Seal's Bark: Weekly Newsletter of the Waterfront Rotary Club

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WATERFRONT ROTARY MEETING

Friday,21 November 2022 - 06h45 for 07h00

On Zoom

Captain (President): Johann Gerber; Secretary: Sue Truter

Scribe: June Webber

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CAPTAIN'S LOG - 21 OCTOBER 2022



Thank you

A big thank you to Pieter Swart and his team for their brilliant organisation of the marshalling at the Sanlam Cape Town Marathon and to all crew members who sacrificed their sleep and time to do duty.

Not only did we render Service, but also had good Fellowship - is that not what Rotary is really all about?

My apologies for not being there to assist, but I was diagnosed with minor bronchitis and was confined to quarters by my doctor for the entire week-end.

Leendert Wijnja. who recently spoke to the Club about his heart transplant, completed the 10km run sporting a t-shirt declaring "recycled parts inside!" Unfortunately Brandon Beack was struck down with flu and could not take part in the wheelchair race, which he was so keen to do. Next time you will do it, I am sure!

This week we meet on zoom for a business meeting to get feedback from the Directors on our various projects.

We also need to take a vote on whether the members will be happy to have at least two in-person meetings per month and whether we would rather move the Family Breakfast in December to a Saturday morning later than 07:00 to enable spouses and children to attend as well .

Remember that your attendance and opinion counts so please tune in....you are welcome to stay in bed with your laptop or phone but remember to dress appropriately; neat on top and whatever you prefer bottom!

Wednesday, 24 October is World Polio Day. As the article below concludes - "now is not the time to give up".

WORLD POLIO DAY - 24 OCTOBER

In August, the U.S. had its first confirmed polio case since 1979. Similarly, recent wastewater samples in Jerusalem, Israel, and London, UK, indicate community transmission in regions without new cases of polio in numerous decades. For years we have been aware that polio is just a plane ride away and that polio anywhere is a threat everywhere. And while this concept was never difficult to understand, it has gained much more traction recently as we've seen viruses go…well, viral.

Our understanding of the borderless nature of viruses has increased, but so too

has misinformation and disinformation about vaccines. This, combined with complacency and the perception that polio is no longer a significant health threat, countries that have been polio-free for decades are now seeing pockets of vulnerability.

This should be a wake-up call for all of us.
And now is not the time to give up.

World Polio Day is on October 24, and we invite all Rotary and Rotaract clubs to show their support by registering their participation on endpolio.org**.**
Read more of this post



A health worker vaccinates a child outside a home in Gharibabad, Karachi, Pakistan.

MEETING FRIDAY - 14 OCTOBER



Guest Speaker - John Woodland:

Alexander Borodin - "The chemist who also composed"

Although Alexander Borodin is presently known better as a composer, he regarded medicine and science as his primary occupation.

John Woodland was introduced by Captain Johann. "He has a doctorate in Chemistry and is a Chemical Biologist at the Drug Discovery and Development Centre at UCT. He is the founder and director of the choir Vox Cape Town and a volunteer presenter on Fine Music Radio." The presentation that John gave on this topic was absolutely fascinating.

Alexander Porfiryevich Borodin (12 November 1833 – 27 February 1887) was a Romantic composer and chemist of Georgian-Russian extraction. He was one of the prominent 19th-century composers known as "The Five", a group dedicated to producing a uniquely Russian kind of classical music. Borodin is known best for his symphonies, his two string quartets, the symphonic poem *In the Steppes of Central Asia* and his opera *Prince Igor*.

A doctor and chemist by profession and training, Borodin made important early contributions to organic chemistry. Although he is presently known better as a composer, he regarded medicine and science as his primary occupations, only practising music and composition in his spare time or when he was ill. As a chemist, Borodin is known best for his work concerning organic synthesis, including being among the first chemists to demonstrate nucleophilic substitution, as well as being the co-discoverer of the aldol reaction. Borodin was a promoter of education in Russia and founded the School of Medicine for Women in Saint Petersburg, where he taught until 1885.

Borodin died at the age of 53 of a heart attack at a fancy dress party. He successfully combined two lives - Science and Music, but he will best be remembered for his music.

John was appropriately thanked by Derek Pead.

HAPPY RANDS

Crew continue to donate happy Rands generously each week. Spiro was delighted to announce that he and Renee were to become grandparents!

OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT MONTH



Last week we shared two articles on what Waterfront Rotary is doing in respect of Economic and Community Development. Below are two further articles that Mymoena Ismail our E&I Director has shared for the information of members.

WRC Entrepreneurship & Innovation

Building Your Brand that Lasts key for Tech Companies - Innovate Networks

It was great to hear the speed of reaction by Damian Michael, owner of Innovate Networks since we last met in September. Damian's long-term plan is to build an asset-value company that could be sold in the future. Key to this is an effective marketing strategy and innovation culture that constantly meet the demands of the market.

Key takeaway messages from Coaches/Mentors:

1. Build a brand recognition that lasts and grows organically.

2. Avoid becoming too emotionally involved that one may miss out on opportunities that may be great for success.

3. Onboard the right marketing experts to grow your business.

The next online session will take place on 15 November.



Michael Goldman, Mymoena Ismail, and Damian Michael on the zoom call.

Scenario planning to stay relevant in the Retail Sector - Enliven Consolidate (Pty)

A one-on-one online session was held with our elected small business, Enliven Consolidated (Pty) Ltd. Taona, the CEO shared his progress and highlighted the need to focus on increasing sales for the upcoming financial year. His strategy included some historical sales data spread over a quarter, expenses, and product modification as requested by clients.

Taona demonstrated a good understanding of the market since inception however his biggest challenge is the absence of a Board of Directors. The WRC members now serving as a Board of Directors are adding tremendous value.

Key takeaway messages from Coaches/Mentors:

1. Be realistic and focus on priorities i.e. cashflow

2. Build great relationships with current partners to increase sales by moving bigger quantities over time

3. Recruit the right people to grow your business.

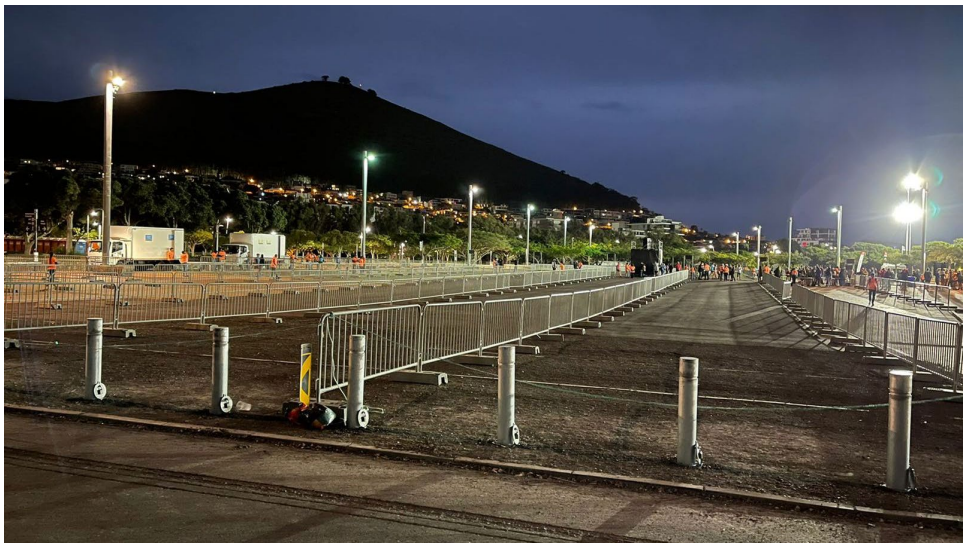
Enliven Consolidate Pty Ltd

Together As One



Sanlam
CAPE TOWN MARATHON

The Sanlam Cape Town Marathon is now done and dusted. Pieter Swart has been the team leader responsible for organising the logistics of this event since 2016, a big commitment. All accolades to Pieter and his team - Dirk, Spiro, Piet, Maryka and Sue, who assisted with brilliant coordination. Pieter will be thanking crew at our meeting on Friday and will provide us with a report back. These pics below are worth a thousand words!




CAPE TOWN MARATHON
Devil's Peak


EXIT


CAPE TOWN MARATHON


adidas
Sanlam
CAPE TOWN
MARATHON
Africa's Race




ENDUROCAD ZEBRA
Sanlam
15821
Sanlam
15356
CAPE TOWN
MARATHON


Rockies
2022
Sanlam
14291


CAPE TOWN
MARATHON







The pics above need no captions as they perfectly capture the wonderful "gees" of this event!

DISTRICT AND CLUB PROJECT FEEDBACK

MINI CONFERENCE REPORT BACK

Mymoena, Michael and June attended the mini conference on Saturday 15 October. The mini conference clashed with the Sanlam Cape Town Marathon, hence the poor attendance.

Michael's feedback: "There was well-deserved emphasis on the Rotary Foundation. Substantial sums of money are available. The only limitation is our imagination and the ability to present a project convincingly.

The Foundation can only generate funds for projects **if it can rely on donations and bequests**. It should enjoy the support of every Club and Rotarian.

Our Ukraine meeting received recognition and District support of Rotary in Ukraine was explained. Our support of the Early Child Development project in Langa was recognised. June was given a slot to promote the District Conference – April 21/22 next year – organised by our Club and taking place in our vicinity.

Mymoena's feedback:
"Was great to see 114 participants. Would have loved to see more interaction from Clubs. Too top down. In my limited view District is made up of Clubs. So the purpose of the conference should be aligned to what the district would love to achieve and encourage clubs to support given the collective impact of all clubs."

June's feedback: "The presentation by PDG Tom Gump from the RC Edina/Morningside Minnesota on the Rotary Action plan and how it relates to membership and RI's Strategic Plan, was a positive highlight, emphasising what clubs can do." (See slide below - Tom Gump at the end "Adapt").

The conference was recorded and may well be accessible via the District 9350 website. It should be of interest, particularly to new members.



CHRISTINE REVELL SNACK DANCE - 7 OCTOBER





The above pics are of the “balloon popping” offering which is very popular. "The snack dance was well attended, as always, and we enjoyed an excellent floor show by entertainer Faried Swartz who shared his history knowledge of Christine Revell and her family as well as how she started the Home" writes Piet. "An amount of R24,939-00 excluding the raffle was raised by the event. A very successful evening all in all."

Waterfront Rotaract



"What a fun weekend we had!" writes Ma-eesha Innocent. "The Cape Town Marathon is always a fun event to attend but this year the excitement was so much more. We are so grateful to have the opportunity to come together as a team to positively contribute towards an event this large. It definitely helps to start a 4 am shift off with some sugary doughnuts to keep the energy levels up!"



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** on "Swimming across the English Channel".

All hands on deck needed to assist Siham and her team boost and promote registration of the swimming events through our contacts and social media platforms.

The Waterfront Canal Challenge is just three weeks away. Help also needed to source, ideally, 3 male and 3 female for each of skins and wetsuits = 12, plus 8 good lucky draw prizes if possible. Makes 20 in total. "Shooting high about 12 spot prizes" writes Derrick Frazer of Big Bay Events. Siham will provide a report back on Friday at the business meeting.

CALENDAR

Speakers / Events

October 2022

Friday, 21 October - Business meeting - on zoom

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
Friday, 9 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 14 OCTOBER 2022

Lucky Draw: NA; **Grace/Meditation:** Ralph Roseman; **Peace Candle**; Jonathan Yach; **Rotary Toast**: Sue Truter; **Four Way Test:** All
Bosun: Martin colman; **Desk:** Maryka Vermaak.
Apologies:
Matt Andrews (silent); Matthew Booth; David Bradley (Excused Attendance); Jan Buurman; Debby and Lionel Daniel; Dennis Figov (Excused Attendance); Kirshia Govender; Janice Halliford; Hans Stampfl (LOA); Alex Schubert; Jacinta Subjee (LOA); Derek Wrankmore (Excused Attendance); Ashleigh Wrensch (silent).

Visiting Rotarians:

None

Guests

John Woodland (Guest Speaker); Jaqueline Tamri

Make Ups

Michael Goldman, Mymoena Ismail and June Webber (Mini Conference)

Membership 35

Attendance 64%

Birthdays in the coming week - 21 - 28 October

None

Partners' birthdays - 21 - 28 October

None

Anniversaries in the coming week - 21 -28 October

None

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

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