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NEWSLETTER

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Rotary Opens Opportunities

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

**A reminder of the following virtual events:**

Coming up soon will be the Africa Centennial Conference on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April followed soon thereafter by our D9370 District Conference on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May. So far 6 of our members have registered for Discon.

*Apart from the times when the Discon was on an Ocean going liner, it was very noticeable that about 80% of the registrations were received during the last few days before deadline – gave the organizers quite a headache at times, when it came to numbers and venues!*

**How E-Club's Came to be.....Just some Rotary Information.....**

While the idea of an eClub may seem new to most Rotarians, RI recognized the potential for Rotarians meeting in an online environment quite some time ago; 2002 to be exact, when Rotary International launched a proof-of-concept pilot project including 14 pilot clubs. After more than an hour of debate, district representatives at the 2010 Council on Legislation voted to make e-clubs a permanent part of Rotary International. The measure was by passed by an overwhelming 430 to 85 vote. Another important outcome of the 2010 Council on Legislation was the decision to allow not one, but two e-clubs per district mainly because of language reasons. This restriction was later removed.....

[See also some interesting attachments to read.](#)

**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,

First and foremost, I wish you all a very Happy Easter and if you are travelling please take care and be safe.

The theme for March is "Water and Sanitation" and, no doubt, you are aware of the many projects that our Club has done during the past years. With our Project Dignity we have supplied washable and reusable sanitary towels to many underprivileged young girls covering many schools in our District. Alone in Port Alfred, approximately 1800 girls in 8 schools have been beneficiaries of this project. In Natal, both Gerald Sieberhagen and Irene Kotze have been supplying many schools with this product.

In addition, Rotary has been approving many grants for the construction of toilets and water tanks in our District. In Port Alfred, we even managed to raise Euro 90 000 together with our Rotary friends in Lower Saxony and the Bingo Foundation to install 380 water tanks for rainwater harvesting. This was also the first time, I was introduced to WASH-RAG (Water and Sanitation Hygiene Rotary Action Group) [www.WASH-RAG.org](http://www.WASH-RAG.org) Have a look at the website, it covers in details why WASH in Health Care Facilities is so important.

Rotarian Ron Denham, Chair Emeritus of the WASH Rotary Action Group, recently created a presentation, which is available as a PowerPoint and a PDF on the topic.



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World Water Day was celebrated on March 22nd with the theme "Valuing Water". United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres asks what this means to YOU? According to António Guterres, water means protection. A well-managed Water cycle- encompassing drinking water, sanitation, hygiene, wastewater, transboundary governance, the environment and more – means a defence against ill-health and indignity and a response to challenges from a climate and increasing global demand.

At this moment, 900 million people in the world do not have access to a source of safe water within 1 km of their home; 2.5 billion lack access to adequate

sanitation and 1 in 4 people in the developing world has none.

It is interesting to note that Russia's Lake Baikal and North America's Great Lakes hold about 40% of the world's fresh water supply. The large remainder of the freshwater supply is in the form of icecaps and glaciers, which are under threat due to climate change.

Says António Guterres: "Today, we are not on track to ensure everyone has access to water and sanitation by 2030, as set out in Sustainable Development Goal 6. While advances are being made, current progress needs to quadruple to achieve universal access".

You will be pleased to know that the Rotary Foundation has added "**supporting the environment**" as the seventh area of focus. More than \$18 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related projects over the past five years. During our last Board Meeting, it was decided to consider projects falling specifically into this area of focus. Our Club has been involved over the years with environmental projects such as tree planting, vegetable gardens, beach clean ups and many other.

Rotary suggests that Clubs consider projects including:

Implementing rainwater harvesting, Building toilets and sanitation systems, Digging wells and drilling boreholes, Building local capacity, changing behaviour or Working with NGOs, CBOs to create self-sufficiency.

I invite you all to submit your comments to our editor what water means to you!!!!

You ain't gonna miss your water until your well runs dry - Bob Marley

*Hans*

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## TOPIC of the Week duties

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|   | 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr – Jean Singh ✓<br>12 <sup>th</sup> Apr – Angie Goody<br>19 <sup>th</sup> Apr – Bob Kistnasamy<br>26 <sup>th</sup> Apr – Linda Marsden-King               |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> May – Inga Mpepanduku<br>10 <sup>th</sup> May – Richard Brooks<br>17 <sup>th</sup> May – Peter Rentsch<br>24 <sup>th</sup> May – Janet Rouillard<br>31 <sup>st</sup> May – Tony Holness | Volunteers sought for these dates please<br>7 <sup>th</sup> June – Monique Labat ✓<br>14 <sup>th</sup> June –<br>21 <sup>st</sup> June –<br>28 <sup>th</sup> June – Hans Hon |
| Thank you to all the members who send their TotW to the Club Admin Director at <a href="mailto:geraldandsue@mweb.co.za">geraldandsue@mweb.co.za</a> by the Thursday preceding their date.               |  |

## Dates for GoToMeetings

### GoToMeeting @ 19h00 TUESDAY

This schedule is for guidance only and is subject to change

**30<sup>TH</sup> MAR** – Club Business meeting – members only

**13<sup>TH</sup> APR** - Speakers – Leopold and Silke van Velden – Thuma Mina Teaching

**27<sup>TH</sup> APR** - Speaker – Johan Wilhelm of RETREAT TO EDEN

**11<sup>TH</sup> MAY** - Speaker – Dr Helena Nothnagel - Beacon of Care in Ballito

**18<sup>TH</sup> MAY** – BOARD MEETING – Combined with Incoming Board

**25<sup>TH</sup> MAY** – Club Business meeting – members only

**8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE** –

**22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE** -

**29th JUNE** – Year-end social gathering –

**6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### DISTRICT 9370 – ZOOM TRAINING – SATURDAY MORNING 9am to 12pm

10<sup>th</sup> April – Public Image – Facebook, Instagram, Showcase, Electronic PI, Printed PI, Signage, Club Newsletters

15<sup>th</sup> May – My Rotary and ClubRunner, Showcase, E-learning, Zoom training

12<sup>th</sup> June – Club Admin-Club officers, committees, protocol, surveys, minutes, training, Rotary minute, agenda

10<sup>th</sup> July – Membership – membership types, meeting styles, Rotaract, diversity, inclusion, Zoom training

14<sup>th</sup> August – Foundation – grants and giving, areas of focus, grant application training

11<sup>th</sup> September – Youth – Part 1 & empowering girls

16<sup>th</sup> October – Youth – Part 2 – RYLA, Youth Exchange, Interact Conference

13<sup>th</sup> November – Rotary Day of Service

?? December – Membership activities – Fellowships, Action Groups, mentorships, networking, member fellowship

?? January – Engaging Rotary partners and non-Rotary organizations

?? February – Value of Rotary, Conferences, Discon, training and inter-club activities

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### DATES TO DIARISE

**2021**

Take note of changes:

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

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

**24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April - All Africa 2-day VIRTUAL Conference**

**Cost is only R350.**

**21st and 22nd May**

**District 9370 Conference in Lesotho**

**Virtual Programme has been sent to all**

**Registration Forms to attend the ZOOM Conference have been sent  
out. Cost only R100. Could our Club have a 100% attendance?**

**6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> June**

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ~~in TAIPEI – TAIWAN~~**

**WILL NOW BE VIRTUAL**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

**INDUCTION OF INCOMING CLUB PRESIDENT**

**2022**

**4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> June**

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION in HOUSTON – TEXAS - USA**

**2027**

**5<sup>TH</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> June**

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN HONOLULU**

## BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

#### APR

1<sup>st</sup> – Arlene Arnold

22<sup>nd</sup> – Keith Kirton

#### MAY

5<sup>th</sup> – Diane Main

15<sup>th</sup> – Aadila Sabat-Sinclair

19<sup>th</sup> – Desiree Govender

23<sup>rd</sup> – Angie Goody

24<sup>th</sup> – Mike Bowley

26<sup>th</sup> – Andisha Maharaj

27<sup>th</sup> – Gerald Sieberhagen

28<sup>th</sup> – Inga Mpepanduku

28<sup>th</sup> – Piet J van Rensburg

31<sup>st</sup> – Andrea Borain

#### JUNE

2<sup>nd</sup> – Richard Brooks

12<sup>th</sup> – Janet Rouillard

13<sup>th</sup> – June Fannin

30<sup>th</sup> – Jean Singh



### ANNIVERSARIES

#### APR

8<sup>th</sup> – Pat & Beryl Draper

8<sup>th</sup> – Mike & Dawn Bowley

11<sup>th</sup> – Johan & Angela Krugel

26<sup>th</sup> – Derek & Sue Kimber

27<sup>th</sup> – Keith & Rae Kirton

#### MAY

17<sup>th</sup> – Mike & Lynette Millard

19<sup>th</sup> – Richard & Sonia Brooks

25<sup>th</sup> – Aadila & Brian Sabat-Sinclair

#### JUNE

1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> - none



### Famous Quotes

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go."

Oscar Wilde

"He has Van Gogh's ear for music."

Billy Wilder

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it."

Groucho Marx

George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend, if you have one."

Winston Churchill, in response

"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second, if there is one."

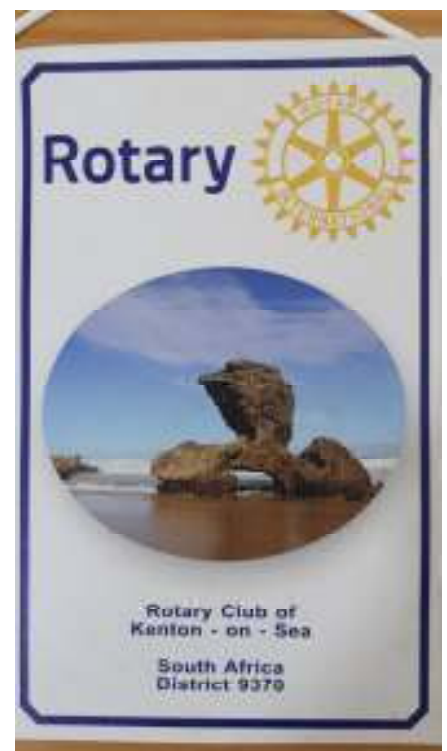
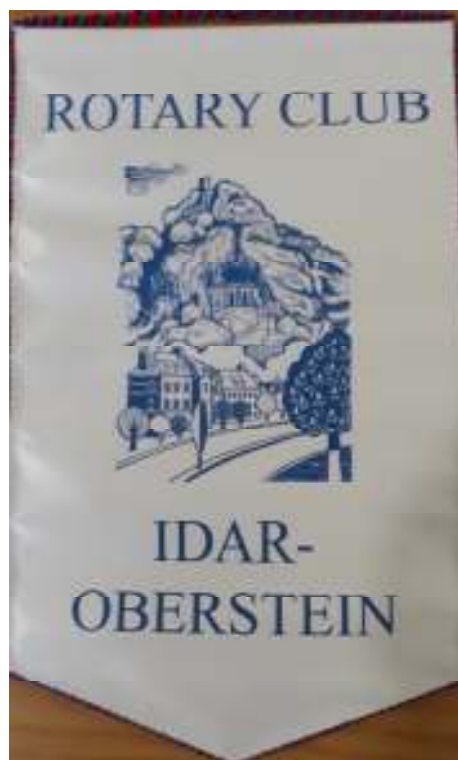


### President Hans Hon handed over some banners that had been collected recently

*Left* - Rotary International Banner handed to us during POETS 2020 in Ladybrand

*Middle* - Rotary Club of Idar-Oberstein – Inbound STEP student Jessica Redeker presented the banner to us during her stay in Port Alfred in 2018. Lynn Baatjies, our outbound student, handed our banner to the Club during her stay in Germany. Idar-Oberstein is located in District 1860. The small town is 87 km away from Wiesbaden.

*Right* – Rotary Club of Kenton on Sea – Hans and Tina Hon and Mike Millard raided the Club a few years ago and exchanged banners



### Club banner exchanges showcase local flair, global friendship

One of Rotary's most colourful traditions is members' exchanging club banners. Clubs display their own decorative banners at meetings and district events, and Rotarians who travel to other countries often take these banners to exchange with the clubs they visit.

The banners often include symbols or images of a club's town, region, or country. Some represent local cultural traditions or artistry by featuring leatherwork, weaving, embroidery, or hand-painted designs. Many of the banners are works of art in themselves.

Exchanging banners became so popular that the Rotary International Board of Directors was concerned that the practice would place a financial burden on clubs. In 1959, it urged members to "exercise discretion, moderation, and measured judgment in making provision for such exchanges."

Today, the tradition continues as a way for clubs to express their friendship.

The approximately 20,000 banners in Rotary's archives reflect clubs' hometown pride and their connection to Rotary International.

## FOUNDATION FUNDING UPDATE

Policy changes to the Rotary Foundation as from 1 July, 2021, that will strengthen the Foundation's ability to fund more global grants.

- The World Fund match of DDF will be reduced from 100% to 80% when being used for global grants.
- DDF contributions transferred to PolioPlus will be matched at 50% instead of 100% by the World Fund.
- 5% of the current year's Annual Fund – SHARE Contributions will be taken equally from the World Fund and DDF to help fund operating expenses.
- The ability to roll over unused DDF will be limited to five years. The first DDF rollover will take effect from 1 July, 2026.

NOTE: All of the above changes were taken by the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation because the high demand for global grants is far exceeding and outpacing the growth in Annual Fund contributions, in fact a financial shortfall is expected this year and likely in the coming years because of the growing success of the global grant programme. *Information supplied by Richard Brooks*

### ***Message from Hans Hon***

At our GTM on 2<sup>nd</sup> March John Green spoke about their projects and we thought that the brick project could be of interest to us being a virtual club. *See No 5 attachment*  
I have done quite a few projects with John and his Club previously. I met him when the Riders project was done from Cape Town to Lesotho to raise funds for Motor Bikers for Doctors in Lesotho.

### ***This is what Monique Labat's response was:***

Thanks for sharing the Sponsors Wall with us.  
It's an excellent idea and we could ask those businesses, organisations and networks we know to sponsor a brick. I would support this initiative and happy to place a Brick advert on behalf of my company.

### ***What do our members think?***

This space is being left open for comments.....



## JUST A REMINDER

# 10 Reasons to Join A Rotary Club

Rotary



The Opportunity to Serve  
Leadership Development  
Citizenship in the World  
Business Development  
Continuing Education  
Personal Growth  
Entertainment  
Community  
Friendship  
Fun

For many years RI President's, District Governor's and Club President's have been promoting the phrase 'Each One Bring One' as a way of motivating our members to increase our membership BUT still we hover around 1,2million members.

Of all the obligations a person accepts when joining a Rotary club the one in which most Rotarians fail is "sharing Rotary." The policies of Rotary International clearly affirm that every individual Rotarian has an "obligation to share Rotary with others and to help extend Rotary through proposing qualified persons for Rotary club membership." It is estimated that less than 30 percent of the members of most Rotary clubs have ever made the effort to propose a new member. Thus, in every club, there are many Rotarians who readily accept the pleasures of being a Rotarian without ever sharing that privilege with another qualified individual.

**In our Club the percentage is about on a par with the rest! Is that good?**



### **Celebratory dates in APRIL:**

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

### **Celebratory dates in MAY:**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>** - International Workers' Day; **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>** - World Laughter Day; **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>** - World Press Freedom Day; **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>** - Greenery Day; **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>** - International Midwives' Day; **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>** - International No Diet Day; **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>** - International Nurses Day; **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>** - International Day of Families; **Monday 17<sup>th</sup>** - International Day Against Homophobia; World Information Society Day; **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>** - International Day for Biological Diversity; **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>** - World Turtle Day; **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>** - International Missing Children's Day; Towel Day; World Multiple Sclerosis Day; **Friday 28<sup>th</sup>** - Menstrual Hygiene Day; **Monday 31<sup>st</sup>** - World No Tobacco Day;

### **Celebratory dates in JUNE:**

**Sunday – 5<sup>th</sup>** - National Cancer Survivors Day; World Environment Day; **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>** - World Oceans Day; **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>** - World Day Against Child Labour; **Monday 14<sup>th</sup>** - World Blood Donor Day; **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>** - World Refugee Day; Fathers Day; **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>** International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking; **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>** – last day of Rotary International Year.

Till next month – HAVE FUN

*And now we are once again OUTA SPACE*