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SEAL'S BARK VOLUME 32 NO 21



# Seal's Bark

## Waterfront Rotary Club Weekly Newsletter

District 9350 Chartered: 12 Sept 1992



## WATERFRONT ROTARY MEETING

**Friday 26 November 2021 - 06h45 for 07h00**

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

Scribe: June Webber

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

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH



## CAPTAIN'S LOG - 26 NOVEMBER 2021



### ROTARY'S ROLE IN PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL PEACE

**Newlands Rotary club meeting 22 November  
Guest Speaker - RI Director Peter Kyle -  
Zones 33 & 34 (2020-2022)**

The big advantage of meeting on zoom is that Rotary clubs can invite international guest speakers, with attendees from countries on multi-continent. Because of Covid-19 and the lockdowns, we have greater connectivity in a virtual environment which links the world. This was the case on Monday when Janey Ball very kindly invited me to attend the RC of Newlands meeting to listen to Guest Speaker RID Peter Kyle, originally from New Zealand, now living on the West River in Maryland in a home designed by his wife Margaret, close to their two children and one grandson.

Peter first came to the US from New Zealand in 1973 to pursue post-graduate studies in law at the University of Virginia as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. After a career in private legal practice in New Zealand he returned to the US in 1992 to take up a position with the World Bank as a senior international attorney. He retired from this position in 2009.

Had heard a lot about Peter Kyle, but had not heard him speak. What a privilege - easy, down to earth and well informed on RI's peace initiatives and peace programmes. The meeting was conducted seamlessly by Jeremy Opperman, who is blind, who advised at the outset that President Geraldine's vision was that "every project should have a Peace component". "Peace", Peter said "was in our DNA".

Peter was inducted into Rotary in 1976 and has since served the organization in many capacities. He has been particularly involved in alumni/Rotary Peace Fellow activities and has chaired both the Alumni Relations and Rotary Peace Centers Committees.

Peter talked about his journey representing Rotary at the UN and other institutional organisations. He gave insights into his work with Rotary's Peace initiatives and detailed Rotary's historical role as a peacebuilding organisation, from 1905 to date, emphasising Rotary's phenomenal reputation as a Peace builder. Peter said we need to carry out peace building in our communities where conflict often starts. "We are a community based organisation and we have a responsibility to help overcome local partisan conflicts." "Peace is a broad spectrum", he said, "but peacebuilding has a universal understanding. We helped set up the United Nations to develop initiatives, workshops, symposiums to develop peace."

Peter spoke at length about Rotary International's partnership with the United Nations, UNESCO, UNICEF, World Bank, and other groups. Of particular interest to me was Peter's past role as Dean of the Rotary Representatives Network, with its influential lobbyists and relationship builders linked to many important organisations around the world.

He shared with us that Rotary is hoping to establish four Peace Centres in the Middle East by 2030. With the eradication of polio in sight (1 case in Afghanistan and one in Pakistan in the last 10 months) Rotary was looking to strengthen its role on promoting goodwill, understanding and Peace in the future which could well be Rotary's legacy.

We spoke at length about the Peace Fellow programme, with Mike Walvyn (D9350 Rotary Peace Scholar Chair) emphasising the importance of nominating peace scholars from the Continent of Africa, how to find them and some of the challenges that applicants face and that more help be afforded candidates when submitting applications.

PDG Annemarie Mostert spoke proudly of ARCoM - the African Rotary Community Mediation project to provide a platform to establish a conflict prevention community mediation initiative involving Rotarians and Non-Rotarians to deepen Rotary's peace building work within. 100 mediators were accredited as a legacy for the African Rotary Centennial. It is here crew member Siham Boda played a substantial role.

How good it is to know that RI is in the hands of such knowledgeable and approachable Directors, and how much we can learn about our fabulous organisation from being able to interact with them.

We look forward to an international link up on Friday with the RC of Sydney Cove to learn more about the Reeducate Literacy Programme.

See you then.

## MAUREEN FIGOV - R.I.P.



Maureen Figov passed away peacefully on Friday, 10 November at 07:30. Maureen and Dennis would have been married for 66 years on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The funeral was delayed until Tuesday, when their sons were able to fly out from from England to attend. Thanks to Janet, Mike and Piet who represented Waterfront Rotary at the funeral at short notice. Maureen is lauded for the loving support she gave Dennis, as a wife and Rotarian for decades. May she RIP.

A ray of sunshine for Dennis is that his sons, with their wives, will fly out to visit on his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 11 February next year, as well as some of his grandchildren. What a celebration that will be!

**WATERFRONT MEETING - FRIDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2021**

**Vivienne Schultz**  
**& Emily O'Ryan**

# Human Optimisation

for Organisational Membership & Growth

Friday, 19 November  
06:45 am for 07:00

Interactive session with Q&A

*Many of us agree that working with people can be the best and worst part of doing good in any organisation. Rotary is no exception.*

*Join us to find out how we can use occupational science to grow members and optimise minds.*

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"Waterfront Rotary saw record participation at their meeting last Friday (see attendance list below), as members and non-members joined for the session on Human Optimisation for Membership and Growth (or maybe it was because of Debby's Birthday on the same morning?)" writes Emily.

On Friday 19 November, Waterfront Rotary hosted guest speakers Vivienne Schultz and Emily O'Ryan as part of a continuous effort to understand and boost membership and growth. In a Survey conducted by Rotary International in 2019, 43% of participants said they would not recommend their Rotary Club, with 35% stating they would not recommend Rotary International at all.

The session was hosted by Vivienne Schultz, an Occupational Therapist and business consultant, as well as Emily O'Ryan, President of Waterfront Rotaract. Participants enjoyed a challenging, yet interactive session on the mechanics of the human mind. Favourite quotes from the session:

"There is an intelligence to caring..."

"Grab your fat cheeks and say - I am a *pragtige* verb!"

Due to popular demand, the training might be offered in person through Rotary in 2022.

## CREW REPORT

Update on Jacinta's daughter Hannah: Hannah is taking it easy, trying to get through her exams as best she can. Will see the surgeon for a follow appointment next week.

## WATERFRONT ROTARACT



Waterfront welcomed a number of Rotaractors from the Waterfront and Atlantis Rotary clubs to the meeting.

**CHRISTINE REVELL CHILDREN'S HOME**  
**Potjiekos Competition – with a Christmas twist**

- 6 Teams to enter, 4 members per team
- 6 Different dishes
- Entry fee – R200 per team
- Prep work done at venue
- Food must be Halal
- All meals will be sold – R30
- Judges to select the best TEAM

Date: Saturday 11 December 2021  
Time: 09h00 till 15h00  
Venue: Christine Revell Children's Home

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### CHRISTINE REVELL CHILDREN'S HOME

Above: The flier for our Potjiekos Competition on the **11 December 2021**.

Waterfront crew, please support this event.



**Festive Rotary Family Breakfast**

Two Oceans Aquarium  
4<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021 9:30 for 10:00  
Dress Festive!

Cost: R170pp Rotaractors: R75pp

RSVP by 29<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Confirm attendance to  
waterfrontrotary9350@gmail.com

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Standard Bank 70258872  
branch 051001  
(use your name as reference)

Parking for your own account  
in parkade opposite Aquarium.

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## OTHER CLUB EVENTS - DECEMBER

### LAUNCH OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF RIEBECK VALLEY

The launch of the new Rotary Club of Riebeck Valley takes place on Saturday 11 December 2021 in Riebeck Kasteel. They apparently have 30 signed and paid up members, which is phenomenal. The sponsor club is the RC of Paarl.

It is an evening function - cost approximately R400 per person. There is plenty of accommodation available in town if you would prefer to stay over - the club will assist by directing you to suggested venues. Contact: President Bryan Anderson, Rotary club of Paarl 083 285 6566.



## CALENDAR

# Speakers / Events

### NOVEMBER 2021

Friday, 26 November - Danielle Lotzoff - RC of Sydney Cove -  
Readucate Literacy Programme

### DECEMBER 2021

Friday, 03 December - no meeting

Saturday, 04 December - End of year Festive Fellowship Function with  
Rotaract, family and friends - at the Two Oceans Aquarium, V&A

Friday, 10 December - Annual General Meeting, Captain's half year  
address

Friday, 17 December (social meeting optional)

24 December - no meeting

31 December - no meeting.

No meetings until the new Calendar year.

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## ATTENDANCE REPORT MEETING - 19 NOVEMBER 2021

Lucky Draw: NA; **Grace/Meditation:** Pieter Swart; **Peace Candle:** Maryka  
Vermaak; **Rotary Toast:** Sue Truter; **Four Way Test:** Janet Kriseman  
**Bosun:** Janet Kriseman; **Reception:** Janice Halliford

### Apologies:

David Bradley, Jan Buurman; David Catling, Martin Colman; Dennis Figov  
(mourning); Theoniel Potgieter; Ralph Roseman; Hans Stampf, Jacinta Subjee;  
June Webber; Derek Wrankmore and Ashleigh Wrench

### Visiting Rotarians:

DG an Robertson, DGE Tracy Wilson, DGN Ann Wright, PDGs Carl-Heinz  
Duisberg; Lynette Stassen and Geraldine Nicol; AGs Janine Adkins and Bev  
Frieslich; Gillian Anderson; Susan O'Hagen ( RC of Cape of Good Hope),  
Steven Boers (RC of Cape Town); Merle O'Ryan (E-Club of Greater Cape  
Town); Philip Swales and Jerome O'Ryan (RC of Kirstenbosch); Carlyn Herrick  
(RC of Hout Bay).



### **Guests**

Vivienne Schutz (guest speaker); Emily O'Ryan - President - Abraham Chipasa - VP; Ma-eesha Innocent (Waterfront Rotaract); Jonah and Cay-Lene Coetzee (Atlantis Rotaract); Tracey - The Zoe Project; Earnest Dada (False Bay College); Andrew (West Coast) and three other guests unfortunately not identified.

### **Birthdays in the coming week - 26 November - 4 December 2021**

None

### **Partners' birthdays - 26 November - 4 December 2021**

None

### **Anniversaries in the coming week - 26 November - 4 December 2021**

Theoniel and Truida Potgieter - 26 November 2021

### **Rob the Fellowship Seal is with Spiro Mitchell - Lockdown Level 1**

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