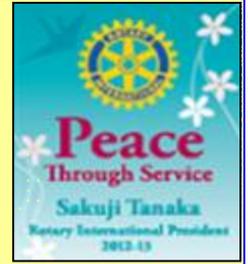


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Meeting Report - 27 August

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Club Meetings
Kimberley Club
Monday
12:45 for 13:00

Bulletin Editor
Barry Downs

Nanine, standing in for Amanda, opened the meeting with grace, the Four Way Test and a toast to South Africa.

President Pete announced that we are invited to join the Kimberley South club on Saturday evening when their visiting GSE team will be the highlight at an evening function. Furthermore Kimberley South will shortly be presenting a Murder Mystery show and dinner—again, we are all invited.

Sharon, as Serjeant, reminded us all about the travelling supper at MMGC on 8 September. Make sure to put your names down.

Acting Attendance Officer Peter T recorded apologies from Ken and Gill, Andre, Div and Amanda. We were 14 present for 63.6%.

Peter T reported that marketing is under way for the Night Cycle Race (12 October). He will also soon be producing another batch of personalised Rotary cards for all members, as well as an updated club information booklet for the benefit of potential members.

Sharon reported on Membership, stating that there are a number of potential new members in the pipeline.

We have a number of service projects under way. The Dr Wolfsohn Crèche, for which Jean Preece is still busy crocheting blankets [*for the benefit of the ladies in our midst, crocheting is nothing more than knitting with just a single bent needle*]. We are also investigating the possibility of applying for a District Simplified Grant in conjunction with the NCHS Interact Club.

President Pete stood in for an absent Corporal Amanda and used a number of brief anecdotes to transfer some of our hard earned shekels to TRF's coffers.

Still hogging the lime-light, Pete closed the meeting with a tail piece:
"Forget the past. No one becomes successful in the past."

Last meeting's attendance—64%

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September is Rotary's New Generations Month

New Generations gives Rotary a new avenue to serve

*Based on an article by Ryan Hyland
Rotary International News -- 9 September 2010*

The commitment to getting youth and young adults actively involved in Rotary was strengthened in April 2010 when representatives at the Council on Legislation approved New Generations as Rotary's fifth Avenue of Service.



The then RI President, Ray Klinginsmith, said the new Avenue of Service improves the value of youth programs and their impact on Rotary's future.



"The Council wanted to be sure New Generations programs were given adequate attention by clubs," said Klinginsmith. "Rotarians just want to be up front and recognize the importance of these programs. New Generations isn't just important to the future of Rotary but also our communities and the world."

New Generations Service acknowledges the positive change implemented by youth and young adults involved in leadership development activities, community and international service, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding. Programs include **RYLA**, **Rotaract**, **Interact**, and **Rotary Youth Exchange**.

"We truly have the finest youth programs in the world," said Klinginsmith. "Their intrinsic value continues to escalate. We do a great job with these programs, we just need to give them more visibility."



This month is a chance to celebrate the new Avenue of Service, said Vicki Puliz, chair of New Generations Service for District 5190 (parts of California and Nevada, USA).

"News of the Council's decision was welcomed with excitement and enthusiasm by Rotarians in our district," said Puliz. "We are using this as a way to emphasize how Rotary International views New Generations and its importance. It's a springboard to communicate even more with our clubs about these programs."



Virtually every club in her district is involved with one or more of the four youth programs. A wide range of district programs fall under the New Generations umbrella, said Puliz.

"Focusing more on youth is crucial for Rotary to thrive and survive," she said. "It's one of the reasons why we have programs on **literacy**, **leadership training**, and **ethics** for young people."

She recommends that every club appoint a New Generations Service chair. "We've learned that our youth programs benefit from communication and coordination," said Puliz.

New Generations joins Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service as an Avenue of Service. Before starting a project, Rotarians are asked to think broadly about how their club and its members could contribute within each avenue.

Klinginsmith said the best clubs are the ones that are well balanced.

"Strong clubs are involved in all five of the Avenues of Service," he said. "The ones that don't have New Generations programs are missing a part of the great adventure of Rotary."

The Bloodhound SSC Project

Desert Update from Hakskeen Pan – July 2012

Extracted from an online article by

Andy Green *(the Bloodhound driver)*

after his recent visit to the Northern Cape.



This is a difficult update to write because I can't really describe in words the scale of what is happening in South Africa.

I've just got back from a technical survey of the desert work (and some media interviews, to explain how we are getting on) and I'm still amazed by what I've seen. I was with a couple of experienced journalists, who were fairly quiet over dinner after their visit to the Pan, as they tried to grasp the enormity of what they'd just seen.

The Northern Cape team (all 300 of them) are achieving something truly astonishing in the scale and quality of their work. So far, they have cleared the whole of the main track, 19km long by 500m wide, and they are now working their way back up the western side of the track, clearing a 300m safety zone to give BLOODHOUND SSC some run-off area in the (unlikely) event that it's needed.

Think about the scale of that for a moment. 19,000m by 500m. That's 9,500,000 square metres of desert surface, cleared by hand. Try and visualise it this way: next time you stand next to the road you live on, imagine sweeping one lane of it from end to end. If you live on a long road, this rapidly becomes a huge task. 9,500,000 sq m is the equivalent of sweeping that lane from London to Moscow – and now that they have reached Moscow, they have to turn round and sweep the other lane back to London, to complete the safety zones. It's simply staggering.

To make that even more impressive, the team is not just walking along and picking up a few stones as they go. They are scraping the **WHOLE** surface, every square metre of it, to remove **ALL** the debris, however small.

The remaining technical challenge for the Northern Cape is the final levelling of the causeway. This man-made soil road, built

decades ago as an all-weather route across the Pan, is being removed back to its original state, with the soil being placed back in the 'borrow holes' on the Pan, where it originally came from. The challenge now is to make the original surface perfectly level again. We already know that the natural desert surface is remarkably flat, as our mini-survey showed a couple of years ago [a height variation of just 6cm over a 2km long strip]. Now we need to reproduce this flat surface under the causeway.

For most levelling tasks, a change of level of 1-2cm over 100m wouldn't matter much (it wouldn't even be noticeable). For BLOODHOUND however, which will cover 100m in less than a quarter of a second at peak speed, a 2cm change of surface elevation qualifies as a huge bump! The Northern Cape has tasked 'the best grader driver in the South Africa', with a precision laser-guided grading vehicle, to complete the final cut, aiming for an accuracy of 1cm across the whole of the area. It's not just the Car that needs to work to very high precision – this is a really tough target for the track as well.



<http://www.bloodhoundssc.com>



Kimberley Rotary Club Calendar

(Meetings: 12:45 Monday lunchtime at the Kimberley Club—unless otherwise stated)



September—New Generations Month

- 3 Guest speaker—Dave Rowley on the Bloodhound SSC project
- 4 GSE Team departs
- 8 Reach for Recovery's fundraising brunch
- 8 Travelling supper and fellowship at MMGC

20-23 District Conference in East London

October—Vocational Service Month

- 12 Mountain Bike Night Cycle race
- 13 Nomads' Bowls competition
- 19 Yonder Fête

November—Rotary Foundation Month

Duties & Dates

If you are unable to perform a duty, **it is your own responsibility** to find a replacement.

Fellowship

12:30 Welcome Rotarians & Guests, see that Rotarians wear their nametags and that guests have a drink.

- Sep 3 Div Pretorius & Gill Quinn
- Sep 10 Ken Quinn & Suzette Rautenbach
- Sep 17 Janine Snyders & Peter Thomas
- Sep 24 Lizanne van Niekerk & Nanine van Olmen

Corporal

Grace, 4-Way Test, Toast to SA – Fines – Tailpiece.

- Sep 3 Barry Downs
- Sep 10 Frieda du Preez
- Sep 17 Andries Erasmus
- Sep 24 Sharon Erasmus

Birthday Greetings

- Sep 15 Ona Louw
- Sep 22 Gill Quinn
- Sep 23 Gordon Dally (Honorary)
- Sep 24 Anton Rautenbach

Wedding Anniversaries

- Sep 2 Ryan & Janine Snyders
- Sep 20 Obe & Nanine Olmen Philips
- Sep 23 Peter & Charlene Daubney (Honorary)
- Sep 27 Dries & Corlia van Tonder

Induction Anniversaries

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| Sep 3 | Allison Fletcher | 2007 |
| Sep 7 | Lizanne van Niekerk | 2009 |
| Oct 18 | Div Pretorius | 2004 |
| Nov 14 | Peter Thomas | 1991 |

Coffee Club



10:00 at the "Hole in the Wall"

- Sep 4 Frieda du Preez
- Sep 11 Hugh McGibbon
- Sep 18 Janine Snyders
- Sep 25 Peter Thomas

Coffee Club Birthday Greetings

Changes—please advise Barry Downs

- Sep 10 Dennis Sparrow
- Sep 25 Don Munro
- Oct 4 Jack Ward
- Oct 13 Peter Gibbs

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Griqua Goodies

Ask the young. They know everything.

-Joseph Joubert