



# The Rotary Club of GONUBIE

## THE WAVE

SEPTEMBER 2009

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### PRESIDENT'S NOTE



August month was **Membership** month. The RI Board of Directors adopted a new membership slogan, "**Each Rotarian: Reach One, Keep One**". The slogan emphasizes the need to focus on both recruitment and retention in membership efforts.

Potential club members are everywhere. But to get them to join Rotary, clubs must use creativity and imagination, says Past RI President Cliff Dochterman. He continues by saying that "Rotary International leaders keep emphasizing membership growth and extension because Rotary's very survival depends on it". If Rotary is to grow, **we all must take action.**"

In a year of economic havoc that rocked global markets and shook consumer confidence, Rotary International's most important asset – its members – steadily grew. As of 30 June, the end of the 2008/2009 year, there were 1,234,527 members in 33,790 rotary clubs. An increase of 3,044 members and 520 clubs from the previous year.

Past RI President DK Lee said that we much reach out to people who are different from us and from the members in our club, because that is the way to a stronger club with more connections and better potential.

We also need to **retain our existing members** by keeping our meetings interesting and vibrate, good fellowship and simply by looking after and caring for one another. Rotary grows when members are motivated and therefore will invite Rotarians into the club.

Thanks to those who took up my challenge and brought "buddies" to the meetings and to the Rotary Information Evening. It was great seeing all those new faces and great news that some of them believe and know that they are the **missing piece**. We need the new blood to revitalize our club and make it the vibrant club it was. The information evening was a fun evening and my thanks to Brenda who came on board and made new information brochures and put together the power point presentation. Thanks **Brenda**, you are a **shining star**.

The month of September, is New Generation Month, which gives us an opportunity to involve ourselves with our future Rotarians. We need to nurture the youth and mould them into potential Rotarians. Thanks to Rudi who is out there establishing the next Interact Club at Gonubie High School. We could be opening the door to a future President, Assistant Governor or Leader in the Community because we believe in our youth and know "**THAT THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN OUR HANDS**"

Good luck  
Yours in Rotary Service  
President Lynne

## PAST PRESIDENT'S PROFILE

### CHARTER PRESIDENT



**Full Names :** Chester Ian Woodall

**Date of Birth :** 2 January

**Place of Birth:** Birmingham, England

**Married to:** Angela

**Children:** Mary, Kim and Ian

**Profession:** University Educator

**How long have you lived in East London?:** 13 years

**What do you like most about Gonubie Rotary club?:** It is a club of doers

**Where do you see the future of Gonubie Rotary Club?:** Continuing to Serve the Community

**If there was one thing you could change in your year as President what would it be?:** Induct more people of colour as members

**What would you like to see more of in Gonubie Rotary Club?:** More Members

**What attracted you to join Rotary and have you been a member of any other Rotary Club?:**  
The ideal of service

**Achievements during Rotary?:** Rotarian since 1976, PP Kitwe North,Zambia, PP Mafekeng, Member of Erdington, UK, Charter President of Gonubie, Four Avenues of Service, Paul Harris Fellow, Assistant Governor.

**What message would you like to give to new members and prospective members?:** Stay with Rotary. Rotary achieves so much good.

### COMMENTS MADE BY RI PRESIDENT JOHN KENNY ON MEMBERSHIP



Quote : "I have always thought it important to bear in mind that Rotary is a voluntary organization, composed of people who are all themselves leaders.

When we in Rotary speak about the importance of membership, I believe it of the utmost importance to bear in mind that the primary experience of Rotary is of the club: of club meetings, projects and fellow members.

Every good Rotarian, every member who shares our core values, will make a club that much stronger and that much more attractive for others to join. Unfortunately, it is also the case that bringing in the wrong person can have the oppo-

site effect. Rotarians are and must be people of a certain caliber – people with the capacity to do great deeds, the sense to do them wisely, and the strength of character to do them honestly and well.

In the end, I believe that the best way to bring new members into Rotary is the way it has been done for generations: One member invites a carefully chosen friend, client or colleague to a meeting and, if the match is a good one, proposes that individual for membership. This is the way that our clubs remain harmonious; and new members become Rotarians for life."

## GUEST SPEAKERS

The Guest Speaker on 11th August was Dr Weiss, a Gonubie based General Practitioner.

Dr Weiss gave a very informative talk on by eating correctly, we can add many years on to our lives.

The Guest Speaker on 18th August was Jenna Cooper who is a Director of the Standlooper Eco-Tourism Board.

Gave a very interesting talk on Shipwrecks.

### DG ANNE BOTHA'S VISIT

**DG Anne will be visiting us on Tuesday 15th August, 2009 look forward to seeing you all**



### LETS TALK ROTARY

Thanks to John Jansen for Facilitating and informative Lets Talk Rotary Meeting held at the Blue Waters Hotel on Saturday 29th August.

This gave members from various Rotary Clubs within the District and open forum discussion, exchange of ideas, grievances and questions.

### SOCIAL BOWLS DAY ON 30 AUGUST

**Much fun was had by all who attended the Bowls Day at Gonubie Bowling Club.**

**Some of you can give up your day jobs as I have sent in names to the Springbok Selectors provided all cash winnings come back to Charity.**

**Thanks to John Hall for arranging this and thanks to Gonubie Bowling Club for their hospitality.**



### SCORE AGAINST CHILD MORTALITY—ADOPT AND AFRICAN SOCCER TEAM

Between 11th June and 11th July 2010 an estimated 2.7 million spectators will watch the FIFA Soccer World Cup.

What are Rotarians going to do about this once in a lifetime opportunity?

The aim of the SCORE AGAINST CHILD MORTALITY—ADOPT AN AFRICAN SOCCER TEAM project is to get each Rotary Club in COSEA—The Rotary Governor's Council of Southern and East Africa - to adopt a soccer team from a local disadvantaged Community.

Watch this space to find out more what Gonubie Rotary Club is doing.



## SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH OF OUR FUTURE

Rotary designates the month of September as New Generation Month.

Rotary has Youth programmes for just about every age group, with Rotarians acting as a guiding force.

Rotary leaders say “today’s youth is tomorrow’s Asset”. Therefore, Rotary has always laid stress on developing and training the youth. Rotary has successfully promoted RYLA, Rotaract, Interact, EarlyAct, Youth Exchange and other programmes aimed at providing future leadership that the world desires.

Youth programmes allow participants to discover more about themselves and the world by participating in community projects, leadership training, or cultural exchanges. Young people also learn about the principles of ethics, service and fellowship that Rotarians exemplify.

We Rotarians can inspire and ignite their urge to benefit the community and help youngsters develop leadership qualities.

The present day youth is in the safe hands of Rotary “we cannot always build the future for the youth, let’s therefore, prepare our youth for the future” as an investment in our future.

### LILYFONTEIN INTERACT CLUB

We asked the Interact Club members why they joined Interact.

I joined Interact due to my passion for people, the need to help people. I enjoy being out there and socializing. Helping the less fortunate, if I am able to why not? Make a difference and grow as a person.

*President Paula Da Silva*

I joined Interact because it is an effective way to help people. As a club, people work together and tasks actually get done. It is an easy way to reach out to the community and provide for people in need.

*Vice President Giselle Diemer*

I joined Interact because a Past President said I should. I then fell in love with the Club and the feeling I receive after helping someone.

*Secretary Caralee Thompson*

I love helping people, this is an opportunity for me to give back to people who are less advantaged than me and it gives me a good feeling.

*Treasurer Alison Macallister*

To give to someone in need, if you can help why not? To interact with people, love and share with different people. Go out there and sacrifice your time for others in need.

*Thandolwethu Mahola*

To be able to work with people, especially those who are less fortunate than us and to be able to help in anyway possible whether big or small.

*Kirsten Van Zeeland*

**We cannot always build the future for our Youth, but we can build our Youth for the future.**

*Franklin Roosevelt*

## ROTARY BLOOD DONATION CHALLENGE

Rotary Clubs of Buffalo City have adopted the month of September 2009 to assist the South African National Blood Service (Beacon Bay and East London Donor Centres) to collect sufficient safe blood.

Rotarians are challenged to encourage family members and friends to donate blood during the month at the above Centres.

The wall of life poster will be on display at the donor Centres. It is important to sign the wall in order for your donation to count towards the challenge.

Once 50 units has been reached, the Rotary Club who has encouraged the most people to donate blood during the month of September will be acknowledged for their efforts in the form of a R500 cash prize.

## COMMITTEE UPDATE - FUNDRAISING - PAM VAN DEN BERGH

We are also very pleased that South African Breweries have deposited their R25 000 donation towards our adult Literacy program. A great big THANKS to South African Breweries and to Götz for facilitating this. Hopefully a suitable Educator can be found quickly and trained for this important task of teaching basic literacy skills to adults in our local community.

We have our second "boerie bash" this Saturday the 29 August 2009 at the Gonubie Superspar. I'm sure this will be well supported by our local community and our Gonubie Rotarians !! The next "boerie bash" after that will be Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> September – I hope you have this date diarized.

Please diarize Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2009 for our Centrestage "Rock and Roll" show at the Guild Theatre. We would like all Rotarians to sell as many tickets at R115 per person as possible. Tell all your friends and colleagues to support us!

## COMMITTEE UPDATE - PUBLIC RELATIONS

August has been a very busy month making up the big blue notice board, Power Point Presentation, brochures and advertisement to the Bugle for the Membership Evening on 25th August.

Thanks to Gotz who has given us two small notice boards - and are placed at both Spars.

The month end comes around very quickly for the newsletter, and I urge you all to contribute to it.

The 2010 RI Convention, **20-23 June**, will be "An International Experience" of fellowship and fun that you won't want to miss. Montréal, Québec, Canada, offers a unique setting for the event: It's home to more than 80 ethnic groups and is the largest francophone city outside of Paris

Register early for the convention to take advantage of special pricing!

First deadline: 15 December, 2009

Second deadline: 31 March, 2010

Go to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) for more details





### A very Happy Birthday to:

23 September Gotz Von Westernhagen  
30 September Beryl Woods

### A Very Happy Anniversary to:

21 September Joe and Val Kirkland  
25 September John and Trish Jansen

### EDITORIAL COMMENT

All contributions and comments must please be emailed to Brenda at [brenda.moyce@cl-za.com](mailto:brenda.moyce@cl-za.com) by latest, midday on the last Friday of the month.

### EVENTS TO DIARISE

- 1 September Business Meeting
- 8th September-Barbara Valentine Guest Speaker on Education in our Schools
- 15th September- DG Anne Botha visit
- 22nd September- Guest Speaker to be confirmed
- 29th September - Social Bob & Lesley Clayton's Home
- Boerewors Bash- Gonubie Superspar - 26th September
- World Polio Day - 24<sup>th</sup> October
- Centrestage at the Guild – Greatest Rock 'n Roll of All time - 11<sup>th</sup> November

### DUTY LIST

Please Note if you are unable to do your duty, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.

	Toast	Four Way Test	Grace	Object of Rotary
1 September	Trevor Woods		Joe Kirkland	Iain Campbell
8 September	Beryl Woods	Gotz Van Westernhagen	Ivor Burke	
15 September	John Hall	Peter Owen Smith	Mkhululi Nkohla	
22 September	Angela Woodall	Chester Woodall	Chester Woodhall	

### THE FOUR WAY TEST

Is it the **TRUTH**?  
Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?  
Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?  
Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

### GRACE

For food, Friends, Fellowship and the opportunity to serve, we thank you, O Lord. Make us ever mindful of the needs of others less fortunate than ourselves

### THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

Is to encourage and foster the deal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

**First**, the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.

**Second**, high ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his or her occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

**Third**, the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life.

**Fourth**, the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional people united in the ideal of service.