

Editorial

GOOD!

by Erik Venter – CEO of Comair

‘Good’ is relative. In primary school, I was ecstatic to get a gold star with ‘good’ written next to it. There was nothing better than good. The alternative was ‘not enough effort’ or ‘a disappointing mark’ or an invitation to the PTA meeting, where you just knew that the all-powerful teacher would reveal to your parents what a wicked and belligerent waste of a skid mark you really were.

Today you can pass matric while remaining ignorant of 70% of your syllabus, and it’s psychological abuse to tell your children that they’ll live in a cardboard box if they don’t study. So you are ‘good’ if you actually attend school and achieve 31%. Anything better than that and you are into the territory of McDonald’s stupendous supersized superlatives – 50% is super-mega-awesome, and there are simply no mortal words to describe a distinction. With a 30% pass mark, the vocabulary simply runs out at the end of the fast food menu.

Social media hasn’t helped the status of ‘good’ either. How do you get more twitfacechat followers if you rate your morning Weet-Bix as ‘good’? Despite being less appealing than the card board box in which it is presented, it just has to be an ‘OMG!’ ‘Totally awesofrickintastic fo shiz!’ or ‘YOLO’ – or nobody will give a hoot what happens after you have shovelled down your bowl of mega-crunch, splendiferous, brainstorming vuvuzela flakes.

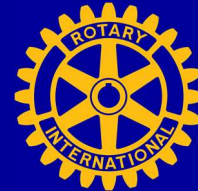
How long we continue to say ‘good morning’ is questionable, as it might just as well mean you woke up with cat sick on your face just before you fell down the stairs and were run over by someone who achieved a ‘good’ pass.

So rather have a funtabulously gloriforous extratastic day!
(and a supercalifragilistic turbocharged 2018 – Ed)

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January Rotary Theme
Vocational Service Month

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Palm House, Wynberg.

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Entertainment for the month	Barnard, Bayes, Gowdy, Danckwerts, Thomas			Schonegevel R, Hovstad, Howard, James, Maunder

Dates To Diarise

14 January	Our STEP student, Liam Lotz returns from Germany
18 January	Lion Geila Wills, DG of Lions International will address the club regarding possible closer working relationships between the two service organizations
25 January	Noeline de Goede of the Kay Mason Foundation, which supports deserving young pupils in their high school years in greater Cape Town, will talk about the organization's work and overall vision
1 February	The Long Term Exchange Student from Belgium, Vincent Vermeersch, currently hosted by WRC, will tell us about his programme. PLUS our STEP student, Liam Lotz will report back on his recent visit to Germany
8 February	Warren Witte, who has a PhD in Marine Conservation and is a drone pilot, will tell us about his ambition to use drones for ocean monitoring, and will show us a video of his current work
15 February	TBC: Visit by our Interact Clubs

Rotary International News

Rotary has added two service partners that offer clubs new ways to collaborate with other organizations and strengthen their projects: **Habitat for Humanity** and the **International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB)**.

Habitat for Humanity has a long history of working with Rotarians and Rotaractors to build the types of low-cost shelters that now qualify for global grant funding, under a recent **Board decision**. It's also a natural fit for Rotary's approach to vocational service, which encourages members to use their professional skills to help others.

Rotary's values are also closely aligned with IAPB, a membership organization that brings together government and nongovernmental agencies, academics, and private providers to plan and implement sustainable eye care programs.

"We seek to encourage both organizations (Rotary and IAPB) to promote greater awareness of the need for eye clinics and blindness prevention activities, to develop projects together, to consult, and to work together with their constituents," says Peter Kyle, a member of the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill (Washington, D.C.), and Rotary's Joint Committee on Partnerships.



Tailpiece

Some years ago, there was a Mensa convention in San Francisco.

Mensa, as you know, is a national organization for people who have an IQ of 140 or higher.

Several of the Mensa members went out for lunch at a local cafe.

When they sat down, one of them discovered that their salt shaker contained pepper, and their pepper shaker was full of salt.

How could they swap the contents of the two bottles without spilling any, and using only the implements at hand? Clearly this was a job for Mensa minds.

The group debated the problem and presented ideas and finally came up with a brilliant solution involving a napkin, a straw and an empty saucer.

They called the waitress over, ready to dazzle her with their solution.

"Ma'am," they said, "we couldn't help but notice that the pepper shaker contains salt and the salt contains pepper."

But before they could finish, the waitress interrupted,

"Oh – sorry about that."

She leaned over the table, unscrewed the caps of both bottles and switched them.....