

The Stanford Shout-Out

January, 2024

The members of Stanford Rotary would like to wish all our friends, families and supporters a wonderful and prosperous 2024. Without all of you we could not achieve our goals of not only providing assistance to the poor and less privileged folk in our village but also having a presence in Stanford as a whole.

January is always a busy month for us – holiday-makers have left, schools and ECD programs are preparing for their students and the soup kitchens re-open after their break. We always hit the ground running and this continues well into February.

Sadly we started the year off by losing a member. Annie Ranger made the decision to leave the club in order to concentrate on other pursuits which were also demanding of her time. We wish Annie well in her future endeavours and will miss her energy, enthusiasm and hands-on approach to projects.

A Visit from our District Leadership Team

Our first meeting of 2024 coincided with a visit from our District Governor Ann Wright, Assistant Governor Tsie Mogoje and a fellow Rotarian from York in the UK. These visits are always enlightening and a lot of fun.



AG Tsie Mogoje, Lana Coates, Malcolm Bury, Truda Wepener, Chrissie Curnow, Ian Helby (York RC), Flicka Goslett, Ray Tee, Sandy Pillans and DG Ann Wright.

Ansie Reitsma, Sybille Essmann, Stephen Stocks and Margy Wakefield were unable to attend.

Family-in-Focus Team:

We kicked off by providing backpacks and basic stationery supplies to our team of **Early Learning Practitioners** in order for them to carry out their home-based program, aimed at pre-schoolers whose parents cannot afford to send their children to a formal pre-school. Both the child and parent are taught learning methods by using everyday household items.



Rehandra Adams, Nosiphelo Gadini, Tershia Barends, Marilee Phillips, Cheriline Ockhuis (Team Leader), Delicia Messias and Sibahle Mdaka.

Akhona Gcotyelwa was not present.

In the front is Jenny October -Mars who manages the program in not only Stanford but also Masakhane, Mount Pleasant and Zwelihle.

Soup Kitchens

The volunteers are up and running with their cooking of lovely nutritious soup. Fresh vegetables as well as dry ingredients are provided to each kitchen where small groups peel, chop, chat and cook for those in need. The vibe in any of our kitchens is always a positive one and this reflects in the food.

We would like to thank those who regularly provide funds. Food costs are always on the rise, even for the most basic food items, so all donations are very welcome.

Donations of left-overs such as chicken carcasses or other bones with a bit of meat left on add extra nourishment to our soups. Fruit and Vegetables are also always welcome: apples, pears, grapes, granadillas, potatoes, carrots and onions as well as seasonals such as butternut and sweet potatoes. Fruit is a treat for both children and the elderly.

Another way of assisting is by keeping yoghurt tubs – or similar – with lids and leaving them at the Tourism office. Children go to the soup kitchens on their way home from school and most times don't have a tub for serving into. All we ask is that the tubs are thoroughly washed before dropping off, please.



Sunset Market Raffles

The January Sunset Market is done and dusted – thank you so much to all who supported us and well done to the winners.

Should you, either as a business or an individual, wish to contribute items to our raffle hampers, these would be most welcome and we'd be more than happy to include a small card or blurb about your business. Vouchers always go down well – coffee, cake, a boat trip, treatments, etc. Variety is the spice of life and we try to make the hampers interesting and varied every month.

The Final Stage of a Long-Term Project

It all started way back in 2017 when the idea of providing a dedicated Netball Court came about. Discussions with the Overstrand Muni were positive and so applications for a Rotary Foundation Global Grant were submitted and finally approved. Construction of the court took place in 2019 and it was officially handed over to the Muni in May of 2020.

In 2022 discussions with the Muni took place for the provision of Spectator Stands which would serve both the netball court and the soccer field on the opposite side. Construction of these stands took place in 2023, the work carried out by Andrew Dunsdon and his team.

In the last quarter of 2023 Matt Loxton was appointed to do some signwriting on the parapet walls of the spectator stands, which was completed early in January 2024. Official handover of these spectator stands to the Muni took place on Friday 26th January.

The court is used regularly by our netball players under the leadership of Anchelle Damon, head coach in Stanford.



Site for the Stands



Construction completed



Sealing the plasterwork



Final stage—signwriting and acknowledgement of sponsors

Should you wish to know more about any of our projects, or would like to contribute in any way, please contact Lana on 082 216 4398