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The President is doing the 'Epic so nothing from him this month

In a letter posted on the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation website today, Bill Gates praises Rotary International for its central role in the fight to eradicate polio, and refers to Rotary as a "key partner" in the global effort to rid the world of the crippling disease.

The annual letter from Gates, co-chair of the Gates Foundation, focuses on education and polio, and notes that the eradication effort has benefited immensely from Rotary's support. Rotary launched PolioPlus -- a program to immunize the world's children against polio -- in 1985 and became a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative three years later, along with the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF.

"Everywhere I go to learn about polio, I see Rotary members helping out with the hard work," Gates says in the letter. "I feel sure that with continued support, we will be able to show significant progress."

Gates also mentions that he will be taking three trips focused on polio this year, including additional trips to India and Nigeria.

The Gates Foundation has awarded US\$355 million in challenge grants to Rotary for use in the global effort to eradicate polio. Rotary has responded with Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. As of January, Rotary clubs have raised \$160 million. Gates has also recently joined Rotary's "This Close" campaign, aimed at increasing awareness of and support for polio eradication. More than 20 international and regional luminaries have appeared on billboards, print ads, and in television and radio public service announcements.

Bellville Club Calender

Birthday

12 April

Chris Poole

16 April

Richard Daly

Anniversaries

6 April

Malcolm and Antoinette Saunders

Club Diary

7 April

Bellville Rotary Golf Day

3 May

Choir Evening

28 June

Induction of Malcolm Saunders as
President

The Month that Was

Reygersdal School (Atlantis) Trauma Centre

I am pleased to report that the the Trauma Centre in Atlantis has been completed and the electricity and water connected. The date for the official handover is still to be announced. As can be seen in the photo below the area around the building is very bleak and some roll on lawn would not go amiss.



Outside rear view -note the lack of any sort of plants



Inside one of the rooms

Visit by Michael Gordon and Amanda Hurst

We were very fortunate to have Michael Gordon (Las Vegas Rotary Club) and his friend Amanda Hurst (Las Vegas Rotoract Club) visit our club on the 22 March. Amanda gave us an very interesting talk on the activities of her Rotoract Club and the projects they were involved in the USA. Some our own Rotoractors also visited us and I am sure they were inspired by Amanda's message



Amanda Hurst (2nd from left) together with Carmen, Dominique and Emily our Bellville Rotoractors

The 2011 Pick 'n Pay Cape Argus Cycle Tour



The start of one of the batches of riders in the 2011 Pick 'n Pay Cape Argus Cycle Tour – a sight the Bellville Rotary Club never sees

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.

A big thank you to the many Rotarians, their family and friends who came out to help us. I am sure most will be back to help us next year in spite of a few of them being verbally abused by some of the cyclists. A special thank you to David Hotzhausen who was at the finish to close the roads at 04h00 and still there when we had packed away the last of the non-claimed bicycles at about 19h00!



The WINNER



The weary



The imposing new Greenpoint Stadium before dawn photographed by Brian Taylor



Mike and Chris, at the Sweep park, enjoy the quiet before the rush.!



Tappy takes a break from road closing to enjoy a pre-dawn cup of coffee. Just look at the shiny double halo!



Mike Aaron (Goodwood Rotary), crew member of the Mini Sweep, enjoys the accident free event.



Denise and Barry manned this road closure Since 04H00. Denise looks great but Barry not so good.



The main Cycle Park in full swing. It is hard to believe that only one bike was not claimed by the time the Park closed at 18h30

Wheelchair Handover

During March, Mike Rosewall, representing Bellville Rotary, and Peter de la C travelled to Lentegour in Mitchell's Plain to hand over four Wheelchair Foundation wheelchairs.

Staff of the University of the Western Cape Community Rehab Centre at Lentegour in Mitchell's Plain found suitable recipients and arranged for our visit to three different homes/centres to hand over the wheelchairs.

Thanks must go to Mike for arranging the hand over and to Ruywada Hull of the Community Centre for finding the recipients and for showing us where to find them.



Edward Stevens of
Beacon Valley, Mitchells Plain



Keanu Russel of
Tafelsig Mitchells Plain



Sar Februarie of
HeinzPark

Malmesbury Cycle Fun Ride

Saturday the 26 March saw a band of sleepy Bellville Rotarians take the road at 04h00 for Pulpit Rock Winery near Riebeeck Wes to marshal at the annual Malmesbury Rotary Cycle Fun Ride. Malmesbury Rotary Club, it seems, has not forgotten the time when a team of our marshals sent the first batch of riders in a previous event up the wrong road, so we have been relegated to parking the cars of the cyclists! This has its advantages as it meant that, once all the cars had been parked, we could head back home.

A very big thank you to those Club members who gave up their Saturday morning sleep to help our Malmesbury friends.

A Balanced Diet??



Foundation alumni reconnect at Ray's Rotary Reunions

More than 350 Rotarians and Rotary Foundation alumni from 25 countries gathered for Ray's Rotary Reunions in Cape Town, South Africa, 3-5 February.

Hosted by District 9350 (Angola; Namibia; South Africa), the event was designed by RI President Ray Klinginsmith, a 1960-61 Ambassadorial Scholar at the University of Cape Town.

"Ray's Rotary Reunions gave alumni the chance to reconnect with an organization that meant so much to them in kick-starting their careers," says Rodney Mazinter, chair of the reunions committee.

The first reunion, held on 3 February, reconnected former Ambassadorial Scholars who studied at the University of Cape Town and graduates of the university who spent their Rotary scholarship abroad. Attendees ranged from recent alumni in their 20s to 85-year-old Henry Kreh of the Rotary Club of Marathon, Florida, USA, the first Rotary Scholar to study at UCT.

"The gathering of so many leaders who have made a difference in communities across the globe through the help of Rotary was simply inspiring to me," says Betsy Sutherland, a 2010-11 Ambassadorial Scholar from South Carolina, USA, studying at UCT. "The relationship we all shared enabled us to talk about goals and projects we felt were important to populations within the African continent."

At the second reunion, UCT alumni were joined by Rotary Scholars who studied at any university in Africa and those from African universities who studied abroad. Former Group Study Exchange team members who were sponsored or hosted by Rotary districts in Africa also took part, joined by many Rotarians.

Throughout the reunions, attendees participated in instructive programs that included addresses by government and professional leaders who have made a difference in Africa. In addition to Klinginsmith, featured speakers included former South African President and Nobel Peace Prize laureate F.W. de Klerk; former South African Constitutional Court Judge Catherine O'Regan; Peter Kyle, a member of the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill (Washington, D.C.) and recipient of the 2009-10 Rotary Foundation Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award; and Francis Moloi, chief director of the South African Department of International Relations and Cooperation. O'Regan, Kyle, and Moloi are all former Rotary Scholars.

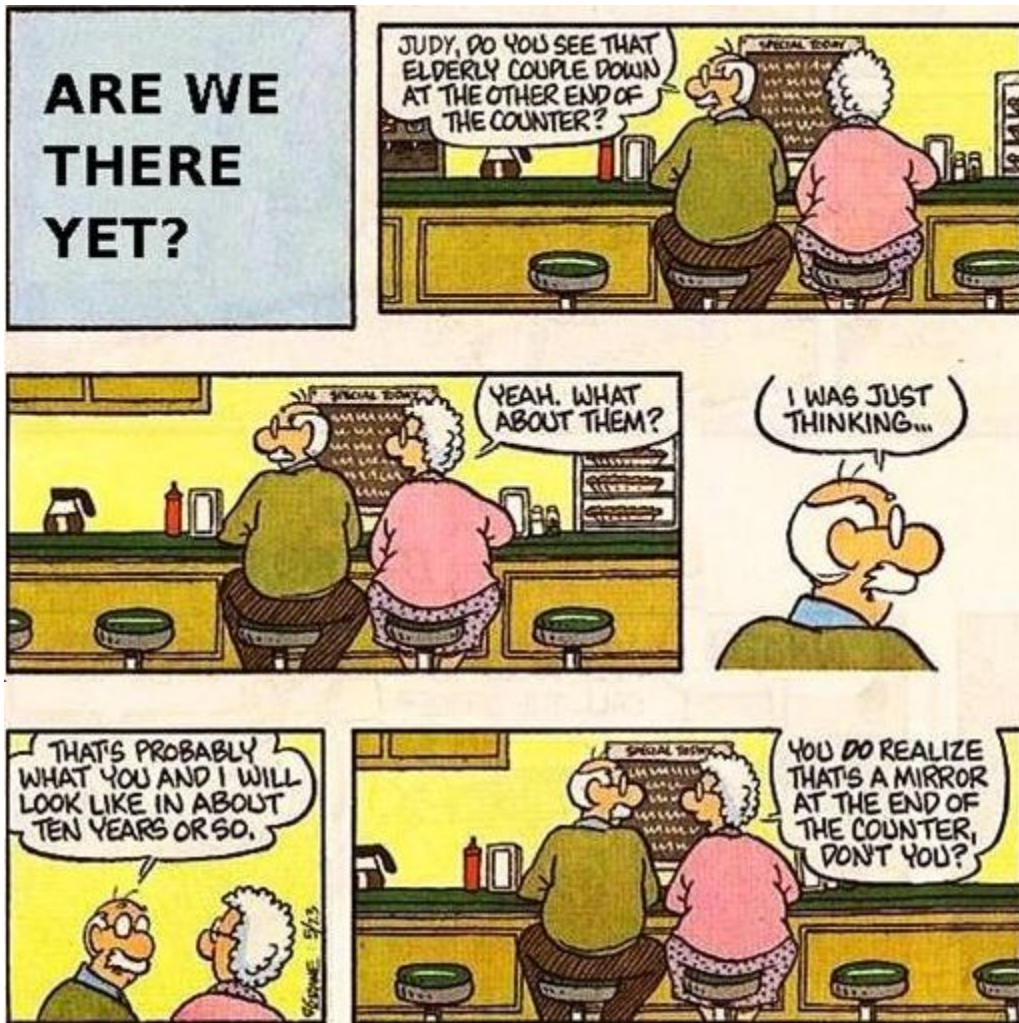
"As I complete a circle in my life from being a Rotary Scholar at UCT in 1961 to being the RI president 50 years later, I have learned much about life from my visits to Africa," Klinginsmith says. "I believe the reunions are a good learning experience for everyone."

On the last two days, a Rotary projects expo gave clubs the chance to seek out partners and make connections to facilitate international service projects in support of Rotary's Reach Out to Africa initiative. Launched in 2007, the initiative matches the resources of the Foundation and clubs in developed economies with needs in Africa. The projects expo was also open to alumni.

"I'm working on a project that will establish a library for a school located in an impoverished area of Cape Town," says Sutherland. "As a result of [the initiative] and the projects expo, I linked up with a Rotary club who supports literacy in schools and has offered to help with the project."

Former Ambassadorial Scholars number more than 41,000 worldwide, and the reunions were an experimental model that Klinginsmith hopes will be implemented by other universities in the future.

"Ray's Rotary Reunions have been a highlight of my past year here in Cape Town," says Sutherland. "It was filled with wonderful fellowship of Rotarians from all over the world and a celebration of what Rotary can achieve."



True Love

Man sitting at home on the veranda with his wife and he says, "I love you."

She asks, "Is that you or the red wine talking?"

He replies, "It's me.....talking to the red wine."

Healthy Living



"The healthiest part of a donut is the hole. Unfortunately, you have to eat through the rest of the donut to get there!"

Attendance Statistics for Bellville Rotary February 2011

	1-Feb	8-Feb	15-Feb	22-Feb	Mth	Ytd
Boshoff, Marli	P	P	P	P	100%	100%
Boshoff, Riaan	P	P	P	P	100%	100%
Brereton, Gavin	P	P	P	P	100%	74%
Claassen, Johann	P	MU	P	P	100%	100%
Daly, Richard	A	P	P	A	50%	35%
De La Cornillere, P	P	P	P	MU	100%	100%
du Plessis, Jimmy	P	P	MU	P	100%	100%
Evans, Barry	P	P	MU	P	100%	100%
Geboers, Andre	P	P	P	A	75%	59%
Gordon, George	P	P	P	A	75%	87%
Holtzhausen, David	P	P	P	MU	100%	100%
Leerkamp, Jan	P	P	P	P	100%	48%
Neumann, Marlene	P	P	A	A	50%	74%
Neusch, Hans	P	MU	P	P	100%	100%
Neusch, Joan	P	P	P	P	100%	100%
Orlandini, Annalie	A	A	P	P	50%	59%
Orlandini, Gerald	A	A	P	P	50%	64%
Phillips, Sylvia	P	A	P	A	50%	34%
Poole, Chris	P	P	P	P	100%	79%
Rawbone, Dave	P	P	A	P	75%	74%
Richie, Chris	P	P	P	A	75%	58%
Rosewall, Mike	P	P	P	MU	100%	100%
Saunders, Malcolm	P	P	P	P	100%	100%
Shone, Dudley	P	P	P	P	100%	80%
Spies, Johan	P	P	P	P	100%	100%
Spies, Rina	P	P	P	P	100%	100%
Storkey, Vic	MU	P	P	MU	100%	100%
Tappenden, Tappy	P	A	P	P	75%	90%
Taylor, Brian	P	A	A	A	25%	61%
Wilson, Bill	P	P	P	P	100%	84%
	90%	83%	90%	77%		

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