

# DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

Botswana, Eswatini, Mozambique and South Africa SEPTEMBER 2022



*Message from the District Governor:  
Koekie Makunyane-Quashie*

*Mensagem Da Governadora Do Distrito:  
Koekie Makunyane-Quashie*

Dear fellow Rotarians,

On the 30th of this month, the tally of my Official Visits will just be a mere 25, however I continue to be inspired by reports of service completed, ongoing, and planned. Our club members should and must remember to have fun together and use their friendships to maximize the positive impact of their work to improve the lives of others less fortunate. "Rotary must be Alive, Worthwhile and Exciting"!

After a very busy month and a visit to Abidjan for the Zone Institute, let me now put a few final words together for September - BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH. As an educator myself, basic education and literacy are very close to my heart. It is a critical aspect of our Rotary calendar and effort of promoting peace and lasting change in our communities, as reading and writing are essential for the wellbeing of all. We are very fortunate to be able to read and write, and to help the children and adults alike with their literacy, and not only do I thank you all for doing so, but I also urge you to continue beyond this month to take part in such projects, namely; by simply reading with the children at schools, the local library, children's wards in hospitals and setting up school libraries, to name a few.



2022/2023  
DG Koekie  
Makunyane-Quashie

As I visit the clubs, my plea to members is to grow the organization and donate money to the Foundation. The membership issue and diversity is serious in this district and it's incumbent on each one to remember the RI President's slogan of "Each- One- Bring -One, and Keep One". I've also asked and will continue to plead that we don't take our eye off the Polio eradication program as the virus has again reared its ugly head in our neighbouring countries and abroad.

Caros Companheiros Rotários,

No dia 30 deste mês, a contagem das minhas Visitas Oficiais será de apenas 25, mas continuo a me inspirar nos relatórios de serviço concluído, em andamento e planejado. Os membros dos nossos clubes devem se lembrar de se divertir juntos e usar as suas amizades para maximizar o impacto positivo do seu trabalho e melhorar a vida de outras pessoas menos afortunadas. "O Rotary deve ser vibrante, valioso e emocionante"!

Após um mês muito ocupado e uma visita a Abidjan para o Zone Institute, permitam-me agora tecer algumas palavras finais para o mês de Setembro - MÊS DA EDUCAÇÃO BÁSICA E ALFABETIZAÇÃO. Como educadora, a educação básica e a alfabetização estão muito próximas do meu coração. É um aspecto crítico do nosso calendário Rotário e do esforço de promover a paz e mudanças duradouras nas nossas comunidades, pois a leitura e a escrita são essenciais para o bem-estar de todos. Somos muito afortunados por poder ler e escrever e ajudar crianças e adultos na alfabetização, e não apenas agradeço a todos por fazê-lo, mas também os exorto a continuar além deste mês a participar em tais projectos, tais como simplesmente ler com as crianças nas escolas, na biblioteca local, nas enfermarias infantis em hospitais e montar bibliotecas escolares, para citar alguns.

Enquanto visito os clubes, o meu apelo aos membros é para que a organização cresça e doe dinheiro para a Fundação. A questão do quadro associativo e a diversidade são sérias neste distrito e cabe a cada um lembrar o slogan do presidente do RI: "Cada um traz um e fica com um". Também pedi e continuarei a pedir que não tiremos os olhos do programa de erradicação da pólio, pois o vírus voltou a aparecer nos nossos países vizinhos e no exterior.

We've been encouraged to "Tell our Rotary Story", when talking to others so that we may engage them in the Rotary thinking as well as promote the work of Rotary.

Lastly, we're about to usher in the month of October – ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH - and I urge you to consider planning projects that empower communities through jobs and entrepreneurship.

Thank you once more for your continuing commitment to our Rotary Service Above Self.

*DG Koekie*



DG Koekie

Fomos incentivados a "Contar a nossa história Rotária" ao conversar com outras pessoas para que possamos envolvê-las no pensamento rotário e promover o trabalho do Rotary.

Por fim, estamos prestes a iniciar o mês de Outubro – MÊS DO DESENVOLVIMENTO ECONÔMICO E COMUNITÁRIO – e exorto que considere o planeamento de projectos que capacitem as comunidades por meio de empregos e empreendedorismo.

Obrigada, mais uma vez pelo vosso compromisso contínuo com o Rotary em dar de si antes de pensar em si.

*DG Koekie*

## 4<sup>th</sup> All Africa Rotary Institute

The Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire of Abidjan in Cote d'Ivoire filled up with friends, family, colleagues and neighbours as Rotarians from 52 countries in Africa arrived for this important Rotary International training event. The event, *Imagine the Future of Rotary in Africa*, was led by RID Patrick D Chisanga Zone 22 & Zone 21. The District Governor Training Seminar (GETS) for DGE/DGNs and their spouses ran from 5 to 7 September and was followed by the Institute from 8 to 10 September.



The Institute covered issues like Rotary Foundation, Membership and Public Image. During a panel discussion on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) a moving story of an Interact club whose members are all blind was shared. Other plenary sessions included Leadership and Rotary public image as well as ICC expansion in Africa. An Intercountry 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. There is a formal framework to develop a strategic, long-term relationship. The Institute also hosted UNESCO who shared their vision on emancipating young girls through literacy while USAID who invited Rotarians to join their Malaria initiative.



PDG Annemarie Mostert and DGE Riana Pretorius at 2022 Institute



RID Patrick Chisanga and DGE Riana Pretorius at the Zone 22 Institute in Abidjan.



D9400 was well represented with Hans Mostert, PDG Stella Anyangwe, Training official PDG Annemarie Mostert and Carl Anyangwe

# OCTOBER is ROTARY ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

**OCTOBER** is Rotary economic and community development month. The work of Rotary begins in the community, and every community has its own unique needs and concerns.

Our members promote economic and community development and reduce poverty in underserved communities through training, well-paying jobs, and access to financial management institutions. Projects range from providing people with equipment to vocational training. Our members work to strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.

While we serve in countless ways, we've focused our efforts in seven key areas to maximize our impact. These areas encompass some of the world's most critical and widespread humanitarian needs.



Read [Economic and Community Development Project Strategies](#), a guide for economic and community development projects. Rotary International and **The Rotary Foundation** have adopted **seven areas of focus** as organizational priorities. Rotary clubs planning new service projects are encouraged to consider these areas and the many opportunities for innovative projects within them. Here are some ideas:

## 190 million people are funding their business endeavours through microfinance

- Partner with a local microlender to improve access to financial services and provide financial infrastructure in the community.
- Develop mobile banking resources in partnership with a microlender. Cell phones, which can be used to make deposits and transfer funds, can increase access to banking systems in developing communities
- When supporting service projects in a developing community, purchase goods and supplies locally to stimulate the economy and avoid unnecessary shipping fees

## 1.4 billion people — nearly half of them employed — live on less than \$1.25 a day

- Expand vocational training opportunities, including job placement programming, at local non-profit organizations
- Send a vocational training team to teach business leaders in developing communities how to create a business plan and maintain accurate financial accounting.
- Partner with a cooperative that provides training, joint economic ventures, and ownership of assets to its members through a democratic structure
- Provide equipment or supplies to a cooperative to increase production and sales in the local market
- Support entrepreneurs and small businesses in developing communities. The success of local business leaders can multiply employment opportunities in the community

## Delivering on the ROTARY promise

### DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) ARE NOT CORPORATE BUZZWORDS

They're important reminders that we need to understand and embrace our differences, provide equitable opportunities for success, and welcome one another exactly as we are.

For Rotary, [DEI](#) means ensuring that our clubs, meetings, and events are places where participants can speak openly and respectfully and where everyone feels welcome. It's about removing barriers to entry and success and opening doors to inclusion.

How can you help? We want to reflect the communities in which we live and serve. Invite community and business leaders and influencers from groups that are underrepresented in your club to participate in a club activity. Encourage a new club member to take a leadership role. Remove obstacles that could prevent some people from joining your club, like a meeting time or place that isn't accessible to everyone. Our ability to adapt is the key to strengthening Rotary's future.





# WORLD POLIO DAY

As World Polio Day approaches, we're getting ready to amplify our message on 24 October about eradicating polio to protect the world's children from this devastating disease.

We've made tremendous progress so far, and now's the time to intensify our fight to make polio the second human disease ever to be eradicated. In 2020, the World Health Organization's African region was certified free of wild poliovirus, showing that eradication is possible even in very difficult circumstances.

The wild poliovirus remains endemic in just two countries — Afghanistan and Pakistan — but as long as polio exists anywhere, it remains a threat everywhere. So, let's use World Polio Day to advocate for the support we need to end polio in countries where children are still at risk.

## Get involved

**Take action** this World Polio Day by hosting virtual and community events, creating fundraisers, and sharing posts about the importance of polio eradication on social media.

**Use the World Polio Day Toolkit** to find resources and tips for planning activities and promoting a polio-free world.

[Download the World Polio Day Toolkit](#)



## Register your club's participation

**Show how** your club is taking action and register your club's participation in World Polio Day to eradicate polio. If you register your events, fundraisers, and promotions by **13 October**, you'll get early access to Rotary's World Polio Day Global Update, one week before the program airs on **24 October** on Rotary's Facebook page and [endpolio.org](https://endpolio.org).

[Register your club's participation](#)



## Not the end yet ...

Like most of the world, we thought we were done with polio. But, although we've gotten 99% of the way, it's still out there. Just this summer, it's popped up in some unexpected places — like the tragic case in the **U.S.**, and in the sewage in the **UK** — countries that haven't seen the virus for many years.

Why? Because global vaccination rates have fallen, allowing the poliovirus to persist and paralyze thousands of children in **Africa**, parts of **Asia**, and **Europe**. And as long as polio exists anywhere, it is a threat to us all.

The last mile is always the hardest, but together, we can conquer it — just like we finished off smallpox four decades ago.

*Together, we can deliver on the promise of a world where no child will be paralyzed by polio ever again.*

Each of us must do our part:

- ✓ Make sure our children are vaccinated
- ✓ Encourage others we know to do the same
- ✓ And call on governments and partners to support polio eradication efforts and make immunization for children a top priority





# WE HAVE A WINNER!

Rotarian Div Louw, a polio survivor, was bid *bon voyage* on 20 September by three D9400 leaders - DG Koekie, IPDG Stella Anyangwe, who is also the End Polio Now Coordinator (ENPC) for Zone 22, and Grace Van Zyl, the D9400 Polio Plus chair - as he travelled to Agadir, Morocco to compete for a cause #EndPolioNow.

Through the efforts of the Rotary Club of Benoni and D9400 Polio Plus committee Div has had a head start on awareness and fundraising for Polio. He competed in the Africa Triathlon championships on 25 September representing South Africa and competing for a cause.

At 71 years of age and a PTS3 athlete, Div received first place in his division with a personal best time of 2hours 8min, which involved a swim, run and bike ride in rainy conditions – a total of 26Km's.



Rotarian Div Louw, a polio survivor, was the winner in his division

#EndPolioNow featured throughout the build up to and during the event, as well as the subsequent award ceremony.

A great big thanks to Promo World who sponsored the branding of Div's Kit and also thank you to the District NPC for sponsoring branding material and caps for distribution in Morocco.



Rotarian Div Louw, a polio survivor, on his way to the Africa Triathlon championships. He had a great send-off by Grace van Zyl, D9400 Polio Plus chair, DG Koekie, IPDG and ENPC Stella Anyangwe

Div competed with a cause and continues to raise funds throughout the month of October through a Back-A-Buddy campaign. <https://www.backabuddy.co.za/champion/project/rotary-club-of-benoni-polio-plus>.

## But why should YOU care about Polio?

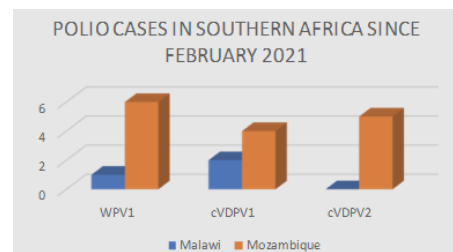
### POLIO IS ONLY A ROAD TRIP AWAY!



- Only 2 countries in the world remain endemic, **Pakistan** with 19 cases of WPV<sup>1</sup> and **Afghanistan** with 5 cases of WPV<sup>1</sup>. In parts of Africa, we have become complacent and many of us do not even know what Polio is.
- After being declared Wild Polio virus free in August 2020, 2 African countries have had a resurgence of cases of paralytic wild polio virus infection. **Malawi** had a case in 2021 and in 2022 so far, **Mozambique** has had 6 cases.
- Since February 2022, Polio has made headlines all over the world, and the **United Kingdom** has embarked on a vaccination campaign to vaccinate all children between the ages of 1 to 9yrs in the Greater London area where 2 environmental samples tested positive for cVDPV2 (vaccine-derived Poliovirus type 2).
- Africa is still certified as Wild Polio virus-free, but wild Polio virus is once again threatening our continent, and especially our D9400, with Mozambique having reported 6 cases so far this year.

Now more than ever, we need to raise awareness about polio and the need to get vaccinated – all reported cases in Africa have been with unvaccinated children. The D9400 Polio Plus committee is putting a brochure together that you can personalize for your club to raise awareness and funds for polio. For more assistance contact [grace@gracevanzyl.com](mailto:grace@gracevanzyl.com), the D9400 Polio Plus chair. You can also find more resources available in the [WORLD POLIO TOOLKIT](#).

WPV = Wild Polio Virus  
cVDPV = circulating Vaccine-derived Polio Virus (types 1 and 2)



# D9400 incorporated as a Non-Profit Company



District 9400 has elected to incorporate as a [Non-Profit Company](#) (NPC) all in terms of the provisions required by Rotary International and in accordance with The Companies Act of South Africa. Because of the vast geographical area covered by the district, clubs in the district are divided into 9 regions and groups for administrative purposes. Regions are administered and supported by various Assistant Governors. The organization of the district exists solely to help the individual clubs advance the object of Rotary and should not tend to diminish services provided by clubs and individual Rotarians on the local level.

District 9400 shall therefore [conduct](#) its affairs in accordance with the Memorandum of Incorporation. For further information see <https://rotary9400.org.za/page/npc-board>



**NPC Chair PDG**  
**Annemarie**  
**Mostert**  
Rotary E-Club of  
Southern Africa  
D9400



**NPC Director DG**  
**Koekie**  
**Makunyane-**  
**Quashie**  
RC Manzini



**NPC Director IPDG**  
**Stella**  
**Anyangwe**  
RC Pretoria  
West



**NPC Director DGE**  
**Riana**  
**Pretorius**  
RC Pretoria  
Capital



**NPC Director AG**  
**Jean**  
**Bernado**  
RC Rosebank



**NPC Director DGN**  
**George**  
**Senosha**  
RC Waterkloof



**NPC Director Rtn**  
**Jack**  
**Chen**  
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D9400

## NEW POSITION AVAILABLE AT THE FOUNDATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA ROTARY CLUBS NPC



For the past two years the corporate spend on Corporate Social Investment was R10.7 billion in 2020 and R10.3 billion in 2021 (all this during COVID). The Foundation of Southern Africa Rotary Clubs NPC (FSARC) aims to tap into this and is calling for people (Rotarians and non-Rotarians) who might be interested in being of service to the Foundation in a marketing and fundraising capacity.



### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Set up and create a very comprehensive data base for FSARC.
- Service can be provided by means of an individual expert in Marketing and Fundraising or by means of committee.
- Initial remuneration will be on a commission basis. The idea is to start on 12.5 % and later, when appropriate, the percentage will be revised to be on a sliding scale basis.

### KEY SKILLS REQUIRED ON THE COMMITTEE OR OF THE INDIVIDUAL

- Fundraising and Marketing experience.
- Knowledge of the workings of Corporate Social Investment (CSI) / Transformation charters pertaining to sector scorecards.
- Expertise in drafting proposals.

*If you are interested, please respond by means of email to PDG Grant Daly at [dalyg@hillary.co.za](mailto:dalyg@hillary.co.za) setting out the reasons why you should be considered. If you have any queries, please contact him at 072 071 811.*





# What does it cost to charter a new Rotary club?

Rotary's a global community is dedicated to building a better world. By adding new skills, experience, and enthusiasm, you can advance communities at home and on a global scale. Together, we can eradicate polio, train more skilled peacemakers, and provide lasting solutions for communities fighting disease, hunger, illiteracy, and poverty.

Through the Rotary community and its clubs, we can exchange ideas and build lifelong friendships with people who share our passion for service. Take advantage of the resources and activities available through your club, district, and Rotary International to establish new clubs, build existing clubs and make your experience with Rotary both rewarding and fun.

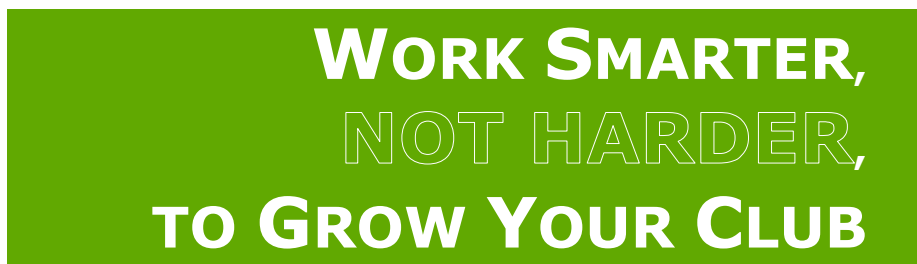
## Here is what it takes to establish a new Rotary club:

- Must have 20 members
- Application Fee to RI at \$15/member x 20 members = R 5 133
- Pull up Banners assume 6 x R745 = R 4 470
- Bell & Gavel = R3 800
- Souvenir/Memento Banners = R 2 000
- Venue Hire, meals etc – Rotarians & partners pay – what about guests?
- Frame Charter document = R 800
- Funding advice – start to build up an admin fund for the charter event & apply to district for a possible contribution



## Here is what it takes to establish a Satellite Rotary club:

A satellite club must have minimum of 8 founding members. It is a strict requirement that a Rotary club that wishes to convert to a satellite club must give up its autonomy, wrap up the club and hand in their charter. The club needs to be closed with all members transferring to the "sponsor" Rotary Club and once they have eight members, they can form a satellite to the "sponsor" Rotary Club because in legal terms, you cannot have two identities.



Non-profit organizations can differ significantly from traditional private sector organizations in many respects, the most apparent of which is the absence of profit motivation. Within the traditional corporation, this important distinction has been a driving force in the production of abundant amounts of research regarding the use of data and decision-making methodology.

Comparatively, little research has been conducted on the use of data-supported decision-making in non-profits but now we have a [literature review and research](#) investigating how non-profit organizations can effectively utilize data to make decisions and strategically respond to the organizational environment. Leaders in non-profit organizations are able to see the value of data in the decision-making process and be provided with a new context for how data can be utilized for distinct organizations.



Data-driven decision-making is critical – not only to the success of any business but also to your club and district. What if you knew how many members you might lose this year and how many you would need to recruit in order to grow?

Find out how you can help club and district leaders understand their data, including historical attraction and retention rates, and prioritize their goals in order to maximize their impact by listening to the panel discussions on the following:

<https://vimeo.com/channels/rotarymembership/743439969>

IN THE ROTARY ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH WE CELEBRATE



## Building Better Businesses for Women Business Owners

Starting in 2017, The Townships Project (TTP) partnered with Rotary Clubs in South Africa in BUILDING BETTER BUSINESSES. To date, more than 1 000 businesses have benefitted from this effort.

Through the BUILDING BETTER BUSINESSES initiative, TTP helps entrepreneurs to grow their businesses through training in marketing, finance and other skills. The Building Better Businesses Symposium has propelled small businesses to be key contributors to the socio-economic development in South Africa through competitions which have seen over R 400,000 in cash prizes awarded since inception.

As South Africa recently commemorated Women's Month to highlight the gains made by women and for women, TTP is proud to have been integral in the development of women in business who operate in townships and rural areas in South Africa.

One of the earlier winners of the sought after cash prize of R50 000, is Nokwanda Mchunu who was amongst the speakers at the 2022 Building Better Businesses Symposium. She shared her inspiring journey with delegates since winning this prize in 2021 and the impact it had on her business and her community.

The Townships Project, founded to empower mainly women entrepreneurs based in townships and rural areas across South Africa, is determined to provide the necessary skills to sustain and grow their businesses. Learn more about The Townships Project:

### THE TOWNSHIPS PROJECT

alleviates poverty by supporting the creation and development of micro-businesses in townships and rural areas in South Africa and empowers small business entrepreneurs by providing them with the necessary skills.



Winning at the Building Better Businesses Symposium 2022.

Patricia Masipe, CEO of Resomakamoka Business Enterprise, had a double take. Winning two books



Zama Ngwenya, founder of Zama's Choice Spices & Herbs is one of the winners of the book prizes at the Building Better Businesses Symposium 2022.



**Judith Chinkumbi,**  
Director & Chairperson:  
Building Better  
Businesses Symposium

### THE TOWNSHIPS PROJECT

Judith Chinkumbi is a corporate governance specialist and a firm believer in the power of social entrepreneurship as the answer to some of the most pressing challenges of our time. She is the Director and Chairperson of the Building Better Businesses Symposium hosted annually by The Townships Project.

Judith's career spans over 25 years of working experience in the financial services industry. As a self-motivated and performance driven individual, she has managed to strike a balance between a highly demanding professional career and being an effective social entrepreneur. Judith is a devoted influencer and catalyst for changing the lives of disadvantaged communities in South Africa and neighboring countries.

Judith wears many hats as she is also a board member of Amref, co-founder of Sešego Foundation, trustee of the Pat Francis Trust and Chairman of the Rotary Townships Project Board.



# RECONNECT WEEK 2022



## GET READY FOR RECONNECT WEEK 2022!

Reconnect Week from 3 to 9 October is a way for former Rotary program participants and scholars like Peace Fellows, Youth Exchange Students, Rotary Scholars, ex-Rotaractors, and Interactors to reunite with the Rotary community. This is a week to see how Rotary shapes lives in the community and around the world. Together, members and alumni can find new ways to promote Rotary's ideal of service!

Rotary alumni, share your experience on how Rotary has impacted your life and reconnect today! Contact a local Rotary club and find out what events they are planning or join them at their next meeting.

<https://my.rotary.org/en/search/club-finder>

All around the world during Reconnect Week, Rotarians and alumni will gather online and in person to share their experiences, network with each other, and exchange ideas for staying involved in Rotary. This is the week that we recognize the value our alumni bring to our organization and when we do all we can to engage alumni with Rotary. [Visit the Reconnect Week website](#) to get inspiration for your next event and post your own projects and events to inspire others to take part in Reconnect Week.

During this celebration, Rotary invites former Rotaractors, Interactors, Rotary Peace Fellows, Rotary Scholars, Youth Exchange students, and other Rotary program alumni to renew their connection to Rotary.

Past program participants who have lost their active connection to Rotary can refresh their ties by visiting club meetings, helping with projects, and engaging online. By doing so, they can experience again how Rotary reshapes lives locally and globally. Update your contact information or register your profile to receive invites to local events. <https://my.rotary.org>

*Now on Rotary Showcase*

## Empowering GIRLS



All over the world, gender can still affect a person's ability to get an education, funding for a small business, or proper health care. Develop a club-based initiative or apply for a district grant or global grant to fund a project that promotes girls' health, education, or economic independence. From supporting a local women's shelter to improving girls' access to water and sanitation, every project can make a big difference.

An **Empowering Girls** tab has now 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.

Share your stories and [learn what other clubs are doing to empower girls and women](#) on Rotary Showcase.



# ANN'S MESSAGE

## FROM DGA CHRISTINA

*Dear Rotary Anns of D9400,*

A revised schedule of DG visits to accommodate my long-arranged August trip to the UK is greatly appreciated and this time, I did hit the ground running with visits to the RA Clubs of Kyalami, Rosebank and Riverside (previously Vereeniging). Again, I saw many old friends and met new ones, all with the common goal of *Service Above Self* while enjoying great fellowship.

Later this month I look forward to visiting four East Rand Clubs; two of the events will be in conjunction with DG Koekie. Unfortunately, due to logistics of location and the ratio of Rotary Clubs to Anns in D9400, it is not always possible to have a joint visit. Further, some of my visits will probably have to be Zoom meetings. But more on that further down the line.

*Kyalami Anns with President Glenda Stuart back left.*

The Kyalami Anns special project is the New Life Centre, a safe home for abused and trafficked girls aged between 8 and 18, which I visited with President Glenda Stuart and Secretary Joan Bond. This is very ably run by Khabutso, a lovely lady whose own life experiences make her highly suitable for the task. Empowering Girls indeed! But Kyalami supports many other causes as well.



The Rotary Anns club of Rosebank visit was in conjunction with the DG's visit and, following our meeting, we joined the Rotarians for lunch at the Wanderers Club, where DG Koekie eloquently addressed us all. The Anns had just held their annual Bridge Drive, resurrected following COVID, and were able to raise over R24,000 for their various projects - too numerous to mention!



*Riverside Anns at the Charity Shop and meeting at Kariba Ranch.*



*DGA Christina Forsyth-Thompson at the Rotary Ann Charity Shop with Riverside President Myrtle Stringer and Benoni Aurora President PDGA Sylvia Knoop.*

The visit to the Riverside Anns was special as these ladies were faced the challenge of their parent Rotary Club, RC Vereeniging, closing earlier this year. They are determined to maintain their many projects under the Rotary flag, including the Rotary Ann Charity Shop which raises in excess of R10,000 each month. They are also Empowering Girls by providing sanitary pads to various schools and institutions, thus promoting Menstrual Health. It was very special that Zurika Nienaber, widow of the late Rtn. Trevor, joined us for our meeting at Kariba Ranch.

Meanwhile, sincere thanks from PDG Martin and me to DGAR/PDGA Janet and PDG Frances, for hosting us in their lovely home. My special thanks also to PDGA Sylvia Knoop who, while no longer a DGAR since her move to Benoni, made a special trip to organise and be with me for the Riverside visit.

I again urge all the Rotary Anns to embrace our RI President's *IMAGINE ROTARY* theme and specifically to adopt my own theme *IMAGINE EMPOWERING GIRLS*.

**If we could each support one cause, one person, one homeless animal, just *IMAGINE* .....!**

My warm regards to all of you.

Yours in Rotary,

*DGA Christina*

DGA Christina Forsyth-Thompson 2022/23





# Rotary Youth Exchange

Europe - Eastern Mediterranean - Africa | EEMA



Marina Britz, D9400 Youth Exchange Chairman & Country Co-ordinator, attended the 69th EEMA Conference at Lake Como in Italy from 9 to 11 September 2022. EEMA unites the international Rotary Youth Exchange Officers that organise annual programs for more than 9 000 students in over 100 countries. Contact Marina at 083 299 5539 or [chairman@youthexchange.co.za](mailto:chairman@youthexchange.co.za)

Read more about this event at <https://www.eema2022.com/> or visit their [Facebook page](#) to see the 3-day programme.



Marina Britz, D9400 Youth Exchange Chairman & Country Co-ordinator, was the SA flag bearer at EEMA 2022



## Rotary International partnership with Ukraine Friends to mobilise support for Ukraine



[#Rotary](#) and the U.S.-based non-profit *Ukraine Friends* are partnering to help [#Ukraine](#). RI General Secretary and CEO [John Hewko](#) and Ukraine Friends CEO Brock D. Bierman signed a memorandum of understanding that calls for the organizations to work together to determine the viability of potential projects, distribute funds and in-kind donations, and prioritize joint efforts.

According to John Hewko "This partnership will help Rotary do more for Ukrainians as they struggle to survive and rebuild in the months and years ahead." The collaboration will provide resources, organize logistics, and distribute funds for high-impact projects that help Ukrainians affected by the war with Russia.



The first joint project? Procuring and delivering nearly 50 ambulances to hospitals and other organizations. Rotary and Ukraine Friends have donated \$300,000 each toward the ambulances. Read more at <https://on.rotary.org/3Lmx0ii>

Rotary has awarded **272 disaster response grants totalling \$8.9 million since the Russian invasion of Ukraine**. These grants, for club projects in 29 countries, support people in and around Ukraine who have been affected by the war. Rotary and Rotaract clubs worldwide have also donated millions more directly to Ukrainian clubs that are providing water, food, shelter, medicine, and clothing.





# CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINEE DESIGNATE 2025-2026

**DEADLINE: 16 NOVEMBER 2022**



As requested by Rotary, all districts worldwide need to nominate a District Governor (DG) for the 2025-2026 Rotary year, starting on 1 July 2025. The procedure is carried out over a period of time, and there are certain deadlines that the Nominating Committee needs to abide by.

**Interviews** with the proposed candidates will be **Friday 2 December 2022**, and the selected District Governor Nominee Designate should be announced on Monday 19 December 2022.

**Rotary Clubs are invited to nominate Rotary members** to be considered for this position. Rotarians who would like to be candidates will need to have the approval of their club Board of Directors. It truly is an exceptional experience (leading up to and including the Governor's year), and we know that there are many outstanding candidates waiting to be given the opportunity to lead our District.

The responsibility of serving as Governor is a four-year commitment, serving as District Governor-Nominee, District Governor-Elect, District Governor, and Immediate Past District Governor. The commitment requires time and focus of the nominee, as well as the personal and professional circumstances to allow for that commitment.

### QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED OF A CANDIDATE NOMINATED FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR:

- The Rotarian must be a member in good standing of a club in D9400.
- The Rotarian must have full qualifications for such membership in the strict application of the provisions, therefore, and the integrity of the member's classification must be without question.
- The Rotarian must be a member of a functioning club in good standing which has no outstanding indebtedness to RI or to the district, as of the close of the year preceding that in which the Rotarian is proposed as a candidate for nomination for DG.
- The Rotarian must have served as president of the club for a full year.
- The Rotarian must demonstrate willingness, commitment and ability, physically and otherwise, to fulfil the duties and responsibilities of the office of DG, as per section 15.070 of the Manual of Procedure.
- The Rotarian must demonstrate knowledge of the qualifications, duties and responsibilities of DG, as prescribed in the bylaws, and submit to RI through its General Secretary, a signed statement that the Rotarian understands clearly such qualifications, duties and responsibilities. Such statement shall also confirm that the Rotarian is qualified for the office of DG, and willing and able to assume the duties and responsibilities of that office and to perform them faithfully.
- The Rotarian must have been a member of one or more Rotary Clubs for at least seven (7) years.

### HOW TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR:

Should you know a prospective candidate willing to serve as the District Governor 2025-2026, kindly provide the relevant data, using the official **nomination form** sent to all members in D9400. In addition, please send a **letter** from the club president or secretary indicating that the club's Board of Directors has met and agreed to propose the candidate.

Submit the documentation electronically to the Chairperson of the District Nominating Committee, **IPDG Stella Anyangwe** ([stella@rotary9400.org.za](mailto:stella@rotary9400.org.za)) by no later than **16 November 2022 (midnight)**.



## Get ready to Imagine What's Next with Rotary!

Rotary members will come together and share their passion for Doing Good in the World. Join us in the beautiful city of Melbourne, Australia, 27-31 May 2023 to connect with other people of action.

**Register Today**

Register now to receive reduced rate that expires on 15 December.



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## Rotary Club of Gaborone

The Gaborone RC held its 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner on Saturday 20 August where guest speaker, Kim Wolhuter, the renowned conservationist, wildlife photographer and filmmaker, gave an enthralling presentation.

DG Koekie Makunyane-Quashie and her husband PDG Kobla Quashi visited Botswana from 22 to 25 August 2022 and were guests of RC Gaborone. A farewell dinner was held at the China Restaurant in Gaborone CBD.



DG Koekie and PDG Kobla visited the Stepping Stones International project.



DG Koekie accompanied the President of RC Gaborone, Laura Grown, on a visit to Pula Sports Complex which was founded by Swift Mpoloka.

The Sports Complex is supported by RC Gaborone as it helps to keep the children off the streets of Gaborone and away from drugs.

DG Koekie met Reg Loo, the club's only surviving Founder Member from 50 years ago at a fellowship lunch for club members on Thursday 24 August.

## Rotary Club of Sandton

The RC Sandton annual Poetry Competition is focused on primary and high schools. This Poetry competition contributes to Rotary's Basic Education and Literacy area of focus but also builds community and fosters emotional resilience.

Some 370 entries were received from more than 25 schools in Johannesburg. The project was led by Rotarian Stephanie Schaffrath and poems were adjudicated by Dr Deirdre Byrne of the Institute for Gender Studies at the University of South Africa who is well-known for her research in English Literature, Media Studies and Social Theory.

The winners of the Poetry Competition were announced in three separate categories: Grades 4 to 7; Grades 8 to 10 and Grades 11 to 12. The poetry competition winners were celebrated on 16 September at the opening evening of the RC Sandton annual Yards of Art fundraiser at the Victoria Yards. It was an evening of art, bubbles and beautiful poetry with winner reciting their winning work.

Congratulations to our winners! We were blown away by your beautiful poems and believe that each of you are the future of South African poetry and destined to achieve great things! To join RC Sandton or partner with them go to <https://www.sandtonrotary.org/>





## Rotary Club of Riverside



The Rotary Club of Riverside are planning a fun car rally around the Vanderbijlpark area on Sunday 16 October at 10h00. Entries cost R100 per car.

This route will be fun for the whole family. While on the drive, the participants will collect clues along the route. Funds raised will be in aid of Vaal Pets.

To book your spot or for more information please call: PP Desire 082 558 9810 or Rotarian Johan 083 251 0248



## Rotary Club of Sandton

The RC Sandton held their second annual Yards of Art show on 16, 17 and 18 September at the Victoria Yards in Lorentzville. The art fair is a fundraiser aligned with Rotary's focus area: Economic and Community Development. The art which was on display at the fair (including the original art deck chairs) will still be for sale online on the Yards of Art website until 31 October 2022. Visit the website on: <https://yardsofart.zyrosite.com/>. Proceeds will go to Timbuktu in the Valley Youth Centre to erect a purpose-built school.



This year, artists like Siyabonga Ndlandla, Lee Pardini, Caitlin Bouwer, Gwen Nkosi, Val Thompson and 23 others submitted an extraordinary variety of work, from oils, prints, monotypes, pastel, pencil, ceramics, bronzes, and mosaics. Johannesburg art lovers were spoilt for choice. Over the weekend, art Classes by the talented Severa Rech Cassarino were a hit with Rotarians, friends and families releasing their inner Picasso.



The evening's entertainment included the Redhill School Orchestra and the food was prepared by Chef Debbie Bolton with ingredients generously sponsored by Anthorn. One of the highlights of the evening was a very special performance by the children of the Timbuktu in the Valley Youth Centre. Student Rotarians volunteered to serve the food - a huge thanks to Rotary Exchange student President Ryan Cox, Lesedi Jantjies, Megan Cimardi, Emma and Mathew.

## Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark

RC Vanderbijlpark held a Woman's Day tea with the theme Crazy Hats as a fundraiser.

Dave Hammond, Station manager at the local IFM radio station, acted as MC for the day. The champion of the fundraiser project is President nominee Jeanette Steyn Nortje who is passionate about her exciting Rotary project, Knitting Angels.



She has gathered a network of ladies who knit jerseys, beanies, and scarves for children aged up to 15 years.

Packs of knitted items are put together and donated to several deserving organizations.

Although some of the ladies use their own wool, the proceeds of the Woman's Day tea will go towards supplying the knitters with additional wool.



The speaker at the event was Erma Van Zyl who has a teaching back-ground and is presently the Managing Director of Amazitech.



## Rotary Club of Northcliff

Gushwell Brooks, an LLB Graduate from Wits University who has also become a popular stand-in presenter at Talk Radio 702 and Cape Talk, is currently Head of Mandela Day and Public Outreach at the Nelson Mandela Foundation. He visited the RC Northcliff to present a talk on Mandela Day and was warmly welcomed by the President of RC Northcliff, Mr Godfrey Adjusi.

Brooks explained that he is of the opinion that people should not only celebrate and do good on 18 July, but rather do good all year long just as Rotary Clubs around the world aim to do.



He is keen on driving numerous sustainable nutrition projects across South Africa and aims to ensure that one million trees are planted in every province of South Africa, but his wish is that 60% of this must be fruit trees in order to create sustainable gardens that can feed the nation as well as. Gushwell believes that this will contribute to nutrition and will also create opportunities for the unemployed of the country. Nutrition during the first 1000 days of an infant's life in particular, determines the rest of an individual's life. Under-nourishment can result in stunting of many individuals well into their adult lives.

## Rotary Club of Centurion

RC Centurion is involved at Ditshego House and Kuluma Projects in Mooiplaas, Centurion. Mooiplaas is a facility with numerous projects (supported by various NPOs) on site. It consists of an Open school that assists children who have been compromised and unable to enter the normal school system, an Aftercare facility for learners, an Orphanage and Place of Safety for mothers, babies and children, a Preschool for 140 Children as well as an office and administration base for Social Workers, Care Givers and Student Social Workers, volunteers servicing the community.



The RC Centurion the assisted in renovating some school classrooms and have also initiated a flagship project - the Permaculture Gardening Project - that was set up for the local community.

The Club provided specialist training in vegetable production for the project and established basic infrastructure to get it operating. This gardening project now helps to feed more than 260 children at a creche, children in an orphanage and at an aftercare centre.



## Rotary Club of Pretoria Hatfield

RC Pretoria Hatfield contributed 140 pairs of women's and men's socks to an initiative run by Elios Street Shower project. The Street Shower is a project focussed on homeless people whereby showers, haircuts, new clothes, a meal and counselling are provided. Previous work with the Street Showers project was donation of men's clothing. The aim of the Elios Street Shower project is to restore dignity and opportunity to find employment for people living on the streets of Pretoria.





## District 9400 EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>3-9</b>	October 2022	Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week
<b>8</b>	October 2022	Training – Foundation
<b>12-14</b>	October 2022	Rotary Family Health Day South Africa
<b>22</b>	October 2022	Training – Foundation
<b>24</b>	October 2022	World Polio Day
<b>19-20</b>	November 2022	RLI Training
<b>5</b>	February 2023	RLI Training
<b>18</b>	February 2023	D9400 POETS 2023-24
<b>4</b>	March 2023	D9400 POETS 2023-24
<b>27- 30</b>	April 2023	D9400 District Conference – Eswatini
<b>27-31</b>	May 2023	2023 Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, Australia. Learn more at <a href="https://convention.rotary.org">convention.rotary.org</a> .

### 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?

### DISTRICT 9400



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

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