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The Weekly Newsletter of the
Rotary Club CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

FEBRUARY is Peace & Conflict Resolution Month

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

❖ **Tuesday 9th February** we raided the **RC of Constantia RC** and had a wonderful talk by **Jeremy Prescott** on "**How the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) remembers the fallen of two World Wars**".

This was a fantastic and informative talk which touched us all in various ways, given that we all have some emotional connection to the WW2, if not WW1. The passionate and dedicated attitude of Jeremy was tangible, as he has made it his life's ambition to ensure that every war fatality, within the British Commonwealth, is carefully catalogued and family members duly notified. Jeremy said that there were 1,7 million killed in the two World wars, quoted figures of the losses in the Somme, Delville Wood and also mentioned the 20,000 Black South Africans who were lost in the wars and specifically the SS Mendi, sunk on 27 February 1917 and 600 black troops were drowned.

For more info on his series of talks on the following website www.sacrificeandremembrance.com

❖ **Tuesday 16th February** was our **Business meeting**. Some noteworthy items include:

- **Strategic Plan** – this is an ongoing working document that has been reduced to two workable pages
- **Club Assembly** will be held on **Tuesday 2 March**

- **Rotary International's 116th Birthday will be celebrated on 23 February** and we will be joined by 3 other Rotary Clubs raiding us, namely Constantia, Hout Bay and Blouberg (the club of AG Lizelle de Wet)

- **Guest speaker is Prof Allen Rodgers from UCT who will talk on "Bottled water: Healthy spin-offs or Trendy rip-offs?"** which promises to be an interesting and humorous talk.

- **Financial** – We have been most fortunate to receive a most generous donation from **Christine Mueller** which will be partially used to sponsor youth camps at the Rotary Camp and also R5,000 from **Ursula and Lainey McCabe** which will be donated to ETE, in response to Alan Ferguson's request for support.

-**False Bay Hospital** - **Irene** requested assistance in the procurement of a fridge and microwave for the new interns who have been seconded to the hospital. Thanks to a highly successful request placed on Face Book, we were able to secure these items and more within 24hours from the generous public of Fish Hoek and Kalk Bay. It was a truly heart-warming exercise, and we are grateful to the team who put it together.

- **Fellowship** – **Marge** is organising a fellowship evening on the 5th Tuesday of March, being **30th March**. More to follow but please save the date. It will be wonderful to meet face to face even though the Covid restrictions will be in place.

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Konrad Clifton

is a Rotarian from **the RC of Kirstenbosch** who cycled up the West Coast to raise money for the disabled in the Rotary Mobility project. Along the way, at one of his stops, his story got included in our one club members family life.

Irene Butterworth....

This one is for you all ...

Konrad – pictured here with Jason & Sandy Lagan (above) and with PP Jerome O’Ryan (R) who supported him on the road, **wrote on Face Book**

“Today I cried and cried and cried. It wasn’t the sunburn or exhaustion that induced the tears. It was this story. Having left Upington bright and early, I had planned a quick stop at a place called De Werf in Keimos. It was meant to be a quick stop for a coffee, however something kept me there for a good while longer than I had planned.

*As I was about to leave I made eye contact with a man who asked me what I was doing and where I was going. I explained to him the **Rotary Mobility project** I was busy with and soon his wife joined us. After a pause Jason Lagan then introduced himself and his wife Sandy Lagan, and started sharing his son’s story. **Quaid Lagan** was confined to a wheelchair as a result of a motor vehicle accident a number of years ago. Through perseverance and a loving family he managed to regain a relatively normal life. His father admitted that they were completely unversed as to the practical adjustments needed to aid a person in a wheelchair, however they soon overcame this through the use of ramps and other measures. Quaid eventually immigrated to the UK as the general facilities for persons with disabilities were more sophisticated there but continued to persevere . On the 3rd of January 2021, a month exactly and almost to the minute of us standing there talking to one another, Quaid departed this life as a result of COVID 19 . He was 29 years old. I stood there looking into Sandy’s eyes and we both started crying. I dedicate my ride today to the memory of Quaid Lagan”.*

Konrad – We, the members of the RC Cape of Good Hope salute YOU!!!



DISTRICT NEWS

PDG June Webber, of the Waterfront Rotary Club gets special Award.

The Rotarians of our Club are so super proud of you June!

You are a real inspiration to us all, having been presented with the **prestigious Service Above Self Award, which is awarded to only 150 Rotarians worldwide each year.** You richly deserve this award, as you have dedicated your life to Rotary and service above self.

Proudly presented by our District Governor Carl-Heinz Duisberg



Seen here with Piet Postema from the RC Waterfront who presented Janet with the flowers.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS



New RI theme for 2021- 2022 was unveiled.

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Walking the walk on COVID-19 vaccinations

Anne Marie Kimball, a physician and member of the Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island, is a member of an RI task force exploring the role Rotarians should play as we continue our progress toward polio eradication in the time of COVID-19. In a [blog post for Rotary Voices](#), Kimball outline the role that concepts like global to local and whole society, truth telling, and our compassion play in stopping the spread of the virus and assisting in the roll out of COVID-19 vaccines. Share your efforts on [Rotary Showcase](#).



Club Meeting & Speaker Programme February to May 2021

Business Meeting	Tuesday 16 FEBRUARY	Zoom	BUSINESS MEETING	7pm
RI BIRTHDAY	Tuesday 23 FEBRUARY	Zoom	Special BIRTHDAY & Raid by RC Hout Bay, RC Constantia and RC Blouberg	7pm
			Speaker: Prof Allen Rodgers from UCT Topic: Bottled Water: Healthy spin-offs or trendy rip-offs?" An interesting & amusing view	
Club Assembly	Tuesday 2 MARCH	Zoom	CLUB ASSEMBLY – Pres Koos	7pm
Board meeting	Monday 8 MARCH	Zoom	BOARD MEETING	7pm
Speaker	Tuesday 9 MARCH	Zoom	Natasha Davis- Wolmarans gives her report back on her 18-month Scholarship studying in Delft	7pm
St Patrick's Day	Tuesday 16 MARCH	Zoom	BUSINESS MEETING	7pm
Speaker	Tuesday 23 MARCH	Zoom	Kirti Patel – Sustainable Food Gardens	7pm
5th Tuesday	Tuesday 30 MARCH	TBC	Fellowship meeting - Details TBC	
Speaker	Tuesday 6 APRIL	Zoom	Speaker	
	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	Zoom	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 23 FEBRUARY	Tuesday 2 MARCH
WELCOME by PRESIDENT KOOS	Members & guests	Members & guests
LOYAL TOAST to S AFRICA		
TOAST to RI & a specially chosen club of your choice	Bev Frieslich RC Knights of Pendragon, Edenvale RC Johannesburg East D9400	Gillian Anderson
TOAST to Frontline Workers	Eddie Stevens	Jean Smythe
SECRETARIAL NOTICES	Bev Frieslich	Bev Frieslich
Introduce Speaker	Gillian Anderson	N/A
SPEAKER & TOPIC	Prof Allen Rodgers "Bottled Water: Healthy spin-offs or trendy rip-offs?"	CLUB ASSEMBLY
Thank Speaker	Susan O'Hagan Ward	N/A
SERGEANT	Marge Upfold	Eddie Stevens
FOUR WAY TEST	Alan Ferguson	Bev Frieslich
THANK YOU & GOODBYE	President Koos	President Koos