



**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**

First of all an apology. In last week's bulletin I reported on the previous week's business meeting and, in the bit about the Lapdesk project that Josh Woodward is championing, I incorrectly mentioned that a Rotary Club from Kentucky was involved. This should have read a RC from **Oklahoma**, and the project relates to **Lapdesks**, not Laptops. Must have been the result of the attentively listening to presentations and report-back the whole week-end at Discon .....

**WINNER'S CIRCLE**

**Donald Goldfain** asked who had enjoyed the springbok biltong that he didn't shoot.

**Dieter Beier**, alias Doc, said to those who missed Discon: Tough if you missed it!

**Annemarie Beier**, alias Bashful, paid in for being able to dance at Discon.

**John Bird** was at the Old Folks Tea and was happy that he was not mistaken for one of them!

**John Chapman**, alias Sleepy, was unhappy that no one came to his assistance when he was hunted down and had an ice-bucket emptied over his head on the dance floor.

**Arthur Yarham** shared the honeymoon suite with Graham K for three nights and enjoyed them all!

**Mark Batchelor** took his daughter to the Old Folks and received a remark that "she was easy on the eye". All was good until he saw that the one passing the compliment used a magnifying glass.

**Heinz Wefelmeier**, alias Sneezzy, complimented Arthur Yarham on the way he had worn his checked sweater back to front at Discon.

**Dave Haddon** was proud that his 9 year-old son made the provincial swimming team.

**Emil Möller** had managed to lease out his house in Joburg and gave best regards from Sesel.

**Graham K**, alias Happy, related how his ticket was drawn in the "Spot the Gremlins in the Discon programme booklet" and when checked as correct, shuffled in "Happy" style on his knees to collect his winnings – a bottle of Amarula. Commented the MC: *How much longer will Happy take to collect his prize?*

**September is YOUTH MONTH** and our speaker programme this month focuses on Rotaract, Interact, and the Rotary Exchange programmes.

The Rotary Club of Sandton have one Rotaract club, the Rotaract Club of Sandton-Kyalami, no less than FIVE Interact clubs – the clubs of Redhill, Crawford, Wendywood, Northview, and Sandown – and we have year on year hosted two incoming exchange students while sponsoring two outgoing. With us at present we have with us in South Africa Omar from USA and Csilla from Hungary and all Rotarians should be acquainting themselves with them. Remember also that we all have exchangee duties and that is that all Rotarians should be entertaining or taking them on trips especially if you are listed as an exchangee host in a particular month – see the section on the last page under the weekly duties.



**THE EVENING'S PROGRAMME – INTERACT PRESENTATION**

After the sergeant's welcome and our president's outline of the meeting, Redhill Interactors took over and the rest of the meeting belonged to them other than them allowing President Di a few minutes for spots.

Having taken us through the sergeant's duties, the draw for **THE FAMOUS ROTARIAN**, and the Winners Circle, they took us through their projects this year.

#### RIVERSANDS SCHOOL

60 Interactors collected gifts and 800 party packs for a big bash at this school.

#### EZIBELENI SCHOOL FOR THE HANDICAPPED

This school in Vosloorus/Natalspruit is home to many cerebral palsied children and the Redhill Interactors are spending time with these children (Ezibeleni is also the environmental project that is being done by our Rotary club right now – see last week's **SANDTARIAN**).

#### ROTARY OLD FOLKS TEA

The best musical talent from Redhill assisted the Rotarians by putting on a show for their guests – music, singing, dancing, etc.

#### SHAVATHON

Redhill hosted one and raised funds for CANSA (Cancer SA). One in four South Africans are affected and the cause is a worth-while one.

#### 40 HOUR FAMINE

Redhill participated in this and managed to raise R6000.

#### THE REDHILL FASHION SHOW

This is an annual school event with a big participation of the Interactors. R10 000 was raised and this was contributed to the Ezibeleni School.

Well Done Redhill. With guidance from your teacher Angie York your enthusiasm and participation puts us Rotarians to shame! Keep up the magnificent work.

*Rtn Annemarie van Wieringen, Angie York, and President Di with the Redhill Interactors.*



#### **ON THE MEND**

Louis Pienaar spent a few days in hospital suffering from high blood pressure but is back in action doing his bit in the courts.

Maureen Rutherford had a knee replacement last week and is recuperating back home.

#### **EZIBELENI SCHOOL FOR THE HANDICAPPED (Natalspruit) – GROWING TUNNELS**

We, the Rotary club, are assisting in the construction of growing tunnels at Ezibeleni. Heinz Wefelmeier and John Chapman tested the versatility of the latter's Landy by removing the trees in the picture. Mike Thomas is also very involved championing this project.

The environmental committee are getting numerous projects off the ground and we can expect some outings into the bush especially another on the lines of the Lebombo trail that we did in June.

**So, start getting your 4x4s, camping and expedition gear ready!**



#### **DISTRICT CONFERENCE – 2007/8 AWARDS**

We mentioned in the last bulletin how we had been photographed in our dwarf outfits by all and sundry and would like to thank everyone who sent their pics of us.

On the Friday PDG Shirley Downie (DG 2007/8) staged the awards for the 2007/8 year.

**We were awarded two trophies and here is the proof!**

In the absence of PP Rob, Di Kershaw receives for "Best Interpretation of the RI Theme", and Graham K for the "Best Weekly Bulletin" Regretfully we cannot display the trophies at our club meeting as our district trophy caretakers allows one to receive the trophy, have the picture taken, and then return it to them. Our take home proof is the glass trophies displayed on the lectern.



## THE LAPDESK PROJECT

You know, I always believed that I was perfect (no chirps or giggles please) but every now and then I am mistaken ..... Last week I not only called the project the "Laptop" instead of "**Lapdesk**", but also erred in saying that this project was in association with fund-raiser clubs in Oxford, UK, and one from Kentucky – the clubs in the USA is in fact from **Oklahoma**.

My apologies.

The chances are that one of the Oklahoma clubs could be the RC of Norman, the club of PDG Mary Sherman (2007/2008) District 5770. This is subject to the acceptance from that club's board.

She writes: *I go to the District 5770 Governor's Council tomorrow to request \$1,500 US in carry over in District Designated Funds which would be a dollar for dollar match from the Rotary Foundation. I am so proud of Josh for his work with this project. He is sending us a lapdesk via his wife's parents who will be visiting Josh and Kate next week and also a CD of the video he has prepared which I assume he has told you can also be accessed on "You Tube". He sent designs that were used in other lapdesks. However, I think you and your club should make the design to reflect South Africa and also to make it useful to the children who will be receiving the laptops.*



## GAUTRAIN TUNNEL TOUR – 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Fully booked up. Now the reserve list only. You snooze you lose.

## ANNS CORNER

**Tea Gardens** -We've had very fruitful Tea Gardens over the past two weekends and raised R7017. Sincere thanks to all who gave up some of their time at the weekend to help BUT we still need more volunteers. It really is a very pleasant way to spend an hour or two at the weekend and you'd be spreading the load for your fellow Anns. Even if you can't be there a donation of a cake would be very welcome.

**Northwards** – Sunday 12th October 5pm. Tickets are now available for sale at R130. The price includes an evening of fine entertainment of 'Flute Fantasies' – with piano, a mouth-watering selection of cocktail snacks during the intermission and a cash bar. All served up in the beautiful setting of Northwards house. Again, calling all Anns – we need your help!

Offers of contributions to the snacks – either physically or in the form of the folding stuff would be very welcome. Please contact Lorraine Lyons if you can help with food and me if you need tickets to sell.

I know, lots of demands on you but this, together with the tea gardens, are our main source of funding for this year – so if we all work as a team - Together Everyone Achieves More!

## A ROTARIAN?

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: **'I am blind, please help.'** There were only a few coins in the hat.

A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, 'Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?'

The man said, 'I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way.'

What he had written was: **'Today is a beautiful day and I cannot see it.'**

*The most beautiful thing is to see a smile and even better is knowing that you are the reason behind it!!!*

**A little old lady** is walking down the street, dragging two large plastic garbage bags with her, one in each hand. Unfortunately, there's a rip in one of the bags, and every once in a while a R20 note falls out on to the pavement.

Noticing this, a policeman stops her.... 'Ma'am, there are R20 notes falling out of your bag'.

'Darn!' says the little old lady. 'I'd better go back and see if I can collect them. Thanks for the warning!'

'Well, now, not so fast,' says the cop. 'How did you get all that money?' 'You didn't steal it, did you?'

'Oh, no', says the little old lady. 'You see, my back yard is right next to the parking lot of the football stadium. Each time there's a game, a lot of fans come and pee through the bushes, right into my #!x\*% flower beds!'

'So, I go and stand behind the bushes with a big hedge clipper, and each time someone sticks his little thingy through the bushes, I say, 'R20 or off it comes'

'Well, that seems only fair.' laughs the cop. 'OK, good luck! By the way, what's in the other bag?'

'Well', says the little old lady, 'not everybody pays.'

**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  
**Club Services** Graham K  
**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 26  
 Make-ups 00  
 Total Credit Present 26  
 % this meeting 65%  
 Rotarian Guests 02  
 non-Rotarian Guests 27



**CLUB WEBSITE**

[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)

DUTY ROSTER	MEETING OF 23 <sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER	MEETING OF 30 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER	MEETING OF 07 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER
ATTENDANCE	Heinz Wefelmeier Herbert Müller	Arthur Yarham Meg Turner	Brian Moor Clive Bezer
DUTY OFFICER	Rob Peacock	Bill Rutherford	John Samuel
SPEAKER'S HOST	Dieter Beier	n/a	Dudley Schnetler
THANKS SPEAKER	Clive Bezer	n/a	Mark Batchelor
STANDBY	Arthur Yarham Meg Turner	Brian Moor Clive Bezer	Dunny Reed John Kinghorn
PROGRAMME	CRAWFORD INTERACT PRESENTATION	5 <sup>th</sup> TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP @ THE BRAZEN HEAD	VOCATIONAL Dudley S TBA
BIRTHDAYS	Geraldine van der Spuy (28)		
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 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**

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 of the  
 ROTARY CLUB - .....

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

Attendance Officer .....