



# District Governor Newsletter 2019 - 2020

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Dear Rotarians, Rotaractors, Inner wheel members, Rotary Anns, Family of Rotary and Rotary Friends,

Eight weeks into lockdown and I am so proud to report that our District has rallied together in numbers and in very many ways to help our communities in these totally challenging times of the Covid-19 pandemic. We have also demonstrated that despite our deep-seated tradition of gathering together weekly for discussions and fellowship, we have all Zoomed into the reality of our new distancing situation. Zoom meetings will definitely be here to stay for some time to come and, combined with face-to-face meetings when they can resume, present a hybrid platform alternative. The innovation and fun that some Clubs have introduced on Zoom are so encouraging and proved our determination to 'carry on'.

An example of this is a never-done-before virtual induction of 2 new members into the Sandton Satellite Club. One of these new members had not ever attended a normal meeting, but was motivated by what Rotary was doing in a local food parcel hand-out project. On-line communications followed and this subsequently led him to becoming a Rotarian!

Earlier this month you will have received a communication from District regarding the Virtual DISCON 2020 arrangements. Once again, I offer huge thanks to Heidi Tucker and the organising team who turned around all the planning set for Maputo and converted it to a virtual platform conference. This is truly an example of our year's theme of "Rotary Connects the World" and we will make full use of the amazing technology available. This opens the Conference to a wider group of Rotary members and friends who will have a great opportunity to be part of an historic event, being also the Ten Year celebration of D9400. Details of the Virtual DISCON 2020 on Saturday 13 June are on page ??? of this Newsletter.

This totally changed Rotary environment has led us to be very aware that post-Covid-19, we will have to create many more sustainable projects and initiatives that have wise-use of resources and care for the environment at their heart; food gardens and re-usable hygiene products for girls being just two examples. We invite all Clubs to send in their ideas of current or new future sustainable ways in which to serve our communities.

Beware, Maputo – we will still be there for the prawns when the time is right!

Maurice Stander.



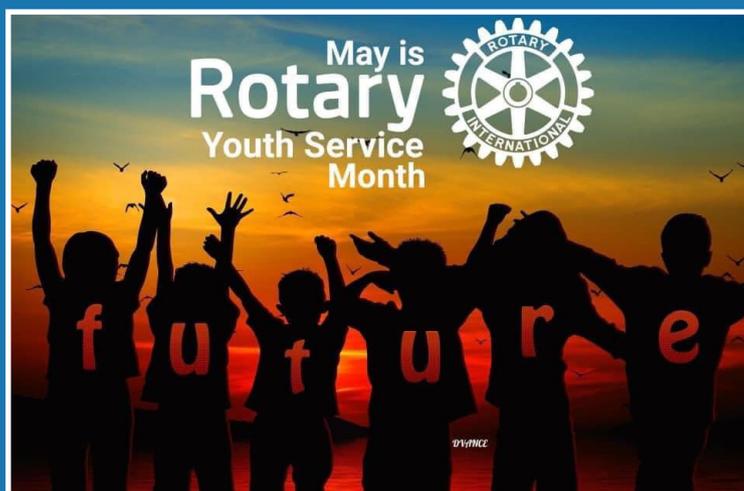
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## ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME UPDATE

by District Chair - Terry Cannon



At this stage we are continuing processing our students scheduled to depart in December 2020 and January 2021.

We will make a final decision closer to the end of the year depending on the stability of the virus measures.

We will not be receiving any short terms students in 2020.

Depending on the stability of the virus measures, we might accept long term students only in January for a 6-month exchange not a 12-month exchange.

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## DISCON2020 Re-imagined

**CELEBRATING VIRTUAL CONNECTIONS AT DISCON (13 JUNE 2020)**

**We have some GREAT news!**

The District Conference 2020 is continuing ....in the comfort of your own home (or with other Rotary Friends if restrictions allow by then)

**DG Maurice and DGA Chrisna are hosting their Virtual DisCon 2020!  
13 June is the day, from 13:00 – 17:00**

Join us for the 10th Birthday of D9400, international and local keynote speakers, short reports from District leaders, District Governor and District Governor Ann reviews, awards and of course the induction of our incoming District Governor, District Governor Ann, District Rotaract Representatives and so much more!

There is **NO cost involved** for the Virtual District Conference

All Rotarians, Anns, Rotaracts and partners are welcome to attend – who is joining in on the FUN?

There are two short voluntary practice sessions, 30 May & 6 June 2020, for those who need some help setting up Zoom and learning about its features. More information to follow.

**Pre-registration and Programme for Virtual DisCon 2020 - please follow this LINK**

**NOTE: Registrations are manually approved for security reasons. Once you have received the email with your “join” link, please do not share it. Sharing will result in both participants not being able to join the event.**

We are very excited to host the Virtual DisCon 2020, but at the same time we are disappointed that we cannot meet and show our Rotary Friends beautiful Maputo.

The refund process for the originally planned conference in Maputo is:



Receive a **full refund** of your Maputo conference fee.



**Donate** your Maputo conference fee (or a portion of) to the D9400 COVID-19 Disaster Response Fund. These donations will help our District to support disaster recovery and rebuilding efforts where the need is greatest, including in communities that are seriously affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.



Accommodation at Southern Sun Maputo or Stay Easy Maputo, booked and paid via **Dana Tours**, will be refunded **less associated cancellation and bank charges**. Please contact Stephanie von Allmen on email [stephanie@danatours.com](mailto:stephanie@danatours.com) For other reserved accommodation bookings, please contact your chosen establishment directly.

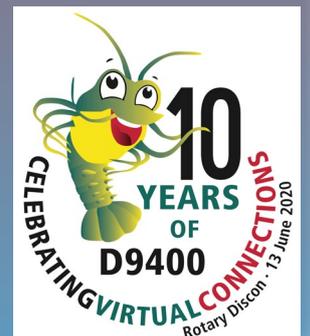
Please click the **link [REFUND]** to complete and submit your refund request to Linda Stokes. Due to the volume of work, we ask you to please be patient with the refunds for conference fee and accommodation.

Our thoughts go out to those affected by COVID-19 and we appreciate all the healthcare workers, local communities, and governments around the world who are on the front line working to contain COVID-19. We are stronger together, and please let us all take the necessary precautions to stay safe.

Thank you for being part of Celebrating Virtual Connections at DisCon 2020 and see you soon!

Warm regards

Heidi Tucker, Chairperson: Virtual DisCon 2020; [heidi@redlemone.co.za](mailto:heidi@redlemone.co.za)





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## THOUGHTS ON MEMBERSHIP

By DISTRICT CHAIR 2019-2020: PDG JANKEES SLIGCHER



**What a Rotarian should NOT be:**

- Financially distressed
- Lacking integrity
- Racist or a bigamist or a misogynist
- A hermit
- Dogmatic and egocentric
- Have a victim mentality
- Must not arrive with their own agenda for financial gain
- A push over

**What a Rotarian SHOULD be:**

- Have social influence
- Be realistically positive
- Be transparent
- Successful in their field of endeavour
- Ideally an active citizen (e.g. residents associations, school bodies, church etc)
- Financially independent
- Sociable
- Reasonably presentable
- Have a can do – outlook
- Live reasonably close to where club meets
- Racial and Religious diversity is ideal

Over the past couple of years, I have given Membership a considerable amount of thought and time. Many hours were spend following up leads by Rotary International, which in turn I forwarded to AGs and or club representatives in the District.

It taught me some interesting things.

-  Most AG's don't open their emails or respond or say thank you.
-  Most new possible candidates were to be found in the Pretoria, Johannesburg, Polokwane, Mozambique and Gaborone/Botswana areas
-  Most candidates thought Rotary to be a platform for personal gain, either in the form of bursaries or NGOs trying to make Rotary part of their financial endeavours.

**Quality versus Quantity:**

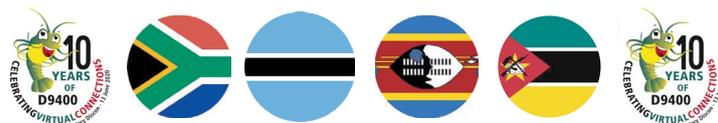
*From my time as DG whilst visiting clubs I noticed:*

-  Smaller clubs are quite happy to be small and do not really make an effort to change as the members are comfortable in each other's company and avoid new members.
-  Smaller clubs with less than 10 members are not sustainable but should either merge or become Satellite clubs of larger viable clubs.
-  Larger viable clubs have better trained Rotarians and are to be found in the bigger urban areas.
-  A pleasant differentiation of that observation were the Eswatini and Mozambique clubs, who are doing their Rotary with a lot of gusto and enthusiasm.

**In the beginning of the year I consulted DG Maurice Stander and we aligned ourselves on the following:**

-  Do we push the clubs to invite as many potential members as they can or do we ask clubs to look for potential Rotarians, that are likely to stay in Rotary?
-  Do we accept that smaller clubs actually have no future in District 9400 and promote that they can merge?
-  Do we promote the possibility of starting Satellite clubs?
-  Do we promote the idea for those who cannot afford to be Rotarians, to be friends of Rotary?

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The result of all this input during the year, making many phone calls and sending many more emails, is a net gain in membership. New Rotarians of which I am sure that most who were inducted into various clubs, will stay. The economic circumstances at present are not conducive of fellowship. A New Dawn is on the horizon, hybrid clubs will become the norm and we will have to adapt.

We need a younger generation into Rotary, leading clubs. We need older Rotarians to take an active mentorship role and in so doing, keep themselves aligned on the New Developments on My Rotary.

The time has come to make that change. I wish the in-coming District Governor and especially the new membership Chair all the best in their endeavours for this exciting future.

I gladly step back, but then ... not too far!

Jankees

Jankees Sligcher  
 Past District Governor D9400  
 2017-2018  
 Membership Chair  
 2019-2020

## INCOMING OFFICERS' FOR 2020-2021 TRAINING ON-LINE



On 25 April 2020 we hosted training for our incoming club officers, for Rotary International District 9400 NPC.

This District 9400 includes South Africa - Gauteng and North, Botswana, Mozambique South and Eswatini.

There was a total of 70 members taking part in the online training. The picture shows some of the participants.





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## TOP 20

E-LEARNING MODULES COMPLETED (UP TO MID APRIL) AND RI POINTS FOR TOP TEN

		e-Learning Modules Completed	RI GLOBAL POINTS	
1.	Cornelia Raath-Lotter	E-Club of Southern Africa D9400	133	871
2.	Kiwanuka Monica Nazziwa	Johannesburg North Central	86	421
3.	Eric Hackett	E-Club of Southern Africa D9400	74	376
4.	Kevin Norris	Benoni Aurora	73	376
5.	George Zozi	Rustenburg	72	376
6.	Anonymous, but well known!	Johannesburg	68	401
7.	Glen Ross	Brits-Hartbeespoort	63	391
8.	Mark Rainier	Warmbaths	51	386
9.	Annemarie Mostert	E-Club of Southern Africa D9400	49	376
10.	Drummond Hammond	Warmbaths	?	376
11.	Edna Maharaj	Ermelo Phoenix	46	
12.	Lakesh Maharaj	Ermelo Phoenix	31	
13.	Jim Rankin	Knights-Pendragon	31	
14.	Brendan Damons	Ermelo Phoenix	29	
15.	Gregory Stathacopoulos	E-Club of Southern Africa D9400	28	
16.	Allan Cartey	Brits-Hartbeespoort	27	
17.	Anne Harman	Haenertsburg	24	
18.	Daran Rehmeier	Mbabane	22	
19.	Francis Callard	Northcliff	22	
20.	Adele Chick	Tzaneen	22	

Those with nothing to do in Lockdown have been e-learning like mad...

D9400 still has the highest number of e-Learning Modules completed globally by their members. A very proud achievement for our District!

Well done!!!

