

# Rotary



## ROTARY CLUB OF ST FRANCIS

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Hi everyone

And just like that ... We are in February 2022!!? And it is promising to be another very busy year. Some new year resolutions for us to consider ?



We must be thankful that we seem to have ridden out the 4<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 wave, and although we are told to expect more, let's hope and pray that this dreadful virus is losing its power to disrupt our lives.

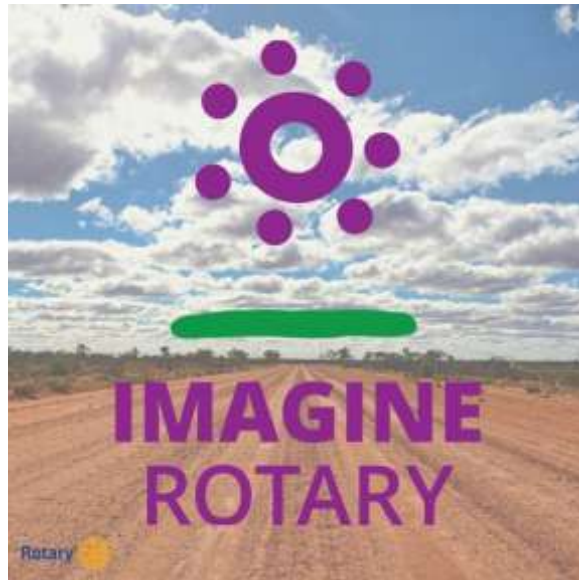
With a new year comes a new Rotary Theme – Imagine Rotary.

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### Rotary theme 2022-2023



Imagine Rotary the theme for 2022-2023 explained by incoming President Jennifer Jones.

The theme graphic was designed by an Australian indigenous artist, Riki Salam, who is a graphic designer specializing in contemporary Indigenous art, design, and communications. He also created the 2023 Rotary International Convention logo which will be held in Melbourne, Australia in 2023 thus connecting the two by a shared visual language.

Circle - connections to one another

Dots around it - Our People

There are 7 Dots because of our Rotary's 7 areas of focus

Circle + dots around it - Navigation star, our guiding light

Green solid line - digging stick (used when doing hard work);

for us it's People of Action, represents the tools for getting things done

Colors: Purple, Green & White -

Celebrate DEI- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Freedom to express ourselves differently but still with a special connection.

Purple- Polio

Green- the Environment

White - Peace

Represents Empowerment and Newness and also the colours were utilised for the women's movement giving us the opportunity to grow our female membership.

## CLUB FEEDBACK

We had two meetings during January on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. For the time being we will continue to meet every second Tuesday at 13h00 for 13h30 at The Links. We are waiting for The Links to advise us if and when they intend opening the club house in the evenings again so that we can consider moving back to our evening slot.

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At our last meeting Rotarian Chantel James entertained by giving us a vivid picture of surviving her first "Season" running her new restaurant Quays. Jaws dropped as she detailed the enormous quantities of food ordered and the numbers of meals served. Well done and welcome to St Francis to Chantel and her partner Mae. And thank you both for agreeing to host our registration tent for WoW and much more!

More good news, Rotarian Gary Gilbur has volunteered to take the lead on the Environment Area of Focus. He kicked off with a visit to the Kromme Enviro Trust AGM where he was introduced to our environmental "Watch Dog" colleagues. Thanks Gary – an important role filled.

Of necessity, meetings this month have been dominated by planning for our twice postponed Golf Day (5<sup>th</sup> February) and Wine on Water (25 & 26 February) – more to follow.

### E'PAP update

Ivan Beaumont reports that our e'Pap donor, Patrick Fleming will be with us on 2<sup>nd</sup> March to visit the schools benefitting from the e'Pap donations. We have now received another donation from the UK towards the feeding program and new e'Pap supplies have been ordered and will be arriving this week. We are still feeding e'Pap at 4 pre-school locations, with approximately 195 children benefitting. Great work Ivan!

### ROTARY GOLF DAY A GREAT SUCCESS!

Congratulations to Rotarian David Truter and his team for a very successful Betterball Competition hosted by the St Francis Bay Golf Club on 5<sup>th</sup> February. The day attracted 182 players on a perfect day for golf – cool, dry and not too windy!

A very big thank you must go to our title sponsors Buco who also sponsored a R2000.00 voucher as the raffle prize for the day, earning us no less than R7800.00! Thanks must also go to all those very generous folk who donated awesome prizes and to the Golf Club and their staff for hosting our event. Dave says that conservatively the day raised an amazing R46 000.00 for Rotary projects in St Francis.

Seen here, winners for the day with the prizes they chose are Richard Vauquelin and Viv Jones, celebrating with David and the prize table laden with exciting prizes. Thank you everyone for supporting our event!



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### WOW NEWS : SOLD OUT!!

All tickets are sold out – and there is a very long waiting list of very disappointed people hoping to participate.

The Wow planning team are working hard and fast to prepare for this event. The logistics are proving challenging but the team are up to it and all Rotarians (friends and family) are being roped into harness to ensure this event is a great success. Our main sponsors Investec are very excited to be participating, and if all goes to plan we will be making this our annual flagship event.

We are working in tandem with St Francis Tourism to spread the WoW energy throughout our two, encouraging our hospitality industry and retailers to join in the spirit and give our WoW patrons a fabulous St Francis experience. Next month's issue will bring you full feedback!

Exciting news is that Anton Smit, internationally acclaimed artist and sculptor will be exhibiting at Wine on Water. Several of his works will be on view and for sale at selected houses on the Wine on Water route.

The generosity of Anton Smit and Investec have made this sculpture "Reflect", valued at R50,232-00, available for the raffle as part of Wine on Water. Tickets will be sold for R150.00 on Quicket (later this week) and at Wine on Water,



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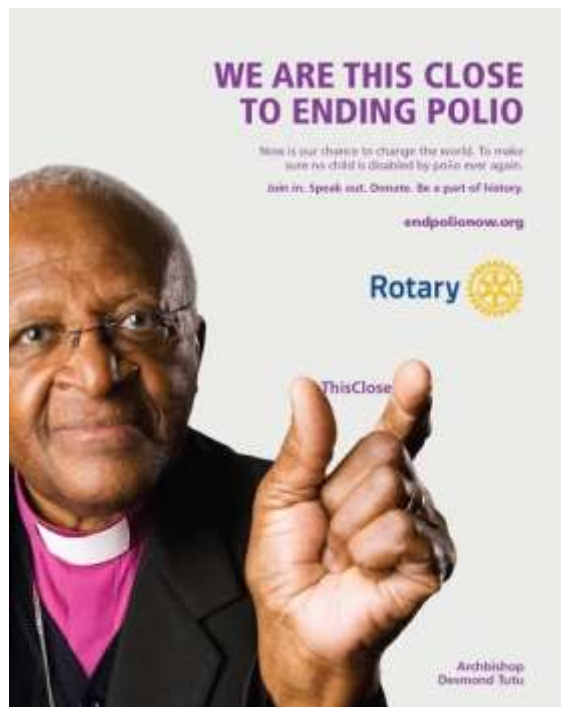
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A big Welcome back to St Francis for the first time since COVID stopped all our visitors, our dear friend in Rotary, John Bissell of the Rotary Club of Poynton (better known to us all as Jo Brown's Dad). Great to have you here again John and looking forward to putting your great event experience to good use at WoW!



## RIP Our National Treasure!

South Africa lost our much beloved and Nobel Peace Prize winning Archbishop Desmond Tutu this January. He was someone who defined service above self and it is fitting to remember his contribution to the Rotary End Polio Now Campaign



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### **DUES :**

Members' dues have now been invoiced and these should be settled as soon as possible. We continue to offer members the option of paying monthly if it is easier to do so.

### **MY ROTARY : ([Myrotary.org/](http://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.

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