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The Rotary Club of Pretoria East

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity



Message from President Ivan

What prompts me to say – and to think – that this is the dawn of a new era – a *neue Morgenröte*? Is it because I sense a stirring in the air, an intimation of new beginnings and creative possibilities? Is it because the atmosphere of genuine engagement, involvement, open debate, and creative speculation generated during our first Club Assembly inspires confidence in the year to come? Both these questions



must be answered with a resounding ‘yes!’. Our many and varied plans, projects, aims, and objectives admirably testify to the strength and energy of the Club; our sometimes differing perspectives and perceptions are ready to be harnessed as a vitalizing force for imaginative endeavour; our commitment to the mission and vision of Rotary is both steadfast and unwavering.

Such claims are not fanciful assertions. They are based on the reality of being a Rotarian. In the nine years that I have been a member of the Club, I have witnessed the extraordinary power of collective action and the revitalizing potentiality of fellowship. A quick glance at the *Clarion* -archive amply demonstrates the contribution our Club has made – and continues to make; and this issue of the *Clarion* confirms that we are poised to make an even greater contribution to the community we serve.

Rotary regards,

President Ivan Rabinowitz



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ANN PRESIDENT JENNY'S REPORT

The Anns held their first meeting on 25 July. We hope to join the Rotarians for our once-a-month meeting at Utopia from next month. We hope that more Rotary Anns join us, not only for fellowship but also to strengthen our fundraising capacity, our support for the Rotarians, and our endeavour to link **up with other clubs to foster camaraderie and involvement in each club's** activities.

We are holding our first mini fundraising function on Saturday when we will be **catering for the Rotary Leadership Institute at Cheryl's. I am sure this will be** the first of many fundraising events – which will benefit the organisations we support as well as potential projects we may wish to become involved in.

It was decided at the meeting that each of our functions would be delegated to different Anns who would champion the function. This means that each Ann will be responsible for a specific project.

As soon as we have the dates for all the Rotary functions we will be able to put together an Anns Rotary calendar which will make for ease of planning for the year ahead.

Finally, we wish Bessie a warm leave of absence – and hope that she returns filled with vim and vigour.

Jenny Rabinowitz —Ann President

Interesting Shopping Bags - making a point!



INDUCTION DINNER PRESIDENT IVAN RABINOWITZ



Our "recycled" President, Ivan Rabinowitz, was inducted on 27 June 2011. We were privileged to have PDG Francis Callard and his PDG Ann President Janet, together with DG Anton Meerkotter and his DG Ann President Annetjie in attendance.



Our thanks go to Union Caterers, Gunhild, the Induction Dinner team and our

sponsors for an interesting and enjoyable evening.





Rotarians Judy Warren and Grant Adam were presented with Paul Harris Fellowship recognitions for **"Service Above Self"**.



PP Allen Joss and PP Karen Marais successfully raised R1200 in their fun-filled roles as Sergeant and Deputy.



We wish President Ivan a successful and prosperous Rotary year.



Speakers and Visitors



(Left) PP Karen Marais thanking Rev Wynand & Rev Barbara Louw for their interesting presentation on the work done by Intetrauma Nexus.

Winterveldt Toilet Block Project

The Winterveldt Toilet Block project is a joint venture between the Rotary Club of Pretoria East, District 9400, the Chelmsford Club, USA and the Australia High Commission.

The original toilet was a hole in the ground, with a make-shift seat, surrounded by corrugated iron. As of last week, the toilet block is almost complete and we are looking forward to seeing the finalization of this project.



Original "long-drop" toilet



Work in progress



Work in progress as at 28 July 2011.



Rotarians Clive Perkins, Bernard de Winter and Aiden Robertson are to be congratulated on their hard work and what has been achieved to date.

Annual Meerhoff School / Kruger Park Trip.

It all began way back in 1967 when I went on my first Meerhof Trip to the Kruger National Park!

I could never have dreamt nor realised what an important part of my life "Meerhof" would become to me.

The preparation, planning and anticipation of this annual trip; arriving at Meerhof School at 5 am on a Monday morning; the emotional experience of seeing the expression and excitement on the children's faces, some for their first holiday ever, will always be with me.

The week spent in the park, the game drives, braai's in the evenings, fun, laughing and the teasing is an experience the children will never forget, let alone myself after 44 consecutive years of participating in this project.

Unfortunately the week goes by far too quickly before we are once again on our way back to Meerhof!

To put pen to paper and write about my feelings and emotions is not easy, suffice to say that to have been asked to participate in this project has been one of the most incredible and rewarding experiences of my life.

I look forward to enjoying continued good health in order to be able to carry on this special trip with Meerhof for many, many more years to come.

To all the Meerhof personnel who participate, "Thank you". I would like to single out a few staff members who have been part of this project for so many years: Christine, Renette, and Coralie. Without their dedication and commitment to the school as well as their assistance and guidance during the trip, the project would not be so successful. Please accept my sincere gratitude.

Thank you too to all the drivers who take the children to and from the park safely. Without you we could not have such a wonderful time.



Allen in the early days of the project, circa 1969

Birthdays and Anniversaries



PDG Eben celebrated his birthday on 1 July



PP Bernard de Winter celebrated his birthday on 31 July



Jenny was inducted on 7 July 2003

BLACK BOX

Don't Tell Anyone – it's a secret!

We have a little black box that is on its own mission to compete with the other projects to be fund-raiser of the year!

How will Rotary Pretoria East acknowledge this achievement?

Our little black box is also self supporting – it paid for itself.

The total *Mr Blackbox* raised last year is R12 000 and at the pace he is working, we must watch to see him action during Rotary Year 2011-12. My money is on him!

Rtn Johan Schneider saw an opportunity to benefit the club, while offering a service to his clients who often arrive unprepared for a presentation.

Our digital projector is put to work and we are paid a rental fee.

Our thanks must go to Johan and the Union Caterers staff who monitor this, request the necessary invoices and pay the funds into our account.

This is money we can use for our administration costs and funds that are greatly appreciated.

Rtn Jenny Els



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Dear Boss:

I'm resigning effective immediately!

The reason for my resignation is that I cleaned my aunt's garage this morning before coming to work and realized I don't feel like working anymore.



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