



Rotary Club of White River



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June 2021

The Editor reflects



Another Rotary year done and dusted! It was certainly a year to remember, but not for too many good reasons. It has been challenging and different and I think we might well find in the future, that some things will

change permanently. The way things have been done in the past will change and we will find new ways to do things. I think our new President will have many challenges to face, just as Joan did during this past year. Good luck, Hans and look for possibilities in the challenges you face.

The Rotary Anns

The Rotary Anns still remain truly supportive of their partners as well as completing some of their own projects. We don't do any independent fund raising as we would be tapping into the same source of funds as the Rotarians. We do, however, rely on the generosity of the club to complete our projects. Thank you to the Rotarians and to our honourable treasurer, Adrian.

Thank you to all the Anns for their help this year. You are always so willing to put up your hands and volunteer when there is work to be done. Thank you too, to Adrienne as the secretary and Rae as the treasurer. It made my job as the Ann President really easy!



It was with great sadness that we learnt that our friend and fellow Rotarian, Mike Lewis, passed away last night.

Mike had been a Rotarian for many years in different clubs, Tzaneen, Carltonville and White River. He was an inspiration to all of us and he will indeed, be sorely missed.

His quiet wisdom and insight into various matters of concern in Rotary will be missed and our club will be the poorer for his absence.

Our sympathies go to Marie and their children and grandchildren. You are in our thoughts and prayers.



Induction lunch

On June 19th we had our annual Induction function when Hans was inducted as our new president.

At the same function, we honoured Richard Spoor, a local lawyer, for the work he has done in for many people in the

community. He was given a PHF.



Three Rotarians were also honoured by Joan. Liz was given an award for her work on raising funds and distributing food from our disaster fund. Brian was recognized for contributing to all projects and keeping the spirit of fun and fellowship alive and well in the club. Renate was appreciated for her work on the successful golf day.



The club then recognized the amazing job Joan did as president in the year of Covid.



Club Service 2020-2021

The four meetings per month had the following focus points:

- Anything exiting
- Reports: President and committee members
- Member speaker
- Guest speaker

The member speakers were:

President Joan, Ian, Mike Lewis, Gavin, Joop, Peter, Judy, Hans, Adrian

The guest speakers were:

Nikki Wilson (dialysis), Stefan Foord (spiders), Rowan Torr (municipal challenges), Pat Botha (KNP magazine), Martmari van Greuning (mushroom spawn), Marion Meyer (fairy circles), Andre Hattingh (paediatric care), speech competition prize winners, Ian, Immy and Robbie (Kraken Cup), Jeremy Anderson (nature conservation), Sean Carlisle.

The Zoom meetings had the advantage that speakers from anywhere in the world could be invited. The disadvantage was the technical problems that were sometimes experienced.

Attendance varied between 50% and the lower 60's, on vary rare occasions reaching 70%.



Rotary Exchange Rate July 2021

\$1.00 = R14. 32

Birthdays, Anniversaries March



Hans Baumgart 6

Adrienne Cleary 26

Rita Priest 26

Hitesh and Neha 5

Peter and Vinah 18



Rotary International news



2021-2022 Rotary International President **Shekhar Mehta** is urging members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving others is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own.

Mehta, a member of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India, revealed the 2021-22 presidential theme, *Serve to Change Lives*, to incoming district governors on 1 February during the Rotary International Assembly. The assembly, a yearly training event for district governors-elect, was originally set to take place in Orlando, Florida, USA, but was held virtually because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mehta spoke about how participating in service projects through Rotary changed him as a person and made him empathize more with the needs of others. Soon after joining his club, he helped carry out projects that benefited rural communities in India.

Some of the poor conditions he saw in those communities strengthened his commitment to service. "I truly understood the plight of my brethren," he said.

Mehta participated in initiatives that brought artificial limbs to children, clean water and sanitation to homes, and better health care facilities to communities.

“Rotary kindled the spark within me to look beyond myself and embrace humanity,” he said. “Service became a way of life for me and I, like many others, adopted the guiding philosophy that ‘Service is the rent I pay for the space I occupy on this earth, and I want to be a good tenant of this earth.’”

Mehta encouraged district governors to lead by example during their term and inspire Rotary and Rotaract members to participate in projects that have measurable and sustainable impacts. He’s asking each club to conduct a Rotary Day of Service.

“At the end of your term as district governor, you should feel that because of your leadership, because of your inspiration to Rotarians and Rotaractors, the world has changed for the better because of the service done by them during the year,” he said.

Focusing on diversity, membership

For the 2021-22 Rotary year, Mehta wants members to focus their efforts on empowering girls and ensuring their access to education, resources, services, and opportunities so that future generations of women leaders will have the tools they need to succeed. Mehta asked members to use Rotary’s belief that diversity, equity, and inclusion is critical in all we do as a compass to guide this work.

“There are many issues that girls face in different parts of the world, and you as leaders will ensure that we try and mitigate the disadvantage of the girl that they may have,” he said.

To be able to do more through service, Rotary needs to increase membership, Mehta said. Membership has hovered around 1.2 million for the past two decades. He challenged the incoming governors to be catalysts in their districts to help increase membership to 1.3 million by 1 July 2022. Mehta’s Each One, Bring One initiative asks every member to bring one person to join Rotary within the next 17 months.

Increasing membership while also continuing our commitment to eradicating polio, fighting COVID-19, and serving our communities is an ambitious goal. “And that should excite you,” Mehta said. “Rotarians love challenges.”

His new theme is **Serve to change lives.**



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

District 9400 district Governor

Stella Anyangwe, MD, PhD, Medical Doctor, Epidemiologist and Global Health Expert, was Honorary Professor at the School of Health Systems and Public Health, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa, from 2014-2017. Prof Anyangwe lectured on Disaster Risk Management,



Neglected Tropical Diseases and Social Determinants of Health. She also supervised PhD candidates.

Prof. Anyangwe retired from the World Health Organization in April 2013, after 17 years of service to the Organization, and served as WHO Consultant till 2016.

From 1996 till April 2013, Prof. Anyangwe served WHO in various capacities. For 13 years (1998-2011) she was WHO Country Representative in four countries in the African Region (Seychelles, Mali, Zambia and South Africa), responsible for the coordination of WHO's technical support to those Member States. Her last assignment in WHO (January 2012 - April 2013) was as the Programme Area Coordinator for Disaster Preparedness and Response in the African Region. Before going international, Prof Anyangwe was Senior Lecturer in Epidemiology and Community Medicine in the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Yaounde, in Cameroon. Prior to obtaining her MPH (1986) and PhD (1990) degrees in Epidemiology at Tulane University, New Orleans, Prof. Anyangwe was a practicing physician (MD, 1977) and resident nephrologist in Cameroon.

Prof. Anyangwe's main global health interests are disaster risk management, human resources for health, social determinants of health, neglected tropical diseases and geophagia.

Prof Anyangwe is continuing to serve the African continent and the world at large as pro bono member of international health NGOs. She is on the Health Programme Committee of the International Board of Amref Africa, the oldest health NGO in Africa (2015 till date). She was also Director for the African Region on the Board of Directors of the World Association of Disaster and Emergency Medicine (WADEM) 2014-2019.

Rotarian Stella Anyangwe had been a Rotarian since 1995, and is presently a member of the Rotary Club of Pretoria West, District 9400 Region 5, the club she joined in October 2007. She's a two-time Past President of the club (2014/15; 2016/17). In 1998, she became a Life Member of RFFA (Rotarians for Fighting AIDS), now called RFHA (Rotarians for Family Health and AIDS prevention), a Rotary Action Group. She became a Paul Harris Fellow in 2001, contributing towards education in honour of her mother, a devoted early child educator who died in 2000. Rotarian Stella has been a Rotary Club member in Zambia, Congo, Nigeria, Seychelles, Mali and South Africa.

In Rotary, her passion has been Membership, especially of women into Rotary, and she has headed the Membership Committee in all the clubs in which she has been a member. She also served in the District 9400 Membership Committee in 2016/17. She is presently Assistant Governor (AG) and DG Nominee (DGN).

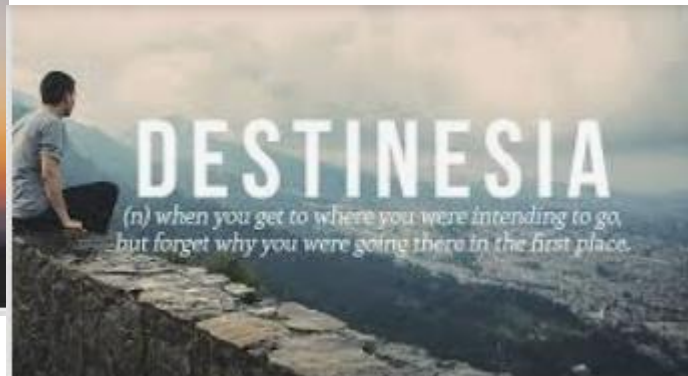
Rotarian Stella is married to Prof Carl Anyangwe, an International Human Rights Lawyer and retired Rector of Walter Sisulu University, Butterworth Campus. They have two adult married children living in Europe.



Language is evolving all the time. Here are some new words that might be peppering our conversations in the near future.

Errorist: Someone who repeatedly makes mistakes

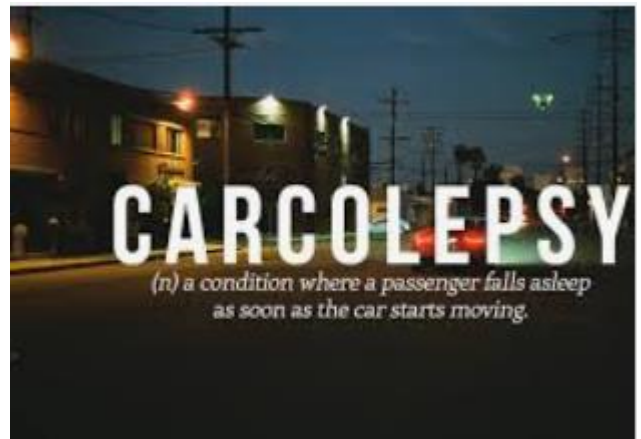
Askhole: A person who constantly asks for your advice, yet always does the opposite of what you suggest.



Unkeyboardinated: Lacking physical or mental keyboard coordination, unable to type without repeatedly making mistakes.



Textpectation: The anticipation one feels when waiting for a response to a text message.



Hiberdating: Someone who ignores all his/her friends when dating a girlfriend/boyfriend

Deja poop : The feeling that the same shit keeps happening.



CHAIRDROBE

(n) piling clothes on a chair in place of a closet or dresser; see also floordrobe.