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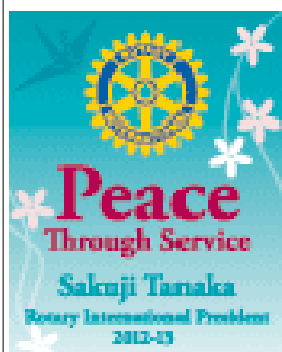
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NEW GENERATIONS MONTH



EDITORIAL

SHEILA PISTORIUS

Written by BEV BIRD. Dates and acknowledged quotes sourced from Wikipedia.

Sheila Pistorius's second baby was born different: her precious new son, Oscar, was born without fibulas in his tiny legs. Doctors advised Sheila that her infant's fragile legs would not be able to support him later on, when the time came for him to learn to walk, and that her baby's legs would have to be amputated, below the knee, even before he started walking. It would be easier for the toddler to learn to use prosthetic limbs, they said, if he had known no other legs before that. And so it was that Oscar Pistorius's lower legs came to be amputated when he was just 11 months old.

Oscar remembers his mother treating him exactly the same as she treated her other children; she made him feel he was no different from anyone else. He remembers her chiding her two dawdling boys when they were getting ready for school. 'In the mornings she would tell my older brother, "Carl, you put on your shoes", and then in the same breath turn to me and say, "And, Oscar, you put on your prosthetic legs... And that's the last I want to hear about it." I grew up not really thinking I had a disability. I grew up thinking I had different shoes.'

When the young Oscar expressed occasional doubts about whether a new acquaintance would readily accept him or would see him as a loser his mother would remind him, "Oscar, a loser is not somebody who runs a race and comes last; a loser is somebody who does not enter a race because he's afraid of coming last."

So Oscar learned to live his life as an ordinary child. He attended Pretoria Boys' High and was a keen sportsman: he represented his school in rugby, water polo and tennis, his mother always there shouting encouragement from the side-lines. What a gift of courage and determination his mother gave him. What a champion she was nurturing.

It seems profoundly unjust, then, that Oscar's mother, his greatest motivator and supporter, should have been taken away from him at such a young and vulnerable age. But so it was: when Oscar was just 15 his mother, then aged 42, died of cancer. Oscar was left to fight his life's battles without his greatest ally by his side. And fight he did. After leaving school Oscar continued to actively pursue various sports and only some years later was introduced to running. Running: Oscar had, at last, found his true passion.

Success followed success on the athletics track. Over time Oscar became the T44 World Record holder for the 100 meters, 200 meters and 400 meters sprints, the last two of which titles he continues to hold today. T44 denotes that the event is for single-amputee athletes, whilst Oscar is, of course, a double-amputee and therefore actually qualifies to compete in the less challenging T43 category.

At the 2012 London Olympics Oscar became the first double-amputee runner ever to compete in an able-bodied Olympics race: a phenomenal achievement. At the 2012 Paralympics (the third successive Paralympics in which he has competed) he was chosen to participate in three T44 events, winning golds in the men's 400 meters race and 4 x 400 meters relay, and silver in the 200 meters sprint.

When asked by a sports journalist some years ago to share his sporting motto, we can hear echoes of his mother's teachings as Oscar replies: 'You are not disabled by the disabilities you have; you are abled by the abilities you have.'

Oscar has two known tattoos: one, on his back, quotes a verse from 1 Corinthians 9 starting with the words - 'I do not run like a man running aimlessly...'; the other, on the inside of his right arm, bears the dates of his mother's birth and death – '8 May 1958' and '6 March 2002'.

Oscar Pistorius is an internationally revered role model, an inspiration to millions, an icon. How immensely proud Sheila would have been of the little boy born with malformed legs: Oscar Pistorius, the Blade Runner, the fastest man on no legs.

MEETING OF 20 SEPTEMBER 2012

Attendance

Membership	24
Present	17
Make ups	1
Apologies	6
Attendance	70%

Visitors: Sarah (guest speaker), Justin, Tjaart Barnard (Kenton-on-Sea), Francois van Eeden and Norwegian Rotarians: Odd Henning Johannessen, Tim Golding, Svend Ovrebek, Thorill Thune.

Attendance to Biffy 082 468 7504 or aecon.e@mweb.co.za

Ken lost his way in the Grace, Murphy did the loyal toast and Biffy toasted the Rotary Club of Chicago Far North (Sarah's home club).

PRESIDENTS ITEMS

Mike thanked Alex and crew as this was our last meeting at the Nek. Mike welcomed the Norwegians, Francois, Sarah and Tjaart. Tomorrow at 2:30pm is the funeral service of Ron Davies at Christ Church, Constantia. Anyone wanting to go to the Swellendam mini-conference Mike has lots of room in his kombi.

Happy 60th birthday to David for last week and happy 21st to Karen for today.

SLOTS

Biffy reminded the club about the painting project with Rotaract at Isiphiwo on Saturday 29th, and asked for assistance and support. So far, Dottie, Karen, Pam and Biffy going
Karen had an added birthday present today in that Ian passed his drivers licence on his 5th try.

Stephen 1. Attended the membership/PR mini-workshop with 27 other Rotarians: there is a drive to increase membership with adverts. 2. The web site is being constructed by Stephen, Biffy and Gordon and is going full steam ahead. There will be 70 email addresses and the Board is to decide how to apportion these out. One will be taken by Stephen as the web master.

Dave mentioned that in lieu of flowers for Ron's funeral donations would be accepted for Retreat. Anyone willing to help collect the donations to let Dave know. Please also to keep Pat and Carole in your thoughts as he is not well at all.

Pam the Children's Day out is 24 Nov. Please keep the date available. All hands needed on the day.

Bev has heard from Laura. She is well and getting to know Glasgow city and university, doing a lot of walking and learning to be a Scot eating strange food. She has met her host counsellor and has a busy programme ahead of her.

Odd Henning said how good it was to be back with warm greetings from their clubs and is hoping to see a lot of us in Norway early next year. He has seen Bev, Dennis and Barry there a number of times and would like to see new faces. Odd Henning mentioned that 17 May is a good day to be there and that the trip may be organised to co-incide with this. WRC always welcome. Their school is preparing their function to collect money for the NLC projects again. Odd Henning attended a management seminar today with principals and felt that it had gone well. Next he and visitors will attend an ICT conference with SA Colleges from Tues to Thurs with 3 of them giving presentations. The co-operation between colleges in the North/South is continuing to grow and strengthen.

Dave explained the rules of the jackpot for all the visitors.

Biffy used up her other 90 seconds: please watch the Wynpress as between Biffy and Kerri there has been an almighty mix up with the dates for our reciprocal meetings.

Justin reminded the club about the Interact Workshop being held at Groot Schuur High School on Sat from 8:30 to 13:00 at which there will be cake at about 10am to celebrate 50 years of Rotaract.

GUEST SPEAKER

Bev introduced our guest speaker: Sarah.

Sarah then proceeded to give an entertaining skit of her lead up to arrival in SA, time here and then presented her talk on Chicago, her home town and host club and family.

JACKPOT

the jackpot was at R2280. Biffy could only draw the 7♠. Ag shame. The attendance prize was won by Odd Henning. Yet again a visitor wins a prize. What a hospitable club we are.

PRESIDENTS QUOTES FOR THE WEEK

This week's quote by Mike was to celebrate World Rhino Day. Mike gave some horrid stats about rhino's as quoted by Mark Jones, exec Director of the Humane Society.

“ TO FOLLOW “ (president gone on holiday !!!!)

ROTARACT CORNER

Wynberg Rotaract had a very successful clean-up on Robben Island in stunning weather and will try to do so again next year. Gordon, Chris, Biffy and Sarah joined them.

Well done Rotaractors and Roatrians on a great painting project at Isiphiwo on Saturday 29th.

Please remember the Rotaract District Challenge to collecting toiletries. Any donations will be gladly accepted, and can be brought to our meetings. Toiletries go to the Groote schuur cancer unit.

We are going to Rotaract on WEDNESDAY 17 October. Let's give them a warm Wynberg invasion.

Great Interact workshop held by Wynberg Rotaractors at Groote Schuur High on Sat 21 Sept.

DUTY ROSTER

	4 October	11 October	17 October	1 November	8 November	15 November
Sergeant	Cleveland	Gowdy	Todd	Barnard	Knight	Smith
Attendance Officer	Danckwerts	Danckwerts	Danckwerts	Danckwerts	Danckwerts	Danckwerts
Wynpress Editorial	Gowdy	Hovstad	James	Klotz-Gleave	Michalowsky	Munday
Minutes for Wynpress	Cleveland	Danckwerts	Knight	Danckwerts	Knight	Cleveland
Compilation of Wynpress	Danckwerts	Cleveland	Danckwerts	Knight	Danckwerts	Knight
Door Duty	Barnard	Bird	Gowdy	Hovstad	James	Klotz-Gleave
Grace	Bredenkamp	Barnard	Bird	Danckwerts	Gowdy	Hovstad
Loyal Toast	Barnard	Bird	Danckwerts	Gowdy	Hovstad	James
International Toast	Gowdy	Hovstad	James	Klotz-Gleave	Knight	Michalowsky
Speaker Introduction	N/A	Danckwerts	N/A	N/A	Murphy	TBA
Speaker Thanks	N/A	Bird	N/A	N/A	Gowdy	Hovstad

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

PROGRAMME

October 2012	Committee: James, Danckwerts, Schreiber, Smith, Williams
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- Thursday 4** **Business meeting**
- Thursday 11** **Ras Naidoo, Durbanville Rotary Club, on Durban Youth Council**
- Saturday 13** **District mini-conference in Swellendam**
- Wednesday 17** **Combined meeting with Rotaract at Rotaract**
- Wednesday 24** **Board meeting**

November 2012	Committee: Barnard, Bird, Hovstad, Michalowsky, Wetmore
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- Thursday 1** **Business meeting**
- Thursday 8** **Bronwyn Maree of Birdlife, SA Albastross Task Force - Combined meeting with Rotaract at Palms**
- Thursday 15** **Karin Webber, Claremont Rotary Club, Business Ethics**
- Thursday 22** **Board meeting**
- Wednesday 28** **Uncle Paul's starts**
- Thursday 29** **Social**

December 2012	Committee: van Wyk, Gowdy, Overbosch, Todd
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Thursday 6 **Charity night at Uncle Paul's / DG's visit**
Saturday 8 **Christmas party at The Palms**
Thursday 13 **Normal meeting / Xmas meeting (gifts and no speaker)**
Sunday 23 **Uncle Paul's ends**
No further meetings in December

January 2013	Committee: Knight, Baker, Cleveland, Munday, Orsmond
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Thursday 3 **No meeting**
Thursday 10 **Normal meeting. No speaker. Fun and games.**
Thursday 17 **Normal meeting. TBA**
Thursday 24 **Board Meeting**
Thursday 31 **Social**

TAILPIECE

What Biffy did not tell you about our average age was that the magical number is 61. Biffy had 2 objections from our regular honorary members but even that only made the difference of 1 year.

In a Podiatrist's office:
"Time wounds all heels."

On a Septic Tank Truck:
Yesterday's Meals on Wheels

On a Plumber's truck:
"We repair what your husband fixed."

On another Plumber's truck:
"Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber."