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WATERFRONT ROTARY MEETING

Friday, 28 October 2022 - 06h45 for 07h00

On Zoom

Captain (President): Johann Gerber; Secretary: Sue Truter
Scribe: June Webber
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CAPTAIN'S LOG - 28 OCTOBER 2022



Patience is a Virtue

At last we will be able to officially hand over the Mobile Dental Clinic to the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of the Western Cape. The project was initiated during Janet Kriseman's stint as Captain in 2020.

Thanks to the Pandemic and some other hiccups, patience triumphed and on Monday 7 November it will come to fruition. Thank you to Janet for all her hard work.

At last week's business meeting we voted to continue with zoom meetings and restrict in-person meetings to a maximum of two per month, except for November when there will be three to accommodate the guest speakers. We also voted to move the Family Festive Breakfast to Saturday 10 December (09:30 for 10:00) at a venue to be advised.

This week we welcome on zoom the captains for the winning Bishops Debating Teams Noah Macnab (juniors) and David Brunt (seniors) plus their coach Robert Dugmore who will tell us more about what this competition meant to them.

Good luck to our Quiz Team "The Barking Seals" (Derek and Natalie, Siham and George, Sue and family and myself) who will be defending Waterfront's honour at the Wynberg Rotary Club's Annual Quiz Evening on Friday evening

Happy anniversary to Alex and Susanne Schubert for Monday 31 October and to Spiro and Renee Mitchell for Thursday 3 November.

"To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all."- Oscar Wilde

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BUSINESS MEETING FRIDAY - 21 OCTOBER

SANLAM CAPE TOWN MARATHON

Pieter Swart thanked crew, family, friends and Rotaractors for all the support that they had provided over the weekend of the Cape Town Sanlam Marathon, in particular to Maryka Vermaak who had been on duty for two solid days. All had gone well, with minor glitches. Pieter said that he would be in a better position to report back this week, on quantum raised (approximately R40 000), what had and what had not worked, after further discussion with the organisers.

WATERFRONT CANAL CHALLENGE: SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2022

Team leader Siham Boda reported:

- 10 crew needed on the day - from registration at 07h00, through to 12h30.
- Request for spot prizes had been positive
- Cut off date for registration - 10 November
- Registration - at https://bigbayevents.org.za - 800 m R200; 1 mile R250.
- Crew encouraged to share social media post below
- Anyone with social media contacts: Please email June urgently for press release.



WATERFRONT CANAL CHALLENGE - UPDATE

We look forward to welcoming Michelle Weber, our Waterfront Canal Ambassador, as our guest speaker at the in person meeting at the Metropolitan Golf Club on **Friday, 11 November** to talk on - "Swimming across the English Channel". Please promote registration of the swimming events through your contacts and social media platforms. The more participants, the more funds we can raise for our Salesians Legacy project. .

MEMBERSHIP AND PI: Director June Webber

Membership: Two crew members are to be inducted on Friday, 4 November at the in-person meeting at the Metropolitan Golf Club that will boost membership to 37. Crew are encouraged to attend.

PI: Good publicity generated from the opening of the Chapel Street Primary School Library project; further excellent coverage of Waterfront projects in the DG's newsletter; Social Media platforms identified and are being integrated into the website development to provide a fresh new window to our club from a PI perspective.

Website: Team: Mymoena, Janet, June and Muriuki (website developer) have met on numerous occasions. Three website mock-ups have been circulated to members **for comment by Wednesday 26 October.** In addition, the team is also working on expanding the project information to include measurable goals. Mymoena is driving the initiative with passion.

District Conference Committee: The team is working in collaboration with DG Tracey and DGE Ann Wright. Venues for the plenary sessions and President and Officers' training (POETS) have been confirmed and in place. Promotional presentation at the Mini Conference was well received. Assistance needed to raise sponsorship.

SERVICE PROJECTS: **Director: Piet Postema**

Chapel Street Library: The official opening was held on 27 September where our club received considerable recognition and media coverage.

Dental Mobile Clinic: Official launch on 7 November.

Christine Revell Childrens Home: The additional 5.kVa battery has been installed which energises the offices, telephones and internet; the fibre connection is in place, upgraded boilers on site waiting for a plumber; the upgrade to the south side play area completed; the replacement tumble dryer has been installed.

Glencairn Youth Camps: Sewerage network being upgraded.

Salesians 30 Year Legacy Project: We have applied to the RC of Amersfoort in the Netherlands for funding towards our Legacy Project.

ENVIRONMENT: Director: Ralph Roseman

Ralph had recently returned after four and a half months overseas. Rotary Day of Service Beach Clean ups. Dates to be finalised with Kirshia. Sugar Bird Trust: Alien Clearing Project - being pursued.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INNOVATION (E&I): Director: Mymoena Ismail

Five articles on E&I projects have been included in the Bark this month - Community and Development Month. See Salesians Open Day Poster below - **Friday 28 October, 12h00 - 13h00.**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2 DECEMBER

WRC Secretary: After 15 years, Sue Truter is standing down. A replacement is urgently needed for Sue, as well as a Rotarian keen to take on WRC's Youth Portfolio next year.

END OF YEAR FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Members unanimously agreed that the event be held on **Saturday, 10 December.** Suggested venues welcome.

HAPPY RANDS: Crew again donated generously for many reasons, Ralph to be back in Cape Town after a four and a half month trip overseas, Pieter Swart that the Sanlam Cape Town Marathon was over!



Since her last newsletter DG Tracey has had an opportunity to connect with many of our Clubs and Members, particularly those in some of the far-flung regions of our District. This issue introduces many of the Members in these regions, who continue the work of Rotary in their Communities.

Waterfront is enormously proud that the newsletter included five pages of our recent activities. The newsletter is a good read. Besides the report below on Basic Education, four pages cover the press release put out by the Otto Foundation and Waterfront Rotary (Janet Kriseman) on the launch of the Chapel Street Primary School Library project and school upgrades, an outstanding collaborative partnership.

AREA OF FOCUS:

BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

Waterfront Club partnered with Western Cape Dept of Education (WCED) and local NGOS and Business to build a R 1.7 million Grade R classroom and new library for Chapel Street Primary School in Woodstock.

Did you know that WCED will contribute 40% of infrastructure costs to any project run by Rotary or other NGOS ?

What an opportunity, what a powerful partnership!!

Rotary's role was to build the partnership relationships and project manage the funds which came from the various partners and then ensure sustainability of this project through the appointment of library assistants to maximize the use of the wonderful range of library books.

Talk to Janet Kriseman (krisemanj@yaoo.com) or Piet Postema (pieter@postema.co.za)of Waterfront RC for more information.



***WCED MEC Davd Maynier** proudly launching the new library, Grade R classroom & playground made possible by the Rotary /WCED/ NGO & Business Partnership. Balloons throughout the school grounds celebrated the occasion!*



Investing in Early Childhood Development (ECD) and Foundation Phase (Grades 1-3) lays the much needed strong foundations in reading and numeracy for future effective education.

(For more detail on how this Project Partnerships works, see the link to the Press statement on the launch of this Rotary/WCED/ Business /NGO Partnership)

PRESS RELEASE

AREA OF FOCUS:

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Addressing unemployment and food security challenges

To positively address the unemployment challenge our D9350 Entrepreneurship Committee partners with Rotarians from 11 Rotary Clubs to provide mentorship in three different entrepreneurship projects for young adults to help them into the job market using the vocational skills so many Rotarians have because of their business knowledge. Mentoring requires only an hour or so per month and is a wonderful way to change lives.

Rotarians are encouraged to offer their vocational and business skills, and to join one or more of the mentor teams below and invest in the future of our country by helping to change the lives of the young people you mentor

The District Committee provides regular zoom training for Rotarians keen to mentor. Contact D9350 Entrepreneurship Chairman John Stephenson on johns1955@icloud.com) to join in any of the following Rotary mentor programmes.



iii) Food Security / Food Gardens

In addition to the above projects, the issue of child hunger and food insecurity continues to be a major challenge.

The recent Business Day Webinar on ***The role of Ethical leadership in addressing Child Hunger***, focused on how essential it is to partner. To better understand the importance of partnerships in food security, click on the link to download the webinar on U-Tube. WATCH

Rotary's work in Food Gardens – This is a further essential Rotary contribution to address this crisis by focusing on establishing sustainable food gardens to help improve general nutrition in schools, ECDS and communities: The brain develops 90% in the first 6 years of life and without nutritious food, major stunting of brain and body takes place. To address this challenge clubs can attend the Food Gardens regular training webinars to help clubs learn more of how you can work with communities to grow vegetables to help food security.

The District Community Services Chair and all the Community Service Committee chairmen are happy to assist any clubs needing more information, support, introduction to partners, or guidance on project selection Mail:- geraldinehnicol@gmail.com



Sustainable Actions

It is generally accepted that for an **action or project** to be considered as **"sustainable"** it must be:

- ✓ socially just
- ✓ economically viable and
- ✓ ecologically* sound and must continue to be so indefinitely.

***Ecology** is, essentially, the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical and natural environment.

The following is a proposed checklist with a view to undertaking a sustainable action or project:

1. Is it being developed **with** (as opposed to merely **for**) the community?
2. How will you ensure that it will be **economically viable**?
3. Are its **impacts on the ecology** going to be **positive, negative or neutral**?
4. If the **impacts on the ecology** are going to be **negative**, should the action or project be **abandoned** or can it be **adjusted to ensure positive or neutral impacts**?
5. How can any **positive ecological impacts be enhanced**?
6. How will you ensure that the action or project will continue to be **sustainable for future generations**?

Environmental Sustainability

This is the **rates** of **renewable resource harvest, pollution creation**, and **non-renewable resource** depletion that **can be continued indefinitely.** If they **cannot** be **continued indefinitely** then they are **not sustainable**. (Definition of Environmental Sustainability - Thwink.org)

Above, a good article on Food Gardens and Environmental Sustainability!

DISTRICT AND CLUB PROJECT FEEDBACK



Below are the final two articles that Mymoena Ismail our E&I Director is sharing for the information of members, to highlight the good work being done during October - Economic Community and Development Month.

WRC - ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION

Leadership a necessary skill for business growth - Corpchem (Pty) Ltd, Female Go-Getter

WRC and Startup Grind (SUG) mentors held an online zoom session with Corpchem (PTY) Ltd. Fatima Davids, a female business owner, is extremely passionate, energetic, and an expert in her field. She recently provided progress to the WRC-SUG Board of Mentors. A great milestone was onboarding Salesian students as part of WiL to help boost company sales. Given the digital maturity of South Africans to buy online, it is apparent that small businesses must adopt a 'push-pull' approach to naturally draw consumer interest in a brand or product when establishing a web presence.

In addition, key takeaway messages for small businesses are:

1. Protect your main business and make sure that they are risk-free;
2. Keep focus, review and manage your business activities i.e. product sales, HR (core team), and finances;
3. Avoid wasteful expenditure;
4. Leverage core social networking platforms such as LinkedIn to promote your business; and
5. Take the risk as long as you learn and grow.

In closing, Fatima emphasised the value of the WRC-SUG Board of Mentors in

aiding her to manage and grow her business.



Keeping Moving: Small Business Owner, George Provan

This was the first meeting. WRC Board of Mentors met via zoom with small business owner, George Provan. George is the proud owner of Keeping Moving, a local manufacturer that started out in 2020 and is based in Cape Town making socks for athletes. A unique business model leveraging existing local and international networks and an e-commerce platform. A small winning team with a view of creating local job opportunities and making a difference in the lives of others.

Keep Moving is now ready to expand its product range in 2023 and welcomes the relationship with the WRC Board of Mentors to support the expansion.

Key takeaway messages for small businesses are:

1. Save towards a one-year emergency fund in case of an economic downturn; and

2. Strategic business and financial projections are key tools for growth.

KEEPMOVING



CHRISTINE REVELL CHILDREN'S HOME - LONG STANDING SERVICE AWARDS

On 20 October Christine Revell celebrated their long serving employees at the

Home with a special function, the first in the past three years. Piet Postema writes: "We gave 3 staff members 10 year awards, Lea Willemse achieved 30 years and Mathilda Ruiters received recognition for 35 years of service".

Both Piet and Mohamed received certificate's of appreciation for their service to the Home. (Many congratulations for your sustained commitment to support this very important facility for children.)



"Hannarie Wenhold received a certificate of appreciation **for her 20 years plus service to the Home** as Chairman of the Manco and subsequently serving as a Trustee to which she recently resigned."







The above staff members were recognised for "their period of service and unfailing commitment" writes Piet: From left to right: Bomkazi Zonke (10 years); Charmaine Pretorius (10 years); Nandipho Vananda (10 years); Lea Willemse (30 years) and Mathilda Ruiters (35 years).





In the light of our Legacy Project it would be a worthwhile overview of Salesians if, particularly new Members, could pay a visit.

Waterfront Rotaract

Message from Ma-eesha Innocent: "Hello everyone! It's time for us to start preparing our December festivities. What a better way than for us to come together in service and collaboration to end of the year. **Chevs Kitchen & Waterfront Rotaract** would love to ask for your assistance by sponsoring a shoe box for one of the children who will be attending the annual Christmas party being hosted by Chevs Kithcen on the 10th December 2022."





WEST COAST INTERACTORS AND ROTARACTORS COLLABORATE WITH LANGEBAAN ROTARY AND LOCAL COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS ON THE WEST COAST





Josh for Nosh team L-R: First President of the Saldanha Bay Rotaract Club - Nicolette Holland, Jacqueline Tamri, and Joselee Ryk - President of the Saldanha Bay Interact Club. Jacqueline's role - event manager, co-ordinator and speaker.

Thank you for flying the Waterfront Rotary Banner Jacqueline!

Nosh for Josh was hosted by Saldanha Bay Rotaract Club President Nicolette Holland and Saldanha Bay Interact Club President Jose Lee Ryk on 22 October 2022 in Diazville, Saldanha Bay. Collaborating with local community stakeholders, Vital Connection, Sea Cadets and Radio West Coast, we were able to create awareness of the need for inclusion of other abled bodies, mental wellbeing and Autism.

It was a fun active cookie bake off event for organisations that serve in the sector on the West Coast. Onikwa, Karitas special needs school, South African Police Services, Diazville Primary and High school, parents, carers and mindful citizens were all encouraged and inspired by Langebaan Rotary Club member and public speaker Petra Mei who shared her personal experience with mental health. Our gratitude to all who supported and made this event possible. A phenomenal outcome of the event is the establishment of a network and support for aftercare by the local community for the most marginalised community.



Please support the Inner Wheel Club of Waterfront's Christmas Hamper Raffle - funds raised for worthy causes.

CALENDAR

Speakers / Events

October 2022

Friday, 28 October - Junior and Senior Debating winners from Bishops - on zoom

November 2022

Friday, 4 November - Kurt Ackermann: Chief Executive Officer of the South African Food and Farming Trust - in person meeting at the Metropolitan Golf Club.

Friday, 11 November - Michelle Weber - "Swimming across the English Channel - My story" - in person meeting at the Metropolitan Golf Club - in person meeting at the Metropolitan Golf Club

Friday, 18 November - Jo da Silva - Fundraising Manager Salesians Institute Youth Projects ""“Youth at risk – changing the narrative” - in person at the Metropolitan Golf Club

Friday, 25 November - Business meeting - on zoom.

December 2022

Friday, 2 December - Annual General Meeting **-** on zoom
Saturday, 10 December - Family festive breakfast
Friday, 16 December - No meeting Public Holiday
Friday, 23 December - Fellowship meeting – no speaker - Venue to be advised.

Rotary Club of Waterfront

ATTENDANCE REPORT - MEETING 21 OCTOBER 2022

Lucky Draw: NA; **Grace/Meditation:** Sue Truter; **Peace Candle**; Curtis Rooibaatjie; **Rotary Toast**: Ralph Roseman; **Four Way Test:** Nadene Rolston;
Bosun: Nadene Rolston; **Desk:** Maryka Vermaak.

Apologies

Matt Andrews (silent); Matthew Booth; David Bradley (Excused Attendance); Jan Buurman; Debby and Lionel Daniel; Chris Fick; Dennis Figov (Excused Attendance); Kirshia Govender; Janice Halliford; Dirk Hoffman; Robert Magotsi; Alex Schubert; Jacinta Subjee (LOA); Derek Wrankmore (Excused Attendance); Ashleigh Wrensch (silent); Jonathan Yach.

Visiting Rotarians:

None

Guests

Henk Meyer (guest of Piet Postema); Jaqueline Tamri and Brandon Beack

Make Ups

None

Membership 35

Attendance 60%

Birthdays in the coming week - 28 October - 4 November

None

Partners' birthdays - 28 October - 4 November

Rob Wolffs - 29 October (partner of Nadene)

Anniversaries in the coming week - 28 October - 4 November

Alex and Susanne Schubert. - 31 October and Spiro and Renee Mitchell on 3 November.

Rob the Fellowship Seal is with Debby Daniel - Lockdown Level 1

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