

# DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

Botswana, Eswatini, Mozambique and South Africa NOVEMBER 2022



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

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

Dear fellow Rotarians,

November is The Rotary Foundation month, but truly, The Rotary Foundation (TRF) always needs our support anytime of the year. It all began in 1917 when Rotary International President Arch C. Klumph announced the acceptance of endowments "for the purpose of the purpose of doing good in the world" – and our Rotary Foundation was born! It started with a donation of \$26.50.

Most of us recognize the signature achievement of our Rotary Foundation as the ongoing battle to end polio. It's interesting to note the very first grant the Foundation made (\$500) was to the International Society for Crippled Children (started by a Rotarian) which later became known as Easter Seals. The "March of Dimes" was this organization's campaign to fight polio.

We've come a long way from receiving that first donation and collecting those dimes. Our district unfortunately has for a while now, not been one of the leaders in 'giving', in the Rotary world and I can only but continue to encourage and appeal to members to do so, even if just the equivalent of the Foundation's \$26.50 seed amount.

Can you Imagine the number of times you've driven around your geographic areas and outside our borders, only to discover a need, return home and act on it? This is the Rotary heart in you.

How many times have you been talking with local community folks only to discover a need right in your own back yard, taken the need to your club, and acted on it? This is the Rotary heart in you.

Nothing brings us closer than when we "Imagine", and then do something for others. It's impossible to not feel better about ourselves, and our peers, when we are involved in helping others, even in very small ways. In our Rotary

Caros Companheiros Rotários,

Novembro é o mês da Fundação Rotária, mas, na verdade, a Fundação Rotária (TRF) precisa sempre do nosso suporte em qualquer época do ano. Tudo começou em 1917, quando o Presidente do Rotary Internacional, Arch C. Klumph anunciou a aceitação de doações "com o propósito de fazer o bem no mundo" – e assim nasceu a nossa Fundação Rotária! Começou com uma doação de \$26,50.

A maioria de nós reconhece os feitos marcantes da nossa Fundação Rotária como a batalha em curso para acabar com a poliomielite. É interessante notar que a primeira subvenção que a Fundação fez (\$500) foi para a International Society for Crippled Children (iniciada por um Rotariano) que mais tarde ficou conhecida como Easter Seals. A "March of Dimes" foi a campanha desta organização para combater a poliomielite.

Percorremos um longo caminho desde que recebemos a primeira doação e recolher os fundos. Infelizmente, o nosso Distrito não tem sido, infelizmente, um dos líderes em "doação", no mundo Rotário e só posso continuar a encorajar e apelar aos membros para o fazerem, mesmo que apenas o equivalente à quantia de 26,50 dólares da Fundação.

Consegue imaginar o número de vezes que percorreu as suas áreas geográficas e fora das nossas fronteiras, apenas para descobrir uma necessidade, voltar para casa e agir nela? Este é o coração Rotário em ti.

Quantas vezes já falou com pessoas da comunidade local só para descobrir uma necessidade no seu próprio quintal, levou a necessidade para o seu clube, e agiu sobre isso? Este é o coração Rotário em ti.

Nada nos aproxima mais do que quando "Imaginamos", e depois fazemos algo pelos outros. É impossível não nos sentirmos melhor connosco mesmos, e com os nossos pares, quando estamos envolvidos em ajudar os outros, mesmo de



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DG Koekie Makunyane-Quashie

family, it brought us closer together, and it gets us to discuss common solutions for others' problems. This is the Rotary heart in you.

When we band together with Rotarians in other places, we truly make the impossible possible!

Unfortunately, I have also had to be urging those clubs in the district that received grants but have still not completed their reports to RI, to do so urgently, in order for **our district share** to be released from RI into our coffers so it can be distributed to clubs as their 'returned share amount' to be used on planned projects. It is not "Fair to all concerned" when the whole district, especially the deserving clubs, are 'held ransom' by defaulting clubs! Kindly apply the 4-Way Test.

As far as membership growth is concerned, we must take pride in telling our Rotary Story. Our RI President has urged us to go on our own "Imagine Impact Tours", meet with prominent leaders and tell them and the public about our organization, if we are to attract like-minded into our organization. The need for us to make a deliberate effort of attracting "The under 40s, females, establishing Rotaract clubs", as well as ensuring DEI in our clubs cannot be stressed enough. We must grow our membership as the needs by the less fortunate increase daily, just as the issue of the Empowerment of Girls needs our utmost attention.

As we look forward to the festive season and planned holidays, let us also remember that December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month. This month includes World Aids Day on the 1<sup>st</sup> and International Day of Disabled Persons on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December. Let us think of and plan events and programs that will support the month's theme.

From Kobla and myself, we wish you and yours a blessed, safe and merry festive season and prosperous New Year.

Yours in Rotary.

*DG Koekie*



DG Koekie

formas muito pequenas. A nossa família Rotária, aproximou-nos e leva-nos a discutir soluções comuns para os problemas dos outros. Este é o coração Rotário em ti.

Quando nos juntamos com rotarianos em outros lugares, realmente tornamos o impossível possível!

Infelizmente, também tive de pedir aos clubes do Distrito que receberam subvenções, mas que ainda não tenham concluído os seus relatórios à RI, que o façam com urgência, para que a nossa parte distrital seja disponibilizada pelo RI para os nossos cofres, para que possa ser distribuída aos clubes como o seu "montante de quota devolvido" a ser utilizado em projectos planeados. Não é "justo para todos os envolvidos" quando todo o Distrito, especialmente os clubes merecedores, ficam 'cativos' por clubes em incumprimento! Por gentileza apliquem a Prova Quádrupla.

No que diz respeito ao crescimento dos membros, temos de nos orgulhar de contar a nossa História Rotária. A nossa Presidente do RI instou-nos a irmos nas nossas próprias "Imagine Impact Tours", reunirmo-nos com líderes proeminentes e contar-lhes e ao público sobre a nossa organização, se quisermos atrair pessoas com o mesmo ideal para a nossa organização. É de enfatizar a necessidade de fazermos um esforço deliberado para atrair "os abaixo dos 40s, mulheres, estabelecer clubes Rotaract", assim como garantir que o DEI nos nossos clubes. Temos de aumentar a adesão de membros à medida que as necessidades aumentam diariamente, tal como a questão do Empoderamento das Raparigas precisa da nossa atenção máxima.

À medida que aguardamos pela época festiva e as férias previstas, lembremo-nos também que Dezembro é mês de Prevenção e Tratamento de Doenças. Este mês inclui o Dia Mundial da Sida no dia 1 e Dia Internacional das Pessoas Com Deficiência, no dia 3 de Dezembro. Vamos pensar e planear eventos e programas que apoiem o tema do mês.

De Kobla e de mim, desejamos a si e aos seus uma época festiva abençoada, segura e alegre e um Ano Novo Próspero.

O seu em Rotary.

*DG Koekie*



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### Melbourne Convention Registration Report for District 9400

Registration Goal for District 9400	30	
Paid Registrations as of 7 Nov 2022	9	30%
Total Registrations as of 7 Nov 2022	11	36%

## Message from Jennifer Jones RI President 2022-23



## Mensagem Da Jennifer Jones RI Presidente 2022-23

Being asked to Imagine Rotary can seem like a big, heady exercise, but the most important element of it is something quite small, even personal.

Not too long ago, Rotary members were expected to perform our acts of service quietly. I understood and appreciated the thought behind that — humility is a wonderful trait, and we should continue to nurture it in other ways.

But keeping Rotary to ourselves has a cost. and by sharing our Rotary moments, we are being generous with others and giving them an opportunity to understand the impact of Rotary.

It brings to mind that wonderful aphorism: "People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel."

So how do we make people feel Rotary? The best way is to share our Rotary moments. We have all had them — when the ordinary collides with intention to create something extraordinary.

Some people have those Rotary moments the first time they go to a meeting. For others, it can take years, before seeing the joy in the eyes of someone we serve. Or perhaps in hearing from another member something that hit close to home.

As Nick and I share this journey, we are amazed at the work you are performing and the lives that are transforming. Throughout the year, I'm going to share with you the sights and the stories that made those tours meaningful for us.

I hope you can do the same in your corner of Rotary. It can be something you share in meetings or on social media. For the most savvy and ambitious, it could be an event you publicize with local media. Even sharing your stories with friends has impact.

We need ambassadors for Rotary's message and our dreams for a better world. The best ambassadors are you. The more you share stories — and share them from the heart — the more you encourage others to partner with us, to join us, and to stay.

To give you just one small example, in the months ahead, I will be turning over this column to Rotary members who will share their personal stories as they relate to diversity, equity, and inclusion in our organization. It's important that we hear these stories directly from the people who experienced them as a way of feeling the importance of DEI for the future of Rotary.

***In everything we do, what people feel about Rotary will shape our future. I can only imagine what you will inspire through the stories you'll tell.***

Ser convidado a *imaginar o Rotary* pode parecer um grande exercício, mas o elemento mais importante é algo muito pequeno, mesmo pessoal.

Não há muito tempo, esperava-se que os membros do Rotary realizassem os nossos actos de serviço discretamente. Entendi e apreciei o pensamento por trás disso — a humildade é uma característica maravilhosa, e devemos continuar a alimentá-la de outras formas.

Mas manter o Rotary para nós mesmos tem um custo, e ao partilharmos os nossos momentos do Rotary, estamos a ser generosos com os outros e a dar-lhes a oportunidade de compreender o impacto do Rotary.

Recorda-me o maravilhoso ditado: "As pessoas vão esquecer o que disseste. As pessoas vão esquecer o que fizeste. Mas as pessoas nunca se esquecerão como as fez sentir."

Então, como fazemos as pessoas sentirem o Rotary? A melhor maneira é partilhar os nossos momentos do Rotary. Todos nós os tivemos — quando o comum colide com a intenção de criar algo extraordinário.

Algumas pessoas têm aqueles momentos do Rotary da primeira vez que vão a uma reunião. Para outros, pode levar anos, antes de ver a alegria nos olhos de alguém que servimos. Ou talvez ao ouvir de outro membro algo familiar.

Enquanto o Nick e eu partilhamos esta viagem, estamos espantados com o trabalho que estão a realizar e com as vidas que estão a transformar-se. Durante todo o ano, vou partilhar convosco as vistas e as histórias que tornaram esses passeios significativos para nós.

Espero que possa fazer o mesmo no seu canto do Rotary. Pode ser algo que partilhe nas reuniões ou nas redes sociais. Para os mais experientes e ambiciosos, pode ser um evento de divulgação com os meios de comunicação locais. Até partilhar as suas histórias com amigos tem impacto.

Precisamos de embaixadores para a mensagem do Rotary e os nossos sonhos para um mundo melhor. Os melhores embaixadores são vocês. Quanto mais partilhas histórias — e as partilhas do coração — mais encorajas os outros a associarem-se a nós, a juntarem-se a nós e a ficarem.

Para vos dar apenas um pequeno exemplo, nos próximos meses, entregarei esta coluna aos membros do Rotary que partilharão as suas histórias pessoais no que diz respeito à diversidade, equidade e inclusão na nossa organização. É importante que ouçamos estas histórias diretamente das pessoas que as experimentaram como forma de sentir a importância do DEI para o futuro do Rotary.

***Em tudo o que fazemos, o que as pessoas sentem sobre Rotary moldará o nosso futuro. Só posso imaginar o que irão inspirar através das histórias que irão contar***



# DECEMBER is DISEASE PREVENTION and TREATMENT MONTH

The Month of December in Rotary is Disease Prevention and Treatment. Globally, Rotary is recognized for its signature project, the eradication of polio in the world. But polio is not the only disease or aspect of healthy living on which Rotarians have expended energies. Rotarians are also dedicated to fighting and preventing other diseases.

Disease Prevention and Treatment is one of the Rotary Foundation's Seven Areas of Focus. And for good reason. The health and vitality of a person, a family and a community can be seriously impaired by what in many cases is a preventable disease. Disease prevention is really a keystone to progress in other areas as well because of the interplay with other areas of focus like Water and Sanitation and Maternal & Child Health.

Disease results in misery, pain, and poverty for millions of people worldwide. Illness leads to pain and sometimes even injury. Prolonged severe illness may result in loss of employment and income. It affects families. It affects quality of life. Rotary and Rotarians are committed to helping people to live healthy lives. We believe good health care is everyone's right. Yet 400 million people in the world can't afford or don't have access to basic health care. That is why treating and preventing disease is so important to us.

We lead efforts both large and small. We set up temporary clinics, blood donation centers, and training facilities in underserved communities struggling with outbreaks and health care access. We design and build infrastructure that allows doctors, patients, and governments to work together. Our members combat diseases like malaria, HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, and polio. Prevention is important, which is why we also focus on health education and bringing people routine hearing, vision, and dental care.

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The eradication of polio has of course been Rotary International's major worldwide, corporate effort since the early 1980's. Although remarkable progress has been made, the job is not finished yet. You can rest assured that we will not, cannot, set this torch down until that job has been done.

What can you do?

- ✚ See what Rotarians are doing in [Disease Prevention and Treatment](#)
- ✚ Learn more about our efforts to [End Polio](#).
- ✚ Check out the [Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group](#) (WASRAG).
- ✚ Browse [Rotary Showcase](#) for member projects helping to fight disease and see what other Rotarians and Clubs are doing.



## Support for Ukraine:

### GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving back. On every last Tuesday of the month, you'll have the chance to join people around the world and support a cause close to your heart.

This Giving Tuesday, help us give the gift of warm to Ukrainian people. By joining the movement, you're providing winter supplies and equipment for people in need. With your help, we can make this a reality. Choose your personal winterization gift to Ukraine:

- \$25 = Compact heating furnace
- \$50 = 3 sets of thermal underwear
- \$100 = 3 Transformers blanket/sleeping bag
- \$200 = 2 Stoves for heating and cookies
- \$500 = Electro generator

Will you help to Ukrainian people to survive this winter?  
Follow the fundraiser link and give online your donation - <https://gofund.me/b26325bb>



# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL was at COP27

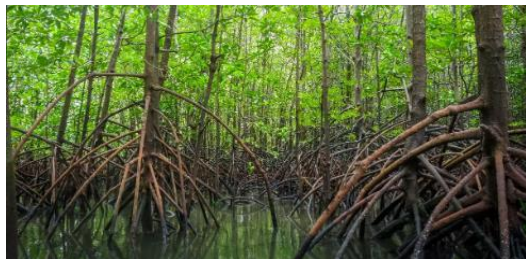


The 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference, more commonly referred to as Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC, or COP27, was held from 6 November until 18 November 2022 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. It was the 27th United Nations Climate Change conference.

RI President Jennifer Jones joined Heads of State, ministers, and negotiators, along with climate activists, mayors, civil society representatives and CEOs at the largest annual gathering on climate action.

PDG Mayan Raslan of Egypt announced that Rotary was present at the COP27 where the organisation's role in protecting the environment was widely acclaimed. The result of this year's involvement is that Egypt will get a **Global Grant** under the RI focus area **Environment** to protect and preserve the local mangrove swamps. The \$50,000 grant for the project will go to the Rotary Club of Sharm El Sheikh.

The term "mangrove" usually refers to "a tide-influenced wetland complex composed of mangrove forests, tidal areas, salt marshes, and other associated habitats in the intertidal zone in tropical and subtropical latitudes. They straddle the connection between land and sea and nature and humans. Mangrove forests nurture our estuaries and fuel our nature-based economies. Mangrove forests also provides habitat and refuge to a wide array of wildlife such as birds, fish, invertebrates, mammals and plants.



The mangrove swamps absorb five times more carbon than forests on land, according to the UN Environment Programme (UNEP).

The stands of trees also help filter out water pollution and act as a natural barrier against rising seas and extreme weather, shielding coastal communities from destructive storms.

UNEP calculates that protecting mangroves is a thousand times cheaper than building seawalls over the same distance.

## 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Africa Regional Certification Commission for Poliomyelitis eradication



The EndPolioNow Coordinator (EPNC) for Rotary Region 28, IPDG Stella Anyangwe and the PolioPlus Chair (PPC) of D9400 IPP Grace Van Zyl represented Rotary International at the 30th meeting of the Africa Regional Certification Commission (ARCC) for Poliomyelitis eradication, in Johannesburg from 16 to 18 November 2022.

The meeting, jointly organized by WHO and South Africa's DoH brought together ARCC members from around the world, Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) partners, as well as country representatives from Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Reports were heard about the status of polio eradication in countries in Eastern and Southern Africa, and robust discussions were held on how to mitigate the disturbing rise

in the number of wild poliovirus infections WPV1), as well as of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV) infections and positive environmental samples around Africa. Mozambique has already recorded 8 cases of WPV1 paralytic infections so far in 2022.

The National Certification Committee of South Africa spoke on the status of immunization coverage of childhood vaccines in South Africa, covering the three Rotary Districts 9350, 9370 and 9400. The ARCC noted that most of the countries have already undertaken or are presently carrying out vital preventive measures (such as mass immunization of children under 5 years of age), including polio immunization of vulnerable children. ARCC hopes that Africa will not lose its wild poliovirus-free status gained in August 2020. Rotarians can support this effort by raising awareness in communities about the need for childhood immunization, and contributing to the eradication drive by donating to PolioPlus.

# Rotary International teams up with African Corporate Governance Network



Rotary International and African Corporate Governance Network (ACGN) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a cooperative working relationship. The MoU will promote mutual institutional interest in ways that are consistent with the mandates, policies, priorities and resources of each party.

Patrick Chisanga, Rotary International Director responsible for Zone 22 (Africa) and Zone 21 (part of Eastern Europe & Middle East) and Mr Rockson Dogbegah, Chair of ACGN, discussed strategic collaboration between the two institutions and membership growth of both Institutions on the African continent.

Rotary has a current membership of 40,000 in Africa and it is the aim of RID Chisanga to grow this to 50,000 by the end of his tenure in 2024.

The MoU is also aimed at the promotion of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) principles in Africa as well as time management and punctuality. The latter is to be promoted on the African continent to ensure efficiency and productivity in business operations.



*Ms Rosemary Puni, District Secretary of Rotary International, District 9102, Mr Rockson Dogbegah, Chair of ACGN, RID Patrick Chisanga (Zone 22 & Zone 21) and Reverend Angela Carmen Appiah, Acting Secretary of ACGN*

Mr Chisanga, who is also the Chair of the ACGN Steering Committee Expansion Project tasked to establish Corporate Governance Institutions in Africa, was recognised at the recent ACGN Excellence Awards as the 2022 ACGN Corporate Governance Personality of Zambia, while Mr Dogbegah was leading major reforms in ACGN, including the establishment of Corporate Governance Institutions on the African Continent. Under his leadership, the Liberia Corporate Governance Association was formed in February this year.

The ACGN is a collaborative network of director membership organizations that promotes effective corporate governance in Africa and now has 21 members from 20 African countries representing over 20,500 senior executives and directors across the continent. The mission of ACGN is to develop the institutional capacity of ACGN members for enhancing effective corporate governance practices towards building better private and public sector organizations and corporate citizens in Africa. He is also promoting the standardisation of director training and cross border utilization of directors and the promotion of ESG on the African Continent.

## Global Grants: Guidelines per Area of focus

[A Guide to Global Grants](#) helps members who want to apply for a global grant or develop more effective and sustainable service projects. Rotary International has also updated the area of focus guidelines for global grant funding.

These guidelines are for members who want to apply for a global grant from The Rotary Foundation to support activities in one of the seven areas of focus. **Click on the link** of the focus area you are interested in on the right.

Each document includes information specific to that area of focus, including the Foundation's goals, community assessments, sustainability considerations, project eligibility, monitoring and evaluation, scholarship opportunities, and suggested resources.

Members are encouraged to read the whole document to fully understand the guidelines before they apply for a grant.



-  [Peacebuilding and conflict prevention](#)
-  [Disease prevention and treatment](#)
-  [Water, sanitation, and hygiene](#)
-  [Maternal and child health](#)
-  [Basic education and literacy](#)
-  [Community economic development](#)
-  [Environment](#)

# Are you the President-Elect 2023/2024?

*Here is how you need to prepare for the Presidents-elect training seminar ...*

The President of a Rotary club holds the key to success. As presidents-elect get ready for PETS 2023, there are two important learning plans available to help them be ready for their term. To get access to the [Learning Center](#), create a [My Rotary account](#) and sign in.



## Club President Basics



**BEFORE PETS** - Take these courses to learn the fundamental elements of the President's role.

## Club President Intermediate



**AFTER PETS** - Take these courses before 1 July to build on the session and prepare for the year.

## The Learning Center 5 reasons to use it

Rotary's online Learning Center launched in 2012. It started with a few interactive courses about a new grant model and has grown to hold almost a thousand courses in 23 languages. Its e-learning modules offer a convenient way to take courses when you want to and where you want to.

Here are five reasons to encourage club members to visit the [Learning Center](#) on its 10th anniversary:

1. **To continue developing their professional skills.** Members can create an individualized program of courses so they can practice their skills together and offer each other feedback. Create a list of favourite courses for your club for quick reference.
2. **To learn about Rotary programs and policies.** Members can build on what they already know and deepen their understanding.
3. **To easily track their progress.** Members can review all the courses they've taken by date. Check which courses they've completed and easily continue where they stopped in others.

4. **To earn certificates and badges.** Members earn a certificate of completion for every course they finish. Points and badges earned are posted on a leader board where they can compare progress with that of others in their district, zone, and around the world.
5. **To upload materials for others.** Learning topics allow you to share resources. Members participate in discussions and ask questions of others as they learn together.

Ask members to take a course, and then follow up with a discussion at your next club meeting. To begin, go to [rotary.org/learn](https://rotary.org/learn) and sign in to your My Rotary account.





# ANN'S MESSAGE

## FROM DGA CHRISTINA

*Dear Rotary Anns of D9400,*

During the past month I have visited four further Rotary Ann Clubs (RACs). For practical reasons, Zoom meetings took place with those in Limpopo but to date, Louis Trichardt has not worked out due to connectivity problems. I was unable to visit Matola but Candi Dengo, who often chats on our Anns Interactive group, is working to keep the Anns together. Meanwhile, the ladies assist the Rotarians with their projects.

A very successful meeting with Adrienne de Wit and Carin Meintjies of Pietersburg 101 revealed a vibrant and active Rotary Ann group, working in close cooperation with the Rotarians. Adrienne has posted several of their projects on our group and I'm sure you find them as inspiring as I do. We have seen wheelchair donations, a successful fete and the distribution of sanitary towels to a school in partnership with Steiner. Any club that wants to know more about the Steiner relationship should please contact Adrienne direct. Lulu the pink flamingo is presently on leave but they are also running other projects, including a recipe book and Christmas parcels, and they have also sponsored a talented young chess player, enabling him to take part in a competition.



**RAC White River day-care project for mentally disabled children**



**Visit to RAC Randburg**

It was a happy occasion when DGAR Elaine and our Secretary Ros joined me for a Zoom meeting with Sandra Kgobe of the Phalaborwa Rotary Anns. This gritty little group is determined to keep together and has started taking formal minutes, while running their finances through the Rotarians. I'm sure you, like me, wish them all the best and will offer them every support and encouragement. Well done ladies.

Last week, we were on the road again, this time visiting clubs in Mpumalanga with DG Koekie and PDG Kobla. First was White River, where Joan van Zyl (who sadly had to be away) made available her lovely home to the four of us – for which grateful thanks Joan. The Anns and I met at the home of President Neha Motiram and several of the other 17 Rotary Anns who comprise the club.

This is another Ann club that has a strong connection with its Rotarians, working with them on all their projects. They took us to a day care centre for mentally disabled young people supported by Rotary and the RAC, where the dedicated care of the staff was touching to see. The children received Christmas gifts while the staff were given well-deserved hampers, which were happily received. Lively entertainment was provided by a Marimba band, which the children loved. In the evening we were treated to dinner with the Rotarians and Anns at a popular local restaurant.



**RAC Petersburg 100 and Steiner distributed sanitary towels to Romangoana Primary School, White River**



**Rotary Ann President Neha Motiram of RAC White River and DGA**



**RC of Matola and the Anns club have a feeding scheme for the elderly**



Finally, it was Middelburg where again, we reconnected with old Rotary friends. Here there are 15 Rotary Anns but most of them are unable to attend meetings, which of necessity take place during early evenings. However, they are very active with knitting beanies and other items, and involved with further projects, including the Middelburg Care Village, along with the Rotarians.



*The RAC Pietersburg held a fete with Rotarians*

A very pleasant evening with the Rotarians and Anns was unmarred by a power outage (no surprise there) and a very noisy storm which fortunately, abated in time for the DG to give her presentation. Those of you who have heard it will know it contains a strong message based on RI President Jennifer Jones' theme of Imagine Rotary, including emphasis on Empowering Girls which, of course, is our Rotary Ann theme for this year. If you don't already have a project that supports this, I urge you to start one and to gain inspiration from what other clubs are doing. You can also refer to the Seven Pillars of Rotary, which should give you some ideas.

I regret to inform you that Helen Hartman RAC Riverside tragically passed away following a fall. Next time I write, the Rotary Ann visits and Zoom meetings are expected to be complete. Meanwhile, warm regards to all of you as you Imagine Rotary.

Yours in Rotary,

*DGA Christina*

DGA Christina Forsyth-Thompson 2022/23

## Rotaractors Retreat of Imagination



D9400 Rotaractors held a Retreat of Imagination from 11 to 13 November at Ponta de Ouro beach, in the province of Maputo in Mozambique. This was the second edition of the retreat which is an initiative of the Rotaract Club of Maputo, created in 2019. It aims to bring Rotaractors together to discuss how to improve and grow Rotaract in the district and the professional growth of young people.



In this second edition, the motto chosen was "The Retreat of Imagination", challenging around 20 Rotaractors from South Africa, Swaziland and Mozambique to imagine the future of the organization and improve their leadership skills.

This retreat was special because at the first time the main speaker was DG Koekie Makunyane-Quashie, who interacted with Rotaractors under the theme "The future of Rotaract. Making things happen". It was a unique opportunity for networking and fun among Rotaractors and the District Governor. The initiative promises to continue in the coming years.



**I'M A PROUD  
ROTARACTOR**  
[www.rotary.org/rotaract](http://www.rotary.org/rotaract)

PDG Koblah was also one of the speakers who inspired Rotaractors with a beautiful speech on leadership and service through Rotary.

Past President Edson brightened the event with wonderful team building session, challenging Rotaractors to rethink about leadership, communication, planning and to always keep in mind the four-way test.



# UNISA, Rotary D9400 and DIEM team up to establish a Centre of Excellence for Adaptation and Resilience



UNISA, Rotary D9400, and DIEM (an emergency management consultancy based in The Hague) have collaborated to form a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Adaptation and Resilience at UNISA. The launch of the CoE is scheduled for 13 to 15 February 2023 in Johannesburg.

The **value proposition** is to benefit vulnerable communities in Africa by introducing Pan African and transdisciplinary post-doctoral, PhD, and MSc research programmes into community support in the better management of disasters, crises and emergencies, of both natural and man-made origin. A special focus will be on the discovery and application of Indigenous Knowledge Systems in the address of climate change adaptation and community resilience enhancement.

Researchers at UNISA will investigate methods of work, modes of thinking, and sustainable developmental projects for implementation in vulnerable communities based on sound decision making processes. They will also provide educational development support; and participate fully in social change. All aspects of climate change and socio-political change will be open to address.



The **time for collaboration is now!** It is opportune for Rotary clubs in D9400, 9350, and 9370 (and further afield) to participate now in the integration of UNISA's academic vision and plans with community needs and challenges within these Districts. Scholars will be attracted to the CoE from all regions of Africa.

This strategy is based on what Rotary is best known for – linking with its communities and collaboration between Rotary resources. This is the route forward for successful, self-enabling community development in the region.

Please contact PP Ian Widdop for more information, and to book talks at your Rotary Club at 082 552 1305 or [widdop@mweb.co.za](mailto:widdop@mweb.co.za)



**Rotarians  
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**Finish the Fight** Global Congress  
**Against Malaria** 25-26 May 2023

For the first time since the 2018 World Malaria Congress, the two-day Global Malaria Congress brings respected malaria experts, governments, NGO's, corporates, Rotarians, and non-Rotarians together in **Melbourne, Australia**; to share, educate and discuss how to Finish the Fight Against Malaria.

**Malaria is treatable and curable, yet a child still dies of it almost every minute.** This is the tragedy we must stop together.

"The Global Malaria Congress in Melbourne Australia comes at a very critical time. COVID diverted resources from previously progressing major malaria programs and added pressure to already fragile health systems in high malaria burden countries. At the moment one child every minute every day is dying from malaria somewhere in the world. The Congress is an opportunity for the malaria community; governments, organizations, and individuals to refocus on the actions and investment needed to avert its catastrophic impact in communities."





# YOUTH EXCHANGE IN 2022!

Youth Exchange has gradually picked up after COVID-19, but we are not at pre-COVID levels yet. We need the support of all clubs in our District to assist with the advertising of Youth Exchange opportunities for learners all over the region.

Please contact Marina Britz at 083 299 5539 or [chairman@youthexchange.co.za](mailto:chairman@youthexchange.co.za) should you wish her to present a talk to your club as well as interested parents and learners. As D9400 Youth Exchange Chairman & Country Co-ordinator she is here to support all clubs to get Youth Exchange active again.

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**Short Term Exchanges  
for 2022**

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**Long Term Exchanges  
for 2022**



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## Rotary Club of Pretoria Sunrise



*Winning smiles all round with Kutumelo Molefe learners, KFC staff and President Doreen Gough of RC Pretoria Sunrise in white T-shirt.*

RC Pretoria Sunrise visited Kutumelo Molefe School, east of Pretoria which is one of the recipients of the club's feeding scheme project. The visit included a meet and greet session with the teachers, and President Doreen Gough gave a brief overview of Rotary's continued support and commitment towards the school in partnership with the KFC Add Hope Programme, which in its ongoing sponsorship has generously injected funds to the value of R113 000 shared amongst three schools.



*Kedibone Setjie in action (left). She was star of the match and received her prize - an autographed cricket ball - from Titans cricket player Nicolien Janse van Rensburg (above)*

KFC Marketing Manager, Suzanne Theunissen, and staff from their Hazeldean Branch were also at this fun event. This was an eye opener for the staff as they got to see where the R2.00 contributions they ask from their customers ends up.

Other highlights of the morning included a mini cricket match between learners and KFC staff, cheered on by Titans Cricket Player, Nicolien Janse Van Rensburg. The enthusiastic learners managed to out-run and out-bowl the visiting team. New talent was identified amongst the learners, and one young girl was identified to receive further training and development in the sport.

The school's principal, Alfred Moemise, also received a donation of soft toys on behalf of the Grade R learners, as well as mini cricket equipment for the school, there was also a KFC Meal treat for the teachers.

Rotarians are once again grateful to KFC Add Hope and the people of South Africa who contribute R2.00 extra when they buy a meal from a KFC Franchise - this goes a long way in feeding the children.



*KFC Hazelden staff in red 'Add Hope' T-shirts with Nicolien Janse van Rensburg (Titans) and Nomsa of RC Pretoria Sunrise*



*Nomsa of RC Pretoria Sunrise with KFC Hazelden staff outside the Kutumelo Molefe admin block*

## Rotary Club of Waterkloof

IDGN Dr George Senosha and RC Waterkloof president, Dr Muda Temane were on the procession line-up of the graduation ceremony of UNISA. They asked for and got permission to process with RI flag to showcase Rotary and its areas of focus that include education.



## Rotary Club of Knights- Pendragon

Congratulations to RC Knights-Pendragon on the sponsorship of the new Rotary Satellite club of Knights-Pendragon Archers, South Africa, admitted to Rotary on 17 November 2022. All membership updates (including new members, modification and termination of membership) of a Satellite club will be sent to the Rotary Data Services team as online updates by a satellite club or by the sponsor Rotary club are not possible at the moment

## Rotary Club of Brits- Hartbeespoort

Congratulations to RC Brits-Hartbeespoort on sponsoring the Interact Club of LEAP Science & Maths School which was registered on 4 November as # 225901.

They received the official Certificate of Organization which will be presented to the Interact club at their chartering celebration event. As the sponsor club, RC Brits-Hartbeespoort will keep the connection between Interact and Rotary International strong.

This means annually updating contact information of the Interact club adviser in My Rotary to maintain the club's active status and to continue receiving resources from Rotary International.



### Certificate of Organization

This certificate recognizes that the  
**Interact Club of LEAP Science & Maths  
School, South Africa**

Club ID : 225901

Established on: 2 November 2022

has been organized and has agreed, through its officers and members, to be bound by the constitution and bylaws of the Interact program of Rotary International.

Sponsored by the  
**Rotary Club of Brits-Hartbeespoort, South Africa**

## Rotary Club of Pretoria East

The SOUNDS project of the RC Pretoria East continues to expand and achieve worthwhile outcomes. The footprint has now increased to about 250 crèches in Mamelodi and Soshanguve. In these crèches, the SOUNDS programme teaches pupils who have received no previous schooling the sound of a letter and not its name.



But SOUNDS also has a role to play in schools in the remedial environment for pupils in grades 1 to 7 who are unable to read. The need here is huge and the problems immense. One major hurdle to overcome is the mind set in schools, teachers and departmental staff that CAPS, the prescribed teaching method, is incompatible with SOUNDS. But recently that problem has been overcome and progress has been made.

The major development has been in the Limpopo Province where two Rotary members from the local e-club run an NGO called Barongwa ETD. They contacted RC Pretoria East in mid-2022 to launch a SOUNDS programme in 18 schools around Polokwane. Barongwa received funding to place two unemployed graduate students in each school to assist the school with their remedial pupils. This assistance is broadly based but a key component is to address poor reading skills. The two founders of Barongwa received their SOUNDS training several years ago at the DISCON in Polokwane.

The first SOUNDS training was given to 36 students in August. Since then, a further 34 students were trained in November. Also, in November, the first group received further training when they worked through their issues with the programme in a workshop environment. Altogether 3,356 pupils from 116 classrooms, 35 schools and 7 district school clusters are in the programme.

The outcomes achieved are monitored and data will be collected in December after 4 months training for the first group, and 1 month's training for the second group. The use of Tracking Sheets records the progress of pupils.

One surprising outcome from the workshop held in November was that although the pupils knew the letter names, many had no knowledge of the letter sounds, so they had to receive the most basic of reading training.

Progress is very varied because the pupils come from very different classroom environments, but even in the best performing classroom, there will always be a few pupils lagging behind and that is exactly where SOUNDS provides the format to identify and correct those problems.





## Rotary Club of Polokwane



A current and ongoing project of the RC Polokwane is the training of workers at Early Childhood Development Centres in rural areas. The club's long-term vision is to enhance the skills of those who prepare young children for later formal schooling. Recently, the club also sponsored a formal training course in Early Childhood Development for one of the facilitators.

Early Childhood caregivers are empowered and encouraged to use "Learning through Play", in line with government initiatives. The monthly programme focuses on the use of teaching aids made from locally available recyclable materials (e.g., newspaper).



The project was initiated 5 years ago by local educators Shayne Moodie (a Paul Harris Fellow) and Elvy Nkwana. Annually a group of caregivers who have been regular participants at the training, are presented with certificates by the RC Polokwane.

During November, President Susan van der Merwe and Rotarian Seja Rapholo presented 39 such certificates. A Community Service award was presented to a local induna Sara Maja, who has been an enthusiastic supporter of the program. The hardworking facilitators Elvy Nkwana and Paulina Latakomo received Vocational Service certificates. Traditional leaders and a local councillor were also present.

The project has had increasing attention and support from Rotarians who regularly attend the training sessions and personally provide extra teaching aids. Currently a rainwater harvesting system is being designed by a Rotarian of this club, for use at one of the centres which has no existing water or electricity supply.

## Rotary Club of Morningside

RC Morningside, Tenth Sports and local residents stepped in to support young footballers on the Road to FIFA World Cup 2026. "Rotary Morningside is proud to be getting behind our local football club, Alex Black Poison. It's only by investing at this level that we can ensure our boys make it to the next FIFA World Cup." says Felix Ndlovu, President of the Rotary Club.

A unanimous roar of appreciation rose from the stands as the young footballers from Alex Black Poison FC caught a first glimpse of their new kit, just minutes before their match at Alexandra Stadium. The kit and sports equipment, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Morningside, Tenth Sports and a generous private donor, Thandi Senoamali, should set the boys up for a great season.



*The donation included 32 complete soccer uniforms, 14 balls, 2 goal post nets, 2 first aid kits, socks, 40 cones, kit bags and various other items*

Alex Black Poison was formed back in 2011 when, following the World Cup in South Africa, interest in and support for grassroots soccer was at its height. But over the years support has dwindled and the club has found itself scraping to cover its costs, as the young players pay no club fees.

2022 was a particularly tough year for the club. The soccer club's shed was looted and all their balls and equipment lost, their home playing ground was rezoned for student accommodation, and worst of all, a tragic drowning incident took the life of their star U13 player, Kabelo. Despite the setbacks, nothing has stopped the popular local soccer club from performing to expectations in all their respective leagues. The team has an enviable track record and has produced more than its fair share of big players, despite having next to no formal resources.





The club is run out of the pockets of its managers and the coaches, and the goodwill of volunteers and supporters in the community.

"Rotary Morningside is partnering with the FC club to help them become more financially viable through merchandising, sponsorships and the implementation of sound systems and processes." said Club President Felix Ndlovu

"We thank the Rotary Club for the generous donation and are thrilled to have their support." said Collen Mamabolo, Black Poison Club Manager, "We look forward to a positive relationship that will continue the work of both our organizations towards advancing youth development in our community."

## Rotary Club of Pretoria West

PDG Stella represented her club, RC Pretoria West, when she recently went to Tanzania. She paid a visit to RC Arusha in District 9214 as a make up on 23 November 2022. This district is brand new. It was established in July 2022 and covers Tanzania and Uganda.

It is a vibrant club with 23 members of eight different nationalities and it is the second oldest club in Tanzania (chartered 1958). They also boast one Past District Governor (1993/94), PDG Amir.



*PDG Stella seen here with PDG Amir and Club President Meetal*



*Samantha Button, their immediate Past President, is South African*



*PDG Stella also attended their Christmas Fair on Saturday 26 November*

## Rotary Club of Maputo

The RC of Maputo has a vibrant Rotaract Club. On Saturday, 29 October, the professional services avenue held a workshop on "How to lose the fear of public speaking".

The speakers, Francisco Chitlango and Dércia Belarmino, brought basic notions about communication, focusing on the speaker, the target audience and the structure of the message. Above all, they conveyed the message that there is no formula for being a successful communicator. All progress comes from practice, the courage to face challenges and dedication.

There were also some recommendations from other former participants of the National Oratory Contest, who shared their experience with the public, leaving words of encouragement for the next participants.





## District 9400 EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>1</b>	December 2022	Closing of nominations for <b>Interact Awards</b> - best video, best photo and best essay
<b>1-9</b>	December 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold club <b>AGM</b> and elect President Nominee, confirm President Elect</li> <li>Elect incoming <b>club officers</b></li> <li>Update <b>MyRotary</b></li> <li>Check member count for <b>RI invoice</b></li> </ul>
<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>25-26</b>	May 2023	Global Malaria Congress - Melbourne 2023
<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



Botswana



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Mozambique



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