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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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Rotary Bellville Members, Family and Friends,

Well here we are already into the second half of the Rotary Year. "So much to do so little time".

Thanks to Marlene and Jan for the fantastic Christmas event at Clara Anna Fontein – everybody seemed to enjoy the evening.

In the month of January we have had two deliveries of food from our sponsors which were distributed to various organisations and members erected a fence at Móresterretijies Crèche to make the little one's lives a little safer.

We attended a hand over of wheelchairs in Diepwater with out British wheelchair donors.

Three of us attended the memorial unveiling and tree planting for Elsa Reiner at The SOS Children's Villages in Thornton. Elsa was truly a remarkable woman and I'm sure everybody will agree that we were blessed to have had known her. Most of us are not aware of the great things she did for the community in her life time.

The remaining six months of the Rotary year brings us numerous new challenges. We unfortunately have lost four members through resignations due to various reasons – personal and business pressures.

Therefore one of our challenges is of course to increase the membership in the coming months. I call upon all of us to target a suitable "prospect" who might be a good candidate for Rotary membership and invite them to become a Rotarian. It is seen as an honour to be a Rotarian and there are many business people and others out there who have influence and who would like to put something back into the community.

Our forthcoming fund raisers need our support. It cannot be left to a few individuals that are on organising committees to follow through on every aspect of the projects coming up.

Annual Golf Day – our golf organisers have been pleading every week for support but for some reason we all have mental block in being able to go out to our business associates, friends and family to convince them to either enter a four ball or donate four prizes. Let us not disappoint. Let's make it a club success and not just the one who that organise the day – 29th March.

Choir Evening – "all hands on deck and more" – 3rd May.

Remember in true Rotary spirit every effort we make and every moment we spend of our time on these projects will bring in the extra resources needed to satisfy the enormous task we have in helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

Reminder - R 1 000 000.00 Challenge. The deadline is April. Let's get out there and make a difference no matter how big or small and remember to **"Ring the changes for the good of the community we serve"**

Malcolm

Bellville Club Calender

Birthdays

03 February	Albert Tappenden (Tappy)
11 February	Dudley Shone
19 February	Annette Tappenden
24 February	Nicky Holtzhausen

Anniversaries

01 February	Hans and Joan Neusch
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Club Diary

11 March	Argus Pick 'n Pay Cycle Tour
29 March	Bellville Rotary Golf Day
20-22 April	District Conference Mossel Bay
3 May	Choir Evening
07 October	LoA De Grendel Mountain Bike Challenge

The Months that were

The Passing of Elsa Reiner



In 2010 Elsa receives an award for 40 years of service to Rotary from District Governor Mike Saxby

Sadly our club lost one of its cornerstones when Elsa passed away on 15 December. She suffered a stroke in November and was still in hospital when she died from a heart attack. It was so sad to see this active lady so helpless when her left side was paralysed but she never complained and was always ready to say "alles sal regkom"!

Elsa and her husband relocated to South Africa after the World War and she could continue her work at the local BMD knitting mills after being employed by them in Austria. Her husband was working at Metal Box but they soon realised they wanted to be independent and started chicken and duck farming. Elsa was a pioneer in the field of adding value to the end product by supplying recipes and cooking tips with the product and she started marketing crumbed chicken portions.

Proof of the Reiners' business ethics is the fact that, through all these years, some of their staff members still kept in contact with Elsa, even if some have moved overseas many years ago. They made a point of visiting her whenever they came to South Africa.

After her husband died she continued with the business for a while because she had two sons and her mother depending on her. Eventually she sold the three thriving farms to the business that was later known as *Farmer Brown* and she turned her energy to community work through Rotary. She was the driving force behind a very successful secondhand clothes shop run by the Rotary Anns. From the profits of this shop the Anns funded many large community projects, among others, they gave the Rotarians the first donation to start a bursary fund.

When the Bellville Anns disbanded in the 1970's, she joined the Durbanville Inner Wheel Club where she initiated two successful projects that are still run by that club. In 1986 when the Bellville Anns started again she was the mentor for many new members and helped to grow the membership again. For a few years she remained a member of Inner Wheel and only resigned recently.

Elsa has always been an active supporter of the SOS Children's Village and she knew the founder, Hermann Gmeiner of Austria, personally. The Anns made crocheted and knitted squares that were joined together by Elsa to form blankets to be donated to the orphans at SOS Village. Unfortunately the ladies did not keep a record of the number of blankets handed out over the years but a good guess would be that it might be well over 200! Considering each blanket had 63 squares – quite a daunting task.

On 25 January the SOS Village paid tribute to Elsa by unveiling a plaque in her memory at their wall of remembrance and planted a tree.

In 1998 the Bellville Rotary Anns honoured Elsa by donating a floating trophy in her name to the Tygerberg Hospital. Because she was so modest she was not happy to be singled out like that but later agreed only if the trophy will be for a nursing sister who exceeding beyond her call of duty in the care of children. This trophy is much coveted by the nursing staff and is still running after 12 years.

Truly an exceptional and active lady who touched so many people's lives and - best of all - decided to get computer literate at the age of 86! This gave her so much pleasure to be in contact with all her family and friends all over the world and to read the Austrian newspapers on the internet.

Rotary Club of Bellville's Year-end Function

The Club year-end function was held at Clara Anna Fontein on on 14 December. Regrettably not all our Rotarians could make it to the event but our numbers were bolstered by several of our Malmesbury Rotarian friends.

The meal was a Spit Braai with salads and a cheese board. From reports everyone enjoyed the meal tremendously. The function was held in the "Dome" which fortunately had fire going due to the unseasonably cool weather and, as the evening progressed, more and more Rotarians gathered around the fire to do what Rotarians do best – talk. I am sure most of the worlds problems would have been sorted out.

Thanks to Marlene and Jan for organising the event. They really worked that night, being first to arrive and last to leave



A load of Rotarians on their way to the "lapa"



Early evening – still civilized



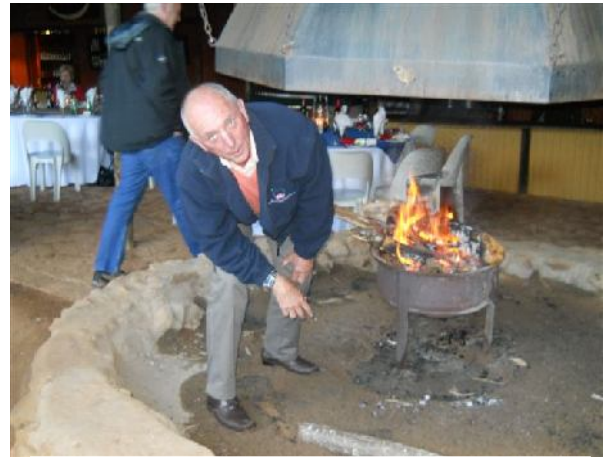
Father Mike and Barry discuss Shakespear?



King Tappy and his happy band



Everyone enjoyed the meal



What is Barry trying to do!!!!!!!

Bellville Wheelchair Hand Over



Wheelchair handover in Westbank
Can you spot the Bellville Rotarians

The Wheelchair consignment from the Wheelchair Foundation UK was made possible by the considerable donation made by Nic Vrijland, an Honorary Rotarian of the Cranleigh Rotary Club in England. Part of the deal was that some of the wheelchairs delivered should go to recipients in the area that their domestic worker, Rachel, lived. As Nic has lived in Somerset West for some of the year I approached some of the clubs in the area to see if I could get their cooperation. When they declined I asked and got Malcolm's approval for the Rotary Club of Bellville to assist in the hand over.

The handover took place in the Westbank Community Centre in Kuils River on Friday 20 January where 12 wheelchairs were handed out to needy persons in the area.

Thanks to the Bellville Rotary members who made time to be at the handover and a special thanks to Chris Poole, who traveled with me to collect the wheelchairs and deliver them to Westbank. He sure earned his keep!

Wheelchair Foundation UK 2011/12 Delivery

District 9350 was fortunate to have a 40' container of wheelchairs sent to Cape Town this year. In addition to this container two other 20' containers were sent to Luderitz Rotary (for Namibian clubs) and to Knysna Rotary (for S. Cape clubs) giving a total of 500 wheelchairs for District 9350 this year.

Unfortunately due to late dispatch from Shanghai and high winds in Table Bay the container could only be unloaded in Cape Town on the 19 December. The personnel at Groote Schuur took their annual leave and we were unable to use the storage there that we normally make us.

Fortunately PDG Alex van der Sluys helped us by providing excellent storage for our wheelchairs in Paarl and we were able to swing the documentation from Groote Schuur to Paarl before the container was unloaded. Eventually, on 29 December the container was delivered to Paarl where Jan Leerkamp, Jimmy du Plessis and I with the help of 4 labourers unloaded and packed the wheelchairs away into storage in two and a half hours. Not bad considering the temperature in the warehouse was in excess of 35 degrees Celsius and there were 280 wheelchairs!

A special thank you to Dave Moss and Alex van der Sluys who organised the warehouse at such short notice. Thanks also to Jan and Jimmy who sure sweated in helping unload and store the wheelchairs in Paarl.

Fencing at Môresterretjies

On Saturday 21 January 2012a work party was organised to attach a small diamond mesh fence to the existing Bonnox fence around the Môresterretjies Creche on the Tygerberg Road near the D'Aria turnoff. During the Bellville Rotary Club's visit for International Hand Washing Day the Creche staff had reported that some local small dogs crawl through the Bonnox fence and pollute the place. Vic undertook to investigate and a suitable small diamond mesh wire was bought and volunteers were called for to put the fence up.

A big thank you to all those who volunteered and a special thanks to Vic for buying the wire and organising the work-party.



Stoffel takes a break to smile for the camera while Barry slaves away



Malcolm and Justin were very happy to take a break

Paarl Rotary FunRide

This event took place on Sunday morning 29 January. Bellville Rotary were asked to supply 12 marshals, which we did with some help from Johan's friends. As seems to be the norm these days we all gathered on the island where the R312 from Durbanville meets the R44 for a skottel breakfast. We all got there early so breakfast was not hurried and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

The marshaling itself was not much fun as it was hellishly hot and there is very little shade next to the roads near Paarl. One had to feel sorry for the cyclists, who had a really hard time battling with the heat.

Rotary celebrates India's first polio-free year

Rotary club members worldwide are cautiously celebrating a major milestone in the global 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, sometimes 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 bivalent oral polio vaccine, which is effective against both remaining types of the poliovirus. Another has been rigorous monitoring, which has helped reduce the number of children missed by health workers during National Immunization Days to less than 1 percent, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

Rotary has been a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative since 1988, along with WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is also a key supporter of the initiative.

Sporting their signature yellow vests and caps, the nearly 119,000 Rotarians in India have helped administer vaccine to children, organize free health camps and polio awareness rallies, and distribute banners, caps, comic books, and other items.

"With the support of their Rotary brothers and sisters around the world, Indian Rotarians have worked diligently month after month, year after year, to help organize and carry out the National Immunization Days that reach millions of children with the oral polio vaccine," says RI President Kalyan Banerjee, of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat.

"The achievement of a polio-free India for a full year is a significant step towards a polio-free world -- an example as to what can be accomplished no matter what problems need to be overcome," says Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. "Rotarians of India are and should be proud of the key efforts they have made at all levels, without which the world would not be marking this milestone."

Deepak Kapur, chair of the India PolioPlus Committee, also credits the Indian Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for its commitment to ending polio. To date, the Indian government has spent more than US\$1.2 billion on domestic polio eradication activities. "Government support is crucial if we are to defeat polio, and we are fortunate that our government is our biggest advocate in this effort," Kapur says.

If all ongoing testing for polio cases recorded through 13 January continues to yield negative results, WHO will declare that India has interrupted transmission of indigenous 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," 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."

Hewko outlines five priorities for strengthening Rotary's image,

A number of major initiatives are underway that will help Rotary International's professional staff, the Secretariat, be a more effective, efficient, and useful resource for clubs and districts.

Addressing the fifth plenary session of the International Assembly, an annual training event for incoming district leaders, RI General Secretary John Hewko spelled out five priorities for strengthening the organization, ones he said would put Rotary on the best footing possible as it begins its second century. (Watch a video of the speech)

"Rotary is an organization with an incredible history and there is no question that its best years are yet to come," Hewko said. "These five priorities, as well as many others, will strengthen our great organization and have a significant, positive impact down to the level of the club and individual Rotarian."

Eradicating polio

Hewko said the first priority is the eradication of polio, Rotary's signature global initiative since 1985. Eradication of polio will save hundreds of thousands of children from suffering from the disease, and save the world between US\$40 billion and \$50 billion in health care costs over the next 20 years.

A robust public relations campaign is underway to publicize Rotary's work in polio eradication.

"Our success in polio eradication will set the stage for the next global initiative that Rotary chooses to tackle, whatever that may be," Hewko said.

Future Vision

The second priority is implementing RI's Strategic Plan and the global launch of the Future Vision Plan, The Rotary Foundation's new grant making model. Hewko said Future Vision is the second most important Rotary initiative, after polio, and it will be important to get district leaders on board to support the launch.

"Successful implementation of Future Vision will lead to projects and programs in the six areas of focus that are better designed and more sustainable and scalable, and that will lead to greater impact," he said. "This, in turn, will increase our profile, reputation, and public image and will make Rotary more attractive to outside funding sources. Future Vision will bring considerable and tangible positive benefits to clubs and districts."

Rotary Club Central

The third priority, developing a new tool called Rotary Club Central, will help Rotary place a value on the thousands of service projects clubs do each year. The online resource will help clubs maintain a record of past activities; set and track strategic goals and initiatives; and allow reporting of the global, collective impact of club, district, and zone activities.

"We know how much funding passes through The Rotary Foundation -- approximately \$100 million per year excluding polio [funding] -- but we have no idea of the total value of all of the money raised, in-kind contributions made, and volunteer hours spent by clubs worldwide on service projects," Hewko said. "Having a credible number would enhance our reputation, help with membership, and make us more attractive to potential strategic partners."

Membership

The fourth priority is membership, including making Rotary more appealing and relevant to younger members. The RI Board has launched an initiative to develop three-year regional membership plans tailored to specific regional needs and challenges. Achieving this priority will also require revamping the website to improve performance and make it more user friendly, increasing use of social media, looking at expanding e-clubs, and giving clubs greater flexibility with attendance requirements.

A couple of days later, once again, the Arab had to go through a corrective surgery. His doctor telephoned the Scotsman who was more than happy to donate his blood again.

After the second surgery, the Arab sent the Scotsman a thank-you card & a jar of candies.

The Scotsman was shocked that the Arab this time did not reciprocate his kind gesture as he had anticipated. He phoned the Arab & asked him: "I thought you would be generous again, that you would give me a BMW, diamonds & money... but you only gave me a thank-you card & a jar of candies".

To this the Arab replied: "Aye, but I now have Scottish blood in me veins".

One Liners

If a train station is where the train stops and a bus station is where the bus stops, what is a work station?

It's a recession when your neighbor loses his job; it's a depression when you lose your own.

Bellville Rotary Attendance Statistics for November 2012

	01 Nov	08 Nov	15 Nov	22 Nov	29Nov	MTH	YTD
Boshoff, Marli	A	A	A	A	A	0%	15%
Boshoff, Riaan	P	P	P	P	A	80%	66%
Brereton, Gavin	P	P	A	A	P	60%	77%
Claassen, Johann	MU	P	A	P	A	60%	82%
Daly, Richard	MU	A	A	A	A	20%	39%
De La Cornillere, P	P	P	MU	P	P	100%	100%
du Plessis, Jimmy	P	P	P	P	P	100%	100%
Evans, Barry	P	P	P	P	P	100%	100%
Gordon, George	P	P	P	P	P	100%	60%
Holtzhausen, David	P	MU	P	MU	P	100%	100%
Leerkamp, Jan	P	P	P	P	P	100%	80%
Neumann, Marlene	A	A	A	A	A	0%	35%
Neusch, Hans	P	P	P	P	P	100%	85%
Neusch, Joan	P	P	P	P	P	100%	95%
Orlandini, Annalie	P	P	P	P	MU	100%	65%
Orlandini, Gerald	P	P	A	P	MU	80%	66%
Phillips, Sylvia	A	A	A	A	A	0%	0%
Poole, Chris	P	P	P	P	P	100%	95%
Rawbone, Dave	P	A	P	A	P	60%	77%
Richie, Chris	P	A	P	A	A	40%	68%
Rosewall, Mike	P	P	MU	P	P	100%	100%
Saunders, Malcolm	P	P	P	P	P	100%	100%
Shone, Dudley	P	MU	P	P	A	80%	81%
Spies, Johan	P	P	P	P	MU	100%	95%
Spies, Rina	P	P	P	P	MU	100%	95%
Storkey, Vic	P	P	P	P	P	100%	100%
Tappenden, Tappy	P	P	P	P	P	100%	95%
Taylor, Brian	P	P	MU	P	A	80%	76%
Wilson, Bill	P	P	P	P	P	100%	85%
	90%	79%	76%	76%	69%		