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Last Tuesday the Memorial Celebration in honour of **KOOS BURGER** was a moving tribute to a great man, a wonderful Rotarian, and a loving husband. One of the evening's highlights was the reading of the beautiful poem written by our own **Barbara Hurwitz** for our **President** which we share below:

## HOW LUCKY WE HAVE BEEN

*How lucky we have been ... From veteran fellow to wondrous teen  
For we have known a special man - One who carried out God's plan  
To teach us more of nature's grace - And show us where to find our place  
Amongst the trees and plants and streams - In dappled sun or moonlit beams  
His love for nature and our creed - Reflected in his every deed  
Our clubs, our camps, with every meet - Dear Koos was one you had to greet  
Our Youth sat spellbound, entranced to hear - "Oom Koos" tell tales of places dear  
Of mighty trees and mystic flowers - And which of these had healing powers  
They hung upon his every word - As he told them tales of beast and bird  
Then rushed to help about the camp - Without a care for dry or damp  
A love for nature set alight - New knowledge shone from faces bright  
And not just Youth but wizened souls - Were touched by stories new and old  
And ideas that flowed from Koos's mind - Often took root with similar kind  
Projects, plans and his special touch - Will ensure a legacy that gives so much  
His gentle voice and sense of fun - Will bless our thoughts for years to come  
In our hearts and memories sweet - We are assured again to meet  
Our leading light, our shining soul - Now fulfils a higher role  
Through his eyes what things we've seen - **Consider how lucky we have been.***

.... and a tribute from the Rotary Club of Cape Town who own the Glencairn Camps

## *My Friend Koos*



**A gentle giant, educationist, environmentalist, husband, leader, Rotarian, friend and caring human being .....**

**Not only was he the manager of Glencairn—he left a legacy at Glencairn and will be remembered for his love in making the camp a haven for many of our youth. Regardless of age or race he taught them about the environment and his love of fauna and flora. Many from the disadvantaged areas were inspired as some had never even seen a blade of grass.**

**The youth were not only the people who benefitted by his knowledge but so did his staff, his fellow Rotarians and all who visited the Glencairn Youth Camp.**

**The improvements that kept him busy until late at night made him proud of his achievements and hard work as did his position as President of the Rotary Club Cape of Good Hope.**

**The MANDLA ROTARY WHEEL that he created will always remind us of this great human being and his love of humankind and nature.**

**I will miss you my friend, miss all the conversations and ideas that we shared.**

**As editor of our newsletter, Table Topics, it was so interesting to receive the reports and pictures of Glencairn. Thank you for making Rotary so special.**

**My heartfelt condolences goes to his wife and soul mate, Antoinette.**

**We will always remember this legend of a man— Koos Burger.**

***Warm wishes PP Myra and Joseph Goldenbaum—Rotary Club of Cape Town***

## Club Meeting & Speaker July 2021

First Meeting	Tuesday 6 July	Zoom	Rotarian Terry Spreeth – Ice Breaker	7pm
<b>BOARD MEETING</b>	<b>Monday 12 July</b>	<b>Zoom</b>	<b>BOARD MEETING – President Gillian</b>	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday 13 July</b>	<b>Zoom</b>	<b>BUSINESS MEETING</b>	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Inductions and BYO lunch at Camp Site</b>	<b>SUNDAY 18 JULY</b>	<b>Glencairn YOUTH CAMP</b>	<b>MADIBA DAY – GLENCAIRN CAMP</b> Induction of President Gillian Anderson Induction of Terry Spreeth	<b>10am</b>
<b>CLUB RAID</b>	<b>Tuesday 20 July</b>	<b>Zoom</b>	<b>Induction of Peter Rogers– Constantia RC</b>	<b>7pm</b>
Club Meeting	Tuesday 27 July		TBC - Speaker	



### RI President Shekar Mehta 2021 -2022

Quoted Helen Keller .....

“The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no Vision”

## CLUB MEETING - DUTY ROSTER

	Tuesday 6 July	Tuesday 13 July
<b>WELCOME</b>	President Gillian Anderson	President Gillian Anderson
<b>TOAST to Rotary International &amp; Toast to overseas Club</b>	Alan Ferguson	Peter Gray
<b>LOYAL TOAST to South AFRICA</b>	Barbara Hurwitz	Maughreen Ladbrook
<b>TOAST to Frontline Workers</b>	Kirti Patel	Jean Smythe
<b>SECRETARIAL NOTICES</b>	Bev Frieslich	Bev Frieslich
<b>Introduce Speaker</b>	Bev Frieslich	
<b>SPEAKER &amp; TOPIC</b>	Terry Spreeth	<b>BUSINESS MEETING</b>
<b>THANK SPEAKER</b>	Pres Gillian	
<b>SERGEANT/ ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING</b>	Maughreen Ladbrook	Christine Mueller
<b>FOUR WAY TEST</b>	Terry Spreeth	Marge Upfold
<b>THANK YOU &amp; GOODBYE</b>	President Gillian Anderson	President Gillian Anderson