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The Weekly Newsletter of the Rotary Club CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

MAY is YOUTH SERVICE Month

The MOTH Organisation – turns 94.

The **Battledress Moth Shellhole** in Fish Hoek, celebrated Founders Day, marking 94 years since **Charles Alfred Evenden** aka 'Evo' & later, 'Moth O', a cartoonist at the Natal Mercury in Durban, started this well-known ex- Servicemen's Organisation called **The Memorable Order of the Tin Hats** or **MOTH**, 76 years ago on 16 March 1945 .



Deputy Commander, Julie Denham shared their credo of no bias or prejudice of race, religion, or politics; the Tin Hat, and their **THREE**

MOTH ideals that live on as testimony to those who served on the frontline:

- 1.True Comradeship:** by practising front line friendship in civilian life.
 - 2.Mutual Help:** by acknowledging the personal and collective obligation to help each other as in front line service.
- Sound Memory:** by remembering the fallen as a living companionship and to serve their memory in practical actions which rise above divisions of social status, race, or politics.

The Emblem/Badge, is designed with a lit candle placed on a **Tin-Hat** at its centre, symbolizes a Light of Remembrance in respect to fallen comrades (The Tin-Hat saved so many lives in times of war) and symbolizes the perpetuation of front-line comradeship that transcends race, rank, and material worth in the memory of the MOTH roots, rites, rituals, and traditions in memory of their Elder Brethren who since have answered the Sunset Call. The **twelve stars** arranged in an **un-ending circle** symbolizes being a proud MOTH every twelve months of the year, and in their daily and nightly actions donating the eternal universe, forever the divine example of harmony.



The **two inverted and crossed rifles with bayonets fixed** are leaning as if thrust into battlefield soil, crossed to signify sacrifice, and reserved as a token of remembrance in honour of those soles who paid the supreme sacrifice.

The Flag - The MOTH flag has three equally spaced vertical panels.

From left the colours signify: Navy Blue- The NAVY, Red – The ARMY and Light Blue - The AIR FORCE

Moth Organisation

Moth General Head Quarters (GHQ) is at Warriors Gate in KZN with the MOTH Shrine and Museum.

The Provincial and City governing bodies falling under the jurisdiction of the GHQ are: Provincial Dugouts; District Dugouts and Shellholes. **Our local Fish Hoek Shellhole, "Battledress" was started on 16th March 1945.** They met at Clark's garage with 250+ members, including AP Jones and members of the Royal Navy. Shellburst has other membership categories; the **Butterflies or widows of the Moths**, and proudly sat that **Butterfly Bridget Coney** is the granddaughter of Moth 'O'!

They also have the 'Friends of the Founders Room' who are social members interested in the Moth.

The Cairn in the Garden of Remembrance on Kommetjie Road was built in 1964 and hosts to the Sunset Parade (Poppy Day) in November each year, which marches through the town, supported by the Caledonian Pipe Band, the Colour bearers, Moths, MothWAS (ex-Women's Auxiliary Services), Cadettes, Emergency services, plus Fish Hoek High School, Scouts and Guides.

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One can find a number of similarities between Rotary and the MOTH organisation: Rotary has its own Moth 'O' in Paul Harris, The Four Way Test, a well-recognised badge /emblem, a similar organisational structure with our Zones, Districts and Clubs, and the regular structured meetings with set protocols, but what is most evident in the MOTH is their commitment, dignity, respect, and honour given to all comrades before, during and after their "Sunset Call".

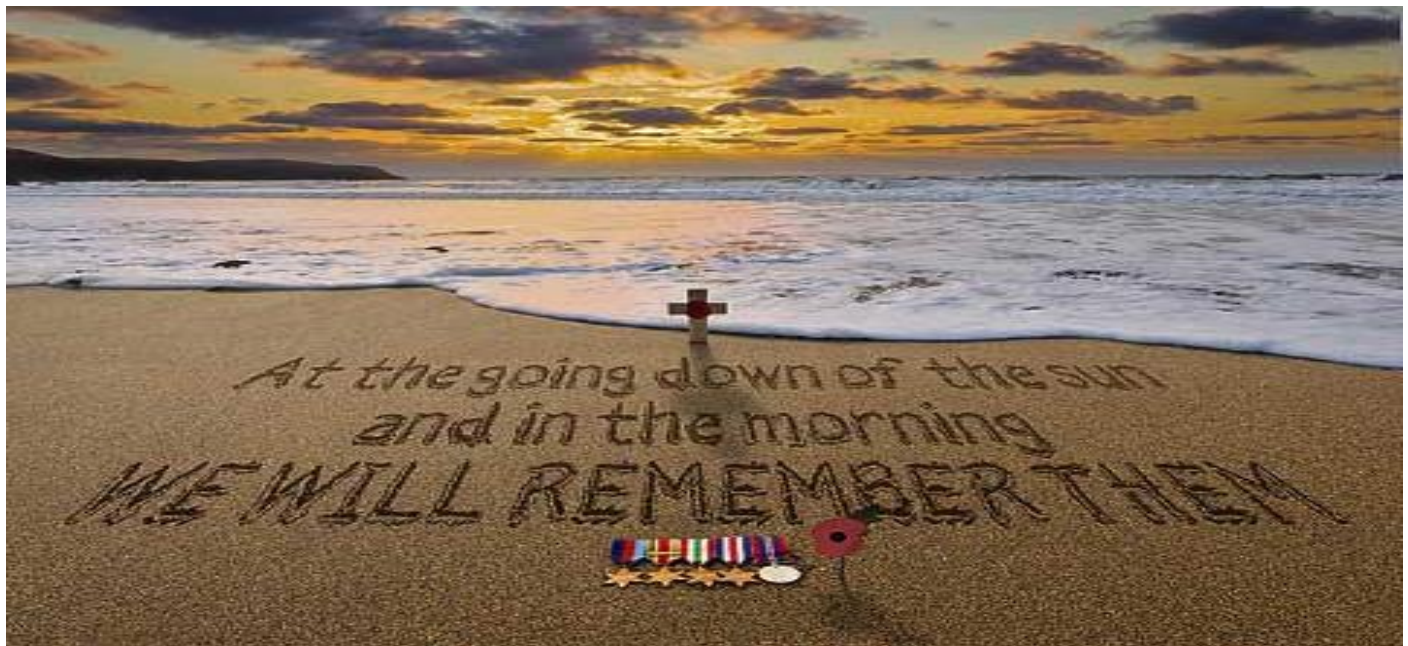
We can all learn from their example as they 'Walk their Talk" with their active community projects and feeding schemes, provision of accommodation in the Moth cottages and the fun and fellowship that they enjoy on a regular weekly and monthly basis, to name but a few.

They also have an aging membership but that does not stop them from giving service and support to fellow members and their families. They fundraise, they have projects – nothing stops them!!

The Rotary meeting was honoured and pleased to have a number of visitors:

MOTH Commander Ricky De Wet, Acting Adjutant Derek Berry, and Diane (?surname) a friend of the Founders Room, plus members of the Fish Hoek Historical Association, Sally Britten (Curator of the Fish Hoek Museum) Joan Muller, and Jennifer Maree.

The Rotary Club was delighted to host this tripartite meeting and we thank Julie Denham for her most interesting talk which went ahead despite the erratic WiFi which did not deter our strong, Rhodesian born, now Fish Hoek resident. Julie, we thank you most sincerely and we salute you!



The MOTH Prayer

In proud thanksgiving let us remember our departed brethren.

They shall grow not old as we who are left grow old,
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

From a Poem written by Lawrence Binyon, named "For the Fallen".

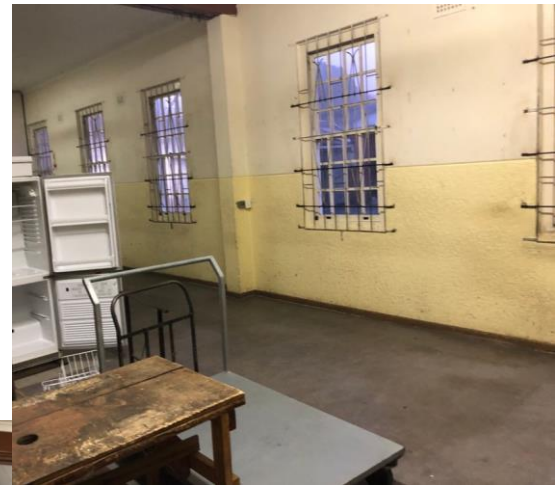
CLUB NEWS

Workroom BEFORE (above) work started & AFTER (below)

Refurbishment painting of the Ocean View APD Workroom

After many emails, discussions, and negotiations with the Bronwyn Maree of the Constantia RC by our intrepid Marge Upfold, Saturday 8th May was finally D Day – or should we say P Day, when Peter Gray (Yes, he also does painting!) took his 4-man team to the Ocean View premises of the Association for Persons with Disabilities (APD) at 7am to give their workroom a much needed and excitedly awaited, repaint & uplift which took them all day! Thanks to Bev for providing cakes and cooldrink for the staff and the painters which was most welcomed and much appreciated. Go to our Face Book page for Peter’s video of the finished product.

Below: Debbie poses with the painting team.



Prayer Run 2021 Sanitary Towel Drive

Rotary Club of Cape of Good Hope

Let's donate to keep our Girl child in school

Prayer Run 5km, 10km, 15km, 21km Run/Walk

Venue: Ocean View High School (2 Oakley Pl, Ocean View, Cape Town, 78151)

Date: 21 May 2021 (Workers Day!)

Time: 6am

Entry Fee: Pack(s) of Sanitary Towels

All covid19 Protocol to be observed

Follow us on Facebook #prayerun2021

2021 Sanitary Towel Prayer Run

Coordinated by **Maughreen Ladbrook**, and **Ricardo Stringer** from the newly formed association with the local Ocean View Ishaqua Fisher Group, we have been instrumental in helping them to collect an impressive number of sanitary pads which the team distributed to Marine and Kleinberg Primary schools in Ocean View last week. **Maughreen is still collecting more ST's if anyone wants to still donate.** The prayer run was also supported by the cycling club based at Ocean View High and runners from the community. **Well done to all!!!**

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Prayer Run 2021

Warren-Lee Jaftha 1 hr ·

The ripples of the Prayer Run 2021 Sanitary Towel Drive at Ocean View Secondary School 01 May 2021 is still being felt in the Ocean View Area. We managed to bless two schools this month. God is good 🙏 A special thank you to the rotary club 👍



DISTRICT NEWS – Two worthwhile Webinars that have taken place recently

❖ ZOOM DISCUSSION FROM Minnesota, USA on MEMBERSHIP

Topic: Newlands Rotary's Zoom Meeting with DG Tom Gump, Minnesota, USA

Time: May 3, 2021 18:30 Harare, Pretoria

This was an amazing discussion with a recording to follow. Definitely something to share and discuss in the Clubs.

❖ SOUTH AFRICAN RHINO – THE EASTERN CAPE MAKES A STAND

The E-Club of Greater Cape Town hosted Dr William Fowlds gave an insightful and inspirational reflection on how collaboration on a diversity of levels had resulted in creating a safe haven in the Eastern Cape for rhinos in South Africa.

DATE : Tuesday 04 April 2021 - A recording is available

Club Meeting & Speaker Programme May to July 2021

BOARD	Monday 10 May	Zoom	BOARD MEETING	7pm
BUSINESS	Tuesday 11 May	In person	BUSINESS MEETING Youth Camps Conference Room	7pm
SPEAKER	Tuesday 18 May	Zoom	Rebecca Abel – Interact Charter President at Simonstown School in 2015 - Reports back	7pm
	Saturday 22 May	Zoom	Environmental Webinar	TBC
	Tuesday 25 May	Zoom	Springbok Scout Presentation	7pm
BOARD MEETING	Monday 31 May	Zoom	BOARD MEETING & PE Gillian presents her plan for 2021-2022	7pm
TBC	Tuesday 1 June	Zoom	TBC	
TBC	Tuesday 8 June	Zoom	TBC	
FINAL BOARD MEET	Monday 14 June	Zoom	Pres Koos' FINAL BOARD MEETING	7pm
BOARD MEETING	Tuesday 15 June	In person	Pres Koos' FINAL BUSINESS MEETING	7pm
	Tuesday 22 June	Zoom	CLUB ASEMBLY – PE Gillian presents to Club	
	Tuesday 29 June	In person	INDUCTION OF Pres Gillian Anderson	
	Tuesday 6 July	Zoom	First Meeting of President Gillian	7pm

CLUB DUTY ROSTER

	Tuesday 11 May	Tuesday 18 May
	Welcome by President Koos	Welcome by President Koos
TOAST to Rotary International & Toast to the MOTH Association	Barbara Hurwitz	Maughreen Ladbrook
LOYAL TOAST to South AFRICA	Maughreen Ladbrook	Kirti Patel
TOAST to Frontline Workers	Gilleen Arnott	Irene Butterworth
SECRETARIAL NOTICES	Bev Frieslich – Apologies	Bev Frieslich
Introduce Speaker		Bev Frieslich
SPEAKER & TOPIC	BUSINESS MEETING	Rebecca Abel – Her life after Interact
Thank Speaker		Marge Upfold
SERGEANT/ FOUNDATION	Alan Ferguson	Susan O'Hagan Ward
FOUR WAY TEST	Jean Smythe	Gillian Anderson
THANK YOU & GOODBYE	President Koos	President

