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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

The unique strength and wonder of Rotary is its steadfast continuity and abiding commitment to the letter and spirit of the Four-Way Test. As a self-governing community dedicated to the ideal of service as worthy enterprise, Rotary encourages us to eschew petty self-aggrandizement and personal ambition, and to *do* what needs to be done instead of just *talking* about what could be done – or merely talking about what *might* be done, or entertaining the possibility of thinking about talking about what ought to be done, or what could be posited as a preliminary step towards what might be done, or what, all things being equal, could perhaps be considered with a view to doing something.



We all depend upon and sustain each other. What matters is good humour and the desire to exemplify the mission and vision of Rotary by doing something concrete, practical, and hands-on in the real world. And it is in the real world that our Club excels. The pages of the Clarion testify to the creativity and energy of a Club committed to action and determined to give firm substance to the guiding tenets of Rotary.

President Ivan Rabinowitz



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Meerhof Christmas Party



On the 8th November, the Anns once again organized a lovely Christmas Party for the Children at Meerhof School. Clive was a very believable Father Christmas and the affection of the children towards him was very evident.

Before handing out gifts, the children were all given a packet of sweeties and a cooldrink, whereafter they settled down in the hall. The children then gave us a beautifully presented Christmas pageant and we found that Clive is considered so much part of Meerhof that he was invited to the stage together with all the staff members. Quite something when the borders between Rotarians and Staff become so smudged!

The usual stalwarts were also present and we had a good time having fellowship with the staff.



As always, our thanks to the Anns for a job well done and for all those who attended.







INVITATION

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Pretoria East, I would like to invite you to the official opening of the Toilet Block for which District 9400, the Rotary Club of Chelmsford and the Australian Government provided significant funding.

The opening will occur on:

Date:- Thursday 15 December 2011

Venue:- The HIV/AIDs caregivers head office unit in Winterveldt.

Time:- 10:00.to 12:00

Program:

Welcoming and thanks

CEO of the unit Marks Baloyi.

RCPE, thanks and acknowledgements

Club President. Ivan Rabinovitz

Address by Australian High Commissioner

Australian High Commissioner

Official opening

Refreshments.

Please indicate whether you will be able to attend.

Kind regards,

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Speakers and Visitors



Nolene Mostert spoke to the Club on the Prevalence and Impact of Social Networking Sites



Clive Perkins updated us on the Winterveldt Home Based Nursing Care Program.



Neville Young, who spoke on Education through Astronomy, in action at Meerhof School



Karen Hauptfleisch spoke on SoapKidz



Banner Exchange with Kurt Bostrom, leader of the group of visiting Swedes.



Anastasia presented a banner received from the Limassol-Amathusia Club in Cyprus.



Prof Edward Kairu visited the Club on Monday November 28. He is the Director of the Service Committee of the Rotary Club of Nairobi, the third oldest Rotary Club in Africa. He is in Pretoria to attend a climate change/water related international conference.

Prof Kairu was very excited after the meeting and mentioned that he would be introducing the Wooden Spoon and Happy Rands at the Nairobi Club when he returns.



An elderly man is stopped by the police around 2 a.m. and **is asked, "Where are you going at this time of night?"**

The man replied, "I am on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."

The officer then asks, "Really? Who is giving that lecture at this time of night?"

The man replied, "That would be my wife."

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Best Explanation

On the 12th December, at our year-end function, a prize will be given for the best explanation for what you think took place here. Please send your written entries to the Editor, who will also be the judge! Entries Close on Friday, 9 December

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