard light bulbs with econo globes, which are less expensive to run, and environment friendly.

Please let the DG know what your club is doing on this.