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Newsletter for Thursday 3 December 2020

Weekly Meeting Venue

In normal circumstances our Club Meetings are held at the Country Club Johannesburg, Corner of Woodlands Drive and Lincoln Street, Woodmead, where we foregather every Thursday at 06:45 for 07:00 until 08:00 over breakfast. Because of the Coronavirus pandemic we are however still meeting using zoom technology starting at 08:00 until 09:00. Non-members to whom this newsletter is being mailed as well as friends of members and Rotarians from other clubs are most welcome to join us at any breakfast meeting. For zoom meetings the necessary Meeting ID and passcode can be obtained from our Secretary, Jane Royal (jane@royal.fyi). Would members not able to attend a particular meeting please put a note on the Club's What'sApp Group or advise Richard Clowes on 082 770 9722.

Next Meeting

Instead of a normal Club Meeting we will have a social wine-tasting function on Thursday 3 December 2020 at 18:30 at the home of Zane and Megan von Wildenrath at 13 Adele Road, Willowild, Sandton. Carol Webber, who we hope will join us as a member, kindly arranged for Amanda Irving, the Brand and Conservation Ambassador of Painted Wolf Wines, who is the sister of Jeremy Borg the Painted Wolf Wines winemaker and owner of the estate in Paarl, to make a presentation on their wines giving us the opportunity to taste a selection. Carol has kindly agreed to introduce Amanda. 13 members together with 7 partners and family members plus 2 friends will be joining us for the wine-tasting. We are delighted to have had a good response from members and their partners and are particularly pleased that the following guests will attend the function:

Jeremy Clowes	Brother of Richard Clowes
Steve Hillary	A friend of Jack Stroucken and Zane von Wildenrath
Chris Royal	Son of Jane Royal
Lara von Wildenrath	Daughter of Zane and Megan von Wildenrath
Carol Webber	who introduced Painted Wolf Wines to us

We are excited about this opportunity of tasting these wines. To quote Platter's Wine Guide, Painted Wolf Wines was named best producer overall at the 2019 trophy Wine Show and was also recognised by Forbes magazine as one of four outstanding South African producers doing things in a different and dynamic way – in short helping conserve the endangered Painted Wolf (African Wild Dog) “while producing wines with character that offer fair value across the board”.

To cover the cost of the wine and the food that will be served, a participation fee of R150 per head will be levied. Participants are encouraged to pay this amount in advance into our Club Account details of which are shown on the last page of this newsletter

Duty Officers

The Officers on duty at the wine-tasting function on Thursday 3 December 2020 are:

Master Sergeant: Ian Cruickshank

Attendance Officers: John Thornhill and Richard Clowes
Grace: Paul Runge
Toast: Richard Clowes
Introduction of
Amanda: Carol Webber
Thank Amanda: Zane von Widenrath
Sergeant: Zane von Wildenrath
Joke Master: Ian Cruickshank

Last Meeting

Our meeting on Thursday 26 November 2020 was a Fellowship Meeting at which we were delighted to welcome Ndaba Lungu, a former Malawian Rotaractor invited by Jack Chen, and Graham Money from RC Helderberg Sunrise, who was the Liaison Officer from RC Sandton which sponsored our Charter in 1986. Jack Chen spoke about our plans to meet with our Sister Club, The Rotary Club of Beecroft in Sydney, New South Wales, which is referred to below.

Raid on Rotary Club of Beecroft in New South Wales, Australia

A number of our members participated in a Zoom raid on our Sister Club, The Rotary Club of Beecroft in the Sydney Area of New South Wales, Australia, on Monday 30 November 2020. The purpose of the raid was to reciprocate the presentation to us by Mark Anderson at the beginning of November and to get our officers acquainted with the Beecroft members holding the same offices. Jack Chen put together an excellent Power Point Presentation giving a summary of our Club's profile and the District in which we fall covering Botswana, our North West, Limpopo, Gauteng and Mpumalanga Provinces plus Eswatini (formerly Swaziland) and Southern Mozambique. If the editor's memory is correct there are 5 Districts in Sydney alone - quite a difference in size of District. Jack's presentation covered a number of our very successful projects over the last decade and was a warm reminder of our past achievements. A lot of this information would fit well on our website and perhaps our PR people are able and willing to do that. The editor strongly recommends that those of our members who did not participate in our Zoom Raid on Beecroft ask Jack to send them his presentation. The 23 slides are well worth looking at. We hope that we will be able to do projects jointly with Beecroft.

Food Hamper Project

Jack Chen has organised a food hamper collection by our new and prospective members for the benefit of Bethany Home in Bertrams, Johannesburg, which last year accommodated about 50 abused women and their children for 12-18 months. Unfortunately, owing to problems by the management of the shop where we were going to hold the first collection, it did not take place. The second planned collection will take place from 10:00 until 15:00 on Friday 4 and Saturday 5 December outside the Pick n Pay store in the Morningside Shopping Centre. A target has been set of 300 hampers at a cost of R100 each.

The cost of Rotary branded clothing for participants and pamphlets has been sponsored. Members and Friends willing to assist at the collection point will be most welcome. They are

encouraged to visit the site and to make donations for the purchase of food hampers. So far donations totalling R1 300 have been received from members and from John and Brenda McCallum from the Rotary Club of Fourways Main Reef. Such donations should be made to the Project Account of the Rotary Club of Morningside, details of which are shown on the last page of this newsletter. Please show a reference of Name/Hamper.

Birthdays and Other Anniversaries

The following birthdays and anniversaries in the next week are noted:

7 December: Birthday of Tamsin Geddes, a friend of our Club and the “Johannesburg Daughter” of our Master Sergeant, Ian Cruickshank

7 December: Birthday of President Terry Mackey

8 December: Induction of Thule Mdletshe as a Rotarian and a member of our Club in 2016

Closure for the Festive Season

In accordance with our normal practice we will not be holding any Thursday morning Club meetings after 10 December until the new calendar year. We will resume on Thursday 7 January 2021 with a Fellowship Meeting.

RYLA

RYLA camps are being restarted and two are planned to be held at the RYLA Basecamp in Magoebaskloof, the first one being from Thursday 15 to Sunday 18 April 2021 and the other from Thursday 26 to Sunday 29 August 2021. We have an existing commitment to sponsor 5 kids from Girls and Boys Town and have asked them whether they still wish their kids to attend one of the camps and, if so, which one.

Election of Officers for 2021/2022

Members have been asked to complete Nomination Forms in respect of the election of the under-mentioned Club Officers in the next Rotary Year:

- President
- President Elect
- Executive Secretary
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Foundation Officer

There will be an election process at our AGM to be held on Thursday 10 December 2020. So far no nominations have been received by our Secretary, Jane Royal. Would members please make their completed nominations known?

Calendar

Thursday 3 December:	Physical Wine-tasting of Painted Wolf Wines at 18:30 instead of our morning meeting
Fri 4 & Sat 5 December:	Food Hamper Collection at the Morningside Shopping Centre
Thursday 10 December:	Annual General Meeting
Monday 14 December:	Board Meeting
Thursday 7 January:	Fellowship Meeting
Sunday 21 February:	PETS – AG’s and Committee Chairs
Saturday 10 April:	PETS – Midrand
Thurs 15 to Sun 18 April:	RYLA Camp in Magoesbaskloof

Responsibility for Club Portfolios

The persons responsible for the various portfolios in our Club are:

President:	Terry Mackey
Immediate Past President:	John Thornhill
President Elect:	Les Hudson – subject to confirmation by club members
Secretary:	Jane Royal
Treasurer:	Zane von Wildenrath
Executive Secretary:	Richard Clowes
Foundation Officer:	Felix Ndlovu
Master Sergeant:	Ian Cruickshank
Fund-Raising:	Les Hudson
Club Administration:	Richard Clowes
Service Projects:	Jack Stroucken
Membership:	Jack Chen
Vocational:	Geoff Verschoor
New Generations:	Richard Clowes - temporarily
Public Image:	Geoff Verschoor
Tech Support Systems	Geoff Verschoor
IT Officer:	Tracy Royal

Bank Account Details

For the convenience of members and others, details of the principal bank accounts maintained by the Club are:

Rotary Club of Morningside Club Account
 Account No 1971 045500
 Nedbank Limited
 Nicolway Branch, Sandton
 Branch Code 152-205
 Rotary Club of Morningside Project Account
 Account No 1971 045497
 Nedbank Limited
 Nicolway Branch, Sandton
 Branch Code 152-205