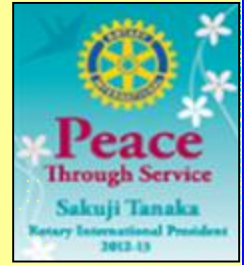


ROTARY GRIQUA

The Official Bulletin of
The Rotary Club of Kimberley
(Chartered 20 August 1951)

3 June 2013



**Rotary District
9320**

RI President
Sakuji Tanaka

**District 9320
Governor**
Dave Briggs

**AG Kimberley
& Bloemfontein**
Barry Downs

Club President
Pete van Zyl

Club Board
Allison Fletcher
Ken Quinn
Peter Thomas
Corlia v Tonder
Amanda van Zyl
André Oberholzer
Philip Maritz

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

Bulletin Editor
Barry Downs

Meeting Report - 20 May

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

President Pete welcomed all to the meeting, especially Paula van Rensburg (guest of Lawrie), Maureen (wife of Hugh McGibbon) and our guest speaker, Ruth Blood.

Ken, wearing his treasurer's hat, announced the winners of our monthly diddle. Traditionally this is done as an announcement once a year, rather than once a month. The twelve winners were: Hugh, Liesel, Andries, Janine, Philip, André, Barry, Ken, Peter T, Judy, Lawrie and Chris.

President Pete saw to some presidential stuff:

- He distributed tickets for our "Rotary Diamond Stakes", and asked all to concentrate on selling as many as possible.
- He confirmed final arrangements for our fellowship outing to Mokala Park.
- We had received thank you notes from DG Dave Briggs and DGND Tom McGhee.
- The Kimberley South club has invited us to join them for their next meeting for a report back on the Rotary Family Health Days, combined with their presentation of an award to Dorothy-Anne Howitson. This meeting will take the place of our regular meeting on 27 May.

Pete introduced our guest speaker. Ruth Blood is the Regional Development Officer for Autism South Africa—covering the Northern Cape and the Free State. Autism SA is an NGO established by the parents of children with autism. Their primary sponsor is Lotto.

Ruth's main responsibility is to raise awareness of autism in hospitals, clinics and schools, and to assist parents groups. She provides classroom support to teachers of autistic children, and teaches them how to watch for early signs of autism.

(Continued on page 2)

Last meeting's attendance—64%

Bulletin Editor: griqua@rotarykimberley.org.za
RC Kimberley & FaceBook: www.rotarykimberley.org.za
District 9320 & FaceBook: www.rotary9320.org.za
RI: www.rotary.org

(Continued from page 1)

Autism is a condition of the brain that affects communication, language and social behavior. Ruth remarked that she had been so thankful to be able to participate in our recent Family Health Days project.

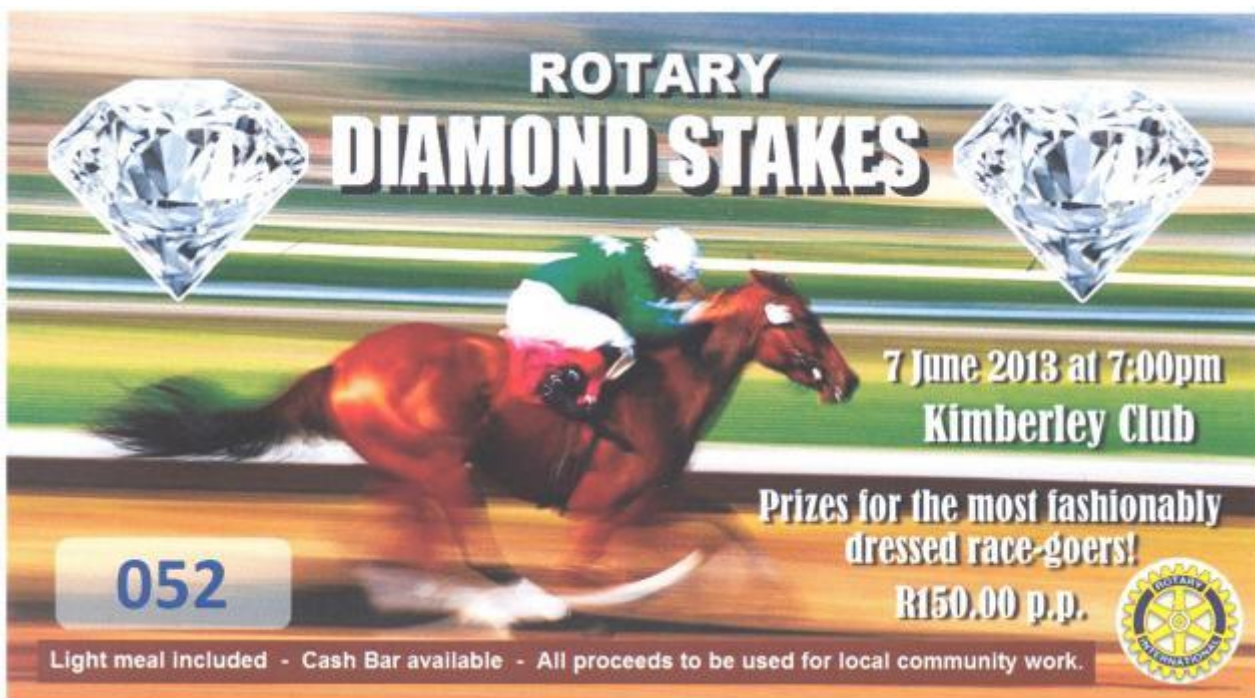
Ruth explained that even now there is no known cure or autism, but that early diagnosis and intervention can help, and this is one of her focuses. There are no specific schools in the NC dedicated to autism, although the Elizabeth Conradie School (and a very few others) are, to a greater or lesser extent, able to handle the issue. The Northern Cape has no facilities for adults autists. Ruth is in the process of starting parent support groups in Kimberley, and would welcome each and every opportunity to talk to people. The more people she can talk to, the better.

There were a number of questions from the floor, all of which Ruth answered comprehensively. Ruth is obviously a lady truly dedicated to her cause, and she was thanked for talking to us by President Pete.

Serjeant Gill attended as always to the Dates and Duties. Allison took a spot to give a final update on the Mokala Park arrangements.

Attendance officer Ken returned a disappointing attendance of 14/22 for 63.6%, and then closed the meeting with his tail piece:

"A spouse is someone who'll stand by you through all the trouble you wouldn't have had, had you stayed single."



It promises to be a great evening of fun and fellowship.

If you haven't yet got your tickets for our "**Rotary Diamond Stakes**" on Friday night, it's not too late. Just contact **André Oberholzer**.



Mission Statement

To ensure a meaningful quality of life for people with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Organisation Description

Autism South Africa (ASA) is the recognised, authoritative and representative national body for people with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in South Africa.

Organisation Background

Autism South Africa was founded in 1989 by concerned parents and professionals as a lobbying and networking organisation. A full-time head office was established in 1997 and Community Branches covering 6 of the 9 nine provinces were opened in 2010.

Objectives

- Focusing Autism South Africa's programmes to improve the quality of life for people with an Autism Spectrum Disorder;
- Developing and strengthening Autism South Africa's services on a national basis;
- Increasing public concern and awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorders and the efforts of Autism South Africa.

Goals

- Promote the interests and needs of individuals with an Autism Spectrum Disorder and protect their rights, irrespective of race, sex or creed;
- Promote a nationwide provision of facilities for the education, training and treatment of people with an Autism Spectrum Disorder;
- Negotiate and liaise with International/National/Provincial/Government and/or other institutions, affiliated bodies or similar organisations on matters concerning the needs of people with an Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families;
- Facilitate the establishment and maintenance of facilities for people with an Autism Spectrum Disorder and advocate for adequate services for individuals with an Autism Spectrum Disorder;
- Promote and assist with research into the causes, incidence, management and intervention techniques for people with an Autism Spectrum Disorder;
- Promote the awareness, understanding and support of Autism Spectrum Disorders at all levels;
- Organise conferences and workshops on Autism Spectrum Disorders throughout South Africa;
- Facilitate training and education of parents, primary care givers and professionals living with or assisting people with an Autism Spectrum Disorder;
- Act as a coordinating and mediating body for all members of Autism South Africa as and when required.



Kimberley Rotary Club Calendar

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



June—Rotary Fellowships Month

- 7 “Rotary Diamond Stakes” at the Kimberley Club
- 14 President Elect Janine Snyders’ **Induction Dinner**
- 17 No meeting—Public Holiday
- 30 The last day of District 9320

July—No Rotary designation

- 1 The Birth of District 9370

August—Membership and Extension Month

- 2-3 Club Officers’ training in Ladybrand (venue to be confirmed)

September—New Generations Month

- ? Golf Day @ MMGC

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.

- Jun 3 Gill Quinn & Ken Quinn
- Jun 10 Suzette Rautenbach & Janine Snyders
- Jun 17 No meeting
- Jun 24 Peter Thomas & Lizanne van Niekerk

Corporal

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

- Jun 3 Suzette Rautenbach
- Jun 10 Janine Snyders
- Jun 17 No meeting
- Jun 24 Peter Thomas

Birthday Greetings

- Jun 8 Royden Morrison
- Jul 8 Shirley Dally
- Jul 24 Dries van Tonder
- Aug 18 Div Pretorius

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

- | | | |
|--------|-----------------|------|
| 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”

- Jun 4 Barry Downs
- Jun 11 Dwayne Evans
- Jun 18 Jannie Jacobs
- Jun 25 Hugh McGibbon

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

Disclaimer

The views expressed in this newsletter are those of the editor and the contributors. They do not necessarily reflect the views of the Rotary Club of Kimberley, of Rotary District 9320 or of Rotary International.

Griqua Goodies

I always avoid prophesying beforehand, because it is much better policy to prophesy after the event has taken place.
Winston Churchill