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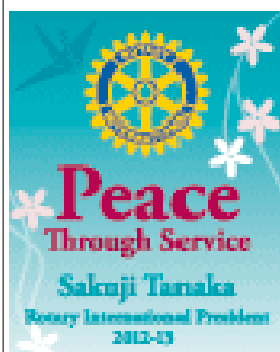
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LITERACY MONTH



EDITORIAL

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FOUNDATION HEALTH

Maternal and Child Health

Some 8.8 million children worldwide die before reaching their fifth birthday, many from preventable causes, according to UNICEF. In an ongoing commitment to serve communities and meet basic human needs, Rotarians have been raising awareness about child mortality and developing projects that foster the health of mothers and their children. As part of Rotary's Reach Out to Africa effort, Korean Rotarians led a \$1m effort to build a medical complex dedicated to maternal health and to support the Tumbi Hospital Renovation in Kibaha, Tanzania. By making preventive and acute health care more accessible to women and children, the facility is expected to save the lives of as many as 42 children every day. With help from a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant, members of the Rotary clubs of Bagé-Minuano, Brazil, and Jackson Hole Supper, Wyoming, USA, established a centre that collects and redistributes breast milk to infants through a hospital serving 600,000 low-income residents of Bagé. Breastfeeding has the potential to prevent 1.4m child deaths yearly because breast milk offers numerous nutrients and antibodies.

Preventing pediatric AIDS

Pediatrician and AIDS specialist Stephen Nicholas, a member of the Rotary Club of Yonkers, New York, USA, led an effort to establish a clinic that treats HIV-infected women and their children in La Romana, Dominican Republic. Rotarians in the Yonkers and La Romana clubs support the Mother-Baby AIDS Project, which has helped lower the rate of mother-to-child HIV transmission in the La Romana province from 40% to less than 1%.

Life after Mitch

Mothers and young children in Honduras continue to benefit from the many programs implemented as part of the Nueva Esperanza (New Hope) project to help victims of Hurricane Mitch. Children who weren't even born when Mitch hit in 1998 now benefit from the medical treatment and equipment available at the Quirurgico Medical Clinic, provided through efforts of the Rotary Clubs of Tegucigalpa and Marcala, in Honduras, and the Rotary Club of Manteca, California, USA, with support from a Rotary Foundation Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grant.

Healthy moms, healthy babies

The Healthy Mothers Program at a community centre in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, benefits women. Coordinated by the Rotary Clubs of Rio de Janeiro-Saara and Almaden Valley, California, USA, with support from a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant, the effort has helped prepare more than 180 pregnant women and new mothers from Rio's low-income port zone to care for their babies. Causes of Under-Five Child Mortality: Neonatal: 37%, Pneumonia: 19%, Diarrhea: 17%, Malaria: 8%, Measles: 4%, Injuries: 3%, HIV/AIDS: 3%, Other: 10%

Disease Prevention and Treatment

Although Rotary is best known for its polio eradication campaign, many Rotarians work on projects that focus on other aspects of disease prevention and treatment — projects that often complement other humanitarian efforts. Working together since 2005, Rotary clubs in 13 districts in Canada, Ghana, Switzerland, and the United States have sponsored six Rotary Foundation Matching Grant projects to provide safe drinking water to remote communities in northern Ghana. Rotarians worked with the Guinea Worm Eradication Programme, a partnership of the Carter Center and the Ghanaian government, to identify the best locations for wells or water systems. Guinea worm is contracted when a person drinks standing water containing a tiny water flea that carries the larvae of the worm. The larvae, which can take a year to

mature within the human body, cause long-term suffering and sometimes crippling effects. Basic nutrition is another important component to disease prevention. In Peru, members of the Rotary Club of Independencia-Huaraz built a school cafeteria to serve elementary students in the Cordillera Blanca range of the Andes. For many of the children living in poverty, the new cafeteria now provides their only full meal of the day.

Casting a wide net

In Papua New Guinea, 1.6 million people, or more than 25% of the population, are infected with malaria each year. Ron Seddon of the Rotary Club of Port Moresby is leading the effort to distribute insecticide-treated nets across the country, an initiative that local Rotarians took over from the government in 1997. Rotarians have since procured and distributed more than 4.3 million nets, but it's a never-ending effort. "We must have a sustainable program to ensure that as mosquito nets wear out, new ones will be available," says Seddon, a member of Rotarians Eliminating Malaria: A Rotarian Action Group.

Healing childhood scars

Only one burn treatment centre serves the two million children living in Guatemala. Based at the Roosevelt Hospital Children's Health Clinic in Guatemala City, this pediatric burn centre gets much-needed support from the Rotary Clubs of Guatemala Metrópolis and Las Gatos Morning, California, USA. Rotarians have funded new medical equipment and are working to expand the four-room, 180-square-foot clinic. Children are treated, for example, for burns caused by a hanging electrical wire.

Rotarian efforts helped reduce the number of Guinea worm cases in Ghana.

Responding quickly to Haiti's cry for help Rotarians sprang into action in January after an earthquake destroyed much of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, leaving 200,000 dead and millions homeless, sick, or injured. Rotarians in District 7020, which includes Haiti, flew 70 planes filled with more than 60,000 pounds of medical equipment and supplies into Pignon and Port-de-Paix immediately after the disaster, bypassing logistical problems in Port-au-Prince. The Rotary Foundation quickly established the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund to direct funds from Rotarians and other donors wanting to support recovery efforts. Approximately \$2m was raised to assist Rotarian projects to rebuild Haiti, including long-term initiatives to provide adequate shelter, water and sanitation, medical care, and schools. District 7020's Haiti Task Force, established in 2008, administers Rotary financial aid to the nation, with a focus on projects that address multiple needs. Rotary's network enabled the fast response. "When the earthquake struck, Rotarians had 33 projects in water, health, and education ongoing," notes Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Glenn E. Estess Sr. "The connections necessary to bring urgent relief were already in place."

MEETING OF 21 JULY 2012

The Induction Dinner was "controlled" by our MC "Bell-man" Dave Barnard with his ding-a-ling bell at WPCC.

The Grace was delivered by Roche. The National Toast was done by Gordon. The International Toast was toasted over by Toady.

Attendance

Membership	20
Present	16
Make ups	0
Apologies	4
Absent	0
Attendance	80%

Guests: Kit Schreiber of Beacon Bay RC (father of Mike), Rob Murphy, Candice & Scott Klotz-Gleave.

Rotaractors: Kerri, Keela, Lee, Jessica, Leche.

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Make ups need to be made either 2 weeks prior to or post a meeting.

A sad note is that the Inner Wheel ceased to function and had had their last meeting today.

President String addressed the club:

Although had not been pushed but jumped into the position after no hard fought elections to be fought, the aged member, who like politicians and Rotarians think they can go on forever, felt it was time for younger blood and was hence changing his status from P to PP (not to be confused with other interpretations). String thanked all the members who all contributed to making his year. Although String maintained all previous members (thanks to all for not dying, resigning, going away and the likes) and was able to increase the membership by 1 member, this String felt was still not enough as Wynberg get through an enormous amount of work with such few numbers and the load needs to be spread around. The new member being Merv the Perv. So this in fact exceeded all his expectations (thanks Merv!!) with a transferee to come in July who can expect a warm welcome from all. To crown this we had 1 wedding, no divorces and being the short speech this excludes all or any affairs.

On the projects front we are well aware that members do not only have Rotary commitments but also family, church, work and the likes. Some members tend to put in more effort than others but this is the nature of things and all serve the good for the communities in the long run. String ran through each club member and their contributions to the club and communities.

String expressed appreciation to the Rotaractors, partners and his wife Barbara for putting up with him.

String also mentioned the sad fact that the Inner Wheel would no longer function. Their 60 year old gong given to them by Wynberg Rotary Club has been handed back to Wynberg Rotary Club.

String, Gordon, Graham and Lina had formed a lift club. String encouraged other members to do the same as there are multiple advantages.

In true String fashion we had to finish off with a couple of String Jokes. Sensitive ladies were asked to cover their ears.

In closing String thanked everyone for their contribution and encouraged them to continue smiling as he had survived his year. Well done String.

Induction of Mike. All the necessary badges, gongs, dongs, balls-and-chains were ceremoniously handed over.

Mike started by mentioning Wynbergs proud history of 59 distinguished Presidents followed by Gordon, Graham and String!!! If you put Gordon, Graham and String together you managed to get a good crop of hair!! Mike thanked String for always being calm and taking everything in his stride. Mike then thanked his Dad for introducing him to Rotary (especially through all the exchange students they hosted over the years). Mike then told us a story about his Varsity years at UCT where he was very removed from East London and allowed to "go wild". This included pink pants, an earring and a T-shirt which had words telling you which direction to follow and that he was from UCT!!! Mike chose to wear this exact outfit when flying home for a holiday to be met by his Dad whose comment was: "Don't you dare think that you are going to Rotary with me like that". This turned out to be one of the few times that Mike missed Rotary in those years. His family will always remain top of

his priority list during his year as President. Mike also stressed that all the members of the club are valuable BUT here comes the Board:

String: Club admin and wine tasting

Bev: legal eagle and Foundation

Karen: Secretary

Pam: Community

Gordon (the tallest man around): New Generations

Mike (the same guy??): Treasurer

Here comes the serious message: We are a team and a monthly business meeting comes into play where all members are to participate. Mike's goals for the year are:

1. Unity and communication
2. Membership
3. Leadership and strategy (the next 6 Presidents will be identified!!)
4. New Generations with RI and District goals in mind
5. New Projects c/o the USA Dynamo(??)
6. Fellowship led by Dave with a new venue first on the list and then FUN.

Mike hopes that we are all as proud to be a Wynberg Rotarian as he is. Have a good year and eat your pudding was the message from the new President.

Oh!! String please fetch your PP pin first.

The jackpot now stands at R1650. Dennis' name was drawn but unable to find the King of Hearts – AG SHAME!! The attendance prize of a bottle of Port donated by Dennis was won by Biffy which promptly became Community Communion Port and shared by all present.

MC Dave noticed that it was raining outside and said that this was a sign of blessings (NB).

A laminated letter of thanks was received from St Lukes (via Toady).

Mike will not be following in String's foot-steps of ending with jokes but going the route of quotes instead. He is going to do this by baby steps and start at the beginning so his first quotes are from Dr Zeus:

1. You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.
2. Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.

Our Pearls of Wisdom for this week!!!

TAILPIECE

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1. The Fattest Knight At King Arthur's Round Table Was Sir Cumference. He Acquired His Size From Too Much Pi.
 2. I Thought I Saw An Eye Doctor On An Alaskan Island , But It Turned Out To Be An Optical Aleutian.
 3. She Was Only A Whiskey Maker, But He Loved Her Still.
 4. A Rubber Band Pistol Was Confiscated From Algebra Class, Because It Was A Weapon Of Math Disruption.
 5. No Matter How Much You Push The Envelope, It'll Still Be Stationery.

DUTY ROSTER

	5 July	12 July	19 July	2 August
Sergeant	Todd	Baker	Overbosch	TBA
Attendance Officer	Danckwerts	Danckwerts	Danckwerts	Danckwerts
Wynpress Editorial	Todd	Van Wyk	Vivian	Wetmore
Minutes for Wynpress	Knight	Danckwerts	Knight	Danckwerts
Compilation of Wynpress	Danckwerts	Knight	Danckwerts	Knight
Door Duty	Munday	Overbosch	Todd	Van Wyk
Grace	Michalowsky	Munday	Smith	Todd
Loyal Toast	Overbosch	Smith	Todd	Van Wyk
International Toast	Van Wyk	Wetmore	Baker	Barnard
Speaker Introduction	TBA	N/A	Bird	TBA
Speaker Thanks	Van Wyk	N/A	Wetmore	Williams

IF YOU CANNOT MAKE YOUR ROSTERED DATE, PLEASE SWAP WITH ANOTHER ROTARIAN AND INFORM THE SERGEANT WHO IS ON DUTY THAT DAY

PROGRAMME

June 2012	Committee: James, Danckwerts, Schreiber, Smith, Williams
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Thursday 28 Board meeting

July 2012	Committee: Barnard, Bird, Hovstad, Michalowsky, Wetmore
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Thursday 5 TBA

Thursday 12 Business meeting

Thursday 19 USA Trip report-back: Biffy Danckwerts

Thursday 26 Board meeting

August 2012	Committee: van Wyk, Gowdy, Overbosch, Todd, Wild
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Thursday 2 Business meeting

Thursday 9 Public Holiday

Thursday 16 TBA

Thursday 23 Board meeting

Thursday 30 Social



For our own Mr Toad!!!!

