



Rotary International District 9320

**GOVERNOR'S
NEWSLETTER**

March 2010

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ROTARY CELEBRATED ITS 105 TH ANNIVERSARY ON 23 FEBRUARY

A soccer ball signed by Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu will make a 22-country journey as part of the Kick Polio Out of Africa awareness campaign launched on 23 February.



Now on the side of RI World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, and by joining districts 6440 and 6450 to light up the Wrigley Building in downtown Chicago with the End Polio Now logo on the evening of 23 February. The Rotary Club of Chicago celebrated its own 105th anniversary immediately after the lighting. Other sites illuminated included the Pyramid of Khafre in Egypt; the Taipei Arena in Taiwan; the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, Spain; the Old Port Cap-



in Greece; and the Royal Palace in Caserta in Italy.

In Cape Town, one of the host cities for the 2010 World Cup, a Kick Polio Out of Africa awareness campaign launched with the symbolic kicking of a soccer ball signed by Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, who had polio as a child. The ball, which will be auctioned to the highest bidder, will now travel through 22 polio-affected countries en route to the RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, in June.

Special points of interest:

- Does your club qualify for a Presidential Citation?
- Significant Achievement Award
- Global Alumni Award for Service to Humanity: Zone winner, prof Leana Uys

I would love to give **YOUR CLUB** a Presidential Citation. Complete and submit the forms! I am still convinced that the Future of Rotary is in Good Hands!
Anne

From kicking a soccer ball in Cape Town, South Africa, to illuminating prominent landmarks with the End Polio Now message, Rotarians around the world celebrated 23 February, the 105th anniversary of the first Rotary club meeting.

On this day in 1905, Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Hiram Shorey, and Silvester Schiele met to talk about their personal and professional experiences. Harris then unfolded his general plan for a club. Out of this simple beginning sprang the world's first international service organization, which has now grown to include more than 1.2 million members in over 33,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.



End Polio Now is projected onto the side of the Old Port Captain's Office on the waterfront in Cape Town with Table Mountain in the background.

Rotary International helped celebrate the milestone by spelling out End Polio

tain's Office on the V&A Waterfront in Cape Town, with world-famous Table Mountain as the backdrop; the Obelisk of Buenos Aires, Argentina; the Lake Marathon Dam overlooking the historic Marathon Memorial Battlefield

PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

Each club in the District should qualify for a Presidential Citation. Clubs must achieve growth through a net increase of at least one member and complete 3 out of the menu of 6 activities before 31 March 2010 to qualify. Refer to the District Directory Pages 30—36

Don't forget the Interact and Rotaract Presidential Citations



RI Exchange Rate For
March :
1 USD = R 7.60

CALL FOR ROTARY PEACE FELLOW APPLI- CATIONS

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION IN-
VITES ALL DISTRICTS TO SUBMIT
APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2011-12
ROTARY PEACE FELLOW-
SHIPS. COMPLETE APPLICATIONS
MUST BE SENT TO GEOFF ANTRO-
BUS ON G.ANTROBUS@RU.AC.ZA
BY 3 MAY 2010

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RI Significant Achievement Award — Deadline 15 March 2010

Award Criteria Only club projects carried out by a single club are eligible for this award and only one club per district may be nominated. Projects previously recognized with an RI Significant Achievement Award are not eligible. Before selecting a project to be nominated for the RI Significant Achievement Award, make sure it meets the award criteria. The project must:

- ☺ Address a significant problem or need in the local community (international service projects, no matter how worthy, are not eligible for this award)
- ☺ Involve most or all the club members in personal rather than merely monetary service
- ☺ Be commensurate with the size of the club and the resources available
- ☺ Enhance the image of Rotary in the community
- ☺ Be able to be emulated by other Rotary clubs
- ☺ Be currently active or be reaching a conclusion during the Rotary year for which the award is being given (though it need not have been initiated in the current Rotary year)

MARCH IS LITERACY MONTH

Empowering people through literacy

In Rotary, we recognize March as Literacy Month. This is when we focus on the importance of literacy and education in our humanitarian service. In my decades as a Rotarian, both at home in Alabama, USA, and abroad, I have seen again and again what a critical role literacy plays in a healthy and productive life. Being literate does not just mean having the ability to read a book or a newspaper. Being literate means being able to comprehend the instructions on a medicine bottle, a set of directions, or a job posting. It means understanding the note written by a child's teacher. It means being able to use a computer, follow a recipe, or apply for a mortgage. Literacy means being part of the larger society. It means inclusion, and it means empowerment.

Those who cannot read or write, whether they are children or adults, are cut off from important information in ways too numerous to count. They are less likely to be healthy and more likely to be poor. And perhaps most critical of all, parents who cannot read are more likely to raise children who cannot read – perpetuating the cycle of illiteracy, and of poverty.

As a Rotarian and in my profession, I have seen so many simple and creative ways to break this cycle. Whether it is by volunteering in schools, by bringing education and training to adults, or simply by ensuring that all children have the books and supplies they need, we in Rotary can do so much. We can help others learn to read – and learn to help themselves.

Glenn E. Estess Sr.
Foundation Trustee Chair



GLOBAL ALUMNI AWARD FOR SERVICE TO HUMANITY



Prof Leana Uys, deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of KZN, was nominated for this prestigious award as the candidate for D9320.

Leana has been a Professor in Nursing at the University of Natal and subsequently University of KwaZulu-Natal since 1986, during which time

she also served as the Head of the School of Nursing and Director of the World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre for Nursing and Midwifery Development. In 2005 she assumed the position of Deputy Vice Chancellor and Head of College of the Faculty of Health Services.

Leana was chosen as the Zone finalist for the final section. The Zone constitutes the whole of Africa, southern Europe and the Middle East. **Well done and congratulations** to Leana. This is a significant recognition. D9320 is proud of you. Thank you for allowing yourself to be nominated for the award.

DGE Frank says.....



District Team Training Seminar

, usually known in District 9320 as Assistant Governors Training Seminar, aims to "prepare incoming assistant governors and district committee members for their year". The Seminar also gives "the district governors-elect the opportunity to motivate and build their district leadership team to support clubs."

RI PRESIDENT JOHN KENNY'S MARCH MESSAGE

My fellow Rotarians,



Preparations for our convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, 20-23 June, are well underway, and we are fast approaching the 31

March deadline for lower registration fees. I can think of many reasons to attend a Rotary International Convention – interesting speakers, exciting entertainment, and a chance to visit a fascinating city, to name a few. Yet as compelling as these incentives may be, they are not why I have attended almost every convention since my first one in 1984. The main reason I look forward to this annual event is the opportunity it affords to reunite with my Rotary friends and meet so many new ones.

The Seminar was initially scheduled for March 5 - 7, 2010.

It has now been rescheduled to take place at the Orange Valley Guest Farm from March 26 to 28, 2010. Contacts:

Tel. 051-755 5057, cell: 083 254 2895. Kindly register with DGE Frank by March 15, 2010, - Email: <9320@tmail.co.ls>

PETS "In recent years, District 9320 has been organising the Presidents-elect Seminar as POETS which made it possible for Other Club Officers and Rotarians to attend. This tradition has served many useful purposes. The downside has been that the Presidents-elect Seminar has not received its due emphasis, with the implication that some Club Presidents, especially new Rotarians elected to such position lack some basic but fundamental information and knowledge necessary for their Club leadership role.

Consequently, this year's programme

In many ways, our convention is Rotary at its best: Rotarians coming together to enjoy congenial fellowship while discussing the more serious business of service. We will, no doubt, be inspired by our speakers, including Greg Mortenson, author of the best-selling book *Three Cups of Tea*; Jo Luck, CEO of Heifer International; and country music singer Dolly Parton, who will be talking about her other great interests, children's literacy and the Imagination Library. And we will learn about many facets of Rotary and our Rotary Foundation in the various workshops planned. In between these events, we can build new Rotary friendships over coffee in the House of Friendship or dinner at one of Montréal's celebrated restaurants.

It has been said many times that you cannot truly appreciate the internationality of Rotary until you attend a convention. In Montréal this June, we expect to welcome Rotarians from more than 100 countries. We may be speaking dozens of different languages, but I

will be organised in the format that all Districts around the world do. The main purpose of PETS is to empower incoming Club Presidents "to lead your club, ensuring it functions effectively. An effective Rotary club is able to

- Sustain or increase its membership base
- Implement successful projects that address the needs of its community and communities in other countries
- Support the Rotary Foundation through both programme participation and financial contributions
- Develop leaders capable of serving in Rotary beyond the club level."

PETS will take place in Colesberg from April 16 - 18, 2010.

Visit the District Website for details.



President Rina Edwards and Club Secretary Gerhard Engelbrecht of the Rotary Club of De Aar celebrated Rotary's 105th anniversary with a glass of champagne.

know that all of us will be eager to communicate as best we can – with words, smiles, and laughter – effectively bridging any cultural or linguistic differences.

The convention is a time to celebrate the achievements of the past year, but it is also a time to plan for the future. In Rotary, we do not look at all that we have accomplished and say, "That's enough." No, we use our successes as a springboard to do more. I encourage you to join June and me in Montréal and to use this opportunity to identify new service partners, get innovative project ideas, and renew your enthusiasm for Rotary. Much work remains to be done – both in this Rotary year and the next. The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands, and a Rotary convention is the ideal place to come together and formulate your plans.

In Memoriam

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



PDG Charles Keast

**30 May 1927
13 February 2010**

With the passing of Charles Keast, the Rotary Club of Arcadia has lost one of its greatest members.

Charles was born in Elliott, Eastern Cape on 30 May 1927.

He was educated at Kingswood College in Grahamstown and was Dux in his matric year.

Thereafter he studied medicine at the University of Cape Town where he graduated with an MBChB in 1950.

In 1953 he married Rosemary Ann Slater in Pinelands in Cape Town – she was a student nurse and he a young doctor at Groote Schuur Hospital at the time. He also worked at Greys in Petermaritzburg and King Edward in Durban before specializing in gynaecology in London. Charles set up a practice in East London in 1960 and continued working there until he retired in 1991.

Rosemary and he had 4 children and 12 grandchildren.

A keen tennis and Border Squash player, he enjoyed bowls in his later years. His squash playing friends nicknamed him “Twinkle Toes”!

Charles joined the Rotary Club of Arcadia in 1968, and served as director of various committees before becoming president in 1974. He was extremely active in

All aspects of Rotary with special emphasis placed on the Rotary Foundation and matters linked to the International Committee. Group Study Exchange was still in its infancy in those days, and Charles was chosen to lead a dynamic team to District 701 in Canada in 1976. His team spoke very highly of him as a leader, and they all went on to achieve great things in their chosen professions.

The GSE experience inspired Charles into greater things within Rotary, and he served the club in many fields over the next years. He was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship in 1988 and subsequently received two Sapphire Pins to his Paul Harris. As Arcadia Club has always awarded PHF's as a recognition of meritorious service, this is a real indicator of the value that the club placed on Charles.

He proudly became District Governor in 1996 with the theme "Build the Future with Action and Vision". He carried out this extremely demanding task very successfully, ably assisted by Rosemary.

Within the Arcadia Club he was the initiator of many meaningful projects which he envisioned then encouraged others to action with him.

Charles was the one who took the initiative and proposed the introduction of Lady Rotarians to Arcadia, creating rather a vigorous debate! He succeeded in getting the agreement of the club and introduced the first two lady members in 1994. He also introduced many other people to Rotary.

He served on numerous committees and trusts – always with enthusiasm, commitment and compassion for the needy.

Charles, as a person, was the archetypal "nice guy". As a gynaecologist practising for many years in East London, he was well known throughout the city. His wonderful personality drew people towards him. Nobody spoke ill of Charles because there was no ill to speak of. He was a shining light in our club and his fellow Rotarians will always remember him with great affection and respect.

His legacy will live on in the many projects in which he was involved and in those he personally inspired and encouraged to serve within Rotary.

Rest in peace, Charles.



PP Braham Smiedt passed away on 7 January. He was a Member of the Rotary Club of Kroonstad.

PP Denny Dixie, a Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Maseru passed away on 6 February after a short battle with cancer. Denny was RI's representative for Polio Plus for Central and Southern Africa for many years. He was 83 years old.

CALENDAR MARCH 2010 Literacy Month

District Finance Committee Meeting **05/03/10**
AG & District Team Training **05/03/10-07/03/10**
Presidential Citation Deadline **31/03/10**
L T Youth Exchange application Deadline **31/03/10**
Report on District Goals Deadline **31/03/10**
POETS **16/04/10 - 18/04/10**
World Peace Fellowship Applications Closing Date **03/05/10**
AG Memo of Club Visits to DG Deadline **05/05/10**

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Kim's Chatter Box ...

*Cook for the good in the next person
you come in contact with,*



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and you will find it.

Harold Broomberg

*May you always be happy,
healthy & at peace.*

Cots of love

Kim

Dear God:

Please untie the knots
that are in my mind,
my heart and my life.

Remove the have nots,
the can nots and the do nots
that I have in my mind.

Erase the will nots,
may nots,
might nots that may find
a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots,
would nots and
should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all;

Dear God,

I ask that you remove from my mind,
my heart and my life all of the 'am nots'
that I have allowed to hold me back,
especially the thought...

that I am not good enough.

Amen

Business Corner & News

🌸 IMPORTANT!

Please let me know if your payment to The Rotary Foundation for 2008/2009 was recorded incorrectly.

🌸 Anns' Merit Awards - Buy 2 get one free! R60 each, Contact me.

🌸 **Great news!** Rotary Conference 2010-2011 to be held in Bloemfontein!

🌸 Trying to contact Debora Patta or Angela Ferguson?

Please use Angela's e-mail address:
AFerguson@investec.co.za

Rotary Anns of Queenstown Star Project!

The Isibindi Project, with two branches in the Queenstown area and another elsewhere, helps about 1 500 children aged from birth to teenage whose mothers have died and who are being raised by their grandmothers out of their pensions.

The Anns of the Queenstown Rotary Club became aware that the teenage girls were lacking basic toiletries, so they sought donations and added to them out of club funds, then packed 120 goodie bags containing soap, deodorant, face cloths, toothbrushes and toothpaste etc, which were handed over to representatives of Isibindi for distribution in time for Christmas.

While the Anns were well aware that 120 was probably not enough for all the girls, it did mean that every one at the two local branches could receive a gift, as most of the children are much younger.

March 2010

TB AWARENESS MONTH

8 - International Women's Day

11 - world Kidney Day

20 - World head Injury Awareness Day

21 - Human Rights Day

21 - World Down Syndrome Day

24 -World TB Day