



ROTARACT NEWS

DISTRICT 9320

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The Rotaract News is a way for Rotaract Clubs to keep in touch with one another, share project ideas & lessons learnt, and build a stronger Rotaract District.



The happy faces of children who attending a camp hosted by the Kroonstad Rotaract Club



Fellow Rotaractors –

The last few months seem to have flown by, and already it’s time for the second edition of our District Newsletter:

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Feedback and comments are very welcome so as to ensure that the Newsletter meets each Club’s needs as far as possible. So feel free to contact me with your input.

Regards,

Tracy Thomas
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ROTARACT DISTRICT 9320 BOARD

Four Rotaract Clubs responded with nominees. The Board thus consists of:

- Madeline Mey (PE Rotaract Club)
- Tracy Thomas (PE West Rotaract Club)
- Johan Geldenhuis (Kroonstad Rotaract Club)
- Melindah Sango (Rhodes University Rotaract Club)

Here’s a brief look at the Board members:

DATES TO REMEMBER

10 December 2005 – closing date for updates for Rotaract News

ROTARACT INTERNATIONAL

- October – Vocational Service Month
- November – Rotary Foundation Month
- December – Family Month

MADELINE MEY

Profession: Legal secretary
Age: 29
Interests / hobbies / sports: Socialising

Function within Rotaract Club: Marketing and PR Liaison
Function on Board: Board Member
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MELINDAH SANGO

Profession: Student
Age: 19

Function within Rotaract Club: International Relations Officer
Function on Board: Board Member
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Left to Right: Johan Geldenhuis, Madeline Mey, Tracy Thomas and Melindah Sango

JOHAN GELDENHUIS (SPASKI)

Profession: General Manager of E3 Solutions, specializing in IT Solutions
Age: 26
Interests / hobbies / sports: Chess, Riddles, DVD's, Mind Games, Squash, Fun
Function within Rotaract Club: Currently a normal member
Function on Board: Board Liaison (to coordinate liaisons with Clubs in other Districts)
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TRACY THOMAS

Profession: Assistant Project Manager
Age: 30
Interests / hobbies / sports: Painting (watercolours), Reading, Movies
Function within Rotaract Club: Secretary
Function on Board: District Rotaract Representative
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Functions of the Board and DRR:

The function of the Board is to:

- Liaise with clubs in other Districts and/or countries in order to get fresh project ideas, share some of our projects with others. We could also "twin" with a club in another country.
- Provide information for the quarterly newsletter.
- Assist with the organization of the Rotaract District Conference (2006)

The function of the DRR is to act as liaison between Rotaract and Rotary Clubs within the District, the District Rotaract Chair (the Rotarian appointed as primary Rotary counterpart), the Rotaract Board and Rotary International.

PE WEST ROTARACT PROJECT UPDATE

The PE Westers got their hands dirty, when they painted the communal areas at the Buffelsfontein Retirement Village. The passageways, meeting room and library were given a revamp.

A second phase of this project will include painting the guest bathrooms and the kitchen. The Rotaract Club also received word that a grant was underway from the Rotary Club of Chertsey in the UK. The funds will be received towards the end of October, and will go towards the refurbishment of the hall ceiling and for the purchase of crockery and cutlery for 200 place settings.



Painting at Buffelsfontein Retirement Village

The Club also hosted a Trivial Pursuit evening to raise funds for future projects. All the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs in Port Elizabeth were invited to attend this fun and fellowship evening.



Hosting a fundraiser Trivial Pursuit evening

RHODES UNIVERSITY ROTARACT PROJECT UPDATE

Over the past few months, the Rotaract Club of Rhodes University has set up a soup kitchen. The kitchen is for the elderly and school children who are unable to make it to the kitchens downtown. In order to raise money for this project, they hosted a murder mystery ball and raised R3000. The project is being done in collaboration with the Salvation Army. The soup kitchen was opened on Monday 26th September, and will be run on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Another project was hosting a picnic with the children from the Salvation Army. This was held on a Sunday in early September at the University's botanical gardens. The Club invited the young children from the shelter and provided them with food, juice and facilitated games.

Future projects include a joint fundraiser with another society on campus, ZimSoc. Together they are trying to fundraise to buy food and blankets and equipment for an old age home in Zimbabwe. The Club is also organising a beach trip for the children from the shelters, and this is to be held towards the beginning of October.

KING WILLIAMS TOWN ROTARACT PROJECT UPDATE

The Rotaract Club held a braai in early September for their new committee and members. Three American students (social welfare interns) were also invited to attend.

A weekend away is also planned as an upcoming event for this Club.

KROONSTAD ROTARACT PROJECT UPDATE

The Kroonstad Rotaract Club recently took 32 underprivileged children camping on a local farm. It was a great success. The food was sponsored by some of the businesses in Kroonstad. The weather held out nicely (no rain!) The School of Engineers sponsored sleeping bags and one of the local schools sponsored cushions, blankets and mattresses from their hostel.



Quad biking with the happy campers

The club members played old fashioned "boeresport" games with the children, took them on quad bike rides, as well as a sundown drive and an evening veld walk. Other activities included a slippery slide time. The children really enjoyed it, and have asked the Kroonstad Rotaractors to please take them again next year!



Slip sliding away!

At the beginning of August the Rotaract members assisted the SPCA in painting and fixing their buildings. As part of the National week for the Elderly (26 Sept – 3 Oct) the club members have planned a visit to the elderly and to take along a nice, cooked meal. In early October they are going to help KANSA with their annual bicycles races by helping at the water points.



Camping out on a farm near Kroonstad

Currently the Kroonstad Rotaractors are rehearsing for their annual Pantomime. The pantomime, running on 28 and 29 October is Romeo and Juliet.

CONTACT DETAILS

Below are the contact details for each Rotaract Club as well as the President of the sponsoring Rotary Club.

Should these details become outdated, please provide updated information including name, email address and contact telephone number.

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ROTARACT INTERNATIONAL

Below please find an email from the RotaractNET team:

29 August 2005

Hello ROTARACTOR!

You are cordially invited to join RotaractNET, the largest international e-group open to ALL Rotaractors worldwide. Unlike other e-groups, posting is allowed in any language.

RotaractNET currently connects over 2,000 Rotaractors from 98 different countries. We aim to connect as many Rotaractors as possible, to facilitate the sharing of information and ideas as wide as possible, to provide an easy framework for coordinating joint and international projects, as well as the ability to form Rotaract friendships in all corners of the globe, including finding sister clubs.

As well as an email list, where you can choose to receive emails regularly, daily, or not at all, we offer databases of contact information and club statistics, a weekly online chat, a comprehensive listing of Rotaract websites, and much, much more.

We would be honoured if you would join RotaractNET, so we can help spread the network a little further.

Join by sending an e-mail to rotaractnet-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Yours in friendship and service,
RotaractNET team of moderators

PS: Sincere apologies if you have received multiple invitations! We are just trying to reach as many people as possible. Please, spread the word in your district!