



Rota Views- 6 February

27 Weekly News bulletin of the

Rotary Club Cape of Good Hope

*We meet on Tuesday evenings near the tip of the Cape Peninsula
at the St James Hotel, Main Road, St James
@ 19:00 - Visitors are always most welcome
Excellent meal served*



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FLO BORCHERS, Chairperson of the **Friends of Child Protection**, was our guest speaker last week. Their aim is: **Packing comfort, dignity & love into over 1000 Comfort Packs every 60 days!**

Seen on the Right: President Marge with Flo Borchers, her Assistant Neil and Rotarian Koos Burger who thanked our speaker

Flo said: "The overwhelming majority of our clients are in an acute state of distress when they present at the Khayelitsha Hospital Trauma Unit for help. The children often cry and are frightened of the unknown. It is such a joy, relief and a great help when the smiles appear on the client's faces, once we hand your comfort packs over to them, as it softens the harsh pain and reality that the child and their parents have had to face"

The purpose of a Comfort Packs (C/P) which are packed according to age and gender from Baby to Teens, is to **provide child victims of abuse with comfort and aid in a time of trauma and crisis in their lives**. Some of the Packs are handed out at hospitals by Doctors and Medical staff while others are used by Social Workers to help them to encourage children to relax and be able to speak freely about their traumatic experiences.

We began the project in January 2002, packing 3 C/P's a month for one Child Protection Unit and have now grown to the point now where we are packing 1250 plus- every 60 days.

We have kept a careful tally since 2006 and have on record where every C/P has been distributed, and to date have distributed **67 035 Packs to 26 SAPS FCS Units** (Family Violence, Child Protection, Sexual Offences Units), the **Trauma Units** at nine (9) hospitals, **Wynberg Children's Courts** for Sexual Abuse, four (4) **Branches of Safeline** (Athlone, Delft, Grassy Park, Mitchell's Plain) and Centres for the Treatment and Prevention of Child Abuse.

We never put anything that has been used in the packs, everything is brand new and is, in most cases, the only thing that some of these children has ever received that is their very own. We often hear of the whole family using the toothbrush and toothpaste as well as the facecloth and soap! Each C/P's **costs about R50.00** but varies according to the age group, with the most expensive being the Baby Pack. **Total cost for 1250 C/P's every 60 days is R70 000**

We are a faith-based organisation and have great faith that in His bounty He will provide, through gracious and caring people, for these young ones whose bodies have been broken, whose minds have been fractured, who have been betrayed, who are voiceless and defenceless, and who are vulnerable and frail. He has never let us down in 15 years!

We are passionate about serving these children by providing them with a Comfort Pack in a time of fear and sorrow"

See the details of the in the attached emails of the **Friends of Child Protection**, in ther email attached to this email,



Love your Guide Dog

Fund-raising dinner R175 per person

Friday 16 February 2018 7:30pm
Fish Hoek Civic Centre
Recreation Road
Fish Hoek, Cape Town



Shyann, service dog
invites you to book here

<http://tinyurl.com/LY6D2018>

or call her mom, Dawn 083 226 8250



GUIDE-DOGS
ASSOCIATION
South Africa

It would be wonderful if our Club could support the Guide Dog Fundraiser on **FRIDAY 16 February 2018**

ROTARY D 9350 - NEWS

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

How can YOU use your Vocation and skills to *Make a Difference*? - Try these 5 Tips

The Five Behaviours of a Cohesive Team

1. Trust One Another

When Team members are genuinely transparent & honest, they are able to build vulnerability based trust.

2. Engage in Conflict around Ideas

When there is trust, Team members are able to engage in unfiltered, constructive debate of ideas.

3. Commit to Decisions - When Teams are able to offer opinions & debate ideas, they will be more likely to commit to decisions.

4. Hold One Another Accountable - When everyone is committed to a clear plan of action, they will be more willing to hold one another accountable.

5. Focus on Achieving Collective Results - The ultimate goal of building greater trust, conflict, commitment, and accountability is one thing: the achievement of results

FEBRUARY IS

PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH

Photo by Monika Lesinska © Rotary International. Design by Gilbert Thien.

"The practice of peace and reconciliation is one of the most vital and artistic of human actions."
Thich Nhat Hanh

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EXCHANGE IDEAS: www.rotary.org



Strategic plan -

Rotary is developing a plan for implementing the new strategic plan this year. In June, Rotary's Board of Directors and Trustees approved a new vision statement for the organization: ***"Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, communities, and in ourselves in our"***

Rotary's strategic plan provides the **framework for our future**, ensuring that we continue to be known as a respected, dynamic organisation that advances communities worldwide.

The strategic plan evolves with the aspirations of Rotarians. It is shaped by regular input from members through surveys, focus groups, committees, and meetings, so it can continue to help us achieve our goals.

The new vision statement helps us set a future course so that Rotary can thrive in the years ahead. It reflects the impact Rotary aspires to have on the world and our members.

To get an unbiased perspective while we developed the vision statement, we worked with Grant Thornton, a consulting agency that specialises in planning and change management.

To help us in shaping the vision, Grant Thornton facilitated surveys, focus groups, and interviews with Rotarians, Rotaractors, Foundation partners, Rotary alumni, Rotarian Action Groups, and others.

"It was critical that the vision be crafted from diverse feedback so that it could be understood and adopted by all," says Stephanie A. Urchick, chair of the Strategic Planning Committee. "We cannot thank our survey and focus groups enough. Your honest feedback was invaluable not only in capturing the true spirit, shared values, and priorities that make up the distinct character of Rotarians, but also in providing a rich foundation for the next phase of our work: building the strategic plan and priorities needed to bring our vision to life," she said.

Something to make you smile..... A NOTEWORTHY OBSERVATION

One reality about Europe's current political leadership is summarized here: **French President Macron** has no children. **German chancellor Angela Merkel** has no children. **British PM Theresa May** has no children. **Italian PM Paolo Gentiloni** has no children. So too for **Holland's Mark Rutte**, **Sweden's Stefan Löfven**, **Luxembourg's Xavier Bettel**, Scotland's **Nicola Sturgeon** and European Commission **President Jean-Claude Juncker** all have no children.

So, a grossly disproportionate number of the people making decisions about Europe's future have no direct personal stake in that future.

TIRED OLD DOG

An old, tired-looking dog wandered into the yard. I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home. He followed me into the house, down the hall, and fell asleep on the couch. An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out.

The next day he was back, resumed his position on the couch and slept for an hour.

This continued for several weeks. Curious, I pinned a note to his collar: "Every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap."

The next day he arrived with a different note pinned to his collar: "He lives in a home with four children. He's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?"

The height of drought...A tree looking for a dog..... Read onto next page for Club meeting info →

MEETING AGENDA	ON DUTY 6 FEBRUARY	ON DUTY 13 FEBRUARY
Reception & Greeting Guests	Norma Rockliffe	Norma Rockliffe
General Welcome	President Marge Upfold	President Marge Upfold
Welcome to Visitors	Norma Rockliffe	Norma Rockliffe
Toast to RI and South Africa	Manu Choudree	Alan Ferguson
Secretarial Spot	Susan O'Hagan Ward	Susan O'Hagan Ward
Spots from the floor		
Grace	Susan O'Hagan Ward	Maughreen Ladbrook
DINNER		
SPEAKER		Aimee Kuhl
TOPIC	BUSINESS MEETING	Ice Breaker – "This is me"
INTRODUCE Speaker		Bev Frieslich
THANK Speaker		Janet Holwill
Sergeant at Arms	Di Williams	Hans Zwets
Closing remarks & Thanks	President Marge Upfold	President Marge Upfold
Four Way Test	Gillian Anderson	Gillean Arnott

CELEBRATION CORNER - FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS – Happy Birthday

3 – Tom Rockliffe **18** – Alan Ferguson **25** – Carol Raylor

ANNIVERSARIES – Congratulations Nil

Event	Date	Venue	Details	Time/ Cost
Board Meeting	5 February	Galley Restaurant	Board Meeting	5:30pm
Business Meeting	6 February	St James Hotel	Business Meeting	7pm
	13 February	St James Hotel	Aimee Kuhl – Ice Breaker	7pm
Fund Raiser	16 February	Civic Centre	SA Guide Dogs Fundraising Dinner @7:30pm	R175
	11 March	Fish Hoek Main Road	Marshall for Cape Cycle Tour	