

Rotary Club of Umhlanga's donation of wheelchair brings mobility, freedom and joy to youth



(above) 10 year old Mhlengi Mbele's smile says it all during the handover of his wheelchair by Made for More, see story on page 2...



Made for More is a Non-Profit Company based in Wentworth, Durban. They run an outreach program that empowers people with disabilities, to discover purpose and reach true potential. The organization uses sport and recreation activities to reach out to those with disabilities and to give them renewed purpose in live. They recently approached Rotary Club of Umhlanga for a donation of wheelchairs, one of which was donated to 10 year old Mhlengi Mbele who lives with his grandmother in the community of Amahlongwa. Mhlengi was introduced to Made for More during one of the monthly learn to surf clinics. In the words of founding director, Julia van Zyl, “it was a great privilege to witness Mhlengi’s joy when being pushed around in his new wheelchair. His grandmother told us that Mhlengi has never had his own wheelchair, he was attending a special needs school, but stopped going last year as he was getting too heavy for his grandmother to carry. She announced that he’ll now be able to go back to school because of this wheelchair.”

Should you wish to learn more about this amazing organization you can view their website www.madeformore.org.za or contact them on 0832351083 or e mail julia@madeformore.org.za



Rotarian Mercia De Veer has put her knitting skills to good use and recently made a number of woolen beanies to be donated to local children during the winter...



Editor's note...

Despite the restrictions placed on all South Africans during this period of national lockdown, Rotary Clubs here and around the world are having to find ways to meet the growing need for assistance, especially in the poorer communities that have lost all source of income. Whilst we have no physical meetings and social news this month, this newsletter will highlight some of the efforts our club, its members and its affiliates are providing to meet this growing need. Our club is hosting weekly meetings on zoom and numerous support groups are sending messages of assistance and finding solutions to basic needs. In addition to the growing pandemic, winter is upon us and cold, unemployment and hunger are a stark reality for many South Africans. True to our motto, we continue to provide "Service above self" ... Stay safe during these trying times...

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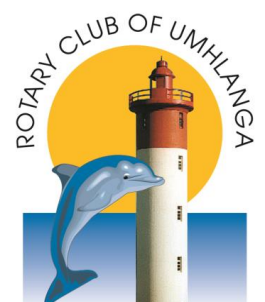
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Service above self starts at an early age...

Our Lady of Fatima Interact Club recently rallied club members to donate food items to the local parish, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, Durban North. The parish relies on weekly donations to feed a growing number of needy people on Saturday mornings. With the closure of regular parish activities, donations have been drying up. The Fatima Interact Club have identified this need on their doorstep and responded to the call for help.

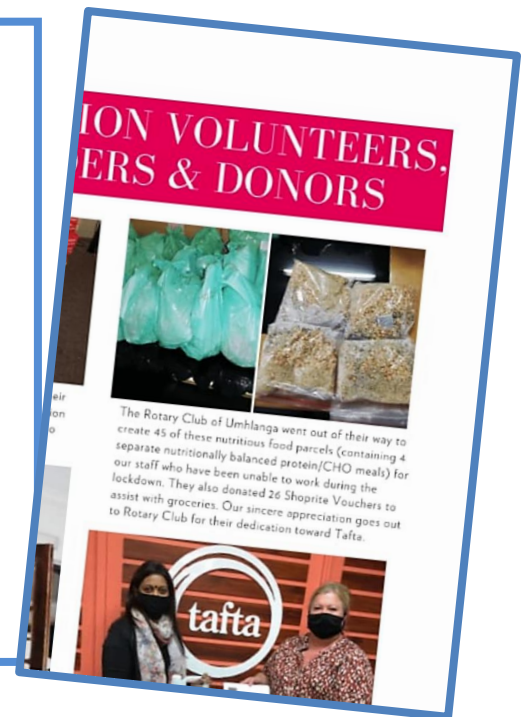


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TAFTA News

One of Rotary Club of Umhlanga's long term partners has been TAFTA, the local organization that looks after the welfare of the elderly in our community. In response to our recent donations to TAFTA and other needy projects during the Covid pandemic, our club was mentioned and thanked for its generosity, on page 5 of the TAFTA June newsletter.



Rotary International Theme 2020-21

ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES



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“ROTARY OPEN OPPORTUNITIES”

At the start of every Rotary year, the incoming President announces the theme for the coming year. This year Rotary International President-elect, Holger Knaack's theme for 2020-21, *Rotary Opens Opportunities*, asks Rotarians to create opportunities that strengthen their leadership, help put service ideas into action and improve the lives of those in need.

In recent years, there has never been a greater need than what we are seeing in the world today, this need brings renewed opportunity for Rotarians to improve lives through service delivery...

July 2020	Rotary New Leadership Month	Venue
Tues 14 July	Board meeting	Zoom
August 2020	Membership and New Club Development Month	Venue
	All live events are postponed due to Covid-19	

DUTY ROSTER/MEETING INFORMATION JULY 2020

ALL PHYSICAL WEEKLY MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

UPCOMING ZOOM MEETING SPEAKERS

Tues 21 July 2020 @ 18h30	Tues 28 July 2020 @ 18h30
Cathryn Aylett of the Bright Eyes Centre for visually impaired young children	Margaret Burger of KZN WESSA wildlife and environmental society

Zoom meeting log in details are sent weekly to members, the format follows the normal weekly meeting procedure. As of 21 July, guest speakers will be adding input to the meetings. Following the successful virtual presidential induction of Club President Flicka Goslett, it has been proposed that the club introduce a raffle to replace the weekly card draw, and continue with fines as usual. Guests and visitors are most welcome, kindly contact club secretary Sandy Smith griffi@iafrica.com for log in details. Rotary knows no limits, the current pandemic has encouraged us to step into the digital space to continue to provide "service above self"...



CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

21 July – Lorna Comins, 24 July – Bertie van Niekerk, 24 July – Luke Naicker,
25 July – Marque Delais, 25 July – Sophie Campbell, 27 July – Elsa Le Roux,
29 July – Peter Harmsen, 01 Aug – Cohan Arjoona, 02 Aug – Dee Kennedy,
03 Aug – Nicole Perumal, 04 Aug – Yvonne Perumal, 11 Aug – Ken Dixon,
24 Aug – Nettie Howard, 26 Aug – Jarred Le Roux, 31 Aug – Farrell Perumal

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

31 Aug – Sean & Kerry Moss

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

17 Aug 2004 – Aletta de Lange, 26 Aug 2003 – Michel Boule,
27 Aug 2002 – Andrew Campbell, 27 Aug 1991 – Clive Hull,
28 Aug 2001 – Rob Hay

Rotary Club Umhlanga Website, Follow all the latest news on our
own website, <https://rotaryclubofumhlanga.weebly.com/>



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***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 Club Secretary, Sandra Smith 083 292 0392**

***Kindly contact Jenny Cartwright if you have a good speaker for our meetings.**

***The Greeter to assist in setting up & 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 tail end”

The Rotary Four Way Test of the things we think, say & 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 of ourselves in the service of others. AMEN

UMHLANGA ROCKS



Rotary Club Umhlanga updates are now live on Umhlanga Rocks App. Download from your App store and follow under A-Z, Community.

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 after the meeting in the hotel dining room.

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