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ROTARY CLUB OF ST FRANCIS

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Hi everyone – It was great to see so many of you at our first “live” meeting in a while at The Links on August 10th.

It really was a super relaxed gathering giving us all a chance to re-connect. We managed to induct Keith Alford at long last – as George commented, Keith must be the longest Rotarian in-waiting in the history of Rotary in South Africa! It’s good to have you formally on board Keith.

His introducer, Manfred Burkert tells us Keith is the former Managing Director of Old Mutual in Nigeria. He holds a BA LLB from Natal University and is a registered legal practitioner. Now retired in St Francis Bay spending time playing golf and bowls, he loves to braai and like most of us, enjoys good food!. He and his wife Shelagh of 36 years, have one son, Ross who is 32 years old and works in the Tourism industry. Ross recently married Paola who is from Panama and the happy couple are planning their wedding reception at The Links in December. Exciting times for the Alford family – sincere congratulations to you from us all!



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It was great to welcome Lindsay Pearson to the fold from Rotary Club of Algoa Bay. Also joining us for the meeting was a new resident in St Francis, Rotarian Chantel James. Chantel and her partner will be taking over the running of Quaysyde Restaurant from September (watch this space carefully!). All being well Chantel will be transferring to our Club from her current Club in Blouberg in the near future. Wonderful news!



Next Meeting :

Great news is that Dave Truter has invited the Club for a COVID friendly fellowship afternoon at his farm on the Oyster Bay Road. Dave's idea is that we will all bring our own picnic with crockery, cutlery and partners and enjoy some bird watching and shenanigans next to his dam. We hope to do this early in September to celebrate Spring. We will select a date when the weather looks friendliest so watch this space!

ST FRANCIS HOSPICE NEEDS OUR HELP!

Health Lead, Brian Codling, is moving apace with this project.

We have had two Zoom meetings with Rotary Club of Jeffreys Bay President, Wesley Fick and his team who have indicated they are in full support of saving our Hospice. They are happy to work alongside us with any fundraising and awareness campaigns.

Sister Ingrid Williams, manager of St Francis Hospice also attended the last meeting along with John Adams, a resident of Jeffreys Bay who has volunteered to interview some folk who are happy to share their experiences with Hospice in the Kouga region. These stories will be shared to the newly created St Francis Hospice Kouga Facebook page and any other mediums we can find.

Stacey Lippstreu will be lending her social media skills to the project and will assist in training the Hospice office administrator, Jennifer MaGrath on how to effectively manage a social media campaign. Health lead, Brian Codling and Sister Ingrid Williams will be meeting with the CEO of Woodlands Dairy to discuss future fundraising with their support.

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Brian is also meeting with the Hospice PE Marketing specialist, with a view to targeting the financial services industry. Hospice is a Public benefit organisation which allows estate planners to incorporate Tax relief, for donations and bequests, when structuring clients Wills.

Our fundraising whizz kid, Jo Brown has come up with a couple of great ideas. One is to host a Scavenger Hunt with participants driving a route in pursuit of clues and prizes – all very COVID friendly.

The second is a MOVEMBER campaign – **Grow a Mo for Hospice!** Details so far are R100 to register (hoping to get a Quicket option set up soon) before 1st November. Various sports clubs have already indicated they are keen to challenge their members. Participants will be encouraged to send weekly progress Whatsapp photos which we will share as we go on social media, with a rogues' gallery article to appear in the traditional press mediums available as well. Voting is to be done by a panel of Rotarians. The idea is there will be a winner for each club/organisation challenging their members with spot prizes for individuals – and an actual overall winner.

The plan is to spread the competition far and wide so reach out to everyone you know. We will share the posters on our Whatsapp group soon for you to share!

Last but not least Don't forget - one important avenue which targets regular donations is the Hospice Hero campaign (see below). Please urge as many folks as possible to support this.

All club members are encouraged to contribute thoughts and ideas.



**ARE YOU A
HOSPICE HERO
YET?**

DO IT NOW As life-threatening illnesses, particularly cancer in its many forms, **aren't age selective** so YOU ARE NOT IMMUNE.

Sign up for **just R100 per month** and ensure that your local Hospice service, specialising in **pain & symptom control**, will be around should you or your loved ones need it.

JOIN NOW by contacting Ricky:
nicky@stfrancishospice.za.org
041 360 7070

"YOU MATTER BECAUSE OF WHO YOU ARE, YOU MATTER TO THE LAST MOMENT OF YOUR LIFE, AND WE WILL DO ALL WE CAN, NOT ONLY TO HELP YOU DIE PEACEFULLY BUT ALSO TO LIVE UNTIL YOU DIE."

*Dear Cindy Rossiter
Founder of Modern English Movement*

IT COSTS HOSPICE
R100 PER MONTH
PER PATIENT.

The poster features a circular logo with a superhero figure, a quote from Cindy Rossiter, a photo of four people, and a thought bubble. The bottom of the poster is decorated with a colorful border of flowers and butterflies.

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WOW FEEDBACK – SAVE THE DATE!!

25 & 26th February 2022 is the date set for the re-scheduled Wine on Water event. Some very exciting news indeed from Craig Northwood who tells us he has been approached by Francois Naude whose home is being used by our sponsor Investec for their WoW client function.

Francois has been in contact with Anton Smit a well-known South African artist with international exposure. See website <https://www.antonsmmit.co.za>. Francois has one of his works in his garden and has just ordered another.

Anton has offered the following –

- A sculpture (contemporary / classic) worth +- R 100 000 for a raffle. Suggested ticket price R 150. We will have to pay a certain amount for the sculpture (still to be determined) but we should be able to raise a considerable sum. The winner will be able to choose either the contemporary or classic sculpture. He would like to display few of his sculptures on various decks and will donate a certain percentage of any sale to Rotary.

In addition to this , Francois is currently doing a rebuild of a home at Galleon Lane on the canals. The owner has just purchased an Anton Smit sculpture and has indicated that we can use the house as a WoW venue.

And more good news .. Francois is friendly with Jaco Loubser from Home Brew Films who is associated with Atlantic Studios. Jaco has expressed an interest in filming WoW to feature on national media where possible. See website <https://www.atlanticstudios.co.za/interview-with-jaco-loubser-executive-producer-of-homebrew-films/>.

Odds and Ends.

TALHADO CHILDREN'S HAVEN FUNDRAISER A SMASH HIT!!

Our Club has always sponsored a hole at each of the Talhado Children's Haven Family Golf Days in the past – these have not been possible for past two years. So, as we had been fortunate enough to receive a R1000.00 donation for a worthy project from Santa's very kind brother in Australia, James Boonzaier, the Board decided to donate this to the Haven in support of their Mandela Day event. We are delighted to hear how successful it was – especially as they had to postpone the event because of COVID restrictions in force at the time of Mandela Day. It just goes to show that even in times a great adversity – where there is a will, there is a way – Congratulations to Cath Hempel and her team!

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Organiser, Christina Tancredi posted - *We are so blown away by all the love the support this year! Not only did we reach our goal, but we exceeded it by raising roughly R116,000 with a few funds still trickling in 😊 Our best Mandela Day event to date!!! There are far too many people to thank in this post, many personal and corporate sponsors, those who donated your time, your baked goods, raffle items, handcrafted items and artwork! And, of course those of you who came out to enjoy the event and make it so spectacular! We are so grateful for each and every one of you.*
"Action without vision is only passing time, vision without action is merely day dreaming, but vision with action can change the world." - Nelson Mandela



THANK YOU PATSY!

A Big thank you to Patsy Roux and her friends who set about selling scatter cushions which were donated "for a worthy cause". They raised a very decent R1000.00 which Tom has now paid into our account. Thank you so much for all your hard work!!

FOOTBALL PLAYERS NEED KIT AND EQUIPMENT

Paul Sherman has been approached by Matt Davis, a local youngster he knows, who coaches/organizes the soccer evenings next to the tennis courts.

He does this of his own accord to keep Sea Vista youngsters fit and healthy and to teach them about team work and provide some direction and purpose to them.

He is looking for funding or donations of soccer kit. If anyone can assist or has contacts that can, please contact Paul (prsherman55@gmail.com).

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MY ROTARY : (Myrotary.org/)

If you haven't already registered on My Rotary, it's well worth doing so. There is a mine of information on all things Rotary and you will find answers to just about any questions you might have. If you've been asked to take up a role or fulfil a function in the Club and not sure what is entailed find it under the "Learning and Reference" tab and learn all about it.

Members DUES : Invoices for members dues of R980.52 for the July-December period have been sent. Your invoice includes an amount of R100.00 for Club funds as we have not managed to raise any funds from meetings and funds are low. The basic cost of being a Rotarian is R1900 p.a. The Board has agreed that members may opt to pay their dues off monthly at R164.00 p.m. if it is easier to manage. Please try to make sure your dues are up to date for each period as the Club has to pay these over to RI and District in advance.

As you may be aware, the Protection of Personal Information (POPIA) Act is now in effect (1 July 2021).

The Rotary Club of St Francis is in full support of having your full consent to continue to receive communication from us and we are therefore required to remind you that as a club bulletin recipient your information will be used for the sole purpose of receiving club news from us.

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