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**Rotary Club of Umhlanga - District 9370** 

March 2020

Rotary Club of Umhlanga inducts new member into the welcoming arms of Rotary, retired judge Shamin Ebrahim



(above), Retired judge Shamin Ebrahim, proudly holds the certificate of membership into the Rotary Club of Umhlanga, bestowed on her as part of her induction ceremony by Club President, Kevin Finegan. The club and members wish Shamin many years of fruitful service...



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#### **Rotary District 9370 Conference 2020**

Just weeks before the Covid-19 nationwide lockdown, Rotary District 9370 held its annual conference aboard the MSC Orchestra on 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> March. Bertie van Niekerk and Colleen were able to attend this well organized and special event. The delegates were able to disembark on Portuguese Island for a recreational break...



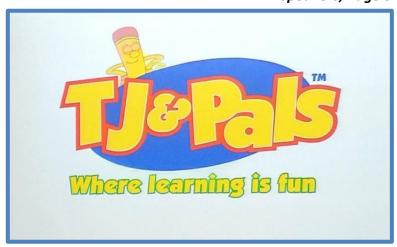






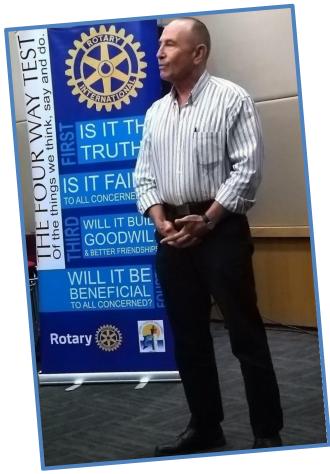






#### Speakers, The EarlyEd Foundation

Representatives from EarlyEd were on hand to give club members an insight into their project, TJ & Pals, aimed at bringing basic education to preschool children from ages 3 to 6. The program that is based on a mobile classroom presentation, aims to teach youngsters learning in their mother tongue, to speak a second language and to acquire essential life skills vital to further education...





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31 March 2020

Attention: Kevin Finegan and Umhlanga Rotary



**Dear Rotarians** 

#### Thanks for donation of food parcels to the community of Bhambayi

We so appreciate your generosity in donating R11 315 towards 60 food hampers for the community of Bhambayi. While there are thousands impoverished in the community, we have ensured that these have been distributed to those directly impacted by COVID-19. For us it is critical that, while there is an important place for relief, it must never be in a place that increases dependency and decreases individual initiative.

One of our project initiatives with our Rising Stars (orphans who have left school) has been our Customer Service Programme, leading to jobs in the restaurant industry. This has worked well, but 18 of these individuals working full-time have not been paid for the work done in March and do not know if they will have a job at the end of this. Most of them are supporting younger siblings or their wider family. Some have rents they cannot pay. We also have workers not linked into UIF, most of whom are receiving no income. They were all so grateful for the food parcels

This devastating time has had some benefits to the community- one being that we have brought all community leaders together to form the 'Intsika team' and these leaders are communicating on a WhatsApp group daily. Each has formed their own WhatsApp group (SMS where not possible) to their members to feed into the community and identify issues. This has been incredibly helpfully in determining the allocation of support.

Thank you for partnering with us to mitigate against some of the devastating impacts of this lockdown in the community of Bhambayi.

Warm regards

Mandy Pearson.

Founder and Manager: Bhambayi Project Trust















**Trenance Park Secondary Interact Induction** 

Despite numerous challenges, this vibrant and enthusiastic Interact Club went out of their way to host a well-attended Presidential induction ceremony on the 7<sup>th</sup> March. Kirona Kisten was inducted as incoming President by Umhlanga Rotarian Sandy Smith, in front of educators, students and visiting Rotarians. The club welcomes new members into the ranks, that now total 47 pupils under the expert wing of dedicated educator, Mrs. D Pillay.



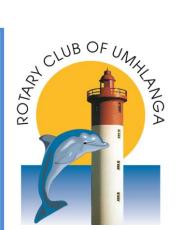




April 2020	Maternal and Child Health Month	Venue
	All events are postponed due to Covid-19	

**GRAN 'n GRAMPS WALK (To be confirmed – Covid-19)** 

Stretch!! Get out your walking shoes!! The 8<sup>th</sup> running of this popular event takes place at the Umhlanga Promenade on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. The yearly event that is excellent value for money, draws big crowds every year for the great exercise, food and lucky draw prizes...



## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS – EAST COAST RADIO BIG WALK CONFIRMATION OF EVENT DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

Walk, this is a big fund raiser for the Club, we are paid to provide the service, and have done this for many years. For more information, contact Rotarian Bertie van Niekerk.

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







#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 01 April Lisa Sukdev, 08 April Priscilla Achary,
- 10 April Ryan Papanicolaou, 14 April Althea Duncan-Brown,
- 13 April Gwenda Boulle, 16 April Dave Oehley,
- 17 April Heather Dunlop, 18 April Aletta de Lange, 18 April Kerry Moss,
- 24 April Rob Hay, 29 April George Wootton, 07 May Jasmine Finegan,
- 14 May Mercia De Veer, 20 May Teddy Achary, 21 May Alex Jordan,
- 31 May Dave Preece, 31 May Cavell Kelley Goslett

#### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

- 04 April Ronald & Yvonne Perumal, 06 April Rob & Chris Hay
- 25 April Tanya & Wayne Coetzer

#### **ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 09 April 1973 Rotary Club of Umhlanga
- 19 May 1992 Mike Kuttner
- 30 May 2015 Philisiwe Mthembu

#### **DUTY ROSTER/MEETING INFORMATION APRIL 2020**

#### ALL MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE





- \*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 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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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