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NEWSLETTER

ROTARY E-CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA ONE

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

Our members throughout the World are in various stages of levels/tiers as the majority of people do their best to combat the spread of the corona virus.

Although I am not sure of the latest figures, the measures imposed in South Africa have certainly led to a very low number of deaths on our roads, as was the case during the Easter week-end.

Our E-Club has experienced several highs during the first 6 months of this Rotary year and listed below are some of these highs that come to mind:

1. The efforts of Greg Cryer in rallying a group of friends in the Midlands to contribute funds to purchase a maize per-cooked porridge product ensured that more than 100,000 meals were provided to the needy.
2. Logie Naidoo got friends and acquaintances to contribute funds to also purchase a pre-cooked maize porridge product as did Pat Draper and these funds went a long way to alleviating hunger in deserving communities.
3. The Port Alfred Cluster also collected funds for a feeding scheme in their area.
4. The Durban Central and South Cluster provided a Christmas luncheon for the residents in the PAX Care Centre and also provided a hygiene pack for the children in the Centre. Many of our members contributed to this event.
5. Africa declared free of the Wild Polio Virus and our E-Club's donation this year was R25 000.

These are just a few of the activities undertaken by our members – there are many more that are ongoing.

Finally - HAVE FUN, but take care and stay well

EDITOR – Gerald Sieberhagen

ROTARY'S MOTTO IS: Service Above Self



President's Perspective

Good morning Fellow Rotarian,

The last year has indeed been challenging and we all live in the hope that the developed vaccines will be available to everyone as soon as possible. According to local Government information, the first batch should be available within the second quarter of this year. This will cover approximately 10% of South Africa's population and what will happen in the long term is basically subject to funds being made available.

Now back to our new theme for December with the title of Disease Prevention and Treatment. One can, of course ask Uncle Google and obtain all kinds of global

information but of more interest would be to establish what we can do to protect ourselves and our family. The definitions are quite confusing and here are the basics

AN EPIDEMIC is a disease that affects a large number of people within a community, population, or region.

A PANDEMIC is an epidemic that's spread over multiple countries or continents.

ENDEMIC is something that belongs to a particular people or country.

AN OUTBREAK is a greater-than-anticipated increase in the number of endemic cases. It can also be a single case in a new area. If it's not quickly controlled, an outbreak can become an epidemic.

We have learned during this year that infectious diseases may be an unavoidable fact of life, but there are many strategies available to help us protect ourselves from infection. The most important aspect is to realize that our behaviour plays a central role in the prevention of diseases.

It has been reported that the gaps in life expectancy between the richest and poorest countries now exceed 40 years. This is due to reasons such as the unavailability of water supplies, proper food supplies, a dysfunctional public health system and generally the inability to diagnose and contain infectious diseases. Climate change also plays a big role but has been overshadowed by Corona. However, the alarm bells are ringing because according to the EU's Copernicus satellite monitoring system, last November was the hottest month on record for the world.

In essence, it is human behaviour that plays a central role in the maintenance of health and the prevention of disease. During the past 11 months, we have been advised with great detail and regularity how to best protect ourselves from contracting Corona. We all know now that it is essential to wear a mask, wash your hands and sanitize everything you touch on a regular basis, always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and stay home from work if you develop flu-like symptoms. But this all relates to Corona only and of course, a healthy life style is essential for you and your family such as healthy food, no smoking and all the other things you should do to stay well.

Just look after yourself and be careful but stay positive and enjoy life. After all, it is said that there are about 10 000 diseases with 500 treatments. In fact the World Health Organization (WHO) authorized the publication of the International Classification of Diseases known as ICD 10 codes of which there are about 70 000!!!

The Centre of Disease Control guidance (CDC) has an integrated and comprehensive partnership of local, national, and global health authorities, which work to prevent, detect, and contain infectious diseases in countries of origin. Follow these and the WHO guide lines at all times.

Tina and I wish you all a very Happy New Year and, especially, health and safety for 2021.

Hans

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TOPIC of the Week duties

11 th Jan – Kim Woodhall 18 th Jan – Nareshini Ranganthan 25 th Jan – Hans Hon	1 st Feb – Johan Krugel 8 th Feb – Linda Watts 15 th Feb – Pat Draper 22 nd Feb – Murna van der Merwe
1 st Mar – Arlene Arnold 8 th Mar – Khaya Mposula 15 th Mar – Bevan Gibson-Taylor 22 nd Mar – ✓ 29 th Mar – Desiree Govender	5 th Apr – Jean Singh 12 th Apr – Angie Goody 19 th Apr – Bob Kistnasamy 26 th Apr – Linda Marsden-King

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.

Dates for GoToMeetings

GoToMeeting @ 19h00 TUESDAY

This schedule is for guidance only and is subject to change

- 5TH JAN – Welcome back from Holiday period
- 19TH JAN – Speaker - ??? – New Member Inductions
- 26TH JAN – BOARD MEETING
- 2ND FEB – Club Business meeting – members only
- 16TH FEB – Speaker – Ann Lee Hussey
- 2ND MAR – Speaker – Mike Kendrick – Wild Shots Outreach
- 16TH MAR – Speaker – Nick Evans – Snake Rescuer
- 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

2021

**POETS (Presidents and Officers Elect Training Seminar) -
dates and venues to be advised**

Take note of changes:

**CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF FIRST ROTARY CLUB IN AFRICA,
The ROTARY CLUB OF JOHANNESBURG**

**22nd to 26th April – House of Friendship VIRTUAL Projects Fair;
Clubs; Districts, Partners and Corporates**

24th and 25th April - All Africa 2-day Conference

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

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

21st to 23rd May

**District 9370 Conference in Lesotho
At Thaba Bosiu, Maseru District**

6th to 10th June

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION in TAIPEI – TAIWAN

Tuesday 6th July

INDUCTION OF INCOMING CLUB PRESIDENT

2022

4th to 8th June

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION in HOUSTON – TEXAS - USA

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

JAN

3rd – Hans Hon
14th – Kevin English
29th – Johan Krugel

FEB

16th – Sue Kimber
19th – Linda Watts
22nd – Bill Robertson
26th – Kim Woodhall
27th – Gunner Light

MAR

5th – Jacques van Leeuwen
17th – Pat Draper
18th – Lynette Millard
25th – Ann Hargreaves
28th – Ailsa Kaminski
28th – Murna van der Merwe
29th – Tony Holness

APR

1st – Arlene Arnold
22nd – Keith Kirton

MAY

5th – Diane Main
15th – Aadila Sabat-Sinclair
19th – Desiree Govender
23rd – Angie Goody
24th – Mike Bowley
26th – Andisha Maharaj
27th – Gerald Sieberhagen
28th – Inga Mpepanduku
28th – Piet J van Rensburg
31st – Andrea Borain

JUNE

2nd – Richard Brooks
12th – Janet Rouillard
13th – June Fannin
30th – Jean Singh



ANNIVERSARIES

JAN

4th – Jeneth & Jacques van Leeuwen
4th – Tony & Wendy Holness
7th – Brian & Angela Savage
31st – Bill & Diane Main

FEB

5th – Amanda & Piet J van Rensburg
8th – Richard & Ann Hargreaves
12th – **EARLYACT CLUB OF EKUTULENI**

PRIMARY SCHOOL CHARTER

14TH – Bob & Anita Kistnasamy

MAR

10th – Sharon & Bill Robertson

APR

8th – Pat & Beryl Draper
8th – Mike & Dawn Bowley
11th – Johan & Angela Krugel
26th – Derek & Sue Kimber
27th – Keith & Rae Kirton

MAY

17th – Mike & Lynette Millard
19th – Richard & Sonia Brooks
25TH – Aadila & Brian Sabat-Sinclair

JUNE



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PAX CARE CENTRE – CHRISTMAS PARTY



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PAX CARE CENTRE – ITEMS FOR GIFT PACKS



DAMANT LODGE – Port Alfred

As they have done for many years, the E-Club members in Port Alfred have brought some Christmas Cheer to the elderly folk in Damant Lodge



Well done Hans and Tina Hon, Mike Millard, Inga Mpepanduku and Sheena Louca
See also attached video for a top class sing-along

PORT ALFRED CLUSTER – BREAKFAST MEETING AT PORT ALFRED GOLF CLUB – PLANNING FOR 2021



L to R – Mike Millard, Hans Hon, Tina Hon, Sheena Louca and Inga Mpepanduku
[Monique Jackson was not well at the time but has now fully recovered].

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From Peeter Saerg who attended our 10th Charter Anniversary meeting to Hans Hon
See attached pdf – Türi RC

PS. Just for info, Pipi-Liis part is written in Estonian. My part in English hopefully facilitate communication with our international Rotary friends. I realize that my own Estonian-Swedish background is somewhat "confusing". My parents left Estonia Sept 1944 to take refuge in Sweden. I grew up in Sweden, worked as architect/planner, joined with Rotary 1987. From 1991, when Estonia was re-established as a independent state, I have been connected to quite a few projects (about democracy /town planning/environment/social issues) with support from EU/Swedish Government/Municipalities and of course The Rotary Foundation (ICC). I'm humble for the "privilege" to have double citizenship - Swedish-Estonian, since 2005 resident in Estonia. I feel that It match well with Rotarian boundless friendship.

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See report by John Hewko at the link below sent by Richard Brooks to share with our members.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/annual-report-2020/our-finances>

Charter member – NARESHINI RANGANATHAN



While our Club was celebrating the 10th Charter Anniversary our one remaining Charter member, Nareshini Ranganathan, was self isolating. While lecturing, Nareshini had been in contact with a COVID-19 positive student. Nareshini tested negative and as soon as the isolation was completed, PP's Irene Kotze and Gerald Sieberhagen welcomed her back and presented her with a well deserved commemorative Certificate.

'HELLO HOLGER AND SUZANNE'



A mammoth ZOOM meeting took place on 6th December 2020 when the Rotary E-Club of Chennai organised a meeting with President Holger and Suzanne Knaack and 80 odd E-Clubs from across the Rotary World!

Above are some of the images during the 'Hello Holger' session.

**THEN THERE WAS THE ZOOM ON 7TH DECEMBER WITH
RIPN JENNIFER JONES SPEAKING ABOUT DIVERSITY, EQUITY
AND INCLUSION IN ROTARY**



**And if you missed that Zoom meeting there will be
another opportunity to listen to Jennifer Jones on
Wednesday 20th January 2021 at
7h30pm to 8h30pm Cairo time. Her topic will be:
“Leveraging Public Image to grow Rotary in Africa”**

It matters.....

LOGO BASICS

-  **1.**  **RETIRED!**
- 2.**  **Rotary**
- 3.**  **Rotary** Club of Katy  **Rotary** District 5890
- 4.**  **Parker Rotary Club**  **Community Corps of Parker**
- 5.**   

**And here is an opportunity to support a Worthy cause.
HURRY!! Because the closing date is 31st Jan 2021**

Join the Rotary Club of Amanzimtoti in their RAFFLE FUNDRAISER !!!

Rotary Club of Amanzimtoti, with the support of the Porsgrunn Club in Norway and the Goodenough Family, donated Computer Lab with 26 computers to Adams College in March 2012.

We would like the very special bottle of Loiten donated by Inge, a member from the Porsgrunn Club, to carry the story of the support we received from our overseas Rotary clubs



Løitens Sommer Aquavit is a distilled spirit that is produced in Scandinavia, since the 15th century.

Aquavit is distilled from grain and potatoes, and is flavoured with a variety of herbs.

Valued
at
R1700

Tickets are R50

EFT your donation to –
Rotary Club of Amanzimtoti:

Nedbank
Account: 1306 027799
Bank Code: 130627
Reference your cell number.

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District 9370

Million Mask challenge displays power of Rotary network

Posted on [December 30, 2020](#)



A 26-foot truck, emblazoned on all sides with the Million Mask Challenge Tour message, distributed face masks to Rotary clubs throughout New England.

By Robert Friend, Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinator for Zone 32

In the early morning of 29 September, a cargo ship carrying 800,000 face masks arrived at the Port of Boston. Over the course of the following 14 days, those masks were delivered to first responders, healthcare providers, and frontline workers in cities, towns, and villages across New England.

This is a story of service and leadership. It's a story of how our District and Zone responded to a crisis, rallied its resources, put boots-on-the-ground to bring disparate and far-flung communities together to spread goodwill. Most importantly, it's a story about working together and using our collective professional backgrounds through the Rotary network to make a difference.

Our project began with Ted Rossi, a 20-year member of the Rotary Club of East Hampton, Connecticut. Rossi is president and CEO of the Rossi Group, one of the most well-known and respected leaders in the American hardwood export industry.

Frustrated by dysfunctional governmental leadership in taking control of the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) acquisition and distribution, Ted turned to his team with the international logistics and the know-how to leverage their contacts and focus on sourcing masks for the region. Initial success brought more than eight million masks to the states of Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Vermont.

It became evident there was large demand for face masks downstream. Jack turned to his Rotary connections to leverage his idea to get even better results. He reached out to Jack Solomon, our district governor at the time, a fellow member of the East Hampton club. Ted needed Jack to get the masks to Rotarians for distribution, and Jack needed someone to "project manage" the tour and run logistics from an event and media standpoint.

That's where I came in, as a global sales, marketing and communications professional and chair of our District's Public Image and Communications Committee. I coordinated with our district communications team and managed all the logistics for our tour through seven Rotary districts.

Our district fund-raising efforts brought in \$500,000 during the first three months of the pandemic that we used to support those impacted by COVID-19. The Rossi Family Foundation donated an additional 200,000 masks to the cause distributed to clubs across Connecticut. With all of this, District 7980 expanded the program into what we called the Million Mask Challenge Tour.

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How we did it

We challenged each club to guarantee that each and every PPE received was delivered to first-responders and essential workers. We asked Rotary Zones and Districts across the country to join our cause by leveraging their own resources to deliver protection and safety to essential workers. And we challenged our Rotary corporate partners, NGO's, and the business community, whom we connect with every day, to step up and join us in this unprecedented spirit of giving back.



Masks waiting to be distributed

The first week of October, a 26-foot truck, emblazoned on all sides with the Million Mask Challenge message, travelled over 500 miles through ten cities throughout the region. At each of the distribution locations, the host district held a Media and Distribution Event to share our story. The media event embraced first responders, essential workers, and those receiving the PPE. A 20-minute media presentation brought community leaders (governors, mayors, on air talent, and community advocates) together to participate in distributing masks to Rotarians and those businesses in need.

Ted explained his motivations for this project.

“The state was not able to deliver to smaller community organizations and nursing homes, so I realized this is perfect for Rotary. We could facilitate the supply of masks that Rotary clubs can take and distribute in small lots within their communities. What started out as a small project snowballed into something really big”

This project reinforces how Rotary uses its professional backgrounds, diverse perspectives, and global connections to change the world for the better. We were able to secure extensive media exposure for Rotary, with the help of [iHeart media](#). Our project caught the interest of Tyler Saari, an independent filmmaker in Connecticut, who owns his own production company Shutter Media, to make a documentary of the tour.

We are about to embark on the second wave of our tour. During the week of 11 January, a Million Mask truck will travel throughout New England and into Manhattan to deliver additional masks. We would love your help. [Learn more about our project](#) .

About the author: Robert Friend is an active leader with Rotary District 7980 in Southern Connecticut. He currently serves as chair of the District's Public Image and Communications Committee and as an Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinator for Rotary Zone 32. Additionally, Robert is a Major Donor – Level 1, and a member of the Paul Harris Society.

QUARANTINE HUMOUR

After years of wanting to thoroughly clean my house but lacking the time, this week I discovered that wasn't the reason.

Remember when we were little and had underwear with the days of the week on them? Yah. Those would be helpful right now.

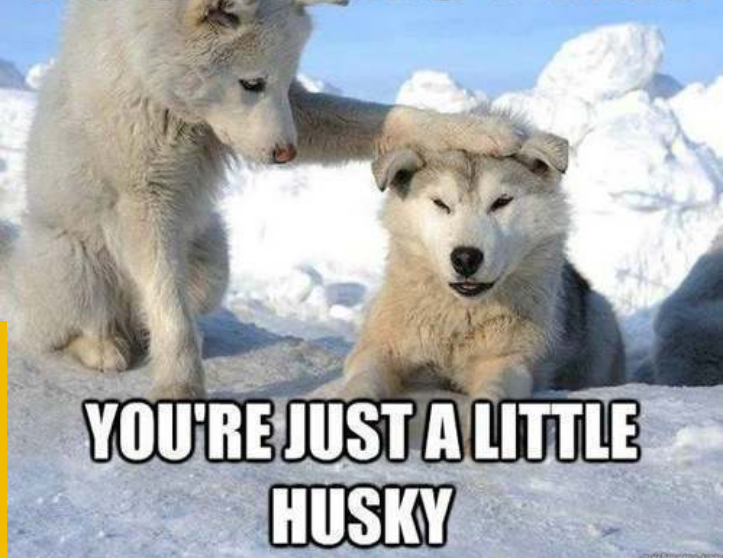
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What makes you think



YOU'RE NOT FAT



DID YOU KNOW?

Humans are born with two fears:
falling and loud noises.
Every other fear is learned.

Some People
Should Use a
Glue Stick
Instead of
Chapstick



**CROCODILES HAVE NO LIPS AND
CAN HOLD THEIR BREATH FOR AN
HOUR.**

Message from Jeff Watts:

Written in 1927, it came a few years before Herbert J. Taylor wrote down "The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do". Perhaps both Taylor and Ehrmann were driven by the frustrations of their time. We have our own challenges these days but both of these observations are as valid now as they were before the ink had dried.

Desiderata

GO PLACIDLY amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

By Max Ehrmann © 1927

Original text

Linda and I send Season's Greetings to you and Tina and to all our fellow Rotarians. We wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

WORTH NOTING

lessons from 2020

THE WORLD CAN CHANGE QUICKLY.
FRIENDS MATTER GREATLY.
ALONE AND LONELY ARE DIFFERENT.
HOPE MATTERS.
LEARN FROM THE PAST.
THE SMALL MOMENTS ARE BEAUTIFUL.
KINDNESS IS A GREAT GIFT.
OPTIMISM IS PRICELESS.
BE GRATEFUL FOR FAMILY.
HEROES TRULY EXIST.
GIVE BACK GENEROUSLY.
NEVER STOP TRYING.
REACH OUT TO THOSE YOU LOVE.
LIVE WITH BRAVERY.

rachel marie martin

ORIGINAL WORDS BY RACHEL MARIE MARTIN
FINDINGJOY.NET
THE BRAVE ART OF MOTHERHOOD

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THERE ARE SEVEN MEMBERS WHO STILL NEED TO PAY THEIR HALF-YEARLY SUBS. YOUR PROMPT PAYMENT WILL BE APPRECIATED.

Celebratory dates in JAN:

Friday 1st - New Year; Polar Bear Swim Day; **Friday 8th** – Pay Rotary Half Yearly Subs Day; **Thursday 21st** - National Hugging Day (may still be on hold); **Tuesday 26th** - Australia Day; **Wednesday 27th** - International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust; **Sunday 31st** - International Street Children's Day;

Celebratory dates in FEB:

Tuesday 2nd - World Wetlands Day; **Saturday 13th** - World Radio Day; **Sunday 14th** - Valentine's Day; **Monday 15th** - Singles Awareness Day; **Monday 22nd** - Thinking Day; **Saturday 27th** - World NGO Day; **Sunday 28th** - Rare Disease Day;

Celebratory dates in MCH:

Wednesday 3rd - World Wildlife Day; **Monday 8th** - International Women's Day; **Monday 15th** - World Consumer Rights Day; **Thursday 18th** - World Sleep Day; **Saturday 20th** - International Day of Happiness; **Sunday 21st** - International Day of Forests; **Monday 22nd** - World Water Day; **Wednesday 24th** - World Tuberculosis Day;

Celebratory dates in APR:

Thursday 1st - April Fool's Day; **Friday 2nd** - International Children's Book Day; World Autism Awareness Day; **Wednesday 7th** - World Health Day; **Thursday 15th** - Day of Silence; **Tuesday 18th** - International Day For Monuments and Sites; **Thursday 22nd** - Earth Day; **Friday 23rd** - World Book Day; **Sunday 25th** - ANZAC Day.

Till next month – HAVE FUN

And now we are once again OUTA SPACE