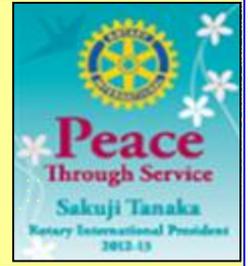


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Club Meetings
Kimberley Club
Monday
12:45 for 13:00

Bulletin Editor
Barry Downs

Meeting Report - 13 May

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

President Pete welcomed Maureen McGibbon—wife and guest of Hugh.

Pete went on to thank all who assisted with the recent Rotary Family Health Days event, which we ran in conjunction with Kimberley South. Pete reported that in the 2½ days some 632 people were seen and helped. Although this was the first time this event was run in Southern Africa, the Kimberley end of things went off remarkably well with very few problems—thanks to the great work done by the organizers. However, some lessons were learnt, so next year's event should be even better. Gill reported that she had made a number of potentially useful contacts at the event.

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Ruth Blood, who represents

Autism South Africa

for the Northern Cape and Free State
will be our **Guest Speaker on Monday 20 May**.

Any and all guests will be most welcome, but **please** let Peter T know by 10 am on Monday so that we can sort out the catering.

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Last meeting's attendance—82%

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Our overnight fellowship outing to Mokala Park is on track for 31 May, as is the “Night at the Races” function with the Kimberley Club on 7 June.

Gill proceeded with the Dates and Duties. Then Ken, having received a few apologies and a couple of make-ups from those working at the RFHD, reported an attendance of 18/22 for 81.8%.

Corporal Gill boosted our contribution to Foundation by means of a couple of anecdotes—one relating to an old couple in bed, and the other to two elderly ladies and their sharing activities. [*Your scribe understood neither of them*].

Barry had a spot to report that Lawrie, having recently acquired DStv and a new television, is looking for a good new home for his old TV. Our thanks to Lawrie for his generosity and thoughtfulness.

Finally Gill closed the meeting with a quote from Winston Churchill:-
“*You will never reach your destination if you stop and throw stones at every dog that barks.*”

Rotary Clubs of Kimberley and Kimberley South

must surely have had the **all-time Rotary moment**

(Report by PDG Ethne Papenfus; Pic by PE Denise Coetzee)

Only a short while before she was due to receive the newly developed vaccine (late 1950s), **Dorothy-Anne Howitson** contracted polio. Her mobility is by means of a [motorised] wheelchair. She is an absolute role model of *Service above Self*. (She was the recipient of a PHF some while back.).

She spent Saturday morning with the Rotarians at the [Rotary Family Health Days] venue capturing data, and continued doing so at home for most of the weekend.

THE Rotary Moment was when she personally administered polio drops for three year-old twin boys whose aunt contracted polio when she was very small. As Dorothy-Anne put it, for her the moment was symbolic of the final closing of the circle around the spread of the disease for all time.

Not too many dry eyes at that moment.

Later, in an e-mail, Dorothy-Anne wrote “*My WOW moment is one I will never forget.*”



Litter-buster keeps her city clean

by Susie Ma

The Rotarian -- May 2013

Wendy Marcus calls herself a bag lady: On her frequent walks around her neighborhood, she is never without a plastic bag, which she fills with everything from plastic wrappers to bottle caps to paper clips.

“Litter has always bugged me. Maybe I take after Lady Bird Johnson,” she says, referring to the conservationist (and wife of U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson) who, like Marcus, was a Texas native.

When the Rotary Club of Providence celebrated its centennial in 2011, Marcus and other members of the club’s environmental committee persuaded 100 Rotarians to join a campaign to reduce litter. In the now-annual monthlong event, culminating on Earth Day, 22 April, Rotarians recruit friends and family members to pick up trash – in their neighborhood, at their children’s soccer games, wherever they can – for 100 minutes each.

Like Lady Bird Johnson, Marcus also believes in beautification through planting. In 2012, she planted trees in Providence – her club donated eight London plane trees to the city, and high school students helped plant them in a park across from city hall – and in India – where from January to March of that year, she led a Group Study Exchange. When the Rotary Club of Jalandhar Central donated fruit trees to local farmers, Marcus and her team were on hand to help plant them as a living reminder of their visit.



Daily litter walk improves your health, and your community

By Robin Roberts, in [Rotary Voices](#)—Stories of service from around the world

Would you like an easy way to change the world? What if there was a project you could start today, in your own neighborhood regardless of where you live? Implementing it requires no fundraising and no committee approval. You can take part starting today. It improves your mind, body and spirit and improves your environment too.

Here’s the idea: Every day take a daily litter walk. You will be happier, you will be leaner, and your community will be cleaner.

RI President Sakuji Tanaka described his personal commitment to cleaning up litter in the July 2012 issue of *The Rotarian* magazine. The idea of a daily litter walk brings community cleanup down to the grassroots level of one person and a daily routine.

Annual litter clean-up campaigns take an army because they clean once a year. But everyone can clean up their community if it’s done every day. Here are a few things I have learned from more than a year of daily litter walks:



1. Daily walks improve the mind and the spirit, as well as the body.
2. It doesn’t require a lot of effort to pick up a little litter each day as you walk.
3. You don’t need fancy tools. You can use a small plastic bag from a local merchant and a gardening glove. If you want, employ a grabber.
4. Make it a routine. Make an appointment with yourself each day.
5. Each day, leave at the same time and return at the same time. Consider walking five miles a day.
6. Encourage others to join the effort. Just think what would happen if each town had a thousand daily litter walkers?
7. By cleaning up litter, you will be keeping it out of streams and storm sewers, improving our water as well.
8. You can have an impact immediately — clean land, clean water, better health, one street and one person at a time.

Now doesn’t that sound like a win – win, and a great project for Rotarians worldwide?



Kimberley Rotary Club Calendar

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



May—No Rotary designation

- 20 Guest Speaker—**Ruth Blood** of **Autism South Africa** for the Northern Cape
- 31-1 Fellowship at **Mokala Park**

June—Rotary Fellowships Month

- 7 “**Night at the Races**” with the Kimberley Club
- 14 President Elect Janine Snyders’ **Induction Dinner**
- 30 **The last day of District 9320** (Congratulations to **Beryl Bradnum**—you were the only person to spot the deliberate mistake. Watch out for the next one!)

July—No Rotary designation

- 1 The Birth of **District 9370**

August—Membership and Extension Month

Dates & Duties

If you are unable to perform a duty, please make sure you arrange a replacement.
(and please advise Barry by email or SMS of any changes)

Fellowship

12:30 Welcome Rotarians & Guests. See that Rotarians wear their name tags and that guests are welcomed.

- May 20 André Oberholzer & Div Pretorius
- May 27 Gill Quinn & Ken Quinn
- Jun 3 Suzette Rautenbach & Janine Snyders
- Jun 10 Peter Thomas & Lizanne van Niekerk

Corporal

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

- May 20 Ken Quinn
- May 27 Suzette Rautenbach
- Jun 3 Janine Snyders
- Jun 10 Peter Thomas

Birthday Greetings

- May 23 Liesel Evans
- May 26 Dwayne Evans
- May 28 Monique Pretorius
- Jun 8 Royden Morrison

Wedding Anniversaries

- Jun 28 Barry & Gill Downs
- Jul 16 Gordon & Shirley Dally (Honorary)
- Aug 7 Royden & Judy Morrison
- Aug 13 Anton & Suzette Rautenbach

Induction Anniversaries

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| Jun 2 | Janine Snyders | 2008 |
| Jun 3 | Philip Maritz | 1981 |
| Jun 6 | Gill Quinn | 2005 |
| Jun 11 | Andries Erasmus | 2001 |

Coffee Club



10:00 at the “Hole in the Wall”

- May 21 Corlia van Tonder
- May 28 Pete van Zyl
- Jun 4 Barry Downs
- Jun 11 Dwayne Evans

Coffee Club Birthday Greetings

Changes—please advise Barry Downs

- Jun 14 Piet vd Merwe
- Jul 15 Mark Harding
- Aug 8 Derek Preece
- Aug 23 Bernard Hays

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We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.
Winston Churchill