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Real Rotary Clubs

There are thousands of Rotary clubs spread all around the world. Surely all of them aiming to make a difference to mankind. But how many really make that difference, whatever small ? Let's consider your own club:

- How many Rotarians do pay regularly their dues to the club ?
- How many Rotarians do actively seek to help the club with its aim of making a difference ?
- How many Rotarians do make an effort to know each member of the club ?
- How many Rotarians do go "out to the world" trying to bring financing to Rotary projects ?
- How many Rotarians do educate their children or their office colleagues about Rotary ?

How real is your Rotary Club ?



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Let's see what Rotary is doing

District 1130—Feed the children project

Most of us know that HIV/AIDS is prevalent in Africa. What many of us do not realise is that the country with the largest number of HIV infections is South Africa.

There are a staggering five and a half million people who are HIV positive out of a total population of 48 million. KwaZulu-Natal is the province most affected. In a clinic in KwaZulu-Natal 39% of pregnant women tested positive for HIV.



With all these cases of HIV and AIDS it is not surprising that we are talking today about AIDS Orphans where one or both parents have died of an AIDS related disease. It is estimated that worldwide 15 million children have been orphaned because of AIDS. It is perhaps not surprising that with the highest number of people with HIV/AIDS South Africa also has the highest number of Orphans, a staggering 1.4 million. But what does this mean for the average Rotary Club in South Africa. It means an unbelievable figure of 7800 orphans per club.

Imagine if your club had this number of orphans on your doorstep! Surely you would want to do something to help. And that is exactly what the Clubs in South Africa and District 9270 are doing. This is where Rotary comes in, clubs in District 9270 are trying to do something about this but they need your help. These children need good nutrition if they are going to grow and develop. It is amazing how little it costs to feed these children. 10p a day for subsistence feeding and 20p a day for decent nutrition.

Rotary in District 9270 have teamed up with an organisation called FeedBack. FeedBack go to various food supply companies and buy up surplus food. For instance, yesterday's bread and misshapen loaves from a bakery. Nothing wrong with it but not something that the supermarket would want to sell.

FeedBack also check that it is going to children in need and that it actually gets to them. This is where you can help. During September we are asking each Club to ask it's members to leave 20p at the end of each Rotary meal.

With over 1600 members in District 1130 we can make a real difference and of course you could always leave more than 20p! Be assured all the monies collected will be sent to District 9270 for feeding these children in need

Be an "involved" Rotarian

It is worth it



Rotary and Google have put nearly 100 years of *The Rotarian* online.

Do click on the pictures and go straight to the point. Technologies do have their advantages.





Ideas on the go



The Trust promotes the following principles:

- 1. Carbon emissions will heat the planet beyond its ability to support up to 9 billion people.**
- 2. Adopting Sustainability Principles will improve efficiency, save money, reduce weather-related hardship and lower the need for extra humanitarian aid caused by Climate Change**
- 3. All Rotarians should get involved, understand the issues and if they agree with us - take action.**
- 4. All Rotarians should aim for maximum sustainability in all they do. All Rotary projects should be sustainable.**
- 5. Our unavoidable personal carbon emissions should be neutralised by donating to a Rotary Club Climate Change project at www.TheSustainabilityTrust.org**

As Rotary Clubs, we should accept the challenge to devise:

- Ways to learn more about reducing energy use, and pass this on to our communities.
- Relevant, sustainable, humanitarian projects that are carbon-neutral.

At least one Club project that prevents carbon emissions reaching the atmosphere, or removes them once there.



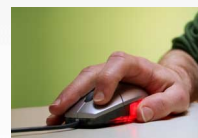


Rotarian's opinions

Take a look at Frank Devlyn's NEW book on Leadership! A great resource to recruit top Rotarians!

It is here: <http://www.frankdevlyn.org/frank-talk4.htm>

Lizette



We used PayPal for our golf tournament this year so golfers and sponsors could use our website to pay; however, we found that only a handful actually used it and most who wanted to pay by credit card specifically DID NOT want to use PayPal. So, we ended up swiping their cards and processing them through our normal merchant account that we use for dues. My sense (based on my own very limited anecdotal evidence) is that PayPal is fine for eBay transactions and such but that our club members and other stakeholders (golfers and sponsors, etc.) just don't like it, don't want to use it and are actually annoyed if it is the only option that you make available for online payments.

I use PayPal for my books and workshops.

I believe we have PayPal for our District. I'm not certain why people would not like to use PayPal. First, it is fairly straight forward to set up an account and the fee for each transaction is minimal -- less than with a merchant account. I should add that this would be for an individual item, such as a golf tournament or dues. If one wants to set up a "merchant" type of account (multiple items), then there would be a monthly charge and a higher per item charge.

With PayPal, you don't have to use PayPal. You also have the option to use charge cards directly. Also, PayPal will track the payments so there is always a clear record of all transactions.

If a club does not have a merchant account, PayPal, in my opinion, is a great way to go.

The idea of a "corporate membership" has been proposed several times at the Council on Legislation, but has never been approved. If you believe this is a good way to go, then I urge you to contact your district Delegate to the Council on Legislation, which will be held in April, 2010 in Chicago, and express your support. The item is proposal #10-45 on the agenda. Perhaps this is a membership plan whose time has come.



Let's know each other better....

I studied for an MSc in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics at Birmingham University - graduating last December. I was born and raised in Hong Kong where my Chinese (first) name is Lai Wah. I was brought up in Kowloon with my mother, father and younger brother.

While studying for my B Eng. In Mechanical Engineering at the University of Hong Kong, I joined the Rotaract Club of University of Hong Kong and continue my Rotaract life in the Rotaract Club of Kowloon Northwest.

As a scholar, I spoke to over 15 Rotary Clubs within my host district 1060 and beyond. I was also one of the alumni speakers at last year's RIBI Link Weekend.

On returning home to Hong Kong after my studies, I found myself destined to return to the UK - this time to work for Rolls-Royce (Civil Aviation). Previously, I had worked for a number of years for one of Rolls Royce's strategic partners in the aviation industry—Hong Kong Aero Engine Services Ltd.



My name is Sarah Siu and I am an Alumna of the Rotary Foundation. I was honoured to be selected for an ambassadorial Scholarship in 2007/08 by my sponsor district 3450 which comprises of Hong Kong, Macau and Mongolia.





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