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

COMMENT: WELCOME to the SA CIRCUS (Tom Eaton, via Mike Walwyn)

Welcome to the SA circus. Let's bring on the clown ... er, ministers

The applause inside the National Coronavirus Command Council war room had gone on for fourteen minutes when co-operative governance and traditional affairs minister Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma bowed graciously and raised her hands.

"Comrades," she said, "your revolutionary approval is greatly appreciated, but I am concerned that excessive percussion of the hands may ignite the sanitiser on your palms, and while the sight of a roomful of comrades waving burning hands in the air would be most jazzy, it would also distract us from debating the regulations we announced yesterday."

"Which were awesome!" shouted someone in the back row.

Bheki Cele snorted and rolled his eyes. Dlamini-Zuma turned to him. "You disagree, comrade rear admiral wing commander big police boss, like Magnum PI crossed with Will Smith in *Bad Boys* but cooler, minister Cele?"

"Madam chair, thank you for remembering to use my preferred title," said Cele. "It means a lot to me, because, as you all know, I have very, very little else in my life. But," he added, more grimly, "I have severe reservations about level 3."

"Which you expressed yesterday," said Dlamini-Zuma, pointing to a shattered overhead projector and four bullet holes in the wall.

"All I'm saying," said Cele, "is that lockdowns are about arresting people, so the more people you arrest, the better the lockdown is going. It's basic maths."

Dlamini-Zuma turned to the second row. "Minister Motshekga, is it basic maths?"

"Er," said Motshekga, groping for a calculator in her bag, "Sorry, Miss, I ... er ... I was going to do the exercise, but ... My dog ..." She found the calculator and started jabbing a finger at it. "So if South Africa institutes a lockdown two months ago ... And a car leaves Pretoria travelling south at 100km/h ... And Bheki Cele has arrested 230,000 people for contravening lockdown regulations, but nobody for state capture ... Then the answer is ..." She hit the equals button. "Nobody knows anything."

"I'm not asking for people to be arrested for breathing," said Cele. "That would be absurd. All I'm asking is that people be arrested for breathing AND moving at the same time. Unless they're in the top 500 of the ANC, obviously."

There was a pensive silence, as the command council imagined, for a moment, a world in which senior ANC officials were treated like everyone else.

And then a man in the front row raised his hand.

"I have a doubt," he said.

"And you are?" asked Dlamini-Zuma.

The man stammered slightly. "I'm ... er ... the president?"

"Of what?"

"The ... the country?"

"Comrade Ramaphosa!" cried Dlamini-Zuma. "Of course! Sorry! Gosh, it's just that sometimes you really disappear into the upholstery there."

"What about arresting people who breathe AND move AND who read books for pleasure?" asked Cele.

Motshekga shrugged and nodded. "Ja, I think SADTU would get behind that since they'd be safe."

"Er, comrades," said Ramaphosa. "I'm just wondering about this business of opening the churches but keeping beaches and national parks closed."

"You mean this AWESOME business of ... " began the person in the back row, but Dlamini-Zuma raised her hand.

"You have doubts, comrade president?"

A chill fell over the room.

"Not doubts," stammered Ramaphosa. "Of course not. Not at all. I'm 100%, no, 500% behind the unified decision of the collective, long may its unity increase and its rulings be adored by the united collective of the unified mass of the homogeneous whole. It's just ... "

There was no sound, except for the delicate wet noises of Cele pulling at his tongue.

"I suppose I'm just wondering," said Ramaphosa, "why we're not opening the beaches and parks as well?"

Dlamini-Zuma nodded thoughtfully. "You mean other than park rangers and lifeguards not being a major voting bloc?"

"Well, yes."

"Because of science," she said. A relieved sigh spread through the room.

"Ah. Good," said Ramaphosa. "I thought so. But ... " He paused as Cele retrieved his tongue with a loud plop. "But ... which science?"

"The science," said Dlamini-Zuma slowly, "that tells us people shouldn't gather in groups."

"Yes," said Ramaphosa, "but if 50 can gather in a church, why can't 50 gather in a church-sized area in a park or on a beach?"

There was a gasp from the room. Someone in the back row hissed "Logic!" and pointed a crucifix at Ramaphosa.

"Comrade president," said Dlamini-Zuma wearily, "the problem is that people will crowd more densely on beaches than in churches."

"Absolutely," stammered Ramaphosa. "But, and I say this with all respect, and obvious unity ... will they? I mean, it's almost winter, isn't it?"

"Is it?" asked Dlamini-Zuma.

"It's Friday," said Cele. "May. No, June. No, May. Or is it August?"

"Thirty-seven," offered Motshekga. "Though more like 42 if you're doing mathematical literacy."

"Perhaps," said Dlamini-Zuma, "it is best to put it to a vote. What does the collective say? Is it almost winter?"

"Does anyone know an intellectual?" shouted the person in the back row.

"Comrades," cried Dlamini-Zuma. "Forward to the revolutionary, unified people's vote on whether it is almost winter! Hands up if you don't agree that it's not winter, hands down if you do agree that it's not winter. And ... vote!"

MINUTES of the ONLINE ORDINARY MEETING, 25th MAY 2020

Scribe: Jenny Ibbotson

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

- President Terry welcomed members and his three invited guests, Michelle Roos, Lianne Booth and Lisa Lombard. There were 33 people present.
- The Four-Way Test was recited by Johan Beukman.
- Jana did the toast to RI and South Africa.
- There was no movement on the Wooden Spoon.
- It seems we are not doing the wine raffle any longer – sad but true.

The speaker was Mike Walwyn so no introduction was necessary. The Title of his talk was The impact of Covid19 on supply chains.

Mike's talk was in his capacity as a board member of the South African Association of Freight Forwarders (SAAFF) responsible, in particular, for Maritime and Ports. That said, Mike has a wide-ranging knowledge of all facets of logistics covering freight in all modalities, air, sea, rail and road, as well as regulation.

Although there seem to be many problems experienced with moving freight, it is amazing how much is still available in the shops. Mike noted the extent of theft at for example OR Tambo airport where pallets had been opened on the apron at the cargo terminal and the cargo had been damaged by rain and poor handling. This was largely due to a huge influx of personal protective equipment, with Ethiopian Airlines bringing in five flights a day.

One of the biggest problems at the land borders is huge delays and queues kilometres long with many attendant problems of drivers not being allowed out of their trucks despite delays of many days. As a result, cargo had been diverted from South Africa to Beira and Walvis Bay, with 50 000 t of copper from the DRC and Zambia already diverted.

A further problem of delays in clearing incoming cargo means high costs for owners who cannot access their goods and therefore have to pay for storage at exorbitant rates as shipping lines try to make up their own losses. Freight markets have also fluctuated wildly, with airfreight from China now costing \$16 to \$18 per kg as opposed to \$3 in March.

All in all C19 has caused havoc with the movement and costs of goods around the world and around the country – whatever method of transport is used.

SPOTS

- Johan Beukman noted the need for fundraising in the upcoming Rotary year and suggested we make contact with old Newlands Rotarians and ask them for help.
- John Winship said members were aware that CCPB had donated R100k to the Food Security Fund of which R25K was earmarked for Joyce at Masakhane (Paarl) and R25k for Rainbow ECD (Masipumelele). Members did however not know that a further R25k had been diverted from CSI projects to support the feeding program at Oppie Koppie in Prince Alfred Hamlet.
- He also noted that two CSI projects Graham Finlayson and he have been working on are in the final stages of planning approval. One is the Adult Training Centre in Masi (R1.875m); the second is the centre for abused women and children, run by PAB. He noted that RCN and CCPB were participants in the project with Queen Sylvia of Sweden making a large donation to PAB from her Childhood Foundation. (Approximate project value R4.7m.)
- Corinne passed on the thanks of Lucinda of PAB for all that John Winship and Graham Finlayson have done for her organisation. She noted that they are caring for women and children headed households and working on providing alternative male role models – not gang leaders. They are also working with elders to capture their stories and provide a history for children.

PRESIDENT'S SLOT

- President Terry noted that Gavin Schachat of Sea Point Rotary Club has leukaemia and is now undergoing treatment. We all wish him well.
- The club has raised or is managing for various donors an amount R1.2 million for the Food Security Fund. The funds have been disbursed mainly to our Langa Project ECDs, PAB – Lucinda Evans, Masakhane ECD (Mbekweni), Rainbow ECD (Masi) and some other projects.
- There has been an offer from wheelchairs from Melkbos Rotary.
- There has been an offer of a large supply of oranges from a farmer in Clanwilliam for feeding of children. Anyone able to offer transport to speak to Geraldine. Richard Burnett has offered his truck.
- President Terry acknowledged Johan's call for funding and noted that we have been paid R475k by the CTCTT and the payments for the marshals have been made.
- Planning for the 2021 Cycle Tour has already started but we are not sure if it will take place. Predictions are that the C19 peak will be in August and September so there is much uncertainty
- The Cape Town Marathon is to be a virtual race so we will not benefit from it at all.
- The Big Walk that Newlands has been planning has been cancelled for 2020. Dates are being planned for 2021.
- Jenny's induction is to be a virtual one on Saturday 27th June at 19h00
- President Terry welcomed the three younger members as noted above. And he hopes they will join us for future meeting with the objective of joining the club in the future.

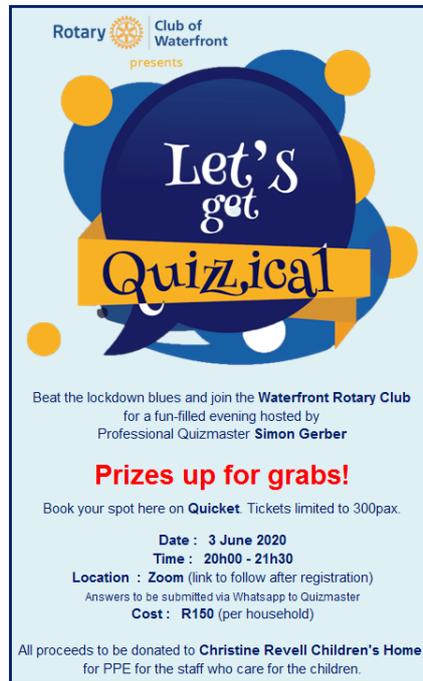
There was some discussion about the wheelchairs. To be followed up. No happy rands.

Birthdays to be celebrated in May are:

- 27th Claire Lowden and
- 28th Geoff Sessions.

End of meeting.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Rotary Club of Waterfront presents

Let's get Quizical

Beat the lockdown blues and join the **Waterfront Rotary Club** for a fun-filled evening hosted by Professional Quizmaster **Simon Gerber**

Prizes up for grabs!

Book your spot here on **Quicket**. Tickets limited to 300pax.

Date : 3 June 2020
Time : 20h00 - 21h30

Location : Zoom (link to follow after registration)
Answers to be submitted via Whatsapp to Quizmaster
Cost : R150 (per household)

All proceeds to be donated to **Christine Revell Children's Home**, for PPE for the staff who care for the children.



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THE 2020 ROTARY VIRTUAL CONVENTION

20-26 June 2020

Rotary Club of Waterfront

LETTER to the EDITOR

DGE Carl-Heinz Duisberg writes:

I read in your newsletter, page 3, that Terry was referring to the volunteer hours the Rotarians donate to the communities on a yearly basis and you were saying you can't remember the figures.

Here they are:

According to the Johns Hopkins University in the US, Rotarians are donating on average each year 45 million hours to community service; the created economic value in these communities comprises of 850 million USD.

But nobody knows about it – **this has to change!**

Warm regards and please stay healthy.

CLUB CORRESPONDENCE

DG David Holtzhausen writes to President Terry:

Attached please find an important letter from DGE Carl-Heinz and myself.

In summary - we have relooked at budgets in light of the current situation and substantially reduced district dues for the year 2020/21

Yours in Rotary.

INDUCTIONS

- 13 June Helderberg Sunrise 19h00 (email [A Lubbe](#))
- 26 June Windhoek Rotaract (Message [Daniella Grunewald](#))
Strand 19h00 (email [Annelie Rossouw](#))
- 27 June Newlands (email [Chris Beech](#))
- 30 June Paarl (email [Anne Kruger](#))
Constantia 19h30 (email [Geoff von Klemperer](#))
Claremont 19h00 (email [Claremont Rotary](#))

FUTURE FIXTURES

JUNE: ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

- 1 Partners' Meeting
Speaker: Terry Winship, "Resilience as a Daily Practice".
- 6 [D9350 Virtual District Assembly](#) (09h00 to 15h00)
DGE Carl-Heinz and his team will look at the year ahead. The meeting ID and password has been circulated to members by the District Communications Team.
- 8 Ordinary Meeting
Speaker: Carina Brown, Principal, [West Coast Music Academy](#)
- 15 Ordinary Meeting
- 17 Board Meeting
- 20 D9350 Virtual District Conference and DG Induction (09h00 to 15h00, then joining RI Convention)
A look back at the past Rotary year, exchange of ideas, Formal (online) induction of DGE Carl-Heinz and a link up to the Virtual Convention that opens the same day. The conference time will be confirmed once we have the convention program and times.
- 20-26 [RI Virtual Convention](#)
20th 15:00 to 16:15 SAT General Session "Together, We Connect"
21st 15:00 to 16:15 SAT General Session "Together, We Learn"
22nd on Breakout Sessions at 15:00, 19:00 and 01:00 SAT (Ed: Gulp!)
- 27 President Jenny's Induction Dinner, 19:00
- 22 Business Meeting
- 29 Ordinary Meeting

UMPIRES and SCORERS

	1 June 2020 <i>Partners</i>	8 June 2020 <i>Ordinary</i>	15 June 2020 <i>Ordinary</i>
Sergeant	Lew Botha	John Winship	Henry Campbell
Four-Way Test	Corinne Hudson	Janey Ball	Jenny Ibbotson
Grace and Loyal Toast	Vanessa Rousseau	Jeannine Ibbotson	Nora See
Attendance			
Fellowship			
Minutes	Chris Beech	Jamie Hart	Wybe Meinesz
Intro speaker	Jenny Ibbotson		
Thank speaker	Tony Davidson		
Comment	Andy Ismay	Shân Biesman-Simons	Richard House



BIRTHDAYS	1 June	Tinus de Jongh
	7 June	Judy van Aswegen
ANNIVERSARIES	5 June	Ian and Paul Pursch
JOINED ROTARY	6 June 1998	Corinne Hudson
WOODEN SPOON		Chris Beech

OFFICE BEARERS

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

QUOTE of the WEEK

“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.”
Muhammed Ali
 (1942-2016)

AND the LAST WORD

