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Waterfront Rotary Club Breakfast Meeting at the Cape Town Hotel School Restaurant on Fridays at 07H00 for 07H15

Captain (President): Robin Gilfillan

Secretary: Sue Truter

Scribe: Hannarie Wenhold

Captain's Log

Last week's meeting was held in the auditorium – a wonderful venue for a normal meeting (with a speaker), but difficult to utilise for a business meeting! Our good Bosun, Dave, was, however, up to the task, and easily reconfigured the programme to suit the venue.

The Club's AGM was presided over by our Vice-President, Chris, and the following Board was elected (unopposed) for 2009/10:

Vice-President: Pieter Swart; **Secretary:** Sue Truter; **Treasurer:** Debby Daniel; **Service Projects:** Marcel Hoogeteen; **PR:** Beulah Goldman; **Foundation:** Chris Winberg; **Membership:** June Webber; **Club Admin:** Jenny Harpur. Note - **President:** Theoniel Potgieter stepped into the position of President Elect when Riaan Volschenk resigned and Chris then became vice-president.

My congratulations to this strong team for the next Rotary year, and I hope that they will start grooming new members for future replacements on the Board.



November is Vocational Service Month

Anniversaries

26 Nov: Theoniel + Truida wedding



Future Speakers / Events

Fri 21 Nov	Heather Howell - Owl Talk
Fri 28 Nov	Andrea Meyer - Ambassadorial scholar
Fri, 5 Dec	District Governor's visit to the club
Fri, 12 Dec	Family Breakfast
Fri, 19 Dec	Fellowship meeting
Fri, 26 Dec	Boxing day - No meeting
Fri 2 Jan	Tweede Nuwejaar - No meeting
Fri, 9 Jan	First meeting of the new year

The first children allowed into the newly equipped library at Rooifontein,, having a peek at a "Big Book".

Read more about the Kamiesberg project inside.





Meeting 14 November 2008

ATTENDANCE

Grace: Harvey Downes

Peace Candle: Gordon Millar for peace amidst the tension caused by the financial turmoil

Toast: To Rotary International

Slots:

1) **Derek Wrankmore** asked everyone with club assets (e.g., banners, club memorabilia) to inform him, as he is updating the asset register. The goods should go to Martin Colman, who will store them. Martin explained that in order to keep track of everything members would have to sign for whatever they took from the stores

2) **James Liddell** requested that all those going to see "Rock me Amadeus" at the Barnyard theatre on 29 November to please pay the R95/person to Debby, as the club has paid for the tickets.

Happy Rands:

1) Dave Shreeve was happy that we don't have to meet in the auditorium again!

2) Hannarie was happy to have been driven to Kamieskroon by Nadene, who is a very accomplished driver.

3) Visiting Rotarian Wal Taylor was happy to be back in Cape Town.

4) Margaret was happy to have had her car fixed by a good mechanic who was recommended by PP Spiro.

5) Theoniel was happy at the 80% club attendance, which eventually increased to 82%, due to a late arrival

6) Nadene was happy to have gone to the Kamiesberg in the company of some great Rotarians!

Prize Draw: Mike Goldman + Craig Ball

ATTENDANCE DESK:

Theoniel Potgieter, Sabine Ehrmann

VISITING ROTARIANS:

Wal Taylor (Rockhampton Sunrise, Australia)

GUESTS: Heather Howell

APOLOGIES:

June Webber, Bram van der Harst, Lise Prins, David Bradley, Eric Goldschmidt

ATTENDANCE: 37 members, 82%

MAKE-UPS AT KAMIESKROON:

David Bradley, Eric Goldschmidt, Nadene Rolston, Dennis Figov, June Webber, Hannarie Wenhold, Theoniel Potgieter (Make-ups were also recorded for members who worked at the Big Walk)



Right: Jenny Harpur serving breakfast.

Below left: Gordon Millar lighting the peace candle. (A battle when the lighter broke!)



Directors' reports

After the election of the new board, the directors of the various committees presented their reports.

Marcel Hoogebeen (Community Service) said that the feasibility of joining up with the international Shelterbox project of a UK Rotary Club to help South Africans in times of disaster is being considered. (More info at www.shelterbox.org). A possible tennis project is also being looked at, and the club will be supporting the street children projects of Judy Westwater, who was a recent speaker at the club.

PR, Club Services, Membership and Rotary Foundation also presented their reports.

The 2009/2010 board as elected at the meeting: Theoniel Potgieter (President), Debby Daniel (Treasurer), Jenny Harpur (Club Service), Pieter Swart (Vice President), Chris Winberg (President-elect and Rotary Foundation), Robin Gilfillan (Past president), Beulah Goldman (Public Relations), Sue Truter (Secretary), Marcel Hoogebeen (Community Service) and front right, visiting Rotarian Wal Taylor from Australia. Not present: June Webber, (Membership).



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Kamieskroon: great trip, great project

Theoniel and Hannarie briefly reported on the club visit to Kamieskroon where the matching grant project at schools and pre-schools in the Kamiesberg area is nearing completion.

The members who undertook the six-hour journey were project manager David Bradley and Lorna (travelling in a huge vehicle with trailer carrying the books and other gifts), Eric and Marie-Claire Goldschmidt, and Nadene Rolston with Dennis Figov, June Webber, Hannarie Wenhold and Theoniel Potgieter. Ambassadorial scholar Andrea Meyer and sister Christine also stayed over on their way to Augrabies.

One of the highlights was the ceremony at the Kamieskroon Hotel, where staff of the Namaqua District of the Northern Cape Education Department and the teachers of the Kamiesberg region responsible for grades R, one and two received their certificates. They had been trained by educationalist Dr Louis Benjamin over the past three years to improve their teaching skills. Dr Benjamin also tracked the effect of the training on the performance of the children and reported a marked improvement since 2006.

The visit to two of the schools, crèches & pre-schools was another great experience, as we could see what has been achieved. Beautifully and functionally furnished crèches, with enthusiastic teachers and keen, bright-eyed children.

The libraries attached to the primary schools have just been fitted with shelves and furniture, and the members made themselves useful by helping to cover and sort books, all donated or obtained as part of the matching grant.

Thanks to the financial support of Thom and Bianca Mittag, three trainee librarians could be appointed and matching grant funding paid for a librarian from Cape Town for their training.

For all who attended it was a very moving and heart-warming experience and we became fully aware of the enormity of the task undertaken by David Bradley on behalf of the club. And, as Theoniel added, "We should not forget Lorna, his wife, a true heroine of the project." David, in turn, appreciated it that so many members attended the function.



Enjoying the view on the way north: Nadene, Theoniel, Dennis and June.



Wrapping end-of-year gifts for the children: Lorna, Theoniel and June. Seen along the way in a riverbed: a father and son collecting water.



Dennis and Lorna stamping library books.



At the Doringrosie crèche the children sang happy birthday to the girl right at the back.





Left: Trainee librarians Shaun Basson and Elreza Klaase, library trainer Fadeela Davids, and trainee Magda Basson.

Right: David Bradley receiving a certificate of recognition for the work he's done as project manager from Mrs Kitty Links, Namaqua District Director of the Northern Cape Education Department. The inscription reads: "For going the extra mile. Your contribution was outstanding."

Below Right: The Kheis Library, near Garies, is also ready for use, even a TV was donated.



Above: Dr Louis Benjamin, testing the progress the children have made in arithmetic and reading and writing.



Right: After the award ceremony, Kitty Links lead the singing by the group of staff members and teachers who received certificates after having successfully completed the training course.



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MONTHLY MEETING & VISIT FROM DISTRICT CHAIRMAN Wilna Howell on Saturday 22nd November at the home of Molly Warr, followed by Christmas Brunch. FESTIVE HAMPER raffle tickets @R5 per ticket from any IW member.