



**09 September 2019**

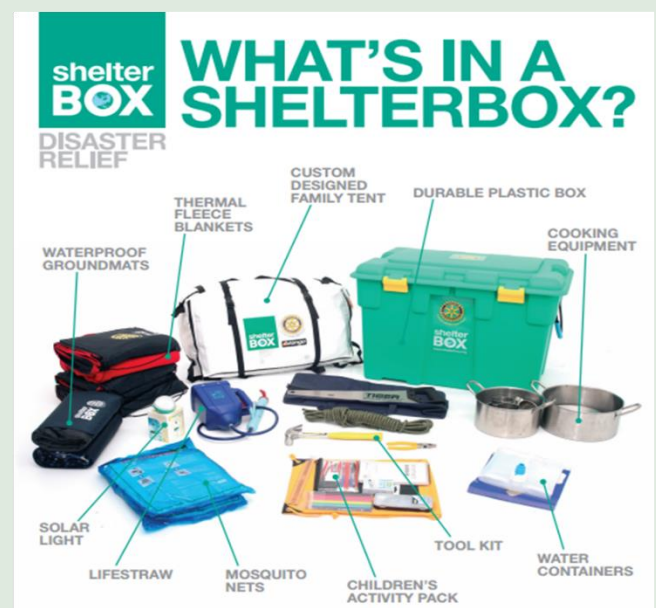
## Albie's Rambles

You have probably all seen visuals of the total destruction in the Bahamas caused by hurricane Dorian. It's unbelievable. First of all the rubble must be cleared and then building has to start from scratch. It is reported by RI that Rotarians are raising funds, collecting essential items and working with agencies to meet urgent needs. ShelterBox is sending a team to assess damage and evaluate recovery operations.

An interesting approach concerning disaster relief by individual Rotary clubs was raised at the last district conference. It was said that immediate relief should be left to internationally recognised disaster relief organisations such as South Africa's Gift of the Givers. They know exactly what to do and are geared to take action. After the initial help, when these agencies withdraw, secondary assistance is needed such as aid with rebuilding homes and planting crops, even supplying food and water.

It is then, it was said, that individual clubs should get in touch with Rotary clubs in or near the disaster area to ascertain what assistance can be given. Interesting viewpoint and worth discussing next time we have a disaster somewhere in Southern Africa.

**President Albie van de Venter**



Shelterbox kits distribution in Mozambique during the recent cyclone devastation.

For more info on this Rotary project click on the link:

<https://www.shelterbox.org.za/>

## Meeting: 09 September

- Sergeant tonight Renate, who entertained us with her golf jokes.
- WE have received money from the Monty Atherstone Trust in the region of R38 000, which goes towards our educational trust.
- Rotary Inter School Speech Competition takes place on Thursday evening at Uplands Prep.
- Wine Auction on the 27<sup>th</sup> September – please advertise to everyone you know! Pre-bookings are essential. Money to be paid into the Club's account.
- At the start of Albie's year he sent out the plans for the meetings format for this year – updates on what each committee is doing to be given to the Club at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the month. Please make an effort to attend these meetings as this is how you will know what we are up to!
- Brian gave an update on the projects his committee is involved in. Amongst them:
  - Careers Day and Senior Citizen's outing have taken place;
  - We are still able to source wheelchairs for distribution if needed;
  - Rotary Family Health Day taking place 1<sup>st</sup> week of October;
  - We have managed to source Woolies food for distribution and Brian and Frances took a load to Masoyi on Saturday. This may be ongoing, so assistance is requested please for help in taking the food every week;
  - Library project still ongoing;
  - Water project ongoing for which Michael Wagner is hopefully securing funding;
  - Additional projects are dependent on money we raise.
- Erik elaborated on the Rotary Family Health Day- budget is a concern as this time we have to cover the cost of posters, leaflets, food & water for helpers etc, which was covered by RIFA last time. This seriously eats into our budgets for other projects. The brief for the Rotary Family Health Day is to assist the poorest of the poor, which means we have to go to outlying areas and this involves travel costs for us. It would not be beneficial to the poorest of the poor to hold this at a town hall as we would then not be reaching our target areas.
- Gavin and Albie have been invited to attend a Penreach function for Books in Homes.
- Wine draw won by Hitesh.

## RI Official Exchange Rate:

August: \$1.00 = R15.35

## Next meeting 16 September

**Organiser:** Don

**Grace & Fellowship:** Frances

**Sergeant:** Ian

## Upcoming Events

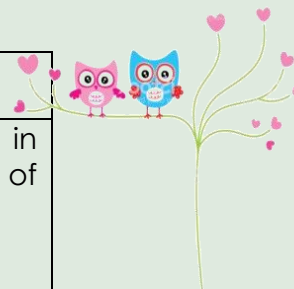
**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Rotary Family Health Day</b>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>DG's visit</b>

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Anniversaries</i>
20 <sup>th</sup> Sep – Marie Lewis 24 <sup>th</sup> Sep – Hilda Maluka 24 <sup>th</sup> Sep – Neha Motiram 29 <sup>th</sup> Sep – Hitesh Motiram 30 <sup>th</sup> Sep – Brian Hyson	There were no weddings in September, only the birth of babies!



### Report from Gavin Sinclair:

I am pleased to report that Val, Albie and I were invited to a Penreach **Books in Homes** feedback session over lunch at Penryn yesterday.

We were very impressed by the progress being made and left feeling very positive and confident that our project was in safe hands.

We will continue to take on interest and I have committed to applying for a District Grant for PBIH.

See what our Club gets up to!



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