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The Weekly Newsletter of the Rotary Club CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

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September is ...BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY MONTH

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*"The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."*
- Dr. Seuss, *I can Read with My Eyes Shut*

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More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate, which equates to 17% of the world's adults !!!!

Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support Basic Education and Literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

We support education for all children and literacy for children and adults.

At our fellowship meeting on Tuesday 31 August, PP Marge led us all through a fun "Trivial Pursuit" Quiz with the winner, being our President Gillian (Well done indeed!!) taking home the spoils. As Marge said at the start, "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas", so your scribe is not at liberty to divulge the various scores. The Four Way Test was applied and many of us were quite relieved that we did not have to divulge the paucity of our individual achievements!!!! 😊😊 Still it was great to have a relaxed and fun evening which allowed us to chat and enjoy one another's company. Albeit on Zoom!!

KLEINBERG PRIMARY SCHOOL VEGETABLE GARDEN - REPORT BY B. FRIESLICH – Friday 3 September

The Club agreed in principle to continue supporting the group of 5 ladies, led by **Jane-Lee Abrahams**. Thanks to the generous support of Christine Mueller, we have sponsored the seedlings which are now planted in their pre-prepared beds. Watering and the issue of the birds feeding on the seedlings, remain a challenge. Bev is contact/ liaison and President Gillian and Marge have had a site visit, with the added bonus of the support from Mr Van Graan the Principal of the school, who is allowing the watering of the plants from the school water supply. Jane-Lee went into labour on Tuesday morning 5am, delivered her 4th girl, weighing 3.7Kg (they were hoping for a boy!!) at 7am at False Bay Hospital and was home and with both doing well by 4pm the same day. Just shows how tough and resilient this young mother is.





Clifford Bowker, Jane-Lee's husband is the contractor for the erection of the shade nets. Work commenced on Saturday morning with the digging of holes in preparation for the cement and poles which will be delivered on Monday 6 September. It is expected that the canopy will be completed before the end of the week .

A Nursery section will also be included (see the red markings in the picture on the left) with the beds and markers below for the deep support holes that are being dug in preparation for the canopy and windbreak shade cloth – see below



Phase 1. –

Laying out the land Mr Denzil van Graan, the Principal of Kleinberg Primary School, has given permission for the vegetable garden to grow vegetables for a 5-year period The garden was prepared and laid out for cultivation by Jane-Lee Abrahams and her band of 5 women, all residents of Ocean View. The vegetables grown will support the school feeding scheme as well as the Hopeful Hearts Foundation soup kitchen.

Phase 2. –

Seedlings We acquired funding from Rotarian Christine Muller to purchase the seedlings a few weeks ago These are in the ground and growing but the birds are also eating the seedlings !

Phase 3. –

Watering & Mulch Watering of the plants is currently being done using a long hose pipe attached the water mains of the school, with the consent of Mr van Graan, but this is not sustainable. Some of our Rotarians donated hose piping but more is required - hence the extra order from BUCO

MULCH -We have one outstanding need – ie the required x 35 bags for the gardens which will to be collected in Tokai on the recommendation of John Thomas from Living Hope, from **Flandorp Gardening Supplies** in Tokai/Constantia area as being of excellent quality and much less than commercial bags

Phase 4. –

Shade cloth Canopy and Windbreak - Bev and Irene attended the Rotary District Food Garden Workshop where excellent contacts were made: Geraldine Nicol put us on to PP Menno De Wet who was able to give us good advice on the 20% shade cloth for the canopy and the 40% shade cloth for the Windbreaks from the company Alnet

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS !!!.....

Our Induction celebration Sunday 12 September at 9.30 for 10am

The planning is in the final stages, and we are all looking forward to getting together again
The dress code is smart-casual.

Please confirm your attendance with Susan O'Hagan Ward and pay into the Club account



Rotary International News

Board of Directors strengthens Rotary's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement

At its June meeting, the RI Board of Directors, with guidance from the DEI Taskforce, took additional steps to ensure our organization values and lives the principals of diversity, equity and inclusion by revisiting and strengthening Rotary's 2019 DEI statement. The result is a new *Commitment to Diversity Equity and Inclusion* adopted in June 2021:

At Rotary, we understand that cultivating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture is essential to realizing our vision of a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change.

** We value diversity and celebrate the contributions of people of all backgrounds, across age, ethnicity, race, colour, disability, learning style, religion, faith, socioeconomic status, culture, marital status, languages spoken, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity as well as differences in ideas, thoughts, values, and beliefs.*

** Recognizing that individuals from certain groups have historically experienced barriers to membership, participation, and leadership, we commit to advancing equity in all aspects of Rotary, including in our community partnerships, so that each person has the necessary access to resources, opportunities, networks, and support to thrive.*

** We believe that all people hold visible and invisible qualities that inherently make them unique, and we strive to create an inclusive culture where each person knows they are valued and belong.*

** In line with our value of integrity, we are committed to being honest and transparent about where we are in our DEI journey as an organization, and to continuing to learn and do better.*

The Board of Directors convened the [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion \(DEI\) Taskforce](#) in 2020 and tasked it with assessing the current state of DEI within Rotary and developing a comprehensive plan of action with achievable, measurable, and meaningful outcomes for Rotary. This plan is currently in development and will be presented to the Board of Directors in October 2021.

Additionally, the Board agreed to:

- Provide DEI training for incoming, current, and past RI officers
- Promote the Rotary Code of Conduct
- Establish protocols to report Code of Conduct violations

More information about these decisions, and our ongoing focus on DEI, will be available on rotary.org/dei in the coming weeks.

The Board thanks the taskforce for its ongoing commitment to creating a more just, open, and welcoming Rotary experience during this past year. The taskforce's work is critical to the organization's long-term success. The Board also extended the work of the DEI Taskforce through June 2023.

If you witness or experience someone acting in a way that violates Rotary's DEI statement, email DEI.Inquiries@rotary.org.

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Club Meeting & Speaker August – September 2021

Speaker	Tuesday 4 Sept	Zoom	Aimee Kuhl – Horse therapy	7pm
Induction Breakfast	Sunday 12 Sept	Galley	Induction and Celebratory Breakfast	10am
Board Meeting	Monday 13 Sept	Zoom	Board Meeting	7pm
Business meeting	Tuesday 14 Sept	Zoom	Business Meeting	7pm
Speaker	Tuesday 21 Sept	Zoom	Speaker - TBC	7pm
AG Meeting	Monday 27 Sept	Zoom	AG Meeting – Southern Territorial Group	7pm
Speaker	Tuesday 28 Sept	Zoom	Speaker - TBC	7pm

CLUB MEETING - DUTY ROSTER

	Tuesday 7 September	Tuesday 14 September
WELCOME	President Gillian Anderson	President Gillian Anderson
TOAST to Rotary International & Toast to an Overseas Club	Kirti Patel	Jean Smythe
LOYAL TOAST to South AFRICA	Alan Ferguson	Terry Spreeth
TOAST to Frontline Workers	Peter Gray	Jane White
SECRETARIAL & AG NOTICES	Bev Frieslich	Bev Frieslich
Introduce Speaker	Bev Frieslich	Business Meeting
SPEAKER & TOPIC	Horse Therapy	
THANK SPEAKER	Marge Upfold	
SERGEANT/ ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING	Hans Zwets	Irene Butterworth
FOUR WAY TEST	Barbara Hurwitz	Maughreen Ladbrook
THANK YOU & GOODBYE	President Gillian Anderson	President Gillian Anderson

