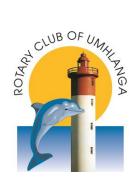


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Rotary Club of Umhlanga - District 9370

May 2020

Rotary Club of Umhlanga members and donors rally round to feed the needy in Waterloo



(above), Philisiwe Mthembu, local Rotarian and owner of Philisiwe's Kitchen, busy putting together food parcels made up of donated goods, for distribution to the needy in the Waterloo area, North of Durban... see story on page 2.



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 meetings and social news this month, the following pages will highlight some of the efforts our club, its members and its affiliates are providing to meet this growing need. In addition to the growing pandemic, winter is upon us and cold and hunger are stark reality for many South Africans. True to our motto, we continue to provide "Service above self"... Stay safe during these trying times...





Soup Kitchen call for help.

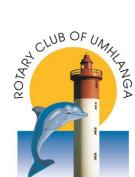
Following a desperate plea for assistance from Philisiwe's Soup Kitchen, club members and donors contributed to supply sixteen 25kg bags of maize meal, enough to provide 4000 adult meals or 8000 children's meals. This was added to other donated items gathered by club members to create food parcels distributed to the needy in the Waterloo community. The soup kitchen relies on donations to maintain its service to the community and through this generosity is able to feed on average 60 children per day.

Kindly contact the Club President or secretary if you would like to donate any items or funds to this worthy initiative....



Beating the winter chill... Following last month's article on the hard work Rotarian Sandy Smith has been doing to knit & sew, some of her woolen beanies were recently distributed to Waterloo children to assist during the winter. Sandy was also able to make masks for the soup kitchen children, as they are not able to collect soup and sandwiches without wearing a face mask. Sandy was kindly assisted by club members to make and supply the items...







Service above self starts at an early age...

Our Lady of Fatima Interact Club recently rallied club members to donate food items and nappies for distribution to two children's homes in the Durban area to assist during this time of crisis. Interact Club President, Giselle Duval was overwhelmed by the generosity of her peers and managed to provide both Ray of Hope and Sinekekele children's homes with much needed supplies.





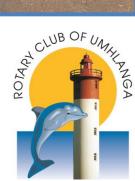














June 2020	Rotary Fellowships Month	Venue
July 2020	Rotary New Leadership Month	Venue
	All live events are postponed due to Covid-19	





Club President update on recent club events...

Whilst there have been no physical meetings in recent months, it does not mean that Rotary is dormant. We Rotarians and our club have continued to be active in the areas that we serve to make a difference in the lives of those most in need of change. Through Zapper, advertising on community groups, including The Manors and Mt Edgecombe, we have raised R100,000 for distribution to the needy. Donations came from far and wide, from the Roberts Family Trust, Vanessa' sister in law in USA, club members and donors. As at the end of June, the club will have donated 75% of the total amount by way of food parcels via Anchor of Hope, Philisiwe's Kitchen, Woza Moyo, TAFTA, JamSA and some of the families in Mbali's community. We have been blessed to receive and feed a lot of families through our contacts and perseverance. Added to the food, with winter upon us, we have collected and distributed over 35 bags of clothing via Feed the Poor, Mbali communities, Philiswe Kitchen, Rob Hay and Daria Roberts. Through donations of material our lady members Sandy, Susie, Aletta, Flicka, Vanessa and Jenny have been knitting, sewing masks, beanies, book bags and scarves for Nattest Primary School children.

One beanie is a warm child, one mask is a safe one....

Rotary will return to normal, in the interim we will continue as a club to focus on feeding and clothing one vulnerable person at a time as we strive to live our motto, "service above self"

Yours in Rotary service, Club President, Kevin Finegan.

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

19 June – Carolann Lipschitz, 21 June – Mike Ceronio,

23 June - Michael Jordan, 27 June - Sandy Smith, 11 July - Abby Haynes,

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

26 June - Clive & Jenny Hull

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

29 June 2010 - Mercia de Veer

01 July 2011 - Kevin Finegan

06 July 2004 - Nettie Howard

DUTY ROSTER/MEETING INFORMATION MAY/JUNE 2020

ALL MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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







- *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,
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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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