



The Rotary Club of Pretoria East

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
District 9400

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President Cheryl's Message



What an amazing and inspiring Club Assembly we had on Monday 26 July 2010.

A big vote of thanks to all the Directors who came so well prepared with their goals clearly and concisely set out – it is appreciated. Also to all the club members who attended – 82% attendance at a Club Assembly is very good and clearly shows each Rotarian's interest in what is planned for the year. I look forward to the next Assembly in January 2011 – with your support I am sure we will have achieved many of the goals we have set out to achieve.

A heartfelt thank-you for Rtn Grant Adam for his donation of R30 000.00 towards one of our Matching Grant possibilities. Thank you too to Rtn Liana van der Walt for the purchase of a Christmas Light for Edelweiss Glass and Aluminium.

A short recap of the Presidential Goals for the year – I welcome any additional ideas and suggestions from members to further achieve what we discussed at our Club Assembly.

- Closer ties with our new "sister" Club Benoni Aurora through fellowships.
- Actively pursuing a matching grant for one of our identified projects, especially as we now have a financial basis to work from.
- Honouring our commitments to our longstanding projects – and I again invite as many Rotarians as possible to attend the Meerhof Braai on Wednesday 18 August, it would be great to see some new faces attending this special evening.
- Participating in any new, short and specific need projects such as wheelchair requests.
- By once again supporting me in a Presidential Project which will most certainly require active hands on involvement, by all members.
- Participating in at least one combined project with the other Pretoria Clubs.
- Supporting The Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus.

We will have to intensify our fundraising activities in order to support our Service Projects' goals

- Building on the firm foundation laid by PP Robin we will once again host a Fun Run. The good news conveyed by PP Robin to me is that a date has been secured for 04 June 2011.
- A Navi Redd concert is scheduled in early 2011; a date will be finalized once their bookings open.
- The Christmas Light Project has been approved and we have succeeded in selling 2 lights already. Would it not be great if we could get to 20 lights this year?
- A morning tea will be arranged by PP Karin to raise funds and all Rotarians and Anns will be invited to take part.
- A music evening (or 2) is planned to raise funds for Foundation and hopefully we can get past the \$60.00 pledge.

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 and our goal is to increase our numbers to 38.

Through the PR committee I would also wish to see as many articles in Rotary Africa and the local media as possible, which will highlight our Club's activities.

Our Club needs to make a minimum of one Vocational Award in October and one Paul Harris Fellowship Recognition and I invite all members to put forward names to the committee for consideration.

One of the strengths of our Club is the fine fellowship we share and I would like to see Club Administration arrange at least 7 fellowships and 3 raids on other clubs, for this Rotary year.

I know I will never be able to reach the above by myself; however, I also know I can count on your support to make these dreams for our Club become real, as you so aptly demonstrated at our Assembly.

I call for all hands on deck my Rotary matey's!

Rotary Regards — *President Cheryl*

Capturing the Moment



PDG Eben having the honour of being the first member to wear President Cheryl's "Birthday Hat"



President Cheryl assisting Grant to hand out World Cup tickets in Polokwani



And the Fun Run!

PP Deon Lötter leading the runners home
And the pancake-makers hard at work.



As part of the Rotaract initiative to become involved in a community project, PDG Eben, PP Terry and Rtn Margaret joined the Rotaractors at Peas in a Pod on the 18th July. The youngest of the girls to be given shelter in this warm and loving home, is Joyce. She arrived at the place of safety without any idea of how old she is or when her birthday was. Consequently, it was declared that henceforth, her birthday will be on Mandela Day, the 18th July. This little girl still has to be examined by the District Surgeon to determine her age..... when the social workers get around to it.

Those of us who visited Peas in a Pod were favourably impressed with the conditions and quality of the care being given to young girls. We look forward to becoming more involved with them in the future.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



The acknowledgement for the month of July goes to Neville Young for

"capturing the moment"

Nicole's enjoyment at being part of South Africa is sadly at an end as she returns home to Benin soon.

We will miss you Nicole.

Please remember the happy times spent at Pretoria East.

Photographs to be judged monthly.

A trophy will be awarded at the end of the year for the best photograph.

A Message from Stefan Jekel

President 2010-2011

Rotary Club of Metro New York City

For those who might not remember this is the Rotarian who came to visit and stood in very competently as guest speaker at the first meeting of the new year.

He has recommended Pretoria East to a potential member and Anastasia is following up on this.

The photo below was taken in Central Park as the club celebrated his induction at the Boat House.



Dear PDG Eben, Dear President Cheryl, Dear PP Robin,

Am back in the US and fond of memories of my trip to South Africa, including attending the meeting of the Rotary Club of Pretoria East.

As mentioned, please let me know if there is anything you needed from New York or if any of you come through New York at any point in time.

See you again on either side of the Atlantic.

Yours in Rotary

Stefan Jekel



ROTARACT REPORT

When the young help the youth

In the words of Tata Madiba, "we must use time wisely and forever realize that the time is *always* ripe to do right" (emphasis added). Whilst our club applauds the innumerable men and women of this country that devoted their "Mandela Day" to do at least 67 minutes of service to our beautiful land and its diverse people, it is a rather sad thing that for many such an opportunity only appears attractive once a year. As I write this, I cannot resist being slightly melancholic about the fact that so many South Africans, despite their explicit (although somewhat armchair) support of *umuntu ngumuntu ngabantu*, require the birthday of a great political icon to find inspiration to assist in the development of humanity. And I realise that exactly that – *inspiration* – is the unfortunate deficiency that we face as a society today.

Mandela Day for the Rotaract Club of Pretoria East was a truly uplifting experience. We were tremendously impressed by the work that Anneli Swanepoel and her collaborators have done with *Peas in a Pod*, a haven for abused girls of various ages in Pretoria Central. The shelter was suggested by Rtn Eben Brümmer, and future work that our club aims to achieve for the charity is to build a small classroom for the secondary education learners, as well as a structure for shade with benches provided for the girls to play under on the hot summer days that will soon (touch wood!) approach us. We also had the fortune of celebrating the fifth birthday of one of the girls at the shelter along with other visitors from various organizations, a very special occasion albeit a sharp contrast to the ninety-two years that Mandela recently celebrated.

Peas in a Pod, although already in a relatively good state of affairs, is likely to keep our club busy for a few months. However, we are also assisting with the Rotary Centurion



Eating some birthday cake!



club's activities with Child Welfare Bramley and Itumeleng homes on Saturday 24 July, where our club will be keeping young minds and energized bodies occupied between making greeting cards (for publication – a novel fundraising strategy adopted by Centurion Rotary) and decorating cupcakes.

Some of the classroom facilities built at *Peas in a Pod* with three proud scholars. The charity is urgently in need of funding for two full-time educators (including a special needs teacher) for home-schooling of these girls



We welcome a few new members on board, including Pheto Moabela and Michael Ngake and various new interested guests: Tana Mohamed, Jessica Keil, Tamala Chilalika, Joyce Chilalika and Bianca Voigts. Our club is rapidly progressing to our 20-30 member goal into the new Rotary year, and we eagerly await other visitors from Open Window School of Visual Communication, Centurion. Several of our members have indicated that they would like to partake in Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) 2010, and we greatly appreciate the pecuniary contributions of our sponsor Rotary club, Pretoria East.

Moving on into August (the idea sends a shudder down my spine – August already?!), we are passionate and excited about our current projects, and we hope that this will attract many more members. We are designing and printing T-shirts and banners promoting our club for future projects and fundraising initiatives with the hope that this will attract like-minded volunteers. We have taken up the invitation by the Rotaract Club of Jai Hind College, Mumbai, to start a cultural bulletin between our clubs (kindly adopted by Darshana Pema), and we look forward to our fellowship with Rotary Pretoria East towards the end of August at *Niche*!

For those up-to-date with the Facebook revolution, please check out or join our Facebook group, available at <http://bit.ly/RotaractPTA>. We are currently meeting on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 258 Bourke Street, Muckleneuk, 19:00 for 19:15.

Yours in Rotary

Steven Hussey (Secretary/acting president, Rotaract Pretoria East)

Pretoria: Capital City of South Africa.

The change to D9400 and all that is new as mentioned in the Goings On, has prompted the Board to take an objective look at our flag/banner and a question has arisen as to whether or not Pretoria is in fact "The Capital City" of South Africa.

There has been some lively debate on this issue and our "resident historian" AG Willem Punt has now submitted the following for our information:

After the Anglo Boer War the two independent republics, the ZAR and ROVS, became British colonies, together with Cape and Natal colonies.

The National Convention of 1909 agreed to the amalgamation of the four colonies to form the Union of South Africa on 31 May 1910. This is our countries Centenary Year. The cornerstone of the Union Building was laid in 1910.

One of the many thorny issues the National Convention had to deal with was the question of a capital. The solution was to declare Cape Town as the seat of parliament, Pretoria as seat of government, i.e. the capital and Bloemfontein the seat of the Supreme Court of Appeals.

This arrangement was written into the Constitution of the Union and later the Republic of South Africa. After 1994 at Kempton Park when the new South Africa was debated, it was considered prudent not to write in the capital city *per se*. Remember, at the time the idea of moving parliament to Pretoria was very much to the fore. This upset the Cape people. So it was decided to simply accept the status quo regarding the positions of Cape Town, Pretoria and Bloemfontein in the new SA.

Many countries also do not have their capitals defined in their constitutions. Examples of such countries are; Spain (Madrid), France (Paris) and Germany (Berlin). **So by consensus, by agreement and by convention Pretoria is still the Capital of the Republic of South Africa.**

Willem J Punt - 23/07/2010

Questions

1. What is Pretoria's formal birthday, give day, month and year.
2. Give the origin of the name Pretoria.
3. Who is Daleen Matthee?
4. Why would an American swallow a goof ball.
5. Why is it called Church Square?
6. Who invented the helicopter in 1936?
7. Where is Mount Ararat, of Noah's Ark fame, and what is its elevation?
8. Give the Greek equivalent of the Roman god Bacchus.
9. Pretoria has four Anglo Boer War forts, name them.
10. What is the popular name for Arcadia Bridge and why, and who was the architect?

Answers

1. 15 November 1855, the day the ZAR Volkstaat officially declared Pretoria to be a town.
2. Pretoria is the feminine form of Pretorius, for the Voortrekker leader Andries Pretorius.
3. Daleen Matthee - author of *Kringe in die Bos* and *Fiela se Kind*.
4. To go to sleep, slang for sleeping pill.
5. The first church was build on Church Square (then called Market Square) in 1854, The last church was demolished by the British in 1904.
6. Heinrich Focke
7. Turkey. 5165m
8. Dionysus
9. Klapperkop, Schanskop, Wonderboom and West fort
10. Lion Bridge, because of the four cast iron lions (donated by Samuel Marks), Sytse Wopkes Wierda

Compiled by Willem Punt from many sources.

See if you can name the pictures below.

Answers below the Attendance Report



Speakers Programme

Programme arranged by PDG Eben Brümmer

**AUGUST 2010**

- 2nd Childrens' Rights under South African Law**
An insight in the rights of children in South Africa
Speaker: Ms Mbongiseni Dzivhani – Chief Director, Office of the Rights of the Child in the President's Office
- 9th Public Holiday (No Meeting)**
- 16th Gambling as a Game**
The mission of the National Gambling Board
Speaker: Ms Thebi Moja – Deputy Chairperson, National Gambling Board
- 23rd DG Francis Callard' Official Visit**
- 30th PARTNER EVENING**
Complimentary Medicines in the Medical World
Doctors and patients increasingly acknowledge the role of complimentary medicines in the medical world
Speaker: Dr Louis Mullinder – Registrar: Alternative Health Profession Council

SEPTEMBER 2010

- 6th Tuks Rag Developing Students to Community Service Initiatives**
Every year Tuks Rag provides financial assistance to those in need
Speaker: Mr Lesego Moeketsi – Chair: Tuks Rag Committee
- 13th My Vision for my Year as Junior Mayor**
The Junior Mayor of Pretoria shares her community service objectives with us
Speaker: Ms Jo-Mari Kock – Junior Mayor of Pretoria
- 20th Business Meeting**
- 27th Electricity Supply and Demand Challenge**
Eskom is constantly in the news – how do they approach this challenge?
Speaker: Mr Corrie Visagie – General Manager, Demand Growth Management, Eskom System Operations & Planning Division.



"I was going to wake up early to go jogging, but my toes voted against me 10 to 1."



"I have metal fillings in my teeth. My refrigerator magnets keep pulling me into the kitchen. That's why I can't lose weight!"