

# DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

Botswana, Eswatini, Mozambique and South Africa NOVEMBER 2023



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9400

## Message from your District Governor: *Riana Pretorius*

My Dear Family of Rotary,

RID Drew Kessler and his wife Nicky, attended a function for the Official Opening of D9400, the Head Office on 3 November 2023. We got to know his journey in Rotary and that included that he was a DG at the age of 32 and the youngest RID currently.

I completed my visits to Eswatini, Botswana and Mozambique. Now there are just about 7 clubs left that still need their DG visit.

It was a great experience to meet other Rotarians with whom we do not often have face to face meetings.

The DISCON Chair, PAG Mariana and I visited the Brits Hartbeespoort club together after they invited her to talk about the Discon.



**November** was Rotary Foundation month and with the commitment **Every Rotarian Every Year** of only \$100 per person, D9400 collectively has the power to do so much. That extra R40 a week can make such a difference to give people a better life.

Your gifts are transformed into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. Including efforts in polio eradication, your

Foundation provided about \$180 million last year to support clubs and districts in their efforts to 'do good in the world'. Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.

The total value of the full DISCON registration package is **R 2 475** per person but with hard work and perseverance, a small team of Rotarians has managed the impossible - to bring the costs down to **under R2 000** for a limited period only.

The package includes the AGM as well as the 2-day conference and all the social events. Alternatively, you may book for specific events that are all individually priced. Registration closes on **20 April**.

There are many surprises, lots of fun and inspiring speakers lined up for the 2024 DISCON.



The atmosphere of excitement and community found at the Rotary conference is something your club members will want to experience, so ask them to join you in sharing how we Create Hope in the World at our District's biggest event of the year.

To secure your spot at this exceptional event, **register and pay in full** today before the discounted rate expires on **31 January 2023**.

Yours in service,

*Riana*

**Page 3** - Special 2024 DISCON discount offerings on Registration for Rotarians as well as Rotaractors, Rotary Anns and partners/spouses.

**EARLY BIRD  
REGISTRATION  
1 December –  
31 January**

**Page 4** - We reveal the first of several exciting keynote speakers! And there are more to come!

# DECEMBER is ROTARY DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month. This is one of The Rotary Foundation's areas of focus and we should be aware of the numerous projects around the world supported by clubs and the Foundation.

We believe good health care is everyone's right. Yet 400 million people in the world cannot afford or do not have access to basic health care. Disease results in misery, pain, and poverty for millions of people worldwide. That's why treating and preventing disease is so important to us. We lead efforts both large and small. We set up temporary clinics, blood donation centers, and training facilities in underserved communities struggling with outbreaks and health care access. We design and build infrastructure that allows doctors, patients, and governments to work together.

Look at your role in promoting improved health at home and abroad and supporting these vital programs that contribute not only to healthy communities but peaceful communities.

Our members combat diseases like malaria, HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, and polio. Rotary's top priority is the [eradication of polio](#), but our members take on far greater responsibilities to fight disease. They set up health camps and training facilities in undeveloped countries and in communities struggling with HIV/AIDS and malaria. They also design and build the infrastructure for doctors, nurses, governments, and partners to reach the one in six people in the world who can't afford to pay for healthcare.

Disease prevention and treatment takes on many forms, from supporting studies to helping immunize people to improving drinking water and the sanitation infrastructure. The world relies on Rotary to tackle these global challenges, and to set an example for others to follow.

Prevention is important, which is why we also focus on health education and bringing people routine hearing, vision, and dental care. We educate and equip communities to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases. Rotary members have hundreds of health projects underway around the world at any given time.



[Registration](#) prices are shown in U.S. dollars and include any applicable taxes. Get the best value in Singapore by booking your [accommodation](#) through Maritz Global Events, Rotary's official housing partner.

	Age 31 or over	Age 30 or under
<b>15 December 2023:</b> Last day for early-registration discount	\$500	\$175
<b>31 March 2024:</b> Last day for preregistration discount	\$595	\$225
<b>29 May 2024:</b> Last day for online registration	\$695	\$275



Click [HERE](#) to join the [District Facebook Page](#) for the latest updates about **DISCON 2024** and the **Registration** link that will be available from the first week in December.

# 2024 Discon Countdown

*"Hello there, I am a Happy Hippo who will help you  
CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD this year!"*



As your 2024 Rotary District Conference mascot, I look forward to seeing you at the FLOREAT RIVERSIDE LODGE in SABIE from Thursday 2 to Saturday 4 MAY, 2024. Apart from the great news about **SPECIAL RATES** for DISCON accommodation, we also have an **EARLY BIRD SPECIAL** for **REGISTRATION** from the first week in December until **31 January**! Registration closes on **20 April**.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Unfortunately, no late or on-site registrations can be accommodated.



## Early Bird Registration!

The value of the **FULL DISCON REGISTRATION PACKAGE** is **R 2 475**. But we offer discounted rates that expire on 31 January 2023. Don't wait! Register NOW for these savings. The full package includes the following:

DAY	CONFERENCE	DURATION	SOCIAL EVENT
THURSDAY, 2 May	AGM & Assembly	Afternoon	Meet & Greet
FRIDAY, 3 May	DISCON DAY 1	All day	Theme evening
SATURDAY, 4 May	DISCON DAY 2	Morning	Gala dinner

### REGISTRATION – FULL PACKAGE

	BOOK & PAY	OPTION	FULL PACKAGE	
<b>ROTARIAN</b>	1 Dec-31 Jan	<b>EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT</b>	<b>1 980,00</b>	<b>BOOK NOW!</b>
	1 Feb-31 March	Limited discount	<b>2 225,00</b>	
	1-20 April	No discount	<b>2 475,00</b>	
<b>ROTARACTOR &amp; ROTARY ANN</b>	1 Dec-31 Jan	<b>EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT</b>	<b>1 950,00</b>	<b>BOOK NOW!</b>
	1 Feb-31 March	Limited discount	<b>2 050,00</b>	
	1-20 April	No discount	<b>2 150,00</b>	
<b>SPOUSE &amp; PARTNER</b>	1 Dec-31 Jan	<b>EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT</b>	<b>1 900,00</b>	<b>BOOK NOW!</b>
	1 Feb-31 March	Limited discount	<b>2 050,00</b>	
	1-20 April	No discount	<b>2 085,00</b>	

### REGISTRATION – ITEMISED (No discount)

	BOOK & PAY	INDIVIDUALLY PRICED EVENTS TO SELECT FROM				
		DISCON DAY 1	DISCON DAY 2	MEET & GREET	THEME EVENING	GALA DINNER
<b>ROTARIAN</b>	1 Dec-20 April	<b>695</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>525</b>
<b>ROTARACTOR &amp; ROTARY ANN</b>	1 Dec-20 April	<b>630</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>460</b>
<b>SPOUSE &amp; PARTNER</b>	1 Dec-20 April	<b>620</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>450</b>



*Are you ready to have fun?*

DAY	CONFERENCE	ROTARIANS HAVING FUN
THURSDAY 2 May	AGM & Assembly  Meet & Greet <i>Rivals in Rotary Regalia</i>	<i>Rotary rocks!</i>  <b>PRIZES FOR:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Most Rotary temporary tattoos</li> <li>▶ Most Rotary pins</li> <li>▶ Best Rotary Regalia - Rotary badges, shirts, blazers, hats, peaks, ties, scarves, socks, bags</li> </ul>
FRIDAY 3 May	DISCON DAY 1  Theme evening <i>Lady and the Tramp</i>	<i>Revel in the Rotary Spirit</i>  <b>PRIZES FOR:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ EndPolioNow Jerusalema dance competition</li> <li>▶ Most international Rotary club exchange banners</li> <li>▶ Best dressed</li> </ul>
SATURDAY 4 May	DISCON DAY 2  Gala dinner <i>All that glitters is gold</i>	<i>Mask mania ball!</i>  <b>PRIZES FOR:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Best mask</li> </ul>



*The Happy Hippo has convinced the Committee to reveal one of our amazing speakers!*

Our esteemed speakers will address the D9400 audience on the topic of "**Empower to Prosper**." They will share their insights on how communities can be uplifted and empowered through innovative approaches and practical initiatives aligned with Rotary's focus areas. We aim to inspire and motivate attendees, encouraging them to actively engage in community projects and make a lasting impact.

*Guest speaker:*

**Vusi Thembekwayo**

He will speak on our theme "**Empower to Prosper**" from an economic and township economy perspective.



**Vusi Thembekwayo** is a South African entrepreneur, author, and businessman. He is the founder and CEO of the MyGrowthFund Venture Partners and has authored two books.

Thembekwayo was born in Benoni, RSA on 12 March 1985. He studied Management Advanced Programme and commerce at the University of Witwatersrand. He also has a postgraduate diploma in Business Administration from the Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS) and an executive MBA in Business and Economics from Ashridge executive education and Hult International Business School.

Read more about his illustrious career [here](#).

*Gatherings like these are amazing opportunities to create a new chapter in your Rotary adventure!*

# Big changes on the way for Rotary International

The 2023–24 RI Board of Directors met on 16–18 October 2023 at Rotary International World Headquarters in Evanston, IL, USA and reviewed 13 committee reports and recorded 48 decisions.

The RI Board of Directors Meeting adopted a worldwide membership growth goal for Rotary clubs of 1,250,000 members by 1 July 2030 in celebration of Rotary's 125th anniversary. They also approved a new strategic partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme and the holding of a Presidential Peace Conference in Istanbul, Turkey, in February 2025.

The most far-reaching highlights are:

- the discontinuing of the annual **Rotary Presidential theme and logo**, beginning in the 2025–26 Rotary year.
- approved a framework by which a set of **multi-year Action Plan**-led presidential messages are proposed by the Communications Committee and Strategic Planning Committee and approved by the Board, starting in Rotary Year 2025–26.
- approved a process of setting **three-year rolling targets** and **three-year rolling regional plans** for the club, district, and zone level beginning in 2024–25;

The RI Board of Directors agreed to submit to the 2025 Council on Legislation enactments to:

- remove the requirement to hold an **annual district conference** (DISCON);
- remove mandatory reports from the **Rotary Institute** in order to make Institutes optional.
- changed the name of the Rotary Citation to the **Club Excellence Award**, effective 1 July 2024.

Read the [highlights](#) from the recent RI board meeting that will result in major changes to RI's present system.



## 2023 COUNCIL ON RESOLUTIONS ADOPTIONS

All Rotarians had the opportunity to comment on Resolutions that were put forward to the Council a few weeks ago. Below are the Resolutions that were adopted.

Questions can be directed to our D9400 COL Representative 2017/2023, **PDG Annie Steijn**  
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<b>23R-05</b>	To request the RI Board to consider setting an upper age limit of 30 for admission into a Rotaract club
<b>23R-06</b>	To request the RI Board to consider amending the Rotary Code of Policies as to the duties and responsibilities of district Rotaract representatives
<b>23R-09</b>	To request the RI Board to consider explaining in detail the purpose and methods of implementation of the regionalization pilot projects
<b>23R-10</b>	To request the RI Board to consider developing a tool to help Rotarians share their professional classifications
<b>23R-15</b>	To request the RI Board to consider establishing corporate partnerships that can support Rotary's service activities globally
<b>23R-25</b>	To request the RI Board to consider providing regular updates on process improvements and cost savings measures taken by RI
<b>23R-26</b>	To request the RI Board to consider proposing legislation to a future Council on Legislation clarifying the general secretary's qualifications in RI's constitutional documents



# ICC First Africa Peace Forum in Cairo



The first ICC (Inter Country Committees) Peace Forum took place 17-19 November in Cairo, Egypt. It was organized under the patronage of RI Director Patrick D. Chisanga, RI Representative RI Past Vice President Nicki Scott and under the auspices of The Inter Country Committees executive board chair PDG Mohamed Ghammam and brought together over 150 distinguished humanitarians and industry leaders from Africa and around the globe.

Delegates met in Cairo to forge a unified vision. The event aimed to create a powerful alliance of African countries, laying the foundation for sustainable peace. They learned much from so many about the incredibly deep rooted and tragic situation unravelling in the Middle East. As since Rotarians are of non-political and non-religious intention, there is much we can do to help in this tragic humanitarian crisis as aid is needed - both short term and ultimately long term. We can work through partnerships and trusted relationships formed through our ICCs - working with Rotarians and Rotaractors on the ground in the midst of it all who have a comprehensive understanding of the huge complexities.



## Goals and Objectives

- **Promote Positive Peace:** Aligning with Rotary International's service mission, the forum emphasized the importance of peace building.
- **Enhance Cultural Exchange:** It fostered cultural and friendship exchanges, improving awareness and respect for diversities.
- **Foster Mutual Understanding:** By sharing ideas and best practices, the forum sought to bridge communities and cultures.
- **ICC Mapping:** The focus on designing and outlining the goals/targets and tools needed for clubs and the entire continent to achieve their ambitious goals and objectives, for long-term prosperity.



*RID Patrick D. Chisanga, Executive Chair ICC Board, PDG Mohamed Ghammam, AM, PDG Annemarie Mostert, D9400, DG D2451 Egypt Ayman Nazih and Tarek Elhalwagh ICC Chair D2451.*

D9400 signed an Inter Country Committee (ICC) agreement with D2451 and also with Serbia, Taiwan and Spain during the Cairo meeting.



*PDG Annemarie Mostert, D9400 and DG Ayman Nazih of D2451 Egypt*

## Breaking news ...

PDG Urg Hertzog of D1980 in Switzerland signed up to help with fundraising for the D9400 Global Grant to eradicate pit latrines while the Rotary club of PDG Abdul Hamid El Awa of D2451 in Egypt is the international partner for D9400 first Global Grant pit latrines eradication. He was also the Organizing Committee Chair (HOC) for the first ICC peace forum.

*PDG Annemarie with PDG Urg Hertzog (left) who will help with fundraising for the D9400 pit latrines Global Grant and PDG Abdul Hamid El Awa (right) whose club is the international partner for our first Global Grant to eradicate pit latrines*



## WHAT IS AN ICC?

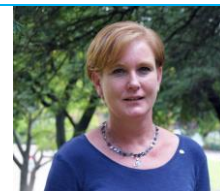
An Inter Country Committee (ICC) is an agreement between two countries in Rotary initiating activities for bilateral humanitarian and peace efforts, using programs and initiatives fitting into the Rotary International Strategic Plan. Inter Country Committees started as an initiative of German and French Rotary Clubs who, after the 1939-45 War, launched the idea of an association of Clubs with the aim of re-establishing the bonds of international friendship and the promotion of Peace.

Today ICCs are active far beyond Europe. Close to 250 ICCs in Europe, Africa, Asia, North and South America are country-based activities for direct bilateral humanitarian and peace efforts, using all RI programs and initiatives with a priority on those, which can prepare the ground for peace between countries and within them.

There is a formal framework to develop a strategic, long-term relationship. The opportunity exists for Rotarians in both countries to get to know each other and to assist each other with information about their respective countries and cultures. The ICC becomes a source of knowledge and expertise and the group of Rotarians are ambassadors of peace.



**“ROTARY CLUBS CAN ENERGIZE AND INSPIRE YOUNG LEADERS AGES 12-18 THROUGH SERVICE AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO BECOME RESPONSIBLE GLOBAL CITIZENS BY SUPPORTING INTERACT CLUBS.”**



*District Interact Chair  
Debbie Smit*

I hope the exams went well for all our Interactors. During exams, I suggest Interactors should rather opt for Online meetings and keeping meetings to a maximum of 30 minutes. If your sponsored Interact club runs with the Secondary School calendar year (Jan – Dec), the Interact club's incoming Interact Board selection for the 2024 year should either be in process of being finalised or finalised already by the current Interact board and School representative.

Select an induction date of the incoming board that is suitable for both the Interactors (Current & Incoming board) as well as the sponsoring Rotary club. An afternoon event may be more feasible, rather than an evening event. Remember to order your Interact regalia timeously.

Create an Interactors induction invite so that parents as well as the Secondary School representative, principal & teachers can be invited to the illustrious event and please **GO BIG!** Ensure your Rotary banners and other marketing materials are displayed at the Interact Induction and follow the same process as the Induction of Rotary Presidents. Create an Agenda and ensure to include:

- ▶ 4-way test
- ▶ Present Rotary International, your Rotary Club and Interact
- ▶ RYLA – if Interactors attend, let them present on their experience
- ▶ Youth Exchange – if Youth exchange was initiated, let them present on their experience
- ▶ Rotaract – see if you can involve a Rotaractor
- ▶ Current Interact President presenting on current year activities and learnings
- ▶ Incoming Interact President presenting on upcoming year plans and initiatives
- ▶ Rotary Toast

Once the Induction is done, please remember to train the New Interact board. Please contact me for tips on what training to provide for Interactors. Youth officers should ensure that they are aware of the various School terms for 2024 since there are 3-term and 4-term schools.



Please showcase your Interact Club's activities in the DG Newsletter. It will be wonderful to see the various projects and initiatives Interactors are involved with.

**Reminder: The 2023 Interact Awards are live!**

For this year's theme, we are inviting Interact clubs to promote Interact. Create a promotional video, photo, and/or essay that raises awareness about Interact and shares what being an Interactor means to you and your Interact club.

Awards will be given for best video, best photo, and best essay. One club in each category will win a cash prize to support one of its service projects, as well as a plaque and a letter from the Rotary International president.

Submissions due by 3 December 2023



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## DEVELOP LEADERSHIP

Rotary's Learning and Development opens new opportunities in your Rotary and personal life. Now is a great time to continue learning. Visit [rotary.org/learn](https://rotary.org/learn) to browse the courses and to enroll in one today.

Download the [course catalog](#) to see at a glance which offerings are new or have been updated.

If you have any questions, please write to [learn@rotary.org](mailto:learn@rotary.org).



# RLI Training 2023

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**Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)** is a recommended program of Rotary International which seeks to provide quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills to Rotarians interested in developing their Rotary participation and to those identified by Rotary Clubs as having a potential in club leadership. These educational opportunities will teach skills that will benefit the members in their lives and in their volunteer service

RLI comprises 6 modules: 3 Certificate modules and 3 Graduate modules. Each module is completed in one day. There is no time-limit to completing all the RLI modules.

During November, the **RLI Training** took place in Mokopane. D9400 endeavours to accommodate all Rotarians by offering these courses at various venues where interest is shown. For more information, please contact District Training Chair, Wendy Damons [wendylindsay12@gmail.com](mailto:wendylindsay12@gmail.com), our D9400 trainer and all those in attendance were excited as the training allowed a lot of interaction and learning from each other.



*Rotarians always have fun!*





# ANN'S MESSAGE

## FROM IPDGA CHRISTINA

Dear Rotary Anns and friends,

As we near the end of another year, our Anns are gearing up to Christmas with their usual generosity, desire to serve and hard work as the season of giving approaches. But it's not all seasonal and as we entered November, we saw many other community events take place. I'm sure there'll be a lot more Christmas joy efforts to feature next month!

**White River** ensured that the children of their local primary school were fed and provided sufficient sandwiches for a week. Then they had fun with their Rotary Club sorting gift for various Christmas parties.

Later they joined forces with the Uplands School community service group to bring the children of the Millenium Home of Hope some Christmas joy.



**Randburg:** We all love to see Rotarians and Anns working together and this group joined forces to provide breakfast for 75 homeless people at the Ferndale Bible Outreach.



**Benoni v. Ryn:** The Anns enjoyed a social time together as they sorted Packets of Hope for the Benoni and Belvedere High Schools feeding schemes.

The **Kyalami** Anns received a generous donation of T-shirts, sweets and food. These will be added to Christmas hampers for the New Life Centre for Girls.

**Germiston** Rotary Anns held a party for the children of Bambanani Creche in Duketoli and gave Special Packs to the children going to School next year. The children all enjoyed the eats juice and sweets.



**2024 Discon is from 2 – 5 May.** Conference registrations and accommodation bookings at Floreat Riverside Lodge Sabie are now open with several other attractive options available in the area. It is essential to book as soon as possible to ensure your space. Once again, we hope to see Anns present in numbers and again have a short Breakaway Conference, as enjoyed by all present earlier this year in eSwatini.

Please also read the rest of DG Riana's Newsletter to stay abreast of the latest Rotary news and next year's DISCON. Until next month, have a wonderful and blessed Christmas as you continue planning to Create Hope in the World into 2024.

Sincerely yours, IPDGA Christina

*IPDGA Christina*

IPDGA Christina Forsyth-Thompson 2023/24

## Rotary District 9400 Headquarters Official Opening



Rotarians from D9400 and other role players joined the landmark event of inaugurating the new Rotary District 9400 Headquarters on the corner of Owl Street and Empire Road in Milpark on 3 November. It was an exciting event with the main programme taking place one floor below the official D9400 chambers. The programme director was Thabang Chiloane, President of RC Waterkloof, who officiated the opening and welcoming. Several toasts were made – to South Africa, to District 9400 and to Rotary International by Shereen Hunter, President of the E-Club of Southern Africa D9400, PDG Stella Anyangwe and DGE George Senosha respectively.



The District Governor address by DG Riana Pretorius was followed by an inspiring presentation on the partnership between JCCI and Rotary by Rotarian Bernadette Zeiler. A big surprise for all the guests was the presence of RI Director Drew Kessler and his wife Vicky from New York, USA. Both are Rotarians and he has some remarkable achievements in Rotary that include being a DG at the age of 32 and currently the youngest RI Director.

*Guests at the official opening of the Rotary District 9400 Headquarters outside the office on the terrace overlooking Johannesburg*



*The ceremonial cutting of the ribbon by DG Riana Pretorius*



*Past, present and future District Governors of D9400 celebrated the event with our American visitors*



*RID Drew and Vicky Kessler in the boardroom of Rotary District 9400 Headquarters*



*PDG Annemarie shows the wall of donors who contributed to the Headquarters*



*PP Hans Mostert, PDG Stella Anyangwe and husband Carlson Anyangwe with Rita Millan, President RC Northcliff*



*PDG Annie Steijn, DG Riana and PAG Mariana Purnell*





## D9400 PEOPLE OF ACTION

Click [here](#) to view Club newsletters and stories online! Send your Club Newsletters to [admin@rotary9400.org.za](mailto:admin@rotary9400.org.za) to have them loaded onto the D9400 website!

### Rotary Club of Johannesburg New Dawn

Babette Gallard of the RC Johannesburg New Dawn launched her latest book, *FUTURE IMPERFECT*, on November 9. The event, which was at the Bioscope, Johannesburg, was a standing-room-only event, but not by design. When the last of the 50 seats were taken, everyone else had to stand in the aisles.



For those who know her as the RC Johannesburg New Dawn's lead member for environmental initiatives, it won't be a surprise to hear that climate change was the theme of her launch and her book. The event was opened by dancers Jodi and Chidera from the National of Arts, with Ephemera,

their uniquely choreographed and environmentally focused School dance. From here, lead speakers gave the audience their take on our planet's future until Babette, interviewed by journalist and author Terry Shakinowsky, gave her own.



A short summary video of the event will be released and shared here soon, but meanwhile, Babette is keen to talk to more club members about her book and some of the actions we could all take today for everyone's tomorrow.

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[babettegallard@gmail.com](mailto:babettegallard@gmail.com)

### Rotary Club of Sandton

During November, the RC Sandton was hard at work cleaning up a section of the Spruit in Bryanston. Well done team!





## Rotary Club of Johannesburg New Dawn

This year COP28, the 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference, Trade will feature prominently for the first time. Small businesses play a crucial role in international trade, and in fighting climate change.

RC Johannesburg New Dawn supports [Sari For Change](#), a transformative mission headed up by club member, Rayana Edwards. The main area of focus for Rotary, is to find new hubs where sewing groups can be trained from scratch as well as providing machines and overlockers.



[Sari For Change](#) is a leader in South Africa's sustainable apparel industry, upcycling saris into new garments, reducing waste and empowering unskilled and unemployed women, in line with the International Trade Centre (ITC) objectives of reaching climate action with a just transition.

Dedicated to environmentally responsible practices, Rayana, is a participant in the [ITC SheTrades accelerator programme](#), received the Women's Leadership Award from Goldman Sachs and Fortune Media, along with the prestigious SAB Foundation Social Innovation Award in 2022 in South Africa. Her impact extends globally, with clients in the United States, Sweden, and Denmark.

## Rotary Satellite Club of Sandton Central

The Rotary Satellite Club of Sandton Central held a successful day at Alexander outreach promoting health care. Thank to Department of Health, Nurses with Purpose and everyone who assisted in this event



## Rotary Clubs of Pretoria

The Rotary Clubs of Pretoria and DGN George Senosha joined hands with the Department of Defence in Health Services and gender-based violence (GBV) from 28 November to 1 December.

It was a great start for the week and the Military really appreciated our mental health services. We got to meet all the high-level officials and got many of them to do the mental health check which they really appreciated. Many indicated that Stigma is a big challenge in the military, people don't want to talk about mental health challenges. They also talked about need to expand these services to reach spouses of the military through the various engagements they have.



As the focus of the week is promoting GBV awareness, they found our mental health services to be a great addition to what they already have.



## Rotary Club of Pretoria East



*Ina and Nakkie from Bronberg's very active knitting group*

RC Pretoria East members and the ladies from the Bronberg Lifestyle Centre knitting group paid surprise visit to the 27 young children at the 'Home for the Needy' in Lethabong.

The head of the Home Catherine Tsokgo introduced the visitors, which included Rotarians as well as, to the children in the morning Creche group.



*Club members were President Owen Maroleni, PP Robin and Edie Jones, PP Aiden and Rose Robertson, PP Doulien and Bert Knopjes and Grant Adam (donor of the sweets and refreshments).*

Rotarian Robin and Edie Jones introduced Catherine and the young learners to SOUNDS, flag ship project of RC Pretoria East. It is an early learning phonetic program aimed at developing the reading and spelling skills at an early stage in development to. The set includes the letters of the alphabet as well as a backing board to be used in the daily lessons at the creche. All 27 of the learners were given the chance to familiarize themselves with the program of sounding out the letters and the added tactile advantage of picking up the individual letters and familiarizing themselves with the shapes.



Having noticed several boxes and packages, the young learners were, however, aware that there was more to come. Their little faces lit up when they saw all the teddies and goodies to eat! Smiles and excitement followed when the Ladies from Bronberg presented each child with their own adorable hand-knitted teddy bear.



Each child was treated to a selection of sweets and crisps as well as home baked banana bread and cooldrinks.

The afternoon care group of 42 older primary school children soon joined in. They report to the Home after school every day where they enjoy lunch in this place of safety.

Fortunately, there was plenty of sweets, chips and cooldrinks for all. A wide selection of teddy bears for them was kindly donated by PP Cheryl Jute. These will be stored in the classroom and be available to the children each school day.



# DISCON 2024



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A vibrant red poster for Rotary District D9400. At the top, the Rotary logo is on the left, and the text "Rotary Friendship Exchange" is on the right. The main text "SAVE THE DATE" is in large, bold, red letters. Below it, "MONTH OF JUNE 2024 - JUNE 15 - JUNE 28" is written in white. Further down, "Visit Canada D5020" and "Land at Vancouver airport" are in white. A red dashed line with an airplane icon and location pins connects two points. Below this, the contact information "Contact Jackie van Waveren" and "jackievw40@yahoo.com" is listed, followed by the phone number "084 326 5228". The bottom half of the poster features a collage of Canadian-themed illustrations: a moose, a beaver, a maple leaf, a lighthouse, a windmill, a house, and a city skyline, all set against a background of red and white wavy lines.





## District 9400 EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>1</b>	December <b>2023</b>	<b>World Aids Day</b> – Raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection and mourning those who've died of the disease.
<b>3</b>	December <b>2023</b>	<b>2023 Interact Awards</b> – Closing date for Interact clubs to submit a promotional video, photo, or essay that raises awareness about Interact and shares what it means to be an Interactor. Awards will be given for best video, best photo, and best essay
<b>21</b>	February <b>2024</b>	<b>Happy Hippo Golf Challenge</b> ERPN Golf course, on Pretoria Road in Benoni. Contact Grace van Zyl <a href="mailto:grace@gracevanzyl.com">grace@gracevanzyl.com</a> or Sanette Mostert <a href="mailto:sanette@mindfullanes.co.za">sanette@mindfullanes.co.za</a>
<b>23</b>	February <b>2024</b>	The Sun never sets on Rotary. Showcase your club project during a 24-hour long global celebration of Rotary 16h00 to 17h00. Contact Grace van Zyl <a href="mailto:grace@gracevanzyl.com">grace@gracevanzyl.com</a>
<b>23</b>	February <b>2024</b>	<b>Rotary International birthday</b> – established on this day in 1905
<b>20</b>	April <b>2024</b>	<b>REGISTRATION CLOSES. LAST DAY</b> to register for <b>2024 District Conference</b> of D9400
<b>2-5</b>	May <b>2024</b>	<b>D9400 District Conference</b> , FLOREAT Riverside Lodge, Sabie
<b>25-29</b>	May <b>2024</b>	<b>2024 Rotary International Convention</b> , SINGAPORE

### The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

### A Prova Quádrupla

Do que pensamos, dizemos ou fazemos:

1. É a VERDADE?
2. É JUSTO para todos os interessados?
3. Criará boa VONTADE e MELHORES AMIZADES?
4. Será BENÉFICO para todos os interessados?

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To view the 4-Way Test in some of the other languages spoken in D9400, click [here](#)

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