

THE CLARION

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President Cheryl's Message

Fellow Rotarians

I feel very humble as well as extremely proud that you, the members of the Rotary Club of Pretoria East, have elected me as your Club President for this the first year of our new district 9400.

Rotary International President Ray Klingensmith's theme for the year is Building Communities, Bridging Continents.

We need to start close to home and build our new D9400 community and bridge the so-called continent that divides the 2 old districts. I know change is not easy to accept, but if we do not ride the crest of the wave of change we will drown beneath it. To this end I have decided that we will "sister" with Benoni Aurora and endeavour to meet with them in a club setting as well as socially. Even though we have different values and cultures, Rotary has given us a set of standards and our compassion for others draws us together as Rotarians, despite our various differences.

First and foremost, let us build communities and bridge continents by putting Service above Self. Rotary in a unique organization and through our activities we build the spirit and resources of our communities. We need to continue to address the vast humanitarian needs within our communities and this year we will build communities and bridge continents in the following service ways:

- By once again actively pursuing a matching grant for one of our identified projects.
- By honouring our commitments to our longstanding projects.
- By participating in any new, short and specific need projects identified by our members and the Community Service Committee.
- By once again supporting me in a Presidential Project which will most certainly require active, hands on involvement by all members.

The above activities will most certainly cement us together and assist in building a stronger, more involved and effective club.

Secondly, we will have to intensify our fundraising activities in order to support our service project goals. Building on the firm foundation laid by PP Robin, a Fun Run and Navi Redd concert will once again be held this year. Hope also remains that Tshwane Council will eventually grant us permission to continue with our Christmas Light Project.

The possibility of garnering positive publicity surrounding our fundraising and service projects through our PR Committee will no doubt raise awareness of and interest in Rotary among potential members, making this year an ideal time for us to strengthen our membership. We must make every effort to secure our future by retaining active, committed Rotarians and increasing our numbers to meet our membership goals.



Rotary is the best in the world at linking people of goodwill around the globe and then gaining their co-operation and support to make the world a much better place to live and work. To enable our organization to continue this remarkable achievement we will actively support the Polio Plus campaign and the Rotary Foundation.

So fellow Rotarians, I invite you to join me in Building Communities and Bridging Continents by re-dedicating ourselves to service in our club, in our vocations, in our communities and in our world. Not with a sense of complacency based on past

success, but with a renewed sense of urgency based on the today's challenges so that we can ensure Rotary's existence for tomorrow.

Message from the Ann President

The 21st June has come and gone. Although our winter is not over, the days are getting longer again and before we know it spring will be here. Our AGM was well attended and a big Thank You to all the Rotarians who joined us afterwards. It was a lovely fellowship.

The aprons look beautiful, so much so that quite a few Rotarians wanted to buy them. Thank you again to all the Anns who sewed. If you need an apron, contact me. We will make some more if the demand is there and sell them to boost our Ann Fund.

My year with President Robin at the helm has come to an end. My role as Ann President has not, though. I look forward to working with our new president, President Cheryl and once again I ask ALL Anns to become involved.

To be is to do and to do is to do now, because tomorrow might not be there.

Edie Jones



Induction Dinner 2010

Some photographs that tell the story of a very happy evening.

More photographs will be posted on the website shortly.

Jenny can be contacted if you want any copies.



President Cheryl with PP Robin, PDG Albie van de Venter, DG Francis Callard, DGE Anton Meerkotter and AG Nong Serote



President Robin with the recipients of the Presidential Awards.



Rotarians who achieved 100% Attendance during the year.



On Saturday 5 June 2010 Rotarians from Rotary Pretoria East and the Sponsors of event, braved the cold and reported for duty at the Swartkop Airbase at 05h00.

Although months of planning went into this event but there was no way of knowing how many runners there would be, as pre-registrations were slow.

A couple of weeks earlier organizer Tjaart had confessed that he was having nightmares of being the only runner doing the race – this brings an interesting picture to mind.

Seven hundred runners took part. Four hundred and eighty finished the timed 10 kilometer race and those who thought they had entered the 5 kilometer race, unexpectedly found that it had become 7.5 kilometres, but completed it anyway.

Each runner who finished received a medal and even two dogs and babies in prams, were honoured in this way.

Prizes were handed out, including air-flips sponsored by the SAAF Museum and items donated by Vodacom Yebo Radio.

The race was a success and was enjoyed by participants and the organisers,!

Funds were raised which are needed to continue our work and Pretoria East had the opportunity of working together as a team, on a project.

We learned a lot in the process which should will not go to waste, – it must be as the race will be repeated next year, when it will hopefully when it is be warmer and not quite as so early in the morning.





GOLF DAY - 10 May 2010

The Golf Day, organized by Rtn Ernie Sterne at Woodhill Golf Estate on 10 June was a resounding success.

The organization from start to finish was extremely well managed with Ernie at the helm and Meryllyn as both his left and right hands!



A number of Rotarians assisted at various points, and many also joined in the sport of the day.



The Prize Giving Dinner was slightly delayed, but all the problems were ironed out by the Rotarians who jumped in and assisted with laying of tables.

Carl Bernadi did what he does so well and much needed funds were also brought in through the auction.

The profit from the Golf Day totalled R65 806,20, of which R10 000,00 went to SA Guide-Dogs Association for the Blind, R10 000,00 went to the Highveld Horse Care Unit, and the bulk of which will be going to the Meerhof Annual Kruger Park Trip.

Thank you letters have been received from both the SA Guide-Dogs Association for the Blind and the Highveld Horse Care Unit, in which heartfelt thanks were expressed. The Guide-Dog Association said that, "It is through the Club's generosity that Guide-Dogs are able to make a substantial impact on the services we render to improve the quality of life for people who are visually impaired", and the Horse Care Unit said, "Thank you for supporting us – we can't do what we do without you!"

We applaud the efforts of Ernie Sterne and his team and thank all members of the Club who supported the project.



We've got the spirit, how about you?



It seems the coming of Rotary International's (RI) New Year has brought with it renewed excitement, passion and determination within the Rotaract Club of Pretoria East. For one, our club has greatly expanded its horizons by slowly establishing itself as the central Rotaract club of Tshwane, affiliated not only with Rotary Pretoria East but with all Rotary Clubs in Tshwane. Few things are more valuable than building a solid foundation and making full use of the ramifications of the RI network, and of course this move will also "build goodwill and better friendships"!

I am pleased to see an encouraging positive growth in our membership and potential membership. Several motivated and vibrant guests have been attending meetings regularly, and some have applied for membership. Hopefully many more will take the "leap of faith" when they participate in our next major community outreach project – a project initiated by Rotaract and run by Rotaract. To instill a reinforced sense of identity amongst our members, we are printing Rotaract shirts (the design has been a hot topic for debate!) and we will be printing a Rotaract banner with the kind courtesy of Eben Brümmer.

For our next project, we will be raising funds personally for the purchase of school uniforms, sports equipment, or materials for a new paint job – in practical terms, anything that a recipient school, orphanage or crèche in Tshwane really needs. The project will be considerably smaller than our debut gala dinner in 2008, but far more practical. We aimed to make this project particularly fun in its nature to attract more potential members, and really get a chance to show them what our club is all about. Viva Rotaract, viva! More details about this will follow in the next bulletin.

Aside from helping out at the Pick 'n Pay/Rotary Pretoria East Fun Run in the dreadfully early hours of 5 June, our club was recently represented at a meeting of Rotary Centurion, who do many things completely differently to Rotary Pretoria East. Exposure to diversity stimulates creativity, and we hope to receive invitations to all the Rotary clubs in Tshwane. Rotary Centurion is apparently in contact with ten students at Centurion Academy who have expressed interest in joining Rotaract, whom we eagerly look forward to meeting. Such an addition to our club will fulfill our membership drive goal for 2010 and establish a firm foundation for the club.

I would like to thank, on behalf of the club, the ongoing support and input of Rotarians Henry and Sandy Sher, Eben Brümmer and Margaret and Terry Watkins at our fortnightly meetings. They have provided not only guidance and advice but also valuable contacts for logistical details of our current project. Moreover, they have allowed our club the freedom to create our own identity. We move into the RI New Year with a good foundation, healthy relationships and a positive attitude. In the words of Nelson Mandela, "a good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination." May this be the case for our club too!

Yours in Rotaract,

Steven Hussey (Secretary)

It seems as if Vuvuzela's have been annoying people since 1660.

