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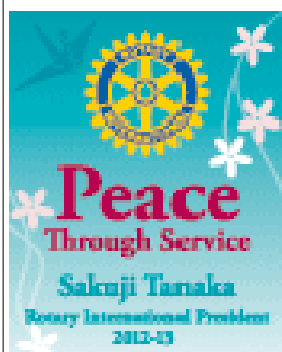
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ROTARY MAGAZINE MONTH



Rotary receives top honors for Future Vision

Rotary News -- 26 April 2013



Past RI President Luis
Giay, chair of the Future
Vision committee

Rotary has received a silver Edison Award in recognition of the [Future Vision Plan](#), the new grant model that enhances the scope, impact, and sustainability of humanitarian and educational projects funded by The Rotary Foundation.

Since 1987, the Edison Awards have recognized innovative new products, services and business leaders in the United States. The awards symbolize the persistence and excellence personified by Thomas Edison. Winners represent active contributors to the cause of innovation in the world.

RI President Sakuji Tanaka accepted the award during the annual [Edison Awards](#) gala held 25 April in Chicago, the city where Rotary was founded in 1905. The Future Vision Plan received top honors among funding models competing in the Lifestyle and Social Impact category. Nominee ballots were judged by a panel of more than 3,000, including members of seven associations that represent a wide range of industries and disciplines.

“This Edison Award recognizes and validates Rotary’s innovative approach to humanitarian service, as we constantly strive to improve lives and communities by addressing the world’s most pressing problems,” says Tanaka. “It is a great honor to accept such a prestigious award on behalf of Rotary’s global membership of 1.2 million men and women.”

The Edison Award coincides with the successful completion of a three-year pilot in which 100 Rotary districts in more than 70 countries tested Rotary’s new grant model.

The Future Vision Plan simplifies Rotary’s grant process, and focuses Rotarian service efforts where they will have the greatest impact. The model is innovative in combining Rotary’s volunteer base and a global reach with local resources to support sustainable, high-impact results in communities all over the world. The model funds more than US\$100 million in service projects annually.

The new grant model will be implemented 1 July for Rotary clubs worldwide.

MEETING OF 25 APRIL 2013

Attendance

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| Membership | 23 |
| Present | 15 |
| Make ups | 6 |
| Apologies | 8 |
| Attendance | 65% |

Visitors: Kirstenbosch Rotary Club 4 members, Constantia Rotary Club 12 members, Shan Biesman-Simons.

GSE Team: Tatsuya Kitase (Leader), Erika Miyazawa, Naoko Shigeno, Makoto Nobe.

Rotaractors: Keela, Justin.

Welcome to our newest member of the club: Mason Alexander Klotz-Gleave.

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

Pres. Mike welcomed all, and especially the extended Rotary families and the GSE team.

Sergeant Karen asked String to perform the loyal toast and Pam the international toast. The international toast was to the Boston Rotary Club with our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery after the bombing.

SLOTS

Barry reminded the club that today is the Norwegian Solidarity Day on which Norwegian schools do so much good work to enable us to fund scholarships etc in the Retreat/Lavender Hills areas. This year we will have an additional school providing funding from Norway on a once-off basis.

Graham said that at over 1 100 tickets had been sold for Proms. This is good going.

Late spot:

Justin told the club that on 5 May the Rotaractors are going to Oaklands School to develop an indigenous garden. Donations of plants and trees and spades etc and willing workers would be welcome. Please let Keela or Justin know.

GUEST SPEAKER

Jackie introduced the GSE team. The last GSE team from Japan to our district was 20 years ago and the sad note is that this might be the last GSE team with Future Vision coming into play.

Leader Tatsuya introduced himself. He has been a Rotarian for 9 years, is 40 years old, been married for 2 yrs, been a club President and is in the scaffolding business. He established the company when he was 19 years old with family and then later went to University. Japan is a third of the size of SA with 127 million people (vs 44 million in SA). They have the second largest number of Rotarians with about 89 000 Rotarians. Our district

is more than 4 000 times bigger than theirs. They have adopted the Adopt a Learner programme in SA.

Erika is a librarian at the University and works in the lending services and guidance to students. Her hobby is travelling. Erika showed us some pictures of shrines, temples and castles and explained the differences.

Naoko has been married for 3 years and has practiced Kendo since age 7. Her hobby is also travelling although this is her first time to visit SA as is for the whole team. She is also a sports agent and manager. She has a player playing for the Sharks (which excited all the South Africans even if not a Sharks supporter). Naoko gave a bit of information on the history of Japanese sports focusing on martial arts. Sumo wrestling goes back 2 000 years and these guys can move fast even though they are large in size. They have good Olympics training camps and their soccer is becoming more and more international.

Makoto is in the pharmaceutical industry and particularly skin cream / care products with a little marketing going on which produced some laughs. He is married and has 2 children. His hobbies are hiking and climbing and is thrilled to have climbed Table Mountain. Makoto told us a bit about Geisha Girls who are female entertainers and also possess many "arts". He also went through the traditional costumes worn. Japan has the 3rd largest economy. Japan is big in scientific research and a leader in robotics. Makoto would like to investigate the SA skin care business !!!!!

Tatsuya finished off with a memorial to the devastating tsunami and earthquake to hit Japan 2 years ago. SA had sent helpful teams to assist and Shelter Box also contributed well.

Questions centred on the Rugby World Cup and the continued effects of the Tsunami.

David thanks the GSE team.

Then followed much banner exchanging between the GSE team and the various clubs.



Nice shirt President Mike.

PROGRAMME

May 2013

Committee: Knight, Bredenkamp, Cleveland, Munday, Orsmond

2 May

Business meeting

9 May

Lindsey Houchin, Ambassadorial scholar from Kentucky & Lindsey Elkin from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania / Rotary Family Health Day

11 & 12 May

Last Night of the Proms in the City Hall

16 May **Allison Ballard, Ambassadorial scholar from Washington, USA**

17-19 May **Conference**

23 May **Board Meeting**

25 May **Interact/Rotaract/Rotary action sports day**

30 May **Social**

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| June 2013 | Committee: James, Danckwerts, Schreiber, Smith, Williams, Lidgley |
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6 June **Normal meeting: speaker booked – details to follow**

13 June **Brett Glasby, SPCA Wildlife Unit: “Unusual catches” Also lots of visitors**

20 June **Induction Dinner**

27 June **Board meeting**

DUTY ROSTER

| | 2 May | 9 May | 16 May | 30 May (social) | 6 June | 13 June |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Sergeant | Todd | Smith | Cleveland | Overbosch | Gowdy | Van Wyk |
| Attendance Officer | Danckwerts | Danckwerts | Danckwerts | Danckwerts | Danckwerts | Danckwerts |
| Wynpress Editorial | Michalowsky | Munday | Overbosch | Smith | Todd | Van Wyk |
| Minutes for Wynpress | Danckwerts | Knight | Cleveland | Danckwerts | Knight | Cleveland |
| Compilation of Wynpress | Danckwerts | Danckwerts | Knight | Cleveland | Danckwerts | Knight |
| Door Duty | James | Bird | Michalowsky | Munday | Hovstad | Smith |
| Grace | Danckwerts | Gowdy | Hovstad | James | Murphy | Knight |
| Loyal Toast | Gowdy | Hovstad | James | Barnard | Knight | Michalowsky |
| International Toast | Van Eeden | Knight | Michalowsky | Munday | Overbosch | Smith |
| Speaker Introduction | N/A | Murphy | Van Eeden | TBA | James | TBA |
| Speaker Thanks | N/A | Williams | Lidgley | TBA | Van Eeden | Bird |

IF YOU CANNOT MAKE YOUR ROSTERED DATE, PLEASE SWAP WITH ANOTHER ROTARIAN AND INFORM THE DUTY SERGEANT

JACKPOT

No jackpot this week.

(NOT THE) PRESIDENT'S QUOTE (BUT HIS WIFE'S)

Japanese proverbs:

"Fall seven times and stand up eight."

"None of us is as smart as all of us."

TAILPIECE

Elephant rescue in Namibia

By Jana-Mari Smith from Herbert Herrmann

"Images of an elephant being rescued from a potentially fatal set of circumstances in Damaraland on Sunday 17 February have captured the hearts and minds of Namibians and animal lovers the world over.



Stuck

A few brave souls struggled for hours under the searing African sun to rescue an adult female elephant trapped for more than 11 hours in a drain at a campsite in the vicinity of the Burnt Mountain. "It was clear that she realised we were helping her," said Archie van der Merwe, one of her rescuers, after the time. The elephant remained calm for most of her ordeal, patiently going along with the game plan devised to release her from her predicament.



Archie cools her off



fill up the hole

Fears that the elephant would die from heat and stress spurred the Good Samaritans on, despite several obstacles, such as waiting for officials from Windhoek to arrive and come to her rescue. When the Samaritans realised that the officials would not arrive in time, and that the elephant would have to be shot if she remained caught in the drain, they dug their heels in and began the long process to free her. As told by Archie, a sea safari guide at Laramon Tours in Swakopmund, a herd of elephants had entered the White Lady Lodge at about midnight the previous night.

Several campers reported the next day that they had heard a commotion around that time, but thought it had been caused by one of the donkeys roaming the area. The next morning, at around seven, an employee told Archie about the elephant trapped in the drain. On inspection, it emerged that she had stepped onto a drain cover, which had broken under her weight. Her body was stuck solidly in the 1.6-metre hole and she could barely move. By that time she had already been trapped for seven hours.



Digging to fill up the hole

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First step to freedom

Despite nature conservation personnel saying they were unable to help until assistance from Windhoek arrived, Archie and other campers from South Africa and Namibia decided to take action immediately, knowing full well that on a Sunday the likelihood of help arriving in time was slim. Their plan was to gradually fill the pit with sand and stones, 20 centimetres at a time, to enable the elephant to manoeuvre herself step by step onto higher ground.



A little bit weak

Once she had eased her large body onto the higher elevation and had calmed down, they would add the next layer of sand and rocks. Every few minutes, someone would carefully hose water over the pachyderm, to ensure that she remained hydrated. In view of the searing heat, the stressed animal was most certainly kept alive by these thoughtful actions. And so they continued patiently under the blazing sun for the next three hours, the distressed elephant only centimetres away from them. Eventually, when she was standing about 70 centimetres deep, she was able to heave her tired body completely out of the drain that had become her living hell.



Just a little rest – which lasted an hour

Archie said she was clearly exhausted and deeply stressed by the circumstances. At one point, with two legs out of the hole, she sat down and rested for an hour. Her rescuers remained close to her, dousing her with water every now and then. Then, a mere two steps later, she was free! A member of the Elephant Humans Relations Aid (EHRA) organisation, Wayne, who had also assisted with the rescue operation, later told Archie that the herd had remained in the vicinity.



Almost there



Oops

They saw her standing on her toes – an elephant ‘smoke signal’ – to let her family know she was fine. These foot-induced ‘smoke signals’ can be heard up to 10 kilometres away.

In the afternoon, before Archie and his family returned to their home in Swakopmund, they took a last photograph of Ollie standing peacefully in the nearby bush, grazing as if her ordeal had never happened.” – Travel News Namibia



Freedom