



The Cape of Good Hope's Whale Tales

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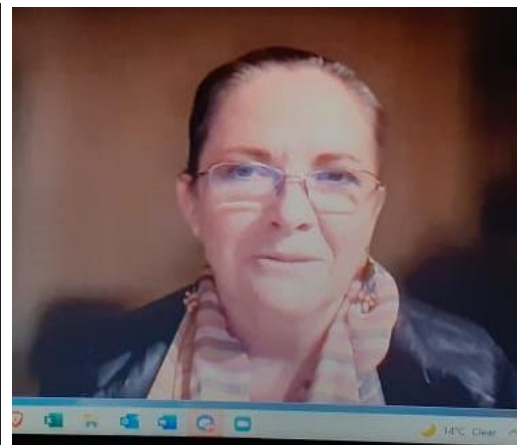
AUGUST IS Membership |& Extension Month

Although ahead of time in terms of the Polio future dates, we are very proud to be the first Rotary Club this year to highlight the importance of the Polio Plus initiative by inviting both Rex O'mameh to talk about the planned Masquerade Ball and District Polio Champion, Janey Ball as our esteemed speakers.

We heard how we can support the cause AND have some fun at the Masked Ball, but also the need to continue the fight to eradicate Polio, as Janey gave us a new and very interesting insight into this dreaded disease

END POLIO NOW
THANK YOU
I see a world free of Polio some day! It's possible if we all work together.
To Book your tickets email: Rex.omameh@rotaractafrica.org

Important Notice
01 THEME: POLIO COLORS
02 NO BALL MASK NO ENTRY
03 WELCOME DRINKS IS ON THE HOUSE
WORLD POLIO DAY IS 24 OCTOBER





**Interact**

**President Susan and her band of loyal Rotarians were hard at work last week.**

Firstly, she had the induction of the Interact Club President at Simon's Town School

**Right:** Simon's Town School Patriots Interact President Shaniel Singh and Vice President Vanessa Nkomo with Marge Upfold and President Susan

**Below:** On the stage with all the Interactors, Lucretia Harrison and the two *Grow Abroad* students, Silvia Foti and Federico Ramazzotti





**ONE 2 ONE PACKING** - Three of our Rotarians went to Greenpoint to pack “goody bags” for One to One together with our Simon’s Town Interactors - Vanessa, Shaniel, Hudson, and Stephan.

Brilliant!! I’m so happy that this project is still/again going well with our Rotarians actively involved **WELL DONE!!**



## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS BITES

### 1. A TOAST

**Rotarian Kirtikant Patel, our International Director, proposed our monthly international toast to the Rotary Club of Bombay Seaface, at our Zoom meeting on 26 July 2022**

*“A very good evening from the southern tip of Africa to the Western coast of India. President Susan O’Hagan-Ward and the members of the Rotary Club Cape of Good Hope, tonight drink a toast to the **Rotary Club Bombay Seaface.***

*Our association goes back 20 years when I first visited your club in 2003, where I met **Manishi Vora**, who has kept up the communication ever since. On our regular meet-ups in Cape Town, Manishi Bhai wastes no opportunity to regale us about some of the activities in your club. He has in the past addressed our club and we were suitably impressed with the projects that you have embarked upon.*

*On the recent occasion we heard about your vocational excellence awards, and we can see that your club indeed lives and breathes the Rotary ethos as enshrined in the 4 Way Test and Objects of Rotary.*

*So, we raise your glasses in toast to the President Meena Kothari and the Rotary Club of Bombay Seaface. Cheers!! And.... May we have the good fortune to meet each other, whether through RFE or other!*

## 2. GROWING ROTARY

*Tom Gump, PDG of District 5950, and a Member of Rotary International's Membership Growth Committee addressed incoming leaders at the International Assembly in January*

Every August, Rotary looks seriously at the topic of membership. We are a membership organization and as such, we need members to grow and expand our impact. Service is the avenue by which we make a lasting impact in our communities and how we keep our member engaged



There are at *least three methods of* strengthening membership: 1. We can pour energy into attracting new members; 2. We can focus on engaging existing members; 3. We can form new clubs that serve distinct needs and serve as a magnet for attracting still more members.

Last year, 2020-21 RI President Shekhar Mehta rolled out the "Each One, Bring One" campaign, encouraging every member to invite at least one person to a club meeting or event. Rotary experienced a net increase of members as a result in the 2020-21 Rotary year.

Now, RI President Jennifer Jones is building on this momentum by *reminding us that we need to comfort and care for our members*, and I believe she is absolutely right. More than one survey has shown that the **number one reason** people leave their Rotary club is because they are not comfortable with the club culture and environment. Others stay but are not comfortable inviting anyone to their club.

But before we can address our club culture, we have to understand it. This is why Jones suggests we **conduct entrance surveys** to help us see how newer members perceive our club. Once we have a good idea how people see our club, we can consider if we need to change it, and we can decide the best way of creating a welcoming environment for everyone.

In my district, a Rotaract club has demonstrated the power of caring for its members and creating a welcoming environment. The Rotaract Kaleidoscope Club of Minnesota, USA, exists to help individuals with autism and their families connect with and serve their community.

To form the club, we partnered with a non-profit that offers vocational and life skills training for young adults with autism. The MICC provides college level courses in a campus environment with apartments for its students. The Rotaract club supports the work of the college, and although it is cause-based, it remains inclusive of all. Members include students, family members of those with autism, and faculty, as well as anyone with an interest in helping those with autism.

**We learned a number of things in forming this club:**

- We need to **let our members speak and really listen to their answers**. Club members have the right to make their own decisions re: what they want the club to be.
- We need to **educate ourselves on the causes we choose to pursue**, and the people we aim to serve, so we can communicate that to other people in our community and get them excited to join us in making a difference
- We need to **remain flexible and challenge assumptions**. Right away, club members felt strongly that a person with autism should be club president. They were right, and that individual has done an outstanding job.

Let's be intentional about caring for and comforting our members.

It is the best way to grow our membership and ensure that our members are proud of their club. Proud members are more likely to stay, and invite other members, which is how we grow Rotary

## Planned Club Meetings July – August – September 2022

ROTARY THEME	AUGUST		MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION	
Speaker	Tuesday 2 August	Galley	History of Cape Town Harbour by author.... Brian Ingpen	7pm
BOARD	Monday 8 August	ZOOM	BOARD MEETING	
Public Holiday	Tuesday 9 August		NO MEETING	
BUSINESS	Tuesday 16 August	Galley	BUSINESS meeting	7pm
Speaker	Tuesday 23 August	ZOOM	International / RAID & Speaker	7pm
	Tuesday 30 August	Galley	Fun Evening	7pm
ROTARY THEME			BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY	
	Tuesday 6 Sept	ZOOM	Speaker	7pm
BOARD	Monday 12 Sept	ZOOM	BOARD MEETING	7pm
BUSINESS	Tuesday 13 Sept	Galley	BUSINESS MEETING	7pm
Speaker	Tuesday 20 Sept	ZOOM	International / RAID Speaker	7pm
Speaker	Tuesday 27 Sept	Galley	Speaker	7pm

## CLUB MEETING - DUTY ROSTER

WELCOME - Pres Susan	Tuesday 2 AUGUST	Tuesday 9 AUGUST
Toast to RC Cape of Good Hope Rotary International	Gillian Anderson	
LOYAL TOAST to South AFRICA	Peter Gray	
SECRETARIAL & AG NOTICES	Bev Frieslich	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
Introduce Speaker	Terry Spreeth	<b>NO MEETING</b>
SPEAKER & TOPIC	Brian Ingpen – The History of Cape Town Harbour	
THANK SPEAKER		
FOUNDATION GIVING- SPOT	Jean Smythe	
FOUR WAY TEST	Ray White	