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Rotary Club Umhlanga Joins with Umhlanga Tourism For Carols In The Square 2017



Rotary Club Umhlanga was on hand to support the annual Christmas Carols at Grenada Square on 20 December.

The event is growing each year, club members collected over 250 toys from the public, these will be donated to charity. Santa Claus, Tubby Clemson, is seen (above) with Umhlanga Tourism Director Peter Rose, Rotarian Ken Dixon and the events hosts.





The local Harley riders were once again on hand to deliver Santa Clause on the back of a Harley... Rotarians Ken Dixon and Alan Jackson seen here with Harley rider Andre Roodt.



Rotarian Rob Hay (above), gave an inspirational speech to the packed crowd...



Carols and a need to share Christmas with children...

The Rotary Club of Umhlanga have gratefully been involved with Peter Rose Chairman of Umhlanga Tourism in their annual Carol's event for many years, as their Charity Partner and distribution network for the many Christmas presents and toys brought to the event by Umhlanga residents, holiday makers and the Harley riders. Rotary Club Umhlanga distributes the presents in the true spirit of Christmas, reaching out to the many children circumstantially restricted, unable to share in the receiving of gifts which is quintessential in the life of the modern day child.

Without this event, so successfully executed this year in particular, with the collection of 256 toys and R380 in cash donations, our Christmas task with socially compromised children in a celebration of Christmas would be all the more constrained.

For sure, the Santa that our Club provides (this year, Tubby Clemson with genuine hair and beard) at the event, arriving with so much noise, ceremony and excitement, on the back of a Harley Davidson, so capably manoeuvred through the Square's restaurant space, by veteran Harley owner Andre Roodt, was such a highlight. What a spectacle!

Our sincere thanks go to Peter, his team and organisers for their heartfelt generosity and sacrifice each year to create the magic of Christmas in a vibrant environment with such gusto and commitment to the communities they directly and indirectly serve. Peter has become a wonderful friend of Rotary over the years and it's great to recognise his compassion for children right in the heart of his primary tasks in tourism.

Peter had a few words after the event... "I can honestly say that I believe we fulfilled our end of the bargain last night! The show was amazing and the Square was packed. Estimated crowds watching the show was between 550 and 600 people and the restaurants around the Square were full to the brim. It was completely amazing to see so many people enjoying themselves. One man came up to me and said that he could not believe he was in South Africa with such a fantastic open air concert, he was totally blown away with what we had put on. Leigh did a sterling job and the whole show went off like clockwork. Well done to all concerned on & off stage. The passionate group of Harley Davidson owners really excelled themselves this year, it was our best turnout of bikes decorated with flashing lights and Christmas decorations. The riders brought many toys for the children, it was heartening to see such generosity. When one of the bike brought Santa to the stage, the kids flocked to see him, it was a wonderful sight to see.

There was a big turnout of Rotarians and they were able to collect a sizable amount of toys for the underprivileged children. Broll Management who generously allow the use of Granada Square for the event were impressed with the public's involvement and commitment to the cause at hand."



Thank You, Sifiso...



Club members took up a Christmas collection for Gateway Hotel Facility Manager, Sifiso, who in addition to his daily tasks, facilitates our venue each week, co-ordinates after meeting meals and looks after Club regalia. Rotarian Sandy Smith (left) and Club President Mbali, stand with Sifiso at the handing over of his gift...



RCU members visit Twilanga...

As part of our traditional Christmas duty, Club members visited residents at Twilanga Retirement Village. The visits were followed by dinner and a quiz in the dining room at the village. Thanks to Rotarian Clive Hull for co-ordinating the roster, dinner and quiz.





Christmas Toy distribution at God's Plan Church and Philisiwe's Soup Kitchen, Waterloo...

Christmas is a time of giving...

In true Rotary spirit, the Club met during December at our two project venues in Waterloo to distribute some of the vast collection of toys that have been donated for needy children. Members seen here bring joy to the life of a child during the festive season...





Rotary Club Umhlanga Christmas Dinner, Rolling Hills Country Club...



The idyllic Rolling Hills Country Club, Umhlanga, was the setting for the annual Christmas dinner for the members of RCU. Under the expert organisational skills of Rotarian Bertie van Niekerk, members were treated to an afternoon of games, fellowship and good food. All who attended were impressed with the facilities at the venue and the way that the evening was planned...





January 2018	Vocational Service Month	Venue
30 January	DG Visit to Rotary Club Umhlanga	Gateway Hotel
February 2018	Peace Conflict & Resolution Month	Venue
13 Feb @ 17h30	Board Meeting	Gateway Hotel
23 February	Rotary's Anniversary	-
March 2018	Water & Sanitation Month	Venue
12-18 March	World Rotaract Week	-
12 Mar @ 17h30	Board Meeting	Gateway Hotel

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS	
21 Jan-Meridith Papanicolaou, 24 Jan-Olivia Campbell, 02 Feb-Flicka Goslett, 03 Feb-Willemine Starrenburg, 03 Feb-Theasen Pillay, 05 Feb-Gabriella O'Brien, 09 Feb-Nerina Harmsen, 13 Feb-Clive Hull, 17 Feb-Martin Segal, 20 Feb-Dominique O'Brien, 21 Feb-Laura Sellars, 21 Feb-Mike Kuttner, 21 Feb-Glenda Finegan,	
WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES	
17 Feb-Henry and Heather Cooper, 27 Feb-Michel and Gwenda Boule	
ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES	
14 Feb 1998-Joop de Veer, 20 Feb 2007-Alan Jackson, 24 Feb 2015-Mark O'Brien, 28 Feb 2012-Giorgio Petrotta	



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DUTY ROSTER/MEETINGS - JANUARY-FEBRUARY-MARCH 2018

DATE	23 January Gateway Hotel	30 January Gateway Hotel	06 February Gateway Hotel	13 February Gateway Hotel
ATTENDANCE	Anna & Alan	Rob & Clive	Rob & Clive	Inaam & John
GREETER/ REGALIA	Margaret	Munro	Mercia	Elaine
GRACE & 4WT	Vasu	Joop	Mark	Andrew C
EVENT/SPEAKER	Quintus van der Merwe- Cybercrime	DG Wally Visit, Induction & Dinner	Committee Meeting	Ian Hardy- Green Buddy Solutions
INTRO SPEAKER	Greg	CarolAnn	-	Mike K
THANK SPEAKER	Barry	Jeanette	-	Roger
FINES MASTER	Rob	Sandy	-	Clive
DATE	20 February Gateway Hotel	27 February Gateway Hotel	06 March Gateway Hotel	13 March Gateway Hotel
ATTENDANCE	Inaam & John	Bertie & Roland	Andrew H & Mike K	Carolann & Andrew H
GREETER/ REGALIA	Nettie	Kagi	Inaam	Clive
GRACE & 4WT	Mercia	Mike K	Alan	Barry
EVENT/SPEAKER	Rosemary & Robert Forrester	Kagi- Job Talk	Committee Meetings	The Days of Our Lives
INTRO SPEAKER	Suzan	Alleeta	-	Dave
THANK SPEAKER	Jeanette	Margaret	-	Jenny
FINES MASTER	Dave	Andrew C	-	Roger

♥ Kindly arrive at the venue by 17h45 if you are on Attendance or Greeting Visitors.

♥ If you are unable to do a duty, it is your responsibility to find a substitute & inform Secretary Kagisano Mosaka 0714432768, mbaliyesizwe1@gmail.com

♥ Please contact Jenny Cartwright if you come across a good speaker.

♥ The Greeter to assist in setting up and putting away banners, regalia and equipment.

♥ Kindly contact a fellow Rotarian to make apologies on your behalf if you are ill, out of town or unable to attend meetings.

THE ROTARY FOUR WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY AND DO

♥ is it the truth?

♥ is it fair to all concerned?

♥ will it build goodwill and better friendships?

♥ will it be beneficial to all concerned?

THREE ROTARY GRACES

♥ For food, fellowship and family we thank you, O Lord. Keep us ever mindful of the needs of others. AMEN

♥ We thank you O Lord for this food and those who prepare and serve it. Help us to meet the deeper needs of our community. AMEN

♥ We praise you Lord for the enrichment of our lives through the fellowship of Rotary. As we have so freely received, may we generously give ourselves in the service of others. AMEN



The Rotary Club of uMhlanga is a Public Benefit Organisation PBO No 930004288, chartered on 9th April 1973. Members meet every Tuesday at 18h00 for 18h30 at the Gateway Hotel, Centenary Boulevard, uMhlanga, and have the option of enjoying a meal with fellowship afterwards.

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