

Turning Wheels of Bulawayo Rotary Club



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Rotary International designate each month to a particular subject
This is part of each club's Rotary Year Planner

This month August is dedicated to

Membership and Extension Month

Rotary's Global Quest for membership will continue throughout 2002-2003 with some modifications. While the overall goal remains an annual net gain of five members per club, clubs are encouraged to focus on retaining members through orientation, education, mentoring and immediate involvement of members.

The 'Global Quest' will recognise 50 winning districts and 100 Winning clubs, each of which will win a monetary award to be used for a community or international service project. One district and its two winning clubs will be the worldwide winners; the governor and the two Club Presidents will be invited to attend the World RI Convention in Australia to receive recognition!

Please invite someone to share Rotary with you and help our Club in its membership drive. Lets us be ceaselessly vigilant in our quest for Club growth and let us be ever mindful of the needs of the club. The Club will lower in its efficiency to the community as a whole unless we grow!

President Maureen Bond

ROTARY THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH

We make a living by what we get,
But we make a life by what we give

Winston Churchill

One never notices what has been done, one can only
See what remains to be done.

Marie Curie

What do you consider are essential qualities of leadership and why you feel you should be considered for Rotary Youth Leadership Award?

As said by the Prophet Muhammed, one of the world's greatest leaders:

'A leader is the servant of the people'.

The dictionary itself cannot define leadership in any one word but it gives us key words which, when working together, come to mean true leadership. This is true of interact, where no one person achieves alone.

The essential qualities of leadership, I feel, should include a whole host of qualities which should work together to create and inspire the group or organization to achieve its aims and objectives. A good leader should empathize, communicate effectively with all members of society, be open-minded, be willing to listen, adapt and change. A good leader should not be dictatorial and should accept that he or she is only human and capable of making mistakes and seeking forgiveness and advice from others. A good leader should be capable of making decisions, delegate responsibilities and follow up to ensure that tasks delegated are completed.

The Interact Handbook states that the Interact Clubs were formed to achieve the following objectives:

'It furthers understanding by providing an opportunity for persons of different races and religions to work together for the greater good of those less fortunate than ourselves'.

My own experience in the Interact Club can only be described as a wonderful opportunity, filled with educational and cultural experience, interpersonal contact with various underprivileged organizations which I feel did much to help me become more tolerant and understanding of others.

For myself, I feel I should be considered for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award for the following reasons:

At my induction, I nervously stood at the podium and introduced my theme for the year as 'Reach out and touch others'. Little did I know to what extent this nervous little girl would grow, broaden her shoulders, allowing her to mature and empathise with the many people that both her and the Interact Club touched; the old age homes, orphans riddled with AIDS, hospitals and even the SPCA, where the plight of some of the animals left us wondering about the inhumanity of man.

I feel, under my leadership, that the Interact Club was able to achieve its goals by working together as a team. This 'team' was made up of persons from different social, racial and religious backgrounds. They became a second family to me as a result of our many interactions on various projects. The support I have received from our club members has been heart warming. They have been more than a shoulder to cry on.

The fundraising objectives were more than achieved as we managed to raise approximately over \$180,000. These projects were successful because I was able to delegate and consult my board as well as my fellow members and have many meetings to assess progress. Our task was made easier by the fact that at all times I was able to draw on the advice and wise counsel of Rotarians such as Phil Whitehead and our headmaster, Mr. Ross Fuller, who have been supportive and effective role models for us all. Their constant presence is an assurance that anything can be achieved with optimism and a positive attitude. The public support was also overwhelming because of the good name and reputation built up by Rotary and Interact over the years.

For many of our projects over the years I felt it was necessary and important to include members of the Interact Clubs from other schools. This helped to bring us close together and to support each other. For example, at our food stall at the Girls' College Winter Fair we allowed the Christian Brothers' Interact Club to sell drinks thus helping them to fundraise whilst participating with us. At our sponsored walk event members from seven Interact Clubs participated with us, joined us for lunch and then a leadership talk given to us by Mr. Neil Todd, a past headmaster, and Mr. Whitehead.

We, as a committee, in this school, have shown unity of purpose and a determination to succeed together to 'reach out and touch' those homeless, the aged, the AIDS orphans and those countless children suffering and barely living under difficult circumstances and I hope have made a difference in their lives.

My life has been enriched from their experiences. I am more aware of the difficulties of growing old and having no one to see to your needs. I no longer take for granted ever the basic commodities or 'luxuries', such as clear water, shelter, or a family. To look into the eyes of a child suffering from AIDS not knowing if she will live or die within the next few years, months or even days, has made me appreciate each day and to live life to its fullest. For this I must thank Rotary for allowing me to learn and grow.

As John Donne had said:

'No man is an island entire of himself; every man is part of the main, a part of the whole'

This is absolutely true in Interact. We need to work together, put aside our differences and only in so doing can we achieve this.

I cannot take all the credit for the work we've done, nor can any individual. The Interact Club is based on the cooperation of its members as a group and a team, not on each person alone! Interact not only benefits those we reach out to, but it instills in us the ideal of service.

We ourselves are blessed with the opportunity to experience the joy of giving.

Ameera Esat.



From the President's Computer...

Think of our Club as an engine designed especially for service. It runs on a fuel of fellowship, enthusiasm and good intentions. With all of its parts (members) working together harmoniously it can accomplish much more than any single individual. However like any machine, if its not used or properly maintained it gets rusty.

YOU ARE THE KEY!

Turn on this machine and we'll all get started.

These are hard times for us all looming ahead, pending famine and an economy out of control. This should as Rotarians challenge us to grow, to keep moving and when faced with hardships to seek solutions to our problems. If we stick together, work together and be together and use the Four Way Test as our mission statement we surely will come through these hardships.

President Maureen Bond

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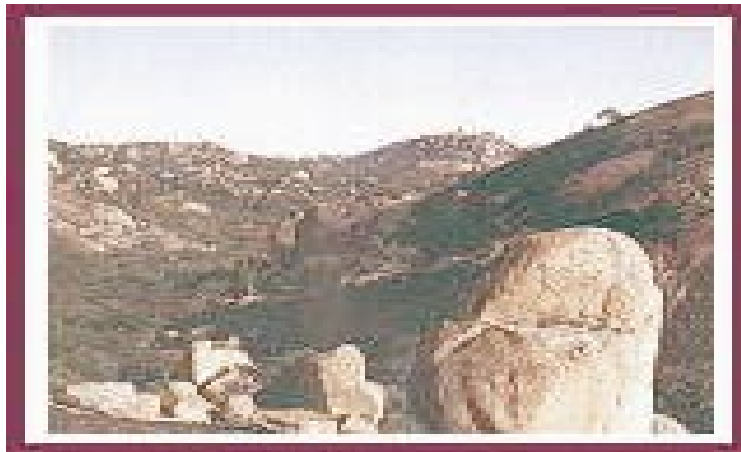
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Rotary Foundation Seminar Victoria Falls - Sunday 28th July 2002

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The Charter of the Victoria Falls Rotary Club Saturday 27th July 2002

Due to the brilliant organizational skills of AG Anthony Ranjan, and input from the Victoria Falls Rotary Club, this seminar came to fruition on a sunny weekend in the town of one of the seven wonders of the world- Victoria Falls.

This intense seminar, was supported by Bulawayo, Livingstone, Vic Falls and Choma Rotarians and presented by the “District Heavies” PDG Derrick McDiarmid, Chris Molan-District Administrator, PDG Eric Marques,

PDG Brian Meikle and of course our DG Phil Whitehead with in-depth presentations from AG Rose Hepworth on the Humanitarian programmes, and AG Don Macdonald on the Polio Plus Programme.

The reason this was held to re-educate us on the objective of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International which is the achievement of world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, education and cultural exchange programmes.

The eradication of Polio is a priority of the highest order of Rotary International. By the year 2005, Rotary's 100th Anniversary, Rotary is hoping to achieve the goal of global eradication, but needs US\$ 80 m to complete this quest.

The Bill and Melissa Gates Foundation chose the Rotary Foundation of RI as the recipient of the 2002 Gates award for Global Health that recognizes organizations that have made a major and lasting contribution to the field of global health. The selection committee commended the Rotary Foundation for contributing more than US\$ 462 million to Polio eradication and for immunizing more than 2 billion Children in 122 countries, as well as for the hundred's of projects funded round the world.

The Rotary Foundation is the 'Heart of Rotary' and a Rotarian is world citizen dedicated to peace and making a difference to those less fortunate. **"With so many International conflicts, the world needs ROTARY now more than ever"**

The seminar was completed with a lunch cruise on the mighty Zambezi, Gins and tonics and elephants providing the entertainment for a few blissful scenic hours!

Chartering of the Victoria Falls Rotary Club:

This new energetic club held its Charter Dinner and received its Official RI Charter from DG Phil Whitehead on the 19th Hole of the Elephant Hills Golf Course amongst a real "In Africa" bush site. This new Rotary Club shows so much enthusiasm in fellowship and in Community Projects and it was an honour to be part of this special evening to see the first President of this Club Lenias Sibanda and 25 Rotarians being inducted into the Rotary World. I am sure they will go from strength to strength!

President Maureen Bond



A message to all 2002-2003 District Governors:

I would be surprised if you have not already heard the Past District Governor's Lament: "I wish I had done more when I was Governor," usually referring to some specific service which could have been performed very easily. Through the unique, *2003 RYLA International Convention in Brisbane, Australia*, you are in a position to achieve one of those specific services, with minimal effort on your part.

In my prior messages to you I noted that you have it within your power to educate a youth from your district by sending her or him to this 2003 RYLA International Convention. After your nominee returns from this exhilarating international experience, she or he will be in a special leadership position to add luster to your district and your country. All because you sent this RYLarian to this 2003 RYLA International Convention.

Attached to this letter are an additional application forms for your use. One, to suggest a RYLarian from your district, a Second to suggest a Rotarians to serve as a Counselor and a Third to suggest an Observer.

Please don't delay in sending these applications RYLA, Rotary International, 1560 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201 USA (Attention: Ms. Carrie Hanson).

You will feel better for doing this and your District and Country will ultimately be the better for it.

Sincerely,

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