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ROTARY CLUB OF ST FRANCIS

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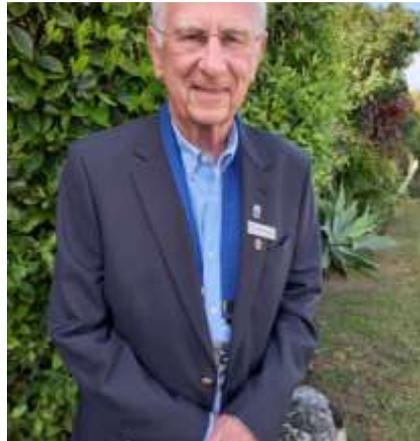
CLUB NEWSLETTER No 6

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Hi everyone – the good news is that because lock down restrictions have moved to Level 3, we are planning to have a “live” meeting on August 10th at The Links at 13h00 for 13h30. We realise that not all our members can make a lunch meeting or may have concerns around COVID, but we do hope to see as many of you as possible. We will be inducting Keith Alford at long last and hope to introduce another new member, Lindsay Pearson who is transferring to our Club from Uitenhage South.

A decision on meetings going forward will be taken in September, depending on COVID restrictions at that time and after The Links annual winter close down.

First up – a note from our President, George Stegmann.



Dear Club members

It is hard to believe that one month of the new Rotary year has already come and gone and that our last “in person” meeting was held in April!

The Coronavirus pandemic has certainly wreaked havoc with people’s lives and livelihoods and has changed the world we live in forever.

One of the unfortunate aspects of the pandemic has been the severe curtailment of Club activities since March of last year and I would like to thank all of you for maintaining your membership and commitment in these challenging times.

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Disappointingly, one of the events which had to be cancelled was the Club Presidential handover and induction ceremony. So without fanfare and the party Ann was so looking forward to, I find myself in the "hot seat" previously occupied by Santa.

On behalf of the Club, I would like to thank Santa for her contribution, dedication and leadership during her 2 year term as Club President. Our Club is very fortunate to have a strong and competent Admin resource and Board in place, recently augmented by two new Board members, Paul Sherman and Tom Roux. This certainly makes the task of heading up the Club a lot easier.

Going forward, and remaining mindful of the Covid19 threat, there is a need now to re-energise and reactivate our Club and to ensure that all of our members feel engaged, involved and inspired. Obviously, this is always with the understanding that the safety of our members comes first.

On a final note, while doing good in our community, my wish is for us all to have fun and to enjoy the fellowship that being a Rotarian brings. I look forward to seeing you all in person soon."

Best regards, George



Santa Zeiss and Angela Newton – An Amazing Mother and Daughter Act – Thank you for your service!

Before Santa retired to St Francis Bay, she was owner and franchisor of a tourism information company called Brochure Management. She sold the company in 2014 and then moved to St Francis in 2017 and joined what was then our Satellite Club. Santa initially joined Rotary in 1992 as a member of Sunrise Rotary. In 1997 she had to resign due to business commitments and rejoined the Rotary Club of PE West in 2016.

She served as chairperson of our Satellite Club for the 2020/2021 year, and was the Charter president of the Rotary Club of St Francis within that year and served as our President until handing over to George on 1st July 2021.

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Santa is also a Paul Harris fellow, being recognized in 2014 for her incredible work within the community of Port Elizabeth including almost single handedly starting and running the fundraising effort for Samantha Bunce, a little girl requiring a liver transplant in 1985. Santa raised hundreds of thousands of Rands until the effort was taken up by the PE Lions club. Santa was always involved in charity work, long before she joined Rotary. From organising food parcels, to helping families who had homes destroyed by fire and then fostering children for a few months who had lost a parent in a fire whilst their family regrouped, she also served on the board of the Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP Foundation), and supported the development of an equestrian sports programme for scholars. Santa really does epitomize what a Rotarian should be and was very well deserving of her Paul Harris Fellow.

Congratulations to Angela Newton - Santa's very lovely and very smart daughter - of Rotary Club of PE West who has taken over from Clive Hassell as our Assistant District Governor. Angela will be meeting with our Club regularly and is our Rotary "Go to" person for guidance. You will also spot her behind her stall at the St Francis Markets where many an impromptu Rotary meeting has taken place 😊.

Angela has a remarkable history as a Rotarian having joined the Rotary Sunrise Club in April 1995 as the youngest female Rotarian in South Africa at that time. In 2001 she moved to the UK and was a member of two Rotary clubs in the UK, the Rotary Club of Billericay Mayflower and Rotary Club of Maidenhead Thames (work transfers required relocation and hence a club change was required). She served on the district committee in District 1240 for two years for the Child and Maternal Health committee as she worked in the pharmaceutical industry.

In 2010 she climbed Kilimanjaro to raise funds for three South African Children's homes/places of safety. She moved back to South Africa in 2011 and joined the Rotary club of PE West. She has served as president twice for PE West (2013/2014) and again 2020-2021 - which must have been a rare occurrence of mother and daughter both being presidents of their respective Rotary clubs in the same year!

Angela has served on the district 9370 committee since 2018 and has also been awarded two Paul Harris Fellows (Paul Harris Fellow Sapphire). We are sure she is going to make a great success of her year as Assistant Governor for Area 11 in D9370.

Santa is going to enjoy her first year as a Granny to her son's little girl, Michaela but will still be serving on our Board responsible for Vocation.

Welcome to St Francis Rotarian Lindsay Pearson!

We are very fortunate to be welcoming Lindsay to our Club. Lindsay has recently moved to St Francis and is transferring his membership from Rotary Club of Uitenhage South.

We asked Lindsay to tell us a little about his Rotary career.

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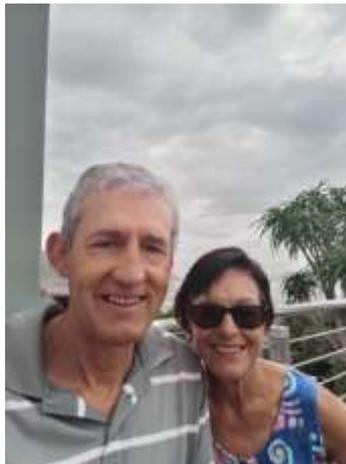


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In 1988 he was a member of a Group Study Exchange team which travelled to Boston/Massachusetts, USA. This proved to be an incredible experience for him, he jumped at the opportunity of joining the Rotary Club of Graaff Reinet in 1995. When he moved to Port Elizabeth in 2002 he was invited to join the Rotary Club of Algoa Bay and served as President of that Club in 2008/2009, receiving a Paul Harris Fellow in 2005. In 2013 he led a GSE team to California and has since served on various committees, mostly Youth and International Affairs.

Lindsay's wife, Noelle, has been a very active Rotary Ann over the years, serving as President in 2008/2009. The couple have also hosted 4 Exchange students during their time with Rotary.

Lindsay and Noelle's Rotary experience will be of enormous value to our young club! Welcome!!



ST FRANCIS HOSPICE NEEDS OUR HELP!

Health Lead, Brian Codling, met with Sister Ingrid Williams, manager of St Francis Hospice which serves the entire Kouga district and which is a satellite of St Francis Hospice Port Elizabeth, with the aim of seeing how we can possibly assist to keep this worthy and much needed institution operational in our area. He reported back as follows :

“Due to Covid 19 lockdown regulations, traditional fundraising methods have been largely impossible for all organisations dependant on public support. Hospice in Kouga region relied heavily on their annual golf day at The Links sponsored by Woodlands Dairy and on the annual Last Night at the Proms event in Port Elizabeth – neither of which has taken place in the last two years. This has been further aggravated in SA by an extremely weak economy, and as St Francis Hospice receives absolutely no support from the Government, the organisation is facing closure unless help can be found.

As a result of this, Rotary St Francis Bay has committed to working with Hospice (Kouga district) with a programme of intense media activity, in an effort to build awareness of the essential service Hospice provides and their desperate need for funding – the objective being to encourage regular donations and/or legacies, with a view to achieving long term sustainability for Hospice, as a key

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health service provider. One important avenue which targets regular donations is the Hospice Hero campaign (see below). Please urge as many folks as possible to support this.

The organisation provides palliative care to patients terminally ill with Cancer, Motor Neurone Disease, HIV Aids and Tuberculosis, bringing comfort and dignity in the patient's final stage of life. Sister Ingrid is assisted by one full-time and one part-time nursing sister to provide care for the whole Kouga region.

The sisters administer care to patients in their home environment which may be a lovely home on the St Francis Canals with every modern amenity, a flimsy shack in an informal settlement with no services and little more than newspaper for bedding, or in a rural community or remote farm, miles from any other form of help.

This approach will not impact on Rotary funds, but will require time from both Rotary members and Hospice staff to arrange ongoing content, and leverage both Brands. All club members are encouraged to contribute thoughts and ideas. Please contact Brian on codling@mweb.co.za.



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 Nicky:
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."

Dame Cicely Saunders
Founder of Modern Hospice Movement



IT COSTS HOSPICE
R100 PER MONTH
PER PATIENT.



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Talhado Children's Haven Steel Band Needs help!

While we have our thinking caps on

Our Club recently facilitated the donation of beautiful new instruments for the Steel band sponsored by a generous family foundation. The band is made up of school children, who are budding musicians in Sea Vista, trained to play these special instruments by Dean Khalo, the caretaker of Talhado Children's Haven. Their unique style and sound has come to be a part of the St Francis "flavour".

They have been practising on the new equipment and play regularly at the St Francis markets. Their unique sound is also in demand for other events and weddings – when COVID restrictions permit. Aside from motivating the youngsters to join the band and hone their skills, these events provide important income for the band members.

The problem is that the trailer and band members need to be transported to and from venues where they have been invited to play.

Talhado Children's Haven founder (and Rotary Paul Harris Fellow) Lesley Moore and her husband, Tony have happily given their time and effort for many years to fetch the instrument trailer and the band members and escort them to and from wherever they are playing.

The Moore's have reached a time in their lives where they would like to take a back seat and enjoy their retirement, so the hunt is on for someone or a group of people who would be prepared to take over the task of getting the band and the trailer to and from venues.

Please keep eyes and ears open for anyone who might be prepared to help ?

Odds and Ends.



WOW FEEDBACK – SAVE THE DATE!!

25 & 26th February 2022 is the date set for the re-scheduled Wine on Water event.

Notices have been sent to all current ticketholders, and participating wine estates and home owners. Fingers crossed for no further postponements!!

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.

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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.

Should you wish to OPT-OUT of receiving any further newsletters from us, you may do so by sending us an email with the word "Unsubscribe" in the subject line.

If you would like to continue to receive our newsletters then no further action is required – please note that by not unsubscribing you agree to remain an OPT-IN recipient and a voluntary recipient of the Rotary Club of St Francis' Lighthouse News mailing list.

WHAT IS ROTARY?

What you see before joining

- BBQ Fundraisers
- Helping the community

What you see once you join

- Teamwork and communication skills
- New friendships and connections
- Speaking and professional development opportunities
- Opportunities for collaboration and networking
- International aid, travel and worldwide friendships

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