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**MARCH is Water & Sanitation Month**

**What has happened in the last two weeks....**

❖ **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** Prof Allen Rodgers from UCT gave an interesting, enlightening and at times amusing talk entitled **“Bottled Water: Healthy Spin offs or Trendy rip-offs?”** He reassured us that South Africa has state of the art water purification plants, and that our drinking water, which is tested every week, is of a very high quality and the fears of us drinking our own tap water are unfounded. He gave us a comparison of the contents of Calcium and Magnesium in local and international brands, which proved to be remarkably diverse, and commented on the lack of endorsements on the bottled water. We do not know what is in the bottled water, which we seem to trust, but query the quality of our tap water that is tested regularly. His feeling is that – Yes! Bottled water is a rip off. We all loved his gentle voice and his passion for his topic made for an excellent talk.

We were joined by our AG Lizelle de Wet and husband Menno from RC Blouberg, President Peter Rogers and members of the Rotary Club of Constantia, and Hout Bay President Alison Rice plus Irmala Pakendorff from the E Club of Greyton/Hermanus. How lovely to have had so many visitors!!

**OFF TO MARS!!!!.....**

President Koos is a man who believes in the future of Rotary and our Club Cape of Good Hope. He bought a ticket for our Rotary Club aboard the trip to Mars in July 2026. This is such an exciting occasion. **WELL DONE KOOS!!!! Voorwards met speed !!!!**



## Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March "WHEN I'M 64....."

That was the theme and the song we sang as we celebrated our President Koos Burger's birthday on Friday 5 March in the only place it could have been..... the beautiful laager of tables and benches set up under the trees and beside the babbling Else stream in the Rotary Glencairn Camp.

Friends, family, and Rotarians gathered for a Bring and Share dinner, organised by Koos & Antoinette, and beautifully coordinated by Marge. Gillian brought the music and Marge printed song sheets to help us serenade this very special man. Thanks to all who attended and made the celebration so special, and of course, the man himself and his wonderful wife, without whom it would never have happened! Veels geluk Koos !!!

Mag die Here jou vir nog baie jare spaar 🙏



## DISTRICT NEWS

### *More news on our man of the moment at the Glencairn Rotary Camps....*

Below is an edited letter from Pres Koos to Kirti Patel, both from the RC Cape of Good Hope.....

Dear Kirti

A while ago you asked that I **prepare a list of indigenous fynbos plants** with medicinal use and for human consumption. I prepared a list, specific to the area they will be planted, not too far from a stream (riparian) and in poor sandy soil, other plants in wetter, clay like and compost rich (from rotten plant material) soils.

**This will form part of the project we started in beginning of April 2020.**

The trees you provided were used to define the Rotary Wheel in the Gordons Camp which resulted in the **Newlands Rotary Club** donating R25 000 towards a river Restoration Project. **This project is also there for all to see and enjoy.** Early in March 2020, members of your family walked with us through the forest and I shared my dreams for the restoration of that area which is almost done now (the canvass is ready) for the plants to "colour in" the picture. The 7<sup>th</sup> area of Focus in Rotary was celebrated with the Rotary wheel as almost an "iconic" symbol. The Earth Kids, a local school, made various videos along the Else river, some shown on eTV, to highlight the plight of the Else river, with pollution. It helped. Tsiba Business College got involved in a collaboration, **Blouberg Rotary Club** donated some money to acquire fynbos plants. The area is just a beautiful nature area, **we noticed buck, caracal, black sparrow hawks, porcupine, beautiful lilies are returning, and birdlife is moving in.** Birdlife will be encouraged by planting certain plant species, butterflies will also be attracted more and more. It was a back breaking process to reach the point where we currently are, but we are very satisfied.

For all of the above, my sincere thanks to you and your family for the assistance given to start this dream and process. We work in the environment, with processes, with the changing of attitudes, with motivation, as small cogs in a huge mechanism. It is far from over, at least we started and as long as I am here and healthy, I will drive this process.

**Kirti responded ....(again edited) Good Morning Koos, thank you for the huge amount of information and research that you have provided. I can see that the plant list includes plants that will be of medicinal and edible value, without the camp becoming a commercial farm! I also think that this is a good kick-start to a potential project, and we can maybe rope in an expert (ex gratia), who can advise us on how to roll out similar plan to other areas or simply just scale up at the camp and make the camp a base station for 'Project Edible & Medicinal Fynbos'.**

## Rotary Club of Newlands .. reports

Our club's first in person social event for over a year. Wonderful to see each other again (masked and social distanced) at the Rotary Youth Camps and to enjoy a nature walk and talk with Koos Burger, who has done amazing work in clearing and rehabilitating the riverine area around the camp.

**FaceBook post - [18:20, 3/7/2021] Koos Burger Rotary camp:** Newlands Rotary Club has just left the building. Now for a quick rest. This was truly an amazing weekend. Started by all the wishes, all the goodwill, all the input and all the RC Cape of Good Hope'ness. **This was a 64<sup>th</sup> I will never forget.**



[18:21, 3/7/2021]

**Koos Burger Rotary camp:**

**RC Newlands on "their " snake bridge**



## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

President-elect Shekhar Mehta encourages members to be changemakers and announces his theme for the 2021-2022 Rotary year, *Serve to Change Lives*. Learn more: <http://on.rotary.org/3j6bVuc>

Mehta, a member of the **Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India**, revealed the 2021-22 presidential theme, *Serve to Change Lives*, to incoming district governors on 1 February during the Rotary International Assembly. Mehta participated in initiatives that brought artificial limbs to children, clean water and sanitation to homes, and better health care facilities to communities.

“Rotary kindled the spark within me to look beyond myself and embrace humanity,” he said. “Service became a way of life for me and I, like many others, adopted the guiding philosophy that ‘Service is the

rent I pay for the space I occupy on this earth, and I want to be a good tenant of this earth.”



## The Rotary Foundation approves changes to funding model, set to take effect 1 July.

To better support the growth of Global Grants, The Rotary Foundation Trustees recently approved policy changes to help balance financial resources with program demands. **These changes will take effect 1 July 2021.**

The Global Grants program has been a tremendous success since it launched in 2013-14. That first year, the Foundation awarded 868 global grants worth \$47.3 million. By 2019-20, the number of global grants awarded increased to 1,359, worth \$95.6 million. While global grant funding increased by more than 100%, contributions to the Annual Fund, which is the primary source for global grant funding, did not keep pace. The demand for global grant funding is far greater than what is available.

Moreover, the Foundation responded to the unprecedented challenges brought on by COVID-19 by awarding \$32 million in disaster response grants since March 2020 to projects aimed at fighting the pandemic.

The amount available from the World Fund for global grants each year depends primarily on Annual Fund contributions. Over the last several years, the World Fund, which provides the necessary funding for our highest priority activities, has been depleted before each Rotary year ends, leaving many grant proposals unfunded. This year, the Foundation implemented several cost-saving measures in an effort to increase the funding available for global grants. The Trustees and the RI Board also transferred \$15 million from the Foundation's operating reserves and RI's budget surplus to the World Fund. In total, nearly \$20 million in additional funding is being made available this year. Unfortunately, it's still not enough to meet demand. Trustees expect a financial shortfall this year and in years to come due to the growing success of the global grant program.

Therefore, in an effort to fund more global grants, these policy changes will take effect 1 July:

- 1. District Designated Fund (DDF) contributions transferred to PolioPlus will be matched at 50% instead of 100% by the World Fund before being matched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.** The Gates Foundation will continue matching 2-to-1 every dollar that Rotary commits to polio eradication, up to \$50 million per year.
- 2. The World Fund match of DDF will be reduced from 100% to 80% when being used for global grants.** For 2020-21, as long as funds remain available, DDF will continue to be matched at 100% as long as applications are submitted by 31 May and approved by 30 June. Applications that are not approved this Rotary year will need to be resubmitted with adjusted financing.
- 3. Five percent of the current year's Annual Fund-SHARE contributions will be taken equally from the World Fund and DDF to help fund operating expenses.** Currently, a \$100 Annual Fund-SHARE contribution is divided as \$50 for DDF, \$45 for the World Fund, and \$5 for operating expenses. Starting 1 July 2021, a \$100 contribution will be divided \$47.50 to DDF, \$47.50 to the World Fund, and \$5 to operating expenses. As shown by the Foundation's reviews from several independent charity ratings, our stewardship of contributions has made The Rotary Foundation one of the most highly rated and effective non-profits. We received a four-star rating from Charity Navigator for 13 straight years.
- 4. The ability to roll over unused DDF will be limited to five years.** Districts are encouraged to fully use their DDF to make a positive impact through our programs, but the amount of DDF rollover remains high — on 1 July 2020, \$48.8 million was carried into the current Rotary year. At the end of each Rotary year, starting 1 July 2026, DDF that has been held for more than five years will be applied at the district's discretion to PolioPlus, areas of focus Endowment funds, Rotary Peace Centres, the Endowment Fund, the Disaster Response Fund, or the World Fund.

Questions about these funding model policy changes can be sent to [rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org](mailto:rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org)

## Club Meeting & Speaker Programme March to May 2021

Speaker	Tuesday 9 MARCH	Zoom	Natasha Davis- Wolmarans gives her report back on her 18-month Scholarship	7pm
St Patrick's Day	Tuesday 16 MARCH	Zoom	BUSINESS MEETING	7pm
Membership	Tuesday 23 MARCH	Zoom	Membership Workshop Menno De Wet	7pm
5th Tuesday	Tuesday 30 MARCH		Fellowship meeting – Kirstenbosch Gardens	9:30
Speaker	Tuesday 6 APRIL	Zoom	Speaker	
POETS	Saturday 10 APRIL	Zoom	POETS	
	Monday 12 APRIL	Zoom	District PI Webinar – LIVING the 4WAY TEST	6pm
Board Meeting	Monday 12 APRIL	Zoom	BOARD MEETING	7pm
Business Meeting	Tuesday 13 APRIL	Rotary Camps	Business Meeting	7pm
DISTRICT ASSEMBLY	Saturday 17 APRIL	Zoom	DGE Ian Robertson	All Day
Rotary in SA 100 Yrs	Tuesday 20 APRIL	Zoom	CELEBRATION - Speaker	7pm
Public Holiday	Tuesday 27 APRIL		Freedom Day – NO ROTARY	
D9350 CONFERENCE	Saturday 1MAY		Details to be confirmed	All day

## CLUB DUTY ROSTER

	Tuesday 9 MARCH	TUESDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH
		ST PATRICK'S DAY
WELCOME by PRESIDENT KOOS	Members & guests	Members & guests
LOYAL TOAST to S AFRICA	Gillian Anderson	Irene Butterworth
TOAST to RI & a specially chosen club of your choice	Gillian Arnott	Susan O'Hagan Ward A Rotary Club in Ireland
TOAST to Frontline Workers		Jean Smythe
SECRETARIAL NOTICES	Bev Frieslich	Bev Frieslich
Introduce Speaker	Kirti Patel	N/A
SPEAKER & TOPIC	Natasha Davis- Wolmarans gives her report back on her 18-month Scholarship in Delft	CLUB ASSEMBLY
Thank Speaker	Susan O'Hagan Ward	N/A
SERGEANT	Marge Upfold	Peter Gray
FOUR WAY TEST	Alan Ferguson	Maughreen Ladbrook
THANK YOU & GOODBYE	President Koos	President Koos