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Waterfront Rotary Club Weekly Newsletter

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WATERFRONT ROTARY MEETING

Friday 30 July 2021 - 06h45 for 07h00

Captain (President): June Webber; Secretary: Sue Truter

Scribe: June Webber

www.waterfrontrotary.org

JULY IS NEW LEADERSHIP MONTH



Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta urges Rotary clubs to "grow more" so that we can "do more". "Caring and **serv**ing others is the best way to **live** because it **changes** not only other people's **lives**, but also our own."

CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE - FRIDAY, 30 JULY 2021

***Rough seas make stronger sailors.
Tough times build greater people.***

Robin Sharma



GUEST CAPTAIN'S LOG - MICHAEL GOLDMAN

The Chapel Street Primary



Library

Waterfront Rotary's priority service project this Rotary Year.

Waterfront Rotary Club's association with Chapel Street Primary School goes back many years when my late wife, Beulah, (a far better Rotarian than I will ever be) made contact with the school. Our Club funded the purchase of books for the two small rooms that until today provide limited library facilities.

The school, established in 1844, is one of the oldest in South Africa. It is a quintile 5 school, receiving minimal government financial support. It caters for 580 learners – many from low-income families with limited means to contribute to school fees.

The present limited library facilities have resulted in Grade 6 language pass rates improving from 45% in 2018 to 61% in 2019. Principal Karriem Gabriels and his team are committed to bringing about further improvements.

The plan is now to free up space within the school building for a fully fledged library by constructing a new Grade R classroom, using some attributes of an existing structure.

Piet Postema has put a lot of work into providing technical advice and cost estimates for the new Grade R classroom. The substantial sum of R770 609 is required to complete this part of the project. The Western Cape Department of Education should fund 40% of the project, so we are looking for about R460 000 - a big fundraising task.

The library itself will be funded by the Otto Foundation, an education-focused philanthropic organisation established in 2016. The Foundation has established three school libraries in District 6 schools and Chapel Street Primary will be a logical addition. Past Captain Janet and I were most impressed with the library the Foundation constructed, furnished and stocked at the Walmer Estate Primary School, with which Waterfront Rotary Club was associated over many years, having provided a shipping container as a start. The Otto Foundation is

prepared to fund the set-up costs (about R410 000) as well as ongoing operational costs of R204 000 a year. The book stock will be provided by The Bookery.

Altogether this is a fine example of Rotary's cooperation with other organisations and deserves all the support it can muster. Any ideas for fundraising? Please contact Michael – michael35@iafrica.com – 083 641 4290. The image below on the www.waterfrontrotary.org website tracks our funding progress.



MEETING - 23 JULY 2021

The Toast -

Piet's Toast resonated with all crew last week. Here it is, be inspired!

"My toast for this morning is first, to the people of our country, who have come together to re-build the regions affected by looting and destruction in KZN and Gauteng. Ubuntu is alive and well.

Secondly, to our Club that works hard to create a better life for our less privileged communities in our metropole. Service above self is our My motto and we try our best to live up that belief.

And thirdly, to Rotary International, who on a macro level are committed to providing ongoing service to those less privileged and those suffering from natural and political disasters.

Happy Rands -

Crew continue to contribute generously to Waterfront's coffers each week for which we are grateful. All contributions are welcome, no matter the quantum!

Next Board Meeting - Monday 2 August 2021 at 17:30 (online)

All crew are welcome to attend Board Meetings. Please advise Nadene who will provide you with the link.

GUEST SPEAKER 23 JULY - JERRY ZDRILL



Our club was privileged to have the President of Rotary World Help - Jerry Zdrill from Vancouver Canada, tell us more about Rotary World Help (RWH), this as a result of the connection made when a container of PPE and medical equipment arrived in South Africa, organised by the RC of Hermanus. The contents were disseminated to some 10 Rotary clubs, of which Waterfront was one.

Jerry shared with us that RWH is a network of 40 Rotary Clubs in Districts 5040 and 5050 which had been RI sanctioned and founded in 1997 by 7 Rotary clubs. RWH is a non-profit society and a registered Canadian charity. This amazing charity organisation collects, sorts and ships donated medical and educational equipment and supplies to countries throughout the world.

RWH shipments have been sent to 60 countries since 1997, the value of the shipments up until 2020 is \$145,600,000. Of the 422 containers shipped to date, 18 were shipped to South Africa and 12 to Zimbabwe. (See pic below of the RWH clubs having completed loading their 400th container.)



Jerry later shared that “RI doesn’t have our organization on its website since they recognize us but offer no support to RWH”. Jerry shared with us contact details for another organisation - that of Disaster Aid Canada - Email: gbeltgens@disasteraid.ca via auth.ccsend.com. Jerry was sincerely thanked by Spiro who had coordinated the collection, storage and dissemination of the PPE allocated to our club, to our various beneficiaries.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION (DEI)



During a breakout session on “Welcoming the LGBTQ Community Into the

Family of Rotary” during the 2017 Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Michelle Wilson, a member of the Rotary Club of Athens Sunrise, Ohio, had a question. “I asked, ‘Why doesn’t Rotary have a group for LGBT+ people?’” When she added, “We should start one,” she says, “the response was overwhelming.”

As a global network that strives to build a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change, Rotary values diversity and celebrates the contributions of people of all backgrounds, regardless of their age, ethnicity, race, color, abilities, religion, socio economic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Rotary encourages clubs to strive to cultivate a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture in which people from under represented groups have greater opportunities to participate as members and leaders. Rotary has certainly come a long way since women were eventually allowed to join Rotary in 1989!. Diversity is Rotary's strength.

COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS WORKING HARD IN THE FIELD OF COMMUNITY UPLIFTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA



Gift of the Givers has been rated as the top employer in the Charity / NGO field in South Africa , even ahead of UN and Unicef. We salute them for the incredible humanitarian service that they are providing to feed and uplift communities, especially during recent and current challenging times in this country..

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ASSIST THOSE IN NEED
ACROSS KZN.**



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POPIA NOTIFICATION

Since the 1st of July 2021, the new Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA) is in full effect.

The law is designed to protect how organisations use, store and process your data, and we think this addresses a most fundamental human right.

In line with the POPIA, we are taking every precaution to ensure that we protect your personal information.

As an ethical organisation, our objective is to ensure compliance of POPIA and to continue to operate authentically with complete transparency in your best interests.

In line with our core values, it's our responsibility to provide you with this important update.

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Our Partners in Service - no update this week.

WATERFRONT ROTARY'S ENVIRONMENTAL PORTFOLIO

This year, with Ralph Roseman stepping up to the plate to take on the responsibility of the Environment Chair, an exciting new project could develop. Don't miss the presentation by D1070 on Friday, 13 August - "Rivers to the Sea, it starts with me".



**Don't destroy the greenery
and don't spoil the scenery.
Save mother earth!**



Save trees, save nature.

UPCOMING EVENTS

District Events and possible fundraising opportunities for WRC

3 October - Boat Show at the V&A Waterfront (Virtual Swim)

10 October - Cape Town Cycle Tour

17 October - Cape Town Marathon



SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY 1 AUGUST FELLOWSHIP WALK

Sunday, 1st August: The weather for Sunday is looking good. The walk starts at 09.00 at the Kramat on Signal Hill. Team leader Ralph suggests that the

group walk part of the way around Lions head, depending on how far people want to go. Then, an optional brunch or just coffee at Round House lawns. Chat Friday.

CALENDAR

Speakers / Events

JULY 2021

Friday, 30 July - Speaker Rebecca Mqamelo - "School debating opened my world"

AUGUST 2021

Friday, 6 August - Jolene Butler (Provisional Club of Langebaan) - The Flower Project

Friday, 13 August - D1070 - Presentation: "Rivers to Sea - it starts with me"

Friday, 20 August 2021 - Business meeting

Friday, 27 August 2021 - Delva Shamley - Assistance for School

ATTENDANCE REPORT MEETING - 23 JULY 2021

Lucky Draw: NA; **Grace/Meditation:** Debby Daniel; **Peace Candle:** David Bradley ; **Toast:** Piet Postema;; **Four Way Test:** Derek Pead
Bosun:Derek Pead; **Reception:** Nadene Rolston

Apologies:

David Catling, Chris Fick; Janice Halliford; Theoniel Potgieter; Hans Stampfl

Make ups:

None

Membership: 32 Attendance: 75%

Visiting Rotarians:

None

Guests

Jan Buurman

Birthdays in the coming weeks -

30 July - 6 August 2021

None

Apologies for leaving off Theoniel Potgieter's b'day on 27 July last week

Partners' birthdays - 30 July - 6 August 2021

Gary Kantor- 3 August

Anniversaries in the coming week - 30 July - 6 August 2021

Barry and Anja Swartz - 5 August

Rob the Fellowship Seal is with Spiro Mitchell - Lockdown Level 3

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