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Rotary Opens Opportunities

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Good morning E-Club of South Africa One members and OUTA SPACE readers

Compared to previous years, several Induction events this Rotary year have been fairly low key, but nevertheless important. For the first time ours was held with all attendees on GoToMeeting compared to previous years when there was also a F2F. Welcome to President Hans Hon and his Board members.

New leaders with new ideas to invigorate Rotary Clubs as they Open Opportunities!

Almost immediately we are now into Membership and New Club Development Month.



No doubt Director of Membership, Monique Labat, and her committee have some exciting and innovative plans in place to ensure that we grow and retain our membership.

If every member would just invite one new member to Rotary..... but sadly only 13 of our 45 members have ever introduced a new member to our Rotary E-Club of South Africa One!

This is an extract, amongst several, from the rotary.org website:

There are many ways to join in the celebration, but here are a few activities to get you started:

- **Say it loud, say it proud!** Let everyone in your social network know that you are a proud member by changing your Twitter and Facebook profile to the [I'm a Proud Member](#) graphic. Copy and save the graphic as your profile picture for August.
- **Exchange ideas.** Do you have successful membership strategies that have worked well in your community? Share them on the [Membership Best Practices Discussion Group](#).
- **We Are Rotary.** Using the hashtag #WeAreRotary, post photos to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or Vine of your club members at work in your community or abroad to show how Rotary makes a positive impact in the world.
- **Making a difference.** Rotary clubs are known for the high-impact service projects they undertake locally and globally. Share stories about your service projects and how they improve lives on [Rotary Showcase](#). Be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) to see what Rotary members around the world are doing to celebrate Membership Month.
- **What does Rotary mean to you?** Rotary members have pushed polio to the brink of eradication, delivered clean water to those in need, improved their local communities, provided scholarships to the next generation of peacemakers, and continued to do good in the world.

Till next month - HAVE FUN, but take care and stay well

EDITOR – Gerald Sieberhagen

ROTARY'S MOTTO IS: Service Above Self



President's Perspective

Good Morning Fellow Rotarians

By the time you are reading this issue of Outa Space, we have once again experienced two wonderful evening meetings. Firstly, the induction, followed by the presentation given by Gloria Barnett covering her Ocean World, which was outstanding.

A big "thank you" to Gerald and our dedicated support team for all the hard work done as well as to all the Rotarians that always make their time available to spend the evenings in true Rotary style.

Not to forget, the Christmas in July Zoom function, which was a very special treat and a big thank you to Majoie and Charmaine for the initiative. Not only does this provide a wonderful Fellowship but also proved to be a great fund raiser. Thank you to all our members that contributed so generously.

I called this column "President's Perspective" because it enables me to look at topics or situations from my personal point of view. If it differs with yours, please do not hesitate to comment.

RI President Holger Knaack has chosen "**Rotary Opens Opportunities**" as the theme for this year. He also encourages us to be prepared to take risks and implement changes to ensure the long-term sustainability of Rotary.

"**Rotary Opens Opportunities**" simply means that our Club carries the spirit of resilience and the spirit of beating the odds. A clear example of this is the COVID-19 feeding scheme which we have created in response to the epidemic.

My vision for this year is to give our younger members more opportunities to voice their opinion and to provide suggestions for youth programmes.

Of course, Fellowship is the most important aspect of our Rotary Club and to experience Fellowship on an international level is very rewarding and great fun. We will certainly invite overseas Fellow Rotarians from other Clubs on a regular basis to strengthen our Network.

Our Club is doing great things already and we have many projects that support many different Communities. Our co-operation with Commercial Organizations will assist us immensely in our fund raising effort.

July is "**Transition Month**" and as usual, we also implement changes and welcome Richard Brooks, Logie Naidoo and Majoie Hemelaar to the Board.

In addition, we introduced two additional clusters because I strongly believe that clusters form the foundation of our Club. Our Members are fantastic and are the reason that we can handle so many wonderful projects.

"**Transition Month**" also includes Mandela Month, which started as a global movement for positive change several years ago. Mandela's values of fighting injustice, helping people in need and practicing reconciliation are in alignment with our areas of Focus. For us, the 67 Minutes of Community Service has never been enough and, sometimes, our engagement feels like a full time job. We all realise that positive change starts with small actions that can result in major Global Grant projects.

Let us all support our members in their fund raising and project management efforts and let us not forget that all meetings are to foster fellowship and a little Rotary business here and there.

Thank you for allowing me to be your President this year. Let's have fun.

Hans

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TOPIC of the Week duties

3rd Aug – Suresh Setty

17th Aug – Irene Kotze

24th Aug – Monique Labat ✓

31st Aug – Vani Indurjeeth

7th Sep – David Tilling

14th Sep – Jeff Watts

21st Sep – Majoie Hemelaar

28th Sep – Tina Hon ✓

5th Oct – Bevan Gibson-Taylor

12th Oct – Theo Venter

19th Oct – Logie Naidoo

26th Oct – Rachael Blair

A big thank you to all the members who send their TotW to the Club Admin Director at geraldandsue@mweb.co.za by the Thursday preceding their date and a further big thank you to all members who fulfil their membership requirement by commenting on TOPIC of the Week!

Dates for GoToMeetings

GoToMeeting @ 19h00* TUESDAY

This schedule is for guidance only and is subject to change.

4TH AUG – Speaker - Wouter Hensens - Dean of Stenden University

18TH AUG – Speaker – Francesco Petruccione - *Education and Research in the “New Normal”*

25TH AUG – BOARD MEETING

1ST SEP – Club Business meeting – members only

15th SEP – Speaker - Bringing the Rotary Four -Way Test to Life

29th SEP – Pradeep ‘PB’ Boodoo

13th OCT – Alison Tucker on Breast Cancer awareness

20th OCT – BOARD MEETING

27TH OCT – Mike McGovern on Polio

10TH NOV - DG Maud Boikanyo’s Official Meeting with our Club

24TH NOV – 10TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF OUR E-CLUB

1ST DEC – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8TH DEC – Social gathering – cocktail hour – midnight snack for some

5TH JAN – Welcome back from Holiday period

19TH JAN -

26TH JAN – BOARD MEETING

2ND FEB – Club Business meeting – members only

16TH FEB – **Reserved**

2ND MAR –

16TH MAR –

23RD MAR – BOARD MEETING

30TH MAR – Club Business meeting – members only

13TH APR -

27TH APR -

11TH MAY -

18TH MAY – BOARD MEETING – Combined with Incoming Board

25TH MAY – Club Business meeting – members only

8TH JUNE –

22ND JUNE -

29th JUNE – Yearend social gathering –

6th JUL - INDUCTION OF INCOMING CLUB PRESIDENT

During the week preceding the GTM, the login REMINDER will be emailed to each member.

If you have any suggestions for a Guest Speaker at one of our GTM Speaker dates, please let President Hans or Secretary Irene know.

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DATES TO DIARISE

2020

SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

ZOOM EVENT

Spectacular Spring Concert *with* Glinka Romance

Hosted by Majoie & Charmaine

MONDAY/TUESDAY - 23rd AND 24TH NOVEMBER

10TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF FIRST ROTARY E-CLUB IN AFRICA

The Rotary E-Club of D9270 subsequently changed to

The Rotary E-Club of South Africa One

Watch this space for details of our CELEBRATION

2021

23rd to 25th April

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF FIRST ROTARY CLUB IN AFRICA,

The ROTARY CLUB OF JOHANNESBURG, culminating in the

CELEBRATION DINNER at Emperor's Palace in Johannesburg

On SUNDAY 25TH APRIL

In the meantime you may want to look up this link:

<https://rcjohannesburg.org.za/africa/>

14th to 16th May

District 9370 Conference in Lesotho

Here's an opportunity for our members to meet-up Face2Face

6th to 10th June

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION in Taipei – Taiwan

Bill and Diane Main have Registered – anyone else from our E-Club going?

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

JULY

27th – Monique Labat

AUG

5th – Gael Traa

7th – Jayne Martin

7th – Patrick Andries

18th – Rajen Ranganthan

18th – Vani Indurjeeth

20th – Brian St Clair

23rd – David Tilling

24th – Jeff Watts

25th – Majoie Hemelaar

25th – Rae Kirton

25th – Paul Maistry

25th – Angela Krugel

28th – Tina Hon

SEPT

10th – Sonia Brooks

10th – Thilde Venter

12th – Bettie van der Merwe-Bonnet

16th – Joanne Gibson-Taylor

OCT

4th – Dawn Bowley

5th – Jeneth van Leeuwen

9th – Bevan Gibson-Taylor

10th – Karen Rentsch

11th – Angie Mitchell

18th – Sheena Louca

20th – Sheree Light

24th – Michael Chen

24th – Logie Naidoo

25th – Pree Parumaul

26th – Greg Cryer

29th – Anita Kistnasamy

30th – Philip Hedley



ENJOY
YOUR
DAY

ANNIVERSARIES

AUG

4th – Logie & Trevor Naidoo

13th – Jeff & Linda Watts

18th – Sambulo & Sizakele Khalala

29th – Nareshini & Rajen Ranganthan

SEPT

1st – Chris & Lucia de Bruyn

2nd – Arlene & Dave Arnold

OCT

10th – Charmaine & Hugh Wheatley

15th – Gunnar & Sheree Light

31st – Greg & Lindsay Cryer

NOV

1st – Peter and Karen Rentsch

12th – Angie & Trevor Mitchell

19th – Bevan & Joanne Gibson-Taylor

23rd – 10TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY
OF ROTARY E-CLUB OF SOUTH
AFRICA ONE



MAKE THIS
A
VERY SPECIAL
CELEBRATION

Rotary's first virtual convention inspires members to innovate and stay connected

Mark Maloney said

Rotary's first-ever virtual convention attracted more than 60,000 registrants and 175,000 viewers during its weeklong program. The robust participation shows that Rotary members are finding ways to experience fellowship and fun, key parts of Rotary's annual international convention, despite the COVID-19 pandemic that forced the cancellation of the in-person convention planned for Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, this year.

The first general session was 20 June. Virtual attendees made nearly 19,000 chat comments during the 75-minute session, showing that members used the opportunity to engage and stay connected with each other.

RI President Mark Daniel Maloney acknowledged that cancelling the convention in Honolulu was a difficult decision but said he was inspired by how members worldwide have stayed connected, adapted to their changing circumstances, and helped those in need during the crisis.

Maloney said that unusual times have forced Rotary to adapt and look for different ways to grow Rotary.

"Now we are experiencing in real time how important it is to create new club experiences," he said.

Maloney also said, "We had hoped to hold the most environmentally friendly convention in Rotary history [in Honolulu]. Guess what? We succeeded. We are holding a Rotary Convention like no other, with no air travel, no hotel rooms, leaving a remarkably small carbon footprint."

We all have a better understanding of growing Rotary by extending our reach beyond regular meetings.

Now adding to the report:

In a reflection of that fact that the environment is increasingly important cause to Rotary's members, just after the convention, Rotary announced that it had adopted supporting the environment as one of its areas of focus.

He added that, at the beginning of his term a year ago, Rotary was promoting the importance of increasing our ability to adapt, one of the goals of Rotary's strategic plan, known as the Action Plan. "We are putting that plan into action out of necessity," Maloney said. "We all have a better understanding of growing Rotary by extending our reach beyond regular meetings."

In addition to Maloney, a number of world leaders and partner organizations spoke about how we are all coming together to help each other through the pandemic. In a video address, United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres said we need to work together to find solutions to the problems that are weakening our societies.

"Your [Rotary's] efforts have made a significant difference — in eradicating polio, in strengthening communities around the globe, in alleviating the suffering of vulnerable populations, and in building a safer, healthier, and more peaceful world," Guterres said.

A panel of global health experts also discussed how the infrastructure that Rotary and its partners use for polio eradication has helped communities tackle the needs that have emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Christopher Elias, president of the Global Development Division of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, said the polio eradication effort has incredible assets, including laboratory testing capabilities, surveillance, and hundreds of thousands of health workers.

"In pretty much every country where the polio eradication initiative is active, which is over 50 countries, those assets have been dedicated to the COVID-19 response," Elias said. "The world is benefiting, particularly in the poorest countries where we've been chasing down the last cases of polio; we're greatly benefitting from the infrastructure that the polio initiative has built over the last three decades."

Panellists included Henrietta H. Fore, executive director of UNICEF; Rebecca Martin, director of the Center for Global Health at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Dr. Bruce Aylward, senior adviser to the director-general at the World Health Organization.

Emmy Award-winning television journalist Alisha Davis introduced a video collage of Rotary members around the world taking action against COVID-19 in their communities. She also interviewed members on how they're adapting to meeting online.

RI President-elect Holger Knaack, who became Rotary's president on 1 July, said that clubs must continue to respond and innovate during these uncertain times.

"[Responding and adapting] brings many new opportunities for us, to innovate and to learn from our experiences," Knaack said. "Let us seize this moment and value it for what it is, the opportunity for Rotary to build on what we've learned, to embrace this new reality, to embrace new faces, to find new and better ways to shine and to have a continuing impact on the world."

GUEST SPEAKER – GLORIA BARNETT

Message to President Hans Hon:

I did mention that I would send you the flyer about buying the books – perhaps for schools – this flyer gives you some ideas for how you can help schools with books that are about the ocean environment. My mission is to educate a younger generation to understand the need for healthy oceans – so either the books for getting little people interested in the animals which live in the sea, or the books for 8-12 year-olds that are adventure stories with an environmental ocean message running through the books, are appropriate to buy for schools. These two books are the first in their series – and I am working on others in these series. So keep an eye out on the website www.barnettauthor.co.uk

This flyer, of course, is meant for the UK market as, of course, I can parcel up quantities of books and send them out easily– which I won't be able to do for countries like South Africa, USA and Australia - if you share this information with your Club members and you want to do a project with Primary Schools (I'd love it if you do one of these) – then the only answer is to buy the books off Amazon – then they get printed on demand and sent to you in your own countries and I can't offer you the special prices. But for the UK – any enquiries which come direct to me at gloria@barnettauthor.co.uk will get the bulk order discount.

I also enclose the flyer about inviting me as a speaker – in case you would like to pass this flyer on to others to recommend me to another Rotary Club (or other organization). Thank you.

Thank you again for inviting me to speak to your Club – it was an amazing experience – speaking to so many different countries at one time was incredible.

Take care and enjoy the coming Rotary year.

Gloria

Editor – see the 2 'flyer' attachments to OUTA SPACE

ROTARY PORRIDGE PROJECT

Since May, Greg Cryer has slowly but surely spread the word about the RPP in the Midlands area and beyond and has persuaded several organisations and individuals to contribute towards the purchase of 5kg bags of the pre-cooked porridge. To date R98 000 has been collected which has resulted in 98,000 nutritious meals being provided to needy beneficiaries. Greg anticipates that this collection and distribution will continue for at least 6 months.

One of the organisations, the Mount Edgecombe Country Club, has requested their golfing members to contribute funds to enable the club to provide bags of porridge for the caddies.

Early in July the MECC collected their allocation of 46 x 5kg bags from the warehouse in Umbilo where Logie Naidoo oversees the delivery and allocation of the bags. In the photo below some of the caddies are seen with their donated bags.



OUR E-CLUB TREE PLANTING PROJECT

During the Rotary year 2016-17 and then especially during 2017-18 when Ian Riseley was RI President our Club members planted many trees. Some were at their own homes and some were to commemorate someone.

Our Honorary member, Pam Brown, planted a tree in memory of her husband and former member, Gerry Brown who sadly passed away on 9th December 2017 at their home in Southbroom and shortly thereafter sold up and moved to her family in Johannesburg.

However, a few months ago, Pam moved back to Southbroom and planted another tree in memory of Gerry at the new house that she bought. Thank you Pam!



When our E-Club decided in 2016 to contribute to the Olive Tree project in Velddrif by contributing 100 trees @ R100 each, Jerry Brown was one of the first to contribute. His olive tree, which is in the special area set aside for 100 trees in The Rotary Foundation Centennial Olive Grove, is in the front row, 4th tree to the right of the path that leads to the other 4 000 Olive trees that were planted where previously there were blue gum trees. This was an initiative by the local council to beautify the town so when one travels along Church Street in Velddrif you will come across the 5ha of olive trees thanks to the foresight and hard work of the late John Fannin and the hardworking Honorary member of our Club, Bettie van der Merwe.

Maybe members of our E-Club, who planted a sapling during our tree planting drive, could take a photo of their trees now and send it to the editor.

BACK PAGE

10th CHARTER ANNIVERSARY YEAR of the ROTARY E-CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA ONE

QUIZ – just for FUN

1. Who was the first member to join the E-Club after the Charter date?
2. Who was the first member to provide an 'About Me' for the website?
3. Who was the first member from outside South Africa to join the E-Club?
4. How many Charter members are still Active Rotarians?
5. Who were the first Husband and Wife couple to join the E-Club?
6. Which member of our E-Club was a celebrated member of the TV show 'Biltong and Potroast'?
7. How many Past District Governors have been members of our E-Club?
8. Who was the 100th member to be inducted into our E-Club?
9. Who was the first member from Australia to join our E-Club?
10. Which member of our E-Club won a Bronze medal at the Paralympics?
11. When was the Official opening in Velddrif of the Rotary Foundation Centennial Olive Grove?
12. Who was the first Treasurer of our E-Club?
13. Who was the first Executive Secretary of our E-Club?
14. Who was the first member of our E-Club to die?
15. On what date was the E-Club Charter Induction Ceremony held?
16. Who was the first Secretary of our E-Club?
17. What is the name of the District Governor who signed our Charter proposal?

There is a prize of R1 000 for anyone who provides 17 correct answers and a consolation prize of R100 to the person getting the most correct answers.

Please email your entries to The Editor of OUTA SPACE at geraldandsue@mweb.co.za by 12noon on 23rd August 2020. Winners will be announced on 30th August 2020

The decision of the Editor is final and no correspondence will be entered into through any medium.

Celebratory dates in AUG:

Sunday 2nd – Friendship Day; Friday 7th - International Beer Day; Wednesday 12th – World Elephant Day; International Youth Day; Thursday 13th - International Lefthanders Day; Wednesday 19th – World Orangutan Day; Thursday 20th - World Mosquito Day;
Wednesday 26th - Women's Equality Day; Saturday 29th – National Sports Day;

Celebratory dates in SEP:

Thursday 3rd - Skyscraper Day; Saturday 5th - International Day of Charity;
Saturday 19th - International Talk Like a Pirate Day; Monday 21st – International Day of Peace;
Tuesday 22nd - World Car Free Day; Sunday 27th - World Tourism Day;
Monday 28th - World Rabies Day; Tuesday 29th – World Heart Day

And now we are once again OUTA SPACE