



March 2011

The Rotary Club of Pretoria East

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



ANN PRESIDENT EDIE'S REPORT

Nine enthusiastic Anns met on Monday 21st February for our monthly meeting at the home of President Edie. Thank you to all the Anns who attended and brought delicious food and wine.

It was decided that the Women Against Rape (WAR) Comfort Bags should go to the Silverton Police Station, because the police are the ones who deal with rape victims. Thank you to all the Anns who so generously donated money to purchase items for the comfort bags.

We were approached by the Paul Jungnickel Home for a donation towards new choir uniforms. We will donate R1 000.00.

The Anns will cater for both music evenings at Henry and Sandy Sher's home on 9th and 16th April. We look forward to both evenings.

The Valentine's Dinner, originally planned as a fundraiser, had a somewhat different format. A bring and share fellowship meeting for Pretoria East Rotarians was held at our home. The rain came down and caused something of a flutter as some friends had to be relocated, chairs and all, into the warm shelter of the dining room. The rain did not last however, and they were able to join the rest of the Rotarians on the verandah once again. Thank you to all who so generously cooked and baked before the event. The food was good and the company very enjoyable. Thank you to all the Rotarians and their Anns who attended.

Robin and I had the privilege of hosting Kellie Burks from Atlanta, USA, who visited South Africa to promote literacy and to introduce SOUNDS to four schools in Mamelodi. She is an enthusiastic young woman whose empathy and care for those less privileged is truly remarkable. We once again realized how much Rotary International cares. There is no end to human potential and there is so much more to learn.

The Benoni Aurora Rotary Anns will be hosting a District East Conference on the 12th March. The conference will be held at the Benoni Country Club. Four of our Anns will attend. It should be a morning of fun and fellowship with the opportunity to meet with Anns from other clubs in our district. The theme of the morning is: *Out of South Africa*.

Our next Anns meeting will be held one week early, on the 14th March, as the 21st is a public holiday.



PLEASE NOTE:

MEETING 7 MARCH

THIS WILL BE AT THE ZWARTKOP COUNTRY CLUB IN CLUBVIEW

Cnr Hans Strydom and Old Pretoria/Johannesburg Road

The reason for this is so that Rotarians can take part in the prize giving for
The Golf Day organised to raise funds for the
Meerhof School Project.

Valentine's Social

A Valentine's Fellowship was held at the home of PP Robin and Ann President Edie on the night of 12 February, attended by Rotarians, their families and partners.

The weather threatened to disrupt the most enjoyable evening, but those who were under most threat simply moved indoors and continued to party there.

Everyone involved brought a contribution towards dinner and as could be expected, we had a sumptuous meal together with champagne. There was much chatter and laughter as the evening progressed, and the late departure of those present is a measure of the success of the evening



Thank you to PP Robin and Ann President Edie for a lovely evening, beautifully organized and well-coordinated. We appreciate all the effort you went to.

Time is running out!

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**YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOUR
SUPPORT URGENTLY..**

**So please buy and sell
tickets for this special
event now.**



ST. PAULUS SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB

On 11 February 2011, the Rotary Club of Pretoria East sponsored its first primary school Interact Club. Nineteen Grade 7 learners were inducted as members during a special Charter Dinner at St. Paulus School, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pretoria East.



Interact is one of Rotary's fastest growing programs and provides young learners with the opportunity of being physically involved in community service. Interactors investigate and identify community service projects of their own choice.

Prior to their official induction, these young people have already spent an afternoon cleaning a section of the Moreleta Spruit. A massive collection program of second-hand clothing provided them with an opportunity to distribute clothes to five major centers housing needy children and adults.

The event was attended by the Junior Mayor of Tshwane, Ms Jo-Mari Kock; Sister Francis Krige, Region Prioress; 7 Rotarians; parents of the children being inducted; the Principal, Ms Gorst-Aloman; together with Ms Marize van Staden, the teacher having oversight of the Interact Club.

President Cheryl Jute inducted the young Interactors together with Junior Mayor Jo-Marie Kock, after which she handed over the Interact Charter document to President Stephen Potgieter.

The Interact Board is made up of 4 members, namely President Stephan Potgieter, Vice-President David Harbour, Treasurer Ingrid Benn and Secretary Celeste Bosman.



PDG Ann Bessie Brümmer supplied the starter and PP Ann Dareth Bernadi provided the décor. Rotarians Judy Warren and PP Karen assisted in the kitchen and the serving of the meal.

Interactors do their own fundraising and the St Paulus School Interact club has great plans for 2011.



**Report by
PDG Eben Brümmer**



LAUNCH OF SOUNDS PROJECT FEBRUARY 2011

February has been an eventful month for the Rotary Club of Pretoria East SOUNDS project.

Kellie Burks from Atlanta USA visited us from 16th to 20th February. She went to 4 schools and was able to provide basic SOUNDS training to 9 Grade R teachers (practitioners) in the classroom environment.



The primary schools involved were: The Meetse-A-Bophelo Primary School, Mahlasedi Primary School; Legora Primary School, and Nellmapius Primary School.

The training was re-enforced at a launch function held on 19th February at the Meetse-A-Bophelo Primary School, where over 60 people attended; drawn from 5 schools (Vukazenzele Primary School was

also represented). All of the trained Grade R practitioners were able to attend, plus 2 from Vukazenzele Primary School. Also attending were several School Foundation Phase HODs, Deputy Principals, members of the community and 12 members of the family of the Rotary Club of Pretoria East - a merry gathering, where the refreshments provided were consumed with great appreciation.

The Principal of Meetse-A-Bophelo Primary School, Patrick Sikhumbana, welcomed everyone and set the scene for the day. Thereafter President Cheryl gave a presentation on the broader aspects of Rotary, RI Foundation and our Club's activities. PP Robin then introduced the club's involvement in Mamelodi and the SOUNDS programme as it stands to date.

The highlight of the day was the talk given by Kellie Burks who spoke on SOUNDS; what where, when and how. Kellie was able to coerce 4 volunteers into being guinea pigs in a hands-on demonstration. This demonstration heightened the enthusiasm of all roll-players.

The function was concluded by a brainstorming session, when key issues were discussed and options raised from the floor as to the way forward. The day concluded with the Rotarians visiting the new library, a previous Club project.

In the short term, the next phase of SOUNDS is to follow up on how the practitioners are coping and to hold workshops in March during a visit by Brenda Erikson, the founder of the programme.

In brief the **SOUNDS** project is now firmly on the road.

**Report by
PP Robin
Jones -
Director
Projects**





The World Cup Soccer Ball

Rtn Marco Lippuner handing over the soccer ball received from Addidas Global Events on 10 July, to PP Robin Jones.

The printing on the ball confirms that it was to be used at the opening match, when South Africa played Mexico.

PP Robin has organized a raffle in order to raise funds. A great prize for the lucky winner!



A Donation for the Meerhof School Project for the Trip to the Kruger National Park

Following in his father's footsteps, nine year old Luciano Bernardi organised a fundraiser at his school, St Paulus Primary and is seen handing R325 to President Cheryl at the end of the year Movie Evening function. This money will be included in the Carl Bernardi Fund, which goes towards the Meerhof School annual trip for some of the children, a project which is in its 62nd year. Well done Luciano.



Refer to *Goings On* to read about Mayda's amazement that it is possible to follow the weather pattern on a cell phone and to predict when the rain will arrive.

She also mentions that Bernard is frustrated that he cannot get sufficient access to the computer, so as to browse the net.

Two amazing people who in their 80's are so interested in the world around them.

I have set up Bernard's new laptop and you will now be able to find him on *Skype*, *Teamviewer* and maybe even be his friend on *Facebook*! - Jenny



Speakers Programme arranged by PDG Eben Brümmer

MARCH 2011

7th *Golf Day*

14th *Complex Language Encounters*

A part of U.P's Humanities Education

Speaker: Dr. Rinelle Evans – Senior Lecturer: Humanities Education,
University of Pretoria

21st *Public Holiday*

28th *Business Meeting*

APRIL 2011

4th *Mega City Can Work*

Merger between City of Tshwane and the Metsweding District Municipality

Speaker: Mr Johan Leibbrandt – Associate Director, Pricewaterhouse
Coopers

(Appointed by Gauteng Provincial Government as Transformation Manager).

11th *Tshwane has its own Niche Market for Tourists*

How does Tshwane compare with other major South African cities?

Speaker: Mr Mike Gcabo – Chairman: Tshwane Tourism Action Plan

18th *Business Meeting*

25th *Public Holiday*

Capturing the Moment
Jenny's "Frog Whisperer"
is this month's winner!



At last I know why I've got fat hips!
When taking a shower I often use the rest of my shampoo
to lather myself.
Well, yesterday, I read what was written on the bottle -
"For extra volume and body." **What a shock!!**

No wonder it is so difficult to keep my weight under control.
As from now I will use dish-washing liquid for showering - it
claims. "Dissolves fat that is otherwise difficult to remove!"

Maybe you have a similar problem?



Two of our interesting speakers during February!



Willian Blomfield talking on how the Australian High Commission is involved in school literacy in Africa and the reasons why they have decided to go this route.

He is currently working in Shosanguwe on a Direct Aid Programme for the Australian High Commission.



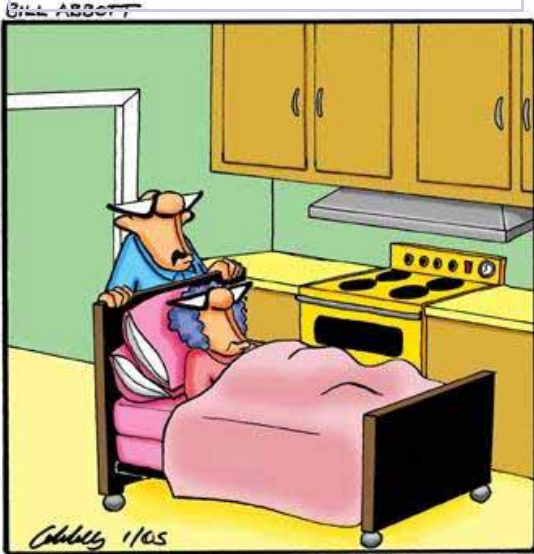
H.E. Angel Villa—Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba, being thanked by PP Connie for an interesting talk on his country.

The Ambassador presented President Cheryl with a box of Cuban Cigars which will be auctioned at the Meerhof Golf Day.

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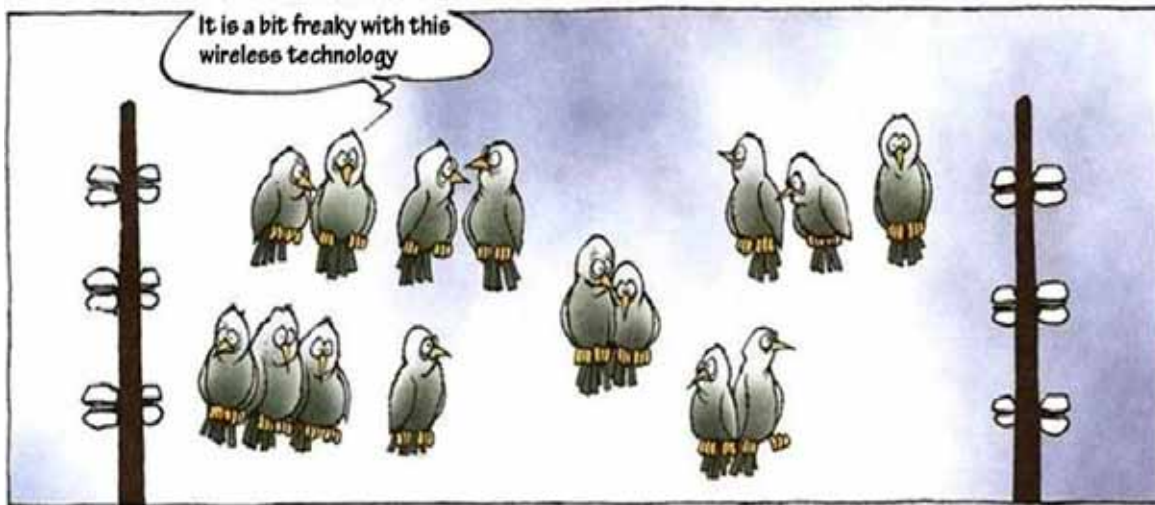
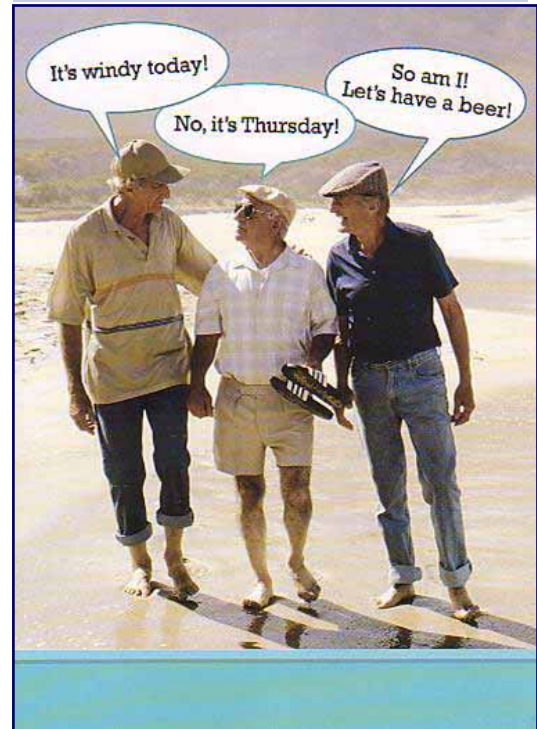
The Devoted Husband

For the women who think that men are heartless.



"I figured you should have breakfast in bed on your birthday. Can you reach the stove okay?"

The effects of Old Age Hearing



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