

RC Boksburg and RC Vanderbijlpark

Rolls for Rotary travels all the way from Boksburg to the Vaal for the benefit of the community.

It is not only from the mouths of babes and sucklings that one hears the truth – also from Rotarians! And the truth referred to is that Rotarians will think of anything and take up whatever comes their way to raise funds for their projects, their clubs or their beneficiaries. Presently, due to the limitations caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, it has not been possible to take on huge projects, so Rotarians have had to find different ways to raise funds in small but continuous ways.

Bright President of Rotary Club Boksburg, Derek Fox, happened upon the opportunity for his club to benefit out of the sale of toilet rolls. He called his project Rolls For Rotary and at present RC Boksburg has sold more than 100 packs containing 48 rolls each, making a total of over five thousand toilet rolls, from which the club makes a neat amount for their small fundraising efforts.

Of course, to be a Rotary effort it has to be fun. RC Boksburg was loaned a trailer by the kind supplier of the toilet rolls and all orders which came in from clubs and friends all the way from Henley on Klip to Sasolburg were filled along the route. Many friends who had not seen each other for years got together over the trailer with the packs of toilet rolls wherever they came across each other. The route was organised in such a way that it ended at Stonehaven on Vaal in Vanderbijlpark. This has been a favourite haunt of Rotary for many years, both owners being Rotarians themselves. Here the last group of friends got together and once their work was finished, they had a lovely lunch on the lawn on the banks of the Vaal River. Surprisingly there were 9 Rotary Presidents and Past Presidents who joined in the work and the fun. Everyone felt that it was the first joyful opportunity they had for an outing after the lockdown period had been relaxed a little.

As all Rotarians know, nothing in Rotary is one sided and the clubs who supported Rotary Club Boksburg's Rolls for Rotary day were supported with their projects as well. RC Meyerton/Henley on Klip has a picnic breakfast coming up and Vanderbijlpark is making boxes of hamburger patties available at a discounted price. So, President Derek Fox had his hands full in making sure that everybody received the right number of packs of toilet rolls and delivered their correct number of boxes of hamburger patties. A joyful day for workers for the community!



RforR lunch @ Stonehaven: Nine Presidents' first outing after the long lockdown period. The lunch gathering at Stonehaven after the work with RC Boksburg's trailer full of Rolls for Rotary and RC Vanderbijlpark's hamburger patties had been finished. Left to right are PP Elsa Venter, PP Michael Fraser, PP Rita Benecke, PP Petro Bester, YEX student Grace Tesotsetsi, Rotarian Magda Van Schalkwyk, Charlotte and Chris de Jager from community service, Assistant Governor Celeste Lance, RC Vanderbijlpark President Sonja Gilliland and PP Matthys Foord. Behind the camera was RC Boksburg President Derek Fox and serving lunch for the group was Stonehaven owner and PP Rex Anderson.