

**KNYSNA SENIOR SEKONDER INTERACT CLUB**  
**2008 / 9 REPORT**

**Background of the club:**

Our club helps to develop our youth and strengthen self-confidence. We also promote fellowship among ourselves. We learn new values and experiences. We adopted Rotary's 4-way test. We believe that interaction with others also plays a role in our lives as young people.

**Vision of the club:**

Our vision is to help the less fortunate and try to improve and make a difference in other peoples' lives. We motivate and encourage them to face their challenges. We also aim to maintain a stable community with drug free and alcohol free society.

**Membership:**

We have a membership of 22 learners of which 8 are boys and 14 girls. All the members are actively involved, and willing to go an extra mile to make sure that things materialise.

**Projects for the year 2008 / 2009:**

**Paint project:** This was our biggest project which we started the previous year. It was a Matching Grant between the Rotary Clubs of Knysna and Knoxville, USA, where the Rotary Clubs provided the paint to paint all 44 classrooms, the administration block and the toilets at our school. The Interactors, other learners, the non-teaching staff and community members all painted and took part in this Interact project as volunteers.

**Die Werkswinkel:** We visited Die Werkswinkel workshop for disabled people to spend time with them and see how they operate and survive. They were so grateful to see that there are people who care about them especially our age group. On that day we brought them a parcel of tea ingredients and snacks to enjoy during their tea break.

**Soup kitchen:** There is a house here in Hornlee that serves soup to the needy children every Friday and keeps them busy for the rest of the afternoon. On our first visit we brought the children toys and stationery so that they can keep themselves busy while they are there. On our 2<sup>nd</sup> visit we brought them soup ingredients.

**Vermont:** We worked with Vermont on 2 occasions with their street collection in town assisting them with their fund raising venture.

**Spectacles:** One of our learners was desperately in need of spectacles and did not have the support of his family. We collected money and made an appointment for the boy to get his glasses.

**School uniforms:** We are running a continuous school uniform project where learners who are needy approach us and ask for assistance.

**Options:** We collected baby clothes for Options because we believe that there are many unexpected teenage pregnancies and some of the teenagers go to Options for assistance.