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From the President's Pen

We had an eventful month with a number of milestones achieved by the club. On the 5th May we hosted another successful Choir Evening with 12 schools participating. In spite of the many holidays in April, creating havoc with the administration both for the schools, and ourselves, the choir leaders managed to entertain everybody with music and song of an exceptionally high standard.

The members who attended the District Conference reported on a very successful event and an enriching experience.

Probably a first in the history of our club occurred on 6 May when a President's wife, my Marli, gave birth to twins.. DG Shân said this was probably the best excuse not to attend Conference!! Our sincerest thanks for all the good wishes, flowers, gifts and support from everybody it means a lot to us and is sincerely appreciated.

At our weekly meeting on the 10th May we were addressed by two very motivated members of the Cape Environmental Trust. This made us so much aware of the fact that we are the custodians of our diverse biodiversity and that we need to bring this truth home to the next generations. We have the Tygerberg Nature Reserve on our doorstep and it should be utilised more for educational purposes.

On the 13th May the Bellville Rotaract Club was chartered and what a highlight event this was. This group of young people has already showed their character by getting actively involved in the community and we wish them well in all their endeavours.

The Atlantis project is in the final stages before the official hand over. The local community reported that they have already been able to use it for counseling.

In the next month we plan to have a wine tasting evening at D'Aria . Do not forget that the Induction of Incoming President Malcolm will take place on the 28th June at the Durbanville Golf Club.

Our best wishes to Jimmy who has to undergo a hip replacement operation and we hold thumbs for a speedy recovery for one of the cornerstones of our club!

And last, but by far not the least it was a great pleasure to see Andre Gebroers again at our meeting. We all wish you a speedy recovery and our thoughts are with you.

As always I thank all our club members for this wonderful club we belong to and for the good work we do.

Yours in Rotary.

Riaan

Bellville Club Calender

Birthdays

21 June
22 June
23 June

Marlene Neumann
Rita Brereton
Johan Spies

Anniversaries

23 June
28 June

Dudley and Lynne Shone
Mike and Debra Rosewall

Club Diary

28 June

Induction of President Malcolm Saunders

The Month that Was

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 .

Thanks to all Rotarians, Anns and friends who turned up on the to lend a hand on the evening. A special thank you to Joan (organised sweets for the the choristers and the selling of snacks at interval), David (for organising Cokes), Henriette (compiling the programs), Annalie and Minute Man Press (printing programs), Vic and Jimmy (organising and cooking the boerewors rolls) Malcolm (for being the MC) and Johann C for doing an excellent job of overall coordinator.



Choirs and choristers came in all sizes. On the left is a choir with little choristers while on the right we have a huge choir with larger choristers

2011 Rotary District 9350 Conference

The conference this year was held in the Hermanus High School hall. Our full time representatives at the conference were David Holtzhausen, Jan Leerkamp, Marlene Neuman and Malcolm Saunders with Doc Bill, Chris Poole and Peter de la C attending on the Saturday.

The conference was well organised with interesting speakers speaking on a wide range of topics ranging from the Consumer Protection Act (J A Veldhuizen) though Ethics (Daniel Malan) to Corporate Social Investment Project Funding (John Winship). My highlight of the Conference was the address by the RI Presidents Personal Representative, Allan Jagger (aka the Yorkshire Ripper). The presentation by the Ambassadorial Scholars is also worth mentioning as it showed what youth could achieve if they set their minds to it.

The social side of things was well catered for with a Medieval Bash that both Marlene and Jan enjoyed.



A happy band of Bellville Rotarians at morning tea on Saturday. Chris Poole and David are Missing from the photo



Malcolm a good mood at last, but then he remembered that he was getting a delightful Rat Pack for lunch!

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 – father seems to be suffering from sleep deprivation!



Roux and Milla Boshoff in quiet mode

Rotary and Aga Khan University announce strategic partnership

The Rotary Foundation Trustees have reached an agreement with Aga Khan University to form a strategic partnership under the Foundation's Future Vision Plan.

The private, nonsectarian university promotes human welfare and development through research, teaching, and community service. It is the second strategic partner under the Future Vision Plan. In mid-April, the Trustees reached an agreement with Oikocredit, a Netherlands-based cooperative financial institution that supports socially responsible investing.

Through the partnership with Aga Khan University, the Foundation will offer packaged grants for Rotary clubs and districts to establish vocational training teams. The teams will enhance the clinical and administrative skills of health educators at the university's campuses in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Team members will also work with local Rotary clubs and the university to carry out service projects related to the training. Rotary grants will fund nursing and midwifery scholarships at the three campuses for students selected and mentored by District 9200 (Eritrea; Ethiopia; Kenya; Tanzania; Uganda).

"Our Rotary clubs in East Africa are eager to partner with the top-notch professionals at Aga Khan University to help ensure that mothers and their infants receive the best health care possible," says RI Director Samuel F. Owori, of Kampala, Uganda. "This partnership represents an immense contribution to the health and well-being of families throughout our region."

Foundation Trustee Chair Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar adds that the partnership "is an important step toward meeting the United Nations Millennium Development Goals for maternal and child health."

The UN Millennium Goals call for a 75 percent reduction in the maternal mortality ratio -- and a 66 percent reduction in the mortality rate of children under five -- by 2015.

According to the United Nations, developing countries account for 99 percent of the more than 350,000 women who die each year from complications during pregnancy or childbirth. In sub-Saharan Africa, 1 in 30 women is at risk, compared with 1 in 5,600 in developed countries. The region also records the highest child mortality rates, with one in seven children dying before age five.

What does Aga Khan University offer Rotary?

Chartered in 1983 in Pakistan, Aga Khan University operates facilities in eight countries, including teaching hospitals, nursing schools, medical colleges and teach training institutes. The university's curricula reflect the unique needs of the communities and countries where its schools operate, so that students and graduates can immediately apply their training where it will have the most impact.

Rotary Foundation Global Grants support large, international projects with sustainable, high-impact outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus. Packaged global grants developed by the Foundation and Aga Khan align with the area of maternal and child health. Because the administrative work of designing the project and finding a cooperating organization has already been done, Rotary clubs and districts can focus on identifying beneficiaries, providing technical expertise or direct service, and publicizing the project.

One hundred districts are participating in the Future Vision pilot, a three-year test of the Foundation's streamlined grant structure, which began 1 July. All districts will begin using the model on 1 July 2013.

Information on how pilot clubs and districts can apply for packaged global grants to work with either Aga Khan or Oikocredit will be available soon at www.rotary.org.

Rotary clubs make changes to attract younger members

When Rotarians in Walnut Creek, California, USA, found it difficult to attract young professionals to the area's morning and afternoon clubs, they set out to establish a new club that would accommodate busy, on-the-go schedules.

The Rotary Club of Diablo View (Walnut Creek), chartered in 2009, meets in a local brewery at 5:30 p.m. every Thursday. Club president Jennifer Beeman says the club sets aside time each week for socializing before turning to club business, and that the relaxed atmosphere appeals to younger members.

Beeman was only 24 years old when she became a charter member of the club, and she's now one of the youngest female club presidents in Rotary. The club has 26 members, 90 percent of them between the ages of 25 and 40.

"Because we have younger members, our attitude is different. People have told us how refreshing it is to have young faces behind Rotary," Beeman says.

She says the club carries out many projects in the community so that members have an opportunity to do hands-on service. Every month, for instance, it plans an outdoor project, such as cleaning up nature trails. Younger Rotarians usually have more time than cash at their disposal, she says, so they tend to contribute by volunteering.

The club recruits new members through social media like Twitter and Facebook, and it has a mentoring program to help with retention. All new members are assigned a mentor, who spends extra time with them outside regular meetings.

"The modifications we've made have helped our club appeal to younger professionals and retain them," Beeman says. "They've created a high-energy club."

Beeman says clubs must be willing to make a few changes to attract younger members. Here are some examples of what other clubs are doing:

- Through a student membership initiative, the Rotary Club of Hope Island, Queensland, Australia, invites college-age students to meetings and subsidizes the cost to bring a youthful perspective to the club.
- The Rotary Club of Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, has created the 25 Club, a club-within-a-club. The members hold additional meetings, sponsor regular social gatherings, and carry out a number of service projects. The inductees are generally younger, and after a year, they transition into the parent Rotary club.
- The Rotary Club of Crawley, Western Australia, Australia, started a mentoring program that helps new members transition into the club. The club's average age is now in the 30s.
- The Rotary Club of Bricktown Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, USA, meets in a tavern. First-time guests are treated to two free beverages, compliments of the club. [Read more.](#)
- The Rotary Club of South Metro Minneapolis Evenings, Minnesota, USA, meets in the evenings and lowers costs by not having meals. The third meeting of the month is a happy hour/networking event at different locations in the city. The fourth meeting is a volunteering opportunity.

A Mighty Big Rip-off



A hamburger and chips from Slatterys Restaurant costin R79.00

One should be careful not to criticize our current restauranteur's meals as regards value for money without checking the "market". I went on the raid to the Durbanville Rotary Club's meeting on the 17 May and was served the hamburger featured in the above photo for supper. It cost me R79 which I felt was a major rip-off. Chris Poole also had a R79 hamburger while Riaan, poor fellow, had to pay R90 for his. Fortunately for him there is a Steers on his way home from which he could supplement his meal.

Why Do We Say The Things We Do?

There is an old Hotel/ Pub in Marble Arch, London, which used to have a gallows adjacent to it. Prisoners were taken to the gallows, (after a fair trial of course) to be hanged.

The horse drawn dray, carting the prisoner, was accompanied by an armed guard, who would stop the dray outside the pub and ask the prisoner if he would like "ONE LAST DRINK".

If he said YES, it was referred to as "ONE FOR THE ROAD"

If he declined, that prisoner was "ON THE WAGON"

One-Liners

- 1) Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting a tomato in a fruit salad.
- 2) The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- 3) He who smiles in a crisis has found someone to blame.
- 4) Politicians and diapers have one thing in common. They should both be changed regularly, and for the same reason.
- 5) Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- 6) We live in a society where pizza gets to your house faster than the police.
- 7) How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

Confusing South African Road Signs



What is in a Name

A man asked an American Indian what was his wife's name.

He replied, "She called *Five Horses*".

The man said, "That's an unusual name for your wife. What does it mean?"

The Old Indian answered, "It old Indian Name. It means..."

NAG, NAG, NAG, NAG, NAG

On Marriage

You have two choices in life:
You can stay single and be miserable,
or get married and wish you were dead.

At a cocktail party, one woman said to another,
'Aren't you wearing your wedding ring on the wrong finger?'
'Yes, I am. I married the wrong man.'

A lady inserted an ad in the classifieds:
'Husband Wanted'.
Next day she received a hundred letters.
They all said the same thing:
'You can have mine.'

A little boy asked his father,
'Daddy, how much does it cost to get married?'
Father replied, 'I don't know son, I'm still paying.'

Rotary Club of Bellville Attendance Statistics for April 2011

	05/Apr	12/Apr	19/Apr	MTH	YTD
Boshoff, Marli	P	P	P	100%	100%
Boshoff, Riaan	P	P	P	100%	100%
Brereton, Gavin	P	P	P	100%	76%
Claassen, Johann	P	P	P	100%	100%
Daly, Richard	P	P	A	67%	41%
De La Cornillere, P	P	P	P	100%	100%
du Plessis, Jimmy	P	P	P	100%	100%
Evans, Barry	P	P	P	100%	100%
Geboers, Andre	A	A	A	0%	46%
Gordon, George	A	P	P	67%	82%
Holtzhausen, David	P	P	P	100%	100%
Leerkamp, Jan	P	P	P	100%	59%
Neumann, Marlene	P	P	P	100%	76%
Neusch, Hans	P	P	P	100%	100%
Neusch, Joan	P	P	P	100%	100%
Orlandini, Annalie	A	A	P	33%	54%
Orlandini, Gerald	A	P	P	67%	62%
Phillips, Sylvia	A	A	A	0%	29%
Poole, Chris	P	P	P	100%	84%
Rawbone, Dave	P	A	P	67%	74%
Richie, Chris	P	P	P	100%	65%
Rosewall, Mike	P	P	P	100%	100%
Saunders, Malcolm	P	P	P	100%	100%
Shone, Dudley	MU	P	P	100%	84%
Spies, Johan	P	P	P	100%	100%
Spies, Rina	P	P	P	100%	100%
Storkey, Vic	P	P	P	100%	100%
Tappenden, Tappy	P	P	P	100%	92%
Taylor, Brian	P	P	A	67%	61%
Wilson, Bill	P	P	P	100%	87%
	83%	87%	87%		

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