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**"The smallest act of
kindness is worth more
than the grandest
intention."**

~Oscar Wilde

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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 and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



WELCOME

Sarah van Heerden
Editor in Chief



When I was 10, I started to read the Miss Marple stories penned by Agatha Christie. From an even younger age, I used to love shows such as Murder She Wrote. Today, I still enjoy a good old English murder mystery and this is something my son seems to have inherited.

It's not a fascination with gore or crime, as most who watch these will know, they are not graphic, but the attraction lies in solving a puzzle and seeing ordinary people ensuring that justice is delivered – through a working system.

We all know that in many, if not most, parts of the world, our systems are failing and the expectation of 'government must do...' seems to be greater than the realisation that we all have a duty to also 'do'.

I think this is why I ardently support what Rotary and similar organisations do. The reality is that while governments must do, funds are scarce, corruption is rampant and the working class is growing smaller and smaller. We have too many people and insufficient infrastructure to cater for them. And yes, we can scream, "BUT I AM A TAXPAYER, GOVERNMENT MUST..." but it achieves nothing. It changes nothing.

We are, in all facets of life, as society, as organisations and even as families, only as strong as our weakest link. If we want to move forward, we need to do one of two things; fortify our weaknesses or abandon them to the wolves and hope they don't rise up against us.

Now if you think the latter is a good idea, let me build on the wolf metaphor. So yes, you leave your weak and frail team members and continue to trek through the wilderness of life. The wolves will find and eat those you left behind, but when their hunger returns, they will hunt those who are now, but were not previously, the weakest. And there is a chance that it could be you or someone you love.

So the answer lies in fortification of our people, infrastructure and systems, in the development of economies, the preservation of the environment and creating peace. Yes, it sounds familiar.... A lot like Rotary!

If there is one thing that I have learned through Rotary it is that by accepting my duty to 'do', by doing all I am able to strengthen the weakest infrastructure, systems and communities, I am in fact, making my community stronger and more resilient... I too, benefit.

We are all connected, what benefits one benefits all, what harms one harms all. This is something COVID-19, the 2021 riots in South Africa and even the Ukraine war have shown us. Consequences can ripple across the world and impact us in a number of ways - through oil prices, supply chains and so forth.

So yes, governments must and should do many things, but we are also accountable for our situations and creating more resilient communities. Because while we are entitled to certain expectations, there is no need to be entitled.

President's Message

Greetings, my dear changemakers,

Due to your positive response to the Each One, Bring One initiative, I am so happy to see that the membership trends in Rotary are very positive. Let us not lose this momentum - keep working and also work hard to retain every member we attract. I look forward to seeing you next month in Houston at the 2022 Rotary International Convention, which I assure you will be a great event.

Also, in Houston this June, we will be hosting my final presidential conference. We have devoted this year to conferences built around Rotary's areas of focus. The conferences have been a tremendous success, both in terms of attendance and in the ideas that have been brought to the surface.

Last fall, our conference in the Philippines, which focused on protecting the environment and growing local economies, attracted 2 200 people online. In Brazil, our meeting centred around water, sanitation and hygiene and how it relates to disease prevention and treatment; more than 600 people attended. That was followed by an event about the environment, economy and peace in Maputo, Mozambique, which attracted around 400 in-person attendees and another 700 virtually. Our conference about keeping the economy and environment in harmony, held in Venice, Italy, had more than 600 in attendance.

Through these conferences and my travels around the world, numerous leaders have taken the time to meet with me and agreed to collaborate with Rotary. These have included the prime minister of Mauritius, the president of Seychelles, the deputy prime minister of Bahrain and the presidents of Albania and Kosovo. Clearly, Rotary is making an impact in the world and the world is eager for our leadership.

In Houston, the final presidential conference will focus on an area in which Rotary has long provided leadership: Serve to Bring Peace. Everything we do in Rotary helps create the conditions that foster peace in communities, nations and ourselves.

In March, I was able to see first-hand the tremendous difference Rotary is making in Ukraine, as refugees continue to pour into Poland. Donors have contributed millions of dollars to this effort; our projects are



making a tremendous difference and there is enormous gratitude for your continued generosity and support.

It is heart-breaking to see up close all the lives that have been uprooted and the Ukrainian people are not alone. A devastating civil war in Yemen continues. The humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan is deepening. Armed conflicts affect nations across Africa, including Libya, South Sudan, the Central African Republic, northern Mozambique, Ethiopia and Cameroon. And major refugee crises continue in Syria and Venezuela.

Rotary will always be on the side of peaceful resolution of conflict and providing aid and comfort to people in need, whenever and wherever we can. Rotary was there at the end of World War II, promoting the creation of the United Nations and standing up for the cause of peacebuilding worldwide. It is time for us to renew our mission and perform our role as one of the world's great promoters of peace.

There is no better way to Serve to Change Lives than to serve the cause of peace.

Shekhar Mehta,
Rotary International President (2021/22)



Find Project Partners

Thousands of Rotary and Rotaract clubs have shared their projects on Rotary Showcase since it launched in 2012. Now Rotary has added new features that make this online tool even more useful.

Your club can now post proposed projects and seek partners for those projects. You can share project details, ask for financial or other support and connect with other clubs. Potential partners can search Rotary Showcase to find proposed projects to join and contact project creators directly.

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ACTION FIGURES

2022 Rotary International Convention Countdown

Before the Rotary International Convention, 4-8 June, leaders of Rotary Action Groups will gather for an open house to share experiences and search for collaborative opportunities. The event, called RAGTime, will take place on 2 June at Houston's Downtown Aquarium, a six-acre entertainment and dining complex that is home to more than 300 species of aquatic animals.

Rotary Action Groups are independent, global, Rotary-affiliated groups which are made up of experts in a particular field, such as economic development, peace, addiction prevention, the environment and water. Action groups offer their technical expertise and support as clubs plan and implement projects. They can help clubs and districts find partners and funding, prepare grant applications, conduct community assessments and develop plans to monitor and evaluate their projects.

At the open house, you can meet representatives of most of the 27 action groups, including the two newest: the Rotary Action Group for Menstrual Health and Hygiene and the Rotary Action Group for Refugees, Forced Displacement and Migration, both established in 2020/21. The evening includes heavy appetisers and light music. To learn more and buy tickets, visit dna-rag.com/rotary-in-action/ragtime-2022.

During the convention itself, attendees can find another type of international group led by Rotary members. Many Rotary Fellowships, whose members share a common interest or passion, will have their own booths at the House of Friendship, inside the George R. Brown Convention Centre.



Foundation Trustee Chair

John Germ

As an engineer, I have worked my entire life for success that can be measured. I believe in the kind of success you can reach out and touch. And I also know that it doesn't come overnight, it happens one step at a time.

At The Rotary Foundation, we don't settle for a vague idea of doing good; we take measurable steps, ones that are concrete and real, toward a defined goal. It's progress that you can see and tell your family and friends about, each step of the way.

Measurable success is what our new Programmes of Scale grants are all about. The first member-led programme to receive this annual \$2 million grant, Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia (PMFZ), seeks to reduce malaria by 90 percent in 10 highly affected districts within two provinces of Zambia. It's an ambitious but achievable goal, based on a community health worker model that has been successful in reducing malaria in other parts of Zambia, as implemented by Rotary members and our partners on the ground.

To help end malaria in Zambia, The Rotary Foundation, World Vision US and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation are each contributing \$2 million to PMFZ, whose Rotary-led programme already has begun to expand life-saving malaria diagnosis and treatment to hundreds more rural communities. So far, this Rotary year, PMFZ has trained, equipped and

deployed more than 1 300 of the 2 500 new community health workers who will help local health centres reach more people who are vulnerable to malaria, such as mothers and children. PMFZ is also collecting and analysing data to ensure medical supplies get to where they are needed most. This work, along with the close collaboration between implementing partners and Rotary and Rotaract clubs across Zambia, has comprised the first bold steps toward our goal.

PolioPlus is another example of a global project that has been engineered for impact. The fact that we have reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent worldwide is a testament to your generous contributions, our strong partnerships through the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and a vast network of volunteers who administer drops to children around the world.

And we won't stop now. Rotary spearheaded the drive to end polio and Rotary will complete it. Encourage your district leaders to designate leftover District Designated Funds (DDF) for polio eradication, so we can finish the job.

As an engineer, I have been proud to see my blueprints transformed into great structures and facilities. But perhaps I am even prouder of how together in Rotary we have engineered a better world - measurably, step by step, project by project. In Rotary, we can all be engineers of hope, building a better future for the next generation.



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Changemakers

DR PATRICK COLEMAN

ROTARY E-CLUB OF SOUTHERN AFRICA D9400

IT STARTED WITH A PIN.

A few years ago, my eldest son, Christopher Coleman, joined the Rotary Club of Lenexa (D5710) while my wife and I were attending the Rotary International Convention in Hamburg.

As a proud father, I shared the announcement on social media and many Rotarians clicked the like button. My son decided to contribute \$1 to The Rotary Foundation for every like, up to 1 000 likes, received. Over the course of the next few days, we accumulated more than 1 000 likes and Christopher became a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) within a month of joining his Rotary club. A few years later Christopher was elected as president of his Rotary club and wrote the following as his presidential message for his year - it was too good not to share!

"I was a 9-year-old boy at sports camp with dreams of soccer stardom when a former player gave me a pin from his pro-club. This pin made me feel part of something - a tradition and history which was even bigger than my dreams. I wore it around the world, as a quiet sign to other supporters that we belonged. Decades later, I still bleed Manchester United red... and I still have the pin.

"Rotary has lots of pins: officer pins, Paul

Harris Fellow pins, club pins, theme pins... Some Rotarians are pin collectors, and some chuck them forgotten in a drawer, but Rotary pins mark us. The pin symbolises a tradition and history which is even bigger than our dreams.

"We serve to change lives, not earn pins. Wearing the pin tells others that we place service above self, that we can be counted on to live the ideals of Rotary."

When I see the PHF pin on his lapel I am reminded of something Past RI President Cliff Dochterman said many years ago. "The Trustees came up with the idea of trying to get Rotarians to give \$1 000 in one major gift by giving them a special form of public recognition. So, it was suggested that we call them Paul Harris Fellows."

There were three conditions to the recognition:

1. The contribution must be at least \$1,000;
2. It must be from one individual; and
3. It must be given within a single year.

In 1957, a monetary gift of \$1 000 was a substantial amount of money. So, there were not too many gifts and very few Paul Harris Fellows.

As time went by, it was decided that The Foundation could collect more money if the gift



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could be collected and given over several years. Once there was a total accumulation of \$1 000, the Trustees would then designate the person as a Paul Harris Fellow.

Later, it was suggested, that if a club did not have just one person who could give a \$1 000 in a personal contribution, maybe several persons could go together and make the \$1 000 gift. Then the question was raised, “Who will be the Paul Harris Fellow?” Gradually, the answer was for the donors or the Rotary club to pick one person who had long service, or some distinguishing characteristics, and name them as the PHF.

Thus, in some clubs, the concept developed that a PHF was just an award for exceptional service. The result was that in those clubs a PHF took on a totally different meaning (a reward for exceptional service) from its original purpose – to encourage individual Rotarians to give larger contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

Ironically, in those clubs which chose to limit the Paul Harris Fellow recognition to a form of an award for exceptional service, many Rotarians were

discouraged from making large personal gifts to The Rotary Foundation since it may be interpreted as giving merely to seek or buy an award.

The per capita giving in those areas of the world is much lower than those areas where the concept of a PHF is the original purpose by The Rotary Foundation Trustees for an individual, or in whose name, a gift of \$1 000 is given to conduct the work of The Foundation.

Has the PHF recognition by the Trustees been successful as a fund raising scheme? Absolutely! In 1956, nearly \$500 000 was raised annually by The Foundation.

By the way, \$1 000 in 1956 has the equivalent in purchasing power of about \$10 430 today. As of 30 June 2021, net assets equalled \$666.1 million and commitments totalled \$882.2 million for a combined total of more than \$1.5 billion. We are “changing lives!”

As we come near the end of this Rotary Year, please consider what you can contribute to The Rotary Foundation as we continue to Serve to Change Lives!



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Take Action

After nearly 15 months without any reported cases of wild polio in Pakistan, a 15-month-old boy in North Waziristan was paralysed by the wild poliovirus.

Pakistan's Polio Emergency Operations Centres have deployed teams to conduct a full investigation of the recent case, while emergency immunisation campaigns are underway to prevent further spread of the wild poliovirus to other parts of Pakistan and across the Afghan border.

While this news is disappointing, it is not entirely unexpected. Despite the record-low case counts in 2021, polio surveillance in Pakistan has found positive environmental samples indicating that the virus continues to circulate.

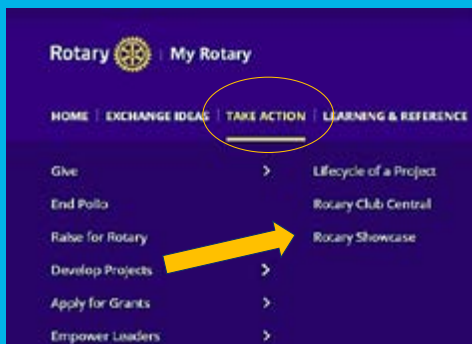
As the Global Polio Eradication Initiative

responds urgently to the new case, Rotary members in Pakistan will work to raise awareness about the importance of polio immunisation and advocate with the government to prioritise eradication.

This case underscores that our work is not over and complacency can hinder the polio programme's progress. It is critical that Rotary members around the world intensify their efforts to raise funds for PolioPlus, so that we can provide the funding necessary to respond to any new cases of polio in polio-endemic and outbreak countries.

At the same time, Rotary members can be proud of the work they have done to bring wild polio case counts to a historic low and can continue to leverage this momentum to make polio eradication a reality.

ROTARY SHOWCASE



Attention Rotary clubs!

Attention Rotary members! An Empowering Girls tab has been added to Rotary Showcase. Project champions are encouraged to log into My Rotary and upload their empowering girls projects. This will allow you and other Rotary clubs to collaborate, showcase and inspire more projects through a single platform!



Typhoon Rai swept over the islands on 16 December, leaving a trail of destruction in its wake. By the time the storm passed, 1.7 million homes were damaged or completely destroyed.

Rebuilding COMMUNITIES

16 MARCH 2022 - ShelterBox close to having sheltered around 100 000 people whose homes lay in the path of a super typhoon that hit the Philippines.

ShelterBox was one of the first charities to start distributing aid in the aftermath of Typhoon Rai that devastated the islands and damaged 1.7 million homes just as families were preparing for Christmas.

The Philippines is ravaged so frequently by severe storms that ShelterBox pre-positions aid in the country and has a four-person team based there permanently. It means the charity, which has worked in the Philippines more than 30 times, can scale up its response to meet the needs of people more quickly.

Dave Ray from Cornwall formed part of a small team from the UK that deployed to help ShelterBox Operations Philippines support the most affected communities to rebuild.

As distributions come towards an end, Dave says, “In total we will have reached 20 000 families by

the end of this response. That’s around 100 000 people who have better shelter as a result of all the support we’ve had from our supporters.

“We have emptied our warehouse on this one so now it’s time to regroup, restock and prepare for the next time we are needed. With the help of our supporters, we can keep growing our presence in the Philippines so that ShelterBox can be at the forefront of shelter responses here.”

The international disaster relief charity provides emergency shelter and other essential items to families across the world who have lost their homes to disaster and conflict.

The charity has been distributing aid including corrugated iron sheets, hurricane strapping, tarpaulin, rope and tools to island communities who are finding it most difficult to access essential resources to build shelter.

Dave says, “From what I’ve seen families are really getting the most use out of all the shelter



“ShelterBox was one of the first charities to distribute aid in the aftermath, and we emptied our warehouses to support as many people as we could. Working with local Rotary clubs and partners, we have now reached almost 100 000 people with emergency aid.”

items we’ve distributed and are really happy with the quality of them. Not many other agencies were around giving shelter materials, and the damage levels were extensive, so all the items are of great use to families.

“At the most basic level, a tarpaulin has made the difference between a shelter made of salvaged materials that leaks to one that doesn’t. That is a huge difference in itself, not only to the protection of household items and physical health but to people’s emotional and mental well being.”

ShelterBox has been distributing solar lights to communities that don’t have a stable electricity supply, mosquito nets in areas known to have Dengue fever, as well as cash assistance.

Dave says, “Families have been able to buy new materials and hire skilled labour to construct strong new homes, which are so much more than a repaired shelter. There was a real sense of these new shelters being people’s new homes, as they would be using them for a long time. It’s been fantastic to see the sense of pride with which families were repairing and rebuilding the homes that had been destroyed.”

Robust local partnerships with Rotary, Humanity and Inclusion and local governments have helped ShelterBox get aid to some of the hardest to reach locations such as Bohol.

“Our relationship with Rotary has been phenomenal and it’s been fundamental to the success

of this response,” says Dave who has deployed for ShelterBox more than 30 times.

“Rotarians gave us local connections to communities that had been overlooked so we were able to assist them. They were at distributions providing amazing support. We are really proud of the support and friendship we are able to share together in times of disaster.”

Three months after Typhoon Rai made landfall, ShelterBox is looking to restock its in-country aid so it can be ready to respond to the next disaster.

“We are constantly working to be prepared for responding to disasters and to grow and develop our capacities, both in scale and in quality and being able to serve needs in a diverse way,” Dave says.

“Everywhere we respond we always make great local connections that serve well for the future. This ever-increasing knowledge is perfectly complemented by having pre-positioned items in our warehouse in Cebu.

“This capacity, plus the understanding we’ve built up about how to effectively move aid anywhere in the country, means that we are constantly ready to respond to needs quickly, flexibly and with what communities really need to recover.”

Find out more at shelterbox.org.



UKRAINE

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WITH ALL EYES ON UKRAINE, IT IS
IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THE MILLIONS
OF PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD WHO
ARE LIVING THROUGH THE TRAUMAS
OF WAR AND CONFLICT.

At ShelterBox, we are committed to supporting people impacted by the war in Ukraine, just as we remain committed to our work in countries like Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Mozambique, and Nigeria.

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MEET FRANCIS “TUSU” TUSUBIRA.

A founding partner of an information and communications technology consulting firm, Tusubira is a member of the Rotary Club of Kampala-North, Uganda, and served on Rotary’s Strategic Planning Committee when our Action Plan was developed. He’s also a member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers.



Q. The Action Plan asks us to increase our impact. How should we think about doing that?

TUSU: Here’s an analogy: When your children are in school, it’s easy to get excited about a great grade or test result — the success of that immediate moment. But as parents, we know we also need to take the long view. What kind of people are our children becoming? What will they do for the world after we’re gone?

Real impact is something that resonates well beyond the work we do on a project. It’s sustainable long after we have left the scene.

This definition of impact requires us to think about service in a different way. It is not what we give to communities that creates sustainability. It’s whether the project enables communities to take ownership and drive the transformation on their own after we are gone. A good project is a catalyst for sustainable change.

Q. Why is it important to measure our impact?

TUSU: So we can be smarter about what we need to start doing, what we need to continue doing, and what we need to stop doing. It’s essential to the future of our organization. Major funding agencies demand evidence of impact. Young people — the future of Rotary — have grown up asking institutions and organizations for greater accountability and transparency.

Q. What changes are you already seeing in Rotary?

TUSU: I’m heartened that Rotary is identifying consistent ways to assess and measure results. This way, we’ll all be on the same page when it comes to planning projects and identifying impact.

I’m also seeing a greater appetite for risk. Less proscriptive funding will promote smart risk-taking and will encourage people to learn from — rather than fear — setbacks.

There’s greater support for clubs to focus their efforts on a few key areas, rather than trying to do too many projects. Instead of starting by asking “What are the deficits here?” clubs are learning how to build on a community’s strengths and seeking out what I call the “pressure points” — areas where targeted, concentrated work can set in motion a cascade of change.

I’m also excited by the new Programs of Scale initiative. These projects have the longer time frame necessary to make a sustainable difference. Most important, Programs of Scale incentivize clubs to work together and recognize them for doing that. If you want to provide clean water sources, why would you want 50 clubs doing 50 different projects? We united against polio. Let’s unite to solve other challenges facing our world.

Q. What makes you feel optimistic?

TUSU: Our work eradicating polio proves we are an organization capable of genuine and lasting impact. And I’m excited about the rising generation of Rotarians and Rotaractors who are bringing their commitment to sustainable solutions. We can do this.

Besides that, my name, Tusubira, literally means “we hope”!



HANDBOOK

Logos to go

How to keep your club's graphics up-to-date

Montague M Bear did not have it easy. A Chicago engraver, he created Rotary's first logo in 1905 - a wagon wheel with 13 spokes. When members complained that it looked too static, he added what he intended to be clouds, but which his critics thought looked like dust, impossibly appearing on both sides of the wheel.

After the 1912 convention, Bear's wagon wheel was replaced by the current, gear-like look, followed by a wide range of variations. The current design became standard in 2013: a simplified, monochrome wheel along with the Rotary wordmark, which reproduces well in different sizes across digital platforms. This new logo also provides space to add your club's name.

While many Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs have updated their logos, others have not, which harms the consistency of Rotary's image across the world. **"We need Rotary to speak with one voice,"** says Liz Thiam, Rotary's brand specialist. **As with major consumer brands, Rotary's marks feature a standardised and specific font, colour and design that is legally protected,** Thiam says, **"just like the Nike Swoosh."**

But have no fear: With these tips, within minutes any member can create a proper club logo for use on their website, social media accounts, or event signage by visiting the recently updated Brand Center at My Rotary.

- JOSEPH DERR

Find out the last time your club updated its logo

Was it before 2013? Does your logo's wheel contain more than one colour? If yes, then it's time for a change.

Don't search the web

to download the Rotary logo or other branding material. While Google may be your friend for many things, it's also packed with off-brand Rotary logos.

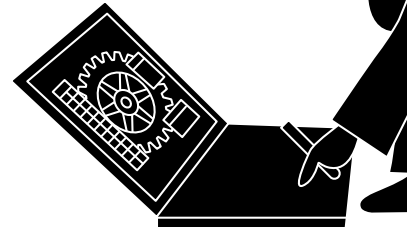
Instead, open My Rotary

on www.rotary.org and go to the Brand Centre. There you'll find the tools needed to create your own club logo, ads and other club resources.



Provide your club's updated logo

to project partners and outside organisations so they don't search online - and potentially download an old wagon wheel.



Use the template in Brand Centre

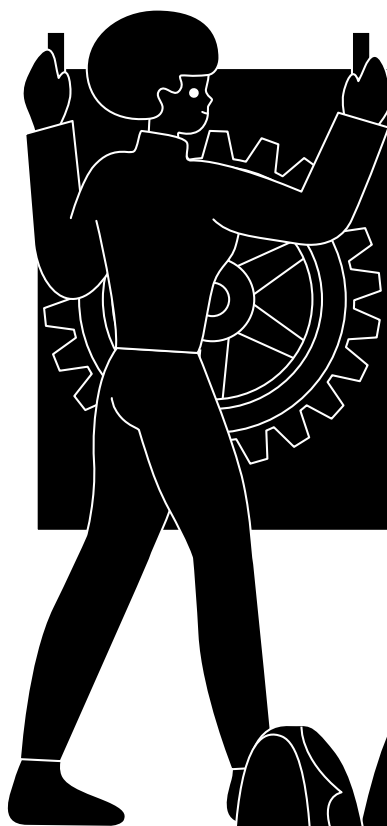
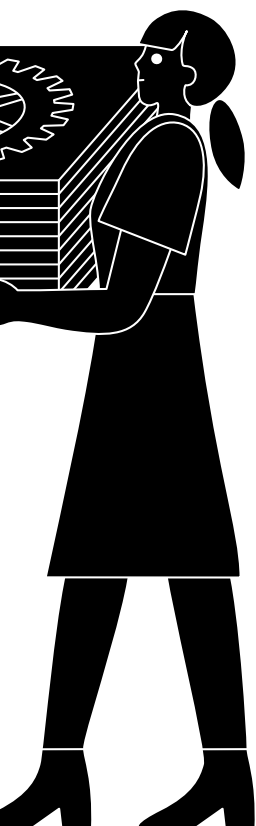
to create your club's new logo. Type in the name of your Rotary club, download the logo and you're done.

Don't obscure the wheel

or use it to depict another graphic element. "I've seen the Rotary wheel turned into sunrises and pancakes," says Thiam. "When a club logo is altered or used improperly, it can create confusion and mistrust."

Update your digital presence

such as your website and social media. Then set aside a budget and update printed materials, starting with signage, event banners and clothing. After that, refresh Rotary business cards, club flyers, brochures, trading banners and name badges.



Resources

- Find official logo templates and graphics for clubs, along with brand guidelines, at rotary.org/brandcenter.
- To learn more about Rotary's brand, take a quick course at rotary.org/learn.

Rotary members honoured as Girls'

Empowerment Champions

Six Rotary members were honoured in March as People of Action: Champions of Girls' Empowerment during Rotary Day with UNICEF in New York City. This distinction recognises the honourees' commitment to improving girls' access to education, health and sanitation and hygiene resources, as well as their work to create environments where girls can flourish. Empowering Girls is one of RI President Shekhar Mehta's key initiatives, and he is encouraging clubs and districts to make it a focus of their service projects this year.



Elaine Ruiz

Rotary Club of Senador, Guimard, Brazil

Ruiz is the director of Sewing the Future, a project that offers professional training to young women in the criminal justice system. It prepares girls to become seamstresses, artisans and service workers, which helps them find work after they're released and reduces their chances of being convicted of crimes again. Ruiz serves as a liaison between the girls and the justice system and plays an integral part in establishing financial partnerships in the community.



Momtaz Chowdhury

Rotary Club of Dhaka Mavericks, Bangladesh

Chowdhury is vice-president of the Institution for Shelter, Training and Development of Underprivileged Girls in Dhaka, Bangladesh, which provides housing, food and education for girls through secondary school. The organisation offers vocational training and, when the girls graduate, job placement assistance. Chowdhury has also helped girls through the international development organisation BRAC and her family's own educational philanthropy projects. Chowdhury believes that instilling leadership and entrepreneurial skills in girls benefits them as well as their communities, which is why she works with banks to provide flexible loans for female entrepreneurs. She also collaborates with banks to provide small-business aid to women who have lost their jobs because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mildred Fragante

Rotary Club of Cubao Metro Aurora, Philippines

Fragante has worked hard throughout her career to raise awareness of abuse of women and children. She was a producer for Women's Desk (later known as Draw the Line), a national TV programme that collaborated with the Philippine government's Women and Children Protection Centre on stories about domestic abuse. Fragante also founded Aurora, a resource and education programme that works to empower girls, and Reconnect, which pairs journalists and authors with survivors of abuse so that the writers can better tell these stories. As president of her club in 2018/19, she secured a Rotary Foundation global grant to renovate a community shelter for abused girls.



Srinidhi S U

Rotaract Club of Swarna Bengaluru, India

Srinidhi S U has devoted his efforts in Rotaract to the health needs of women and girls in his community. He served as the project chair for a menstrual hygiene management session in 2018 and later founded Project Sthree to address women's health concerns, including menstrual hygiene, HPV, thyroid and breast cancer, in and around Bengaluru. The initiative also provides leadership and safety training. He has participated in District 3190's Red Dot Talks that encourage men to discuss menstrual issues. His work has given more than 5 000 girls a greater awareness of menstrual hygiene.



Lydia Njoroge

Rotary Club of Kiambu, Kenya

Njoroge is the manager of the Freedom for Girls programme at Health Education Africa Resource Team (HEART), which has directly affected the lives of almost 300 000 girls in Kenya and other parts of East Africa by providing hygiene products to keep them healthy and in school. Njoroge has conducted extensive research on how menstrual concerns affect girls' access to education. She has worked with Rotary clubs in the US and Kenya and with Procter & Gamble's Always Keeping Girls in School initiative; she facilitates relationships with programme partners to provide girls with resources and help them get an education. The Freedom for Girls programme has reached girls in more than 500 schools and trained more than 10 000 teachers in mentoring female students.

Motalib Weijters

Rotary Club of Uden, The Netherlands

As a child adopted by Dutch parents, Weijters knew very little about his biological family or about life in their home country of Bangladesh. In 1994, he reconnected with them and saw the needs of people in their community. While in Bangladesh, he worked on water and sanitation projects and later founded a clinic for mothers and children. He also established a cervical and breast cancer treatment centre that offers services to women and girls in need. These initiatives have helped more than 21 000 people. The clinics are financially supported by NGOs and Rotary clubs in the Netherlands and Bangladesh.



- RYAN HYLAND

Is it bias or is it bigotry?

Bias, it turns out, is more complicated than we thought

Most of us associate the word “bias” with bad things like racism, sexism and homophobia.

To social scientists, however, those things go beyond bias; they’re bigotry. Social scientists define bias as a preference and without it, well, imagine how long it’d take you to place an order in a restaurant.

Psychologist Matt Grawitch, director of strategic research at Saint Louis University’s School for Professional Studies, says our brains evolved to make decisions quickly, based on small amounts of information. In prehistoric times, experts believe that the more someone seemed like us, the less dangerous we assumed them to be, whether or not this was true.

But many of our prehistoric tendencies aren’t necessarily good for us today. Studies have shown that the most diverse companies are more likely to outperform their competitors. And you may have a bias toward burgers and against vegetables, but that doesn’t mean you should only eat burgers or hate vegetables.

Part of being a modern, evolved human or organisation might mean avoiding some of the things we’re biased toward and seeking out alternatives.

While we are often bad at spotting our own biases, we can learn to distinguish bias from bigotry and keep it from negatively affecting our decisions.

Here are some tips for keeping bias from becoming a detriment.

- LOUIS GREENSTEIN



TIPS TO ELIMINATE HARMFUL BIAS

Learn more about uncovering unconscious bias in the diversity, equity and inclusion courses in the Rotary Learning Centre. Find them at my.rotary.org/learning-reference.

► **Recognise that it’s hard.** We are largely unaware of our own biases, even when they are brought to our attention, says Cory Clark, a psychologist at the University of Pennsylvania. Clark often asks a classroom of students to rate themselves relative to the others in the room on friendliness, attractiveness, sense of humour and other factors. It invariably turns out that they all consider themselves above average. “Almost everyone is a 6 or above,” Clark says. Then she shows them the results and points out that it’s impossible for 100 percent to be in the top half on each trait. Having revealed their bias, she asks them to rate themselves again. The vast majority still rate themselves as better than average. “Everyone is on board with the idea that people are biased,” says Clark. “But it’s always the other group!”



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— Cory Clark,
executive director of
the Adversarial Collaboration
Project at the University of Pennsylvania

THE COST OF BIAS

Employer bias drives employee disengagement, which costs US companies an estimated \$550 billion per year.

► **20 percent vs 7 percent.** Employees at large companies who perceive that their companies are unfairly biased are nearly three times as likely to be disengaged at work.

► **31 percent vs 10 percent.** People who perceive unfair employer bias are more than three times as likely to say that they’re planning to leave their current jobs within the year.

► **34 percent vs 13 percent.** Those who perceive unfair bias are 2.6 times more likely to say that they’ve withheld ideas and solutions over the previous six months.

Sources: Gallup, Coqual

► Beware of group-think.

Psychologist Matt Grawitch says the risk of bigotry grows when our circle is made up of people who look, think and sound too much alike. “When everyone has the same bias,” he says, “you’ve created an echo chamber.”

► Ask yourself: Is it true - or safe?

Clark says that earlier in our history, our biases tied us to our clan, our tribe, or what psychologists call our “in-group.” And disagreeing with your in-group could get you cast out - or worse. Today, that bias toward our in-group creates the potential for us to distort the information we process and to feel frustrated when others don’t see things as we do.

► **Consider whether the bias is good for you, or for the group.** Bias may have favoured evolution, but not necessarily the individual. Squirrels are biased, says Clark, “to think everything is a predator.” So while fear of predators may promote the survival of the species, it might make an individual squirrel disadvantage itself by staying away from a human who’s trying to help it.

► **Set policies.** “We can’t rely on our self-awareness,” says Gail Tolstoi-Miller, founder of a staffing-strategy firm. One way to combat unconscious bias is to follow processes developed by a diverse group. “Diversity isn’t just identity,” she says. “Decision-makers must have diverse *thinking*.” This is especially true for hiring decisions. A diverse group of interviewers can help put unconscious bias to the side.

► **Encourage robust discussion.** “Organisations need to cultivate a culture that encourages and even celebrates constructive debate,” says Michael Diaz, founder of Delco Business Solutions, in Folsom, Pennsylvania. “If an organisation’s culture empowers team members to question each other’s assumptions, regardless of where they fall on the organisation chart, the negative impact of bias will be minimised.”

Riding in the Wild

After two years in 'mothballs', the Rotary Club of Hoedspruit (D9400) Kruger 2 Canyon Cycle Tour is being resurrected.

The project which is the club's major fundraiser and was recognised as the 2017/18 Best Fundraiser in District 9400, is a tour (not a race) that allows cyclists the unique experience through four big five safari reserves, The tour takes riders through the Timbavati, Thornybush, Kapama and Blue Canyon Reserves, traversing areas not normally accessible to the public.

The spectacular cycle tour through part of the Kruger to Canyon Biosphere resumes on 16 July 2022. The 100-kilometre dawn-to-dusk tour caters for a limited field of 100 cyclists - 5 pelotons of 20 riders.

As it is a tour and not a race, there is plenty of time for riders to view the impressive scenery and enjoy game sightings. The pelotons are accompanied by experienced armed guides who are more than capable of warding off any dangerous encounters with elephant or buffalo. However, these adrenalin moments add to the excitement of the day while the peloton guide gathers the riders together and keeps them safe.

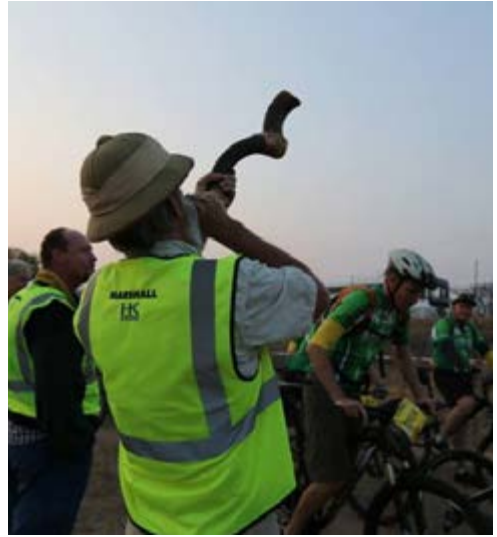
Every year riders have returned with exciting stories of close encounters and the wonderful support of their team and guides. They speak of how great camaraderie develops during the day, forming lifelong friendships and renewing old ones.

"A number of riders in two pelotons, both local and international, have patiently waited in the wings for the big day and are again supporting us," said Paul White, one of the club's organisers and a regular participant in the event.

Spaces are filling up fast, so interested cyclists must act quickly to avoid disappointment. "We are grateful for the support and return of many of our regular sponsors that supply the breakfasts, at the start of the race, lunches and keep cyclists are well watered along the route," said President Wilana Manderson

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New Club to Serve the Karoo

A new Rotary satellite e-club has been formed in South Africa's Karoo region. Launched in late March, the Rotary E-Club of Kimberley-the Karoo Region, a satellite of the Rotary Club of Kimberley (D9370), has 10 members - 8 from South Africa and 2 from USA. Once it reaches 20 members, it will charter as a new Rotary club. It aims to extend Rotary membership to business, professional and community leaders from anywhere in the world who have an interest in supporting the Karoo region in South Africa but are unable to meet traditional attendance requirements.

The new satellite e-club is already actively working on two projects. Firstly, a gender-based violence pilot project has been undertaken in conjunction with No Means No, Worldwide and NACOSA. The club was awarded a grant of R40 000 from the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek (D7620, USA) for this project.

In the second project the new satellite club will partner with the Rotary Club of Empangeni (D9370), supported by the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek, in a bicycle distribution and maintenance project. The two Rotary clubs are busy preparing a global grant application to fund the project and the satellite club will establish an outlet in the Frances Baard and Pixley ka Seme Districts in the Northern Cape.

The Karoo is situated in the western part of South Africa. It includes areas of the Northern Cape, Western Cape, Eastern Cape and Free State provinces. Despite covering 40% of the national land area (488 000 square kilometres), the Karoo accommodates just 4% of South Africa's population (2,4 million people). The sparse population means a low population density of 5,7 people per square kilometre.

Although it has no hard border, the Karoo region can

be thought of as running from the mouth of the Orange River on the Namibian border, eastwards through Upington to Bloemfontein, southwards through Lady Grey to Addo, westwards through Oudtshoorn to Paarl and northwards through Lamberts Bay to Port Nolloth on the Atlantic Ocean seaboard.

The identity and economy of the Karoo is strongly based on its natural resources. These include unique ecosystems of fauna and flora, niche agriculture, a rich, cold-water coastline, mineral and fossil fuel deposits and climatic conditions and resources that are conducive to wind and solar and to a more limited extent, hydraulic energy generation.

This natural resource base faces a number of threats, most significantly climate change that will result in the worsening of an already severe water scarcity situation, higher temperatures and more 'extremely hot days'.

The total economic output of the Karoo is low, at just 4.5% (R133 billion) of the total production of South Africa. The use of natural resources for economic gain has an impact on the sustainability of the region. This includes the potentially negative impact of mining and exploration activities, commercial agriculture and extensive solar and wind energy installations. These developments must be approached with care and sensitivity to their long-term impacts, with rehabilitation and restoration planned, budgeted for and properly undertaken.

Learn more at:

www.rotarykaroo.weebly.com or

www.facebook.com/rotaryclubkaroo.

Details of club meetings are on its website.



In February, Rotarians and staff from the New Somerset Hospital, gathered to celebrate the official opening of the outdoor breakroom.

Thanking the Frontline

By PP Janet Kriseman

What we learnt during the COVID-19 pandemic was that healthcare workers were, and remain, our most precious resource. In the beginning we clapped, shrieked and blew our vuvuzelas in their honour every evening at 8pm. The evenings went quiet but the need to appreciate and support healthcare workers remained. Ten months into the pandemic these brave professionals - doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, pharmacists, cleaners, security guards and other frontline workers and managers - were more stressed and exhausted than before. Tragically, many of their colleagues had lost their lives to COVID-19.

For the Rotary Club of Waterfront (D9350) this raised an important question: What did the frontline workers really need? Certainly, they wanted people to adhere to safety protocols and behaviours to slow the spread of disease and prevent the healthcare system from being overwhelmed, but the question of what the members, as Rotarians, could do to protect, support and care for health care workers, remained unanswered.

The way forward was a 'good old' community needs assessment and the club did just that, and asked the healthcare workers what they needed!

Leaders, managers and frontline staff at the local hospital were contacted and much was learned from

their responses. Interestingly, in a hospital where staff were well equipped with adequate PPE, the risk of COVID-19 infection for healthcare workers was greater in the tearoom or cafeteria than at the side of a patient's bed.

Which is why at the New Somerset Hospital staff asked for a safe and pleasant sheltered outdoor venue where they can enjoy short refreshment or meal breaks, while avoiding crowded indoor settings where virus transmission was more likely.

Now this was something the club could do! Since the club would not be manning physical sites for the annual Rotary Family Health Days due to COVID-19, it appealed to its neighbouring clubs to join the project.

The Rotary Club of Goodwood answered the call and helped Waterfront fund the balance of the project which was not covered by its district designated fund contribution of R20 000. Armed with a budget of just over R53 000, the clubs provided the staff with what they asked for.

The outdoor dining area, fondly known as the Rotary Afdak (canopy or shelter in Afrikaans), is a resource that will help protect staff from airborne disease exposure, such as COVID-19 and TB. By providing this resource the clubs not only met a need, but also provided these healthcare workers with a tangible form of recognition, a daily reminder that they are valued by the community they serve.



In March, Rotarians celebrated the 27th charter anniversary of the Rotary Club of Reservoir Hills (D9370).

Celebrating Service

The Rotary Club of Reservoir Hills was chartered on 27 March 1995 and has become a well-regarded body within Reservoir Hills and the many surrounding communities.

The charter anniversary was commemorated by Rotarians, spouses and their children. A beautiful cake baked and decorated by Kameshini Pillay and the formalities were led by charter member, Honorary Rotarian Jayaram Naidu.

The club currently led by President Desmond Govender, has much to celebrate. Over the past 27 years, the club has successfully embarked on many projects such as the Reservoir Hills Crisis Care centre, The Reservoir Hills Satellite Police station, the walkway at the crematorium, jungle gyms and peace gardens at the primary schools,

leadership training and career development at the secondary schools. Other projects have included the sourcing of wheelchairs and assistive devices from abroad for distribution to organisations working with the elderly and physically challenged. The club was instrumental in funding boreholes and provides substantial food hampers to terminally ill, unemployed and impoverished individuals.

The Rotarians are fully supported by their partners, who are critical volunteers at the club and carry out many exciting projects targeting maternal health and childcare, as well as animal welfare and support. The partners are instrumental in hosting the annual Women's Day fundraising event, which has become a sought after outing by women in and around Reservoir Hills.

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Birthday Festivities in JHB

February 23rd was an auspicious day for the Rotary Club of Johannesburg New Dawn (D9400). Sixty-two guests, members and visitors came together at Zoo Lake Park, where the club had planted an indigenous olive tree the year before.

Rotary International's 117th anniversary and centennial of Rotary's arrival in Africa were the primary reasons for the celebration. District Governor Stella Anyangwe was among the guests and complimented the club on its diversity and energy. To add to the festive mood, 7 new members were inducted, which brought the total membership to 59. Much of this is due to the efforts of Joan Sainsbury, who was responsible for the recruitment and retention of new members.

Finally, in keeping with the club's strong focus on the environment, President Ian Widdop introduced Michael Baretta, the managing director of Good, a leading cause marketing agency in South Africa.

Michael described how the idea for the agency came from a 3 600-kilometre, 7-month, expedition on foot, along South Africa's coastline to create awareness for the country's litter problem in 2013. Since then, Michael's innovative partnership with the Million Plus Recycling initiative and Fran Haslam, managing director of the Zoo Lake Users Committee, has enabled the installation of a recycling centre in the park. Michael went on to explain how the waste brought to the centre was in fact a source of revenue because every recyclable element is bought by Wastepreneurs, an independent recycling collector. Numerous recycled plastic benches and chairs are already in place, along with the waste collection bins that have been installed in all the main areas.

Club members were asked to bring at least one bag of plastic waste with them and to take it to the recycling centre after the main event.



Top: Norbert Kayowombo with his sax and Cuthbert Gumbochuma. Middle: Annemarie Mostert, Stella Anyangwe and Lucille Blumberg. Above: Mbali Zulu with President Ian Widdop.



Volunteers Lucy Gachogu of the Rotary Club of Morningside (D9400) with Rosebank Rotarians Estelle de Bruyn, Lyn Collocott, Debi Lieberthal, Sybille Essmann, Jean Bernardo and Sheldon Rambanapasi.

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A Day of Action

After all the rain in recent months, the Waterwise and Sensory Garden, next to the Environmental Centre at Delta Park, had become a veritable jungle.

Members of the Rotary Club of Rosebank (D9400) saw this as an opportunity to undertake an environmental project while celebrating the 117th anniversary of Rotary. Since 23 February was a weekday and the club wanted to attract as many volunteers as possible, it was decided that Saturday 19 February would be the Day of Action.

It was a gloomy and wet start to the day, but it did not take long for the clouds to lift. Thanks to the promotion of the event on Facebook and the Delta website, there was a good turnout despite the wet start to the day.

A few days before the event the club employed someone, who lives at the park, to start mowing and cutting away the blackjacks and other weeds which had encroached the garden. The volunteers arrived with spades, forks and trowels to clear as much of the undergrowth and weeds as possible.

The garden is already looking much better and the club plans to organise a follow-up to the initial clean-up day.



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Heribert Trunk (standing) was among a contingent of Rotarians who paid a visit to Life Choices and toured the revamped Life Choices HQ in Lansdowne. The visit follows the successful implementation of the Rotary global grant called the Future Leaders Development Project. The project is a collaborative effort between Life Choices, the Rotary Clubs of Claremont (D9350) and Bamberg (D1950) and District 1950 (Germany).

Meet Heribert Trunk

The self-made German entrepreneur, Heribert Trunk, may not be a well-recognised name in South Africa, but his philanthropist heart and love for youth has made him well known within civil society and the Rotary world.

For many years, he has been dedicated to the development of young people in South Africa and when he became the District Governor for Rotary District 1950 in Germany, he used his influence to expand his support.

“I was born in Bamberg, a city in Bavaria, Germany in a social hotspot where I grew up with my two siblings and my parents in social housing, which were apartments subsidised by the state for people in need.

“The feeling of having fewer material resources than many others during my childhood was offset by the good friendships and warmth of my family.

It is precisely this feeling from my childhood and youth that always makes me feel very close to many people here in South Africa.”

Trunk’s formative years fuelled his entrepreneurial pursuits. “I have always gone through life with open eyes and have thought about what the future requirements of the developing society in Germany would be – especially in the service market. I was too early with some ideas but some came at exactly the right time because the markets had developed that way.

“I had to start my entrepreneurial activity with almost nothing at the age of 18 because there was no money - I was sometimes a bit daring - but I was always very lucky to find committed and motivated employees who were enthusiastic about my ideas and very quickly viewed the various companies that I founded and built as ‘their own company’.”

The more successful he became in his businesses, the more his desire to spread goodwill grew. “During the last few years, I have become involved in several youth projects - from Delft to Plettenberg Bay - in the Western Cape. This was partly made possible with the help of local Rotary clubs.

“I have also been a long-standing supporter of initiatives in Kenya, where, among other initiatives, 4 500 children receive a warm meal every day and where we continue to build classrooms and new kitchens, drill wells and implement solar systems to solve the problem of unreliable electricity.”

Trunk took on the role of District Governor from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 and used his influence to facilitate collaboration between the Rotary Foundation and Rotary clubs in Germany and South Africa.

“A governor is allowed to visit all clubs in his district during his year (in our district there are 68 of which I actually visited 58 in person) and that’s when I developed the idea for a project of the governor. My desire was to expand the support provided to the youth in the Western Cape and with the help of the Rotarian community in the district and the rest of the world, I knew I would be able to do that.

“During my visits to the German Rotary clubs, which meant driving about 25,000 kilometres by car, my wife was always at my side and gave the governor’s speech together with me. It was very unusual, compared to the ‘traditional’ governor’s visit, but incredibly successful! My wife conveyed our emotional impressions of South Africa to the Rotarians in a way that you could have heard a pin drop in the room. Many pictures from the work in the townships made our German Rotarian friends understand what the problem was all about.

“I am very grateful, both to my home Rotary Club of Bamberg and to District 1950 which quickly supported the idea of a global grant with The Rotary Foundation. It is important to be able to develop such ideas in Europe, but it can only be implemented with a committed host club in the place where the project actually takes place. In the Rotary Club of Claremont (D9350), I not only found a partner which was open to such a project but I also found an incredible number of committed Rotarian friends who supported the implementation of this global grant with a lot of passion and who

are ultimately the driving force behind it.”

Next, the Rotary club needed to find a local implementer partner. “I have known Life Choices for a long time and have already supported their work in various activities. I know how close they are to the young people and how much their work is future-oriented and how this can open up completely new opportunities for young people if they are simply willing to get involved.”

The Rotary Club of Claremont had also supported Life Choices’ work for many years. It made complete sense to work closely with Life Choices in this new project.

The Future Leaders Development Project is a 2-year intervention targeting youth in Grades 11 and 12 from economically disadvantaged schools in the Cape Flats, an area of Cape Town. More than 400 learners will benefit from academic tutoring, life skills training and one-on-one coaching support.

Apart from the Future Leaders Development Project, Trunk is involved with several new projects in the pipeline which has reinforced his commitment to continue uplifting the youth.

“I am currently working with various players in the Western Cape to take a major vocational

training project to a new level because I believe that the technical training of young people can be the key to a self-determined life based on the work of your own hands. This results in a feeling of self-esteem and ultimately new energy for a further positive life.

“My life was shaped by some people such as my grandfather, whom I saw as a role model and a guide for my life. It is important that successful people are willing to take care of others in society and lead by example, by their time commitment, their know-how, and ultimately also their financial means to make life a little bit better. In the years to come, my wife and I have much more to do in this beautiful country, South Africa.”

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South Coast Quiz Masters



President Shamin Maharaj, of the Rotary Club of Port Shepstone (D9370), organised a fun quiz to bring young leaders together after a busy school term.

Five interact clubs participated in the three-part quiz with two members representing each club. The quiz had a wide variety of questions that were created and shared using a game-based learning platform called Kahoot!

Lerisse Naidoo, a local Vedic Maths Coach and an on-line educator who assisted with the compilation of suitable questions, was also the quiz master.

Participants were measured against the accuracy of their answers as well as the speed of clocking in their answers. Ethan Naicker from Port Shepstone Secondary School won the junior category and Mishka Maharaj won the senior category for Port Shepstone High School.

Mishka teamed up with Abigail Milne (her school's junior representative) to win the team-building category. Interactors from Creston College, Marburg Secondary and Port Shepstone Girl Guides were among the other schools that participated. The winners received a cash prize and all participants received certificates and a stationery pack.



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AFRICA IN BRIEF



The Sahara Netball Club at Ga-Mothapo village, about 35 kilometres east of Polokwane is made up of players under the age of 20. When Jerry Malahlela of the Rotary Club of Polokwane (D9400) heard about the team and its commitment to the sport, he offered to assist it wherever possible. He delivered a new cooler box to the team after he learned that it needed one to store ice cubes, water bottles and its first aid kit and is trying to get the team registered with the Department of Sport and Recreation.



There was great excitement as members of the Rotary Club of Port Elizabeth South (D9370) received a donation of R100 000 that was raised by Craig Mittens (left) and his team from Barney's Tavern at the Barney's Charity Golf Day. The club will use the funds in projects to address the most urgent needs in the community.



After an overwhelming response to its two latest events, the Rotary Club of Hilton and Howick (D9370) was able to give Love Howick R9 317.50 (raised at the 100 Club draw and a Chat with Jack Haskins evening) and Angel's Care Centre R 4 817.50 (raised at the Jack Haskins talk). The club does not consider these to be donations. They are investments in community projects that will drive impactful and lasting change. At the presentation are Jack Haskins, President Colin Thornton, Rachel Judd (Love Howick), President-Elect Colin Hall and Treasurer Glynn Harborth.



A wheelchair was delivered to Anna Mothiba at Ga-Mothiba. Without a wheelchair, she had resorted to crawling on her hands to get around her home. With Anna is Rotarian Jerry Malahlela of the Rotary Club of Polokwane (D9400) and Mapula Thema.

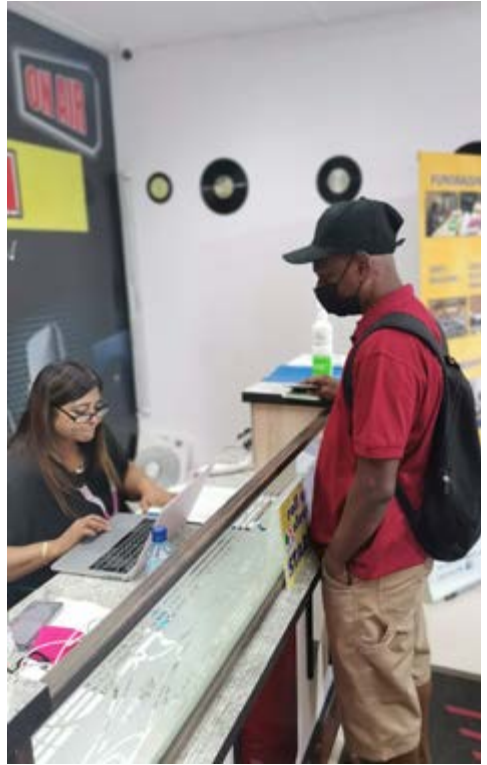


Philani Zama founder of OGraceland (front) with Nell Harrison and Deidre Crouser of the Rotary Club of Century City Cape Town.

The Rotary Club of Century City Cape Town (D9350) partnered with Menstruation Foundation and OGraceland who have designed, marketed and installed close to 40 sanitary pad vending machines in areas in need. On a Saturday morning, the club members set up an exhibition at the Table Bay Mall to demonstrate the sanitary pad vending machine. The club is also raising funds to instal a machine at Silverleaf Primary School in Dunoon. The machine which is not reliant on electricity, is tamper-proof and works on a simple token system where a social worker or a teacher will have a log book to control the handing out of the tokens. Each month a girl will use her token to access her sanitary products for the month. The machine is filled regularly creating a controlled, safe and high-quality sanitary product distribution solution. Data collection will assist the school with attendance as girls no longer need to miss school due to menstruation. The primary aim of this project is to allow young girls the right to an education with dignity.



Philani Zama fills the vending machine.



After noticing a need for more COVID-19 vaccination sites in Phoenix, the Rotary Club of Phoenix (D9370) partnered with Daughters of Africa and the Department of Health to hold a two-day mobile clinic in March. The clinic was held at the Phoenix FM Radio station, a location that was central, had plenty of parking and was accessible to public transport users. It was held on a Friday and Saturday to ensure that people who work during normal clinic hours were able to make use of the service. It provided vaccinations and free cancer screenings. A total 137 prostate, breast and PAP Smear screenings were done and 207 vaccines were administered. 100 food hamper vouchers were also gifted to those in need.





Unemployment, COVID-19, the economy and a constant increase in the price of food has left many communities struggling to feed their families, so the Rotary Club of Phoenix (D9370), in partnership with the Brookdale Hope Centre, gave approximately 80 families hot meals in April. The Brookdale Hope Centre has been feeding the community regularly, but dwindling support has made it difficult to assist as frequently as it once did. At the hand out are Clive Govender, Vasantha Naidoo, President Clinton Samuel and Brookdale Hope Director Suran Singh.

A 72-year-old granny, Motleroa Mogotlane, received a wheelchair, just four days before her birthday, from President Mxolisi Bambo of the Rotary Club of Polokwane (D9400).





The Rotary Club of Polokwane (D9400) held its first social meeting of 2022 at the Environmental Centre at the Polokwane Game Reserve. The environmental centre is the brainchild of the Polokwane club and assists in creating environmental awareness among community members and students.

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The Rotary Club of Amanzimtoti (D9370) was visited by District Governor Maddy Webber. With the DG are President Penny Orton, AG Sarita Sirohi and PP Aneska DuPont. At the back are Neil and Lerina Subbiah, Rhona Chetty, Margie Reen and Neil McDonald.



The Rotary Club of Polokwane (D9400) donated goodies for a Christmas party to the children of Siloe School for the Blind.

WALL OF HONOUR



Raiza Kolia is a new member of the Rotary E-Club of Southern Africa (D9400).



Ockie Goosen is a new member of the Rotary Club of Kenton on Sea (D9370).



Murro-Wayne Spies is a new member of the Rotary Club of Knysna (D9350).



Lee-Ann Govender is a new member of the Rotary Club of Knysna (D9350).



Vicky Tricker was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Knysna (D9350).



Michael Kantey is a new member of the Rotary Club of Plettenberg Bay (D9350).



Assistant Governor Doreen Cloete presented President Jill Lombard of the Rotary Club of Flamingo-Welkom (D9370) with the 2020/21 Presidential Citation that the club earned.



Clive Govender is a new member of the Rotary Club of Phoenix (D9370).



Alan Lowry is a new member of the Rotary Club of Bonza Bay (D9370).



Joe Kruger is a new member of the Rotary Club of Bonza Bay (D9370).

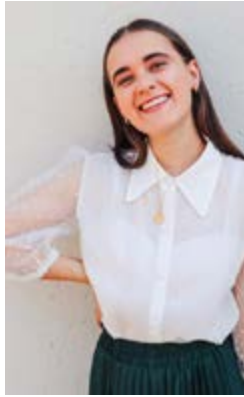


Robert Xavier is a new member of the Rotary Club of Bonza Bay (D9370).

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Banele Myemane is a new member of the Rotary E-Club of Southern Africa D9400.



Bianca Holtzhausen is a new member of the Rotary E-Club of Southern Africa D9400.



Performance Ndlovu is a new member of the Rotary E-Club of Southern Africa D9400.



Gugu Tshabalala is a new member of the Rotary E-Club of Southern Africa D9400.



Carol Mabika is a new member of the Rotary E-Club of Southern Africa D9400.



Evens Malatji is a new member of the Rotary E-Club of Southern Africa D9400.



Promise Moganelwa is a new member of the Rotary E-Club of Southern Africa D9400.



Lawrence Ruele is a new member of the Rotary Club of Johannesburg New Dawn (D9400).



Ntombi Maselwa is a new member of the Rotary Club of Johannesburg New Dawn (D9400).



Mbali Zulu is a new member of the Rotary Club of Johannesburg New Dawn (D9400).



Tshepo Ramutumbu is a new member of the Rotary Club of Johannesburg New Dawn (D9400).



Ivone Vosloo is a new member of the Rotary Club of Johannesburg New Dawn (D9400).

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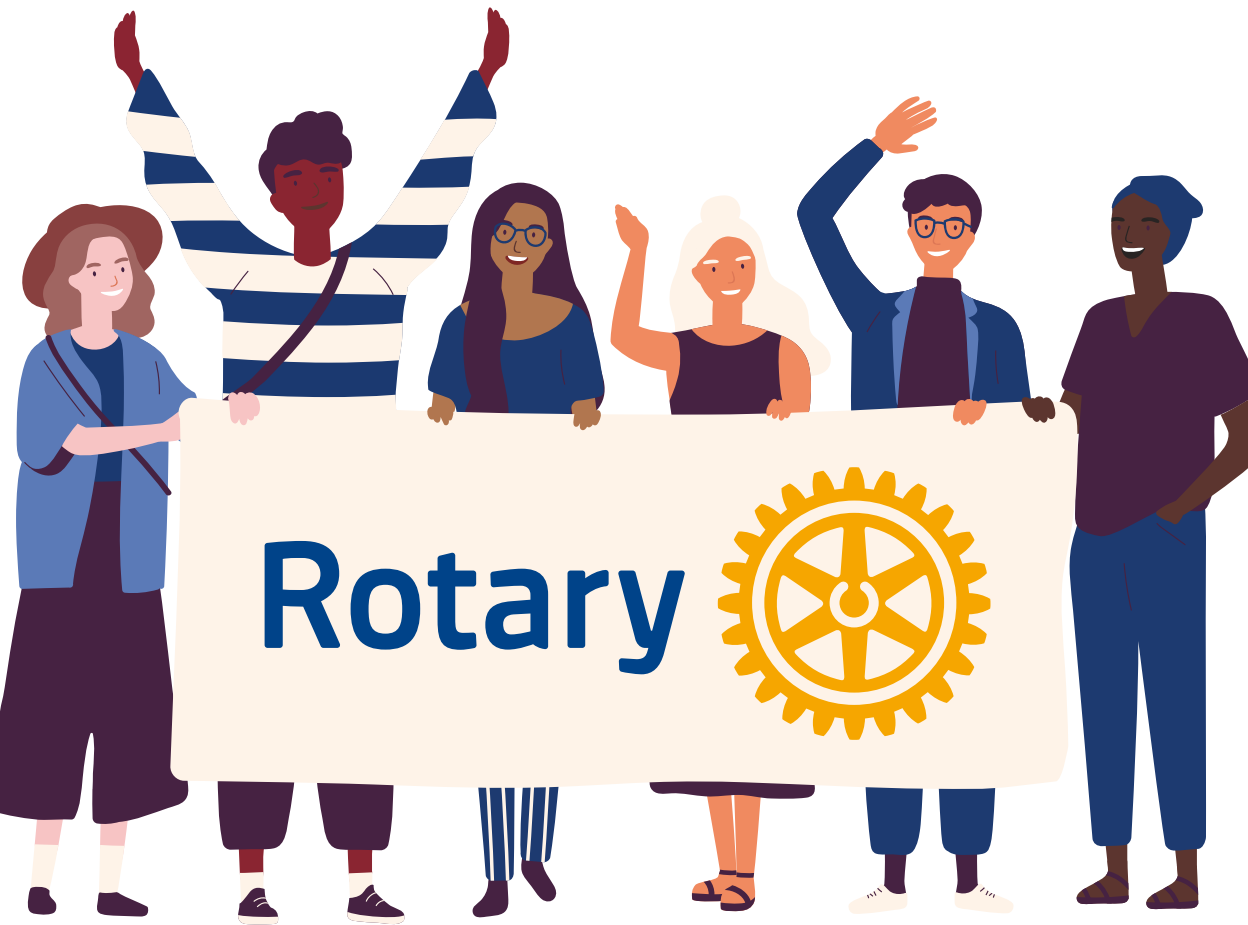
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