

NEWS LETTER MAY 2009 DISTRICT 9300 GOVERNOR TREVOR NIENABER



(PHOTO: STEVE MARGO)

"ALL ABOARD!" **FOR D9300'S CELEBRATION OF** **DG TREVOR'S ♪40 DAYS♪**

WITH AN ADVENTURE ON A STEAM TRAIN
(WHY IT IS GOOD TO BE A ROTARIAN WHEN THINGS GO
AWRY in HERMAN CHARLES BOSMAN'S GROOT MARICO)



(PHOTO: ARTHUR DOYLE)

Steam Engine **SUSAN**: *the lady of the day*.

DGA Zurika was the driving factor behind this wonderful day, enjoyed by 250 Rotarians and their families. And when Zurika has made up her red head about something-it happens! It *happened* on 27th April 2009. The day was put together extremely successfully and with great joy, by my PA, young Ella Brown. Originally the outing was planned for 150 passengers, but the bookings filled up so quickly that Ella managed to twist the arms of the hotel owners to allow us to bring along another 50 for the lunch. When this filled up and there was a waiting list as long as my arm Zurika and I drove out to Magaliesberg one Sunday and another 50 passengers were welcomed. By now the younger luncheon guests May 2009

were accommodated picnic style and thanks to a gloriously sunny autumn day enjoyed themselves tremendously, relaxing on the hotel's lawns.

The day started very early when all passengers collected their checked-gingham-wrapped hampers from Zurika and her Special Aide, Ilse Doyle, at the Maraisburg Station. The train was punctual and the outward journey out lasted a little under 2 hours. Everybody was busy with the tasty snacks: so tasty that a male Rotarian was heard to say that a man must certainly have been involved in the packing. Babychams made everybody happy really early on already and soon there was much bartering: jam sachets exchanged for fruit juice, cheese for crunchies, ♪etcetera, etcetera, etcetera.♪ (Courtesy of *The King And I*). No sign of the portion of the Four Way Test ("is it fair to all concerned?") was evident during this activity at all.

The station at the destination is situated in the grounds of the hotel and upon disembarkation all 250 passengers casually found a place and a group to sit down with to enjoy the rest of the sunshine day. The playground provided entertainment for all the children, but it was not long before everybody was hungry again. The hotel was ready for this eventuality and served a delicious fresh home cooked lunch from 11:30. There were also two birthday ladies: a young blonde, Mary Mc Affee of RC Morningside, and a 64 year old brunet from DG Trevor's team. The latter was still receiving birthday calls till late and without fail each caller asked: "What on earth is that racket in the background?" The reply: "we are on a train outing ..." elicited the reply: "don't lie to me, that's not the sound of a train - it is a huge party!"

You're wondering about what went awry? Three guesses: something in the steam engine broke down. It was explained to us and sounded very simple at the time, but as these things go, once the explanation ends, you can't remember what it was they told you! This turned a lovely family outing into a gleeful adventure. ♪*Somewhere Over The Rainbow*♪, outside Krugersdorp, we halted and remained there for quite some time. A farmyard next to the railwayline, with a lot of activity, supplied us with non-stop entertainment. Zurika's hampers still had sufficient supplies to prevent anybody from going hungry and all the kiddies had gone to sleep. So it really was party time.

Why is it good to be a Rotarian when things need fixing? DGN Francis Callard only needed to made a call or two and before we knew where we were three diesel locomotives reported smartly and helped us out of our difficulty. Great to have the right contacts!

Lastly, just in case you're wondering, *forty days* is still to come for DG Trevor and his team, but since we are going to the Rotary International Convention in Birmingham in the middle of June, our ♪*forty days*♪ will arrive fourteen days before it is actually due. That's TEAMWORK for you - everybody scores!

DG Trevor

R.I. PRESIDENT MESSAGE

May 2009

In this issue of *The Rotarian* and in all regional Rotary magazines this month, you will find a new edition of Global Outlook. It takes a close look at the problem of child survival, and what Rotarians are doing about it. I hope that you will be inspired by the accounts of what your fellow Rotarians are accomplishing – and motivated to expand your own club's work against child mortality.

When I first chose *Make Dreams Real* as my theme and asked Rotarians to focus on reducing the rate of child mortality, I was confident that we would be able to make a real difference. I knew that the same areas that are critical for saving children's lives – water, health and hunger, and literacy – are the areas in which Rotary service excels. And I knew that Rotarians are overwhelmingly the kind of people who would be inspired to work toward this goal.

Still, the way that Rotarians have responded has exceeded even my own hopes. Our club and district projects are saving lives, one at a time, with determination and with success. And as we all work together to eliminate polio, we know that we are saving lives for generations to come.

In the months since Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge was announced, I have had many opportunities to explain to Rotarians just why it is vital that we work to bring so much new funding to the polio eradication effort in so short a time. The answer, put simply, is that we are at a critical, and I believe final, stage in the campaign. Only four polio-endemic countries remain: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. All present obstacles to the eradication effort, such as war, unreliable infrastructure, difficult terrain, poor sanitation, and high birthrates. In India's Uttar Pradesh alone, 500,000 children are born every month. And in this region, the usual number of vaccine doses required to confer immunity – six – must be doubled. Why? Because the children there are exposed to so many different viruses and carry so many different bacteria, all of which "compete" with the oral polio vaccine.

To wipe out polio in these final four countries will take a coordinated effort of intensity and strength, requiring the support and participation of many individuals and organizations. We in Rotary have been part of the polio eradication effort from the beginning, and we are committed to seeing it through to the end. In this way, we know that we will *Make Dreams Real* – not only in this Rotary year but for generations to come.

Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee
President, Rotary International

Message from the chair -- Every Rotarian, Every Year



Dear family of Rotary,

In challenging economic times, it is vitally important to use The Rotary Foundation's resources to help meet growing humanitarian needs. Through the Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative, our contributions to the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund can be lifesaving for people in desperate circumstances.

We can each help *Make Dreams Real* through the Foundation's humanitarian and educational programs by giving at least US\$100 to the Annual Programs Fund every year. Rotarians, clubs, and districts can also make challenge gifts to the fund, boosting the Foundation's ability to reach more people in need.

How great a difference can our contributions make? We see the results of our work when, because of a Foundation grant project, a child drinks clean water from a well, a person learns to read, or a family earns income from a business started with a microcredit loan. We see the effects in the life-changing experiences of Ambassadorial Scholars and Group Study Exchange teams, who in turn touch the lives of other people in their home and host countries.

Every Rotarian, every contribution, and every project and program participant makes a difference every year. Through the Foundation's programs, Rotarians are strengthening understanding between nations and helping to lay the groundwork for global peace.

The Rotary Foundation is one of the most respected private foundations in the world. By giving our ongoing support to its programs, we as Rotarians can be confident that our service efforts are being multiplied many times over for the benefit of humankind.

Jonathan Majiyagbe
Foundation Trustee Chair



D9300 Blood Drive Chair PDG Peter Margolius with his celebratory champagne and heart shaped cake on the occasion when he donated his 300th unit of blood – this was already a year ago.

Dear Club President

As we approach the end of another year we need your assistance to determine the contribution of blood donations to the Governors Challenge Blood Drive. Can you please assist us and advise:

1. The total number of units of blood donated by club members from 1st July 2008 to end of April 2009, as well as members of the public at your club clinics over the same period.
2. Please supply us the names of Rotarians and total number of donations, (whether they are whole blood or platelets) from the date they started donating blood to date. We are asking for this so we can see what the total number of units of blood that Rotarians have donated over the years, even if they no longer donate blood we would like to know what their contribution has been

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me

Yours in Rotary

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Club secretaries please remember to update your club membership on Membership Access in order to ensure that you have an accurate semi annual report for July 2009.

July is Literacy Month: don't forget to plan for it now!

DGE Beth's PETS



Presenters were Gugu Ngwenya, DGE Beth Thomas, Simphiwe Ngwenya, PRID Tony Serrano, PDG Greg Stathacopoulos, PDG Tom Borrill, PP Lynne Ward, Traci Holdcroft, PDG Shirley Downie, PP Chris Thompson, Back: DGN Francis Callard and PP Robert Janbroers.

A very high standard and quality of training and content was presented and those who attended enjoyed fellowship and fun. DGE Beth is pleased to confirm that every President Elect has now attended a PETS training seminar as required by RI. PETS was conducted at Benoni Country Club with an excellent attendance. Presidents' Elect voted on whether our district should apply to be part of the pilot for Future Vision - 45 clubs voted and 44 voted in favour with 1 club voting against.

DGE Beth.

Bill Gates



Rising to the Challenge

Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge 2008 totals*

US\$75.3M

*As of 1 April 2009

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS
Clubs are reminded that their Foundation contributions must be received by 30th June 2009 to count towards the 2008/9 year's goal.



**DGE BETH THOMAS
IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2009**

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

Date: 23 May 2009
Venue: Midrand High School, cnr of First and Third Road, Halfway Gardens, Midrand, Gauteng
Excellent parking facilities in the school ground
Time: Registration from 09:30
Programme starts at 10:00
Lunch and cocktail snacks are included (cash bar)
Cost: R 190 per person
Dress code: Smart (no ties/jackets needed)

D.G. INDUCTION DINNER

Date: 27 June 2009
Venue: Turffontein Race Course
Time: 19:00
Cost: R290 per person
Dress: Formal / Traditional

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21-24 JUNE ENGLAND

2009 100TH ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



Be a part of history and celebrate the 100th Rotary convention, which will take place in Birmingham, the heart of England!

DG TREVOR AND DGA ZURIKA

CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THE

DISTRICT 9300 2008/09

AWARDS EVENING

THABA YA BATSWANA

FRIDAY 5 JUNE

18:30 FOR 19:30

R150 PP

DRESS: BLACK TIE

A STUNNING EVENT TO

CLOSE A STUNNING YEAR

AWARDS EVENING

RSVP WITH ELLA BROWN

AT REGISTRATION@LANTIC.NET

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CLUB MONTHLY ATTENDANCE RECORDS

The highest score for the clubs who reported their attendance figures last month went to President **Graham Wallet's Knights Pendragon**, with 90%. President **Leatitia Fourie's Brakpan** scored 86.67%; President **Cynthia Lin's Johannesburg Main Reef** is third with 85%.

Then follows President **Bob Rundle's Kempton Park Jan Smuts** with 82%. President **Peter Watson's Meyerton/Henley - on - Klip** scored 80.77%, President **Alan Bauskin's Orange Grove** scored 82.86% and President **Fred Eksteen's Westonaria** scored 88.46%.

Seven clubs had more than 70% attendance. The lowest attendance rate was 26% with two clubs in the 30%.

Thank you to D9300 Attendance Officer Ken Kay for all the hard work!



(PHOTO: ELSA VENTER)



Rotaract in Potchefstroom received an International visit.

(PHOTOS AND WRITE UP: DGSA)

On the 23rd April 2009 the Rotaract Club at the North West University received a visit from two DG's, their DGA's, a PDG, the D9300 Rotaract Chair and the University's deputy Registrar. The club falls within the District of DG Jaap Steyn who was joined in the visit by D9300 DG Trevor Nienaber.

The reason for the international visit? These two little ladies! They are Seugnette and Leana Lucouw and their dad Pierre is a lecturer at the Vaal Campus of the university. He is also a member of the RC Vanderbijlpark. Both Seugnette and Leana were part of the Youth Exchange program and continually participate in the club's activities – from marshalling at cycle races to handing out free balloons at the River Festival. It is said at the club that they are exactly what Rotary could wish for from their Alumni.

Leana was instrumental in the chartering of the Rotaract club and D9300 DG Trevor was so proud of this that he requested DG Jaap Steyn's consent to visit the club officially. DG Jaap consented of course and he and his Kim joined in the visit. He donated a half a ton of maize and DG Trevor donated four boxes of clothes for their projects. The visiting Rotarians and the Rotaractors spent a fun half an hour digging into the boxes (after making the first year students carry this huge lot in!). Here (left to right) Seugnette and Leana show two of the lovely items which will certainly be very welcome in the community served by these Rotaractors.



Front (left to right): Justus Van Der Merwe (D9300 Rotaract Committee Chair), Professor Mariette Lowes, D9320 DG Jaap Steyn, Club President Justine Pittaway, D9300 DG Trevor Nienaber and DGA Zurika Nienaber. Back (left to right): Rotaractors Leana Lucouw, Melissa Kruger, Seugnette Lucouw, Melinda Kruger, Louis

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Richter, Herco Scheepers, D9320 DGA Kim Steyn, D9320 PDG John Mc Donald, Wynand Greffrath, Taleem Hassim, Luce Kleynhans, Madelein Swart and Chantal Tait.



(PHOTO: RC SANDTON)

D9300's DG Trevor Nienaber has been appointed Rotary's PolioPlus US\$200 Million Challenge Coordinator for Zone 20A, commencing with immediate effect, until 30th June 2010. PP Gail Wilson officiates in as District Co-ordinator in D9300.

The task of fundraising required for this project will be immense and extremely challenging, especially in the present financial climate which has brought many hardships in its wake.

Before some very innovative ideas were aired many clubs, upon considering participation to the extent of the average of US\$2000 per club for three years, indicated a measure of despondency in their ability to meet this goal. Many existing fundraisers help hugely with the necessary relief of unbelievable poverty in communities. The PolioPlus challenge also seems to be still mainly prevalent in poverty stricken countries. Some of these countries will of necessity not be able to raise the funds to eradicate Polio within their own borders, but may carry the virus into South Africa without our knowledge. It follows that we need to prevent this by helping with the eradication of Polio in countries who need our assistance.

These problems do not mean that there is no solution to the difficulties and that the PolioPlus goal is unattainable. The problems are simply regarded as challenges and there are several brilliant and fun fundraising ideas which have already been implemented or are on the way. Clubs will be visited by the Zone and District Co-ordinators who will supply and collect information on innovative ideas for projects.

DG Trevor purchased, from a club's beneficiary project, a pink *papier-mâché* pig shaped piggy bank for each club. The much adored pig was called "Mildred" and graced the presidents' tables in many club meetings. The intention was that the pig was to be the recipient of "loose change" and DG Trevor was unwise enough to offer to match the amounts collected by each club once the pig is slaughtered. In true Rotarian fashion it was imaginatively and gleefully wickedly filled with a number of much more lucrative items, including

cheques for thousands of Rands. One club's lady Rotarians regularly have dinner with a recently widowed male member (*to ensure that he actually eats - or so they say*). Inevitably one member offers to pay the bill and the others (whose dinners have been paid) deposit the prices of their dinners into the pig. Another club collected R25000.00 in their pig. *And so on and so forth*. The pig also served as a very efficient "bonding tool" between DG Trevor and his forty eight D9300 clubs. The amounts collected are presently being banked and nobody is more curious to know the total amount collected than DG Trevor himself.

The next idea is equally brilliant but more PR related. A small car will be branded with the PolioPlus and Rotary logo. The car will be exhibited wherever possible and practical, making a statement for PolioPlus. It will also be driven by one of DG Trevor's employee representatives when visiting their big clients and will no doubt receive a huge amount of attention wherever it goes. This will hopefully result in the interest of corporate clients who may well be enthused into making contributions to the PolioPlus drive.

**Think about it:
HOW WILL YOU FEEL IF YOUR GRANDCHILD IS
STRUCK DOWN BY POLIO?**

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

We are happy to inform you that the next edition of the Every Rotarian, Every Year newsletter is now available on-line. The newsletter is your source for news about the monumental EREY effort uniting our international membership. It provides updates on the Annual Programs Fund, features on what Rotarians are doing to meet their club goals and stories illustrating how APF contributions enhance people's lives.

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Contribute/Funds/EREYnewsletter/Page.s/ridefault.aspx>

DEAR ROTARY ANNS & MEMBERS OF THE INNER WHEEL



Two of the loves of my life: twin grandsons Seth and Geosh on the train trip to Magaliesberg



The great love of my life: my Trevor.
(PHOTO: ELSA VENTER)



DISTRICT GOVERNOR ANN ZURIKA NIENABER'S INVITATION TO THE ANNS AWARDS FUNCTION/BREAKFAST SATURDAY 30 MAY 2009

VENUE: KARIBA RANCH
35 DONALD ROAD
GLEN DONALD

TIME: 09h00

COST: R50 PER DELEGATE
Registration and payment on the morning of Saturday 30 May 2009

We'll start off with a scrumptious Buffet Breakfast at the Coffee Shoppe,
Followed by the Formalities and Awards,
A very interesting and professional speaker to keep your attention and closing off with delicious Tea and Cake.

Would you please R S V P the number of Ann's & guests that will be attending by 25 May 2009 to myself at doyles@telkomsa.net or Ella Brown, DG Trevor's Secretary at trevor@verbolt.co.za

Please include the Club Name as well as the names of the delegates attending. Hope to see you there!

Ilse Doyle
AGA Special Aide

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