

Rotary



Rotary International District 9350

District 9350's DG's NEWS: March 2014

Many Rotarians in the Western Cape will be involved in the Rotary Family Health Days (RFHDs) during the next few days. Thank you for your efforts in taking basic health care to many people who may otherwise not have received it.

Request from the District Public Image Committee re RFHD

Please will each club choose a professional or keen amateur photographer to be on duty at your club's site to capture photos to send to the press. The pictures need to be about 1 meg in size, in .jpg format. In a portrait shape composition, three people is the ideal; in a landscape picture, you can have up to seven people. Pose Rotarians with health workers and community members who have confirmed that they give permission to have their picture published. For the captions, **every** person must to be identified, from left, by a correctly spelled first name and surname. Please email the pictures and captions to your local newspaper on the day after the project ends.

District Assembly and Conference

If you have not already registered for our assembly and conference in Knysna, now is the time to do so. The programme for both events is all but finalised and will be forwarded to all Rotarians soon. Conference is the time for learning more about Rotary, re-charging your Rotary battery, renewing old acquaintances and making new friends. Do endeavor to join your fellow Rotarians and enjoy a great weekend.

Action required from clubs

Clubs requiring District Grant funding for projects to be undertaken during the 2014/15 Rotary year are reminded that the deadline for applications to the District Service Centre is May 31. A detailed spending plan must be attached to the District Grant application form so that the committee can submit the district's plan for District Designated Funds to The Rotary Foundation in June.

The Council on Legislation has amended the standard club constitution, which now needs to be formally adopted by each club. Please compare your club's constitution with the standard one and make any necessary changes. The latest edition of the Manual of Procedures (MOP) can be downloaded from www.rotary.org

Clubs are reminded to make their annual Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus donations this month so that they can be recognised at the District Conference.

All clubs have received the account for their RI dues for the second half of the year. If not already done, please pay these to avoid termination of membership. The 2012/13 dues of US\$52 are spent as follows: \$2.26 HR, Legal and Audit, \$3.36 Finance, \$4.40 Governance and Executive, \$4.83 International Operations, \$9.58 Messaging and Communications, \$17.82 Programmes and Member Services.

Has your club qualified for a Presidential Citation? If so, please complete the form (downloadable from the RI website) and e-mail it to me before April 8.

Youth Exchange Programme

I recently attended a meeting of the Youth Exchange Committee and was reminded of the wonderful opportunities the exchange programmes are offering to the future leaders of our world. We have identified eight splendid young people who will be off for a trip of
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April is
Magazine Month

**Wed, Thurs and
Friday April 2, 3
and 4:**

Rotary
Family Health
Days.

Tuesday April 8:

Completed RI
Presidential
Citation forms to
reach DG Vyv

Sat April 12:

VTT Team arrives
from Switzerland.

**Monday April 14
to Tuesday April
15:**

Passover

**Friday April 18 to
Monday April 21:**
Easter

Sat April 19:

The Two Oceans
Marathon

**Friday and
Saturday**

May 2 and 3:
District Assembly
and Conference in
Knysna.

Tuesday May 27:

Past RI Director
Rick King talks on
"The Real Rotarian"

Saturday May 31:

District Dedicated
Fund applications
from clubs close for
the 2014/15 Rotary
year.

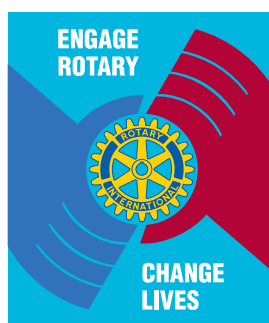


NEWS

District Governor Vyv Deacon's monthly news letter.

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a life-time next year as well as a dozen or so that will be departing on short-term visits. One of the features is that there are two deserving students who will be sponsored in full (at no cost to Rotarians).

I challenge all clubs to re-look at this programme and identify worthy candidates who would benefit from such an exchange. More details can be obtained from PP Gavin Schachat who can be contacted by e-mail on robla717@iafrica.com or phone him at 021 438 1279 or 084 578 5080.

Announcements

PDG Elgin Curry (DG in 1978/79) passed away recently at the age of 88 after a long illness. Our sympathies are extended to his family.

Congratulations to Keela O’Driscoll from the Wynberg Rotaract Club on being selected to attend the 2014 International Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) in Sydney. This event connects young leaders with Rotarian teachers, mentors and facilitators worldwide.

For clubs in the greater Cape Town area, do consider “advertising” your projects on Cape Town TV, which broadcasts on DSTV Channel

263. They claim an audience of several million viewers. The contact person there is Karen@capetowntv.org Please let me know if your project is aired on this channel so that I can share it with other Rotarians.

Save the date

Past RI President Rick King will be visiting Cape Town in May.

All Rotarians and partners are invited to attend a meeting to meet him and listen to his talk “The Real Rotarian”, at Erinvale Golf Club, Somerset West, on Tuesday May 27, at 19:00. Booking details will be circularised later.

Suggestion from the District PI committee

The DG’s NEWS comes out once a month. Sometimes we need to communicate with each other more frequently than that, and perhaps have a conversation to reach consensus on something. The District has a Facebook page but not many Rotarians are using it. If each club found a champion to show members how easy and useful social media can be, we could have a useful way to discuss breaking news stories.

DG Vyv Deacon and Pat

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April’s public holidays:
Friday 18 April - Good Friday.

South Africa’s Freedom Day falls on Sunday April 27 so *Monday April 28* will be a public holiday.

May’s public holidays:
Thursday May 1 - Workers Day.

South Africa’s general election will be held on *Wednesday May 7* so it becomes a public holiday.

Mother’s Day
Sunday May 11.

Through the lens



PDG Michael Johnson was guest of honour when the first part of the Kipkelok Primary School, Western Kenya, was completed. The project is supported by the local Nairobi club, Hurlingham (twinned to Kromboom), and is financed by these Rotary clubs as well as the European partner clubs Eggenfelden-Pfarrkirchen in Germany and Orsay in France. These joint funding initiatives, with support from local well-wishers and community organisations, made it possible for the ground floor classrooms to be completed.



Kelly Kaimowitz and DG Vyv, cutting the tape of the cabinet that displays Ashley Kaimowitz’s Youth Exchange blazer from when she went to Japan. Kelly is the younger sister of Ashley, who was tragically killed in a car crash in Sea Point after her return. Before that, Ashley had appeared on *Carte Blanche* and was making a movie on sexual abuse in Khayelitsha after she had collected sponsorships while she was in Japan on Youth Exchange. After her death, Nonceba was opened in Khayelitsha, with some Rotary Clubs being the main contributors to this. Hout Bay was Ashley’s sponsoring club.