



THE SANDTARIAN

ROTARY CLUB OF SANDTON

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WEAR YOUR ROTARY PIN WITH PRIDE

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

THE WHISKY DRAW for **THE FAMOUS ROTARIAN** went to **FAMOUS Hans Ludolph**. Well done Hans!

THE WINNER'S CIRCLE

Hans Ludolph gleefully paid for his whisky.

The evening's sergeant **Peter Lyons** got in first with his good news – his son in Australia has got engaged and proposed with a ring all the way from SA. He also visited the New Life Centre with Werner Schlotzman and Erich Springer and was amazed at the wonderful work being done there to keep young girls off the streets (Ed's Note: *the estimate is that there are 5000 teenage prostitutes in central Joburg*)

Donald Goldfain is back home and happy that his brother Danny is well on the mend after his triple by-pass operation. Donald and Julie have spent some time in the Wilderness and he is loving the area especially since a Landrover Club has been started in George.

Herbert Müller said Cheers! to Rob for last week's whisky.

Dave Haddon was very pleased with his 4 hour 94,7 Cycle Race.

AG Mike Marnevic's son did the 94,7 in 3hr10 on a mountain bike!

Graham K was asked by **Bryan Humphries** to pay in on his behalf for his completing the 94,7 before the sun went down!

John Chapman toasted an English rugby victory this weekend.

Hilde Lubbe paid in for a successful outing to the movies with 70 pensioners.

Di Kershaw reacted to John with an "In your wildest dreams!"

Sergeant Peter concluded to Winners Circle by undertaking to pay R100 into the pot if England win.



*Ed's Note: My apologies to **Erich Springer** for not recording his contribution to the Winners Circle for the receipt of the matching grant.*

THE EVENING'S PROGRAMME – COMMISSIONER WATER MASHIYA

Walter Mashiya was born in the Free State in 1962 and, after graduating with a BA in 1984, joined the Correctional Services as a junior officer in 1984. He studied further in HR and rapidly climbed the ranks in the service. 7 years ago he was appointed as the Area Commissioner at Leeukop Prison and has since received many accolades and awards due to the good results for which he has been widely recognized.

In his address Walter outlined the difference between a correctional services facility and the old fashioned jail.

In the "process" of the law, after the crime comes the detecting, then policing, then the courts, and only then does the Correctional Services get involved after the judge sentences the criminal.

In the days of old jail was always intended to be a punishment and the retribution took the form of "meet fire with fire" – it was revenge. Jail was hard and criminals had to face the harsh realities thereof. No Human relations culture existed and, when the prisoner was freed, he was a hardened criminal and a threat to society. Jails were the university of crime.

In 1996 the policy was changed to that of rehabilitation of the prisoners who, on release, would be decent citizens with skills that would result in gainful employment. At that stage the department was accused of turning the prisons into 5-star hotels.

The view was that offenders have the potential to become assets to society but, while the idea was noble, the facilities at the jails were insufficient and it was necessary to engage with key strategic partners, both NGOs and civilian organizations. It was society's business and the Correctional Services received a good response that enabled them to get their "project" on the road.

Walter's address sparked a lively question and answer session with broad audience participation.

In thanking Walter, **Arthur Yarham** who has been involved in this process for many years both as a participant and advisor and has established an extremely close relationship with the prison, remarked that, since taking up the post of Area Commissioner for Correctional Services, Walter Mashiya has revolutionized the Leeukop Prison. When he arrived some seven years ago he was faced with strikes, prison gangs, corruption, poor conditions and demotivated prison staff.

Today, there are no gangs, no strikes, corruption has been weeded out, education programmes, professional workshops and tainting programmes, religious education, computer facilities and sports facilities, etc.

Leeukop Prison, thanks to his drive and initiative, is today recognized as the 'Role Model' for all other branches of Correctional Services. At international conferences held this year - in Kenya and Mozambique - under the auspices of the United Nations - investigating prison conditions and the implementation of

Correctional Services - Walter Mashiya was chosen to represent S.A. due to the fact that Leeukop was the leading light in Africa as a TRUE example of Correctional Services.

Walter is a shining example of transformation and, in recognition of his accomplishments, he was inducted as a **Paul Harris Fellow**.



BANNER EXCHANGE

Our visitor tonight was Sandra Vaskes from the Rotary Club of Zug in Switzerland.

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.



REFILWE Project 512) FURNITURE AND SPORTS EQUIPMENT HANDOVER

For the newer Rotarians and readers of the Sandtarian, what we termed the Project 512 is now the Refilwe Hall and Community Centre. The project was valued at R2,5 million and thanks in particular to **Mark Batchelor**, was completed at a significantly lesser figure. At the time of the plaque unveiling, we had the hall and a wish list of requirements to make it more functional. All this is thanks to a matching grant for the **RC of Sandton** in partnership with the **Rotary Clubs of Hertford, Hertford Shires, and Amwell in the UK**.

We have now been able to provide 40 tables and 500 chairs, a sound system, and heaps of sports equipment. Last Thursday a party of Rotarians went off to Refilwe to hand these over.

The picture here is the Director of Refilwe **Jaco van Schalkwyk**, **President Di**, and **Dudley Schnetler** who handles all our matching grants. Here to the right is the expanse of the hall that is being made use of for numerous events and activities.

For those unacquainted with the Refilwe "campus" a visit to the facility and a tour thereof with Jaco will surely be an eye-opener. The site accommodates a pre-primary school, a primary school, a high school, and also an orphanage. Refilwe is also involved in food gardens there and all sorts of other activities.

To get the background of the project see the RC of Sandton website that carries the article with pictures of the development.



PENSIONERS GROUP

The last Pensioners function for 2008 on 15 November took on a different shape as 63 pensioners attended movies and saw "Mama Mia", which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Thanks to Rotarians who, at the meeting prior to the movie, opened their purses and donated R1085 that went a long way to buy the movie tickets. They enjoyed a snack of cheese roll and fruit juice before the movie and each received a sweetie to enjoy while watching the movie.

Our dilemma of escorting them from the bus on the street, through the mall to the movies and back, was made simple by our Pensioners champion **Hilde Lubbe** who found an emergency door from the movie foyer opened into the delivery access area. No problem the bus was directed round the back and the furthest our guests could venture was to the toilets.

Well done and thanks to Hilde who has championed this project from month to month over the past few years. The monthly outings are one of the highlights in the lives of many of our guests.

MAKRO HAMPERS

The collection of hampers commenced on Saturday 22nd November. Teams of Rotarians loaded up their trolleys and patrolled the store persuading clients to include a hamper into their trolley, pay for it with the rest of their basket, and hand it to the Rotarians outside the entrance.

We had three shifts – Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, and Sunday morning. In total we collected 624 hampers for the weekend – work it out: 624 x R68 = over R42 000!

We did well enough to clear out Makro's stock and had to return some "on loan" until they replenish their stock this week.

Next week it is the turn of our mother club, the Rotary Club of Rosebank, to do their bit. Then the weekend thereafter it is our turn again – let's see whether those teams have salesmen like those of this last weekend.

Whatever we do the Sandton target of 1000 hampers is within sight and the more we can do the more under-privileged will receive some bit of relief over the holiday season.

2009 PICTURES

Next year we intend running a weekly competition by asking members to see which of the two or three year olds they are able to recognise. So far 5 Rotarians have obliged. Now we're waiting for more of these gorgeous kids pictures to arrive.

So don't forget to send your picture in!

[To the right is our editor and his pet bird!](#)



THE OXFORD DICTIONARY's latest definitions

Criminal: A guy no different from the rest ... except that he got caught.

Boss: Someone who is early when you are late and late when you are early.

Politician: One who shakes your hand before elections and your confidence after?

Classic: Books which people praise but do not read.

Office: A place where you can relax after your strenuous home life.

MURPHY's LAW OF COMPUTING

-When computing, whatever happens, behave as though you meant it to happen.

-When you get to the point where you really understand your computer, it's probably obsolete.

-The first place to look for information is in the section of the manual where you least expect to find it.

-When the going gets tough, upgrade.

-For every action, there is an equal and opposite malfunction.

-To err is human. To blame your computer for mistakes is even more human, it is downright natural.

-He who laughs last probably made a back-up.

-If at first you do not succeed, blame your computer.

-A complex system that does not work is invariably found to have evolved from a simpler system that worked just fine.

-The number one cause of computer problems is computer solutions.

-A computer program will always do what you tell it to do, but rarely what you want to do.



**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 01
 non-Rotarian Guests 06



CLUB WEBSITE

www.sandtonrotary.co.za

DISTRICT 9300 WEBSITE

www.rotary9300.org.za

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

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 25th NOVEMBER	MEETING OF 02nd DECEMBER	MEETING OF 09th DECEMBER
ATTENDANCE	John Mills Hilde Lubbe	Clive Bezer Arthur Yarham	Stacy Roberts Ian Donaldson
SERGEANT	Donald Goldfain	Donald Goldfain	Graham K
DUTY OFFICER	Peter Prinsloo	John Chapman	Melt van der Spuy
SPEAKER'S HOST	n/a	Brian Humphries	n/a
THANKS SPEAKER	n/a	Dudley Schnetler	n/a
STANDBY	Clive Bezer Arthur Yarham	Stacy Roberts Ian Donaldson	John Mills Vee Decotter
PROGRAMME	POW-WOW BUSINESS MEETING	CHANTELLE SCRUTTON SPEECH COMP	ERNEST VORSTER COMEDY ACT
BIRTHDAYS	None		
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

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 of the
 ROTARY CLUB -

Attended our regular club meeting on
 Date

Attendance Officer