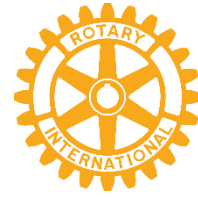




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The Club that Appeals



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Apologies before 10:00 on a Monday to Heidi Andersson, please.

COMMENT: South Africa in top three Biodiverse Nations (Jenny Howard)

South Africa has been named as one of the most mega-biodiverse nations in the world. The country joins Indonesia and Brazil in the top three richest countries in terms of plant and animal diversity. Minister of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, Barbara Creecy, says South Africa's conservation estate is growing on land and at sea. This follows the declaration of 20 new Marine Protected Areas, designed to protect 90% of the nation's marine habitat species.



Creecy also launched the third National Biodiversity Assessment last week, which details the state of South Africa's biodiversity. The report took five years to complete and involved almost 500 local scientists.

"Armed with the scientific evidence from this report, we will now be able to take further action to protect and monitor the effectiveness of interventions in our most important eco-infrastructure," says Creecy.

Paige Gehren, director of the Isibindi Foundation, says the report highlights the strides that have been made in protecting biodiversity in South Africa.

"With the unfolding of global responsible and purposeful tourism, comes the realisation that protecting biodiversity includes uplifting neighbouring communities and harvesting these resources. Our tourists can play a pivotal role in responsible tourism. For example, we have introduced an Isibindi Foundation levy per bed per night. These funds will be used in this vital partnership of communities and conservation, building human fences protecting our precious biodiversity," says Gehren.

<http://www.tourismupdate.co.za/article/195808/South-Africa-in-top-three-biodiverse-nations>

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING (17TH February 2020)

Scribe: Jenny Ibbotson

Sergeant Graham Lowden opened the meeting and asked President Terry to welcome guests and members.

- President Terry welcomed:
 - the speakers Heather Hope and her husband Volkan Akkurt;
 - Martti and Tiina Sjolund from Finland; and
 - the two STEP students Michael and his mom, Barbara Haydam, and Carrys and her mom, Helen Gilbert.
- The Four-Way test was recited by Tony Davidson
- Corinne said a special grace and the toast to RI and South Africa
- There was no movement on the Stirrer's Spoon as it was awarded to Chris Beech but he doesn't actually have it yet.
- Geraldine Nicol won the wine raffle/swindle.

Andy introduced the speaker.

Heather's talk was titled "A Life Unshackled" and was about how she and her husband Volkan had decided that more than anything, they wanted to travel the world and meet and engage with people. They started by house-sitting in the US and then set up a website to advertise what they do and became international house-sitters.

Their travels have taken them to many countries including Hawaii, Japan (Tokyo), Madeira, France (Paris), Australia, Indonesia (Bali), the USA, South Korea and many others. Often on arrival the house owners will introduce them to their friends and neighbours, but they have developed ways to get to know and to engage with the locals. They can work remotely, and do, from wherever they are in the world. Heather noted that the 'worst part' was often going for long periods without seeing their families who are spread around the world. Fortunately there are many ways to stay in touch. They do not miss having a base and it seems they will go on living on the wing indefinitely.



Wendy Goddard (Mentor to Carrys), Carrys Gilbert, Helen Gilbert, Michael Haydam, Barbara Haydam, Jana Forrester (mentor to Michael)

Graham Lowden thanked the speaker

THE STEP STUDENTS Carrys and Michael addressed the club on their experiences in France (Normandie, Brittany and Paris) and Germany respectively. Both students were articulate and interesting and illustrated their talks with slides from their travels.

SPOTS

- Richard Burnett brought us up to date on the !Kwa ttu students.
- John Stephenson congratulated the club members regarding the Mentorship programme. He already has ten mentors from Rotary Club of Newlands.

- Chris Beech reminded members who are involved with the CTCT of the following important meetings at the CTCT Trust boardroom:



Pres Terry and STEP Student Michael Haydam for the Goslar Nordharz Club.

- 18th February Sector Marshalls briefing
- 19th February Refreshment Station Managers
- 25th February Mini Sweeps briefing from 16h30 to 18h00.
- Chris also mentioned that Refreshment Station managers should know who their sponsors are – they should be at the meeting on 19 February.

PRESIDENT'S SLOT

- President Terry asked us to keep Ian Pursch in our thoughts as his mother is not doing well.
- He thanked the STEP students and their Moms for attending the meeting and sharing their experiences with the Club. He wished them good luck for their matric year.
- He thanked Chris Beech for taking on the CTCT at the last minute and for doing a great job.
- He reminded the club of the Board meeting on 19 February at 18h00 at WPCC.
- He mentioned that the secretary Glynis Menné-Hart has resigned and asked for any volunteers to help us out during the rest of the Rotary year.
- He introduced Martti and Tiina Sjolund as they had arrived a little late, and did a banner exchange with their club.



Banner exchange with club from Finland: Tiina Sjolund, Pres Terry and Martti Sjolund.

UMPIRES and SCORERS

	23 February 2020 <i>Business</i>	2 March 2020 <i>Partners</i>	9 March 2020 <i>Partners</i>
Sergeant	Jamie Hart	Richard Burnett	Graham Finlayson
Four-Way Test	Shân Biesman-Simons	Tinus de Jongh	Heidi Andersson
Grace and Loyal Toast	Glynis Menné-Hart	Wybe Meinesz	Brian Pickup
Attendance	Michael Walwyn	Melinda Stapleton	Andy Ismay
Fellowship	Jenny Ibbotson	Graham Lowden	Geraldine Nicol
Minutes	Pieter van Aswegen	Richard House	Jeannine Ibbotson
Intro speaker		Chris Beech	
Thank speaker		Johan Beukman	
Comment	John Stephenson	Nora See	Tony Davidson

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Gartenfest - Garden Party

Saturday, 29 February 2020 | 12:00 - 18:00
GERMAN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE | 3 GLASTONBURY DRIVE | BISHOPSCOURT

Liebe Freunde, dear Friends,
We would like to invite you to our annual 'Rotary Am Kap Gartenfest'.
Rotary Am Kap is the German speaking Rotary Club in Cape Town and organises this 'Gartenfest' to generate funds for educational projects in and around Cape Town.
Our biggest project, The Hangberg Pre-Primary School, continues to receive our support and so too do scholars from Sea Point and Khayelitsha Manyano High Schools where we run Rotary Interact Clubs.

JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON WITH:

1. Real Draught Beer & Chilled Wine	11. Bouncing Castle and other children's activities
2. German 'Bratwurst' Sausage	12. Live Music with 2 great bands
3. Vegetarian Quiches and Salads	13. Raffle with great Prizes
4. Delicious Cakes and Pastries	14. plus our famous 'Blitz Aasblon'
5. Cool drinks and Coffee	

We look forward to welcoming you - Wir freuen uns auf zahlreiche Teilnahme

REGISTER AND BOOK ONLINE AT: <https://gkt.io/gardenparty2020>
ENTRANCE: via QUICKET: R100 OR EINTRITT | ON THE DAY: ADULTS R120.00
CHILDREN under 16 FREE | Keine Tiere | No pets allowed

Rotary Club of Melkbos invites you to

**TRIVIAL PURSUIT
EBONY & IVORY**

6 March 2020 at 7PM
Melkbosstrand Country Club
R120 includes a meal
cash bar available

RSVP MELKBOSROTARY@GMAIL.COM
079 151 7216

**RAFFLE & PRIZES
FOR BEST DRESSED**

World Rotaract Week

**9-15
March
2020**

Musiquelaine SA
CFLAT Youth Jazz Festival
Sun 1st March 2020 at 16.00
Steenberg High School, Corner Orchestra Street and Symphony Avenue, Steenberg
RSVP: jfrancis@musiquelainesa.co.za

Save the Date
14 & 15 March 2020

LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS
Roccover Beethoven

ROTARY CLUB OF WYNSBERG PRESENTS | RICHARD COCK, JORDAN BROOKS, ROCCO DE VILLIERS

Rotary **Club of Cape of Good Hope**

13th DRAGON BOAT REGATTA

Imperial Yacht Club Promenade Road – Zandvlei. Lakeside
Saturday 21 March 2020
@ 09h00 – 15h00

FUTURE FIXTURES

FEBRUARY: PEACE and CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH

- 24 Business Meeting
- 25 CTCT Sweep Managers' Information Meeting

MARCH: WATER and SANITATION MONTH

- 2 Partners' Meeting
Speaker: [Marlene Silbert](#), on the programmes of [The Holocaust Centre](#), the [Jewish Museum](#), and the [Interfaith Intercultural Youth Programme](#)
- 8 [Cape Town Cycle Tour](#)
- 9 Ordinary Meeting: War Stories
- 16 Ordinary Meeting
Speaker: Carine Brown, West Coast Music Academy
- 18 Board Meeting
- 20 Masikane (11h00)
- 23 Business Meeting
- 26-29 RYLA
- 28 D9350 Membership Workshop (Kelvin Grove)
- 30 Ordinary Meeting
Speaker: Melanie Vermaak (Acting Deputy Principal) TVET False Bay

APRIL: MATERNAL and CHILD HEALTH MONTH

- 6 Partners' Meeting and Vocational Evening
- 13 No Meeting (Family Day)
- 15 Board Meeting
- 20 Business Meeting
- 27 No Meeting (Freedom Day)
- 30 District 9350 POETS (Melkbosstrand Country Club)

MAY: YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

- 1 District 9350 Assembly (Melkbosstrand High School)
- 1-2 District 9350 Conference (Melkbosstrand High School)
- 4 Partners' Meeting and Youth Evening
- 11 Ordinary Meeting : Feedback on India Friendship Exchange
- 18 Ordinary Meeting
- 20 Board Meeting
- 25 Business Meeting

JUNE: ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

- 1 Partners' Meeting
- 6-10 Rotary International Convention (Hawaii)
- 8 Ordinary Meeting
- 15 Ordinary Meeting
- 17 Board Meeting
- 22 Business Meeting
- 29 Ordinary Meeting



JOINED ROTARY	26 February	Jamie Hart
WOODEN SPOON		Chris Beech

OFFICE BEARERS

President	Terry Lancaster	Environment	Tony Davidson
President-Elect	Jenny Ibbotson	International Service	Jenny Ibbotson
Past President	Jenny Howard	Membership	Graham Finlayson
Secretary	Glynis Menné-Hart	New Generations	Vanessa Rousseau
Treasurer	Peter Ennis	Public Image	Shelley Finch
Club Services	Heidi Anderson	Rotary Foundation	Mike Walwyn
Community Service	Corinne Hudson	Vocational Service	Jeannine Ibbotson
Entrepreneurial	John Stephenson		

QUOTE of the WEEK

"All truths are are easy to understand once they are discovered; the point is to discover them."
 - Galileo Galilei -

AND THE LAST WORD

