

OUTA SPACE

NEWSLETTER

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Dear E-Club members and OUTA SPACE readers,

Time marches on and the Area of Focus during March month is:

WATER AND SANITATION.

There is loads of information on the Rotary website regarding Water and Sanitation and the Action Group – WASRAG.



WASRAG is one of the more active and 'hands-on' Action Groups in Rotary.

Water scarcity does not affect everyone BUT when droughts occur and dam levels drop there is invariably much consternation.

In my opinion the real problem is over population of humans and the numbers continue to rise at an alarming rate. Several cities around the World are hugely over-populated which has put an unhealthy strain on water resources in addition to the lack of suitable sanitation in many communities.

How can the problem be solved? That is the burning question!

Thursday 22nd March is World Water Day

World Water Day, on 22 March every year, is about focusing attention on the importance of water. The theme for World Water Day 2018 is 'Nature for Water' – exploring nature-based solutions to the water challenges we face in the 21st century.



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Gerald - Editor

To date 87% of our members have paid their half-yearly Subscriptions.

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PRESIDENT GERALD'S PAGE



Dear Fellow Rotarians

Firstly, my apologies for being a bit late with this edition of OUTA SPACE!

Secondly, I was having so much FUN being involved in Rotary hands-on projects that I just ran out of time.

SUBZ handovers, tree ordering and planting, trip to Velddrif and the Olive Tree project, the FDSA project and more.

There will be a full report of the opening of the Olive Tree Grove in Velddrif in the next OUTA SPACE.

I would like to remind members that when it is their turn to provide the TOPIC of the Week they need to please do so timeously, as they really have ample advance notice of when it is their turn. I don't always have the time to personally remind members when it is their turn.

On a more positive note, thank you to all the members who engage in TOPIC of the Week comments – there have been some interesting exchanges of

late.

From 16th to 18th President elect Irene Kotze and I will be attending the Presidents and Officers Elect Training Seminar [POETS] in Ladybrand. Greg Cryer will also be there as one of the Instructors.

During this month, please think about how we can improve Water and Sanitation in the Communities that we serve.

The Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group (WASRAG) was formed in 2007 by a group of Rotarians, recognized by Rotary International, and focused on WASH projects. Since then it has facilitated many hundreds of projects – helping clubs find partners, ensuring sustainability, stressing the importance of a needs-driven approach, and developing best practices. We encourage a holistic, integrated approach in which water is not the end in itself, but is rather the means to a better life and livelihood in the community. Most importantly, WASRAG links water and sanitation to improved hygiene, better health, and empowerment of the community – especially women, irrigation and agriculture, education and literacy and, ultimately, child mortality.

Continue to have FUN while MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Gerald

SELF-PRAISE IS NO RECOMMENDATION

Let's tell the world we are
PEOPLE OF ACTION

GET STARTED TODAY!



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TOPIC of the Week duties and the dates for GoToMeeting are highlighted in larger print to ensure that members do not overlook them

TOPIC of the Week ROSTER

MARCH to OCTOBER 2018

Please send your TOPIC of the Week to President Gerald by at least the THURSDAY preceding the date of your turn.

12th Mar – Hans Hon ✓
19th Mar – Charmaine Wheatley
26th Mar – Jeff Watts
2nd Apr – Andisha Maharaj
9th Apr – Brian Savage
16th Apr – David Tilling
23rd Apr – Janet Rouillard
30th Apr – Merryl Flynn
7th May – Suresh Setty
14th May – Monique Labat
21st May – Anathi Qabaka
28th May – Francesco Petruccione
4th June – Johan Krugel
11th June – Gerald Sieberhagen
18th June – Bob Kistnasamy
25th June – Lindiwe Mvubu
2nd July – Irene Kotze
9th July – Philip Hedley
16th July – Tina Hon ✓
23rd July – Zwakele Ngubane
30th July – Bill Main
6th Aug – Angela Savage
13th Aug – Jean Singh
20th Aug – Derek Kimber
27th Aug – Angie Goody
3rd Sept – John Fannin
10th Sept – Murna van der Merwe
17th Sept – Aadila Sabat
24th Sept – Michael Chen

**GoToMeeting
@ 19h00
TUESDAY**

**13th MAR – Julie Vivier - Human Rights
and Anti-Abuse Activist, CEO**

27th MAR –

**10th APR – Charmaine Wheatley –
Sunshine Coast Projects**

24th APR –

15th MAY –

29th MAY –

12th JUN –

26th JUN –

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

**If you have any suggestions for a
Guest Speaker at one of our GTM's
please let President Gerald know**

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DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

MAR

17th – Pat Draper
18th – Lynette Millard
25th – Ann Hargreaves
27th – Peter Mugisha
28th – Ailsa Kaminski
28th – Murna van der Merwe

ANNIVERSARIES

MAR

10th – Bill & Sharon Robertson
24th – Paul & Sandra Maistry
27th – Ockie & Jeanette Esterhuysen

UPCOMING EVENTS 2018

15th – 18th March – AG Training and POETS

22nd March – World Water Day

22nd April – Earth Day and deadline day for planting a tree

5th May – Sunshine Coast, Australia Masquerade Ball – watch this space!!!!

28th May – Menstrual Health Day

30th May – 2nd June – 3rd ICPCN Conference, Durban, South Africa

  **ROTARY CONVENTION**
23-27 JUNE 2018
TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA

28th June to 4th July - Shauna King and her International Medical Relief team will be in Durban

6th to 8th July – InterCity Meeting in Türi, Estonia of our SUBZ Global Grant partner Clubs

WEDNESDAY 18th JULY – 67 MINUTES FOR NELSON MANDELA

WEDNESDAY 24th October – WORLD POLIO DAY

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20TH to 25TH Jan – 10th World Rotary Cricket Festival in Melbourne

D9370 2018/19 CONFERENCE

1st to 5th June – RI CONVENTION - Hamburg



PEOPLE OF ACTION

INTERNATIONAL ROTARIANS IN ACTION MAKING A DIFFERENCE – Pat Draper reporting

Greg Cryer was instrumental in arranging a donation of wheelchairs for distribution by Rotary clubs to needy people and organisations in the Midlands. Rotary clubs of Pietermaritzburg, Hilton and Howick, Mooi River Midlands and E-Club of South Africa One took part.

The wheelchairs were sourced from **THE WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION UK** which is a non-profit organisation started by Rotary in Britain and Ireland that seeks to deliver a wheelchair to every child, teen and adult who needs one, but cannot afford one, bringing new independence to those deprived of mobility by war, disease, accident, natural disaster or advanced age. South African beneficiaries have received 14 360 wheel chairs and altogether, more than 40 000 have been delivered to poor people all over the world.

Long standing friends of our District, Elaine and PDG Milton Fray (RC Wetherby and District) organised the supply of the wheelchairs. They also has just toured the Midlands together with four friends and visited various beneficiaries in the Midlands.

Two of the beneficiaries were Sunfield Home and Umgeni Hospital.

Sunfield Home mission is to provide a caring and a home-like environment for a wide spectrum of mentally disabled adults. In doing so, the home undertakes to involve its residents in appropriate training, occupational and recreational activities that will enhance their lifelong well-being.

Umgeni Hospital is a specialised hospital situated in Howick, which provides care for intellectually challenged persons with physical and multiple disabilities. The degree of mental condition ranges from severe to profound. The hospital caters for people of all races from three years and onwards within KwaZulu-Natal Province.

A small function at Sunfield home was organised to hand over the wheelchairs. This was followed by a short tour of their impressive facilities.



Some of our overseas visitors with three of the older recipients at Sunfield Home



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More photos of the Wheelchair project group



Milton and Elaine Frary enjoying the shade, after the tour in the hot sun.



Jay Middleton and Linda Lessey from Delaware, USA.



Rachael and Loudon Blair are American and Scottish respectively. Rachael is the founder of and runs the charity "Kindness in Action"



Craig Diack, Assistant Manager of Sunfield Home chats to Carl Haberman, chairman of Friends of Umgeni.

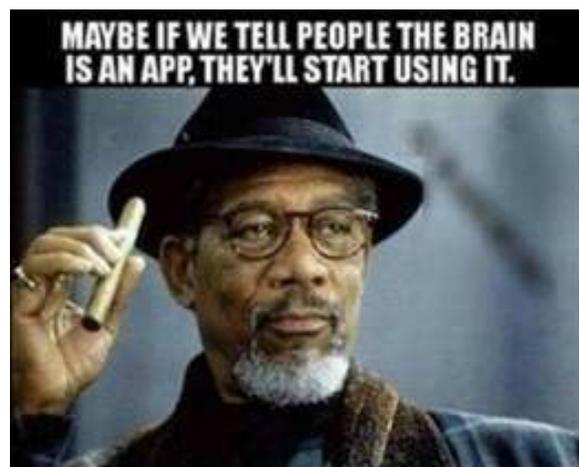
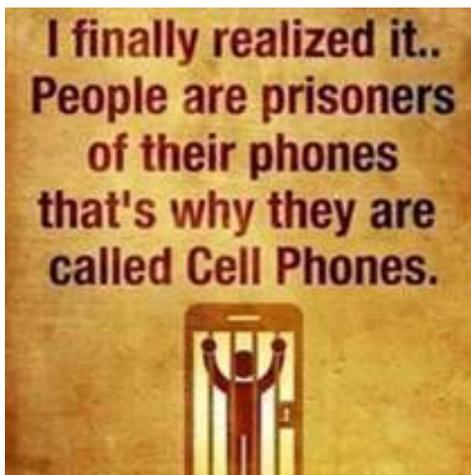
And so another successful Wheelchair project by our E-Club is concluded. Well done Greg and Pat.



PEOPLE OF LEISURE



Jeff and Linda Watts regularly visit their second home, South Africa. On their recent trip they met up with Lindsay and Greg Cryer at Caversham Mill in the Natal Midlands - always great to meet good friends and share good food, wine and friendship. Note the flowing water in the background. Pity that this is such a rare site in the Cape!





TREE PAGE

HAPPY TREE BIRTHDAY ROTARY! Monique Labat reporting

In celebration of Rotary's 113th Anniversary on Friday 23rd February, our E-Club initiated a further tree planting exercise; a joint project with the Rotary E-Club of Southern Africa D9400.

President Gerald Sieberhagen, Monique Labat and Irene Kotze together with Blessing Dube planted 30 trees at Mnamatha Primary School. The school has 393



learners from the KwaNyuswa area. Community member, Mrs Agnes Mhlongo helped out enthusiastically with School Principal, Miss Zinhle Mhlongo, Councillor Mthe Sibisi, teachers and learners.

President Gerald showed the Learners how to dig the hole and explained why the hole dug for the trees should be square; how to loosen the roots of the trees and how to measure the depth of the hole. The trees

were then popped into the hole and the plastic funnel, recycled from a plastic bottle was positioned to channel our precious resource, water, to the roots of the trees. The Learners then built a "dam" at the base of the tree to ensure the water would remain close to the roots.

The Trees for Life programme is an initiative of the Wildlands Trust, which has its roots in the idea that unemployed, destitute and marginalized communities can 'grow' themselves out of poverty has again delivered remarkable results since its inception in 2004. The true impact of the programme remains in the testimonies of the many people who are able to improve their quality of life through the trees they grow.

With continued support from key government and business donors Wildlands Trust bartered a total of 1 360 465 indigenous trees from community-based Treepreneurs during the past year. The trees were bartered for a total value of R8 817 616, an increase of more than R1 million from the previous financial year. In total 2 547 Treepreneurs traded their trees with Wildlands during the last year, earning an average of R3 462 in barter goods per Treepreneur.

The impact of these trades on the quality of the lives of individual Treepreneurs is measured in the nature of barter goods available to them. During the past year the biggest focus was on water security and transport. This was realized through the trade of some 263 JoJo water tanks.

We hope the 30 indigenous trees planted at Mnamatha Primary School will leave a legacy for the Learners who, before long, will be able to sit in the shade of these trees!

BACK PAGE



**A combined BBQ & Beer Cooler! This, surely, is Aussie engineering at its very best!
When you've finished barbequing and the ice has melted, just pull the handle and the fire goes out. Can't believe that it wasn't patented in Brakpan!!**

Celebratory dates in March:

Thurs 8th – International Women's Day Sun 18th – World Sleep Day Tues 20th – International Day of Happiness Wed 21st – International Day of Forests/ International Colour Day Thurs 22nd – World Water Day

Celebratory dates in April:

Sunday 1st – April Fools Day Monday 2nd – International Children's Book Day; World Autism Awareness Day Saturday 7th – World Health Day Sunday 22nd – Earth Day Monday 23rd – World Book Day Wednesday 25th – ANZAC Day; World Malaria Day Sunday 29th – International Dance Day Monday 30th – International Jazz Day

And now we are once again OUTA SPACE