



Turning Wheels of Bulawayo Rotary Club



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From the President's Computer

The end of 2002 is dawning and the first half of my Rotary year has slipped by already!

Christmas is upon us already and for some the season is about Christmas and celebrating a traditional religious festival while for others it's a time to enjoy being together with family and friends.

However times have changed and with the current economic difficulties, the joy may take a different shape. Some families may find themselves with hardly enough to put a decent meal on the table, let alone think of the traditional Christmas gifts. Although many children may expect presents in many cases it will be the thought rather than the cost that counts!

There is a lot more to giving than just handing out pretty packages. Sometimes giving of yourself is even better..

For us Rotarians, it is hopefully a time of goodwill and an opportunity to enrich our lives and those of others. It is easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the Christmas spirit and easy to forget those less fortunate than ourselves.

It's an important time to think about children in orphanages, elderly folk who have been neglected and left in homes and those alone at this time of year along the sick and the needy.

Make Christmas extra special this year by giving more than just material gifts and giving more of yourself.

Pres Maureen and PP Laurie Bond.

Happy Christmas to you all!

Rotary Thought for the Month

In conjunction with our Rotary theme for this year SOW THE SEEDS OF LOVE, this saying is particularly adept:

'We sometimes feel that what we do is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.' - Mother Theresa

'At Christmas play and make good cheer

For Christmas comes but once a year.' - Thomas Tusser

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Rotary International designates each month to a particular subject. This is part of each club's year planner.

The manual doesn't actually specify a particular subject for December, so I have made up my own!

The month of December is dedicated to:

Rotary and its Rotarians

This time of year, talk of endings and new beginnings is particularly appropriate in Rotary. We have had those Rotarians that have left us through death, through emigration, through retirement, through disillusion, and those who have joined our wonderful organization with such enthusiasm and ideas and spirit.

Rotary is being recorded worldwide as a major player in world events, fighting terrorism, promoting peace, and doing God's work on earth. It is poised to become the most important non-profit, non-religious, and non-governmental organization in history. The true measure of a Rotary Club's success is the number of service projects that 'reap bountiful harvests of service'.

It seems quite right to quote and add onto a Jewish proverb I heard recently: 'God could not be everywhere and therefore he made Mothers and ... also Rotarians!'

It all comes down to one fact-that Rotary is built on people-people that 'Sow the Seeds of Love'.

President Maureen Bond
Bulawayo Rotary Club

Rotary Fellowship Exchange Visit of Bulgarian Rotarians

Borislav (Boris) Boynoff from the Avondale Club of Harare literally limped in Bulawayo from Victoria Falls with visiting Bulgarian Rotarians who also experienced petrol queues in Zimbabwe! A superb Bring and Share braai was held with them and the other two Club Presidents Adrian Feather and Neil Pierce at Celia Lodge in Hillside.

This was part of the Fellowship Exchange programme with the Bulgarian Rotary Club of Nessebar and certainly RFE was recognized to promote understanding and friendship with Rotarians worldwide.

Small welcome gifts were given to the Bulawayo Club Presidents with a small speech translated by Boris to us. It goes to show that language is no barrier in the world of Rotary as all enjoyed a fun evening.

News Flash!!!

Following our Club's success with the Edenvale Rotarians on an RFE and the capturing of front page of Rotary Africa this month where our Club was prominently featured! We have been contacted by the President of Pretoria Rotary with a possible RFC in March 2003!!!

President Maureen Bond