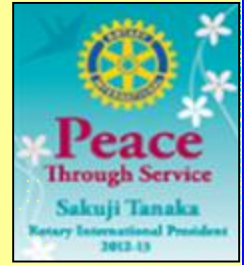


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Meeting Report - 17 September

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

Bulletin Editor
Barry Downs

Corporal Andries opened the meeting with Grace, the Four Way Test and a toast to South Africa.

President Pete reported that he had received a letter from the NC High School Interact Club saying how much they had appreciated the recent talk given by Dave Rowley about the forthcoming attempt on the land speed record by Bloodhound SSC. Our young Interactors continue to be busy with a number of projects.

Serjeant Gill attended to the Dates and Duties. She went on to remind all present that there would be no meeting on 24 September since it is a public holiday. She also gave reminders about our forthcoming October functions—the Night Cycle Race, the Nomads' Bowls Day and the Yonder Fête.

Ken recorded an attendance of 17/22 for 77.3% - apologies having been received from most of the absentees. He also advise that the date for the proposed fellowship visit by a group of Ladysmith Rotarians may have to be changed.

After using a couple of stories to extort money from us all for Foundation, Corporal Andries closed the meeting with his tail piece (a quote from "The Diary of Anne Frank"):-

"Don't think of all the misery left, but of the beauty that still remains."

Last meeting's attendance—77%

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Dave's Dispatch

DG Dave Briggs' October newsletter

DG Dave's October newsletter was emailed to all Kimberley Rotarians on 29 September. If anyone was unable to access it as an email attachment, it is also available for download from the D9320 web at http://rotary9320.org.za/dg_newsletters.htm (as are all DG Newsletters).

Rotary commits additional US\$75 million to help end polio

Rotary International has made a new funding commitment of US\$75 million over three years to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). Rotary, which has already contributed nearly \$1.2 billion to the GPEI, announced the commitment at a 27 September high-level side event on polio eradication, convened by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon during the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

The side event -- "Our Commitment to the Next Generation: The Legacy of a Polio-free World" -- brought together leaders of the remaining endemic countries, and representatives of donor governments, development agencies, the GPEI partners, and the media to underscore the urgent need to finish the job of global polio eradication. Although the wild poliovirus is endemic only in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria, other countries are still at risk for re-established transmission of the virus through its "importation" from the endemics.

Ban urged UN member states to ramp up their support for the GPEI, launched in 1988 by Rotary, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The partnership now includes the support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the United Nations Foundation.

"This decisive moment is a matter of health and justice. Every child should have the right to start life with equal protection from this disease. That's why I have made eradicating polio a top priority for my second term as Secretary-General," said Ban.

New donors

"Governments need to step up and honor their commitments to polio eradication if we are to achieve our goal of a polio-free world," said Wilfrid Wilkinson, chair of The Rotary Foundation. "We are at a true tipping point, with success never closer than it is right now. We must seize the



RI General Secretary John Hewko, International PolioPlus Committee Vice Chair John Germ, Canadian Rotarian and polio survivor Ramesh Ferris, and Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Wilfrid Wilkinson at the UN event on polio eradication. Wilkinson is holding the petitions signed by visitors to Rotary's polio advocacy website.

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advantage by acting immediately, or risk breaking our pledge to the world's children."

"The evidence is clear: if we all do our part, we can and will end this disease. But we must act quickly and give ourselves the very best chance to succeed," said Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, one of the leading donors to the GPEI. "When we defeat polio, it will motivate us to aim for other great health and development milestones."

The Islamic Development Bank (IDB), a new donor to the polio eradication effort, announced a US\$227 million loan to Pakistan, which will cover the majority of the country's polio vaccination campaign costs. The IDB also announced a \$3 million grant for polio activities in Afghanistan.

In addition, Julian Fantino, Canadian Minister of International Cooperation, announced a "Three for One Polio Challenge Initiative" with Rotarians in Canada and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Through the initiative, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Gates Foundation will each contribute to the GPEI C\$1 for every \$1 raised by Canadian Rotarians up to \$1 million. Upon completion, the initiative would generate a total of \$3 million for the GPEI.

These additional funding commitments follow action taken in May by the World Health Assembly, which declared polio eradication a "programmatic emergency for global public health." Polio cases have plummeted by more than 99 percent since 1988, when the disease infected about 350,000 children a year. Although new polio cases are at an all-time low -- fewer than 150 worldwide in 2012 as of 19 September -- the \$790 million funding shortfall through 2013 has already curtailed scheduled immunization activities in polio-affected countries. If eradication fails and polio rebounds, up to 200,000 children a year could be paralyzed.

"Failure to eradicate polio is unforgivable, forever. Failure is not an option. No single one of us can bring this long, hard drive over the last hurdle. But together we can," said Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General of the World Health Organization.

Unwavering commitment

Rotary and its GPEI partners have reached more than 2.5 billion children with the oral polio vaccine, preventing more than 8 million cases of paralysis and hundreds of thousands of pediatric deaths. Rotary's chief responsibilities in the initiative are fundraising and advocacy, an increasingly important role as the polio end game draws near.

Earlier this month, Rotary launched a new website (<http://www.endpolio.org/>) to garner greater support for the global polio eradication effort. More than 6,000 visitors signed a petition on the site calling for world leaders to commit additional resources to close the funding gap. Wilkinson presented the signatures on Rotary's behalf during the UN polio eradication side event. Visitors to the site can also estimate the potential dollar value they can generate by sharing the polio eradication message through Facebook, Twitter, and other social media.

"The unwavering commitment of Rotary members has been vital to the incredible progress of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative," said Wilkinson. "How critically important it is for the global community to seize this historic opportunity before us to end polio now."



Kimberley Rotary Club Calendar

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



October—Vocational Service Month

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

November—Rotary Foundation Month

- ?? Saturday/Sunday—possible fellowship visit by Ladysmith Rotarians
- 29 Thursday—**Official Club Visit by DG Dave Briggs**

December—Family Month

- 17 No Meeting—Public Holiday (?)

January—Rotary Awareness Month

Dates & Duties

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 name tags and that guests are welcomed.

- Oct 1 Lizanne van Niekerk & Nanine van Olmen
- Oct 8 Corlia van Tonder & Amanda van Zyl
- Oct 15 Barry Downs & Frieda du Preez
- Oct 22 Andries Erasmus & Sharon Erasmus

Corporal

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

- Oct 1 Sharon Erasmus
- Oct 8 Allison Fletcher
- Oct 15 Chris Louw
- Oct 22 Philip Maritz

Birthday Greetings

- Oct 4 Peter Hohne (Honorary)
- Oct 5 Chris Louw
- Oct 8 André Oberholzer
- Oct 13 Pete van Zyl

Wedding Anniversaries

- Oct 8 André & Annine Oberholzer
- Nov 29 Andries & Sharon Erasmus
- Dec 11 Mark & Allison Fletcher
- Dec 18 Chris & Ona Louw

Induction Anniversaries

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| Oct 18 | Div Pretorius | 2004 |
| Nov 14 | Peter Thomas | 1991 |
| Nov 14 | Nanine van Olmen Philips | 2011 |
| Nov 14 | Chris Louw | 2011 |

Coffee Club



10:00 at the "Hole in the Wall"

- Oct 2 Nanine van Olmen
- Oct 9 Corlia van Tonder
- Oct 16 Pete van Zyl
- Oct 23 Barry Downs

Coffee Club Birthday Greetings

Changes—please advise Barry Downs

- Oct 4 Jack Ward
- Oct 13 Peter Gibbs
- Oct 23 Ginger Olivier
- Oct 25 Jimmy Abrahams

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Griqua Goodies

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before beginning to improve the world. .
—Anne Frank (who began keeping her diary on her 13th birthday, and was just 15 when she died of typhus in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp)