



Rotary International District 9320

**GOVERNOR'S
NEWSLETTER**

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Special points of interest:

- District Conference 2009
- RFFA Questionnaire
- RI President John Kenny speaks about the Family of Rotary



We wish all Rotarians, Family of Rotary and Rotary Friends a joyous and blessed festive season. May you experience true Rotary fun & fellowship.
Herman & Anne

And then we sailed into the sunset..



If nothing else comes of it, I am sure of one thing — **DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2009** will be remembered for quite some time to come. My sincere gratitude to every Rotarian, Ann, Member of Inner Wheel, Family of Rotary and Rotary Friends for your brave decision to take on the rough waters of the Indian Ocean. Some of us realized that we will never be sailors and it took some of us longer than others to get our land legs back, but all of us can rest assured that we were pioneers in the true sense of the word.



PRID Julio Sorjus, Bruce Whitfield, DG Anne, PDG Albert Whitfield

The Rotary International President's Personal Representative commented favourably on the content and many of the presentations in the Conference Program. I can only sincerely thank every speaker for the time you took to prepare, and the professional way in which presentations were delivered — you did RI District 9320 proud.

Rotary International President's Personal Representatives at District Conferences, all over the world, are universally feared but I can truly say that the Good Fairy smiled upon us—she or he? sent us a delightful couple with a wealth of Rotary knowledge and experience. To PRID Julio Sorjus and your dear wife, Carmen: "Please accept our honest appreciation for the momentous role that you played in our conference, I hope that you will become true friends of District 9320."



Eva Heibredner and Conference Convenor Gerry Calder

And then there was the Conference Committee..... I did not thank you publicly at conference because I have a tendency to get emotional about these things..... We started planning before the Welkom Conference in September 2008 and I can not believe the enthusiasm and determination with which you carried the conference from the beginning to the end. I can only say that I am convinced that we can teach the rest of the Rotary world something on exactly what motivated volunteers can achieve. I actually hoped that we would encounter pirates — just to show everybody what the

Conference Committee was really made of. I am convinced that you would have handled pirates with the same grace and ease that you handled all the other curved balls thrown at us. I can never thank you enough. When RI President John Kenny said: "Rotarians are and must be people of a certain caliber — people with the capacity to do great deeds, the sense to do them wisely and the strength of character to do them honestly and well." He had the D9320 Conference 2009 Committee in mind.



Pirate Taggart Cooper



And then there was the guy who even learnt Spanish.....thanks.....Anne

We celebrate the Family of Rotary

An extract from Rotary International President John Kenny's December 2009 message: "The idea of the family of Rotary is a simple one, and one that we celebrate every December during Family Month. Every Rotarian is part of the Rotary family – but our family is much larger than just our 1.2 million members. The family of Rotary includes every one of the men, women, and children who are involved in our work: the spouses and children of our members, our Rotary Foundation program participants and alumni, and all of those who are part of our programs, in the tens of thousands of Rotary communities around the world.



The youngest generation of the Rotary family is composed of our Rotaract clubs and Interact clubs, the participants in our Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program, our Ambassadorial Scholars, and our more than 8,000 Rotary Youth Exchange students every year. As in any family, our youth are our brightest promise for the future. Of course, it is my sincere wish that many of these young people go on to become Rotarians in good time. But Rotary is a part of them even today – and they are a part of us."



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Festive Season



A-Z

A is for animals. Arrange for someone responsible to care for your animals while you are away and remember them when you take out the Fire Works.

B is for Budget , Balances & Will it be Beneficial to all concerned? Think carefully about your festive financials and be prudent without being parsimonious.

C Is for communication. Do contact old friends and forgotten family members.

D is for Dancing & Driving. Do the waltz, the foxtrot & the funky chicken; but keep tabs on how much tippie you sip so you can drive straight home—and we mean straight—at the end of the evening.

E Is for the Environment & your Ecological Footprint. Recycle, think before you print , go easy on those plastic shopping bags, save electricity and water. Waste not want not.

F Is for Family, Friends, Fun & Is it Fair to all concerned? Use time to

get closer to your family and catch up with old friends.

G Is for Gifts , Gratitude & Will it build Goodwill & better friendships? Even a small token show you care.

H Is for Holy Days, holidays and hymns. During the Festive Season we don't only celebrate Christmas. Sing a hymn with other faiths in mind, light a candle and say a prayer.

I Is for ingenuity and inspiration. Re-invent yourself , your environment & your Rotary Club.

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November was Rotary Foundation month and the District GSE Committee was inadvertently omitted.....

Clubs to report incoming officers
 The last day for Rotary clubs to report incoming officers for 2010-11 to Rotary International is 31 December 2009. Please submit this information online via Member Access.

2008-2009 District & RI Awards Congratulations

The Joy Ewing Rotary Foundation Participation Award: **The Rotary Club of Algoa Bay.**

The Fanie Cronje Trophy for the Highest Average Attendance at Regular Weekly Meetings: **The Rotary Club of Stutterheim.**

Rotary International Significant Achievement Award: **The Rotary Club of East London Sunrise** for their Dual Sided Spoon Project.

Frank Connock Shield for the best Club Bulletin: **The Rotary Club of Port Elizabeth – The Friendly Word: Michael de Coning**

The Ronnie McWilliams Trophy: **The Rotary Club of Ficksburg Imperani**

Highest Attendance at District Conference 2009– **Rotary Club of Orkney**

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Festive Season



A—Z

U Is for Useful. Don't wait until you're asked to lend a helping hand.

V Is for Vitality, Vitamins & Vaccinations. You only have one chance to look after your body.

W Is for Wealth. This is measured in more than just financial assets—don't count your pennies, rather count your blessings.

X Is for exercise. Even a short walk every other day will help get the blood pumping and the endorphins rushing.

Y Is for Yuletide & Yakking. This is a time to share, and Christmas customs are not exempt from this. Learn about other cultures and their conventions, and extend warm wishes as far as you can.

Z Is for Zest, Zen and ZZZZ. Again relax.....The holidays will be over before you know it, so make the most of them.

J Is for joyful, jolly & jubilant. Take time to be a child again.

K Is for kindness, kinship and Karma - the true Rotary way

L Is for languid, light & lush. Relax..... Appreciate the holidays for the break they offer from the daily grind, and be thankful that our superb summer climate affords us the opportunity to spend Christmas outside.

M Is for Miracles. Make them happen for others this festive season.

N Is for New Year. Forget about the resolutions, they have waited a whole year—what will another day matter?

O Is for Outwit, Outplay & Outlast. Christmas is not a game, but the need to survive the silly season is genuine. Keep your sense of humour, at all times, and wear the paper hat—it will remind you that life is for living.

P Is for presents pudding & parties.....Remind children to spare a thought for the less fortunate.

Q Is for Quiet. Quiet time is a prerequisite at this time of year.

R Is for the Rotary way of doing Good in the World.

S Is for Service above Self and Sun-screen

T Is for trees, tinsel, tradition & Is it the Truth? Christmas is all about tradition and then of course there is the real reason for Christmas—the birth

of Christ.

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RFFA : Rotarians For Fighting Aids

Rotary Club and District					
Schedule of HIV/AIDS related projects undertaken by our Club:					
No	Brief description of project	Number of persons beneficially effected		TRF Matching Grant/International Rotary links	Total funds allocated to project
		Adults	Children		
1					
2					
3					
4					
Please complete and email form to: Ernie@global.co.za and mpdoyle@mweb.co.za			Signed		
			Position in Club		
THANK YOU FOR HELPING US TO TRACK THE WONDERFUL WORK THAT ROTARY IS DOING					
PDG Mark Doyle : Area Health and Hunger Coordinator & Global Chair : Rotarians For Fighting Aids					

2			1			7
			5			
	9	4			2	1
7			6	5		8
9			2	7		4
	5	1			7	4
			3			
6			2			3

**RI Exchange Rate For
December:
1 USD = R 7.40**

Please pray for the speedy recovery of those members of the Rotary family who are ill and those who will have or had surgery.

Roger Carthew

January is Rotary Awareness Month

In Memoriam
Our Prayers and thoughts are with all those Rotarians and their families who have lost loved ones.

2008-2009 District & RI Awards Congratulations

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2008-2009 Membership Goals & Recognitions Awards

- Rotary Club of Ficksburg
- Rotary Club of Kimberley South
- Rotary Club of Stutterheim
- Rotary Club of Orkney
- Rotary Club of Jeffrey's Bay
- Rotary Club of Goldfields Sunset
- Rotary Club of De Aar
- Rotary Club of Maseru
- Rotary Club of Algoa Bay

District 9320 Membership Extension Award—**The Rotary Club of Port Alfred.**

PDG Lionel Heath and PDG Ken Stonestreet were presented with a Paul Harris (4 Sapphires)

Val Saunders Award: **Rotary Anns' of Odendaalsrus**

Conference Attendance Award: **Inner Wheel Club of Vryburg**

Toni Award: **Rotary Anns' of Uitenhage South**

CALENDAR DECEMBER 2009 The Family of Rotary Month	
Report on District Goals Deadline 11/12/09	
Election of Club Officers for 2010/11 Deadline 31/12/09	
Club Officers' Info to RI Deadline 31/12/09	
Submit Semi-annual Dues Report to RI Deadline 31/12/09	
Pay Semi-annual Dues to RI Deadline 31/12/09	
STEP Youth Exchange application deadline 28/02/10	
1	T World Aids Day
2	W
3	T
4	
5	S
6	S
7	M Report to District Attendance Officer
8	T
9	W
10	T
11	F Report on District Goals
12	S
13	S
14	M
15	T
16	W SA Day of Reconciliation
17	T
18	F
19	S
20	S
21	M
22	T
23	W
24	T
25	F Lesotho & SA Christmas Day
26	S Lesotho & SA Day of Goodwill
27	S
28	M
29	T
30	W
31	T Election of Club Officers for 2010/11 Submit Club Officers 2010/11 Info to RI Submit Semi-annual Dues Report to RI Pay Semi-annual Dues to RI

Kim's Chatter Box ...

*Always be a first rate version
of yourself,
And not
A second rate version of
Someone else.*

Judy Garland

THE VAL SAUNDER'S AWARD Rotary Anns' of Odendaalsrus

This started in June 2008 when the Matron, Aneke Smit of the Mev President Steyn Old Age Home in Odendaalsrus approached the Anns' to get involved with a community project of teaching new skills to pensioners.

The Matron runs a pensioner project in the local Township where she takes the ladies and gents out on a monthly basis. A meeting was held with the Anns to see how they could get involved with the group. The group consists out of 60 pensioners, Ages ranging from 60 years to the oldest being 92 years old.

The Anns decided to take on the project of teaching the pensioners new skills to enable them to supplement their monthly pension by selling the goods they make in the township.

The Anns got together on the first Saturday of the month at the Old Age Home where a group of 10 pensioners were eagerly waiting. Much fun was had by all. The pensioners taught the Anns just as much as the Anns taught them.

The Old Age Home would pay the Anns' R500 per class and that money would go towards buying supplies for the next class of 10 the following month. The money left over from the project would then go back into the Old Age Home by means of a Christmas party and gifts at the end of the year.

Some of the new skills that were taught were: jewelry making, all kinds of bead work, decorating kitchen canisters from household materials, card making & photo frames.

This project will be an ongoing one as the pensioner group increases on a yearly level with the pension received by them staying a minimal amount. With so many of the pensioners taking care of their families and a lot of them taking care of their grand children on a permanent basis.

The Rotary Anns found this project to be extremely rewarding and soul fulfilling.

WINNERS @ ANNS' AGM:

Most Outrageous scarf:

Ladybrand Anns' -
looked like Ladybirds!

Most Elegant scarf:

Won by the most beautiful, elegant Lady - unfortunately I do not know who she was (if you know her please let me know)

Most "Nautical" scarf:

Potch Mooi Anns' had a survival scarf. Very original

The prizes were sponsored by:

Rotarian Marné Vermeulen
(Viljoenskroon Pharmacy)

Lorraine Botma - Kontreimark
(Viljoenskroon)

De Modehuis - (Viljoenskroon)

TONI AWARD

Rotary Anns' of Uitenhage South

They started a new project last year (2008/2009). Once a month on a Saturday or Sunday, two ladies have provided a meal and magazines for the mothers sitting with their children on the 6th floor of the Provincial Hospital. Each little patient has also been given a knitted teddy.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Inner Wheel Club VRYBURG!

Dearest Friends,

May the meaning of Christmas be deeper, its friendships stronger, and its hopes brighter as it comes to you this year.

May the spirit of Christmas enfold you in its peace.

May the season's simple joys warm your heart... fill your home... last a lifetime.

*May God Bless you
Lots of Love, Kim xxx*