



## District Governor Newsletter

30 June 2021



**DG Annemarie and  
PP Hans Mostert**

This Rotary year has come to an end. Thank you for giving me the honour and the opportunity to serve as your 2020/2021 Governor. I am humbled, still, by this position as I now step into the role of Immediate Past District Governor. Together we have shared memorable experiences and stories, had great times and some challenging speed bumps, but we went with the flow throughout the year and made things happen. THANK YOU and congratulations!

## We are a stronger district

as we found new ways to connect, serve, fundraise, and have fun. RI President Holger Knaack asked us to adapt and be flexible, to be revolutionary and “Open Opportunities”. Now that Rotary has opened opportunities for you, for me and for

our communities, let us embrace our incoming leaders and **Serve to Change Lives.**

In closing: in my acceptance speech a year ago, I told the story of a famous artist who held an exhibition of his paintings. When one of his guests asked him which one of his paintings he would consider his best, the artist quietly pointed to a blank canvas. Everyone was puzzled. The artist then explained that the blank canvas would record his future creativity and that his best work was yet to come.

My fellow Rotarians, I know that Rotary’s best is yet to come, as our members, Anns, Rotaractors and family of Rotary in D9400 will continue to take an active part in the evolution of Rotary in our district.



**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

Thank you to our friends and Rotarians outside our own district who have partnered and supported us. Thank you to those who joined in our festivities during this year.



To my family, Hans, our children Nadia and Marthinus in Capetown, Hanco, Andy and Thomas, together with Dewald, Sanette, Minka and Matthew, you are my love and anchor. Thank you for your support; for always being there for me.

Tomorrow, as the blank canvas unfolds, Stella and I are picking up our brushes. We will join our members in creating our district story.

I pray this year will bring peace, joy, and kindness to all. Stay safe.

Obrigado. Thank you.

*Annemarie*



**Communities in District 9400 need your help**

The Rotary Foundation has helped to award more than 2,000 global grants and more than 400 district grants. It's clear that people look to us for help to keep their communities healthy and strong. For that to remain possible, it's more important than ever that

Rotary members make a gift of any size to our Annual Fund.

When we unite and take action by giving to The Rotary Foundation's [Annual Fund SHARE](#), our collective impact becomes our biggest resource – making it possible for us to carry out service projects that create meaningful and lasting change. Giving to SHARE creates District Designated Funds (DDF) that our district can use to fund grants most important to our fellow members.



\*Includes PolioPlus, Rotary Peace Centers, other districts, and the Endowment Fund (areas of focus)

# District 9400 **Chain of Office** Handover

On 26 June, the D9400 leadership hosted an exciting Chain of Office Handover event. With the COVID restrictions in place, only the core District team attended in person, with Rotarians, friends and family connecting virtually from all over the world.

DG Annemarie noted that for any organisation to achieve results it relies on the effort and dedication of many, and gave thanks to her strong contingent of the NPC, the executive, PDGs, AGs, Committee Chairs, Committees, Presidents, Rotaractors, Anns and the many other Rotarians who are always receptive to being of service.

For each District Governor, a special highlight of the year is to recognise the people who made the year particularly special and memorable. The following Rotary International (recommended by DG Annemarie), Rotary Foundation, and District awards were announced:



This highest recognition of the Rotary year is awarded to these three recipients for their considerable impact and invaluable assistance during this last year:



**Carolyn Khoury** in highest recognition of her invaluable assistance in helping to achieve D9400's objectives.

**Grant Daly** in highest recognition of his individual contributions during the 2020-2021 Rotary Year.

**Rotary Anns of D9400** in highest recognition of the considerable impact they have made in the communities they serve.

[Click here to read the final Anns Newsletter of 2020/2021!](#)

## The following individuals received Paul Harris recognitions:

### *Through D9400 credits*

Greg Stathacopoulos PHF+4

Carolyn Khoury PHF+2

Heidi Tucker PHF+2

Cheryl Anne Havenga PHF+1



### *Through DG Annemarie's personal credits*

✚ Shereen Hunter, Certificate and pin

✚ Nomsa Daniels, Certificate and pin

✚ Shirley Downie, PHF+4

✚ Les Morrison, Certificate and pin

✚ Martha Deacon PHF+1

✚ Dries Velthuisen, PHF+1

✚ Martin Rupiya, Certificate and pin

✚ Annie Steijn, PHF+3

✚ Dewald Mostert, Certificate and pin

✚ Hans Mostert, PHF+1

✚ Judith Chinkumbi, Certificate and pin

✚ Charlotte Khoza, Certificate and pin

## Rotary Foundation District Service Award

**Carolyn Khoury and Dr Ellenore Meyer**, for their outstanding work in partnership with D5950 in the [Melusi Global Grant](#) for Child and Maternal Health Care.

**Grace van Zyl**, for her hard work in the [Polio Plus](#) and [Foundation Committees](#).

**The ARCoM Team**, for their exceptional work in the pursuit of peace, through the [African Rotary Community Mediation \(ARCoM\) Global Grant](#) programme which is training 100 community mediators in Southern Africa.



## D9400 Partnership Awards

- African Brand Architects -
- Creative Space Media -
- Dr Jim Blessman -
- SA Cultivar and Technology Agency -
- Rotary District 7070 Canada -
- Inter Country Collaboration partners in Germany, Canada, India, United Kingdom and Ireland -
- The Township Project -

## D9400 Leadership Awards

- District Governor Nominee designate Riana Pretorius -
- District Governor Nominee Koekie Quashie -
- Past District Governor Greg Stathacopoulos -
- District Governor Ann Angela Norris -

*Your input is appreciated!*



*President Sonja Shear with partner Jon Wortley, DGND Riana Pretorius, PAG Hans Mostert.*

Every year D9400 runs a competition amongst Rotary clubs in the district to determine the **Best Club Newsletter or Blog**. All newsletters/news blogs accessible on the D9400 website were evaluated by the panel of judges. The winning newsletter for 2020-021 is **“The Rosebank Ramble”** produced by **RC Rosebank**. The first runner-up is “Rising Sun” of RC New Dawn and second runner-up is the newsletter produced by Rotary E-Club of Southern Africa.



# Assistant Governors Awards

DG Annemarie acknowledged the following Assistant Governors for exemplary leadership of clubs during the 2020-2021 Rotary year:

- ◆ Jean Bernardo
- ◆ Renate Bowers
- ◆ Peter James-Smith
- ◆ Memos Kavalinneas
- ◆ Mathilda La Grange
- ◆ Jerry Malathela
- ◆ Mariana Purnell
- ◆ Glen Ross
- ◆ Paul Westcott
- ◆ Butch Wilson




# Strategic Advisors Awards

Presented to -

- PDG Mark Doyle
- Ian Robertson and Robert Kydd from District 9350
- Sharon Robertson and Sarah van Heerden at Rotary Africa-South
- Haroon Noor Mahomed, who has contributed richly in fostering relationships with the diplomatic corp
- Ndumi Mazibuko from Hunter Group, who could always be relied on to help us share the Rotary story



The following individual awards were presented to Rotarians who have participated in District service activities in one of the five **Avenues of Service**. The recipients were nominated by their Club Presidents, and the award conferred by Rotary International.

**Vocation Service**

Grant Adam  
 Dr Sarah Britten  
 Shereen Hunter  
 Mariana Purnell,  
 Kutay Saritosun  
 Prof Dries Velthuizen

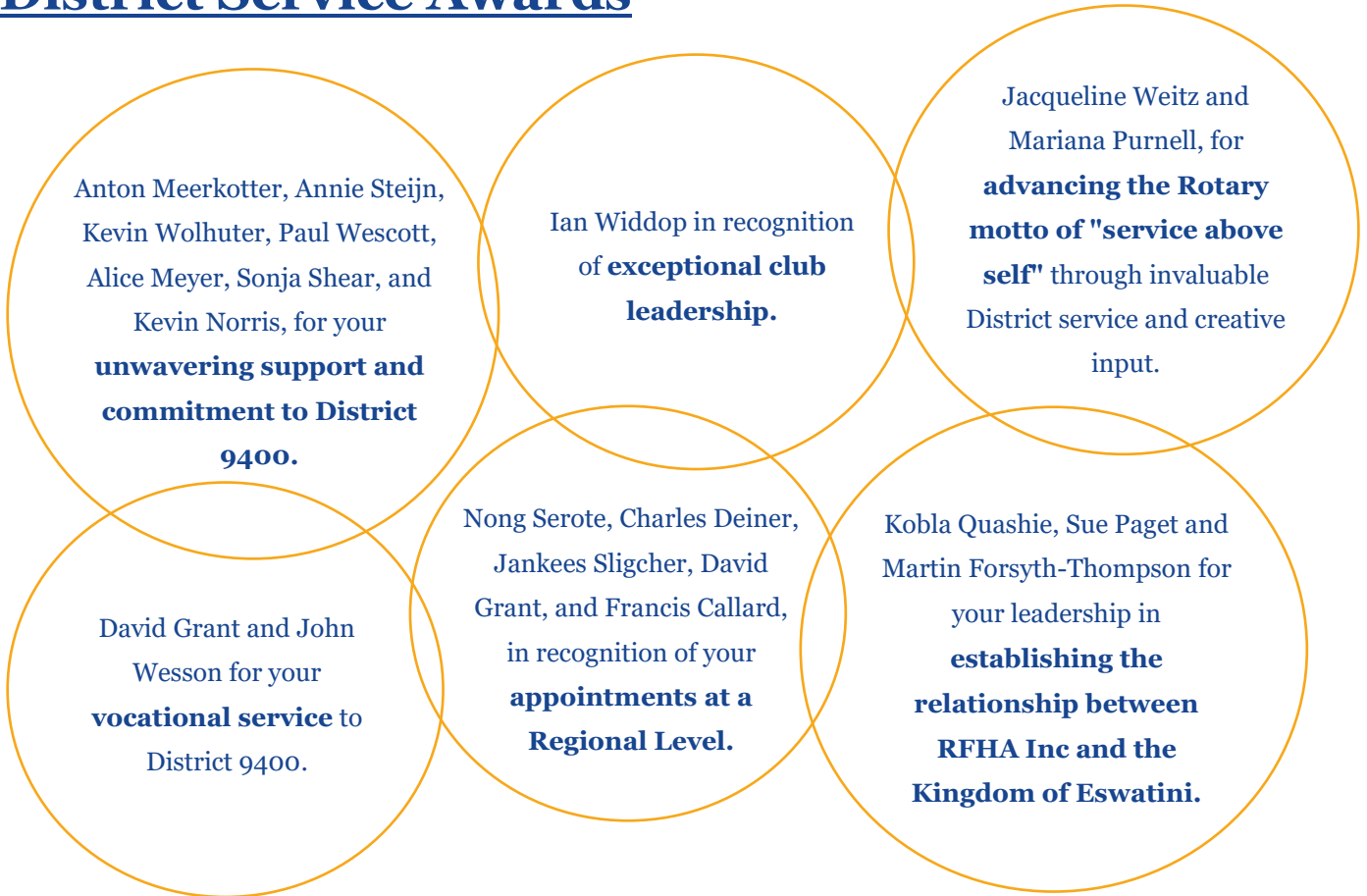
**Club Service**

Anastasia Demertzis  
 Jacqueline Weitz

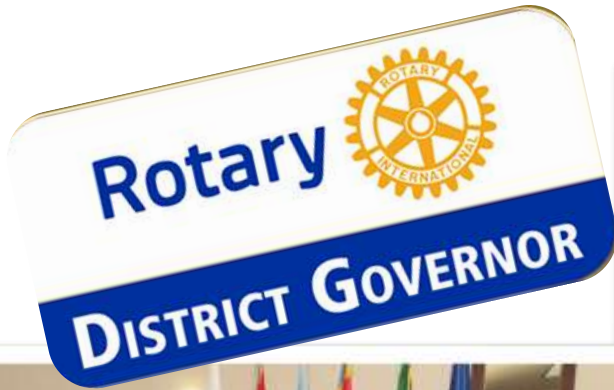
**International Service**

Nomsa Daniels  
 Carolyn Khoury  
 Adv Les Morison  
 Prof Martin Rupiya,

## District Service Awards



## The Chain of Office Handover



*DGE Stella*



*PAG Hans and DG Annemarie, with DGE Stella and new Rotarian Carl.*



*DG Annemarie gifted DGE Stella a beautiful Muse sculpture from Sculpture Design Studio. The piece's inspiration – Before you speak, let your words pass through three gates. Is it true, is it necessary, is it kind? - is reminiscent of the Rotary four-way test.*



**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**





July is designated *New Leadership Month* because Rotary Clubs and Districts across the globe induct new leaders and each year, July signifies **the start of new Rotary officers' year of service**. Our leaders at Rotary exemplify all of the qualities that make our members extraordinary: integrity, expertise, and commitment to service. **Congratulations and all the best to the new team!** As we reconnect, and respond, this is a time to reassess, to envision; it is most importantly a time to set goals and to determine how we will serve our Communities, our Nation and the World, seizing opportunities for service.

The ability to see and act on opportunities that are opened through friendship and fellowship is what makes Rotary so very different. And the willingness of all Rotarians to safely serve as they are able, locally or globally, is what unites us.



- \* Did you update your [club membership info](#) in the D9400 database **by 1 July 2021**?
- \* Did you update your [officer information](#) in the D9400 database **by 1 July 2021**?
- \* Did you report all [new or terminated members](#) and 2021-22 club officers **no later than 1 July 2021**?

You are able to see your membership changes reflected in Rotary International's database by signing into [My Rotary](#). If you see any discrepancies, please contact [data@rotary.org](mailto:data@rotary.org).

Program concept notes are due to The Rotary Foundation 2 August. The \$2 million [Programs of Scale grant](#) will be awarded to a member-led, evidence-based program that is ready to scale up over three to five years to increase its impact in one or more of Rotary's areas of focus. We're excited to see the work Rotary members are doing to solve problems, improve communities, measure results, and increase our impact.

**[Click here](#) to find out more about Programs of Scale!**





## Major Donors

Past Assistant Governor Carol Stier of the Rotary Club of Johannesburg New Dawn has become the newest Major Donor (level 1) in the district through her generous support of the Annual Fund and Endowment Fund. Rotary recognizes individuals or couples making cumulative outright gifts of \$10,000 or more as Major Donors.

“The Rotary Foundation is what sets Rotary apart from every other service organisation. I am privileged to be able to make a contribution which, when combined with those of other Rotarians, will strengthen Rotary International’s global reach and impact, and bring change to the world. says PAG Carol.



RYLA at Magoesbaskloof is going ahead from **19-22 August 2021**.

Please contact Rowena on 083 737 2892, for more info or to register learners.



## Membership Development

The RI [Club Planning Assistant](#) lets you explore membership resources and find solutions to two of the biggest challenges your club faces - **engaging members and delivering value**.

Here are three things you can do to help your club thrive:

1. Work with your club leadership team to take the interactive [Rotary Club Health Check](#) to determine which areas need the most attention.
2. Learn from [clubs in your region](#) that are engaging their members, conducting meaningful projects, and trying new ideas.
3. Share what you’ve learned about the health of your club and ask members for their ideas. Customize this [slide presentation](#) to explain your club’s plan during a club meeting.

The PoPI Act commences on 1 July 2021. There are important implications for Rotary Clubs in this regard, including new requirements for a privacy policy and the appointment of an information Officer. [Please click here for more details](#).



## Protection of Personal Information Act



## District Covid Officer

Professor Lucille Blumberg of Johannesburg New Dawn RC has kindly agreed to be the District Covid Officer. Prof Blumberg is one of the world’s leading experts on the epidemiology of communicable diseases affecting Africa and is also a member of a number of World Health Organization expert committees. She has specialist qualifications in clinical microbiology, travel medicine, and infectious diseases. [Click here](#) to read more about this inspiring Rotarian!



## Divisional Leader of Rotary Leadership Institute

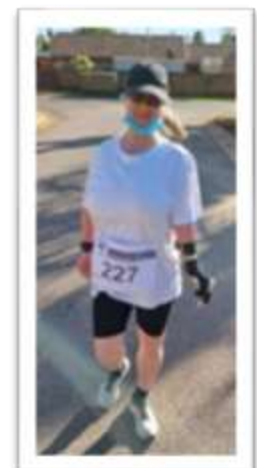
The District Governors of 9210, 9350, 9370 and 9400 have appointed PDG Charles Deiner as the Divisional Leader of RLI in Southern Africa, in place of PDG Beth Thomas who recently passed on to higher service. The 2021/2022 District Governors of the four Southern Districts have also agreed to appoint District Leaders on the RLI programme – Rotarian Wendy Damons was appointed as the RLI District Leader for D9400.



EndPlasticSoup is an initiative already supported by 3500 Rotarians of 800 Rotary and Rotaract Clubs worldwide. The group is trying to solve the global plastic problem by working with Rotarians around the globe to beat plastic pollution, through their aim of Prevent, Reduce, Reuse, Recover, Recycle and ultimately build a circular plastics economy. Learn more about this initiative at <http://www.EndPlasticSoup.org>

## Inspiring Rotarians

Cornelia Raath-Lotter, a proud member of the Rotary E-Club of Southern Africa D9400, participated in the 5km Comrades marathon Centenary Hope Challenge race during June. Cornelia was a professional electronics engineer until a horrific motorcycle accident in 1996 changed her life forever; since the accident she has undergone 58 operations. With the aid of physiotherapy sessions, she is now training for the Spar Women’s Race on 26 September. Read more about her [Comrades race](#) and her [personal story](#) of life, love and survival.





RIPE Shekhar Mehta has invited D9400’s own Annemarie Mostert to be an Ambassador for one of his main priorities: Empowering Girls. DG Annemarie will be responsible for Region 28, comprising 14 countries within Zone 22. The focus of the programme will be to address the inequalities that girls face worldwide; members will be encouraged to launch a club-based initiative or be part of a district or global grant that improves the health, well-being, education, and economic security of girls in their communities and ensures their access to resources.

D9400 is looking for a Rotarian or Rotaractor to coordinate our district’s actions on Girls’ Empowerment! Are you the person for the job?  
 Contact [alice@rotary9400.org.za](mailto:alice@rotary9400.org.za)



Do you know an outstanding #Rotary or #Rotaract member or #RotaryPeaceFellow **working to empower girls?**

Nominate them now until 23 July!

Honourees will be recognized at key Rotary events, including **Rotary Day with UNICEF** in fall 2021.

**IN MEMORY**

This month we pay tribute to the following Rotarian who has been called to higher service:  
 Eugene Du Plessis (24/06/2021) (RC Knights Pendragon)

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