



District Governor Newsletter

1 June 2021



DG Annemarie and
PP Hans Mostert

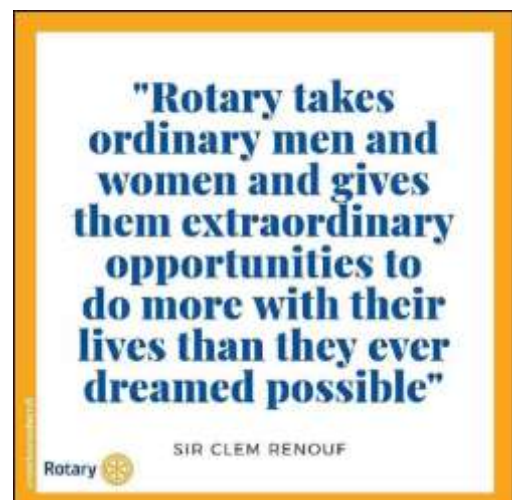
June is designated Rotary Fellowship Month. It reminds us to recognise the importance of international fellowship, goodwill and understanding among Rotarians outside our own club, district, and country. Fellowship is wonderful as these lifelong friendships **enhance our Rotary experience.**

We continue to share our Rotary moments – knowing we belong to a global network of neighbours, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. **Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision.**

Thank you for your commitment and leadership. I have learnt so much from you.

Some of my learnings....

- Trusting in your struggle and **having faith in the greater good** as it lays a solid foundation.
- When we **focus on creating, rather than competing**, our energies are used positively.
- It is so important to **prepare and be prepared**, but remember to...
- always **show up – and have fun!**



District 9400 Assembly

On 22 May, the D9400 leadership hosted an excellent Annual General Meeting and Assembly. It was informative, stimulating, and jam-packed with new ideas. Great inspiration for the way forward. Well done to the organisers and all the presenters.

[Click here](#) to read more about the events of the day, including plans for the new Rotary year!

In post-Assembly voting, the following Resolutions were passed:

Ordinary Resolution No 1: To approve the Budget of District for year ending June 2022

Ordinary Resolution No 2: To approve the Audited Financials of District for year ending June 2020



“Fellowship is wonderful; it illuminates life’s pathway, spreads good cheer, and is worth high price.” – Rotary Founder Paul Harris

Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion.

Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience.

Benefits of Rotary Fellowships:

- Enable Rotarians to make lasting friendships outside their own club, district or country
- Contribute to the advancement of Rotary's public image and identity
- Serve as an incentive for joining Rotary and for continuing as a member

[Click here](#) to learn more about Rotary Fellowships!



The Rotary Fellowship, **Rotarians of Amateur Radio (ROAR)**, are looking for amateur radio operators (hams) in Southern Africa to participate in a special event Ham Radio station in celebration of 100 years of Rotary in Africa and to link up with the planned Australian Centennial event.

[Click here to visit their website!](#)

The Rotary International Board of Directors has formally approved **The Rotary Action Group for Menstrual Health and Hygiene (RAGMHH)** and the call to action, *Break the Silence*, was officially launched in March.

[Click here to visit their website!](#)

The Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Rotary Action Group (WASHRAG) supports Rotary clubs to effectively plan, finance, implement, monitor and evaluate water, sanitation, and hygiene programs, where they are most needed in a collaborative, cost-effective, timely, and sustainable manner, true to the principles of Rotary International.

Clean water, safe sanitation, and hygiene education are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life. [Click here](#) to read the WASH Rotary Action Group Newsletter for May 2021.



[Click here](#) to learn about **WASH in healthcare facilities** and what your club can do to help address this critical issue at the next World Water Summit, a virtual event being held on Thursday, June 3 and Friday, June 4.



District 9400 has formed a **Peace Builder Club Committee** and invites Rotarians to join this District committee. The first Peace Builder Club in Southern Africa, the Rotary Club of Johannesburg, was inaugurated in November 2020.

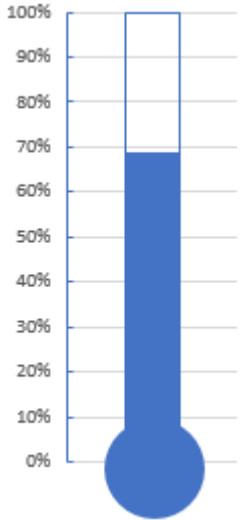
Rotary has partnered with the **Institute of Economics and Peace (IEP)** which now offers an online curriculum for all Rotarians, and the IEP has 8 Pillars that promote positive Peace which align to Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus.

A webinar on **International Human Trafficking** is planned for D9400 to create awareness; if you are interested in learning more about this initiative, please contact Grace at grace@gracevanzyl.com

As Rotarians we unconsciously promote positive peace in almost every project we take on and/or support. The aim of becoming a Peace Builder Club is to **consciously promote positive peace**, create awareness and have an annual project or event specifically designed to promote peace and create awareness.

We all have a part to play in creating positive and sustainable peace.

Rotary Exhibition Centre



The Rotary Exhibition Centre will be housed in a 40-foot shipping container located at PromoWorld, our official Rotary vendor, at 91a Main Road, Solheim in Germiston, Gauteng.

Leave Your Legacy – Buy a Brick!

Construction of The Rotary Exhibition Centre has begun! You can be a part of this significant Rotary structure by donating towards its construction and administration! Individual bricks are for sale at R50 each. All contributors' names will be recorded, and funding 25 or more bricks will secure your name on a plaque for posterity. Place your orders [HERE!](#)

This opportunity is open to all Rotarians, Rotary Anns, Rotaractors, Interactors, Clubs, Businesses, Corporates, and Friends of Rotary.

Running Virtual / In-Person Meetings



With virtual meetings came the opportunity for resourceful clubs to recruit world-renowned distant speakers, bringing them into their meetings in a virtual setting. Some clubs even began *reimagining* meetings, creatively exploring the capabilities of virtual connectivity!

[Click here](#) to read more about what every Rotary club should know about running Virtual/In-Person meetings.

RLI Training in Ermelo, Mpumalanga

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is offering in-person, facilitated and small group courses over two weekends in June and July from 8:00 - 15:00 daily – book now to avoid disappointment!

The courses cover the Certificate course 1, 2 and 3 and the Graduate course A, B and C. [Click here](#) to find out more about the cost, the certificate and graduate courses topics, the venue, and accommodation.

RLI educational opportunities will equip you with **Rotary Knowledge and Leadership Skills** that will benefit you in both your professional life and in your volunteer service. The training is open to all to Rotarians, Anns and Rotaractors.





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“IF YOU WANT TO HEAR THE SOUND OF THE BIRD, DON’T BUY A CAGE. PLANT A TREE.”

WITH ROTARY TAKING A STAND ON THE 7TH AVENUE OF SERVICE ENVIRONMENTAL – I IMPLORER YOU ALL TO SAVE OUR PLANET – WHICH IN TURN WILL SAVE US.

DGA ANGELA NORRIS



Tears to my eyes – and happiness in my heart.

What do I say when a President Ann sends me a message like this:-

“Weird Year we have had! How time flies – This time last year I was stressing how was I going to manage. We had a very busy and fruitful year. A lot of work – a lot of fellowship.

I have really enjoyed my year with wonderful support from the whole Anns team. Throughout this pandemic we have learned a lot about ourselves and the strengths we each have. I believe that we have successfully demonstrated, through our performance this year, that The Anns of Pietersburg 100 are strong, resistant, and adaptable.”

Thank you Charlie Voster and the Anns from Pietersburg 100.

So many Anns clubs can say the same thing. We have endured perhaps one of the most challenging years – and so many of us can say we have learnt a lot about ourselves, our family and our friends. Rotary has certainly pulled its weight this last year... and I cannot tell you how many would have really battled if it had not been for the Rotary Anns. Reading the minutes, I have counted 65 charities that have received the benefit of the Rotary Anns generosity, their time, and money. That does not include the random feeding schemes that popped up. Literally thousands of masks that were either handmade or inveigled from some source. knitting needles flew out the door, ovens and stoves became dominated by 5 star Michelin chefs. I too have learnt a lot about myself, and I have learnt a lot about the wonderful work all you ladies do. Rotary is better for having you all walk in their lane.

Thank you.

Spekboom

Indeed, thumbs up for Springs Park Rotary Anns Barbara Ann Day who instigated the planting of Spekboom – over 1000 plants have been planted and distributed to various old age homes and the Blesbokspuit.



June is Rotary Fellowship Month.
I urge you all to make the time for friends and family... Fellowship is the ship that guides our happy times...



Anns that have been working towards their goals this year is Pietersburg. 100 This amazing club has grabbed this project with both hands, and a pair of garden gloves.



Monument Anns and DGAR Margie Grant are all enormously proud of Nicolene Botha.

This modest lady is, as DGAR Margie says the driving force behind the monument Anns. Nicolene has been president for several years. Her wonderful ideas include hampers and gifts for the needy in their area. She manages to run around like a flea in a fit, but does it with grace, enthusiasm and always a big smile... I have to say not only did Margie acknowledge her hard work, but her husband Arnold said she is amazing in all the things that she does.



There may be only six members in the Monument Anns club – but they sure do Pack a Punch.



Kyalami Anns out there and doing their bit for their Community
42 Gift Bags were delivered for the Gogos (via Rays of Hope) in Alexandra.



Remember June is Fellowship Month. The Krugersdorp Anns getting in a little earlier... Never too early for Fellowship – Card making.



Please don't forget to join me for my farewell on the 5th June at 10.00am... I will be awarding trophies and thanking some special people. Hope to see you all there. Invites will go out soon.

Someone so special, will not be forgotten, happy times I could never regret. Wonderful memories will live on forever, in our hearts we will never forget.

- Krugersdorp Anns – Jill Olivier 08/04/2020
- Rosebank Anns – Patsy Dalziel 19/04/2020
- Northcliff Anns – Dawn Chapman 22/11/2020
- Louis Trichardt Anns – Carla Barnard 23/01/2021
- Boksburg Lake Anns – Pam Daniel 07/02/2021
- Sandton Anns – Geraldine van der Spuy 06/04/2022
- Roodepoort Anns – Marlene Liedtke 20/04/2021





2021/2022 Presidential Initiatives

Rotary International President-elect Shekhar Mehta will have three special initiatives for the 2021-22 Rotary year aimed at increasing our impact through service and expanding our reach by introducing new members to Rotary. Mehta is asking every Rotarian to make membership a responsibility through the **Each One, Bring One** campaign.

- ◆ **Empowering girls.** To address the inequities 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.
- ◆ **Rotary Day of Service.** Clubs will be asked to collaborate to conduct hands-on service activities with members of their communities and share those activities on Rotary Showcase.
- ◆ **Presidential conferences.** A series of presidential conferences will highlight club humanitarian efforts in their communities and around the world. Members should invite a friend to one event so they can learn about Rotary’s work and be inspired to join us in our commitment to service.

[Click here](#) to learn more about RIPE Shekhar Mehta!

Club Goals

Setting goals in **Rotary Club Central** is essential for clubs to succeed, and now is the time for club officers to enter their achievements prior to the end of this Rotary year. You can find Rotary Club Central in [My Rotary](#) via the Manage menu. We have only a few more weeks to update membership and membership details, publish and register incoming officers, update citations, and publish reports. The termination or mergers of clubs, as well as TRF contributions should also be recorded.

The deadline is 15 June.

At the same time, club presidents-elect should aim to **learn more about the goal setting process** with the help of assistant governors. For assistance in navigating the platform, go to the [Learning Center](#) and search for Rotary Club Central to access the guides.

Rotary in Africa – in Numbers

PRIP Ian H.S Riseley spoke at the D9400 Centennial Celebration, congratulating Rotarians all over Africa on the 100 years of Rotary on the continent.

PRIP Ian outlined the numbers that are important milestones in the history of Rotary in Africa – [click here](#) to read more!



Rotary Africa is the magazine read by Rotarians in the approximately 20 countries of Rotary International’s eight Southern and Eastern African districts. The magazine was established in 1927 and is produced independently by Rotarians for Rotarians!



Update your member information

You can subscribe to receive the *Rotary Africa* magazine in digital or printed format ([click here](#) for more info). Clubs have an obligation to notify Rotary Africa of any change and updates of club members – adding or removing members as the changes occur.

Showcase your members, projects or partners

Rotary clubs can publish their stories in the *Rotary Africa* magazine! This is where you can really show how proud you are of your club – include photos of various events (inductions of President, board members, new members), awards, as well as projects. Learn how to showcase your club by clicking [here](#).

Which Club Meets Today directory

D9400 information is needed for the 2021-2022 *Which Club Meets Today* directory for the new Rotary year. Please [click here](#) to submit missing data and complete your club’s details, or [click here](#) to request a copy of the directory.

Rotary Opens Opportunities | 12-16 June 2021

This year’s [virtual convention](#) will open innovative opportunities to learn and to engage with the family of Rotary! Don’t miss out on this year’s rich schedule of events which includes [inspiring speakers](#), the [Virtual House of Friendship](#), twenty featured [breakout sessions](#), and exciting new activities including meet and greets with leaders, virtual cooking classes, Rotary trivia contents, a virtual photo booth, a 5K walk to end polio, and a DJ dance party.



[Click here to register!](#)



A conflict prevention community mediation initiative with the aim of deepening Rotary’s peace building work within and between communities.

Cohort 2 has just ended! If you have any suitable candidates for Cohort 3, direct them to the District website: <https://rotary9400.org.za/sitepage/africa-rotary-community-mediation>

Diplomatic Function

There was phenomenal support from State Ambassadors from around the world at the meeting of diplomats with District Governor Annemarie Mostert, senior leaders from District 9400, and the CEO of the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce, Bernadette Zeiler. The overarching goals of Rotary in all efforts are **Strategic Partnerships** and **strengthened collaboration** for greater good. This was the first of our planned official meetings that will be hosted by Rotary District 9400 with State Ambassadors to South Africa.

[Click here](#) to read more about this event, and to see more pictures!



Peace Builder Award

RIDN Patrick Chisanga, DG Lucie Kasanga and PDG Ravi Devalia visited First President of Zambia Dr Kenneth Kaunda at his home, State Lodge on the morning of 27 May. RIDN Patrick, on behalf of Zone 22 and District 9210, presented the **Centennial African Peace Builders Award** Certificate and the Crystal to Dr Kaunda. This award was announced at the 100 years of Rotary in Africa celebrations in Johannesburg, District 9400,

month. Dr Kaunda, being a Rotarian himself, was visibly moved by this gesture!





Building Strong Intergenerational Relationships

There's ample evidence that gender- and ethnically diverse organisations are more effective. But what about age? Explore these resources for guidance on bridging the gap between generations:

- ✚ An interesting TED talk that discusses what different generations can learn from one another in the workplace – [click here](#) to view.
- ✚ Service-learning combines community service with learning objectives that empower young people to develop real-world leadership skills. [Click here](#) for the Learning Centre courses on this topic.
- ✚ Rotary's programs are developing the next generation of leaders – [click here](#) for details.
- ✚ [Click here](#) to view a webinar in which we hear from a variety of Rotary Program participants who have built strong intergenerational relationships.



The D9400 **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards** (East Rand) took place recently in Benoni. RYLA is an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary clubs and districts where young people can develop their skills as a leader while having fun and making connections.



RYLA attendees (Interactors from Willowmoore High School) Christan Joseph and Asemahle Mashinini, with the **RC Benoni** youth officer Sharol Naidoo.

Riverside RC sent two members of their newly-formed Interact club to the RYLA camp - Tshepe Moso and Wame Gaeratane.



Rotaract Africa, a Rotaract Multidistrict Information Organization (MDIO), representing districts 9010, 9101, 9102, 9110, 9125, 9141, 9150, 9210, 9211, 9212, 9370 and 9400 is now a reality!



MDIOs are regional groups of Rotary districts that form for the purpose of **disseminating information and facilitating communication** among Rotaract clubs in the participating districts. MDIOs can also provide leadership training to Rotaract clubs and future district Rotaract leaders and organize multidistrict service projects.



Interact

RC Brits/Hartbeespoort is excited to announce the induction of their second Interact Club – **Mountain Cambridge School Interact Club.**

The club also inducted new members of the **Hartbeespoort High School Interact Club.** The induction was held at the Nyoka Ridge Vulture Restaurant in Scheerpoort, Hartbeespoort. RC Brits/Hartbeespoort are very proud to be associated with both schools and are looking forward to a year serving to change lives!



D9400 Handover

Handing over the chain of office to DG Stella will take place on Saturday 26 June 2021. Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 regulation changes, it will be an online event.



Rotary 

Incorporating clubs in Botswana, Eswatini and parts of Mozambique and South Africa



District 9400



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Special Invitation

DG Annemarie Mostert takes pleasure in inviting you to a celebratory virtual event on **Saturday 26 June 2021 (11:30am to 12:30pm).**

This special occasion will be the official installation of DGE Dr Stella Anyangwe, our incoming district leader.



DG Annemarie and Hans with DGE Stella and Carl



[Click here to register!](#)



[Click here](#) to view Club newsletters and stories online!

Send your Club newsletters to admin@rotary9400.org.za to have them loaded onto the District website!



This beautiful quilted wall hanging was made by Rotary Anns President Gill Davey from the **Benoni Van Ryn Rotary Anns**. [Click here](#) to read the story behind it!

Rotarian Nick Wood swam about 7,3 kilometres from Robben Island to Blouberg on 7 April 2021 raising almost R26 000 for **RC Johannesburg's** Centennial Project.



RC Ermelo Phoenix recently hosted a Charity Walk & Run, to celebrate Family Day with members of the Ermelo Community. Funds raised will be used to send Grade 10 students from Ermelo High Schools to RYLA later in the year.

[Click here](#) to read more about the event, and to see more pictures!



The **Rotary Club of Rosebank** has been very active with this year's annual blanket drive at the Pick 'n Pay on Nicol - thank you to all those who sold blankets, bought blankets, donated towards blankets and had anything to do with the Club's blanket drive!

The club also made trays and foot rests for a consignment of 25 incomplete Madiba Buggies to make them functional for distribution to well-deserving disabled children, and were also involved with the Highlands North Boys High School Interact Club in the opening of a new classroom.

[Click here](#) to read more about these and other stories!



The **Rotary Club of Pretoria East** recently held its annual Engadini Landscaping Inter-Club Potjiekos Competition. The Rotary Club of Pretoria West won the floating trophy with their tasty beef pot and each team member received a beautiful *Agapanthus* plant. [Click here](#) to read more about this year's competition!

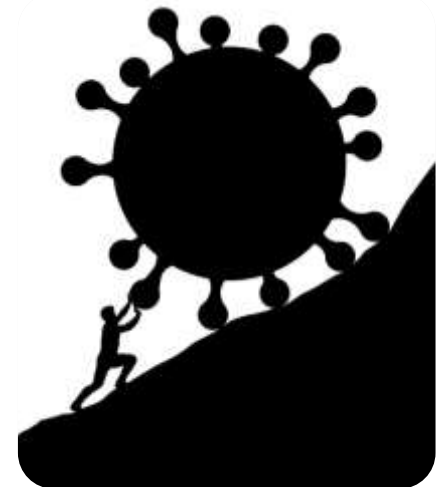


Several club members participated in the SOUNS training in Mamelodi, led by Robin and Edie Jones. This **RC Pretoria East** project is funded by a global grant. Several members were actively involved with the training process. [Click here](#) to read more about the SOUNS experience.

D9400 Rotary clubs are reminded to visit the Humanitarian Centre in Bedfordview to obtain a host of items that may be useful in supporting their projects. [Click here](#) to learn more about the Centre, or e-mail rotaryhumanitarian.centre@gmail.com.



Rotarians are ramping up efforts to help communities navigate the next phase of the COVID-19 pandemic: vaccines. Rotary will tap into its decades of experience in bringing polio to the brink of eradication, to highlight the power and efficacy of vaccines. As you get involved with local vaccination and **COVID-19 prevention efforts**, you are encouraged to add your projects on **Rotary Showcase** (please log into My Rotary first, and navigate to Rotary Showcase via the Member Center).



Tomaso Marcolla - "Humanity"

Thank you for your support during this pandemic – your humanity is extraordinary! Keep meeting online, don't support super-spreader events, and do the responsible thing in supporting the roll out of vaccinations, masking up, and continuing to social socially distance.

Let's plan ahead: Important dates in June

- 5 June** – DGA Handover
- 5-6 June** – RLI Training (Ermelo, Mpumalanga)
- 12-16 June** – Rotary International Virtual Convention
- 26 June** – Official Handover to DGE Stella Anyangwe

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