

**KLUB INTERACT DEUTSCHE SCHULE****APRIL**

The Enviro-Sports Day was a huge event and, thanks to the extraordinary weather, support from Rotary, our seventeen members, 5 sponsors and other school supporters, was a resounding success.

Fundraising efforts, however, are ongoing and, with 2 events and a generous donation from the 9C class, we are gradually building up reserves and were able to raise over R2000 for the month.

The respite gave us time to start finding alternative activities for the Club. We continued with our visits to the AIDS orphanage, Umtha Welanga, in Khayelitsha to help children with their homework on Tuesday afternoons. The Rotary Club would be interested to know that this has been organized by Daniela Joffe who was the President of the Reddam House College Interact Club a few years ago. So the Rotary spirit does indeed live on.

I was also able to meet with Mr Michael Wolf of Learnlab who has initiated refurbishing old computers and setting them up with educational programmes for disadvantaged schools. At present, we are drafting a plan so that the K.I.D.S. can interface with this dynamic World Design Capital project. Advice from Rotary think-tanks would be helpful here.

To make up for the lapse in sponsorship from Adidas, a third new mini-project was begun. The Club is collecting second hand clothes for our homes. Three huge cartons of young children's clothes have been collected and the 17 members are delivering them to Leliebloem House in Crawford on the afternoon of Friday 9 May. If there are any Rotarians who have teenage and children's clothes that could be used for our homes, K.I.D.S. would be delighted to receive or fetch donations.

Another activity in the pipeline for May, the brain child of Ally Winkler, our President, is for our learners who are sixteen and over and our teachers to donate blood to the Western Province Blood Transfusion Service.

A highlight during April was a flying visit from Frau Mckee, our founder and inspiration. K.I.D.S. celebrated by preparing a festive spread to welcome her. Needless to say, Frau McKee is already engaged in charity work in her home town of Cologne. We wish her well for her sojourn in Germany and look forward to her permanent return to South Africa.

K.I.D.S. is enormously grateful to your Rotary Club for sponsoring two of our members, Katarina Ritzenthaler and Mila Newby, to attend the RYLA leadership camp during the short break in March. They both found the camp most rewarding and were able to forge meaningful relationships with other Interact Clubs.

Once again, K.I.D.S. salutes your Rotary Club for the extraordinary opportunity provided by your organization “to help kids to help kids”

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