



District Governor Newsletter 2019 - 2020

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Rotary



Dear Rotarians and Rotary Family,

We have much to celebrate this month —it is our Rotary International Birthday on 23rd February. We have been going from strength to strength for 110 years and I am indeed proud to be a cog in this global wheel which goes on achieving and making a difference to so many lives.

Another piece of excellent news is to do with the e-Learning Centre on My Rotary where members can participate and complete on-line courses on a wide range of topics concerning Rotary. I am so very proud to announce that 216 Members in District 9400 have enrolled in, started and completed a total of 1614 courses, making us the TOP DISTRICT IN THE WORLD (yes—in the world!!) to have engaged in and furthered their knowledge of Rotary and all that the organisation is involved in. This is an astounding record, and in the next edition, we will recognise some of the dedicated members who have completed multiple e-Learning modules. Watch for new courses in the downloadable [course catalog](#) and in the monthly newsletter [Training Talk](#).

As DG I have now completed all my 74 Club visits and Chrisna and myself managed to sneak some 'off time' watching our favourite sport of tennis at the "Match in Africa". What an exciting and amazing atmosphere and great experience it was!



Until next month, let us all be proud of our Rotary family worldwide and especially focus on this month's theme of Peace Building and Conflict Prevention where we can in our own communities.

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Are you counting all the prawns that have appeared in our Newsletters so far? Discon 2020 is getting close and your correct answer could win you a fabulous surprise gift in Maputo.

Here is the link to register for Discon 2020 - but hurry, there are strictly limited places left:

rotary9400npc.org.za/events

HAPPENING THIS MONTH...

FEBRUARY 23RD

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ANNIVERSARY



"If this Rotary of ours is destined to be more than a mere passing thing, it will be because you and I have learned the importance of bearing with each other's infirmities, the value of toleration"

Paul P. Harris (Founder of Rotary)



TAKE ACTION:
Celebrate Rotary, Be a People of Action

FEBRUARY

"The practice of peace and reconciliation is one of the most vital and artistic of human actions."

Thich Nhat Hanh



PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION MONTH



TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Be a People of Action



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Great News

We now have an official licensed supplier of all branded merchandise for Rotary Southern Africa

We will have a Rotary shop in Bedfordview to collect & view all Rotary branded items at 91a Main Road, Solihelm, Germiston, 1401

Now even more convenient for all clubs in Southern Africa.
Buy online: www.merchandisestore.co.za/Rotary

Site is under construction and will be fully operational by the end of March 2020

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Official licensed supplier



A special word of thanks to PDG Grant Daly with his assistance in acquiring this very difficult licence and PDG Tom Borrill for his invaluable help as well. As far as we know, the only one in Africa!

THE WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION (UK) VISITS CLUBS IN REGION 6 (LIMPOPO) - January 2020

This was a combined project initiated by Rotary Haenertsburg (with a district grant) in which 5 clubs in Region 6 (Limpopo) pooled their funds. A total of 110 wheelchairs were ordered and shipped from the Wheelchair Foundation in the UK for distribution.

The clubs involved were: Louis Trichardt, Polokwane, Tzaneen, Pietersburg 100 and Haenertsburg.



Above: Milton Fray (Trustee/Founder) of the Wheelchair Foundation in the UK with an elderly recipient and President Anne Harman (Haenertsburg Club).



HOW IS THE NPC STRUCTURED IN DISTRICT 9400?

District 9400 conducts its affairs in a registered non profit company all in terms of the South African Companies Act. The NPC has seven directors who govern the affairs of the district. There are four operational directors which are what we refer to as the "Quad" viz:

- > Immediate Past District Governor (in the interest of continuity)
- > District Governor (the CEO of the district and the RI representative)
- > District Governor Elect (future CEO and RI representative)
- > District Governor Nominee (also future CEO and RI representative)

These four directors operate the same as it was in the past when the District was an association of clubs. Given their great responsibility, they appoint two specialists to assist them with carrying out their duties such as legal, financial, governance, IT, etc. The seventh director is the Chairman of the District Programs NPC. Each director is in office for one year. The Quad hold office for one year each and then move on i.e. DGE becomes DG and DG becomes IPDG and so on. Each year the Quad reconsider the two specialist directors on the board in terms of what skills they need on the board. The seven directors at their first meeting every year appoint the Chairman. It is to be appreciated that the Chairman is not the CEO, he/she is elected to chair the meeting, draft up agendas, ensure governance, compliance, etc.

The District Programs NPC is a vehicle that focuses on the policies, procedures and governance of all Youth programs, Friendship exchange, Rotaract, etc. The assistant governors are there to assist the district governor of the day much the same as it has been in the past.

