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Editorial

Dear friends,

After a long 'summertime break' back from vacation with our monthly newsletter. We hope you will enjoy, and I promise that monthly will be monthly from now on. Your editor Ludo

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Augustus 2015 Youtube message by DG Emile Mallentjer
<https://youtu.be/1Pj9BrnX2es>



Our President's message

Dear Friends,

I trust you all had the opportunity to enjoy the holiday period, spend some time with your families and recharge the batteries. With the days of August the holiday period is quickly coming to an end and we are now getting into the last straight line towards the end of the year.

We took advantage of the slow season to prepare for the next four months and getting up to speed in this new Rotary year.

A decision was made to change our video-conferencing tool from VSee to GoToMeeting. After having tried out the new software during a few trial sessions, I think it is fair to say that we all came to the conclusion that GoToMeeting is fitting us better. I would like to thank Jean-Michel for having organised the trial-runs and having brought us up to speed with the log-ins.

We have also decided to organize our weekly e-meetings during the next four months around the following recurring items:

- once a month we will invite a guest speaker who is responsible for or is managing a non-profit organization to present his/her experience. We are quite sure it will help us to improve the way we run our own Rotary e-club
- once a month one of us will present the feedback he got from talking to another e-club. The idea is to cut short the learning curve on how to grow and prosper as an e-club. The first four presentations are already pencilled in and the first interviews have started
- once a month we will talk about the progress of our own non-profit organization 'Een hart voor het hart'. Gentil, being the president of the VZW, will take the lead there. We will also use this monthly moment to discuss our 2015-2016 fund raising event(s)
- once a month I will present you the latest news on Rotary. Amazing things are being realized worldwide by the Rotary organization every day and it is important not to forget that we are all part of its success

I am looking forward to share our weekly e-moments together with each of you and jumpstart this new Rotary year into a rewarding experience for all of us.

Yours in Rotary,

Koen Beckers

President

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Fact finding or 'spy' mission E-clubs

How are other Rotary E-clubs functioning, how are they organized, how do they operate successful, what kind of technology do they use for online meetings, what kind of obstacles do they encounter, many questions. Our aim is to establish contact with other E-clubs and collect answers to our questions, all of us are supposed to make contact with them, one (or two) club(s) per member. For your convenience we have a list of questions you can use. Also we have proposed a list of clubs, if you want to find out where other E-clubs exist we offer you a link to Club Finder (www.rotary.org) where you can select a country and find E-clubs. After your fact-finding mission we invite you to report during one of our online meetings. We wish you an interesting discovery mission.

Questionary:

- What was the motivation (the story) behind the start-up of your E-club?
- How many members did you have at the start and how many now?
- What are the criteria to become a member of your E-club?
- How do you recruit new members ?
- What technology do you use to organize your on-line meetings?
- Do you have links with other 'traditional' Rotary Clubs or other Rotary E-clubs ?
- How do they collect funds? How do you organize fund raising events?
- How do you select the beneficiaries of your fund raising ? Are they local or international?
- What are the biggest challenges you are facing as an E-club?
- What do your members consider to be the biggest advantages of belonging to an E-club rather than to a 'traditional' Rotary club?
- Do you have members from other districts/countries?
- How much do you charge as a membership fee?
- Do you also have face-to-face meetings ? On a regular basis ? Like once per month or otherwise ?
- Is your club on Facebook and other social networks (which ones)?
- Does your club offer 'club visit makeups' (compensation) and does you ask a fee to participate in an online meeting?
- Does your club offer replay possibilities of the meetings?
- Does your club sustain projects with the help of the Rotary Foundation (district or global) grants ?

Any other useful information provide by your contactclub or -Rotarian is welcome. Maybe you can ask him if he would like to participate at our online meeting in order to speak by himself about their experience. A list of proposed clubs and links you can find below. Please mention the club of your choice on the doodle our friend David has composed, the aim is to prevent that one of you makes contact with a club one of our friends wishes to contact: <http://doodle.com/n4zauwbgx9ikny75>

List of E-clubs (proposal)

London

<http://erotarylondon.org>

Berlin

www.erotaryglobal.org

France (région Montpellier-Limoges)

<http://www.rotaryeclub1740.org>

Roma

rotaryeclubroma.it

Zürich

www.rotaryeclub2000.org

Bodensee (D)

www.eclub.rotary-bodensee-international.org

1er E-club francophone

Comores-Djibouti-Madagascar-Ile Maurice-Mayotte-Réunion-Seychelles

www.rotaryeclub9220.org

Riddarfjärden/Sweden

riddarfjarden.org/in-english

Germany e-club district 1850

<http://rotary-eclub-d1850.de>

Germany e-club Cologne

<http://e-club-koeln.roweb1810.de>

USA Northern Virginia

rotaryeclub7610.org/rotary-eclub

CANADA/USA South Ontario/West New York

www.rotaryeclub7090.org

Atlantic CANADA Stratford

<http://rotaryeclubatlanticcanada.org>

FRANCE région de Grenoble

<http://e-rotaryclubd1780.org>

UK East Anglia

eastanglia.rotaryeclub.org.uk

UK/SOUTHERN SCOTLAND

www.rotaryeclubsouthernscotland.org

SOUTH AFRICA, first African E-club
<http://www.rotaryclubs.org>

If you like to contact any other E-club, feel free!
You can use following link to find E-clubs worldwide:
<https://www.rotary.org/en/search/club-finder>

(Go at the end of the page to E- club) and choose the country where you wish to find or contact an E-club!

Do not forget to confirm your choice in the doodle and if a not listed E-club contact David or Ludo, they can add the club to the doodle.

Good Luck!

Non profit organization specialists invited

In order to activate the fundraising for our VZW 'Een hart voor het hart' (www.eenhartvoorhethart.be) we would like to invite speakers to our online meetings.

For the next four months we would like to invite four speakers who have experience with setting-up or running non-profit organizations. What we would like to hear from them about the following items:

- What was the idea behind starting the non-profit organization ?
- Who was the driving force?
- What does the organization try to achieve (goals)?
- What have been your major successes since the start of your organization ?
- How many people are involved (full-time or part-time)?
- How does your funding work? Are you involved in e-funding ?
- What have been the major challenges to keep the organization going forward?
- What are in your opinion the main success factors
- ... please add your own items

Anybody having somebody familiar with non profit organizations, let us know. Koen has already invited Bart Van Hooland (more about a possible meeting date follows later).

Online Meetings Agenda

Reporting about the 'spy'-mission:

September 8th : Rotary E-club **Zürich, David**

October 6th : Sweden **Riddarfjärden & Sowny** (South Ontario/West NY), **Robin**

November 3rd : **South Africa, Koen**

December 1st : **Grenoble & Canada Nova Scotia, Frédéric**

January 5th : **Köln, Ludo**

Other dates still available, candidates should come forward!

Banner



On **August 24th** I did meet my former secretary Mrs. Mick Coenen, she is widow and lives in Egypt in El Gouna where she can enjoy the sunshine and diving in the Red Sea. I inspired her to become member of Rotary. By now she is one of the founding members of **Rotary Club Red Sea El Gouna**, a new club chartered on April 24th this year. We held a two-by-two Rotary Meeting in Antwerp in 'De schaduw van de Kathedraal' over a delicious 'pot of mosselen'. Gentil was so kind to post me a banner of our club, I did hand over with pride to Mick.

Ludo

great news from the 'end polio now' front
soon bye bye Polio

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Dear Polio,

We have bad news for you. Very, very, very bad news. Today we stand extremely close to eliminating you. We still have more work to do, but we'll get there. Someday, we'll live in a world where you no longer exist. So prepare to exit stage left. Adios. Ciao. Au revoir. Sayonara. Toodles. Goodbye.

Sincerely, Rotary



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student & holiday exchangers picture show



Victor Beckers on June 15th Promotion in Prior Lake High School with proud father Koen



Ran Vandenbrande on Holiday Exchange in Aresund Norway enjoying himself very much in good company ...(yes that's him)





Thiago from Brazil thanking his guest families (moms) with nice bouquets !
Thiago: They will not forget you, success in your studies & your private life, see you again one day (we hope)!

and last but not least a great THANK YOU for the guest families

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