



# THE SANDTARIAN

## ROTARY CLUB OF SANDTON

DISTRICT 9300 CLUB #17430 - CHARTERED 10 JUNE 1970  
PO BOX 69881, BRYANSTON 2021, SOUTH AFRICA  
MEET TUESDAYS AT 18h30 for 19h00  
AT THE BRYANSTON COUNTRY CLUB  
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**WEAR YOUR ROTARY PIN WITH PRIDE**

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

**THE WHISKY DRAW** for **THE FAMOUS ROTARIAN** was interesting in that the number that was called has won the whisky for Herbert Müller before but, due to updates that number was no longer his and had to stop halfway to collecting it. This week **THE FAMOUS ROTARIAN** was **Rob Peacock** who, in seven years of Rotary, had won it three times in the first year, On both subsequent wins, he lost out due to not wearing his name-badge. Unfortunately for the rest of us, this time he was wearing it. Well done Rob!



### THE WINNER'S CIRCLE

**Rob Peacock** paid with delight.  
**Peter Lyons** had just dropped some Aussie visitors at the airport and they were overwhelmed with South Africa's diversity and beauty.  
**Dudley Schnetler** paid for a good past Rotary week ..... to be announced during spots.  
**Collin Gregor** attended the FNB Pensioner's Xmas Party in a marquee here at the BCC. With the 6% growth and another 10% bonus which pensioner would be unhappy?  
**Herbert Müller** celebrates his 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with the same wife. His other good news was that he submitted his tax return on last Monday and had it back from them on the Wednesday!  
**John Bird** has just got back from a magical trip to Moremi, Chobe, Makgadigadi, Baine's Baobabs and Kubu Island. South Luangwa in Zambia is on his to do list for next year. Remember the elephants in reception?  
**Manfred Gertz** was struck by a golfball hit by his playing partner.  
**Peter Viljoen** will be leaving on a golf tour to South America.  
**Annemarie van Wieringen** received a mail from Pablo who was delighted to have lost some weight.



### THE FOREST TOWN BUS PROJECT

President Di's note: *Great excitement - to all - Dudley announced to us at the meeting last night that the matching grant had been awarded to us for the bus project the total value being R762 000!*  
*A HUGE THANK YOU to Erich and Dudley for everything they did for this project.*

**Rotary Foundation Awards Matching Grant for donation of School Bus to Forest Town School for disabled children.**

The Rotary Clubs of Sandton, Wil in Switzerland and Gelsenkirchen-Beur in Germany, have, together with a matching grant from the Rotary Foundation, raised R 752 000 to purchase a 47-seater bus for use by Forest Town School.

Forest Town, which recently celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, is a special school in Johannesburg that caters for the needs of handicapped children. It operates 7 buses which collect children for school on a daily basis. The buses are between 18 and 20 years old and have each clocked up enormous mileages. They travel up to 290 km each day, and are becoming increasingly difficult to keep on the roads, a function of their age and mileage.

**Erich Springer**, who initiated the project, has also persuaded a number of others, including the bus supplier, Busmark 2000, to assist in making this project possible. The bus will be modified with a wheelchair lift, special seating and seatbelts, to accommodate the special needs of the children.

Erich raised R339 000 through a number of sources, including a club raffle, money given for his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday and donations from a number of organisations and friends, including the Sandton Anns club. This was supplemented by R150 000 from overseas Rotary clubs and districts, and R263 000 from Rotary Foundation.

"This project demonstrates the power of Rotary through its worldwide links, and the value to Sandton club and the local community of working with overseas clubs to apply for matching grants. We have been successful with a number of projects matching grants to the value of about R1.5 million over the past few years", says **Dudley Schnetler**

### THE EVENING'S PROGRAMME – DAWIE VAN DER BERG - LIQUIDATIONS

Dawie is a lawyer by profession and has been in liquidations for many years. He maintains that liquidators have incorrectly and unfairly been compared to the vulture-type tow-truck operators.

The role that liquidators play in South Africa is that once a court order is granted, the directors of the company are removed and the liquidator becomes the arms and legs of the company and takes instruction from the creditors. This liquidator is a fit and proper person with a legal or substantial accounting background. Currently in South Africa the handful of skilled persons is decreasing. A new bill based on English law will make liquidation processes similar to those of USA and Canada in that the company control remains in the hands of the shareholders and directors. The weakness of this is that is open to abuse.

Much of their function is also corporate restructuring and a case in point was the CNA that the liquidators managed to get back on track and now, after four years, the company is again performing satisfactorily. Closing a company is losing out on much of its money value and by keeping it going, the chances are far improved of getting higher values.

The new system is truly capitalism and it is possible for a company to close down and the owners restart a similar business right next door. It is for creditor to ensure vigilance and that their debts are collectable.

In Germany as an example the court decides and if they are unhappy with the way the liquidation came about, the owners may be prohibited of starting a new business again.

The new law will include many provisions and you may just not want to be a director!

South African businessmen are considered to be less honest than those in first world countries. They often are guilty of bad management and are known to milk their businesses.

The new laws are considered to be too liberal for South Africa because of insufficient or poor policing and also because of poor punishment.

Dawie's final comment was that 90% give the 10% a bad name!



### BANNER EXCHANGE

Visiting us was PDG Bernard Baruch Barak (2007/8) of the Rotary Club of Ramat Hasharon in Israel. He indicated that sometime in 2009 he and a group of 25 Rotarians would be coming to SA on a friendship trip and, of course, Sandton responded as always that they'd be happy to entertain and host the group in Johannesburg.

Thanks PP Paul Kirschman of the RC in Germiston for bringing him to visit us.



### MEMBERSHIP NOTE

Members were reminded to introduce suitable candidates for membership in our club. Continual recruitment is a necessity for the continued success of clubs and Rotary in general. We are now a third of the way to reaching our target of 60 by June 2009.

### MAKRO HAMPERS

Erich Springer is drawing up a schedule of duties to collect hampers at Makro at the end of November and start of December. If your name isn't down yet, please call Erich.

Last year we collected hampers to the value of R75 000. Let's beat that in 2008!

### REFILWE FURNITURE AND SPORTS EQUIPMENT HANDOVER - Thu 20 November at 13h45

We would love you to join us at a celebration, in handing over the furniture, sound system and sports equipment to Refilwe.

This is as a result of a matching grant to a value of nearly R90 000, and is the next big step in our journey with Refilwe. You will recall that our project (initially called Project 512) encompassed the building of a community centre with Mark Batchelor championing the development with funds raised some time ago by the committee headed up by Peter Dupen.

**If you have not yet been to Refilwe, come and have a look at the great work being done by Jaco and his team!**

**When:** Thursday 20 November, at 13h45 for 14h00. To finish by: 15h00 latest

**Where:** Refilwe, 1 km past the Lanseria turnoff on the R512 **RSVP Dudley:** [Dudley@ascentsa.co.za](mailto:Dudley@ascentsa.co.za)

### NOTE FROM DESIREE

I just wanted to tell you all that I made it safely to Santa Cruz, and am actually in my second day of work with the Firelight Foundation ([www.firelightfoundation.org](http://www.firelightfoundation.org)). Lots to do! I miss all of you, but am excited about the future. I hope that some of you will be able to visit.

My new address is: **204 Avalon Street, Santa Cruz, California, 95060, USA**



**S.M.S. APOLOGIES AND GUEST ATTENDANCE TO THE  
ROTARY BEEPER before Tuesday 10am on 082 699 9595**

**RC of SANDTON BOARD**

**President** Dianne Kershaw  
**Secretary** Brian Humphries  
**Treasurer** Donald Goldfain  
**Imm PP** Rob Peacock  
**Community** Erich Springer  
**Club Services** Graham K  
**Environmental** John Chapman  
**International** Herbert Müller  
**New Gen** Dieter Beier  
**Vocational** Dudley Schnetler

**ATTENDANCE**

Total Membership 46  
 less exempt 05  
 less ill-health 00  
 # used for attendance 41  
 exempt present 04  
 Members Present 30  
 Make-ups 03  
 Total Credit Present 33  
 % this meeting 73%  
 Rotarian Guests 02  
 non-Rotarian Guests 03



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[www.sandtonrotary.co.za](http://www.sandtonrotary.co.za)

**DISTRICT 9300 WEBSITE**

[www.rotary9300.org.za](http://www.rotary9300.org.za)

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

**RC - SIMI SUNRISE**

<http://www.rotaryclubofsimisunrise.com/Bulletin.cfm> (Twinned Club)

MAKING UP? Go to: <http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/SiteTools/ClubLocator/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

DUTY ROSTER	MEETING OF 18 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER	MEETING OF 25 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER	MEETING OF 02 <sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER
ATTENDANCE	Len Bath Mark Batchelor	John Mills Hilde Lubbe	Clive Bezer Arthur Yarham
SERGEANT	Peter Lyons	Donald Goldfain	Donald Goldfain
DUTY OFFICER	Melt van der Spuy	Peter Prinsloo	John Chapman
SPEAKER'S HOST	Di Kershaw	n/a	Brian Humphries
THANKS SPEAKER	Arthur Yarham	n/a	Dudley Schnetler
STANDBY	John Mills Hilde Lubbe	Clive Bezer Arthur Yarham	Stacy Roberts Ian Donaldson
PROGRAMME	<b>WALTER MASHIYA</b> Correctional Services	<b>POW-WOW</b> BUSINESS MEETING	<b>CHANTELLE SCRUTTON</b> SPEECH COMP
BIRTHDAYS	Clive Bezer (22)		
ANNIVERSARIES	None		
ENTERTAINMENT OF STUDENTS Make your own arrangement for a meal an outing, a trip, etc with one of our exchangees or ambassadorial scholars whenever you can.			

**THE 4-WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK SAY AND DO**

*Is it the truth?  
 Is it fair to all concerned?  
 Will it build goodwill and better friendships?  
 Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*

**MAKE-UP CARD for attendance at the ROTARY CLUB OF SANDTON**

ROTARIAN .....  
 of the  
 ROTARY CLUB - .....

Attended our regular club meeting on  
 Date .....

Attendance Officer .....