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



District Governor Newsletter

31 December 2020



**DG Annemarie and
PP Hans Mostert**

December marks the half way point in the Rotary year and I'm inspired by the opportunities that you have found during these challenging times. Clubs have discovered new and innovative fundraising and community activities to stay engaged, relevant and impactful. Many have embraced the hybrid virtual model, developed a strategic mindset underpinned by technical support, connected with stakeholders and international sponsors, inducted new members, chartered clubs and made a contribution to The Rotary Foundation.

The incoming club and committee leaders have now been identified. For the next six months, focus and implement your plans to continue to unite, give and grow and make a positive difference in our communities and around the world.

UNITE, GIVE, GROW

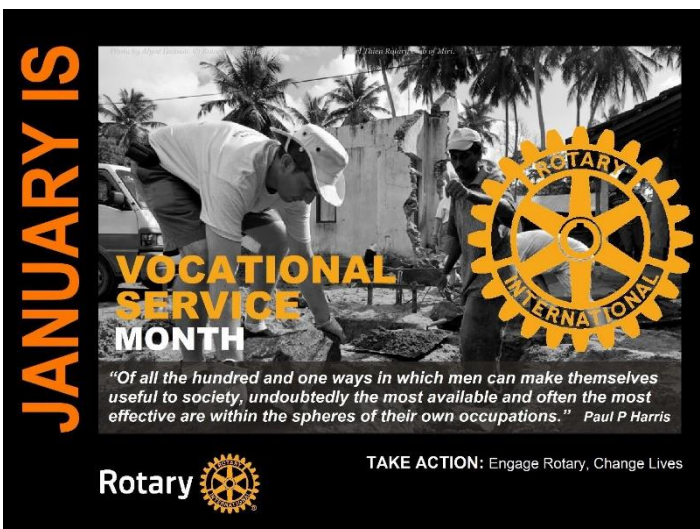
We have all felt the impact of COVID-29. My heartfelt sympathies go out to those who have experienced loss or hardship during this difficult period. We recognise and express our sincere gratitude to those professionals that have consistently stood up to defend a scientific, evidence-based approach to public health interventions. Thank you for your service to our countries. We trust that you and your loved ones are enjoying a warm and peaceful festive season. We are entering a new year with renewed strength and hope, a year that will bring Rotarians together in celebrating one hundred years of Rotary in Africa together with the Rotary Club of Johannesburg.



Happy New Year to you and yours, may we continue to live our Rotary Vision in 2021. Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves.

January is Rotary’s Vocational Service Month, a great time to start leveraging vocational service in your club projects and activities.

Rotary emphasises integrity and high ethical standards. As part of Rotary's guiding principles and the Avenues of Service, Vocational Service calls on Rotarians to empower others by using their unique skills and expertise to address community needs and help others discover new professional opportunities and interests.



Vocational Service is the essence of Rotary and serves as the foundation from which we serve our communities around the world. Vocational Service calls on us to empower others by using our unique skills and expertise to address community needs and help others acquire or refine skills and advance their professional opportunities.

The Vocational Service in Action handbook can help you gain a better understanding of vocational service and provide you with ideas to practice it through

your service activities, in your personal life, and in your career. [Click here](#) to download the handbook and share it with your club members!



District Governor Nominee Designate

District 9400 congratulates Riana Pretorius from the Rotary Club of Pretoria Capital who has been appointed DGND; she will serve as District Governor of District 9400 for the Rotary year 2023/2024.



A Rotarian since 2004, Riana has had the honour of serving as Club President four times. She has been an Assistant Governor and is currently serving on both the District Membership and the District Foundation Committees. To read more about DGND Riana, please [click here!](#)



Stella Anyangwe, District Governor Elect (2020-2021) for D9400 attended the Governors-Elect Training Seminar (**GETS**) 2020 together with DG Annemarie, DGN Koekie Quashie, and several other D9400 officials. It took place at the Speke Resort, Uganda, on 1-2 December 2020 and was led by PDG Jean-Pierre Lasseni Duboze of D9150, who is Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (RRFC) Zone 22 for Region 26. Eleven of the 16 DGEs in Rotary Zone 22 attended the event in person, while 5 attended virtually.

In addition to training based on the 2020-21 GETS workbook, short addresses were also made by RI President Elect Shekhar Mehta, RI Director Katerina Kotsali-Papadimitriou, CDS Zurich staff, and RI Director Nominee Patrick Chisanga. The training was very beneficial with several take-home messages for DGEs, such as **The 2 Gs**: GROW Rotary, GIVE more, also known as **M&Ms**: MORE Members, MORE Money for programmes.



The D9400 "Troika": DGN Koekie, DGE Stella and DG Annemarie, at the opening ceremony of Institute 2020

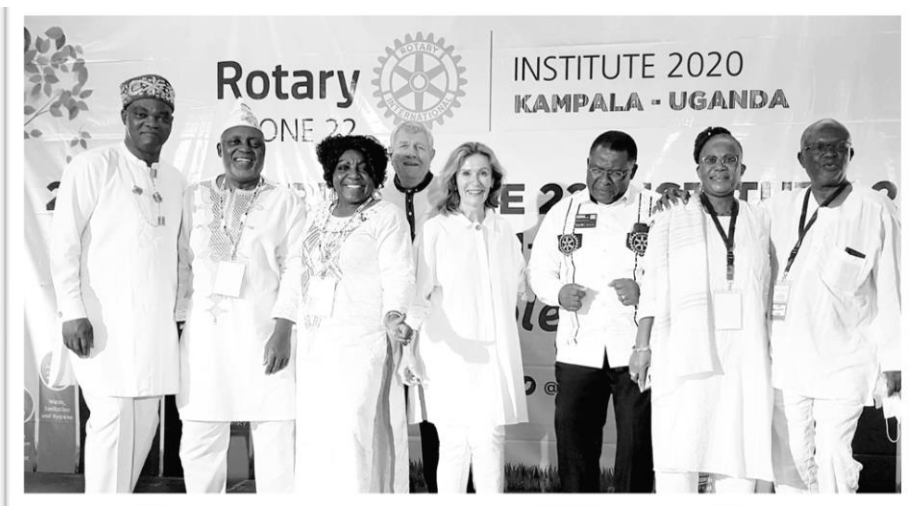
The **Rotary Institute** was attended by about 200 participants at the same venue on 3-5 December 2020. Seminars with panel discussions were held on vital subjects such as Membership, Foundation, Youth, and the Environment.

The highlight of the Institute was the African Peace Cultivation Dinner to raise funds for the new Makerere University Peace Centre and the Sam Owori Peace Initiative. During the dinner, spontaneous fundraising yielded US\$260,000. All Zone 22 Districts have been encouraged to donate 10% of their DDF to this centre for the next 5 years.



Rotary E-Club of Southern Africa D9400 members Prof Martin Rupiya and Prof Dries Velthuizen with DG Annemarie and Dr Helen Nambalirwa Nkabala from the Rotary Peace Centre at Makerere University in Uganda

The 2020 GETS and the Institute were very successfully convened by PRID Yinka Babalola, and co-chaired by PDG Kenneth Wyclif Mugisha and PDG Emmanuel Katongole. Rotary District 9211, in which the events were held, is proudly governed by DG Rosetti Nabbumba Nayenga.



D9400 leadership and their spouses with PRID Yinka and RIDN Patrick at the Rotary Zone 22 GETS



Training

Presidents Elect and Incoming Officers Training (PETS)

Training of the Assistant Governors and Incoming Officers/Committee Chairs will take place on 20 February 2021 and is all virtual. Please save this date in your 2021 diary. During the PETS training sessions there will not be any Learning Centre practical sessions; participants are expected to do some pre-learning on My Rotary and Learning Centre before these training sessions. Please [click here](#) for more info!

As we are nearing the Rotary half-year mark, all D9400 clubs are reminded to update:

- their club membership and officer information,
- their incoming Club Officers for 2021/22, and
- their Goals and Projects.



Reminder: Club Admin



Rotary Exhibition Centre

**A call to action for all Rotarians,
Rotary Anns, Rotaractors,
Interactors, Individuals, Clubs,
Businesses, Corporates,
and Friends of Rotary.**

The Rotary Exhibition Centre is to be established at PromoWorld in Edenvale, adjacent to the Rotary Shop. The idea is that the Rotary Exhibition Centre should be a “living” museum, which can grow in time, will be enhanced with digital technology, animations and will be show-cased online as well. Someone once said that: *“a museum is not just a place for artifacts, rather, it’s a place of ideas”*.


The Rotary Exhibition Centre will be “housed” in a 40’ shipping container which will be modified and shaped into a professional custom museum environment encapsulating internationally recognised design features.



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



The Inter-Country Committee (ICC) of Germany-Southern Central Africa has been established! District Governors representing D1850, D9400 and D9210 signed the agreement together with ICC National Coordinators, PDG Hutch Muthintha and PDG Udo Noack. Twelve German clubs and 16 African clubs commit themselves to take all the necessary initiatives and keep contact following the recommendations of the International Executive Council of the ICC.




Resolutions from various districts worldwide were sent to RI and all the Representatives of the Council on Resolutions (COR) and the Council of Legislation (COL) cast their votes online. [Click here](#) to read more about the resolutions and the results of the vote.

If you have any further questions or need assistance putting forth further Resolutions or Enactments please contact our D9400 COR/COL Representative: ACR/PDG Annie Steijn 082 550 0806 / assteijn@gmail.com

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It is imperative for the continued success of Rotary, that Rotarians (both in their individual capacity as members and committees) follow proper Rotary protocols.

Always abide by the first line of the Four-Way test is ***“Is it the Truth?”*** [Please click here](#) to read more about the importance of Rotary Protocols and how best to adhere to them.



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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 CONCERN?
3. WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERN?



Rotary Involvement with COVID-19 Vaccination

The President of Rotary International, Holger Knaack has responded to the question we hear time and again as we traverse the virtual world, “Are we getting involved with COVID vaccination?”

The answer is **YES.**

Given our success and growing expertise in polio eradication, this question is both natural and timely. Ravi Ravindran, Chair of The Rotary Foundation, said this does not mean we will deviate in any way from our commitment to eradicating polio. But as we know, this COVID pandemic is sweeping the world. The Board of RI and the TRF Trustees jointly agreed that Rotary has a role to play. In these difficult days, we are heartened to have received uplifting reports on the unrelenting efforts of our Rotary members who have responded in their communities to the fight against COVID-19. Rotary International’s leadership asks and encourages your clubs to continue to assist by supporting the international COVID-19 vaccine efforts.



Director Nominee for Zone 22



Patrick Chisanga was recently appointed to serve as Rotary International Director (Zone 22) for 2022-2024. He had the honour of this being confirmed by the President of Rotary International, Holger Knaack, while attending the All Africa Rotary International Institute in Kampala, Uganda. [Click here](#) to read more about this inspiring Rotarian!



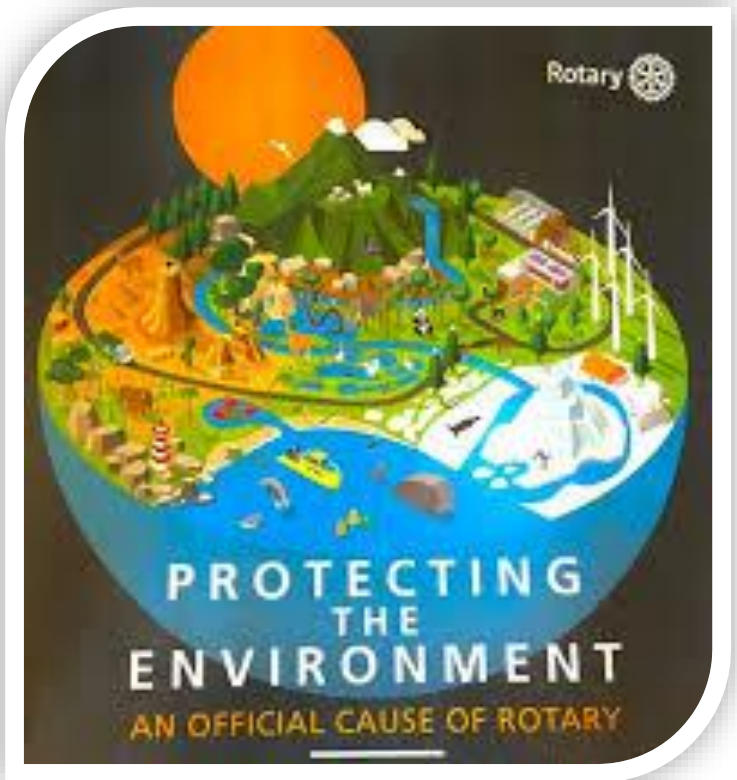
Presidents and their Club Membership directors now have a new way of tracking potential Rotarians. [Click here to learn more about Membership Leads!](#)





We are moving forward on Rotary's new area of focus! You can now find more information about how Rotarians can protect the environment in the updated [Area of Focus Policy Statements](#).

This new cause empowers Rotary members to address specific issues that have detrimental effects on the environment comprehensively and opens an opportunity to build on the environmental work that Rotarians are already doing in their communities. [Click here](#) to learn more about protecting the environment. The RI Board and Rotary Foundation Trustees added the environment as an official cause earlier this year, and clubs and districts can apply for global grants in this area from 1 July 2021. Rotary clubs who want to apply for a global grant are encouraged to carefully review the policy statements to ensure that their proposed projects are eligible.



Project Information on Environmental Projects

Does your club have projects under the new Rotary focus area "Protecting the Environment"?

The Council of Southern Africa (COISA) Inter district work stream on the 7th Focus Area "Protecting the Environment" requests all D9400 clubs to share their club's projects and experiences in the following areas: Water, Energy, Transport, Food Security, Greening, Waste Management and Environmental Awareness. Please share your experiences within Rotary and reflect on them so that they can be popularised to the broader stakeholder and donor communities. [Click here](#) to record your new environmental projects, as well as your projects in the existing 6 areas of focus.

UN speaks out on the environment

Current environmental and climate trends are dire. Given the urgency of confronting the climate emergency, action needs to be escalated on all fronts. On 2 December, the UN Secretary-General António Guterres delivered a landmark speech on the state of the planet, setting the stage for dramatically scaled-up ambitions on climate change over the coming year. [Click here](#) to download the speech or [click here](#) to watch it being delivered by Guterres. The landmark address marked the beginning of a month of [UN-led climate action](#).

Club Focus

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

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

This year the RC Brits Hartbeespoort's annual plant sale had to be moved from Spring to early December due to Covid. Nevertheless, a very successful 2 days of selling plants was held at the Village mall in Hartbeespoort.



RC Brits Hartbeespoort's Christmas Lunch was held on 12 December in the conference centre at the Hartbeespoort Cableway and was attended by 42 members and partners which included the Satellite Club "Virtual Vision".



The Grade 12 learners at Benoni High School donated their school shoes to the Rotary Club of Benoni Aurora. The club also received brand new shoes from some learners. This project is coordinated by Mrs Nicola Merrick, a teacher at the school. All of the shoes have been donated to a local community in Benoni.



PDG Annie Steijn was recognised with a PHF (Second Sapphire) by the Rotary Club of Benoni at an enjoyable, well-attended Christmas function.

RC Pretoria East club members got together to decorate the Christmas cookies. They also sorted, packed and delivered presents to the Jakaranda Children's Home.



President Wilma, PDG Annie, DG Annemarie and PDG Greg

More Club News...

The Rotary Club of Benoni Aurora has supported the new Protecting the Environment focus area by sponsoring a dustbin on the perimeter of the Korsman Bird Sanctuary in Benoni, Gauteng. Various companies in Benoni are getting on board to promote the conservation of this gem of nature in Benoni. President Sonja Shear, President Elect Yegalan Chetty and Community Service Projects Chair Gail Wilson met up with Jane Trembath, Chairperson of the Korsman Conservancy shortly after the installation.



Ermelo Rotary Club hosted a successful market evening at the Ermelo Showgrounds on 4 December. Nicoline Griffiths, President of Ermelo Rotary Club, thanked all the sponsors who helped make the day a success - Lin's Sport Bar, Kiette Auditors, ACSU, Wildman, Vida Water, Blush Models (Bridal Choice and Wedding Dresses supplied the dress for the older girls), Morgan Nissan, Hough's Butchery and Erika Grobler. All the exhibitors supported the club and put in hours of hard work. The club is very grateful to the locals of Ermelo that supported them. [Click here](#) to see more pictures as they appeared in the Ridge Times!



The Rotary Club of Benoni Aurora recently donated a new 12-seater bus to iKhaya da Luz, a children's safe haven and foster home, with the help of the Rotary Clubs of Schwäbischer Barockwinkel Thannhausen, Mindelheim and Burg-Genthin, in Germany and the Rotary Club of Leibnitz in Austria.

iKhaya da Luz is a non-profit organisation based on Benoni Small Farms, Gauteng. It provides care, love, nourishment and guidance to children who are neglected, abused, abandoned or orphaned. The home would also appreciate any help to build a cold-room, a classroom and another structure to accommodate the children that are turning 18.

The club thanks Avery Dennison for the donation of the vinyl, the artwork that was done by Artico Designs and the wrapping of the vehicle done by Wrap My Ride.

Anyone who would like to assist can visit the Facebook pages of iKhaya da Luz and Rotary Club of Benoni Aurora or email info@rotarybenoniaurora.co.za



The Rotary Clubs of Pretoria East and Pretoria handed out certificates of appreciation to the staff of the Ubuntu Clinic. Rosina Modipa and Thobile Matseke, who assisted the two clubs during the Rotary Family Health Day in October 2019, received certificates from PP Jan Visagie (Projects Director of Rotary Club of Pretoria East) and Fatima Mastromatteo (President of Rotary Club of Pretoria). A third certificate of appreciation was handed out to acknowledge all the staff members who were involved. The assistant manager expressed her gratitude and confirmed that RFHD was successful to establish contact with their broader community.



D9400 Mid-Year Assembly

Saturday 23 January 2021

Focus on appraisal & celebration!

Give us your stories, and a reason to celebrate you and your club!

[Click here for more information](#)

FUNDRAISING

The Rotary Clubs of Polokwane together with Monterey Pacific D5230 in the USA will host a fundraising in the form of a Wonderful Wildlife Virtual Charity Concert. Donations are being accepted as the entrance fee for this musical safari through the Limpopo Province, encountering breath-taking images of wildlife, set to the joyful beats and soaring songs of local African choirs and musicians - all in celebration of our shared natural heritage and interconnected lives. Recipients of the funds collected will be the Siloe School for the Blind, Tshilidzini Special School, KG Maluleke Memorial Organisation (KGOMANO) & Rhino Counter-Poaching. Donations are tax deductible.

The first presentation on Saturday 19 December will be in the USA. However, they are planning to do the same in South Africa at a later date. Details for the SA presentation will be shared in a future DG newsletter.



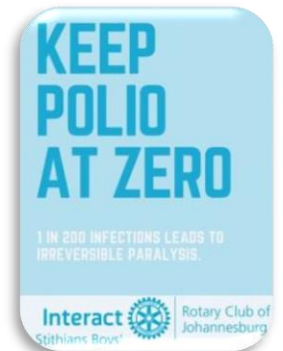
Congratulations to the **Rotary Club of Brits-Hartbeespoort**, who recently received a Certificate of Organization from Rotary International to proceed with a second Interact Club in Hartbeespoort in the New Year. This will be done in conjunction with the Mountain Cambridge School. The Interact Club will be known as the Interact Club of **Mountain Cambridge School**, Hartbeespoort.

The Interact Club at **St Francis College** (sponsored by **RC Benoni Aurora**) collected toiletries and clothing over the past weeks. Here they are packing and distributing Christmas boxes for children in the Benoni community.



The **St Stithians Boys College** Interact Club, sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Johannesburg**, took World Polio Day to a whole new level this year. Grace Van Zyl, Polio Plus Chair of District 9400 encouraged Interact Clubs to take part in a Polio Awareness campaign. The Interact Committee ran a Polio Awareness Campaign consisting of a quiz, multiple posters, infographics St Stithian's Boys College and an Instagram post consisting of information regarding Polio

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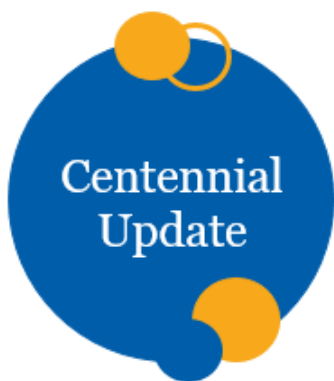
Dr George Hove (**Rotary Club of Boksburg**) has had an enormously busy year taking care of Rotary Youth Exchange Students. His own daughter, Tendai, spent a full year away from home in Belgium as a Rotary Long-Term Youth Exchange Student. She became fluent in French and received warm compliments from her host club.

Before Tendai left, Dr George's family shared hosting duties of Youth Exchange student Hannah Seitlinger from Austria, with Pregason and Nolitha Naidoo and Andrew and Sandra Muhl. Andrew and Sandra are presently hosting their fifth exchange student! Tendai's second host sister is Belgian Isaure Della Faille, who is being hosted by the Rotary Club of Boksburg.

As all Rotarians can confirm, being a host parent to an exchange student entails much more than simply providing a caring parental home for the incoming student while he/she is here. Students inevitably become involved in club and school matters and projects, YEX matters with other clubs' students, sports activities, and they receive all manner of invitations, in which the host parents usually support the students.



Tendai, Dr Hove, and Isaure



[Click here](#) to register your interest and be the first to receive news and updates about the celebrations!

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought in-person conferences to a halt for the foreseeable future. D9400 had to make a tough decision and has elected to switch the 2021 conference to virtual (online) only.

The fully virtual conference structure enables an unprecedented level of interaction and exchange of ideas and discussions online, and will be inclusive, more affordable, less time-consuming and more accessible worldwide.

100 YEARS OF LASTING CHANGE

Rotary is getting ready to celebrate 100 years in Africa.

Join us as we connect virtually with fellow Rotarians and business leaders, NPOs, civil society organisations, foundations and influential change-makers. We drive impactful socio-economic transformation throughout the continent, in line with Rotary's Areas of Focus and the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

SAVE THE DATE

VIRTUAL EVENT:

22 - 26 April 2021
AFRICAN HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP VIRTUAL PROJECTS FAIR

24 & 25 April 2021
AFRICAN CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE

This is a fully digital event. We encourage you to sign up below and participate in our Virtual Celebrations and Global Networking.

For more information please contact Africa100@rotary9400.org.za
 We look forward to hosting you online.



An Opportunity for Rotarians & Non-Rotarians to Become Community Mediators

The African Rotary Community Mediation (ARCoM) Vocational Training Team (VTT) - Global Grant Project was established in 2020 by a group of Rotarians from District 9350, District 9370 and District 9400. The ARCoM initiative will train 100 community mediators (30 Rotarians and 70 non-Rotarians) to work in communities. Rotary invites applications until 5 January 2020.

Rotarians and non-Rotarians in Southern Africa can apply now by clicking [here](#). PHASE 1 (ARCoM Online Training) begins in February 2021.

The Steering Committee of ARCoM is also currently in discussion with the new Rotary Peace Centre at Makerere University in Uganda on expanding ARCoM to communities in Zone 22 (East Africa). The Peace Centre has already nominated five candidates to participate in the first phase of ARCoM so that they can serve as VTT members.

Positions available in D9400 structures!

1. District Programmes NPC Chair for 2021-2022

District herewith calls for applications or nominations for an experienced Rotarian to lead the Districts Programmes NPC. This includes serving on the District NPC Board.

The District Programmes NPC is a recommended RI District Committee. The NPC chair is responsible for mentoring, motivating and encouraging the committees to promote Club and District participation in the respective District programmes. The NPC chair will report to the main NPC Board on the activities of the committees. The committees are EarlyAct, Interact, Rotaract, Youth Exchange, New Generations Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and Friendship Exchange.

The deadline for applications is 7 February 2021. Please [click here](#) for more information, including application details.

2. District Finance Committee

Members with a financial background are invited to apply for

- Head of Finance for D9400, or
- Member of the Finance Committee

The minimum recommended qualification for both positions is CA or accountant. Please [click here](#) to read more about the role and responsibilities of the Finance Committee.

Interested Rotarians are to please submit a brief CV and covering letter with an expression of interest to DG Annemarie at annemarie@rotary9400.org.za The deadline for applications is 7 February 2021.

Let's plan ahead: Important dates in January

1 January — New Year's Day

23 January — Mid-Year Assembly

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention / Resolution month!

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