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Sarah van Heerden
Editor

WELCOME.

Look at us! This is an exciting issue as we have undergone a complete redesign. More importantly, this issue is filled with inspiration.

We have had a look at how Rotary’s last minute adaptation of the Honolulu convention to a virtual event panned out and have looked at four ways Rotarians are adapting to serving while distanced.

There is also a great story from a UK club about a mission to Uganda. What is interesting here, is that while interviewing and emailing two of the team, I realised that they had some valuable insight into what makes Rotary appealing – and so they should, the club which drove the project has about 50 members, mostly younger people too!

For me however, my favourite article this month is the conversation I had with Dr Stella Anyangwe – she is unapologetic, witty and compassionate. She is also a recognised expert in global health and will be District Governor of District 9400 next year.

This COVID-19 pandemic has presented challenges and I know a lot of people are under pressure, but as we know, every action has an opposite and equal reaction. This is why the lockdown and social distancing has not been all bad – it has forced many of us to find ways to adapt to these measures so that we can carry on ‘doing Rotary’... and you know what? It has been interesting and fun!

The reality is that we are going to have to adapt so we might as well do it with a smile.

In the meantime, please take social distancing seriously. Wear a mask and be kind. As my grandmother used to say, if you have nothing nice to say, it’s best to say nothing at all!

The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

- 1) Is it the TRUTH?
- 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



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President's message

Holger Knaack,
Rotary International President (2020/21)



Dear Rotarians, Rotaractors and friends,

The year 2020 has brought monumental changes that have already included a global pandemic and a renewed call for social justice. We are reminded that we live in a constantly changing world and Rotary reflects that world. We must be ready to listen and adapt, always drawing upon our core values of service, fellowship, diversity, integrity and leadership. If we live these values and apply The Four-Way Test to all aspects of our lives, we will always be prepared to lead.

I am proud of how we have proved our ability to adapt. Faced with a pandemic, Rotary has not stopped. We moved meetings online and found new ways to serve. We turned the cancelled 2020 Rotary International Convention in Honolulu into our first virtual convention. Each week, we are proving that Rotary is a flexible gathering that happens anywhere - in traditional meetings, on cell phones and computers. Rotary offers a way to connect for everyone who wants to, at any time, and will continue to do so. Some have even told me that they enjoy Rotary's mix of online and in-person meetings more now than before! How can we build on this momentum and seize the opportunity to embrace change so that Rotary keeps thriving?

For me, supporting new types of clubs is key. They are no longer just experiments but a real part of Rotary today. In addition to traditional clubs, we have e-clubs, Rotaract clubs, cause-based club and passport clubs. These help make Rotary more inclusive, more flexible and more attractive to new members. Visit these clubs, exchange ideas, partner with them and promote them to one another and to our communities.

We all agree that we need to grow Rotary, but sometimes we can get caught up in the numbers

game and lose sight of the bigger picture. After all, an increase in membership is meaningless if next year, those new members leave our clubs. Let's grow Rotary sustainably. Rotary's flexible options for participation will engage members and show the community how we're different from any other club. Let's celebrate that Rotary is now less about rules and more about joining together in a variety of ways besides traditional meetings.

I recommend that each club hold an annual strategy meeting to ask - and honestly answer - if we are doing all we can for our members and if our club reflects the community we serve. We are taking this approach at the international level, too. I am proud that six women are serving with me on the RI Board of Directors this year, the most we have ever had. Let's keep Rotary moving in this direction at every level. We need more perspectives, more diversity, for Rotary to thrive.

It's fascinating to imagine how we will find new ways to adapt and stay nimble this year and beyond. But I am also inspired about what hasn't changed and never will in Rotary: the friendships, the networking, the ethics and the service. Indeed, these are the values that make Rotary attractive to all.

As Rotary's founder, Paul Harris, said, we have to be revolutionary from time to time. Now is such a time. Rotary Opens Opportunities - countless ones - for us to embrace change that will strengthen us even as we remain true to our core values.

Holger Knaack



Foundation Trustee Chair

KR (Ravi) Ravindran

There is a world of difference between a problem and a challenge. If a honeybee faces a giant hornet alone, the bee has a problem. But if the honeybee faces the hornet with a swarm of other bees, then it is the hornet that has a problem.

This is true in nature, but it is also the human predicament. So when the situation I confront is greater than the resources I have, then it can be termed as a problem. However, if the resources I have are greater than the situation I am faced with, then it is just a challenge. Sometimes we overestimate our problems and underestimate our ability to overcome them.

The COVID-19 pandemic seemed like a situation that might overwhelm The Rotary Foundation. But as things have progressed, we have not allowed it to do so. As of 4 June, we have funded 208 Disaster Response Grants for \$5.2 million and 169 new Global Grants at \$13.8 million - all in three months. We have leveraged individual Rotarians' generosity with Foundation funds and in many cases other corporate funds to make projects larger and more impactful.

We never allowed the pandemic to overpower us. Indeed, history shows that Rotarians are a

curious breed. We are visionaries, an idealistic lot that dream big dreams of a better world. At the same time, we are resilient and able to withstand challenges that others might succumb to.

We were not idle during the pandemic lockdowns. We raised funds and did projects just as we would have if there had been no lockdown. We remembered that it's the same business that we always do - reaching out to people in distress - except the methodology by which we did it changed.

Our process of preparing and delivering the projects changed. The way we communicated what we did changed.

The Rotary Foundation is more than 100 years old and has already weathered many storms - some of them mild and others devastating to the world. Thanks to the strength, sacrifice and compassion of Rotarians and the level to which they have extended themselves, I believe the Foundation will continue to face the future with renewed hope and inspiration.

Our Foundation will emerge from this pandemic much stronger and more resilient as long as you continue to have trust and faith in it.

Rotary at a glance

- Rotary clubs: 36 169**
- Members: 1 181 103**
- Rotaract clubs: 10 698**
- Members: 177 330**
- Interact clubs: 14 911**
- Members: 342 953**
- RCCs: 11 222**

As at 15 July 2020



Increase Decrease



Convention Countdown
12-16 June 2021

Tall tale



Find Project Partners

Thousands of Rotary and Rotaract clubs have shared their projects on Rotary Showcase since it launched in 2012. Now Rotary has added new features that make this online tool even more useful.

Your club can now post proposed projects and seek partners for those projects. You can share project details, ask for financial or other support and connect with other clubs. Potential partners can search Rotary Showcase to find proposed projects to join and contact project creators directly.

Learn more at my.rotary.org

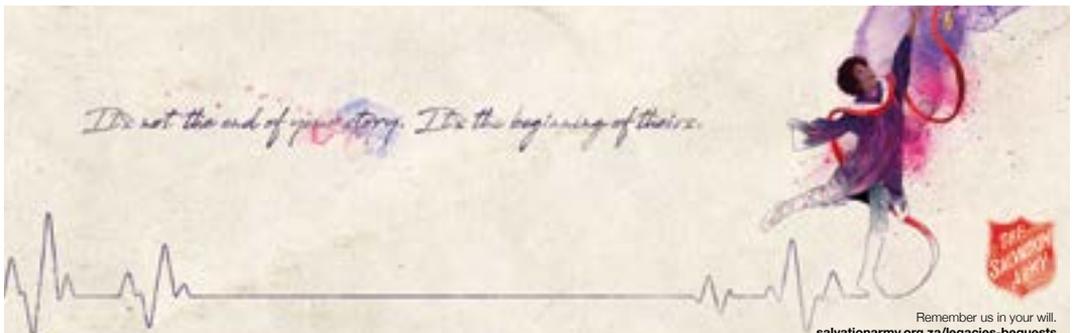


Standing at 1 667 feet, the Taipei 101 Tower will be impossible to miss when you are in Taipei for the 2021 Rotary International Convention from 12 to 16 June. When the tower opened in 2004, it was the tallest building in the world, a title it held until it was surpassed by Dubai's Burj Khalifa in 2007.

The design of Taipei 101 is rich with cultural significance. The number of occupied floors, 101, suggests going one better than 100, a number associated with perfection. The upper part of the tower above the base has eight sections of eight floors each - eight being an auspicious number associated with prosperity and good fortune. The stacked shape evokes a stalk of bamboo, a traditional building material throughout Asia. And like a stalk of bamboo, the tower is designed to be flexible and structurally resilient in the face of typhoon winds or even an earthquake.

The big attraction, of course, is the chance to go up. There is an enclosed public observatory on the 89th floor and the truly brave can head to an outdoor observation deck on the 91st floor. If the thought of that makes your head spin, you can still enjoy the luxury shopping mall in the atrium. From any angle, Taipei 101 is a must-see destination that deftly blends tradition and modernity, just like the city it watches over — Hank Sartin

Learn more and register at convention.rotary.org.





Public Image

**WITH ROTARY REGIONAL PUBLIC IMAGE
COORDINATOR LEE-ANN SHEARING**

I write this huddled under a blanket with a large cup of coffee as the icy winds blow outside and I realise how very blessed I am. I have a roof over my head, warm clothes to wear, food on my table and happy “fur” babies to keep me company and make me smile even in the darkest of days.

I am doubly blessed to be a Rotarian. I have been thinking of my journey in Rotary thus far and reminiscing about all the Aha moments I have had. Handing over cartons of books to a small rural school and watching excited children sitting, each with a book in their hands, reading to orphans while they wait for a dental check-up. Or, watching a concert of the most enthusiastic dancing and singing by special needs students to thank us for donating chemicals so that they could use their rehab pool again. Then holding an abandoned HIV+ newborn baby while knowing that it would not live much longer.

All of this - seeing the impact that Rotarians have made in communities by bringing clean water, better health facilities, donating educational materials and improving lives and livelihoods by using vocational training – this has been and will continue to be the blessing that Rotary adds to my life.

The greatest way to attract potential members,

partners, sponsors and new project ideas is to tell our Rotary stories, to share our experiences. There is no better time than now, during Membership and New Club Development month, to share the stories that mean a lot to us and come from the heart.

I am not talking about narrating your project visit or a club event as though you were making a report for record purposes.

I am talking about how your story made YOU feel and how it impacted you. A great story, told with feeling and passion, will captivate the audience you are addressing and move them from merely hearing to listening attentively.

Your personal story has the power to influence the thoughts, emotions and behaviours and transform your listeners from one state to another. Captivate, influence and transform - that is what your story can do.

If we can share our compelling stories to as many people as possible, either verbally or through social media channels, we have an opportunity to attract new members, new partnerships and increase the public image not only of our club but also of Rotary in general.

Our stories are worth sharing. Your story is worth hearing. Tell your story.



Opportunity

**GOVERNORS' COUNCIL OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
SECRETARY (2019-21) PATRICK COLEMAN**

In many Rotary clubs throughout the world, wives of male members are affectionately called Rotary Anns. This designation was never one of disparagement, but rather grew out of an interesting historical occasion.

It started in 1914 when San Francisco Rotarians boarded a special train to attend the Rotary Convention in Houston. In those days few wives attended Rotary events and until the train stopped in Los Angeles, the only woman aboard was the wife of Rotarian Bru Brunnier. As the train picked up additional convention-bound delegates, Mrs Ann Brunnier was introduced as the Rotarian's Ann.

This title soon became Rotary Ann. Since the clubs of the West were inviting the Rotarians to hold their next convention in San Francisco, many songs and stunts were organised to be performed in Houston and one of the Rotarians wrote a Rotary Ann chant.

On the train's arrival at the Houston depot, a delegation greeted the West Coast Rotarians. One of the greeters was Guy Gundaker of Philadelphia, whose wife was also named Ann. During the rousing demonstration, someone started the Rotary Ann chant. The two petite ladies, Ann Brunnier and Ann Gundaker, were hoisted to the men's shoulders and paraded about the hall.

The group loved the title given to the two women named Ann. Immediately the same term of endearment was used for the wives in attendance and the name Rotary Ann was here to stay.

Guy Gundaker became president of Rotary International in 1923 and Bru Brunnier was elected

president in 1952. Thus, each of the two original Rotary Anns became the first lady of Rotary International.

Several years ago, I was being introduced to a group of Rotary Anns in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, as the governor-elect of District 9210. I mentioned to this auspicious group that they didn't need to "just be seen as wives of Rotarians and Rotary was open to both men and women and ladies were welcome to join Rotary." You would have thought that I had slapped my mother!

I was stunned by their response. A wife of one Past District Governor explained to me that the Anns were happy and satisfied to be Anns and I was kicking a hornets' nest with that kind of talk.

I later apologised to the group and explained that I meant no offence, but the fact remained that Rotary membership was available to both genders. After all, my wife was a Rotarian and refused to be called a Rotary Ann.

I then went to the "other side" of the DisCon and asked the delegates (mostly men) if they had asked their wives to join Rotary. One of the PDGs said, "They are happy just being 'Anns' so don't rock the boat!" My wife, Sherry, was sitting in the room and just rolled her eyes!

I was convinced that we needed more women in Rotary. They added to the organisation. In fact, during my year as district governor my assistant governor of the year was Stella Dongo of the Rotary Club of Highlands in Harare. Stella was never a Rotary Ann. She was a Rotarian from her first day in Rotary. She went on to become District

Governor in 2013/14 and was later recognised as a Global Woman of Action by Rotary International in 2015.

As we progress through time, I am pleased to note that several of the Rotary Anns in that room did, in fact, join Rotary and have advanced to club and district leadership roles. In many of the districts across Africa ladies have led with distinction. They have served beyond their districts in regional and global roles; Geeta Manek from District 9212 now serves as a Trustee of the Rotary Foundation.

What really confuses me, however, is the reticence of male Rotarians to bring their spouses into Rotary. Last year I was seated in a Rotary dinner with Rotary leaders and their spouses. I asked the ladies if they were Rotarians. They looked at each other and replied, “Nobody ever asked us to join.”

I looked at their husbands and the table turned silent...

Several of these ladies ran their own businesses or held administrative positions in local companies, but nobody ever asked them to join Rotary – not even their Rotarian husbands!

Rotary is looking for ways to “grow Rotary.” If we do the maths (yes, I taught mathematics and have written three mathematics textbooks), Rotary could grow by nearly 50 percent if Rotarians would simply invite their spouses to join Rotary.

It gets better! Imagine the growth if Rotarians invited their CHILDREN to join Rotary. (Three of my children are Rotarians and another is in the process.) *Rotary Opens Opportunities* to families joining Rotary. Invite them today!

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Maximum IMPACT

With support from District 9350, 9370 and 9400 Rotary Action Group for Family Health & AIDS Prevention (RFHA) has made a significant difference in the lives of thousands of people. RFHA is responsible for the oversight of the Rotary Family Health Days campaign (RFHD). RFHA SA CEO **Martin Scholtz** discusses the findings of the 2019 Rotary Family Health Days impact study.



The Impact Study for Rotary Family Health Days (RFHD) South Africa 2019 was submitted to RFHA by Emile Mouton (CA) in June 2020. Significantly, the study reflected that 98 percent of respondents experienced the RFHDs as ‘excellent’ or ‘good’, while 94 percent of respondents said they were treated with dignity and 94 percent said that they would come again.

This is a great reflection on

Rotarians’ commitment to the RFHDs. Also encouraging, albeit slow, is the relative increase in the number of men who attend the RFHDs, from 21 percent in 2016 to 28 percent in 2019.

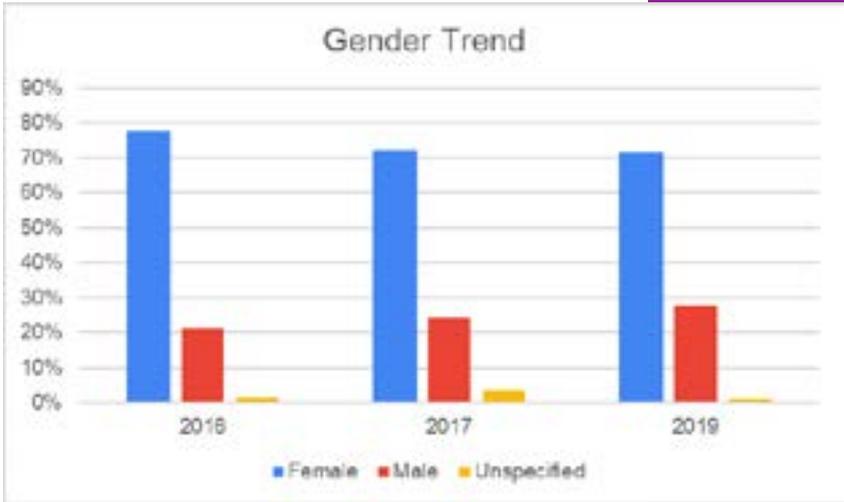
During the three-day campaign held last year, 83 sites provided 31 989 people in South Africa with 138 541 free health services. At three sites in Lesotho, 1 696 people received 6 887 free health services over three days.

Possibly the most significant development that is highlighted in the study, which has materialised as a result of a targeted, quality RFHD engagement over many years, is the increase in the ability of RFHDs to link beneficiaries to quality health care through acting on referrals.

The study also reflects that 21 percent of the sampled individuals either had no access to healthcare or had difficulty accessing healthcare services. If extrapolated to the whole of South Africa, the suggestion is that a fifth of the population is not finding access to healthcare - this strengthens the case for the sustaining and growing of RFHDs in South Africa in the future.

Lesotho offered RFHDs as a pilot in that country in 2019. There was great progress in the development of the relationship between RFHDs and the Lesotho Ministry of Health. It is expected that this will be built on in the future.





The overwhelming majority of respondents in 2019 were female – approximately three in every four people - and a small number of respondents preferred not to provide their gender. It should be noted however, that the percentage of male respondents has been increasing.

One of the areas of quality assurance, which is expected from our mother body, RFHA Inc, is the collection of accurate data regarding our beneficiaries, as well as an impact study that is conducted 90 days after the hosting of the RFHD campaign. The monitoring and evaluation processes were designed with input from RFHA Inc, the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Department of Health in South Africa and Dr Phil Silvers, Chief Analyst of the Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers.

These tools have enabled RFHA to report on actual numbers of beneficiaries, the number of services offered as well as the diversity of services that are offered, within a month of the conclusion of the RFHDs.

Our thanks to the District Steering Committees of D9350, D9370 and D9400, as well as Social Collective, for assisting with the follow up work that was required for the required analysis to be done, in support of the development of this report.

For a full copy of the impact study report, please email RFHA SA Programme Director Martin Scholtz at martin@rfha.org.

78%

said their health had changed for the better as a direct result of the services provided at the Rotary Family Health Days

Impact by the numbers

People who received referrals

23% (2015 Impact Study) 29% (2019 Impact Study)

People who acted on referrals

78% (2015 Impact Study) 85% (2019 Impact Study)

People who had treatment at the clinic they were referred to

85% (2015 Impact Study) 97% (2019 Impact Study)

People whose health issue was resolved from the referral

50% (2015 Impact Study) 71% (2019 Impact Study)

▲ 2015 Impact Study ▼ 2019 Impact Study

15%

said their health had not changed due to the Health Days. However, it should be noted that many people attend for general check-ups or to have testing done for possible diseases, not for actual treatment

3%

said their health had subsequently declined further

In It Together

Understanding the global health troika - environmental, human and animal health

Since the coronavirus outbreak, reports of a connection between the emergence of disease outbreaks and the destruction of our environment have become more frequent. This is something which, says **District Governor-Elect Stella Anyangwe (D9400)**, is not surprising. “We have taken so much for granted. We have not only neglected, but destroyed, so much of the environment that there is very little difference between what was animal and human habitat.”

As an expert in global health, Anyangwe finds the concept of planetary consciousness (the idea that human beings are members of a planetary society of Earth as much as they are members of their nations, provinces, districts, islands, cities or villages) interesting and relevant. When you consider that the World Health Organisation has found that more than one in four child deaths could be prevented by cleaning up the environment, adding Supporting the Environment to the Rotary Areas of Focus is even more relevant.

“Rotary is stepping up to the plate because in all our other areas of focus, in everything, you would find the environment. We were doing the environment circumspectly, through the other areas of focus. Whereas now, we can really focus on the environment. It is a wonderful thing,” said Anyangwe.

The DGE who calls herself “retired, but certainly not tired,” is an expert in public health. Her career in medicine began when she entered the Faculty of Medicine, University of Yaounde, Cameroon to study general medicine and general surgery in 1971. Future studies at Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine saw her obtain a Master of Public Health and PhD in Epidemiology.

She also served as the World Health Organisation’s Country Representative in four countries (Seychelles, Mali, Zambia and South Africa). Her last posting was as Regional Adviser and Programme Area Coordinator for Disaster Preparedness and Response Programme for the WHO African Region. Anyangwe was also an honorary professor in epidemiology at the University of Pretoria and serves as a director on the board of the World Association of Disaster and Emergency Medicine (WADEM).

“In global health there is no way that one person or one country is safe if everybody is not safe! The idea of planetary consciousness gave birth to what we in health call, One Health. This means that we can’t talk of human health alone without looking at animal health,



We [epidemiologists] are like the FBI or secret agents of the medical world, we look for the who, where, why and when!

as we know that animal diseases can jump across to humans. And, we can't talk about animal health if we are not talking about the environment.

“Animals and humans live in an environment that affects them and which they affect. So, One Health is a collaborative, multisectoral initiative bringing together human health, animal health and environmental health.”

With the current situation it is almost impossible to speak of global health without mentioning disease and especially viruses. “Viruses exist in nature; they have existed as long as humans have.”

Zoonotic and vector-borne diseases are responsible for the major disease outbreaks – malaria, Ebola, Hantavirus. The difference between the two types of diseases, explained Anyangwe, is that zoonotic diseases usually pass from animals to humans (the other way may be possible) and vector-borne diseases are transmitted through a vector, which includes mosquitoes, ticks and fleas that carry the infected germ into a human.

It is important to remember that humans and animals each have their own sets of diseases. However, when the habitats and interactions of humans and animals overlap, viruses or germs that are carried by animals and which may not do the animal any harm, can pass to humans and as they are foreign to humans, can cause diseases.

“Public health has always taught the troika – human health, animal health and environmental health; you cannot separate them. but it has not really caught on with the whole world. But now I think it is catching on more and more, people are starting to realise you can't separate one from the other, they go hand in hand all the time.”



A safe, healthy and protective environment is key to ensuring all children grow and develop normally and healthily. Reducing the environmental risks in 2015 could have prevented more than a quarter of the 5.9 million deaths of children under the age of five years. More than 1 in 4 child deaths could be prevented by cleaning up the environment



Air pollution is the greatest environment risk to children's health. Worldwide, 11-14 percent of children aged five years and older currently report asthma symptoms. Many of these symptoms are related to indoor and outdoor air pollution, second-hand tobacco smoke, pollens and indoor mould and dampness

300 000

The number of children younger than five who died from malaria in 2015



Malaria, the most important vector-borne disease globally, is transmitted by the bites of infected Anopheles mosquitoes, which prefer clean, standing or slowly moving fresh water. Better environmental management of these water bodies could help prevent many of these deaths

Data: World Health Organisation

5 Questions About Environmental Projects



With Karen Kendrick-Hands, Communications director, Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG)

1. How does the environment fit into Rotary's areas of focus?

Any project in any area of focus will benefit from having environmental sustainability as one of its watchwords. It's a lot harder to supply clean water to people if your watershed is compromised - if your river is full of industrial, human and animal waste. Basic education and literacy is a challenge when kids are sick because the school well is contaminated. Health is affected when insects carrying diseases expand their geographic range due to changing climate patterns. Water wars and climate refugees will make achieving peace and conflict resolution more complicated. Economic development is slowed when there's not adequate energy. Rotary would do a huge service to the world if it moved every water project from a diesel pump to wind or solar. That's a project that's scalable.

2. Why did ESRAG publish a handbook with environmental project ideas?

A lot of people say they'd like to do an environmental project, but they don't know where to start. Or they may already be doing something in their community that they didn't even realise was an environmental project - like adopting a highway or organising an electronic waste recycling drive - and the handbook, which we worked with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to create in 2019, helps educate them about the broad range of projects that help the environment. Other people say they need an idea that will inspire their clubs. I was astonished at the wide variety of project ideas

we were able to gather and present in the handbook.

3. Can you describe some of the project suggestions?

We looked to address topics that we thought were important, topics that fit well with existing areas of focus and topics that expanded Rotary clubs' reach into the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Six of the 17 goals don't currently fit under one of Rotary's areas of focus - things like affordable and clean energy, sustainable cities and communities, and responsible consumption and production. The back cover is a sample press release. It's a reminder that sharing our story builds the brand and creates momentum for more service.

4. What inspired ESRAG's collaboration with UNEP?

In 2018, Rotary Day at the United Nations was celebrated in Nairobi, Kenya and UNEP, which is based there, helped host the event. Rotary and UNEP decided to work together to create a handbook for Rotary clubs that want to participate in World Environment Day, which is 5 June. ESRAG worked with UNEP on the handbook. It starts with a joint statement from former RI Presidents Barry Rassin and Mark Daniel Maloney. We were thrilled to have that endorsement and hope this can be the start of more collaboration between Rotary and UNEP.

5. Are Rotarians getting more involved in environmental projects?

I was invited by Rotary staff earlier this year to help put together a survey to gauge interest in environmental projects throughout the Rotary world. We had some input from the Climate

Solutions Coalition, which is a youth movement within ESRAG. We sent out the survey link in a newsletter on 23 January. We had to get all the results in by 31 January. In that brief time, we got over 5 000 completed surveys back. I think that shows there is a lot of pent-up demand. People interested in environmental solutions could go out and work with other groups and many Rotarians do. But what we're seeing is a real desire to do their environmental work within the Rotary framework.

That's a valuable future asset for Rotary. We have no idea of the members it will attract, the purse strings that will be loosened. With the people who will be the next generation of Rotary, the future is clear.

• *Illustration by Viktor Miller Gausa*

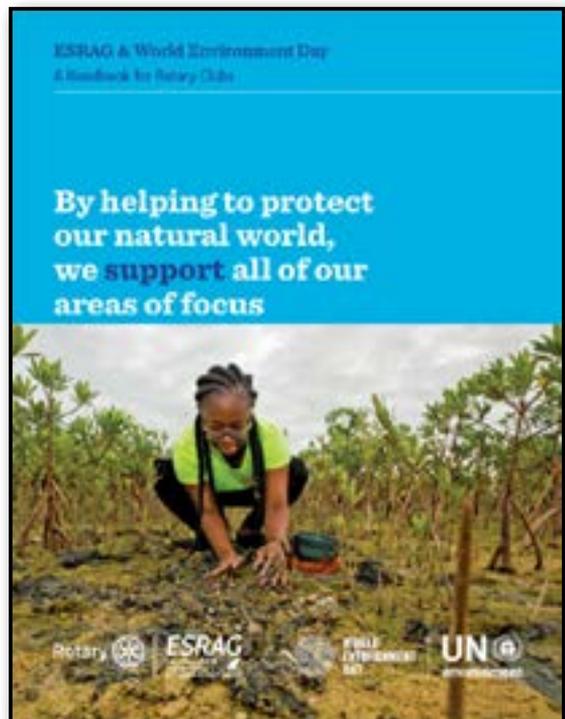
UN Environment: Rotarians Vital to Climate Solutions

With pollution and climate change wreaking economic havoc, causing more than seven million premature deaths a year and fuelling the refugee crisis, “we are doing a poor job for our planet and our peoples’ health as we pursue economic development,” warned Dr Hartwig Kremer, Head of UN Environment’s Global Environment Monitoring Unit, in a speech to ESRAG members in Hamburg. But because we are “in touch with local communities, professionals and business leaders worldwide,” he added, Rotarians can catalyse solutions.

The UN provides the framework and tracks global progress: “In September 2015, with the backing of 193 world leaders, 17 Sustainable Development Goals were agreed to eradicate extreme poverty and achieve a healthy, sustainable world by the year 2030 - the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,” Kremer said.

“Now what we need to do is figure out what that means at the local level. It’s important that we demonstrate stewardship and show success. UN Environment and Rotary can deliver that by collaborating at scale with a focus on the people.”

Kremer praised D9212’s Adopt a River initiative in East Africa, led by 2019/20 District Governor Joe Otin, as proof of Rotary’s power to mobilise communities to protect the resources essential to life and livelihood. This is just one of the Action Steps he highlighted from the



World Environment Day Handbook for Rotary Clubs released jointly by ESRAG and UN Environment in June. Monitoring air quality, planting trees, helping communities go solar and beating plastic pollution are other key strategies.

• *Download your copy of the ESRAG-UNEP handbook at esrag.org/esrag-unesp-handbook.*

• *Source: esrag.org*

Cloud computing to help save fynbos

Text by Sarah Wild

Photos by Jasper Slingsby/GroundUp



In the mountains, valleys and plains of the Cape, there are about six thousand species of plants that are not found anywhere else in the world. But as the climate changes, and invasive species and human development elbow them out of their natural niches, they are rapidly disappearing.

It has been 70 years since *Erica turgida*, with its willowy thin branches and small cup-like pink flowers, was last seen in the wild, even though it was once common around Kenilworth in Cape Town. And this little plant is one of many. Almost 40 plants in the Western Cape have gone extinct since 1900. This is about 500 times higher than the background extinction rate, which is the natural rate at which plants become extinct.

According to a Nature study published last year, the region saw the second worst number of plant extinctions after Hawaii. In response to the paper, South African National Biodiversity Institute scientist Tony Rabelo said: “The Cape Flora has a very high density of species that occur nowhere else on Earth, so any impacts in the area have a very disproportionate impact on species.”

Now, a team of researchers from the South African Environmental Observation Network (SAEON) have developed a method of catching

problems in the fynbos before they irreparably damage an area.

With the seasonal fires that sweep through the Cape, its fynbos vegetation is always in a state of recovery. This makes it difficult to tell whether the plants and biome are healthy. Researchers from the SAEON have won a grant that will allow them to monitor the region’s fynbos in real-time.

In forests, it is relatively easy to tell whether there are changes and whether the trees are healthy; they are either green or they are not, says Jasper Slingsby, a SAEON biodiversity scientist and part of the project. However, with fynbos “we are working with an open system. There are fires, it is not always green, and the seasonal variability is huge,” he says. “To say, ‘This is normal and this isn’t’ is very difficult.”

At the same time, the Cape Floristic Region is under increasing threat. The region is one of the world’s six floral kingdoms, with many unique plants. However, the drought, invasive species, and urban development are putting increasing pressure on this fragile ecosystem.

However, the SAEON team’s model predicts what the fynbos should look like at any given

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time, and using Google Earth Engine, they can evaluate whether what is on the ground is within the natural range, says Slingsby. The two-year grant, awarded by Google Earth Engine (GEE) and the International Group on Earth Observation, will allow the team to use the GEE platform to develop their system.

In 2017, the team won a UN conservation award for their tool called EMMA (Ecosystem Monitoring for Management Application), which allows landowners and conservation authorities to map the location of unhealthy vegetation and confirm it via a smartphone app; it is one of the tools that their system will allow them to implement.

“[GEE is] a cloud computing platform that processes major remote-sensing data sets from satellites,” he says. “It allows you to run insane analyses; the scale of it is mind-boggling.”

But the real innovation is in the model that powers their analyses. In a recently published paper, the researchers – which include Slingsby, SAEON data scientist Glenn Moncrieff, and Adam Wilson from the University of Buffalo in the United States – laid out the nitty-gritty of how to compare satellite data of the Cape’s fynbos with the predictions of what it should look like. “Tools to aid the management of open ecosystems are desperately required as they dominate much of the globe and harbour substantial biodiversity and carbon,” they write.

Slingsby and colleagues’ monitoring tool will allow them to have a bird’s-eye view of the fynbos biome. “For example, the Cederberg is a large area and you don’t know the impacts of the drought or the spread of alien invasive species. This [monitoring system] gives us an idea of what’s going on out there, especially in hard-to-reach

areas,” Slingsby says.

The tool will be especially useful for conservation authorities, academics and government, he says, and the team is consulting with them so that they can respond to what these groups need. For example, the post-fire predictions can be linked to the biomass or carbon in the ecosystem, which are important for the country’s international carbon reporting obligations.

Systems ecologist Bob Scholes says this is the direction in which ecosystem monitoring is moving. “‘Big data’ means that you no longer have to design sparse sampling approaches, you can just measure everything all the time,” says Scholes who is with the Global Change Institute at Wits University.

Several such systems already exist, he says. “We monitor fire and land-use change on a continuous basis, for instance, and here at the [Global Change Institute] we have a grassland productivity system.”

For data scientist Montieff, it is important that the project also has a tool that allows the public to be involved in protecting the country’s fynbos heritage. “If the vegetation looks unhealthy, we want a citizen science application where people can go and validate that.”

But while their current focus is implementing this platform, they are already looking to other biomes in South Africa, such as the thicket in the Eastern Cape, invasive plants in grasslands, and the Lowland Renosterveld. “We have to have a different model of what we expect natural vegetation to look like,” Montieff explains. “Every system has a different ecology and each [model] has to be developed separately.”



Great, Green Wheel



This mandala of the Rotary wheel has a diameter of 36 metres.



The mandala was unveiled by President Koos Burger at his virtual induction that was attended by more than 50 Rotarians and friends.

A 36-metre Rotary wheel is growing at Gordon’s Camp, part of the Rotary Camps Glencairn, not far from Cape Town.

“I used the Rotary wheel and made it possible to walk in this emblem. I wanted to create a space, same as Rotary, where inclusivity transcends ethnicity, political affiliation, religion, age and language,” explained Koos Burger, camp manager and president of the Rotary Club of Cape of Good Hope (D9350). The mandala of the Rotary wheel was unveiled by Burger at his virtual induction and in a video that used drone footage.

A mandala is a diagram, chart or geometric pattern that represents wholeness and a model for the organisational structure of life itself. This is why Burger, who is a passionate environmentalist, chose it as a project to draw attention to the Rotary Camps Glencairn and to promote the camps. They are places where “our youth can peacefully interact with our environment. There is a need for our youth to be inspired and to learn more about the value and usefulness of our flora and fauna. I needed to make a statement that we should treasure, enjoy, get to know, and preserve our precious environment.”

Burger and the Rotary Camps Glencairn are part of the District 9350 Environmental Sustainability group, which supports the creation of this mandala that is part of a greater project to restore the lower part of the Glencairn Valley and Else River.

The Rotary Club of Newlands and Kirti Patel, a member of the Rotary Club of Cape of Good Hope,

have contributed to the ongoing project. During the next few months invasive trees and plants along the riparian area will be removed and the river will be cleared of debris and dirt. Natural riparian plants will be re-introduced and a board walk will be installed to allow visitors to experience the beautiful area.

At least 1 200 trees and plants were used in the mandala. Plants were chosen for texture, height, flowers to attract birds as well as aroma. Burger planned the exact location of each of the plant species he selected to ensure contrasting and complimentary colours.

Indigenous fynbos, endemic to this area, were planted in the “openings” between the spokes. The area representing the spokes, as well as the walkways and gears (or cogs), were covered in wood chippings made from “recycled” invasive trees and plants that were removed from the area. The wood chips will eventually form compost to nourish the plants in the mandala. The centre of the wheel, the keyway, was paved in stone.

“I can tell you we used about 6 000 small stones in the mandala,” laughed Burger. Surrounding the keyway are two raised low stone walls, the spaces between were filled with indigenous fynbos. The areas between the various components of the Rotary wheel were filled with different species of fynbos.

Twenty-four trees were planted in the indents of the gears and little benches will be added to make it possible for visitors to sit down and relax in the shade of the trees, while admiring the fynbos.

I wanted to create a positive mark on the surface of our planet. Therefore, I had to use one of the most iconic emblems of service - the Rotary wheel

- Koos Burger



THE AGE OF ADAPTATION

The global COVID-19 pandemic has forced people and businesses to reconsider how they ‘do life’ and embrace new ways to stay connected, learn and grow. Rotary’s first virtual international convention is just one example

Rotary’s first-ever virtual convention attracted more than 60 000 registrants and 175 000 viewers during its week-long programme. The robust participation shows that Rotary members are finding ways to experience fellowship and fun, key parts of Rotary’s annual international convention, despite the COVID-19 pandemic that forced the cancellation of the in-person convention planned for Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, this year.

The first general session was 20 June. Virtual attendees made nearly 19 000 chat comments during the 75-minute session, showing that members used the opportunity to engage and stay connected with each other.

President Mark Daniel Maloney acknowledged

that cancelling the convention in Honolulu was a difficult decision but said he was inspired by how members worldwide have stayed connected, adapted to their changing circumstances and helped those in need during the crisis.

Maloney said that unusual times have forced Rotary to adapt and look for different ways to grow Rotary. “Now we are experiencing in real time how important it is to create new club experiences,” he said.

Maloney also said, “We had hoped to hold the most environmentally friendly convention in Rotary history [in Honolulu]. Guess what? We succeeded. We are holding a Rotary Convention like no other, with no air travel, no hotel rooms,

leaving a remarkably small carbon footprint.”

In a reflection of the fact that the environment is increasingly important cause to Rotary’s members, just after the convention, Rotary announced that it had adopted supporting the environment as one of its areas of focus.

He added that, at the beginning of his term a year ago, Rotary was promoting the importance of increasing our ability to adapt, one of the goals of Rotary’s strategic plan, known as the Action Plan. “We are putting that plan into action out of necessity,” Maloney said. “We all have a better understanding of growing Rotary by extending our reach beyond regular meetings.”

In addition to Maloney, a number of world leaders and partner organisations spoke about how we are all coming together to help each other through the pandemic. In a video address, United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres said we need to work together to find solutions to the problems that are weakening our societies.

RI President-elect Holger Knaack, who became Rotary’s president on 1 July, encouraged clubs to continue to respond and innovate during these uncertain times. He said that responding and adapting “brings many new opportunities for us, to innovate and to learn from our experiences. Let us seize this moment and value it for what it is, the opportunity for Rotary to build on what we’ve learned, to embrace this new reality, to embrace new faces, to find new and better ways to shine and to have a continuing impact on the world.”



Emmy Award-winning television journalist Alisha Davis introduced a video collage of Rotary members around the world taking action against COVID-19 in their communities. She also interviewed members on how they’re adapting to meeting online.

Recordings of the two general sessions are available to watch on the Rotary International YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-0erRNbG4J7gCSg0XVHSSQ>)

ADAPTATION at Local Level

Whether we like it or not, the virus is not going to disappear soon and clubs have found themselves looking for different ways to do fundraising and projects. We share how four clubs connected with their communities in a world with COVID



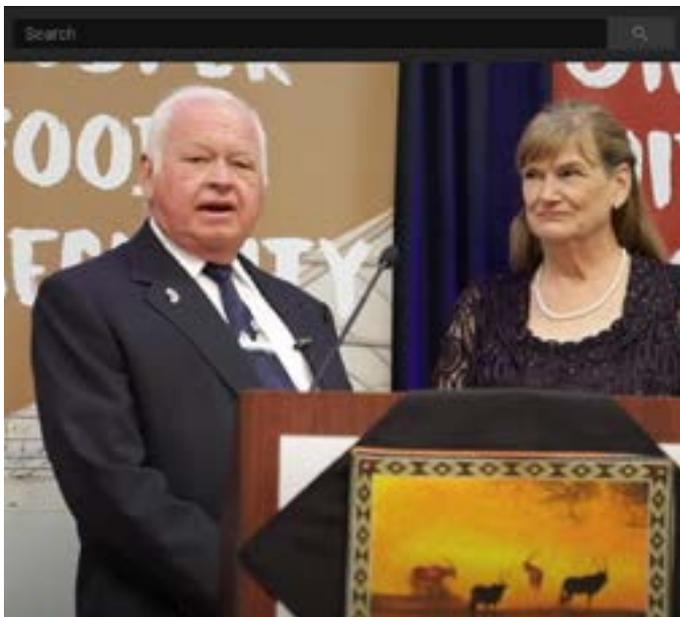
Donate a blanket. Warm a heart

2019 THE ROTARY CLUB OF HELDERBERG SUNRISE (D9350) held its first-ever blanket drive and collected more than 1 300 blankets to give to organisations supporting people in need. Among the organisations that benefited were The Ark, Zandvliet (Macassar) Care Centre, Helderberg Hospice, Somerset West Night Shelter, Thomas House of Hope, Bright Lights, Animal Welfare Society, Sunfield House, TinkTinkie Crèche and The Gabriella Centre. The blankets were collected during the four weekends of July at a mall in the town.

2020 To adapt to the COVID-19 restrictions, the club asked people to each donate R75 to buy a good quality, locally made blanket. The funds are being collected via electronic fund transfers and SnapScan. The project is being promoted on Facebook and through the club's website, as well as through the existing media relationships the club has in place. Members will also distribute the information to their Rotary, personal and professional networks at home and abroad.



THE SHOW VIRTUALLY WENT ON: COVID-19 put an end to the annual Rotary Club of Knysna (D9350) Cycle Tour that was part of the Knysna Oyster Fest... Or did it? The event was converted to a virtual platform and enjoyed by an estimated 450 000 people from across the world, including North America, The Netherlands, Croatia, Australia, Hong Kong, United Kingdom, from the comfort of their own homes. The 34th cycle tour was presented by Knysna Speed Festival and cyclists with access to Zwift (a popular multi-player online cycling and running physical training programme) could compete in the mountain bike events, international pro race or competitive group rides all from the comfort of a static home set-up! Family, friends and cycling enthusiasts experienced the action via livestreaming on YouTube or Facebook! The appearance of South African professional cyclists, Nic Dlamini and Ashleigh Moolman Pasio, added extra excitement to the event.



JIM BLESSMAN, A MEMBER of the Rotary Satellite Club of Baobab (a satellite of the Rotary E-Club of Southern Africa D9400), is the founder and CEO of Blessman International, an NGO that operates in South Africa. When the annual Blessman International Charity Gala was cancelled this year, they moved it to a virtual platform. More than 10 000 people watched the gala on their devices and made financial pledges. Blessman said in a newsletter that this “made it one of our best years ever.” The silent auction which ran concurrently, using a specialised, subscription-based online auction platform, raised over \$16 000. As a result, in the future, the organisation will probably combine online and live events to maximise fundraising potential. Left: Jim and Beth Blessman during the virtual awards presentation at the 2020 gala.

Fundraising at the Rotary Club of Hilton and Howick generally takes two forms; a music supper event and the occasional invitation to run the bar at the Hilton College Theatre. While speaking at a District 1180 training event, club secretary Sarah Paterson heard of a virtual dog show being hosted by the Rotary E-Club of Innovation. She pitched the idea to her club and two weeks later the project was launched. A website was built for online entries and a Zapper account was opened to process credit card transactions. Emailed entries with EFT payments were also allowed. The entry fee was a donation of R20 per photo. Prizes were limited to bragging rights, certificates and virtual ribbons. Promotion was done using adverts and a video on the members' personal networks, WhatsApp and Facebook accounts. A community newspaper, local business directory and the live weekly broadcast of a local author also featured the show. More than 100 photos were entered and the club plans to launch another virtual competition in early August.



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Rotary  **Club of Hilton and Howick**

Work Underway

Building has begun at the Ntsika Secondary School near Grahamstown (now Makhanda), following the receipt of all local and international funding for a Global Grant of the Rotary Club of Grahamstown (D9370).

This water and sanitation project includes connecting the school's sewage to the municipal mains, upgrading all learner and staff ablution

blocks, creating a scullery block and securing water supply in a drought-stricken area plagued with irregular municipal water supply. Broken gutters and downpipes were replaced to enable rainwater harvesting. Four 10 000 litre water tanks are being installed and all ablution blocks will sport tiled walls that are more hygienic and easier to clean than current painted walls.

The plumbing has advanced well with five ablution blocks already completed and the sewage has been connected to the municipal mains. The tiling of the walls, although well worth the extra time and money, coupled with the brief closure of the school due to a positive Covid-19 case, has slowed the project that is now expected to be completed in November 2020.

According to Statistics South Africa (StatsSA) approximately 3.1% of people in South Africa have no access to sanitation or are still using the bucket system. This figure translates to approximately 1.7 million people including women and children, the elderly and people with disabilities

MISSION POSSIBLE



This was more than just a mission for good; it was a cultural exchange and bridge building exercise, which answered the question, “What do I get out of Rotary?”

It was a mission they chose to accept with enthusiasm and one which they plan to do again. Earlier this year, 17 Rotarians and volunteers who travelled from District 1180 (UK) to Uganda on a 16-day mission to help make life a little easier for the children at Kamuzinda Children’s Village. The village is home to more than 300 orphaned, homeless or destitute children in the care of the Molly and Paul Childcare Foundation.

Led by Rotarian Liz Tonge, the team was made up of members from the Rotary Clubs of Ormskirk Clocktower, Llanfairfechan and Penmaenmawr, together with supporters from Christchurch, Aughton and other friends.

Approaching the project stake holders as equal partners and maintaining functioning lateral channels of communication was an important component of the project. “We didn’t want to do the handout thing – we



Time was also spent visiting people to distribute food parcels and clothes, feminine hygiene bags that were provided by the Days for Girls Charity. Supporters from Christchurch also funded the building of a new kitchen. “At one home we found a woman who lived by her Bible, but could no longer read it because of failing eyesight. It was an instant decision by one of our Rotary members to give her his own glasses.” recalled Liz Tonge



While in Uganda, the team funded many projects including the repair of two boreholes and upgrades to the buildings. The upgrades included a new floor and desks, gutters and a water tank and the painting of classrooms.



wanted to work with them to make things better.

“We were not there being the superior to this poor country – it was more of a cultural exchange. They taught us things; like music, song, dance, their food and we went to their church. We had committee meetings and shared ideas,” explained Tonge.

The experience was invaluable and is something “I could go on all day about,” chuckled Tonge. One of the greatest lessons for the team members was taught to them by the children. “These kids are so smiley, they have nothing, but we always say they are richer than us in so many ways because they just know how to be happy. They are not materialistic.”

The team arrived in Uganda with 33 suitcases, stuffed with shoes, textbooks, baby quilts, medicine and clothing, and a wheelchair for a polio survivor. They also ‘had more than £19 000 cash which had been collected through fundraising events and donations from families and friends that was used to purchase items, including 10 computers for the high school and two dairy cows!

Most of the building had been done before they arrived and the team members helped with painting and other small jobs to complete the project. “We all turned our hands towards the build. They did ask us to do some bricklaying, but we said ‘no, we actually can’t, we have no idea how!’” said Tonge.

James Thomas (23), a member of the Rotary Passport Club of North Wales & North West England, works in web development and taught IT to the high school students. He firmly believes that projects should include “the value of doing something instead of blindly writing cheques.”

“As we were a large group, I was able to go off and do my own thing. I spent much of my time around a group of A level students. I taught maths, science and computing in the high school. The work ethic of these children was commendable; I have a deep respect for them. I would say the experience brought me, if for a moment, true happiness.”

Travelling to Africa had always been a

Through Rotary, I was able to fully immerse myself in another culture and expand my own views on the world, for that, I am truly grateful

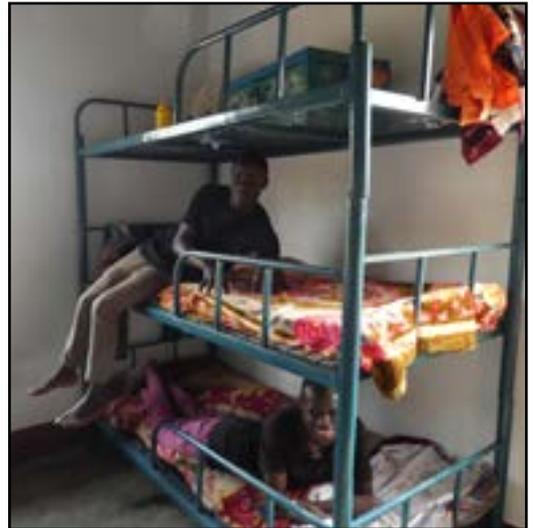
- James Thomas, Rotarian



Several teachers were part of the team and spent time teaching, while others mended uniforms. A highlight was having enough donated shoes to give each child, many of whom were barefoot, a pair of shoes for school.



However, the key project for the group was to help the building of a much-needed new home for 40 teenage boys. This home was the result of a successful District Grant with matched funding from the Ormskirk Clocktower club and its friends.



This was the third consecutive year that members from Ormskirk Clocktower club have travelled to Uganda to work with the Molly and Paul Childcare Foundation and it is hoped that they will return next year to continue making a huge difference to hundreds of young lives.

dream for Thomas and this trip did not disappoint. In fact, it provided a “penny-drop moment” when he realised that to become fulfilled, he would need to change the direction of his life. As he had enjoyed doing Rotary work, and voluntary work in general, it seemed illogical to be paid to do something that doesn’t bring him as much joy. “This has led me to looking into ways I can integrate myself within the humanitarian sector. So, this experience within the pearl of Africa has really changed my entire outlook.”

Being a hands-on participant in a project is something which appeals to people and can be used to attract and retain members. “We are hoping to go every year now. That was our third trip – second district grant. We already have two Rotarians signed up to go next time; within our club it is getting a much wider audience,” says Tonge.

The Rotary Club of Ormskirk Clocktower has 52 members and is a younger club. It is one of two clubs in the town, with the other being a more traditional Rotary club. “The younger Rotarians had a spin off and created Clocktower. We are quite rebellious in not following all the *rules*.” Embracing change is, according to Tonge, the way to attract more members. “We just have to get the young people in. We have to change to become more attractive to the young people – they are the next generation after all.”

Changing the rules on how clubs meet and where they meet has played an important role in making Rotary more attractive to young people. “Many young people don’t have the disposable



One of their Rotary supporters ran a scheme to ‘sponsor a desk’. Children at Kamuzinda are usually forced to sit up to seven at a small desk. For just over £10 each, carpenters, together with Rotary friends, made more than 70 desks for the children at the primary school.

income to spend on meals every fortnight and dinner meetings.”

However, it does not end there. Providing an experience is also important and the proof of this has been seen during the coronavirus lockdowns as people of all ages from all over the world volunteered to help their communities. “They (young people) want to be hands on. They are all there, they are just not part of Rotary. We have to find that bridge – show them why they should join Rotary when they can do good anyway.”

The Uganda mission is just one of these bridges. As Tonge says, “The opportunities are there!”



They were also able to fund 10 computers. The high school students are learning IT, but with nine students around each of the two working laptops they had, things were difficult.

Business For Beginners

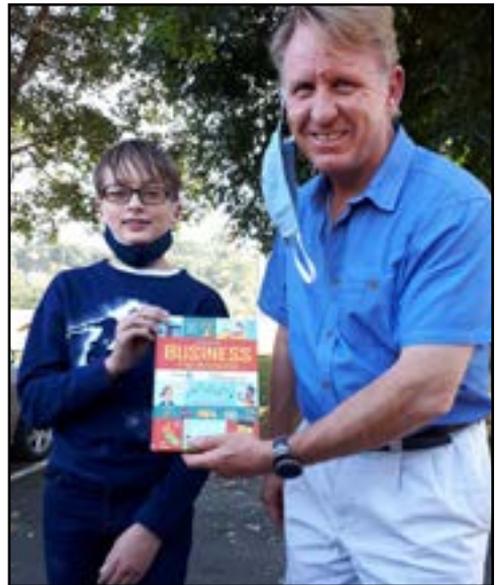
Entrepreneurship is essential for the growth of the South African economy. It was therefore with great anticipation that the Rotary Club of Westville (D9370) ordered copies of *Business For Beginners*, a publication from the Rotary Learning Library.

Ever mindful of the challenges faced with unemployment in the country and firm in the belief that a combination of training and mentorship can make a large contribution to the solution, the Rotary Club of Westville was excited to share this publication.

“Entrepreneurship and small business form a large part of the Grade 7 curriculum and I knew this book would be a great tool in the hands of children and educators alike,” said Rotarain Su Boertje

Local senior primary schools were identified as recipients and distribution was about to begin when COVID-19 happened! When schools returned the Rotary Club of Westville gave books to seven primary schools, that were delighted to receive them.

James Budge, a second year B.Com student at Stellenbosch University, said the book’s “combination of pictures, flow charts, cartoons and text make it essential reading or study material. Anyone would be privileged to have it on their bookshelf.”



Grade 7 learner Michael Boertje handed a copy of “Business For Beginners” to Gary Balarin, senior primary deputy head at Thomas More College.

600 MILLION

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Young people are ready and open to learn, but opportunities to acquire knowledge and put their capacities to the test are often scarce or unavailable. Research on entrepreneurship generally and social entrepreneurship specifically, has identified a number of elements essential to effective youth social entrepreneurship. Among them are enabling factors such as the embeddedness (the degree to which economic activity is constrained by non-economic institutions) of young social entrepreneurs in local contexts, networking mechanisms, creative financing, human and institutional support, as well as education, training and better support from the national policy level.

Data from the 2020 UN World Youth Report



Jenine Coetzer and Mike and Linda Vink delivered the teatime goodies to Woodside Sanctuary and were met by Jane Mkhwanazi.

TEA TIME

Residents and staff of Woodside Sanctuary have been badly affected by the pandemic. The Rotary Club of Johannesburg New Dawn (D9400) delivered a whole range of teatime treats for the Woodside residents and staff to enjoy.

General manager Kirsten Williams said that 48 residents and 19 staff members have tested positive but all have been asymptomatic, largely due to the pro-active measures the home took to ensure that they stayed healthy. There was also a significant financial impact. Williams said that since the lockdown there has been a critical decline in donations coming in which is the lifeblood of the home. “We are battling with a R3,5m deficit per annum and although many of the parents pay for the care of their children, many of them are battling financially and have lost their jobs and livelihoods. In addition, we have had



The treats were mostly homemade

no support from the Department of Health for essential items such as protective gear and we have had to fund that ourselves.”

Woodside Sanctuary in Auckland Park is home to 81 severely to profoundly intellectually and physically disabled residents, ranging from four to 64 years in age, all of whom are completely dependent on care.



Thirty wheelchairs were given by the Rotary Club of Newlands (D9350) to partner organisations (Masicorp, Cheshire Homes, Die Eiland Huis in St Helena Bay, False Bay Hospital, Living Hope NPO and Oasis Association for People with Intellectual Disabilities) for distribution.



Nigel Bellamy, a member of the Rotary Club of Selebi-Phikwe (D9400), regularly visits the Rotary Club of Rosebank (D9400) when in Johannesburg for business. For many years, his home club has given blankets to people in need during the cold months. The local council welfare office helped to identify the recipients. Many of those who received blankets during this distribution had lost their homes to fires that had originally been lit to warm their homes. This year, the Rotary Club of Rosebank helped obtain blankets for distribution.

After lockdown began, the Rotary Club of Dundee (D9370) asked Siphuthando Care Centre to help identify the most vulnerable households in the community. The club has supported the centre for six years with funding it receives from the Rotary Club of Havelberg (D1900, Germany) and recently gave families food, toiletries and other necessities. A donation of e’Pap, worth R37 000, was received from Marilyn Bassin of the Boikanyo Foundation by the club for distribution.



Past President Keela van Niekerk used funds raised at the induction of President Justin Schonegevel of the Rotary Club of Wynberg (D9350) to supply blankets and gifts to Maitland’s Cottage Hospital in Newlands. The club has sponsored eight Interact clubs, provided bursaries to learners at seven Lotus River and Grassy Park schools, medical equipment to Victoria Hospital and a vehicle to Community medics.



Bronberg Retirement Village and the Rotary Club of Pretoria East (D9400) partnered in projects during lockdown. The residents of Bronberg donated knitted and crocheted jerseys, baby clothes and squares for blankets that were donated to projects supported by the Rotary club. For Mandela Day they gave the club boxes of tinned food, rice and maize that the club distributed to Louis Botha and Jacaranda Children’s Homes.



Three hand washing stations were given to the Siloe School for the Blind and Partially Sighted by the Rotary Club of Polokwane (D9400). The stands were built by Rotarians and they were assisted with the welding by an intern.



Members and Anns of the Rotary Club of Durban (D9370) gave 100 Beanies to Guy Cluver for the Bellevue Café Madiba Week Collection. During the week, 670 five litre buckets of soup were given to households in need, together with a goodie bag that included peanut butter, blankets, beanies, hand soap, sanitiser, masks and COVID-19 information. The beanies were knitted by volunteer knitters who have supported the club's jersey project for many years.

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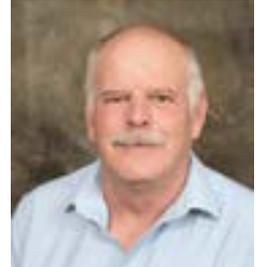
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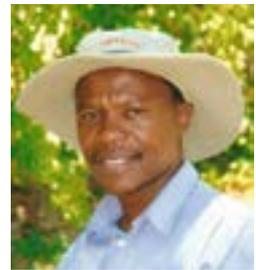
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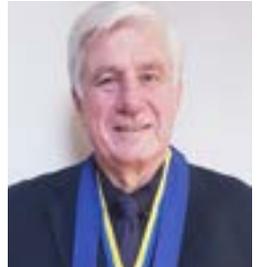
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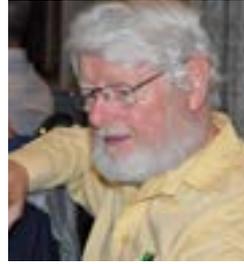
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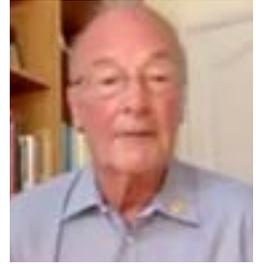
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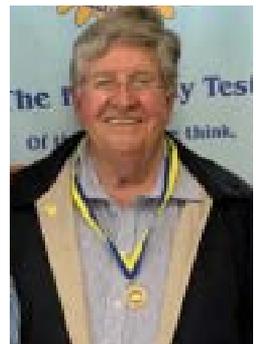
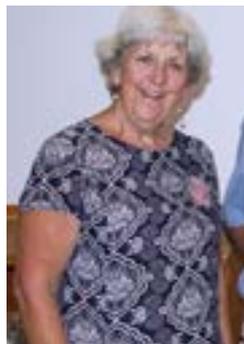
Este Coetzee received a second Sapphire Pin from the Rotary Club of Grahamstown Sunset (D9370).



Peter Rogers received a Sapphire Pin from the Rotary Club of Constantia (D9350).



Dayalan Naidoo was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Uitenhage South (D9370).



Rob de Gouveia, Bev Frieslich, Yogan Pillay and Hennie de Bruin each received Paul Harris Fellowship recognitions from the Rotary Action Group for Family Health & AIDS Prevention Inc. These were made to recognise the services they have rendered to the Rotary Family Health Days partnership over the years.

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