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From the President's Pen

As this is my last, it is with a saddened pen that I complete this report.

I want to thank all for a wonderful wine tasting evening at D'Aria. It was a great idea to support our local winelands and that the evening was a great success.

Congratulations on all the awards presented on last Tuesday, all worthy recipients. But as mentioned at the evening, I want to thank each and everyone, Bellville Rotarians, Rotary Ann's, partners and friends for all your support and the part you played in making my year as President of the Club a memorable and special one.

I think our club is a vibrant, happy, successful and definitely the best that I have been exposed to!

I want to congratulate our club for their achievements in past year, from as big as chartering a new Rotaract club to as small as handing out blankets.

The Boshoff household changed dramatically this year and your understanding, good wishes, presents and thoughts during the last two months was heartwarming. Marli and I appreciate the club's understanding of the situation and supporting us so much.

Looking forward to the coming year - financially our club is in a strong position to tackle a legacy project which we have been longing to do for some time now and I think we are in a fantastic position to be steered and led by our new incoming President, Malcolm Saunders.

We, Riaan, Marli, Ryan, Milla and Roux are looking forward to serving the Club of Bellville for many many more years to come.

It has been a wonderful journey, learning experience and a great year of joy serving the Club.

Yours in Rotary

Riaan

The Rotary Club of Bellville's President for 2011/12



President Malcolm and Antoinette Saunders

Malcolm Saunders was born in Port Elizabeth in 1952 (two years before Bellville Rotary club was chartered) and went to school at Herbert Hurd Primary and Alexander Road High in Port Elizabeth. In 1974 Malcolm married Antoinette. They have three children, Samantha, Evan and Jessica and son-in-law Gavin van der Horst, and two grandchildren, Daniel and Jamie. In They moved to Cape Town in 1987 and settled in the Northern Suburbs.

Malcolm has always been in sales and sales management and is currently based in the Milnerton area with IBF Business Forms & Printing.

In the sporting field he has played competitive squash, social cricket and rugby and some soccer. At the moment he is an enthusiastic sports spectator. He enjoys most forms of music and can often be found next to the braai fire clutching a glass of red wine.

Malcolm says "I am proud to be a Rotarian. Rotary has given me the opportunity to make a difference to those less privileged than myself and has shown me that every one of us no matter who, no matter what standing in life, can make a difference to someone else's life. One can never really appreciate what a difference that good deed, no matter how big or small can make to a person in need".

Bellville Club Calender

Birthdays

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| 01 July | Bill Wilson |
| 07 July | Andre Geboers |
| 09 July | Jimmy du Plessis |
| 10 July | Elsa Reiner |
| 13 July | Debra Rosewall |
| 21 July | Malcolm Saunders |
| 24 July | Rina Spies |
| 29 July | Johann Claassen |

Anniversaries

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| 03 July | Dave and Pam Rawbone |
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Club Diary

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| 02 October 2011 | LOA de Grendel Mountain Bike Challenge |
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The Month That Was

Wine tasting at D'Aria Wine Cellars

On Tuesday 14 June David Holitzhausen arranged for us to have our meeting in D'Aria Estate wine cellar. It was most enjoyable to taste some superior wines and to be addressed by the people responsible for making the wine. Although the wine tasting was free, club members more than paid for the evening by the amount of wine they bought.



David looks pensive – could be at the thought of pouring wine into the bucket?



Malcolm nose what he is doing?



The 1st Team decides its strategy



Barry has just found out there were no free bottles to take home



Our hosts for the evening -the Wine makers of D'Aria Estate

The Rotary Club of Bellville Awards Evening

Our Club awards evening was held on Tuesday evening. One hundred percent attendance certificates were presented to Johann Claassen, Peter de la Cornillere, Barry Evans, Dave Holtzhausen, Hans Neusch, Joan Neusch, Mike Rosewall, Malcolm Saunders and Vic Storkey. The "Time for Rotary" award went to Vic Storkey and Johann Claassen. The "Ambassadorial" Award went to David Holtzhausen while the "Rotarian of the Year" was awarded to Marlene Neumann.

We were fortunate to have three members of the Settlers Interact Club, and their families, at the Awards Evening. The scholars were there to receive their certificates for successfully completing the recent RYLA camp.



Vic and Johann with the "Time for Rotary" Award



David Holtzhausen Riaan and Barry with the "Ambassadorial Trophy" which was donated by Barry



Joan and Hans achieved 100% attendance



Riaan and the winner of the Bellville Rotarian Of the year – Marlene Neumann



Riaan and David with members of the Settlers High Interact club

Some Club Highlights of the Rotary Year

Our Awards Evening

Rotary Club of Bellville Awards evening was held in July 2010. Paul Harris Fellowships (PHF) were awarded to Rina Spies and Jimmy du Plessis for their long history of dedicated service above self, and to Mareta Stoddard, of the Malmesbury Rotary Club, for all she has done for her community both through her Rotary club, and on her own.

Later that month we were honoured to be the 2nd Club in District 9350 to be visited by our new DG on her 1st round of official Club visits. She was present when PHF were awarded to Tappy Tappenden for his years of work in various Clubs in Rotary and to Chris Missing for the dedicated work he does in the field of drug rehabilitation of the youth in Durbanville and Bellville.



DG Shân, Pres. Riaan and the three Bellville Rotary PHF recipients
Tappy Tappenden, Rina Spies and Jimmy du Plessis

One to One Day

This year's annual One to One day took place on Sunday 15 August at the Good Hope Centre in central Cape Town. As usual the Bellville Rotary Club, together with other service organisations, got together to give the mentally and physically handicapped people of Cape Town and surrounding areas a day to remember. Our stall was manned by Rotarians, family, friends and potential core members of a Rotaract club.

A big thank you to all those who helped. A special word of thanks to Hans and Joan who, in the absence of Sylvia, organised everything and who allowed us to use their home to store donations gathered before the event.



Our friends from the Rotary club of Malesbury



Our stand partially setup

Distribution of Soccer balls to schools in our area

In September we were fortunate to receive 100 soccer balls and a full set of soccer kit donated by Hyundai UK which we were asked to distribute it to the needy schools in our area. Vic and Johann Claassen undertook the task. The soccer balls and kit were very well received by the scholars, some of whom had been forced to play their favourite game with a supermarket plastic bag stuffed with rags. Thanks to Johann and Vic for doing the distribution



Johann Claassen with some budding foot ball stars from Enkululekweni Primary school

The Durbanville Wine Valley Fun Run/Walk

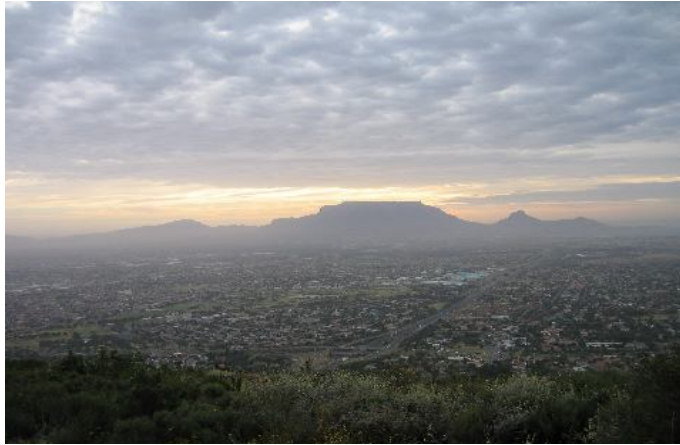
Bellville Rotary Club, in conjunction with organisers of the local Durbanville Wine Route's Sauvignon Blanc Festival decided to launch an Evening Fun Run through the vineyards of Altydgedacht, Bloemendal and D'Aria on the 1 October. It was felt that the emphasis should be on family fun so walkers were encouraged to enter. It was a resounding success. Nearly 100 people took part – ranging from the fanatical runners (a few), to those whose aim was to enjoy a peaceful stroll through beautiful surroundings. The “water points” were different from the usual fun-run water points as we supplied the entrants with water, Cokes and a selection of local wines. Everyone enjoyed themselves greatly. Of interest was that more wine was consumed than either water or Coke! I am sure we can look forward to this becoming an annual event.

The Lion of Africa, de Grendel Mountain Bike Challenge



This annual event took place on the farm de Grendel belonging to the Graaf family. A 55 km route through de Grendel and the adjoining estates of the Durbanville Wine Valley catered for the hardcore mountain bikers, while a shorter 30 km route, entirely on de Gredel, allowed for the riders who were not up to the 55 km route. Younger riders and beginners were catered for by a 10 km route around the estate. The number of entrants was down on last year probably due to overlapping of mountain bike events in the area. However everyone seemed have a good time so we can look forward to increased entry in numbers in the future.

Year End Function



Our end function this year was in the form of a “bring and braai” and was held at the Tygerberg Nature Reserve. Unlike the Anns function earlier in the year, the weather was kind to us and we had a spectacular sunset. Everyone gathered at the viewpoint well before sunset and, to pass the time, several glasses of wine were consumed which, I am sure, enhanced fantastic sunset.

Once the sun had set, everyone went down to the Christo Pienaar Centre to braai our meats and enjoy the salads provided. Everyone had a good time.

Food Distribution

In late December Johan Spies received a phone call from National Brands offering us the opportunity to distribute more of their food that was nearing its sell by date to the the needy and poor people in the area. This was an opportunity that could not be allowed to slip through our hands and Johan decided to go ahead. Transport was going to be a problem a major problem but fortunately, using the Rotary network, a former Bellville Rotary Club member, Victor Barish, came to the rescue and in four days 29 pallets valued at about R250 000 were moved and distributed.

Our friends in the Malmesbury Rotary club assisted us and distributed to organisations in their area.



We were helped by our friends from Malmesbury Rotary

Reygersdal School (Atlantis) Trauma Centre

The Reygersdal Trauma Counselling centre was finally completed in March 2011. Electricity and water have been connected and the unit is operational. The downside is that the place looks bleak as there is no vegetation. An on going effort is need by the club to make the place more “user friendly” as the soil is too poor for a one-off quick fix to work.

The 2011 Pick ' Pay Cape Argus Cycle Tour



As usual Bellville Rotary Club ran the cycle park at the finish of the event. The 2011 Cycle Tour was run in ideal conditions. In spite of an adverse weather forecast, the day was as near perfect as one could expect. This made a very pleasant change after the last few years when high winds and the construction activity at the new Greenpoint Stadium made the going very difficult for both competitors and helpers. Such a high proportion of the riders who started actually finished the race that the organizers ran out of medals to give those finishing.

The Rotary Club of Bellville Annual Golf Day



This year our annual golf day was held on Thursday 7 April. Fortunately the weather on the day was fantastic with only a stiff breeze to give the competitors some problems. There were 18 teams which participated and every one enjoyed a good afternoon of golf. Although it was a far cry from the good old days when we managed to have in excess of 30 four balls competing, we still managed to clear R13780 for our charities. This year's competition was won by GD Packaging with 105 points.

The Arrival of “Die Putte”

Congratulations to Marli and Riaan on the birth of their twins on 6 May. Mother and children are all well – I don't know about the father!



Roux and Milla Boshoff

Rotary Bellville's Annual Schools Choir evening



On 3 May our annual schools choir evening was held once again in the halls of the Parow High School. Choir teachers use this event as a rehearsal for the eisteddfod held a little later in the year. The performance level of the 12 school choirs that took part this year was of an exceptionally high standard. As most of the Rotarians had been helping at the choir evening for a good couple of years and knew what was needed, it was relatively trouble free .

Time to ramp up the fight against polio

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) has made significant progress since the launch of its new strategic plan and the bivalent oral polio vaccine last year. In India and Nigeria, the sources of all recent wild poliovirus importations into previously polio-free countries, the disease declined by 95 percent between 2009 and 2010.

The World Health Organization calls the progress encouraging, “but the job is not yet finished, and we must see this through to the end,” said its director-general, Margaret Chan, at the World Health Assembly in May.

In addition to the gains made by India and Nigeria, 15 countries in Africa have stopped outbreaks of the disease that started in 2009, reported the GPEI Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) in April.

The GPEI’s leading partner agencies -- the World Health Organization, Rotary International, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF -- and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation welcomed the report. They particularly noted the IMB’s assessment that polio eradication is “entirely feasible” and “desperately needed,” and that countries that are off track in meeting GPEI milestones can be brought back on track with support from national governments, donors, and the spearheading partners. Among those countries is Pakistan, which launched the National Emergency Action Plan for Polio Eradication 2011 with the goal of halting transmission of the disease by the end of the year. Rotarians there are working “to cover every nook and corner of the country,” said Aziz Memon, chair of the Pakistan PolioPlus Committee. “We are committed to a polio-free Pakistan.”

The report also referred to an estimated US\$665 million funding gap through 2012 as the “single greatest threat to the GPEI’s success.” To help address the gap, the Gates Foundation has awarded two grants totaling \$355 million to Rotary in support of its work. Rotary has responded with Rotary’s US\$200 Million Challenge, which will be completed on 30 June 2012; to date, Rotarians have raised \$173.2 million.

"The IMB clearly stated that all member states have decided together to eradicate polio, and that funding the effort should be a shared responsibility," said Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar at a May meeting with Margaret Chan, Bill Gates, health ministers from polio-infected countries, and international development agency representatives. "We therefore invite donor governments from around the world to join the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the ongoing commitment by Rotary's 1.2 million members worldwide, and rapidly make available flexible funding critically needed to implement all activities of the strategic plan."

The IMB's report concludes that polio eradication is feasible in the near future, but warns that the goal will only be achieved with "heightened attention" at all levels. "If we fail, the disease will not stay at its current low level," said Bill Gates, speaking at the RI Convention in May. "It will spread back into countries where it has been eliminated, and it will kill and paralyze hundreds of thousands of children who used to be safe."

"We are at a crossroads right now," said Bruce Aylward, assistant director-general of WHO for polio eradication and related areas, at a TED talk in March. "We have a new vaccine, we have new resolve, we have new tactics. We have the chance to write an entirely new polio-free chapter in human history. But if we blink now, we will lose forever the chance to eradicate an ancient disease. End polio now."

Golf fellowship to tee off at championship course

More than 200 golfers from around the world will tee off in August in the International Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians 48th World Championship at the Pinehurst Resort in North Carolina, USA.

Hosted by District 7690, the tournament will be held 21-27 August on three courses at Pinehurst, which is consistently ranked by Golf Magazine as one of the top golfing destinations in the world.

Ray Taylor, event chair and past district governor, says that golf is only one of the attractions for the Rotarians who will gather for the event..

"The appeal is the course itself, but it's the magnetism of meeting old friends and making new ones that makes the week so much fun," says Taylor, who will be attending his 20th golf fellowship tournament. "I have made friends from around the world; I probably would have never met them if it weren't for the golf fellowship."

The fellowship, which is one of 58 recognized by the RI Board of Directors, began in 1963 and has more than 1,500 members from 60 countries. Fellowships bring Rotarians, their spouses, and Rotaractors together to share common interests, explore new opportunities to serve, enhance the Rotary experience through fun activities, and further vocational development through friendship. Each June, they are celebrated through Rotary Fellowships Month.

"Fellowships are important because they add another dimension to the organization," says Taylor. "International friendship is the glue that holds Rotary together."

Rotarians use Flickr to publicize hands-on service projects

The North Bay club teamed up the last weekend of March 2010 with two local disc jockeys to host a 53-hour radio marathon in a community shopping center, raising more than US\$80,000 for the Nipissing Association for Disabled Youth and other charities that help physically challenged children in the area. Rogerson shared several of the photos on Rotary International's Family of Rotary Flickr group.

Rotarians around the world have uploaded more than 700 images of their club events, special occasions, and service projects to the group. Share your photo today.

Using Flickr is a great way for Rotarians to promote Rotary's commitment to action-oriented service, one of the goals of the RI Strategic Plan.

Rogerson says the site helped him publicize his club's event to a larger audience. It "has allowed everyday Rotarians such as myself to post Rotary activity for the benefit of all to see," he notes. "All of our members take great pride in this event and roll up their sleeves and get involved."

The Rotary Club of Kalyan Riverside, Maharashtra, India, is a frequent user of the Flickr group. Recently, the club uploaded photos from a service project that involved painting murals to brighten up several classrooms. "I love the presence of Rotary on Flickr and Facebook. They are useful tools for publicizing club activities and projects," says Dinesh Pandya, a past club president.

Janey Ball, of the Rotary Club of Newlands, South Africa, has used RI's Flickr group to share photos as public relations chair for District 9350 (Angola; Namibia; South Africa). They've included images from the lighting of the Cape Town waterfront with the End Polio Now message during Rotary's anniversary celebrations.

"The ease of fast, one-site-fits-all distribution has great advantages," Ball says.

Indian Taxi Driver

A stark naked, drunken woman, jumped into a vacant taxi at the King's Road.

The Indian driver was immediately beside himself and just kept on staring at the woman. He made no attempt to start the cab.

"What's wrong with you mate, haven't you ever seen a naked woman before?"

"I'll not be staring at you lady, I am telling you that would not be proper where I am coming from".

"Well if your not bloody staring at me mate, what are you doing then?"

"Well, I am telling you, I am thinking to myself where is this lady keeping the money to be paying me with."

Frogs and Stockbrokers

Two women were walking through the woods when a frog called out to them and said: "Help me, ladies! I am a stockbroker who, through an evil witch's curse, has been transformed into a frog. If one of you will kiss me, I'll be returned to my former state!" One woman took out her purse, grabbed the frog, and stuffed it inside her handbag. The other woman, aghast, screamed, "Didn't you hear him? If you kiss him, he'll turn into a stockbroker!"

The second woman replied, "Sure, but these days a talking frog is worth more than a stockbroker!"

Why Some Men Have Dogs And Not Wives:

- The later you are, the more excited your dogs are to see you.
- Dogs don't notice if you call them by another dog's name.
- Dogs like it if you leave a lot of things on the floor.
- A dog's parents never visit.
- You never have to wait for a dog; they're ready to go 24 hours a day.
- Dogs find you amusing when you're drunk..

- Dogs like to go hunting, fishing and don't mind spending the whole day with you in front of the tv.
- A dog will let you put a studded collar on it without calling you a pervert.
- Dogs like to ride in the back of a pickup truck and don't care how much money you have.

To test this theory: Lock your wife and your dog in the garage for an hour. Then open it and see who's happiest to see you.

The Irish have solved their own fuel problems. They imported 50 Million tonnes of sand from the Arabs and they're going to drill for their own oil

Bellville Rotary Club Attendance Statistics

| | 3 May | 10 May | 17 May | 24 May | 31-May |
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| Boshoff, Marli | A | A | A | A | A |
| Boshoff, Riaan | A | P | P | P | P |
| Brereton, Gavin | A | A | P | A | P |
| Claassen, Johann | P | P | A | P | P |
| Daly, Richard | A | P | A | P | A |
| De La Cornillere, P | P | P | P | P | P |
| du Plessis, Jimmy | P | P | P | P | P |
| Evans, Barry | P | P | MU | P | P |
| Geboers, Andre | A | P | A | A | A |
| Gordon, George | P | P | P | P | P |
| Holtzhausen, David | MU | P | MU | P | P |
| Leerkamp, Jan | P | P | P | P | P |
| Neumann, Marlene | P | P | P | A | P |
| Neusch, Hans | P | P | P | P | P |
| Neusch, Joan | P | P | P | P | P |
| Orlandini, Annalie | P | P | A | A | P |
| Orlandini, Gerald | P | P | A | A | P |
| Phillips, Sylvia | A | A | A | A | A |
| Poole, Chris | P | P | P | P | P |
| Rawbone, Dave | A | P | P | P | P |
| Richie, Chris | P | P | P | P | P |
| Rosewall, Mike | P | P | P | P | P |
| Saunders, Malcolm | P | P | MU | P | P |
| Shone, Dudley | P | P | A | P | P |
| Spies, Johan | P | P | A | P | P |
| Spies, Rina | P | P | A | P | P |
| Storkey, Vic | P | P | A | P | P |
| Tappenden, Tappy | P | P | A | P | A |
| Taylor, Brian | P | P | P | P | A |
| Wilson, Bill | P | P | P | P | P |
| | 77% | 90% | 60% | 77% | 80% |

Year to date information is the average of the months totals and is therefore not accurate.