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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

Five years have past; five summers, with the length
Of five long winters! And again I toll
The gavel from the rostrum-top
With a quaint and brassy resonance. – Once again
Do I declaim with lofty sentiment
Thoughts of the months of Rotary.
The day is come when I again compose
Here, under this bright spotlight, and view
The year to come with guarded optimism.
Once again I see these eager faces
Ready to be fair to all concerned!

(ADAPTED FROM 'LINES COMPOSED A FEW MILES ABOVE TINTERN ABBEY', WITH DUE apologies to William Wordsworth)

Fellow Rotarians, the success of Rotary is tested by the degree to which we make a difference. Rotary gives us an opportunity to serve others in a spirit of companionship. Whether we grasp this opportunity fully will depend on our generosity of spirit, on the way in which we resist pettiness, and on our capacity to enjoy what we do.

President Ivan Rabinowitz

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ANN PRESIDENT JENNY'S REPORT

As incoming Ann's President, I would like to thank Edie for making the past year so successful.

I would also like to thank Susan for agreeing to stand in for me when I am unavailable (and to help me when I am available), Janine for agreeing to making sure that everything adds up and tallies, Bessie for agreeing to fill in for Janine, Mayda for being secretary (and keeping me on my toes) and all the other Anns for bringing and giving their own bit of magic!

I would like this year to be filled with new ideas and exciting projects, as well as continuing with our present commitments and, as always, have fellowship and fun.

Although a few of the Anns are rather 'long in the tooth' (not all – some of us are eternally youthful), we are 'young at heart' and always open to new ideas. We would love all Anns to join us to ensure the continued vibrancy of our little group.

And, finally, if you feel like a little bit of heart-warming stuff on a cold winter's evening, sink into a comfy chair in front of a fire and listen to Heifetz play Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto in D Major!

Jenny Rabinowitz —Ann President

Have you ever wondered why the Chinese population is so high?

It would seem that education in the correct application of condoms is urgently required.

Charity Fun Run/Walk

Pick n Pay

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PRETORIA EAST

The Fun Run at the Swartkop Airbase on the 4th June was a great success, thanks to the untiring efforts of Rotarians Tjaart and PP Robin.

Thank you to all those who made The Fun Run an outstanding Event

CASINO EVENING

On the evening of the 11th June, Pres Cheryl and her Handy Andy Nick, once again hosted the casino evening. Cheryl supplied sherry and soup and prizes were provided by some of the members, most especially ernie and grant.

Speakers and Visitors

(Left) Prof Antoinette Lombard of the Dept Social Work and Criminology at the University of Pretoria.

(Below) Dr Hannes Slabbert of the Dog Business Unit of DENEL.

(Above) The CEO of the Cullinan Care & Rehabilitation Centre, Mrs M Nyatlo.

(Above) Victor Siphuma, who received a "Service Above Self" award, for his selfless action in seeing to the safety of an accident victim.

(Above and right) Members of the Swedish GSE Team, Ulla Ståhl, Krister Dagneryd, Susanne Petersson, Malin Lindeberg and Örjan Karlsson

Club News

President Cheryl Jute hosted the final meeting of the Rotary year at Niche, with members of both the old board and incoming board present. We wish President Elect Ivan and his board all the best for the coming year.

PP Robin accepted the award on behalf of the Club for our contribution to Polio Plus in the past year. Robin has put a tremendous amount of effort into fund raising for Polio Plus and he is to be congratulated.

PDG Eben accepted the Presidential Citation at the District Conference on behalf of Pretoria East.

Jenny and Margaret were delighted to accept the award for the Best Newsletter on behalf of the Club.

Eclipse of the Moon— 15/16 June

The total eclipse of the moon that took place on the night of the 15th June was an amazing sight. Despite the freezing cold weather, we kept popping out to view the proceedings, which started at about 20h30. Terry set up a tripod and took photos every quarter of an hour. After a while we found that bending our necks backwards to view the moon directly over the house became so uncomfortable, that we decided to take duvets, blankets and cushions out onto the driveway, where we lay down and viewed the cosmic event in comfort and "relative" warmth. It seemed to us that it was a particularly busy night on Prinia Road, and we could only hope that the tripod gave credence to our sanity! The eclipse was finally over at about 00h30. It was truly and amazing sight and one can only be in awe of the wonder of nature.

Nevil Young was fortunate to be at CBC where Pretoria Astronomy have an observatory and some of the members were doing a project whereby photographs taken from the Southern Hemisphere were needed for comparison. Nevil's photos are below.

Terry and Margaret Watkins

Birthdays and Anniversaries

PDG Eben was inducted on 15.06.1997

PP Connie was inducted on 17.06.1991. Congratulations on 20 years of Service Above Self.

Grant enjoyed his birthday on 13 June and was inducted on 30.06.2002.

Albie was inducted on 30.06.2002

Anastasia was inducted on 30.06.1998

PP Ivan was inducted on 30.06.2002

Brian celebrated his birthday on 26 June