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NEWSLETTER

ROTARY E-CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA ONE

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Rotary Opens Opportunities

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

Lots of ongoing activities in various areas of our E-Club!

Lots of suggestions for change but sometimes one just reflects on the saying "If it ain't broke don't fix it!" which is said when you recognize that something is in a satisfactory state, and there is no reason to try to change it!

September is recognised as Basic Education and Literacy Month in the Rotary International calendar. Quite often we are overwhelmed by the ongoing needs that spring up around us all the time that we sometimes overlook one of the most important basic human needs – *the ability to read and write*. Right now there is lots of focus on the need to feed the hungry, and quite rightly so, but we must not neglect all the other needs out there. This month I have attached several items of interest to this issue of OUTA SPACE.

- 1. The 17 United Nations Sustainable Goals**
- 2. WASH Rotary Action Group Newsletter – WASH was previously WASRAG but has now incorporated Hygiene so it is Water and Sanitation and Hygiene**
And then three that all focus on Food relief/security
- 3. Nottingham Road Relief Newsletter which is where Greg Cryer has successfully promoted our Rotary Porridge**
- 4. Rise Against Hunger – we have often used them at schools to do food packing.**
- 5. Virtual Organic Farming** a project by our former member Les Hutton, who some of you will remember left our Club when the Rotary Club of Mount Edgecombe, where his wife was a member, merged with the Rotary Club of Umhlanga.

Read the attachments if you wish – some interesting content.

As an aside, all but 2 of our members have paid their Subscriptions for this Half year.

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

Apart from being **Membership month**, August is also women's month. Nice coincidence, gender equality is something that we take for granted at Club and District level and what caught my attention was that RI has finally nominated a lady President for the 2022/2023 Rotary Year. Our Bulletin introduced Jennifer Jones last week to us and, I am sure, we all are looking forward to her year. There are also articles about Jennifer on the various Rotary social platforms.

But now for Membership, which is a topic of high importance to any service organisation. Ever since I joined Rotary, we have been motivated to increase

membership.

RI President Holger Knaack has changed this approach and emphasizes that it is more important to retain members than chasing new ones. The statistics show, surprisingly, that 50% of new Rotarians leave their Club within the first 2 years. There are many reasons for this but, most important, we must inform new Rotarians what's expected of them, and what they will be able to get from Rotary membership *before* they join the Club.

After her induction, Rachael made an interesting remark and said that she felt it was very special that our club involved her into projects right from the start.

She is absolutely correct, our Club is indeed very special and one just has to look at the characteristics. We are a high performance Club with more projects than many terrestrial clubs, we are already the second largest club in our District and we will certainly be number one in due course.

But what makes us different?

Firstly, our members are scattered over many different towns, countries and continents, thus, eliminating the problem of cliques.

Secondly, our Club is divided into six clusters which operate almost independently and arrange their own projects. Our many projects can only be managed if every member is involved right from the start. We are simply all Community Service Directors.

Another reason for members leaving a club, according to statistics, is the high cost of membership. This is quite true because a terrestrial club has a lot of hidden cost. These include items such as breakfast or dinners, travel, money collections during meetings, social outings and higher administration cost. Our Club does not have these expenses since we all meet from the comfort of our homes. Thus, we have the lowest membership fees in our District.

But how do we attract new members? The easiest and most obvious way is to talk about Rotary and our projects on our personal social media sites such as Facebook etc. Rest assured, your friends will all be interested to hear your good news stories. Shall we try this for a month and measure the success??

OK, we should strive to keep things simple when it comes to introducing new members. Let us invite potential members a few times to our meetings and engage them via our social media platforms. We just simply have to get to know each other prior to inviting anyone to join our Club.

Finally, should Rotarians do business with each other? Often Rotarians have different ideas about the concept and ethics of doing business with each other. We have the opportunity to meet many business people around the world and network via our social media platforms, the various Rotary Fellowships and Action Groups.

To solve this problem, I would like to leave you with the following quotation:

"If anyone tells you that it is reprehensible to make a dollar or two for the wife and babies from club associates in straightforward business transactions, tell that person that some foreign substance has gotten into his carburettor".

Paul Harris January 1911.

Hans

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TOPIC of the Week duties

31 st Aug – Tina Hon ✓	7 th Sep – David Tilling 14 th Sep – Jeff Watts 21 st Sep – Majoie Hemelaar 28 th Sep – Tina Hon ✓	5 th Oct – Bevan Gibson-Taylor 12 th Oct – Theo Venter 19 th Oct – Logie Naidoo 26 th Oct – Rachael Blair
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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.

A further thank you to all members who fulfil their membership requirement by commenting on TOPIC of the Week in the Members Clubhouse on the Club website!

Members may now also comment on TotW on the Club's WhatsApp.

Dates for GoToMeetings

GoToMeeting @ 19h00 TUESDAY

This schedule is for guidance only and is subject to change

1ST SEP – Club Business meeting – members only;

15th SEP – Speaker – CG Sharpe – Character in a time of crisis.....

29th SEP – Speaker - Pradeep 'PB' Boodoo

13th OCT – Speaker - Alison Tucker on Breast Cancer awareness

20th OCT – BOARD MEETING

27TH OCT – Speaker - 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 – Possibly a speaker from NSRI

26TH JAN – BOARD MEETING

2ND FEB – Club Business meeting – members only

16TH FEB – Speaker – Ann Lee Hussey

2ND MAR – pending

16TH MAR – pending

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 18h00 SA Time
ZOOM Springtime Concert *with Chakaryan Duo*
Hosted by Majoie & Charmaine [a huge thank you to Charmaine for getting up at 2am to host this event]

Make an online donation for Rotary Porridge Project to BackaBuddy to secure your online ticket

Saturday 24th October – WORLD POLIO DAY

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

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

NOV

- 1st – Peter Bretherton
- 2nd – Ockie Esterhuysen
- 5th – Mark Rouillard
- 6th – Trevor Mitchell
- 8th – Yentl Juggernath
- 13th – Bob Kistnasamy
- 16th – Bill Main
- 17th – Rachael Blair
- 19th – Agnes Khaya Mposula
- 21st – Mike Millard
- 24th – Pam Brown
- 24th – Sharon Robertson
- 24th – Nokuthula Mvubu
- 24th – Irene Setty
- 27th – Lindsay Cryer
- 27th – Theo Venter
- 29th – Amanda J van Rensburg



ANNIVERSARIES

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

DEC

- 19th – Hans & Tina Hon
- 22nd – Sivashni Singh & Dhiviyan
Kalidas
- 23rd – Suresh & Irene Setty
- 23rd – Theo & Thilde Venter
- 31st – Steven & Tracy Lancaster



What's new in My Rotary

by [Rotary International](#)



By David Peterson, Club and District

Support Manager, and Victoria Schiffman, Member and Club Management Product Owner, Rotary International

Imagine this: You meet a fellow Rotarian at an event. You are interested in collaborating on a project and promise to follow up. A few days later, you realized you've misplaced their contact information. Now what? You could search Google or social media. You may even try to call us, hoping Rotary International could help, but we can't share our members' information. So now what?

You go to the newly updated My Rotary website and use the member search function to find that member! You can search by name, location, role or club. And based on that member's privacy settings, you can make an instant connection.

This is just one of the many updates we recently made to My Rotary – our members-only website for Rotarians and Rotaractors. The site has been around for a long time, providing access to resources, tools and information that improve the membership experience. Over the years though, we'd hear that it was too slow, hard to navigate, and difficult to use. Our members were frustrated and My Rotary was no longer meeting their needs. So, we set out to give you what you asked for. And this month, we launched an improved My Rotary. Many of the initial changes are focused on functionality for club officers since they are the site's heaviest users. But there are plenty of improvements that all members can benefit from. My Rotary is now faster and easier to use. It's more accessible from mobile devices. It even has an updated look and feel. It also has improved member profiles and security settings so you easily make connections with other members, while also protecting your personal information. No more missed connections!

It's simple:

1. Log in to My Rotary.
2. Complete your member profile by adding your contact information, the Rotary programs you've participated in, and your professional expertise.
3. Set your privacy settings. You control what information you want to share and with whom. You can customize your profile so some information is only visible to your club, while other information is available more broadly (or not at all).

And when you're done, check out the other new features, like the enhanced club search function. The old "Club Finder" functionality is being replaced by a simplified club search tool that allows members to look up and filter clubs more easily using a variety of search parameters, including meeting day, time, location, and, brand new in this release, meeting format (online, in-person or both). Clubs can also now add more than one meeting to better accommodate the many innovative approaches they are using to address the needs of their members and attract new ones.

We'll be making even more updates in coming months (including improvements to functionality for district officers and fully incorporating Rotaractors and satellite clubs) so the site is continuously being improved to meet your needs. In the meantime, give it a try and let us know what you think!

Editor - Although not compulsory, all our E-Club members are encouraged to register on My Rotary

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South African wine tasting & Rotary Porridge Project fundraiser

The Theatre of Wine in London invited us to do a presentation about the Rotary Porridge Project at their online South African wine tasting on July 23.

Kim Woodhall and Majoie Hemelaar represented Rotary E-Club of South Africa One. We discussed the impact of Covid-19 on South Africa and the Rotary Porridge Project.

South Africans have been innovative during the alcohol ban by making pineapples out of beer, which caused a leap in **pineapple sales from 10,000 to 100,000 in a day**. However, the alcohol ban and disruptions to wine exports have caused **80 wineries and 350 grape growers to be at risk** of closure.

Of even greater concern is that the lockdown has created a food crisis in South Africa. The HSRC Covid-19 Survey found that **24% of residents have no money to buy food**.

We talked about the Rotary Porridge Project, and how the porridge is being distributed via our extensive Rotary network in South Africa to vulnerable people in need of food in up to 16 different areas. We shared examples of Rotarians in action.



1. Kim Woodhall presenting at wine tasting fundraiser
2. Logie Naidoo delivering porridge to Indwe Africa to be distributed to 12 Early Learning Centres
3. Khaya Mposula who got a travel permit to drive 10 hours to collect porridge from the manufacturing plant at the North West University to deliver to Taweni village in the Eastern Cape
4. Majoie Hemelaar making a delivery to a school in Welkom
5. Children collecting porridge for lunch at the Nelson Mandela Community Youth Centre in Kwa-Zulu Natal

Well done to all of you!!

PS – in line 5 it was actually beer out of pineapples

ROTARY MIDLANDS FEEDING INITIATIVE



Volunteering their time and more, Greg Cryer, Kwanele Thwala and Dennis Mchunu offloading and checking delivery

Since the introduction of Power Porridge to the programme, total volume delivered equates to over 102,000 meals

Editor – see also the NR

Relief Newsletter attachment



Be part of planet-saving science

Climate change. Pollution. Wildlife facing unprecedented threats.

Right now, it's more important than ever that we take action for the planet. By working to gather big data about the environment, we can understand and solve the biggest threats of our lifetime. Acting together is our best chance of creating a more sustainable planet and a greener future.

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About the Earthwatchers

Right now, Earthwatch is recruiting 100,000 volunteers like you to take part in scientific research projects that we're launching soon.

We'll need boots on the ground, reporting back to us about the health of our rivers, trees, insect populations, air quality and environmental inequalities.

Port Alfred Feeding Scheme

Our Southern Cluster decided to support the Feeding Scheme of the PORT ALFRED BAPTIST CHURCH. The decision was made because we have not as yet been able to find a sponsor to cover the transport cost of the Potch Porridge to Port Alfred.

Our discussions started with Outreach Programme Co-ordinator Marie Dickie and she informed us that their programme has been based on simply providing dehydrated food packs.

Drying or dehydration is one of the most ancient methods of food preservation known to mankind. Preservation of meat, fish and food plants by drying in the sun or in the naturally dry air of the deserts and mountains has been practiced since prehistoric times and is still a vital operation in the life of many rural communities.

Food that has been properly dehydrated will continue to retain the vast majority of its original nutritional value. You only need to add water and once you have cooked your food you still retain all of those nutrients and vitamins.



The Food Pack supplied



*Handing packs to the Soup Kitchen from left
Craig Elliz (Soup Kitchen), Mike Millard and Hans Hon,
Didi Hartleb and Hector McDonald from the Soup Kitchen*

Each packet sells for R5-00 and contains soya mince, rice and dehydrated vegetables including lentils, carrots and split peas as well as soup mix. Once cooked, each pack provides between 6 and 8 nutritional meals. Thus far, our Southern Cluster managed to provide funds for 1 050 packs or 6 300 meals. All ingredients are available locally in Port Alfred.

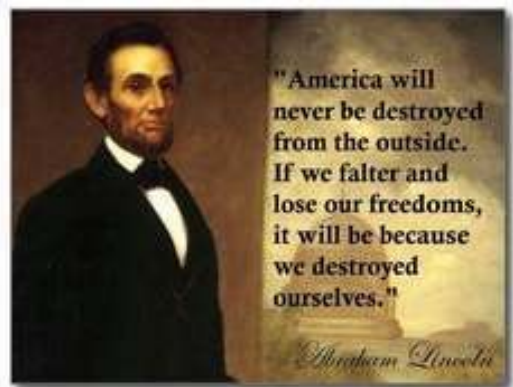
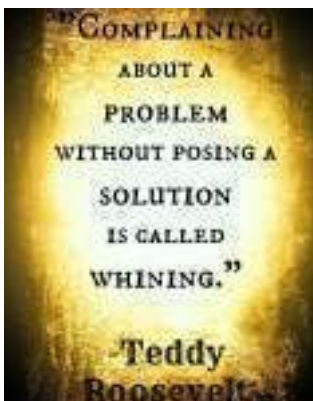
MORE ROTARY PORRIDGE DELIVERIES



Amaoti Youth, Zeferino Sibusiso Mavota [right] who requested food assistance for his community, arranged his own transport to collect 170 bags of Rotary Porridge from the Durban warehouse.

On the left is Lindani Khathi, colleague at the Durban Warehouse.

Below - Vulnerable community members in Amaoti receiving bags of Rotary Porridge at the Victoria Mtshali Hall, Ilungelo Labadala thanks to the generosity of the Rotary Club of Brig, District 1990 in Switzerland



ROTARY HISTORY

Chesley R. Perry: Rotary's first general secretary

Chesley Reynolds Perry, a Spanish-American War veteran and former Chicago Public Library employee, served as Rotary's first secretary and is known as "the builder of Rotary International."

While Rotary's president changes every year, only 12 people have served as general secretary, a role that's equivalent to a chief executive — and at 32 years, Perry served the longest.

In August 1910, the newly formed National Association of Rotary Clubs (now Rotary International) unanimously selected Perry for the role then known as secretary. He accepted the part-time position at \$100 per month, with an agreement that the amount of time he'd devote would remain unspecified. By 1912, the job had evolved into a full-time executive role, and Perry's pay was increased.

Perry's own office on LaSalle Street in Chicago, Illinois, USA, served as the first headquarters of the association. By 1911, Rotary had established an office in the First National Bank Building at the intersection of Dearborn and Monroe in Chicago.

Perry concurrently served as editor and business manager of *The Rotarian* from 1911 to 1928, and he opened Rotary's first international office, in Zurich, Switzerland, in February 1925. He oversaw the expansion of Rotary as it grew during his tenure from 16 clubs in the United States to more than 5,000 worldwide. His title was officially changed to general secretary in 1941-42, his final year in office.

If I can in truth be called the architect, Ches can with equal truth be called the builder of Rotary International. — **Rotary founder Paul P. Harris, "My Road to Rotary" (1948)**

Perry had announced his plans to retire in 1940, but agreed to remain in his post while the organization trained his successor, Philip C. Lovejoy. A number of clubs sought to nominate Perry for RI president in 1942-43, but he declined, saying, "I am gratefully conscious of the high compliment thereby being paid to me."

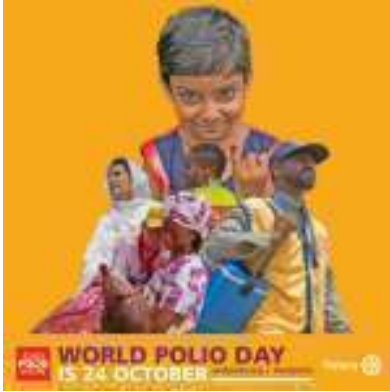
After retiring, Perry remained a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago, which he'd joined in 1908. But he wasn't done being a leader, and served as club president in 1944-45. In 1954, Rotary offered him the title "secretary emeritus" to honor his years of service, but he again declined, preferring the role of ordinary Rotarian.

Perry died on 21 February 1960 at the age of 87.

GENERAL SECRETARIES OF RI

Chesley R. Perry, 1910-42; Philip C. Lovejoy, 1942-52; George R. Means, 1953-72; Harry A. Stewart, 1972-78; Herbert A. Pigman, 1979-86; 1993-95; Philip H. Lindsey, 1986-89; Hugh M. Archer, 1989-90; Spencer Robinson Jr., 1990-93; Geoffrey S. Large, 1995-97; S. Aaron Hyatt, 1997-2000; Edwin H. Futa, 2000-11; John P. Hewko, 2011-present

Take action for World Polio Day



Get ready for World Polio Day on 24 October by promoting awareness, raising funds, and planning club events. This year, calling attention to our efforts to eradicate polio is as important as ever.

We've shown that we can defeat this devastating disease, as five out of six regions are now free of wild poliovirus — but the fight is not over. Wild polio still paralyzes children in Afghanistan and Pakistan. As long as polio exists anywhere, it remains a threat everywhere.

This World Polio Day, let's take action to help end polio for good. Download the toolkit for resources to help you host a virtual event for your community, share information over social media, contact your local media, and more. Don't forget to register your event on [EndPolio.org](https://endpolio.org).

New this year: Clubs and members that register their events will receive early access to the downloadable World Polio Day programme.

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ROTARY E-CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA ONE History

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

QUIZ – just for FUN – Here are the answers

1. Who was the first member to join the E-Club after the Charter date? **David Tilling**
2. Who was the first member to provide an 'About Me' for the website? **Jayne Martin**
3. Who was the first member from outside South Africa to join the E-Club? **Jeff Watts**
4. How many Charter members are still Active Rotarians? **2**
5. Who were the first Husband and Wife couple to join the E-Club? **Gordon & Lynn Dowsett**
6. Which member of our E-Club was a celebrated member of the TV show 'Biltong and Potroast'? **Mike Ferry**
7. How many Past District Governors have been members of our E-Club? **4**
8. Who was the 100th member to be inducted into our E-Club? **Johan Krugel**
9. Who was the first member from Australia to join our E-Club? **Bill Main**
10. Which member of our E-Club won a Bronze medal at the Paralympics? **Kevin English**
11. When was the Official opening in Veldrif of the Rotary Foundation Centennial Olive Grove **3rd March 2018**
12. Who was the first Treasurer of our E-Club? **Greg Maddox**
13. Who was the first Executive Secretary of our E-Club? **Irene Kotze**
14. Who was the first member of our E-Club to die? **Mike Ferry**
15. On what date was the E-Club Charter Induction Ceremony held? **17th February 2011**
16. Who was the first Secretary of our E-Club? **Peter Bretherton**
17. What is the name of the District Governor who signed our Charter proposal? **Richard Alborough**

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.

So there are the answers. In true South African fashion there was one correct answer. – Yep all 17 answers correct. So how was that done? Quite simple! The Editor was offered R500 for the answers and seeing that it would reduce the amount the Editor might have to fork out the offer was readily accepted. In terms of the FINE PRINT ABOVE no correspondence will be entered into. So the winner, who shall remain nameless, walks away with the 1st prize of R1 000 [minus of course the R500] and the Editor only has to pay out R500.

The answers above are correct but the story above.....well you be the judge!!

Rotaract art event proves virtual fundraising can be fun

Posted on July 7, 2020



Participants in the art and wine event show off their creations.

By Tasmair Warren, Rotaract Club of Manhattan New York City, New York, USA

Early in the COVID-19 pandemic, our Rotaract club realized the need to stay connected more than ever. We switched to an online platform and started brainstorming ways that we could fight the feelings of isolation that were building up because of social distancing. That's when we decided to hold a virtual art and wine event as a fundraiser.

"The Wine, Art & Rotaract event" was our take on the common painting party where guests follow step by step instructions from a professional artist in creating a painting. Only ours had a virtual twist.

Instead of providing guests with the necessary art supplies in person, we encouraged our online guests to be creative about their choice of materials – from paper to T-shirts, to canvas. The same rule applied to mediums, with participants deciding to use paint, crayons, or even makeup. The limit was one's own imagination.

Our club provided the music and an online art instructor, who led participants through the process of creating a painting. Participants supplied their own beverage at home. We were determined to engage members of other Rotaract clubs, Rotary members, and guests for a night of fun.

I must say we were not sure how the event would turn out considering the fact we had never done a virtual event before. But embracing the challenge, we were pleasantly surprised with the results. We had guests sign up and pay a registration fee from all over our district and beyond. We mingled with other Rotaractors, Rotarians, and guests, and shared some laughs at our different levels of artistic talent.

The event opened our eyes to the ability to serve our community and still have fun, all within the restraints of social distancing. The money we raised will support our upcoming community service projects including distributing food to frontline healthcare workers, and making and distributing personal protective equipment.

We look forward to many more creative and innovative events as we embrace our new world.

HOW TO PLAN A VIRTUAL WORLD POLIO DAY EVENT

by [Rotary International](#)

Local civic and government officials and representatives from ten Rotary clubs at the 2019 World Polio Day event. *Photo by David Andrews*
By David F. Andrews, three-time past president, Rotary Club of Oshawa-Parkwood, Ontario, Canada, and chair of District 7070's Public Image Committee

After many years of celebrating World Polio Day with proclamations, updates from Rotary and health leaders, and flag-raising ceremonies, the 10 Rotary clubs in District 7070 (Ontario, Canada) took a different course in 2018. An in-person event held in a new global classroom and simultaneously streamed live is now serving as a great model as we approach holding our first World Polio Day live event in a COVID-19 world.

Just three years ago, Durham College of Applied Arts and Technology, a post-secondary school in Oshawa, Ontario, constructed a new Centre for Collaborative Education, which included a Global Classroom. The center allows students to learn from, and share with, students and experts from around the world in real-time. The class brings cultures from around the world together to share information about each other's culture and countries. The clubs of the Durham region all helped provide funds for the creation of the center and global classroom.

To hold the combined event in 2018, the two host Rotary clubs of Oshawa and Oshawa-Parkwood took the following actions:



- Received the buy-in from the other nine Rotary clubs and asked the mayors to proclaim 24 October as World Polio Day in all eight communities and in the whole Durham region.
- Asked the mayors and the regional chair John Henry (also an active Oshawa Rotarian) to present proclamations to the Rotary clubs and to the district governor on our World Polio Day event, live in the Global Classroom.
- Arranged for our local member of Parliament of Canada and our member of Parliament for the Province of Ontario and the President of Durham College, to address words of welcome in the Global Classroom.
- Arranged for End Polio Now flag raising ceremonies in each community.
- Contacted Durham College officials and Professor Lon Appleby of the Global Classroom about an event that would be streamed live to Rotarians, students and the public.
- Used resources provided by Rotary to stream Rotary's World Polio Day online global update.
- Arranged for Dr. Bob Scott, the immediate past chair of Rotary International's PolioPlus Committee, to give a live update, and interview Aseefa Bhutto (daughter of the former prime minister of Pakistan) and Aziz Memon, Rotary Foundation Trustee and chair of the Pakistan National PolioPlus Committee.
- Arranged for a presentation by a Durham College student who shared how they grew up in Pakistan and received the oral polio vaccine as a young child.
- Arranged for a polio survivor from the Durham region to speak about her life with polio.
- Promoted the event through social media and local media outlets.

The 2018 event was so successful that the clubs mirrored it for World Polio Day in 2019, with new guest speakers Dr. Tunji Funsho, chair of Rotary's Nigeria PolioPlus Committee, and past Rotary President Jonathan Majiyagbe.

Our 2020 version of World Polio Day in the Durham region will be with the same 10 Rotary clubs, and this time, we will include video versions of the proclamations, and flag raising, and have a live remote presentation by Dr. Bob Scott, who will be talking via the internet with Past RI President Ian H.S. Riseley in Australia about his experiences with PolioPlus and Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio from the world. The entire event will be broadcast "live" from the Durham College Global Classroom.

We encourage our fellow Rotary members around the world to use [Rotary's World Polio Day resources](#) to plan and hold an event to honor the day and join [District 7070's event streamed live](#) on 22 October. It is your partnership in our top priority that makes this day a success and will fuel our eventual eradication of polio.

Are you taking action to end polio this World Polio Day? [Register your event.](#)

POST ON FACEBOOK BY NEIL van den BERG

There was a little coffee shop, where two people arrive and approach the counter.

"Five coffees please." "Two for us, and three hanging." They paid, they took their two coffees and left. I asked the waiter. "What's this about hanging coffees?" "Wait and you'll see." Some more people came in. Two girls asked for a coffee each, they paid and left. The following order was for seven coffees and it was made by three women. 'Three for them and four hanging coffees.' I was left wondering...what is the meaning of the hanging coffees? They leave. Suddenly a man dressed in worn clothes, who looks like he might be homeless, arrives at the counter and asks sincerely.

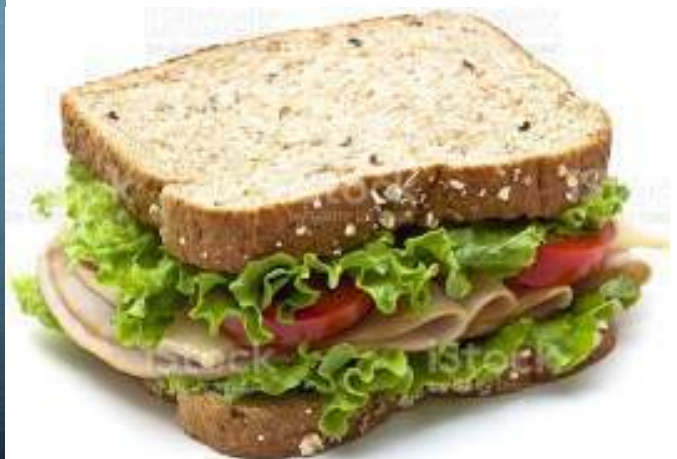
"Do you have a coffee hanging?" "Yes we do sir" They serve him a coffee.... I got my answer on these famous "HANGING COFFEES"

People pay in advance for a coffee that will be served to whoever can't afford a hot drink.

This tradition started in Naples. Amazingly it's spread throughout the world's cities and towns. It's also possible to order not only "hanging coffees" but also a sandwich or a full low cost meal.

Make sure to publish this beautiful idea to everyone. Share it if you want to help promote the idea too. Wouldn't it be great if we could all start doing this in the cities, towns and villages where we live!

Editor - I wonder if your local coffee shop does this. They all need promoting 😊



Letter of thanks for delivery and storage facilities

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Dear Mr and Mrs Pillay

HEARTFELT THANKS

On behalf of Club President Hans Hon and all our Rotarians in the Rotary E-Club of South Africa One, we thank you most sincerely for your generosity in storing our Rotary Porridge at your warehouse in Durban. We thank you too for all the collections and deliveries that you have to manage with your staff and are deeply appreciative of your support.

By storing the Rotary Porridge bags in your warehouse in Durban, you have made it very easy for Rotarians and beneficiaries to deliver and collect the allocated bags. We salute you for the time, energy and resources that you are devoting in helping us disseminate the porridge to the very needy communities throughout KwaZulu-Natal.

We read of the devastating effects of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) is having on children in the Daily Maverick <https://bit.ly/2M1eMow>

Rotary clubs serve communities around the world, each with unique concerns and needs. Rotarians have continually adapted and improved the way they respond to those needs, taking on a broad range of service projects.

Our Rotary E-Club of South Africa One in District 9370 is made up of a group of committed Rotarians who meet online every fortnight. Our website www.rotaryclubs.org and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Rotary-E-Club-of-South-Africa-One-D9370> will provide you with a good picture of the Community Projects we have undertaken.

With our Club's sincere thanks and best wishes in Rotary friendship and fellowship to you

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The importance of tomorrow's trees

What could be more beautiful than a noble, mature tree that has been able to fully develop?

Not much in our opinion. Whether a tree is on a school campus, on a sidewalk, in a park, in a town square or in your back garden, it adds allure and lends character to any location.

In many towns and cities, streets are lined with large trees today because someone, decades-long ago, made the conscious decision to plant that tree. Not for themselves to enjoy, but for the benefit of future generations.

As the Greek proverb goes, "A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in."

Just as we are now able to enjoy the trees planted by the generations before us, we can also let future generations enjoy a green legacy.

As Arbor Day (7 September) approaches, we encourage our local communities to take custodianship of the country's natural resources by not only planting more trees but by also caring for the ones we already have.

Every tree that is planted is an important and meaningful gift to future generations...

There's a popular Chinese proverb that says: "The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now." Basically in the context of the conversation here today, this means that if you want success and growth in the future, the best time to act is now. Remember Arbor Day on 7th September.



Celebratory dates in SEP:

Thursday 3rd - Skyscraper Day; Saturday 5th - International Day of Charity; Monday 7th September – Arbor Day; Friday 11th - Patriot Day; Saturday 19th - International Talk Like a Pirate Day; Monday 21st – International Day of Peace; Tuesday 22nd - World Car Free Day; Wednesday 23rd - Celebrate Bisexuality Day; Friday 25th - As You Wish Day; Sunday 27th - World Tourism Day; Monday 28th - World Rabies Day; Tuesday 29th – World Heart Day;

Celebratory dates in OCT:

Thursday 1st - International Coffee Day; World Vegetarian Day; Friday 2nd - International Day of Non-Violence; Sunday 4th - World Animal Day; Monday 5th - World Habitat Day; World Teachers' Day; Thursday 8th - World Sight Day; Friday 9th - World Post Day; Saturday 10th - World Mental Health Day; Sunday 11th - International Day of the Girl Child; Wednesday 14th - World Standards Day; Thursday 15th - Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day; Global Handwashing Day; Friday 16th - World Food Day; Saturday 17th - International Day for the Eradication of Poverty; Friday 23rd - Mole Day; Saturday 31st - Halloween;

And now we are once again OUTA SPACE