



Rotary District 9350

## ROTA VIEWS

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### Weekly Newsletter of the Rotary Club CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

## President Koos' first week - an Environmental Tempest

"The Cape of Storms" lived up to its name this past week as we all braced ourselves for the deluge of rain squalls and high winds that wreaked havoc



around the Cape, bringing with it freezing temperatures and much discomfort and devastation to homes, families and in particular, fear to the little children. Many Rotarians are concerned about the overpopulation which takes centre stage this week. We need to take action - and this is a good time!!

**World Population Day- Saturday 11 June 2020 - The theme this year is based on safeguarding the health and rights of women and girls around the world especially during the time of COVID - 19**

A recent UNFPA research highlighted that **if the lockdown continues for 6 months**, and there is major disruption to health services, then 47 million women in low and middle-income countries might not have access to modern contraceptives.

**This would in turn lead to 7 million unintended pregnancies. Apart from that, it could see a rise in gender-based violence, female genital mutilation & child marriages.**

## History of World Population Day:

Established in 1989 by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, and inspired by the public interest *in Five Billion Day on July 11, 1987, the approximate date on which the world's population reached 5 billion people.* The UN General Assembly decided to continue observing the day through resolution 45/216 of December 1990.

### Significance of World Population Day:

The day is significant because it highlights the problems of overpopulation, raises awareness about the effects of overpopulation on the environment and development. It also talks about the health problems faced by child bearing women and the importance of family planning, gender equality, poverty, maternal health and human rights.

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## World Population Day



11<sup>th</sup> July, 2020

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**On World Population Day 2020 on July 11, we take a look at what the day is all about and how it came into being.** As per reports, there were an estimated 7.8 billion people living on Earth as of March 2020, and with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the number is expected to rise due to unplanned pregnancies. Population size fluctuates at differing rates in differing regions, and Asia is the most populous continent, with China and India together constituting about 36 per cent of the world's population. With such a huge population, problems are bound to arise.

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## The Club goes Gardening.....

### 1. The Madiba Spekboom Garden

Our garden at the entrance of Fish Hoek is getting a face lift and rejuvenation. We gathered at the garden this week for a site inspection with Jean leading the group of professionals– Edwin and Gillean together with green fingered / volunteer Rotarians Hans, Marge (plus Fred) Maughreen, Kirti (plus his staff member) and Bev. After discussions, a plan was agreed upon and we will be working on the garden on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July as part of our Madiba day service.** All welcome from 2pm. Bring spades and Spekbooms for planting. **More instructions from Jean next week**



### 2. Entrepreneurship – Lizelle Is ready to run with the Ocean View Organics project



It is part of our vision to create a world in which people identify their own solutions and can provide for their communities. See more about our partnership project with Angels Resource Centre and **Agri4Change** which enables entrepreneurs <https://www.angelsinc.co.za/agri4change/>

**See (L) the planting party of hardworking friends and family** in preparation for the **Madiba Day Vegetable garden** planting at Ocean View Secondary School on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July from 10:30 to 1:30pm.** Book your space with Lizelle.

**Covid-19 rules apply with only x50 pax allowed on site**

**The RFHA - Rotary Action Group for Family Health & AIDS Prevention - SA NPC** which is the body that co-ordinates the **Rotary Family Health Days (RFHD)** recently appointed Bev Frieslich as a member of the Board representing D9350.

In addition, they honoured her in a Zoom meeting (see R) by presenting her with a **third Paul Harris Recognition** for the exceptional work she has done as the RFHD Steering Committee Head in D9350 for the past four years.



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Dear Bev Frieslich,

On behalf of the board of directors, it is my great pleasure to **welcome you to the Board of Directors** as the representative of District 9350. The Rotarians serving on the Board are from Districts 9350; 9370 and 9400 and like you, all have one thing in common – they are all passionate about the Rotary Action Group for Family Health & AIDS Prevention programme. With your added value to the board, the programme can only get stronger.

Your appointment will be **effective from a date soon after 15 July 2020** once we have input from RFHA INC in terms of any re-structure they are planning, however you are invited to attend all meetings as observers (i.e. with no voting rights) until after the said date when Lynette Stassen and I will be stepping down from the board.

Our next meeting is on 17 June 2020 at 17:00 when we meet with the present day District Governors and District Governors elect on recent developments.

Greg Cryer will be hosting and therefore sending out the invites.

Looking forward to working with you.

Warmest regards

**Grant Daly**

**Chair - RFHA South Africa**

### **Your giggle for the week** -This needs an explanation, so bear with me ....

**Rotarians play an integral role in the Cape Town Cycle Tour**, albeit from many different standpoints. The RC Cape of Good Hope give **marshalling support** at various points in and around Fish Hoek, for which we receive a stipend that goes towards our Club activities.

Recently we received an additional payment from the organisers, for which we are most grateful. Another person who was very involved in the last **Cycle Tour was our (now Past) District Governor, David Holtzhausen**, who was present at the RC of Pinelands induction of **President Peter Sharples** a few weeks ago.

**I have been given permission by President Peter to share his speech with the readers, as it is too good not to share. I hope you enjoy the story as much as we all did. Read on.....**

**David Holtzhausen: District Governor 2019 – 2020** *It is my pleasure to congratulate David for his outstanding year as District Governor, and I have written this report as David might write it:*

- 1. He was well supported by his lovely wife, Nicky.*
- 2. He is passionate about Rotary especially RYLA, Membership, Mentoring and perhaps, the Cape Town Cycle Tour.*
- 3. He reads about Rotary like you and I read novels. His breadth of Rotary knowledge is astonishing.*



4. His wisdom and effectiveness in leading our District can be seen by the seamless join between Rotary before and during the Corona Virus lockdown.
5. He has been successful in making significant partnerships with key players such as local government.
6. His technological skills continue to exponentially increase. He is co-hosting this meeting and is a leading instigator for the growth of our computer knowledge in the district.
7. His energy levels and efficiency are outstanding.... He is the only person who sends you back the answer to an email **at the same time as you send him the question.**
8. He has a positive attitude and encourages us to be the best we can be.
9. He ends this year with District 9350 in a good place. Thank you David for a great year of being our District Governor .... **Now perhaps you might like to hear my first day's impressions of you?**

I was a brand new Rotarian and it was my first experience of marshalling at the Cape Town Cycle Race... At around 10 o'clock this Clint Eastwood looking figure emerged from over the hill. He was tall, thin, wearing a fluorescent waist-coat, and Levi jeans. He had a sort of cowboy hat with "Belville Rotary" written on it. His "weapon" of choice was a radio and one could immediately see he was running the show. He strode past us like a Colossus while barking orders into his radio. Rotarians, Interactors, and Rotaractors all seemed to be bowing as he went passed.

I asked a harassed looking Rotarian who this VIP was (On her name tag was written: Pam Rawbone.) Pam said his name was David **Halt something**. His surname sounded Prussian. I immediately thought he had a military background. Pam told us that he (the general) had only left the bicycle enclosure at 11pm last night and he was back again at 3am this morning. I was well impressed and was more certain than ever that this was definitely the CEO of the entire Cape Town Cycle Race

At around 2pm David, a.k.a. Clint Eastward, a.k.a. the General had morphed into **Whispering Death**.

His legs were hardly holding him up and his face was completely white. Once again he ignored us as he kept handling radio calls and rasping out orders....

After he had left, I asked Pam Rawbone why he did not sit down and have a rest... She sadly said, "If he sits down he will not be able to get up." I was worried about his marathon work approach and wondered if he would make it through the day. I nervously made note of where the ambulances were stationed.

I had been assured by all concerned that the bikes would be taken out the bicycle park by **5.30pm** and we could then go home.... However, I could see **Bobby Skinstad** and his friends were having a huge party in the beer tent. **Six o'clock** came and went. It was getting dark and there was no sign of these revellers leaving.

**Cometh the moment cometh the man.** A cadaver emerged out of the gloom. David was now in Zombie mode: he had lost 10kg, and his eyes were so sunken, they were shadows. His face was corpse white and his lips an interesting blue... He staggered his way over to Bobby S... and company.... We don't know that he even spoke, but **the effect was as if they had seen a ghost...** They were out the tent, on their bikes, and out the bike yard in record time....

David, my question tonight is whether, after you have had such a brilliant year, it is now time to have a "Kit Kat?"

### Club Meeting & Speaker Programme July – August 2020

Board Meeting	13 July	Zoom	BOARD MEETING	5pm
Business Meeting	14 July	Zoom	BUSINESS MEETING	7pm
Speaker	21 July	Zoom	Dr Wendy Waddington, Manager of False Bay Hospital	7pm
<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>28 July</b>	<b>Zoom</b>	<b>Guest Speaker</b>	<b>7pm</b>
DG Visit	4 August	Zoom	DG VISIT Carl- Heinz Duisberg	7pm
	11 August	Zoom		
BOARD	17 August	Zoom	BOARD MEETING	5pm
BUSINESS	18 August	Zoom	BUSINESS MEETING	7pm
	25 August	Zoom		
	1 Sept	Zoom		