

## Message from President Patrick Kain – September 2022

Last month was Membership development month. We accepted 2 new members into RCPE during the month. However, because of our on-line meetings and the desire to have the induction in person, JP Venter and Rama Matji were inducted at a hybrid meeting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at the Bronberg Retirement Centre thanks to the assistance from IPP Doulien who arranged the venue. We welcome both JP and Rama into the Rotary family and look forward to their active participation in RCPE activities.

We, like all Rotary Clubs world-wide, need funding to carry on the Work of Rotary. This requires two resources – Members and funding. We have been actively working on membership development for several years, but with the loss of members for various reasons, retention is a concern. Not only for our Club but many clubs in Pretoria, South Africa and the World. Therefore, I am asking Rotarians to take step backwards and reflect on– why did we join Rotary in the first place? Is Rotary fulfilling my expectation and if not, why not? What can I do to ensure that Rotary and RCPE fulfil the objectives that I set for myself when I joined Rotary. Funding of course is an ongoing activity as our projects all require funds.

This month is Basic Education and Literacy Month. In honouring this, we have been very active on the SOUNS project thanks to Robin and Edie Jones whose unwavering devotion to this project is nothing less than legend. We also supported the RYLA project by sending 2 students to the RYLA camp at Camp Extreme Life at DIE HOEKIE in Hartbeespoort with the able assistance of our Youth Director Moira Gundu. Working remotely from KZN and keeping in touch on Zoom, Moira managed to achieve what was virtually impossible. Just one example of the devotion and passion that our hard-working members put into achieving our objectives. Thank you Moira.

Other activities this month included the annual scrabble competition organised by PP Anastasia which raised well needed funds for the Club. Thank you Anastasia.

We also held the annual Potjiekos competition.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend as I was out of the country but, from all reports this was a resounding success. Well done all and thank you Grant for organising this fellowship. We continue with the Winterveldt feeding scheme.



Thanks to Nosisi for arranging this with the guidance of Clive Perkins.

Thanks to all our Rotarians for the hard work during the month. Meanwhile let's keep on doing what we as Rotarians do in helping those less fortunate than ourselves. We now look forward to the visit from the DG next month.