



# THE SANDTARIAN

## ROTARY CLUB OF SANDTON

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**WEAR YOUR ROTARY PIN WITH PRIDE**

## **FEBRUARY IS WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH**

### THE PREVIOUS MEETING

#### **THE WHISKY DRAW**

You know, when you're hot you're hot ..... every year there are one or two guys who hog all the whisky by winning it not once, not twice but FOUR times! Again **THE FAMOUS ROTARIAN** goes to Herbert Müller and it should've been five had we been consistent with our lists.

So well done Herbert ..... we know what's on offer when you have home hospitality.



#### **THE WINNER'S CIRCLE**

Delighted **Herbert Müller** paid up gratefully and happy that he won it "fair and square"!

**Dunny Reed** was happy to see Melt van der Spuy's newly reconditioned wife running around.

**Collin Gregor** enjoyed the way we "klapped" the Aussies.

**Ian Donaldson** is having a birthday and isn't telling .....

**Dieter Beier** is looking forward to sleeping with a grandmother in August!

**Mike Kingaby** has been sleeping with a grandmother for 20 years!

**John Bissell** spent a wonderful few days at Cathedral Peak in the Berg.

**John Samuel** was in Uganda and managed to get back! For those who complain about the traffic in Joburg, John says try Kampala and then complain about Joburg.

**Graham K**, after trying to re-stick his son's rear-view mirror on to the windscreen unsuccessfully with super glue, Bostick, the glue gun, etc, realized that our Rotarian in the windscreen business could give the best recommendation -- Brian prescribed Rocktight 319 that did the trick. Try Rotarians first the next time!

**President Di** fed the pig the R50 surplus from the board meeting's dinner. The pig is getting pretty fat and the DG will need to re-bond his house! Rotarian

### **THE EVENING'S PROGRAMME – RON HAYWOOD – THE ARMS DEAL**

**Ron Haywood** of the Rotary Club of Bedfordview is a Joburg boykie having schooled at Jeppe Boys, and has had his part-time airforce wings for many years – 4100 flying hours. Ron has held many senior executive positions and, pertinent to his talk tonight, was the executive chairman of Amscor for many years and specifically during the period of the arms deal.

Going back to 1994 the SA Defence Force was required to integrated 7 different armies into one unit. There were the armies from the old homeland countries, Mkonto Sizwe, etc.. This on its own was a major task and required major changes. At that time there was some negotiation with the Spanish for corvettes but, in 1997, there was a defence review that put on hold that negotiation while persons from all defence roll-players got involved in this review. There were numerous public hearings and one big question was: Did we need a defence force?

Ultimately it was agreed to renew the defence forces with new equipment and simultaneously, from where would the funding come from.....



At that time major players included Joe Modise and Ronnie Kasrils, and senior personnel of the old defence force and Ammscor.

The consensus was that they couldn't go to a single source tender even though such negotiations had been initiated and were underway. So they went out to the world for their requirement. Excluded were the USA who still had sanctions in place (these had been requested by the ANC in earlier years but the USA had never removed these).

One of the key decisions was that tenders for finished product were preferred to tenders for components. This required that consortiums be formed. Part of their tender also included funding arrangements and offsets in the form of investment into SA.

In establishing their needs and proposals, various teams got put into place and proposals were then put forward to a seven-man cabinet committee after which it would be presented to the full cabinet. Even though the cabinet was the top level to approve the deal, the Ammscor board could've overridden this cabinet decision. Everyone knew where they stood at any time during the entire process.

The requirements included the four corvettes, the submarines, helicopters and fighter jets. The total value was R29,9 billion. Offsets amounted to R104 billion.

The committee that monitors the deal and offsets meet quarterly and, as the matter of the Arms Deal comes up in parliament this week, the most recent check confirmed that the offset amount had been reached.

During question time the predictable questions were asked. Patricia De Lille made comments that, if these were made outside parliament, she would probably have faced severe court action. All negotiations were done directly with these consortiums and didn't involve agents. Money paid to agents or individuals such as Shabir Shaik had no effect whatsoever on the arms decision making process and Jacob wasn't a player at that time as he was then a minister in the Kwa-Zulu provincial government who were far removed from the process.

In conclusion Ron confirmed that the major problem that we face is the extreme shortage of operators and experts to run these highly technical items. It appears that the technical personnel in the defence forces have been poached by those of other countries leaving SA with an acute shortage that has caused our new expensive equipment to be "berthed".

#### **VISITING ROTARIAN**

**Impy Simumba** from the Rotary Club of Oldham (UK)

#### **HOME HOSPITALITY**

This wonderful Sandton Rotary project designed to encourage and promote social contact and friendship between members of the club is entering the second half of the Rotary year and there are still a lot of participating Rotarian hosts who have yet to fulfil their commitments. Bill Rutherford, the Home Hospitality Co-ordinator, is anxious to have the current programme fully completed before the end of June and has asked that all designated hosts give urgent attention to their undertakings and extend an invitation and the hand of Rotary friendship to their designated guests.

Bill spoke to most of the Home Hospitality hosts recently but sadly – despite my reminder back in November - virtually all of them have left their hosting commitments until the latter part of the current Rotary year. They all remain committed to the project however and have promised to do the necessary before the end of June. Those few that he was not able to speak to were e-mailed and asked to let Bill now they stand with their commitment.

***Come on guys, lets get this going and done well before the end of June.***



#### **THE ROTARY CLUB OF SUN LAKES D9690 ARIZONA**

The Rotary Friendship Tour is upon us and the guests are expected in early March. They are all been hosted in Cape town by the RC of Helderberg (Somerset West) and then by us here in Joburg before and after their Kruger trip.

Chris Watcham is our co-ordinator and has done a sterling job in putting this wonderful trip together.

#### **PENSIONERS FUNCTION – 14 FEB**

Venue: Forest Town Methodist Church Hall, cnr Talton and Durris Roads, Forest Town (just off Upper park Drive at the Johannesburg Zoo). Please report for "duty" at 12:15 in order to set up (arrange tables, chairs and refreshments) as the guests arrive from 13:00.

If you are unable to perform your "duty" on the day allocated, please swop with another Rotarian and inform Hilde Lubbe of the changes. Rotarians "on duty":

<b>John &amp; Sue Mills</b>	Muffins/Scones (30 halved and buttered)
<b>Louis Pienaar</b>	Muffins/Scones
<b>Peter &amp; Anita Prinsloo</b>	Sandwiches (3 loaves with soft fillings)
<b>Dunny &amp; Elbeth Reed</b>	Sandwiches
<b>Wolfgang Raskop</b>	Cakes (4 loaf/bread shaped)
<b>Stacy Roberts</b>	Cakes

The learners from Redhill will be entertaining our guests.

### **CSILLA'S SPONSORING ROTARY CLUB**

*Mateszalka Rotarians wish a successful New Year in good health to you, your family and all Rotarian friends in Rotary Club. In the same time we would thank you all what you give for our exchange student who spends her time in your wonderful country.*

*All the best, and greetings from Mateszalka, Hungary,  
Jozsef Podolyak, PE – RC Mateszalka*

### **RETINA SA RIDE FOR SIGHT – CALL FOR MARSHALLS – 15<sup>th</sup> FEB**

Retina South Africa would like to thank all Rotarians who have so generously helped with marshaling at our Annual Ride for Sight, some for many years. The event is one of our major annual fundraisers and is a major component of our research budget – to find treatments for retinal blinding conditions. The research progress over the last few years has been phenomenal and the first ever human gene therapy trials to treat blindness in Britain have provided phenomenal results in 2008. Now more than ever we need to ensure that all our young South Africans patients have their specific gene identified to ensure that they are included in this exciting new therapy. I would be delighted to tell your club members about this and other exciting developments in the fight against retinal blindness. We need to redouble our efforts to raise even more funds to ensure that we keep pace with research applications for South Africans losing their vision to Retinitis Pigmentosa, Macular Degeneration and allied retinal dystrophies. **Dis-chem** very successfully took over the naming rights to the Ride in 2008 and we hope to attract an even bigger field next year.

In 2009 we will celebrate the **21st anniversary of the Ride** and we are appealing to you for assistance at the ride which will be held in February 2009. We would like to offer a donation towards your club projects of R100 per marshal as a token of our appreciation of the crucial role that Rotary play in the efficient staging of the event. The winner of the Marshal trophy last year was the Service Club of Heidelberg and we know you would be proud to see your club's name on this floating trophy.

**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2009 Venue: Boksburg City Stadium, Jubilee Road, Boksburg**

**Times: Shift 1 – Early 05h30 to 09h30 and Shift 2 - Shift 09h30 to 13h30**

**Volunteer names to Brian, Di or Graham**



### **GUESS WHO**

This picture had everyone stumped and no wonder, our PP **Alan Brooke** has changed somewhat since then. Of course we don't see him much since moving to Jakkalsfontein and will need an upodated picture to recognise him!!

**Now for the next round of guessing: Now who is this angel on the right?**

Send your answer to the editor or wait in suspense until tonight.

We need pics of all members so, if I If you haven't sent your picture in yet, please do so now.



### **AUSTRALIAN DISPLAY CABINET FOR SALE**

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**To give indication of size of the Cabinet it previously held the following:**

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| + Rugby League World Cup             | + Rugby Union World Cup |
| + International Rules Trophy         | + Tri Nations Trophy    |
| + Super-12 Trophy                    | + Davis Cup             |
| + Bledisloe Cup                      | + Test cricket trophies |
| + Trans-Tasman Touch Football Trophy |                         |
| + Hockey World Championship Trophy   |                         |

**All these trophies have left the Aussie shores and the cabinet is surplus to requirements.**

To make an offer call R Ponting or S Mortlock who once commented "The Australian Cabinet is groaning under the weight of all the trophies!" They can be contacted on: **1800-LOST-THE-LOT**



### **DAILY ECONOMICS LESSON**

**'Liquidity'** is when you look at your investments and wet your pants.



## 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  
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**Community** Erich Springer  
**Environmental** John Chapman  
**International** Herbert Müller  
**New Gen** Dieter Beier  
**Vocational** Dudley Schnetler

### ATTENDANCE

Total Membership 48  
 less exempt 05  
 less ill-health 00  
 # used for attendance 43  
 exempt present 03  
 use as the total 46  
 Members Present 30  
 Make-ups 01  
 Total Credit Present 31  
 % this meeting 67%

**GUESTS**  
 Rotarian 05  
 non-Rotarian 05  
 Anns 00 40

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

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[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 03 <sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY	MEETING OF 10 <sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY	MEETING OF 17 <sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	Heinz Wefelmeier Hilde Lubbe	Emil Möller John Samuel	Stacy Roberts Dunny Reed
<b>SERGEANT</b>	Donald Goldfain	Peter Lyons	Peter Lyons
<b>DUTY OFFICER</b>	Bill Rutherford	Arthur Yarham	John Samuel
<b>SPEAKER'S HOST</b>	Di Kershaw	Eric Roediger	Donald Goldfain
<b>T HANKS SPEAKER</b>	John Mills	Brian Humphries	John Bird
<b>ST ANDBY</b>	Emil Möller John Samuel	Stacy Roberts Dunny Reed	Michele Mace Arthur Yarham
<b>PROGRAMME</b>	<b>Chantelle Stratton</b> Speech Winner on her Aussie Trip	<b>Sibongile Mazibuko,</b> Executive Director Johannesburg 2010	<b>Manuella Fritz</b> Siberian Husky Rescue
<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>	Jannett Viljoen (05) Elbeth Reed (07) Uschi Wisser (07) Maureen Gertz (09) Lynn Katzenellenbogen (09)		
<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>	None		
<b>ENTERTAINMENT OF STUDENTS</b>	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 .....