



April 2011

# The Rotary Club of Pretoria East

Founded 28 March 1961

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



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# President Cheryl's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians

It appears as if every new month we enter is busier than the last! What an amazing March we have had – filled with hard work, fun and celebration.

Despite my despondency about Navi Redd and the possibility that we would end up with a fund-loser instead of a fundraiser, we indeed did raise funds and the evening again proved to be a huge success. We might not have raised the funds we had wished for, but Rotary and its activities were exposed to a whole group of people who had not heard about us before. Certainly plus. Under the able guidance of Aiden, no marketing avenues were left unexplored and it was a privilege to work with such a dedicated team of Rotarians. This was followed by Allen Joss' hugely successful Meerhof Golf Day. Congratulations to Allen and all those who assisted him in securing the Meerhof Kruger Park Trip in August by raising a phenomenal amount of money – well, well done.



Our SOUNDS literacy project has been rolled-out to 6 schools and the impact has been enormous. We are facing a tidal wave of interest and at this stage PP Robin has his hands full trying to contain the project and laying a firm foundation to build the roll-out to the other schools in Mamelodi. This is an exciting project and the gift of literacy for a future generation is something to be proud of. This project will certainly be running for many years to come.

Another exciting development is our involvement in the Vocational Training Team that will be visiting the Cullinan Rehabilitation Centre Project and training the staff for 2 weeks. There is a lot of equipment and expertise being poured into this project and this facility will be the only one on the whole African continent that will have this equipment and be trained in the use thereof. I do not think we comprehend the magnitude of this achievement and the impact it will have on the morale of the caregivers and the quality of life for the residents at Cullinan. Thank-you to PDG Eben for not giving up and that he kept exploring all opportunities to get this project off the ground. I invite all Club members to attend any function associated with the VTT while they are here with us and to assist in showing them our beautiful country. We owe a debt of gratitude to Grant Adam for hosting them for the entire 2 weeks that they are here, it is appreciated.

Our congratulations to Hatfield Club who celebrated their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday this month. PP Allen and I were fortunate enough to celebrate with them. In return Hatfield raided our Club and we were able to hand a beautiful gavel to them in celebration of their birthday – naturally the one that was “gapsed” from them at their celebration! It is great to experience this camaraderie between the clubs and I look forward to the raids still planned by Club Admin.

We have a busy time in April – the Easter Egg Beg, printing and distributing blankets and 2 Foundation Fundraisers! All this mixed in with Easter and numerous public holidays. We will need to dig deep into our energy reserves to get it all done. However, what I have learnt in this past month is that the Pretoria Easters are hard workers and WILL pull it all off!

We ended our month off with a beautiful 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration - what a milestone to achieve. Thank-you to all who contributed to making this evening the special celebration it was. I hope that when future generations of Rotarians reach the centennial celebration of our Club they will look back at what Pretoria East has achieved and the impact it has had on the community it has served with pride. We have certainly Built Communities and Bridged Continents.

As always, Rotary Regards

*President Cheryl*



Ray Klingensmith  
President, 2010-11

Spouse: Judie

28 February 2011



To the Members of the  
Rotary Club of Pretoria East, South Africa

Fellow Rotarians,

Congratulations on your club's 50th anniversary! I am pleased to offer my best wishes, on behalf of Rotary International, as you celebrate this milestone of fellowship and service. It is an achievement that should give pride to both your club and your community.

Half a century ago, your charter members wisely recognized that Rotary's ideal of service is unique and special, and their willingness to start a Rotary club has stood the test of time. Therefore, as you celebrate the achievements of your club, please pause and remember that we owe a substantial debt to your charter members – and to the countless other Rotarians in many countries who have worked diligently to build our organization.

Amazingly, we now have more than 1.2 million Rotarians in 33,000 clubs around the globe in almost 200 countries and geographic areas. Moreover, Rotary is now on the world stage due to our PolioPlus campaign, which has reduced the number of paralytic polio cases by more than 99%. Rotary and our partners currently stand on the threshold of successfully eradicating the dreadful disease. It is an exciting time to be a Rotarian!

Rotary is a "spirit of service" as well as an organization of Rotary clubs. Keep that spirit alive in your club as we begin the second century of service for Rotary International. We are a premier organization, and we will remain vibrant if your club, – along with other clubs, – becomes **Bigger, Better, Bolder** to provide even more fellowship and service!

Rotary is the best in the world at linking together people of goodwill, both in a local community and around the globe, and then gaining their cooperation and support to make the world a much better place in which to live and work. We are fortunate to be Rotarians!

Best regards,

  
Ray Klingensmith



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**The Rotary Club of  
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**is recognised for its dedication  
to the Object of Rotary and its commitment  
to the ideal of Service Above Self.**

28 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
Ray Klingensmith  
President, Rotary International

## ANN PRESIDENT EDIE'S REPORT

Our Anns met on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011, one week early, as the 21<sup>st</sup> March is a Public Holiday. The meeting was held at my home. Thank you to all the Anns who attended and brought delicious food and wine.

Thank you to all the Anns who sold tickets for the Navi Redd concert on the 4<sup>th</sup> March. It certainly was a very enjoyable evening.

Funds collected by the Anns were used to purchase items for the Comfort Bags for Women Against Rape (WAR). As the police are the ones who deal with rape victims, these were given to Sergeant Adri Pienaar at the Trauma Center of the Silverton Police Station.

The Benoni Aurora Rotary Anns hosted a District East Conference on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2011, at the Benoni Country Club. Four of our Anns attended. We were welcomed at the door by our DG Ann, Janet Callard, who was very pleased to see Anns all the way from Pretoria. It was a morning of fun and fellowship. We listened to a report from the three Benoni Rotary Ann Clubs, who managed to raise R15000 and secure a District Grant to refurbish the Hair Salon at the Benoni Old Age home. What a wonderful project for their own community!! We had the opportunity to meet with Anns from other clubs in our District. It was lovely to meet some of the Nigel Anns who are twinning with the Pretoria East Anns. The theme of the morning was: Out of South Africa. Our own honorary PDG Ann, Helen Mc Cusker, was especially welcomed, a proud moment for all of us.

We hope that many Rotarians, Anns and friends will attend the two music evenings at Henry and Sandy Sher's home on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> April at 18:00 for 18:30. The show starts promptly at 18:30. Both evenings promise to be most entertaining, featuring Broadway and light classical music. Henry goes out of his way to source the best recordings of renowned singers, performers and conductors. There will be a light finger supper at the interval, prepared by our own Anns. Those of you, who have not been to the Sher's very own theatre, should certainly use this opportunity to do so.

Robin and Edie enjoyed the visit of Brenda Erickson and her husband Norman, who were here all the way from the Peachtree City Rotary Club in Atlanta USA, to follow up on the SOUNDS programme. Most of the schools with which our Rotary Club is involved are in Mamelodi. Our very capable Ann Jenny Rabinowitz, organized a visit to the Prinshof School for the Blind. Their Grade R class was introduced to SOUNDS and it was very touching to see the blind and partially sighted children fingering the letters and learning the sounds so ably.

Please diarise Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> May for our Christmas in Winter Dinner/Dance. It will be held in the evening at the Protea Retirement Center in the Willows. The tickets cost R100.00 per person. There will be a cash bar available. Please support your Anns and bring along family and friends. Tickets will be sold closer to the time.

The Rotary Anns AGM will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2011 and not on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2011 as noted in the Rotary calendar. We had to change the date, as Robin and Edie will be in the UK to visit family.



Our next Anns meeting will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

**Edie Jones**—Ann President

# The Rotary Club of Pretoria East

Chartered 28 March 1961



Back row Connie Swart, Bernard de Winter, PDG Eben Brümmer, PDG Ann Bessie Brümmer, Terry Watkins, DG Francis Callard, Carl Bernardi, DG Ann Janet Callard, Robin Jones, President Ann Edie Jones, Allen Joss, Karin Marais, Memos Kavallineas,

Front Row Past Ann Presidents: Mayda de Winter, Helen McCusker, Maria Kavallineas, President Cheryl Jute, Jennifer Joss, Aglaea Demertzis

On the evening of 26 March, the Rotary Club of Pretoria East celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its Charter.

The function was attended by our DG Francis Callard and his wife Janet, DGE Anton Meerkotter and his wife Annetjie, together with a number of Past Presidents and Rotarians. The evening was enjoyed by all, with good food, lovely décor and music items on piano, violin and cello.

PP Robin Jones was presented with a Paul Harris Award for his outstanding service to the Club.

Club projects were presented by PP Robin and President Cheryl spoke on MASCA. Ivy Velanthi expressed her thanks to the Club for all that has been achieved at MASCA.

DG Francis Callard presented a certificate signed by RI President Ray Klingensmith, honouring 50 years of membership in Rotary International to President Cheryl.

As promised, the draw of the Viva Football took place and was won by Grant Adam. Our thanks to all those who participated in and organized the evening.



### The World Cup Soccer Ball

Rtn Marco Lippuner received a soccer ball from Addidas Global Events.

The printing on the ball confirms that it was to be used at the opening match, when South Africa played Mexico.

The ball was raffled as a fund-raiser and raised R11 249.00. The winner was Rtn Grant Adam.



## PRETORIA EAST DONATES A WHEELCHAIR TO PHELOPHEPA HEALTH CARE TRAIN

PP Deon Lötter handed over a wheelchair to the Phelophepa Health Care Train, on behalf of the Rotary Club of Pretoria East, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2011 in Kroonstad for use by some of their patients who have difficulties with mobility when visiting the train for treatment.

The Phelophepa Health Care Train started in 1994 and is world famous for the innovative way in which it delivers primary health care and health education to the remotest areas of rural South Africa, offering eye care, counseling services, dental care, health clinic and health education to thousands of men, woman and children.

The train travels for 9 months every year, traversing rural places of South Africa and passing through towns like Stutterheim, Middeldrift, Colesberg, Saldanha, De Aar, Naboomspruit, Tzaneen, etc. Most of these places are characterized by poverty, unemployment and insufficient health care services. As a primary health care service, the strength of the Phelophepa (which means good, clean health) lies in building synergies with the local health service facilities where the train stops in order to refer patients that require long term treatment. Since its inception, approximately 18 million patients have received health care and many more communities have been educated by the Phelophepa health care train.

The 600 ton train consists of 18 coaches and is equipped with its own power generator. Dr. Lynette Coetzee has been managing this train since its inception in 1994 and she was the motivating force behind the creation of this service. In total there are 19 permanent staff members and 37 final year student volunteers who come on a two-week rotational basis. Student volunteers are recruited from all South African universities. On arrival, the students are trained and oriented



by different clinic managers and doctors as the train setup is different to the usual hospital and clinic set-up.

The Rotary Club of Pretoria East is proud to be associated with the Phelophepa Health Care Train.



### **The Banner Exchange**

Brenda Erickson and President Cheryl exchanging banners.

Brenda's visit to the club enabled her to share her passion for SOUNDS with the club members.



PP Ivan Rabinowitz in thanking the speaker as only he can, brought a smile to the face of **Dr. Rinelle Evans** – Senior Lecturer: Humanities Education, University of Pretoria.

Dr Evans' talk was on **Complex Language Encounters** and was greatly enjoyed by her audience.



**President Cheryl** returning the gavel that belongs to Rotary Club Hatfield which Pretoria East “borrowed” when attending Hatfield’s Birthday Party, recently.

**PP Memos Kavallineas** on behalf of his club and the eight members who visited on the night, accepts with thanks and a hug!

It was good to have Hatfield club as visitors and we hope to see them more often.

**IT WAS ALL HANDS ON DECK** when Navi Redd was on call to entertain and assist with fund-raising, on the night of 4 March.

Rotarians **Candy Godrich** and **Albie Mulder** were there to ensure, armed with rubber-stamps, that the passengers and crew could be identified.

A lovely evening enjoyed by **Navi Redd** supporters, Rotarians and their friends.



Members of **The Maryland Rotary Club in Lagos, Nigeria**, were on a visit to the Rotary Club of Pretoria West and **AG Nong** brought them to attend our meeting and to visit Pretoria East.

## ROTARY PRETORIA EAST GOLF FUND RAISING DAY FOR THE MEERHOF CHILDREN'S ANNUAL TRIP TO THE KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

After months of planning the day finally arrived, a beautiful morning, on the 7th March 2011 at Zwartkop Country Club. I arrived just after 7.00am followed and a little bit later by Clive Perkins who helped me with setting up all the Allen Joss Auto and Rotary banners. Judy Warren was also early at the registration table, helping the players and sorting out the golf carts. Before playing, Candy helped selling the Raffle tickets.



The golf course was in beautiful condition, plenty of bird life and not to forget the water holes. Just ask the golfers how many balls they lost.

The start of the competition was a "Shotgun" at 12pm. Everyone teed off at the same time at all 18 holes, so as to ensure that they finish at the same time. This enabled us to start the prize-giving and dinner at 6.30pm.

During the prize-giving and dinner, Christine Marais gave us a talk on the Meerhof School

and their children. For most of the children it will be their only holiday/educational trip to the Kruger National Park and an experience of a life time. About 10 children from the school also sang some songs for us. It was very emotional.

At the end of the day it was not only a great fellowship experience, enhancing understanding of the Meerhof project, but more importantly it was a great financial success as it ensures that the future of the Meerhof trip to the Kruger National Park will continue.



The Meerhof project has been running for over 60 years and I have been personally involved since 1967, i.e. 44 consecutive years.

The amount raised by the golf day was R122 180-00.

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to all those who assisted and participated in the golf day.

**Report by PP Allen Joss**

## GLOBAL GRANT 25244 PROGRESS REPORT.

The last month, has flown and the SOUNDS project has notched up a few milestones.

- Kits are now in 5 primary schools and 12 grade R classrooms in Mamelodi, Pretoria.
- All schools have received up to three visits to effectively implement the programme.
- All teachers have been thoroughly trained in the SOUNDS system for tracking pupil progress.
- One of the schools has already embarked on evaluating the SOUNDS system with pupils in higher grades for remedial learning.
- All the teachers from the five schools plus HODs from two schools attended a support workshop during which Brenda Erickson from the Rotary Club of Peachtree City was able to give further insight in the scope of the programme.
- Teachers were encouraged to share their experiences and a bond began to develop among the group.



A visit to the Prinshof School, for the partially sighted and blind organised for us by Jenny Rabinowitz was especially rewarding and below I quote from a letter from Brenda.

“Our visit --was quite unbelievable for everyone - teacher, students, and Rotarians. -- Our purpose was to introduce the teacher of the preschool class to the SOUNDS program. SOUNDS was designed through consultation with Vincer Cotton of the Macon School of the Blind in Macon, Georgia. There is Braille on the face of each letter. However, this was the first opportunity we have had to train a teacher in the SOUNDS program for a class of blind preschoolers. The teacher was tentative until she saw how immediately the children took to the materials. She was so excited to see associations being made so quickly. We were equally excited. The children were engaging with the materials in a natural, hands-on way - touching the Braille, exploring the shapes, manipulating the three letters introduced. One child who was identified as a non-talker verbalized the sound of each letter.”

All participants in the next few months will concentrate on refining their abilities in use of the programme. The next steps which are scheduled for August and September will be to use SOUNDS combinations to build words and then to expand the programme beyond the current schools. We have learnt that there are 56 primary schools in Mamelodi, probably well over 100 Grade R classrooms, a daunting task. In the medium term, we intend to meet with GED staff in order to be able to plan this role out in an effective manner, exciting times line ahead.



## FOOD PARCELS FOR WINTERVELDT

For some years now, we have been appraised on a monthly basis of the sterling work being done at Winterveldt by the Three Musketeers, namely Bernard, Mayda and Clive. They have doggedly ploughed on, week-after-week going out to Winterveldt taking food, advice and assistance in many ways. They are to be commended for their continued faithfulness and on-going compassion for the people of the Winterveldt HIV/AIDS Centre.

Some assistance has come from Club members in providing food packages, but for the most part support has been from the Lane family, members of the Church attended by Mayda, who have generously donated a monthly sum of R2000 toward this project. Their contributions have gone towards supporting 15 adults receiving ARV's or TB treatment, both of which require good nutrition to be effective.

The Jindalee Club gave us a donation of R13 000 towards food packages for 8 Orphans of HIV/AIDS and their families. These packages cost R1 000 per month and we have sufficient funds to last us until May. After that these vulnerable children will be without food.

We also assist in supplying meals for 20 volunteer Caregivers, taking into consideration that they are required to see some 410 patients on a weekly basis, taking the worst affected food packages. To a large extent, meals generated by Club members have gone towards feeding the Caregivers.

In the past, appeals for mealie-meal and soup powder have been made to Club members, but it can be awkward remembering to make the purchases, let alone bringing them to the meetings. It is therefore our suggestion that those members who would like to be part of this project (even if you are unable to visit Winterveldt yourselves), that you do so by making a monthly donation towards Winterveldt when paying for your meals. Just let Jenny know what that contribution is – it can be anywhere from R50 to R1000, depending on your budget and the depth of your pockets.

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Let us join hands together and give the Musketeers the boost they need to keep on doing this valuable work.

**Rtn Margaret Watkins**



*The Music Evenings*

*9 and 16 April*

*In aid of Foundation*

*See you there!*

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## Amazing statues from around the World.

The Magic Tap: Location  
Aqualand Cadiz.

De Vaartkapoen :

Low down, a young rebel, the Vaartkapoen, reminiscent of a jack-in-the-box, topples over a policeman higher up, thus overthrowing his authority..

Location: Brussels , Belgium

The Thumb :

Location: Paris - near Arc de la Defense



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