



The Rotary Club of Pretoria East

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President Cheryl's Message



Dear Fellow Rotarians

Another busy time for the Club has passed and we are heading into the final stretch of the first half of the Rotary year. November had been a very successful month for our Club. Aiden Robertson has been inducted into the Club. We welcome Aiden and Rose to Pretoria East and look forward to sharing our Rotary life with them. The Barnyard Fellowship was well attended and the fellowship shared was enjoyed by all. We were again movingly entertained by the children of Meerhof at the Christmas Party arranged by the Anns and great excitement was displayed at the arrival of Father Christmas a.k.a. PP Ivan. The cancer children's party with the Little Five is also upon us – thank-you to all who assisted with donations and arrangements.

Our Club was fortunate to have 3 articles appear in the last Rotary Africa and the Vocational Awards were also featured in the local media. To create awareness of our activities is an important cornerstone for the recruitment of new members. I hope we can continue with these successes.

Fundraising is moving along at a steady pace. The Christmas Light Project is finally at completion and the lights are up in Lynnwood Road. Thank-you to all the Rotarians who worked so hard at selling lights – it is appreciated. As next year is around the corner we can commence marketing early and move our target to 20 lights. The Foundation & Polio Plus morning tea has far exceeded my dreams and we have already reached our target of 20 tables. However, this does not mean that we can't sell more tables! The Navi Redd contract has been signed and the deposit is paid. Let's get going and see whether we can double our ticket sales.

Even though the year is winding down, the Projects Committee is still active. The SOUNDS Literacy Project is still on track to commence in January 2011. Winterveld are in urgent need of a secure storage space for their wheelchairs and this is being investigated for further action. Wheelchairs have been handed out to 2 people in dire need and once again we were in a position to act on an immediate need.

May the Blessings of the special season ahead abide with you all throughout the coming year.

As always Rotary Regards - *President Cheryl*

The Inability to focus is called multi-tasking!

On Monday 1 November, William Bowker was once again invited to facilitate a debate evening. He chose the contentious subject "The Inability to Focus is Called Multi-tasking". Being a subject that makes one hot under the collar just to think about it, the choice of candidates was extremely good. PP Ivan and Rtn Anastasia supported this theory, and PP Bernard together with Rtn Clive took task with the issue.

Both parties presented very valid arguments, and although Ivan and Anastasia's team won the debate, who could ever forget Bernard analogy of putting a man on the moon as an argument in favour of multitasking!



News from the Anns

The Anns are busy at this time of the year with the Meerhof Christmas party, Irene Homes and of course the annual Christmas Lunch to be held on 5 December.

Edie is away on a much deserved holiday so in her absence we have asked Jenny Rabinowitz to tell us about the visit to Irene Homes.

Photographs on Agalea's cellphone have not been easy to extract – so we will borrow the Christmas Tree from Meerhof to brighten up this article.

The Anns visit to Irene Homes for a Christmas Party

The tables groaned with delicious cakes, cookies, tarts, sandwiches, sausage rolls and custard slices. The cloths were white and green, and delicate vases, filled with yellow blooms, adorned each table. Agalea's chockies were sprinkled over the cloths – bits of delicious sweetness to be enjoyed by all.

It was the Irene Homes early Christmas party – a function held by the Ann's every year. We had a fun-filled day with thirty-eight Irene Homes 'orphans'. Each special person, young and old, received a parcel filled with creams, bath salts, soaps, perfumes, sweets and chocolates.

The delight as each person was called up by Bessie to receive a gift reinforced the importance of 'serving the community' and the very real and important role played by the Anns.

A very special thank you to our Anns President, Edie, who organised the function with the minimum fuss, ensuring the maximum enjoyment.



Report by PE Ann Jenny Rabinowitz

I'm just saying
I don't want to brag or make anyone jealous,
but I can still fit into the earrings I wore in
High School!



New members Aiden and Rose Robertson were welcomed to the club by President Cheryl and Ann President Edie Jones.

Aiden has recently retired after thirty seven years in the newspaper industry. He has served the Argus Company which became Independent Newspapers, in managerial positions in Kimberley, Cape Town and was General Manager of the Pretoria News in the early 1990's.

He enjoyed eight years with Round Table and has joined the Rotary Club of Pretoria East with the intention of becoming involved and we will ensure that he does!

His interests include cycling and he has done seventeen Argus Cycle Tours. He enjoys golf although after 25 years, he still plays off a 24. This he puts down to substandard golf clubs!

He is a keen birder and enjoys experimenting in the kitchen.



Life begins at Forty!

Congratulations Cornelia.

Enjoy the ride!

Interact Club

On Saturday 30th October, PDG Eben and PP Terry joined the St Paulus Interact Club to give adult assistance in manning the braai as they raised funds at a school sporting event. This group of eager young people raised approximate R1 000 towards their project funds and we congratulate them on a job well done.

We would also like to thank PDG Eben and PP Terry for their continued oversight of the Interactors.



Rotary Club of Pretoria East Christmas Light Project

The Rotary Club of Pretoria East is involved in a number of community programs for which funding is required. In order to make this possible we have reached out and invited businesses to support us in raising funds for projects involving literacy, health, water and sanitation.

It is with great excitement that the Rotary Club of Pretoria East has once again been able to put up Christmas lights in Lynnwood Road between Duncan Street and Kings Highway as a fundraising project. The Christmas lights have been generously sponsored by:

Acctech System,
Allen Joss Motors,
Assupol Life,
Hillcrest Boulevard,
McCarthy VW Menlyn,
Serwala Hair Academy,
Siemens,
Spar Wapadrand,
Stargazer Salon,
Union Caterers.

The Christmas lights were lit up on the 13th November and will stay in place until the 9th of January 2011.

We wish to thank all our sponsors for their valuable contribution towards making a difference in our community.



Another Wheelchair Finds a Good Home

Early on Saturday 16th October, Pieter Coetzee Snr(49), JP Kruger(32) and Pieter Coetzee Jnr (25) were on their way to their usual prayer meeting at the Christian Motorcyclist Association (CMA), Hatfield Chapter. They were travelling by motor cycle down Rachel de Beer Street in Pretoria North when a Hummer vehicle, driven by an 18 year old, came upon them at high speed on the wrong side of the road, hitting the bikers head on. Pieter Coetzee Snr and JP Kruger were killed instantly. Pieter Coetzee Jnr was critically injured and lost his right leg. However, he has made a miraculous recovery and was discharged from hospital only two weeks after the accident.

On Sunday 7 November 2010, Rotarians Deon and Cornelia Lötter had the privilege of handing over a wheel chair to Pieter Coetzee, which will make things a bit easier for him. Pieter, who was very grateful, was in good spirits and is recovering well.

Once again, a huge thank you to the Rotary Club of Pretoria East and the Wheel Chair Foundation for making this wheel chair available for handing over to another grateful recipient.

Reported by PP Deon Lötter



Barnyard Fellowship

Rotarian Albie Mulder arranged a very successful fellowship at the Barnyard Theatre on Sunday, 7 November. There was a lovely turnout by Club members and a good time was had by all.

The theme of the day was *NiteFever*, which a number of us related to very strongly, to the extent that one partner seemed to forget that he was part of the audience and not on stage! Nevertheless we enjoyed his enthusiasm almost as much as we enjoyed the 70's music.

Albie was thanked by the Compère from the stage, however we would like to express our thanks to her in print as well. Well done Albie! Same time again next year?



The Meerhof Christmas Party

Please see Goings On on the next page for the "full story" - in text.

Here we have the pictures that capture the event. Enjoy!



ROTARACT REPORT

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Time to Say Goodbye – for now!

As 2010 edges towards its Christmas slumber, Rotaract concludes its activities with our last meeting on the 24th of November. It has been a challenging but fruitful year for our club, with several learning hurdles along the way that have made us all the wiser. However, for the most part it has been a fun and exciting experience and I would like to sincerely thank all our members and guests for their hard work this year.

Our shadeport at *Peas in a Pod* is up! We also had a Rotaract plaque made for the structure, kindly sponsored by Annatjie Meyer, and we will hold an official handover ceremony soon. Our club was invited to a Christmas celebration recently at the shelter where the children sang songs for many of the donors and sponsors. It was most rewarding to see that these girls are so proud of their new home and family.



The large shadeport which Rotaract donated to *Peas in a Pod*. The kids will use the area in the foreground for playing and outdoor activities - minus the sunburn!



Some of the girls at *Peas in a Pod* showcasing their "Pop Idols" talent at their Christmas party on 7 November.

I would like to thank Rotary Pretoria East for hosting our induction ceremony on the 15th of November where Michael Ngake, Darshama Pema and Phetho Moabela received their certificates. I would like to congratulate them and hope that in my absence they will help carry our club to new heights in 2011.



From left to right: Phetho Moabela, Darshana Pema, Gabriel Chishimba, David Kongwa, Steven Hussey and Michael Ngake

You think English is easy???

. . . . A new twist

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- 17) Upon seeing the tear in the painting, I shed a tear.



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