



THE SANDTARIAN

ROTARY CLUB OF SANDTON

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WEAR YOUR ROTARY PIN WITH PRIDE

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

THE WHISKY DRAW

THE FAMOUS ROTARIAN this week is Kees Hoeben winning on lucky number 13. Now listen here Kees, you're not even coming to conference so that we can share! Well done **FAMOUS Kees** – enjoy your winnings.

WINNER'S CIRCLE

FAMOUS Kees Hoeben was very happy to put his hand into his pocket because what better birthday present could he get – he turned 40 (?) on Sunday!

Ian Donaldson paid for Lorna's birthday and for the fact that his house in White River survived the *veld*-fires that raged quite close by.

Peter Lyons and Lorraine celebrated their pearl anniversary. (*that confused the Rotarians*)

Donald and Julie Goldfain went for a cultural weekend to Crystal Springs in the mountains above Lydenburg. While there the Annual Staffie Motorbike Rally was in progress in Pilgrim's Rest. Quite an interesting affair at least the Rotarians knew why it is called the Staffie. Anyone else know? (*It must have been a wonderful affair because Donald sent an SMS to the Discon participants wishing them a great weekend and "give 'em hell" bit of encouragement.... He was a week early!*)

Heinz Wefelmeier was so impressed with "Goldberg"'s Landrover that he went out and bought his own antique at a cheap price. He now needs Donald to give him a tow to get it home! He also had some "fun" with John Chapman clearing trees at the Ezibeleni School for the Handicapped in Natalspruit. John's real Landrover performed amazing pulling trees out of the ground. They two of them worked like Trojans.

Visiting Rotarian **Peter Neuhaus**, having stayed in Centurion at the time of his last make-up and, as a result, struggled to get home, booked in at the Hilton in Sandton and wouldn't have a problem getting there after the meeting – the Hilton is in John C's back yard.

Di Kershaw paid in anticipation of Discon and told the club of our team theme of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs". She had taken a good look at the cartoons and noticed that the only bald dwarf was Dopey and that would be Sue Chapman! John promised to shave her head while she slept.....

Happy (**Graham K**) paid in because Snow White (President Di) wasn't blonde and that Di had been quite clever while wearing the wig – she KNEW that one could send one SMS to 20 recipients, she knew how to operate her GPS, and stumped everyone by saying that we needed only six beards as Grumpy (John C) had his own. (*The mind boggles*)

THE EVENING'S PROGRAMME – SELECTED CLUB ACTIVITIES

ITSOTSENG

Hans Ludolph is our Itsotseng champion and his presentation of where it started, how it progressed, where it stands now, and what we hope the future can bring. We are not going to go into the full background of this project – it has been reported regularly – but the full write-up of the project will be able to be viewed on our website once this has been completed. Naturally it will be updated with time.

What we will report is that water diviner Maurice Goldfain found the spot to drill and that after drilling through 80 meters of granite, water was found with a capacity of 4500 per hour (first water struck at 37



metres). Now we have mentioned previously that the Itsotseng informal settlement has no water or electricity and that water is trucked in. Hans tells of how amazing the value and need of water is because, during the 4 hour period of capacity testing, over 50 Itsotseng residents came round for water.

During this and next week this water project (through a matching grant in association with Rotary Clubs of Fairfield, RC of Keosauqua, and the RC of Ottumwa) will have been successfully completed and our attentions will shift to the next phase of development of the Itsotseng "campus".



ENVIROMENT COMMITTEE

John reported on projects that they are intending to pursue:

- St Lucia Wetlands – opportunity to view hippos, birds, leopards and crocodiles. A long week-end for unlimited numbers.
- Conservancy – getting sperm from lions. For 12 to 15 brave souls with jam jars!
- Week (or so) 4x4 trip to rival Lebombo for approx 20.

John also reported on the work being done at the Ezibeleni School – see more in this bulletin.

PROJECT 512 – REFILWE

Mark Batchelor showed slides and reported on where we are standing with 512 at the current moment. The gardens around the hall have been laid out and will be spectacular by December. Our matching grant for tables, chairs and a public address system has been received and

THE LAPDESK PROJECT

Through Brian Humphries who is in contact with past Ambassadorial scholar Josh Woodward, we are looking into possibilities of getting this going in association with Rotary Clubs in Oklahoma, USA and Oxford in England.

MEMBERSHIP

Graham K re-emphasized that the life blood of Rotary is continuous induction of new members. Our target for this Rotary year is 60 and with four done and another four in the next month, we should not let up on introducing new members.

He reported that we had received the following challenge:

Email from PDG Graham Money, a past president of Sandton and DG of D9300 before he emigrated to the Cape: *Heartiest congratulations on the induction of 4 new members at the time of the official visit of DG Trevor. Also delighted to note that your goal for membership is 60 by the end of the current Rotary year. Here is a challenge! My Club, Helderberg Sunrise RC' goal is also 60 by 30th June 2009.*

What about a little wager of a bottle of (good) wine as to which Club reaches this magical figure first!!!?

Keep up the good work as the President. You are doing a great job.

To which President Di had responded:

Okay we're on.....

*Sandton Rotary is not scared of a challenge but we'll take a bottle of **THE FAMOUS ROTARIAN***

EZIBELENI SCHOOL FOR THE HANDICAPPED (Natalsspruit) – GROWING TUNNELS

Julie Filmer of Eco-Access writes: *On behalf of the Eco-Access organizers for this project, very many thanks to John and Heinz for your blood, sweat and tears on last Saturday. You certainly demolished the thorn trees and cleared the patch between the two longer tunnels. The petrol operated chain enabled the task to be carried out with a touch of professionalism. I hope your Land Rover did not suffer from its exercise of flexing its muscles!*

The space is now being prepared for the irrigation/drip feed station and an area for some outdoor growing activities.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PENICUIK

The week before Clive Bezer toasted the RC of PENICUIK. Bill McKenzie tells

Penicuik is a town of about 20000 population, situated in the county of Midlothian, Scotland and lies about 10 miles south of Edinburgh. The town's unusual name is taken from ancient British "Pen-y-coe" meaning "Hill of the Cuckoo". Penicuik (pronounced Pennycook) used to be called "The Papermaking Town" when it had three paper mills operating. Paper was first produced in 1703 and continued until the last one unfortunately closed in 2004. The mill owned by the Cowan family had sales offices in S. Africa, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, and originally produced bank note paper at it's Bank Mill. The town also was home to Edinburgh Crystal's manufacturing plant, but again this recently closed.

Since the town quadrupled in size since the 1960's, it has become a dormitory town for Edinburgh, with most of the population commuting to work there, but preferring to stay in the picturesque setting of Penicuik in the lee of the Pentland hills.

Amazingly, we play cricket in our northern fastness, and the local club is the oldest in Scotland, founded in 1844. We also have a rugby club, which produced a Scottish international called Jim Aitken, who captained Scotland to the Grand Slam in 1984.

ROTARY DISTRICT 9300 - HUMANITARIAN CENTRE - OPEN DAY – 20th SEPTEMBER

On that day this centre will need people to help us unload containers and sort and pack away donated goods. We will need electricians, plumbers, welders and handymen (and women) and not forgetting the chief cooks and bottle washers. We also invite clubs to bring people from schools, libraries, old age homes, retirement villages and other organisations to come and collect books for use in their organisations.

The Centre will be open from 9h00 to 16h00. Please come any time that you can spare to assist us. Food and refreshments will be provided at a nominal fee.

Please bring your tool box, overalls and anything you need for your particular skill. It would really be nice if we could have 100% involvements from clubs in the district. Come and see for yourself what we have achieved since the centre opened. Contact PDG Ted Pope 0836501594 or PP Robin Bath 0829003344.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE – CHAMPAGNE SPORTS RESORT – DRAKENSBERG

DG Trevor Nienaber's District Conference has come and gone. Once again the resort proved to be an awesome venue and the programme was filled with interesting speakers that included Zwelakhe Gumede who you will remember from our speech competition. Once again he did us proud with his very impressive speech on Liberty and Responsibility.

We got back from Discon last night so the editor hasn't had a chance to report fully in today's bulletin. However the highlight for Sandton was two-fold – Firstly the **SANDTARIAN** won the district award for **Best Weekly Bulletin**, but more importantly we won the award for the **Best Interpretation of the RI Theme through our projects and activities**.

Friday was the meet and greet followed on Saturday by the opening of conference (gum boot dance by the exchangee included) and addresses by **DG Trevor** and the RIPPR (RI President's Personal Representative) **Patrick Chisanga** (from Zambia).

On Saturday night the Theme Evening took place and the theme was **TEAMWORK** and the team we chose was **Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs** – Do you guys recognise anyone?

We laughed from the moment we started to dress and role played all the time.

More pictures and reports next week but I must just say that with our "performance" we now know how celebrities feel when everyone is running over to take pictures! I think I speak for all when I say that **we have never**



been photographed by so many people in such a short time. Did we enjoy ourselves or did we enjoy ourselves!

The Winner's Circle today should be hilarious and, like we said, more reports and pictures next week.

THE SKIN GRAFT

A married couple was in a terrible accident where the man's face was severely burned. The doctor told the husband that they couldn't graft any skin from his body because he was too skinny.

So the wife offered to donate some of her own skin. However, the only skin on her body that the doctor felt was suitable would have to come from her buttocks. The husband and wife agreed that they would tell no one about where the skin came from, and they requested that the doctor also honor their secret. After all, this was a very delicate matter.

After the surgery was completed, everyone was astounded at the man's new face. He looked more handsome than he ever had before! All his friends and relatives just went on and on about his youthful beauty!

One day, he was alone with his wife, and he was overcome with emotion at her sacrifice. He said, "Dear, I just want to thank you for everything you did for me. How can I possibly repay you?"

"My darling," she replied, "I get all the thanks I need every time I see your mother kiss my butt".

George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill: "I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend.... if you have one."

Winston Churchill, in response: "Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second... if there is one."

**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 45
 less exempt 05
 less ill-health 00
 exempt present 02
 # used for attendance 40
 Members Present 24
 Make-ups 02
 Total Credit Present 26
 % this meeting 65%
 Rotarian Guests 01
 non-Rotarian Guests 03



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RC - SIMI SUNRISE

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

DUTY ROSTER	MEETING OF 16th SEPTEMBER	MEETING OF 23rd SEPTEMBER	MEETING OF 30th SEPTEMBER
ATTENDANCE	John Kinghorn Wolfgang Raskop	Heinz Wefelmeier Herbert Müller	Arthur Yarham Meg Turner
DUTY OFFICER	John Samuel	Rob Peacock	Bill Rutherford
SPEAKER'S HOST	Annemarie van Wieringen	Dieter Beier	n/a
THANKS SPEAKER	Dieter Beier	Clive Bezer	n/a
STANDBY	Heinz Wefelmeier Herbert Müller	Arthur Yarham Meg Turner	Brian Moor Clive Bezer
PROGRAMME	REDHILL INTERACT PRESENTATION	CRAWFORD INTERACT PRESENTATION	5th TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP @ THE BRAZEN HEAD
BIRTHDAYS	None		
ANNIVERSARIES	Mike+Chris Thomas (20) Manfred+Maureen Gertz (21)		
ENTERTAINMENT OF STUDENTS	Make your own arrangement for a meal an outing, a trip, etc with one of our exchangees or ambassadorial scholars some time during the month of September: Ludolph Lyons Mills Moor		

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