



HOWZAT!



The Rotary Club of Newlands

The Club that Appeals



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

COMMENT: SHHH IT'S SECRET (Glynis Menné-Hart)

It's not often that one visits a coffee shop where the owner asks that only "like minded souls" are given the recommendation to visit their establishment! But so it was last week, when Jamie and I visited *The Scone Shack*.

This perfectly describes the unusual and very quirky shack, from which roughly shaped scones, good coffee and a few other offerings appear.

Our waitress, Cara, partner of the owner of the property, was wonderfully welcoming and chatty, suggesting a particular table and mismatched chairs, as this spot catches the winter sun.

While waiting for our order, we were fascinated by the objects d'art into which succulents of all description had been planted and put up for sale. Roughly hewn wooden boxes with a happy a little plant decorates the tables that are placed randomly around the outdoor area - one placed in the shade next to an old, definitely not working oven, and others sitting under a pergola of palm fronds offering a shady spot. A shallow lake provides a perfect birding site, and amongst the chatter of various breeds and the grunting of a troop of baboons in the distance, we were visited by a pig, a pair of geese, various dogs and quacking ducks as we quaffed our coffee.

On the extreme cycle track, a youngster was flying up and over the gravel elevations, while a couple of home-made go karts lay in wait for some young boys to take them for a spin! A boat bobbed up and down on the water and the soft chatter of fellow patrons was a comforting buzz in the silence.



All in all, an interesting spot to pop into when visiting the Cape Point National Park. It is situated next to the ostrich farm - look for the wheelbarrows soldered in acrobatic positions along the fence!



MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING on ZOOM, 31st August 2020, 18h15

Scribe: Johan Beukman

(This meeting was more of a gala event with all the many Rotarians and guests attending a very long meeting. The scribe battled to keep up with the meeting and offers apologies for anything he omitted to record.)

Sergeant Wendy called the meeting to order and requested Andy Ismay to light the peace candle.

President Jenny then welcomed our guest speaker, Style Charalambous as well as three special guests (potential new members), four Rotaract members, including DRR (District Rotaract Representative) Rex Omameh, 18 visiting Rotarians and nine RC Newlands guests.

Important Message from the Scribe
Styli kindly agreed that I may use his presentation (which is attached for easy reference) with the request that it will not be used for wider distribution than our Howzat! newsletter.

Sergeant Wendy then requested Chris Beech to read the Four-Way Test and Shân Biesman-Simons to do the Grace and Loyal Toast. Glynis Menné-Hart nominated Jana Forrester-Webb to receive the wooden/stirrer/reward spoon.

Corinne Hudson informed the club of Jana F-W's condition.

Geraldine Nicol then introduced Styli Charalambous, CEO and publisher of the Daily Maverick. Styli's presentation, *The State of the News Media*, was very interesting but very concerning nevertheless. Please refer to the attachment for the summary of the presentation.

There were many questions from attendees. It was also clear that there is great support for the Daily Maverick newspaper.

Mike Walwyn thanked Styli for his presentation.

Spots:

- John Stevenson announced that six new mentors from other Rotary clubs have joined his mentorship programme.
- Richard Burnett announced that Claremont Rotary club will sponsor the next wine auction to be presented via Zoom.
- Chippy Burnett proposed a toast in memory of her dad Hein with one of his favourite quotes, "A Happy life to all".

President Jenny's Slot:

- Thanked Styli for his presentation.
- Thanked Assistant Governor Lizelle for her comment about peace.
- Complimented Janey Ball for a great edition of the *Howzat!* and recommended that Rotarians should check the Rotary fellowships here in the Western Cape as well as around the world.
- Happy birthday wishes to Jan Kaars-S on 2nd September, Tony Davidson 4th September, and Lynne Finlayson on 7th September.

Sergeant Wendy read out the duties for the next week's meeting, collected Happy Rands from Jeannine Ibbottson and John Biesman-Simons, and then closed the meeting.

NEWLANDS ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Our club environmental champion, Tony Davidson, has analysed the feedback from his excellent *GoogleForm* survey of 18 Relate Wildlife and Environmental Projects which Newlands Rotarians feel are most deserving of support. The top eight projects will be funded by the sale of unique Rotary associated bracelets: *Rotary SafeWater* and *Rotary Youth Camp, Cape Town*. Tony thanks everyone who participated in the survey and looks forward to lots of support when it's time to publicise the campaign. If the Ed recalls correctly, this is on 1 October.

Still on the survey, the Ed's 'inner data analyst' was delighted to see that, in just one week, Tony's email request to complete the survey had a 53% open rate. The survey response rate was (a 'wow but could have been better') 39% and the favourites are:

- 1st SANCCOB;
- 2nd Jointly Honorary Rangers of SA National Parks, Elephants Alive and Endangered Wildlife Trust assigned projects (which in theory must mean 2nd to 4th)
- 5th Jane Goodall Institute.

If you have not yet voted, unlucky. The poll has closed. And make a 'note to self' "Don't miss out, next time".

Our CSI Champion, John Winship, reports that a site visit on 1 September reflects steady progress on the *Abafazi Centre* project. There is a big push to have the structures habitable by the end of September and a steady delivery of container cores to be joined, waterproofed and fitted. Walkways are laid out and bases for the walkway canopy are in place. The hall design is being fine-tuned and excellent news is that funding for the roofing of key units has been raised. Check out John's pics on the next page:



Lastly, the first 2020-21 President’s Challenge report-back is in from Vanessa Rousseau, who writes:

My President’s Challenge went towards the printing of the “My South African Pandemic Story” workbook, which was developed by the Schools Improvement Initiative (SII) at UCT. Rotary works closely with the SII through the Language & Literacy Partnership, chaired by Geraldine Nicol.

The first two schools which received the workbooks for their Grade 8 learners are both SII partner schools in Khayelitsha: COSAT (Centre of Science and Technology) and Usasazo Secondary School. (Rotary Newlands sponsors the Interact Club at COSAT.)

Grateful thanks to Wybe and the Community Services Committee for facilitating this donation and to Peter Ennis for making the payment in time for the first rollout of the workbooks on 1st September.



L-R: Dr Patti Silbert, Project Manager of the SII handing over the booklets to Mrs Phadiela Cooper (COSAT) and Library Assistant, Thozama Morape.

This letter of thanks from UCT's Dr Patti Silbert explains the purpose of the workbooks:



September 6, 2020

To: Mr Wybe Meinesz

Community Services Chair, Rotary Club of Newlands

On behalf of the Schools Improvement Initiative (SII) I would like to express our sincere gratitude to Rotary Newlands for your support of UCT's flagship whole-school development project. Your generous donation helps us deepen and extend our work in our partner schools, thereby strengthening the schools as a whole. Through our ongoing school-based engagement principals, teachers and learners are all able to achieve greater benefit.

As we grapple with the effects of Covid-19 especially in our poor and vulnerable communities, the need for support is more critical than ever before. We have been working hard, in collaboration with our school partners such as Rotary to most effectively support the principals, teachers and particularly the learners as we navigate this unprecedented crisis. One of the key focus areas of our work at this time is psycho-social support for our school-going youth through our Schools Wellness Centre which operates in all five of our partner schools. To help mitigate the emotional trauma as a result of the pandemic we have developed a set of three age-appropriate, context sensitive workbooks: 'My South African Pandemic Story'. Our aim is to roll out this intervention by providing workbooks to as many learners as possible in our partner schools. It is donations such as yours that will make it possible to implement this wonderful resource in our schools.

We thank Rotary Newlands most sincerely for your support.

With appreciation

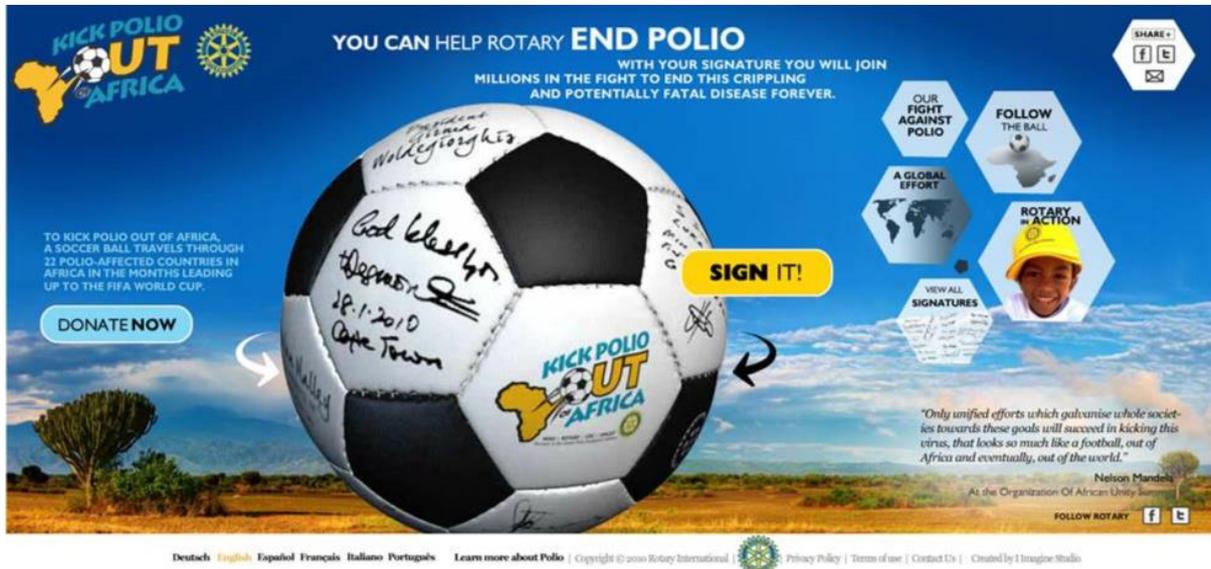
Dr Patti Silbert

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Silbert', written over a light blue horizontal line.

SII Project Manager, Schools Development Unit, UCT.

MORE ROTARY NEWS

Who remembers when the Cape Town International Airport was emblazoned, for the 2010 Soccer World Cup, with the Desmond Tutu-endorsed campaign to “Kick Polio out of Africa”? And the ball? Do you remember the ball? And the fabulous website? This one:



Ten years on and – incredibleness! – we’ve done it. The [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) and its partners Rotary International, the World Health Organisation, the US Centres for Disease Control (CDC) and Unicef can all take a well-deserved bow. Here’s how Rotary reported the landmark event:

Africa region declared free of wild poliovirus

The World Health Organization on 25 August announced that transmission of the wild poliovirus has officially been stopped in all 47 countries of its African region. This is a historic and vital step toward global eradication of polio, which is Rotary’s top priority. [Read more.](#)



And lastly.....

There is no shortage of Rotary reading material, this month.

For a start there is the DG’s (excellent) magazine, where Editor Bev Frieslich and (our 😊) Shelley Finch forever raise the bar on newsletters, everywhere. Ten of the issue’s 30 pages are devoted to Environment and, not surprisingly, Newrots Lew Botha (District Environmental Sustainability Chair) and Geraldine Nicol, as well as our Rotary friend, Koos Burger (RC Cape of Good Hope) feature prominently.

Then there is Rotary Africa, sporting its new look and already in its second issue of the year. You’ll find September’s edition [here](#). Watch out for Lee-Ann Shearing’s feature on *Elevating Rotaract*. Her

article is bursting with useful information and is a 'must-read'. Actually, the whole issue is a 'must-read' so best set aside an afternoon for your Rotary reading.

FUTURE FIXTURES *(Online, for the time being.)*

SEPTEMBER - BASIC EDUCATION and LITERACY MONTH

- 7 Partners' Meeting
Speaker: Koos Burger "*Glencairn Camp Restoration Project*"
- 14 Ordinary Meeting
Speaker: Terry Lancaster, "*The Croak File*"
- 16 Board Meeting
- 19 District Membership Webinar (10am): "*Diversity (Equity and Inclusion)*"
- 21 Ordinary Meeting
Speaker: Lauren Gillis and Neil Robinson
"*Relate and its Impact, and the 7th Area of Focus Campaign*"

OCTOBER - ECONOMIC and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 19 DG Carl-Heinz Duisberg's Visit

UMPIRES and SCORERS

	7 September 2020 Partners	14 September 2020 Ordinary	21 September 2020 Ordinary
Sergeant	Richard Burnett	Graham Lowden	Michael Walwyn
Four-Way Test	Richard House	Tinus de Jongh	Bill Holland
Grace and Loyal Toast	Graham Finlayson	Henry Campbell	Janey Ball
Attendance			
Fellowship			
Minutes	Terry Lancaster	Pieter van Aswegen	Jeannine Ibbotson
Intro speaker	Tony Davidson	Brian Pickup	Vanessa Rousseau
Thank speaker	Heidi Andersson	Melinda Stapleton	Shân Biesman-Simons
Comment	Peter Ennis	John Stephenson	Shelley Finch

If you cannot make this duty please arrange a substitute and let the Sergeant know.



BIRTHDAYS	12 th September	Richard House
ANNIVERSARIES		
JOINED ROTARY		
WOODEN SPOON		Jana Forrester

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AND the LAST WORD

If you attended our last meeting, online, there is one thing you will have learned that to not be a Maverick Insider is neither cool nor wise. If you have not yet signed-up, the Ed (strongly) suggests you do not admit this to even your closest of friends but swiftly remedy the breach [here](#).

See you on the moro....