



THE SANDTARIAN

ROTARY CLUB OF SANDTON

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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

Fame has affected Peter Lyons – he wants a low profile so donated **THE FAMOUS ROTARIAN** back and this week's fame fell to Heinz Wefelmeier. Well done **FAMOUS HEINZ**.

THE WINNER'S CIRCLE

Dieter Beier and family including the exchangees had a fabulous day in the bush on **Donald Goldfain's** brother's farm.

Mark Batchelor paid for a magnificent shot that he hit at our Golf Day. He really messed it up, it hit and bounced off a concrete bench, and then came to rest six inches from the pin!

Heinz Wefelmeier paid in for being **FAMOUS** and for the Gautrain tunnel tour not happening.

Meg Turner, our Golf Day champion, paid for a day that went well despite the numerous little hick-ups that were experienced.

John Samuel paid in for having won the **FAMOUS ROTARIAN** last week's 5th Tuesday outing.

Manfred Gertz was pleased to be back after his extended German vacation during which he and Maureen celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

Erich Springer was also happy to be back after his 5 week European holiday during which he "extracted" another \$5000 for the bus project from a club he had made-up at.

John Chapman humbly apologized for the unsuccessful tunnel excursion, paid for Heinz not being invited to the next one, and lastly for his little puppy disgracing himself while in a fashion show. He was proud to have had a good day at our Golf Day.

Dudley Schnetler paid and reminded everyone that a year has passed since he and John Bird summated the Everest Base Camp. (*Ed's Note: Summited the base???*)

Donald Goldfain was delighted that OJ Simpson had, after so many years of getting away from the law, taken up residence in jail. Long may he live there.

Mara McCarthy Had taken some girls from Itsotseng to a real library – it was their first time ever and a eye-opening experience.

Mike Kingaby has been down in Durban

President Di proudly announced to the world, I mean the club, that her 13 year-old granddaughter Maliaka who lives in George, was the Ladies Golf Champion at the club.

Graham K and Elbeth Reed collected late **Ian Schmahmann's** two bicycles and all his cycling gear and, at the request of his kids, donated it to a worthy cause. At Northern Farm near Diepsloot is a cycling development academy for the youth of Diepsloot who cannot afford their own equipment. **Simon Evans** runs this academy at this location that, over a weekend, attracts hundreds of mountain bike cyclists to its network of tracks. It is here that the Diepsloot kids can use and return the bikes and, who knows, maybe Ian's donation will create another Lance Armstrong.

Graham K also paid for the website that is now open and waiting for population of information.



THE EVENING'S PROGRAMME – DESIREE KOSCULEK – AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR

Desiree as all know, hails from Albuquerque in New Mexico and has been doing post graduate studies at Wits doing a Masters in Development Studies (International Development and Anthropology) but at the same time, involved herself deeply into Rotary and Rotaract projects, This was her outgoing address and she spoke about her highlights :

- Studying at Wits with students from all over South Africa and Africa
- HIV/AIDS in MA in Development Studies (International Development and Anthropology) Context Course
- Meeting Gordimer and Sen
- Being able to see first hand what others are only reading about
- Working as a Researcher with NOAH (Nurturing Orphans of AIDS for Humanity)
- Field work, conferences, meetings, and presentations
- Rotaract Club of Johannesburg
- Rotary and Rotaract Projects
- Creating a life here in Johannesburg



Pictured from left: host Rtn Annemarie van Wieringen, Councillor Hans Ludolph, Desiree, President Di

Desiree spoke extensively of her work at not only NOAH, but also Itsoteng, our kids dub, rekindling the Rotaract Club of Johannesburg on the Wits campus, their subsequent AIDS Walk to Durban, visiting numerous AIDS related projects all the way down, the winning of the Rotaract Best Project in Africa Award that she was flown to LA to receive from PRIP Wilf Wilkinson, and many other activities.

She screened her pictorial slide presentation of her sojourn in Johannesburg and, to all us Rotarians, this contained more than most service club members would do in a lifetime.

Desiree will now become a Organizational Learning Associate for the FIRELIGHT FOUNDATION based in Santa Cruz, California. She will work throughout Africa with M&E, Organizational Research, travel to Southern Africa, and possibly start a programme in Mozambique.

She intends to continue with Rotary and Rotaract and has already made contact with two clubs there.

Desiree, while thanking the Rotary Club of Sandton, made special thanks to her councillor Hans and Annemarie.

Desiree was compared to the Duracell bunny, called an Ambassadorial Student on steroids. She was absolutely committed to service, and, for her super efforts and accomplishments, was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow by our club. Our loss is Santa Cruz's gain. We'll miss you Des.

SPOTS THE GOLF DAY

Meg Turner thanked all who had assisted and advised that \$crooge Goldfain estimated an R 80000 plus bottom line. Well done all!

PENSIONERS TEA

This was happening this Saturday and Erich Springer, on behalf of the Community Committee, reminded President Di and all others that it would no longer be known as the Old Folks Tea.

THE GAUTRAIN TUNNEL TOUR

John Chapman spoke about the trip that almost happened and that, by special arrangement, a quick underground sortee had been arranged for this Friday. In the meantime he'd received this letter:
Hi there John.

Now, that all the dust has settled on Thursday's site, I can calmly respond.

First, our apologies for the inconvenience caused to you and your group on Thursday. It is the first time it has happened to us. I can fully understand the contractor's refusal to let us down, but what I did object to was the way in it was done. We have taken it up with them and have received an apology. The main issue was that there was 'critical movement' in the tunnel and therefore not safe for visitors. Please convey our apologies to your group.

We have not received the dates for 2009, but as soon as we have it, you and your group will be the first to be allocated a date. We will also organize the transport to and from the site. And this time, no one will get into our bus. I have put the fear of God into the bus company!

Lastly, one of your group left behind a R100 note. We found it on one of the train seats at the door. Please check with you your members and we can have it delivered.

Thanks for understanding and being so gracious about it. We will be in touch as soon as we receive the dates.

Kind regards, Edwin Tlago

Ed's Note: Don't all rush at once for the R100!

THE 2008 SPEECH COMPETITION - Thursday 23rd Oct - 18.00 FOR 18.30

Elimination rounds Monday 13th - Friday 17th Sept at Bryanston High School and Finals on Thursday 23rd October.

The venue for the finals is the **ROSEBANK UNION CHURCH**, cnr Sandton Drive + William Nicol.

This is the twelfth year of the running of this very successful competition for schools in Southern Gauteng. The winner wins a trip to Australia where they are hosted and entertained by Rotarians.

We invite 150 schools to send their champion and the top twelve go forward to the finals. This year the topic is quite broad and each entrant may choose a book title to base their speech on. You can be assured of twelve superb speeches at the finals, and great excitement when they are given their impromptu topic with ten minutes to prepare – the stuff that separates the men from the boys – sorry ladies but you know what we mean.

GREENLAND and the GLOBAL WARMING

Chris Watcham writes:

I went to see for myself, what was happening in Iceland and Greenland, with regard to global warming.

Greenland is the largest island in the world. It basically consists of two Ridges on either side, with the Basin in between, with its lowest point below sea level. This filled with ice, forming a glacial cap over millions of years that is disappearing at a rate of 23% per year. This is a lot sooner than was previously believed to be the case. You can see the receding glaciers showing between the mountain peaks.

The Inuit village of ITTOQQOOTTOORMIT was an eye opener.

What am used me wæs, with only 500 residents, is how small it is, and yet, these young men ride around the village in 4 x 4. Each person in these villages is paid \$40,000 per year by the Danish Government. They have Supermarkets stocking everything from Laptops, Cameras, and Rifles and accessories, to ice-cream. Yet they are allowed to shoot 3 x Polar Bears a year, if they are registered Hunters, hunting with high powered rifles, and tripods, from where they hide in safety, at long distances. They dress in every bit of modern Gortex clothing you can imagine. (Not even Polar Bear hats.)



INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER

The International Committee is running this evening as a fundraiser. Tickets will be sold for the front rows at R 295 (295) each including dinner, the flavours and aromas of the Victory Theatre Restaurant.

Date: 30.10.2008 – 18h00

Venue: Victory Theatre
105 Louis Botha Ave
Houghton Estate

Rsvp till 17.10.2008

This is gonna be total fun and enjoyment for you, your partner and your friends, which you should bring plentiful. All proceeds will be allocated towards those annual RI contributions.

Bookings: Herbert hmuller@group-st.com 082 566 1819 011 – 929 4913 (off) 011 465 1148 (h)

Payments: Club account ref. "M + your name" or in cash to Donald \$crooge before 22.10.2008 please



Cathy is back! - July '08

She's back! SA's favourite flight attendant takes to the skies in a bigger, better, more spectacular production, **Mile High with Cathy Specific - the Jumbo Package** at the revamped Victory Theatre in Joburg from 22 October to 15 November 2008.

Let this heavenly hostess take you on a behind-the-scenes look at the glamorous, or not-so-glamorous life of a trolley-dolley. A world where the good ones are given a telephone number and the naughty ones are shown the exit. At 35 000ft above sea level, there's no telling what could happen...and remember...you're in her hands!

It's stand-up comedy meets musical revue in what can only be described as a camp cabaret.

THE ASSASSIN TO BE

The FBI had an opening for an assassin. After all the background checks, interviews and testing were done, there were 3 finalists; two men and a woman. For the final test, the FBI agents took one of the men to a large metal door and handed him a gun. 'We must know that you will follow your instructions no matter what the circumstances.'

Inside the room you will find your wife sitting in a chair . . . Kill her!!' The man said, 'You can't be serious. I could never shoot my wife.' The agent said, 'Then you're not the right man for this job. Take your wife and go home.'

The second man was given the same instructions. He took the gun and went into the room. All was quiet for about 5 minutes. The man came out with tears in his eyes, 'I tried, but I can't kill my wife.' The agent said, 'You don't have what it takes. Take your wife home.'

Finally, it was the woman's turn. She was given the same instructions, to kill her husband. She took the gun and went into the room. Shots were heard, one after another. They heard screaming, crashing, banging on the walls. After a few minutes, all was quiet. The door opened slowly and there stood the woman, wiping the sweat from her brow. 'This gun is loaded with blanks' she said. 'I had to beat him to death with the chair.'

MORAL: Women are crazy. Don't mess with them

**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 Schnetter

ATTENDANCE

Total Membership 46
 less exempt 05
 less ill-health 00
 exempt present 02
 # used for attendance 41
 Members Present 22
 Make-ups 03
 Total Credit Present 25
 % this meeting 70%
 Rotarian Guests 02
 non-Rotarian Guests 11



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 14 th OCTOBER	MEETING OF 21 st OCTOBER	MEETING OF 21 st OCTOBER
ATTENDANCE	Dunny Reed John Kinghom	Len Bath Herbert Müller	Arthur Yarham Stacy Roberts
DUTY OFFICER	Rob Peacock	Bill Rutherford	Melt v d Spuy
SPEAKER'S HOST	Wolfgang Raskop	Brian Humphries	Kees Hoeben
THANKS SPEAKER	Werner Schlotman	Chris Watcham	Hans Ludolph
STANDBY	Len Bath Herbert Müller	Arthur Yarham Stacy Roberts	Heinz Wefelmeier Clive Bezer
PROGRAMME	JOHN SAMUEL Using 4-way Test in business	DENNIS BECKETT	SAMANTHA WILLIAMS Ambassadorial Scholar (Alabama)
BIRTHDAYS	Collin Gregor (18)		
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 October. Müller Peacock Penney Pienaar		

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