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## END-POLIO CAMPAIGN CELEBRATES SUCCESS!

At the end of March the clubs of District 9320 will need to submit the forms in order to achieve a District Citation. One of the requirements is to make a contribution, towards the End Polio Campaign. If any club has hesitated regarding the importance of making that contribution, the news from Rotary International will surely dispel any reservations.

Rotary club members worldwide are celebrating a major milestone in the effort to eradicate polio. India, until recently an epicenter of the wild poliovirus, has gone one year without recording a new case of the crippling, often fatal, disease.

India's last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal State on 13 January 2011. The country recorded 42 cases in 2010, and 741 in 2009.

A chief factor in India's success has been the widespread use of the oral polio vaccine. Another factor has been rigorous monitoring. This has helped reduce the number of children missed by health workers during National Immunization Days to less than 1 percent.

If all ongoing testing for polio cases recorded through 13 January continue to yield negative results, WHO will declare that India has inter-

rupted transmission of the wild poliovirus, laying the groundwork for its removal from the polio-endemic countries list, which also includes Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria.

However, because non-endemic countries remain at risk for cases imported from endemic countries, immunizations in India and other endemic and at-risk countries must continue.

Neighboring Pakistan, which has reported 189 cases so far for 2011, is a major threat to India's continued polio-free status. Last year, an outbreak in China, which had been polio-free for a decade, was traced genetically to Pakistan.

"As an Indian, I am immensely proud of what Rotary has accomplished," RI President Kaljan Banerjee says. "However, we know this is not the end of our work. Rotary and our partners must continue to immunize children in India and in other countries until the goal of a polio-free world is finally achieved."

Other great news from the International front is that Rotary International has succeeded in meeting the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's US\$200 million match in funding for polio eradication, raising more than \$202.6 million as of 17 January 2012.

"We'll celebrate this milestone, but it doesn't mean that we'll stop raising money or spreading the word about polio eradication, we can't stop until our entire world is certified as polio-free," said Rotary Foundation Trustee John F. Germ

In recognition of Rotary's great work, and to inspire Rotarians in the future, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is committing an additional \$50 million to extend our partnership.

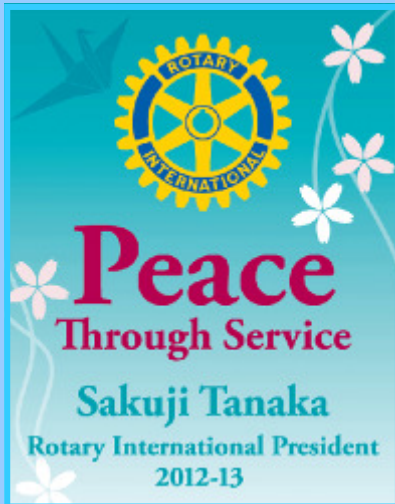
Come on guys we need to get rid of this disease once and for all, lets kick it out and rid the world of Polio.

Please make your club contributions before the end of March.



School children hold placards during a polio awareness campaign at the Saint Francis girls high school in Secunderabad, Andhra Pradesh.

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME: 2012 - 2013



At the Rotary International Assembly in San Diego, RI President-Elect, Sakuji Tanaka, introduced the Rotary theme for 2012-2013. In his words:

“ I realized that for me, the most important thing in life was being useful to other people.

And I realised that by helping others, even in the simplest of ways, I could help to build peace.

We hear the word *peace* every day. We hear it in the news, we use it in conversation, and we talk about it a great deal in Rotary. But most of us spend very little time thinking about what peace is, and what that word means. On its simplest level, peace can be defined by what it is not. It is a state of no war, no violence, and no fear. It means that you are not in danger of hunger or persecution or the suffering of poverty.

But we can also define peace by what it is, and by what it can be. Peace can mean freedom of thought and of speech, freedom of opinion and of choice, and the ability for self-determination. It can mean security, confidence in the future: a life and home in a stable society.

On a more abstract level, peace can mean a sense of happiness, of inner serenity, of calm.

The truth is that peace means different things to different people. No definition is right, and no definition is wrong. However we use the word, this is what peace means for us.

And however we use the word, however we understand peace, Rotary can help us to achieve it. “

*“If we have no peace, it's because we have forgotten that we belong to each other”*

*- Mother Theresa*

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DAY: 23 FEBRUARY 2012

Rotary International was founded on 23 February 1905, and since then has made significant contributions to change in the world. On 23 February 2012 we celebrate Rotary International Day.

What is your club doing to commemorate the day?

Please send me some articles of your Club celebrating Rotary International Day.

Clubs in our district are getting involved in the Rotary Global Swimathon. The object of the marathon is to break the present world record of 2533 for the most number of people swimming at the same time anywhere in the world and raising funds towards our world wide project to eradicate polio.

For more information have a look at the website <http://rotaryglobalswimarathon.org/>

# TREE OF JOY 2011

One of the success stories of D9320 are the various "Tree of Joy" Projects that took place over December throughout our district.

This is a wonderful project which is co-ordinated by Rotarians and receives incredible support by the public. The Rotary Clubs identify the individuals in need and what they would like for Christmas. The public purchases the requested gifts, these gifts vary from school shoes, toys, stationary, toiletries and even air-time.

20 years ago, the Rotaract Club of PE West started the Tree of Joy in Port Elizabeth after seeing a similar project in Cape Town. They distributed about 400 gifts to 6 charities. The project grew too big for the Rotaractors and the Rotarians took over the running of the project.

History repeated itself when a member from an East London Club saw the project and they decided to start a Tree of Joy, and so the word spread around the district.

In 2011 the following clubs participated in the project:

*Algoa Bay, Arcadia, Beacon Bay, Bonza Bay, De Aar, East London, East London Sunrise, Flamingo Welkom, Gately, Gonubie, Grahamstown Sunset, Harrismith, Jeffreys Bay, Kenton on Sea, Kimberley, Kimberley South, Klerksdorp, Port Alfred, Port Elizabeth, Port Elizabeth East, Port Elizabeth South, Port Elizabeth Sunrise, Port Elizabeth West, Stutterheim and Uitenhage South.*

This past year, **7 356** gifts were distributed to **137** charities and many Rotary Clubs received press and even television coverage.

Well done to all those clubs involved in a wonderful project that supports many communities and achieves tremendous public relations for Rotary. Please email me if any other clubs would like to be involved this Christmas.

*Submitted by District Secretary Gay Best*



Clockwise from top left:  
Young beneficiaries of the East London Rotary Club;  
Rotarians from Kimberley South distributing gifts;  
and the Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Klerksdorp at their Tree of Joy project

# RYLA REMINDERS

RYLA is a service that Rotary provides to our community and we encourage your Club to participate in this important project.

RYLA emphasizes leadership, citizenship, and personal growth, and aims to;

- Demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth
- Provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders
- Encourage leadership of youth by youth
- Recognise publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities

The cost of the camp includes accommodation, all meals, entertainment and a host of other activities.

Delegates must meet the following criteria:

- Be in grade 10 or 11
- Be between 15 and 17 years of age
- Not have attended a RYLA camp previously



If your club has had a report back from previous RYLA attendees, you will know what a tremendous opportunity this is for the development of our young leaders. Don't miss the opportunity to enhance the growth of our future community.

## RYLA NORTH

The Rotary Club of Flamingo Welkom has pleasure in hosting RYLA 2012 from **Thursday 16 February to Sunday 19 February, 2012** at Tikwe Lodge, Virginia. The weekend promises to be a time for personal growth and development and a whole lot of fun for those who attend.

Your RYLA co-ordinator from the Rotary Club of Flamingo Welkom is Dr Jan Marais

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Fax 086 716 7924  
E-mail: maraisjs@absamail.co.za

## RYLA SOUTH

RYLA 2012 will be held at the Environmental Education Centre at the Thomas Baines Nature Reserve, just outside Grahamstown from **Thursday afternoon, 15<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday afternoon, 18th March 2012**. It will again be a time of personal growth and great fun for all who attend.

Your RYLA co-ordinator is the Rotary Club of Grahamstown: Glenn Arthur

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Email: glenn@videotronic .co.za

*"If the human race wishes to have a prolonged and indefinite period of material prosperity, they have only got to behave in a peaceful way and a helpful way toward one another."*  
- Winston Churchill



# ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE - INDIA

How many Rotarians in our District know about or have ever been involved in Friendship Exchange? It is probably one of our best kept secrets.

A group of us had the great privilege and pleasure of going on a Friendship Exchange to India In November/December. One of our group called it a GSE Experience for Seniors as we were able to enjoy interesting projects, professions, people, hospitable hosts and experience aspects of India that are not available to the normal tourist.

India is a country which has never been involved with a Friendship Exchange from or to our District. So it was with some trepidation that we agreed to go, one of the thoughts on our minds being "Delhi Belly". Our main concern was the vast difference in our cultures. If we were anxious, our hosts must have been doubly so, many of them had done internet research on South Africa and its people.

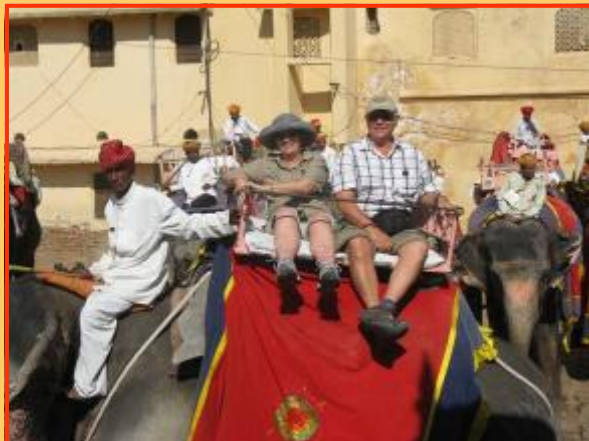
From the moment we met in Chandigarh (approx. 275Kms north west of Delhi), all our fears, and theirs, were allayed. We were totally overwhelmed by their wonderful hospitality and friendship and were made to feel so at home. It

was a 10 day adventure - a unique experience of a culture very different from ours, filled with the most gentle, friendly, proud, colourful and hardworking people who gave us the time of our lives and plied us with so much food that when we left, we could hardly crawl onto the plane.

The success of our trip to India was so good that we have had them clamouring to come over to us in March. Six couples will be coming to East London, Port Alfred and Kenton on Sea – this is where our team came from. We are excitedly drawing up an itinerary for our Indian friends. We can't wait to see them all and show them some of the delights and culture in our country.

To the powers that be who make Friendship Exchanges possible (here I'd like to mention Andy Russell, who has worked tirelessly for ten years and more), thank you, thank you. Through this wonderful program may we continue to build bridges of peace and friendship across the world with the family of Rotary International.

*Submitted by: Bridget Carthew, Rotary Club of Kenton on Sea  
(Edited for space)*



Bon voyage to the Rotary Friendship Exchange to Australia, departing on 29 February.

- DG Kevin



## DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- District Membership Coordinator: PDG Des Willis  
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**EXCHANGE RATE FOR  
FEBRUARY 2012  
R8:00 \$1.00**

## IN MEMORIAM



### PDG Brian Giller

Brian was a member of the Rotary Club of Beacon Bay and served as president in 1997/98, with Barbara as the Ann president. He was selected to lead a GSE team to the UK in 1999. Brian and Barbara became District 9320's "first couple" in 2001-2002. This became a passion and, to this day, almost every item of clothing, except underwear, has a Rotary wheel printed on it! They later joined the Gately club in order to avoid night driving. They relocated to the UK in 2006 and then returned to Port Elizabeth in 2011, moving to Brits in October 2011. They have a son and two daughters.

### Daphne ffolliott

The Rotary Club of PE West mourns the passing of Past President Daphne ffolliott who lost her brave fight against cancer in January. Daphne was a respected educator, community figure and active Rotarian. Despite being seriously ill she remained actively involved in our club, and made a determined effort to attend all sessions at the Conference in the Bay, club fellowships and most meetings. She was supportive of the club and was very hard working. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.



### Randal Prins

Randall joined Rotary in 2009. He was a family man and had 3 beautiful daughters. He was the husband of Liz and he owned his own successful business, LKT Building & Civil Construction. He really enjoyed his Rotary days and became involved in the fellowship committee and fund raising. Randall liked people and was friendly to all. He had a wonderful sense of humour and always seemed to have a smile on his face. He suffered a massive heart attack while on holiday in the USA at the age of 44. The Rotary Club of Algoa Bay will miss this super member.

## และมาร่วมกับเราในกรุงเทพฯ!

(Come and join us in Bangkok!)

Don't forget to budget for this year's Rotary International Convention which will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from the 6—9 May 2012.

District 9320 has organised a tour group booking which will include:

- Six nights in Bangkok at the Baiyoke Sky Hotel
- Four nights in Phuket at the Seaview Patong Hotel (both on a Bed & Breakfast basis)
- International airline ticket from Johannesburg to Bangkok, Phuket and back to Johannesburg on Thai Airways
- Return transfers in Bangkok and Phuket with an English speaking guide
- All airport taxes

The package costs:  
R14 100.00 per person sharing, or  
R17 820.00 per single person.

Contact Ted Pope for further information or booking forms:  
[thepopes@iafrica.com](mailto:thepopes@iafrica.com)



# ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR DECEMBER

	CLUB	June	July	NOV			DEC		
		Mem	Mem	%	Mem	Mtg	%	Mem	Mtg
1	Algoa Bay	67	67	79.0	63	4			
2	Aliwal North	7	7	85.7	7	4			
3	Arcadia	42	42	83.0	41	4	76.0	41	3
4	Beacon Bay	27	28	71.0	28	4			
5	Bethlehem	16	15	70.0	14	4	86.0	14	2
6	Bloemfontein-Raadzaal	21	21	70.0	16	5			
7	Bonza Bay	19	19	95.7	20	4	82.8	20	2
8	Bothaville	10	10	75.0	11	4	100.0	11	2
9	Colesberg	12	12						
10	Cradock	12	9						
11	De Aar	8	7	95.0	8	2	100.0	8	2
12	East London	31	27	75.2	26	4	76.5	26	2
13	East London Sunrise	13	13	88	14	4	81.0	14	3
14	Ficksburg	13	13	77.0	13	4	67.0	13	3
15	Flamingo	27	24						
16	Gately	46	45	77.0	47	5	69.0	47	2
17	Goldfields Sunset	14	19	63	19	4	47.0	19	2
18	Gonubie	25	18	85	15	4	87.0	15	2
19	Grahamstown	33	35	89.3	35	4	80.0	35	3
20	Grahamstown Sunset	34	34	84	36	4			
21	Harrismith	14							
22	Imperani	19	19						
23	Jeffreys Bay	20	23	80.0	21	4			
	St Francis (Pilot 4 Jbay)		10	86.0	11	4			
24	Kenton on Sea	34	35	77.7	36	5	79.1	36	2
25	Kimberley	23	25	87.8	25	4	65.2	25	3
26	Kimberley South	30	27	72.9	30	4	81.7	30	2
27	King Williams Town	23	22	80.0	25	4	72.0	25	3
28	Klerksdorp	42	41	83.5	44	4	80.0	45	2
29	Kroonstad	17	17	88.0	18	5	80.0	18	3
30	Ladybrand	12	13	90.4	13	4	83.3	12	4
31	Lukhanji Sunset	14		92	13	5			
32	Maloti	17	19	63.0	26	5	64.0	27	3
33	Maseru	23							
34	Odendaalsrus	9							
35	Orkney	17	14	71.0	14	5			
36	Parys	9							
37	Port Alfred	44	43	88.0	43	5	83.0	43	3
38	Port Elizabeth	32	29	51.8	32	4			
39	PE East	13	11	80.0	11	4	86.4	10	2
40	PE South	13	13	75.7	14	5	69.0	14	3
41	PE Sunrise	21	20						
42	PE West	24	23	89.0	23	4	80.0	23	4
43	Potchefstroom	33	29						
44	Potchefstroom Mooi	15	13	90.0	14	5	85.7	14	2
45	Queenstown	22	24	65.3	23	4			
46	Stutterheim	16	15	100.0	14	2			
47	Uitenhage	10	9	93.0	9	5	92.0	9	3
48	Uitenhage South	27	26	93.0	28	4			
49	Viljoenskroon	27	27	82.5	27	5	88.9	27	3
50	Welkom	11	13	98.0	14	4	92.0	14	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1108</b>	<b>1025</b>		<b>941</b>			<b>635</b>	

Please submit your attendance figures to Annalize Pretorius  
[annalizepret@iafrica.com](mailto:annalizepret@iafrica.com)

Please remember that submitting your attendance figures to Annalize is one of the requirements for a Club to receive a District Citation.

If you are unsure of how to calculate or submit your attendance figures, please contact Annalize for help.

- DG Kevin

*"There is no way to peace. Peace is the way."*

- AJ Muste

**Whom am I going to invite to Rotary today?**

# Anns' Page

## Queenstown Rotary Anns' projects

Below are some of the projects that the Queenstown Rotary Anns' are involved in. We would love to hear about the projects of other clubs too.

Morning market: Once a year, the Anns provide items for the various stalls. These include baking, arts & crafts, plants & produce. We sell tickets in advance and serve tea and scones to make a pleasant morning outing. It is highly successful, and has been going on for close on 30 years.

Art exhibition: We invite artists to submit paintings which we hang. We have an opening function which guests pay to attend, after that it's open to the public. Artists pay a small entry fee and we take commission on the artworks sold.

Wigs: We give a wig to any woman who has to have chemotherapy. This is a huge boost to their self-esteem when they are feeling low.

Star of the Month: A highly successful PRO exercise. Once a month we give a cake to someone who has been nominated (by us or the public) for 'going the extra mile'. A photo is taken and published in our newspaper and Rotary Africa. Recipients have included shop assistants, cashiers, packers, a pharmacy delivery man, a doctor's receptionist, and many more.

Follow the Star: We ask permission from home owners who put Christmas lights in their gardens. Early in December families come to our clubhouse for a light supper, then they get lists of 'clues' which they must follow to get to the various houses to see the lights. A simple question is asked about each house visited and the kids love counting the Santa's.

Rape Crisis Centre: The centre is not run by us, but when they need something we try to provide – e.g. bags, toiletries, underwear and clothing.

Madeira birthdays: Many people in old age homes are dumped there and forgotten so we take turns to visit each one on their birthday and give them a card and a small gift (a chocolate, some flowers, toiletries).

Teas: Once a year we host a tea for the residents of each old age home and those in town. We fetch the 'town' ones and take them to our club and then give them a slap-up tea. We also have bingo evenings at the homes, in conjunction with Rotarians.

Christmas hampers: Before Christmas we pack hampers of groceries and treats which are given to less fortunate families.

Please contact me if you are interested in any projects.  
Submitted by Anne Chux Fourie

Thanks to all the Anns and Ladies of Inner Wheel that I have met in my club visits so far. At every opportunity I have been well-hosted and have enjoyed the time we spent together. It has been very rewarding to see how many clubs are participating in my knitting / sewing project for my DG year.

The range of items has been impressive, varying from jerseys and blankets to baby grows and even teddy bears.

Please remember the choice of item and charity that you donate to is that of the club. What I will need at the end of the year is the number of items that each club has made and donated. Thank you for your support.

I have been overcome by the number of clubs that have donated to Rotary Foundation and the Polio Plus campaign. If your club wishes to donate in order for our District to reach its target, please see the banking details below. Don't forget to put your club's name, and not the Rotary club's, as a reference on the deposit slip. Failure to do this will mean that your club will not receive the credit for the donation. If your club does not receive notification within a week of the deposit, please contact the fiscal agent to ensure the correct credit is given.

Account name: Rotary International

Bank: ABSA; Branch code: 505210; Account number: 404 960 7502

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