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The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

- 1) Is it the TRUTH?
- 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



WELCOME



Sarah van Heerden
Editor

This last month has been particularly hard for South Africans, especially those in the provinces of Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal. The civil violence was horrific and since my community was right in the thick of it, and my friend and neighbours were getting shot at while trying help the police and security companies, I just want to put it behind me... but not until I say this.

Not one of the people I know in an affected community ranted on social media about politics and politicians, but some who were fortunate enough not to live in one of these communities did. And I need to thank them for teaching me a lesson: My pain, stress, worry or circumstances are not your political soapbox. There I said it. Sure, you felt frustrated and enraged by the injustice and felt helpless, but calling out politicians and public figures does not help anyone, in fact it just makes things worse! Don't turn someone's problem into your soapbox because as soon as politics becomes involved, the issue is trivialised. Leave it until later when things have settled.

Rather be supportive. Instead of ranting, post messages of support, let people know that you are thinking of them. Find a campaign or organisation that is working to help those who are helpless in that situation and rave about them instead. Engage your friends and followers to support those campaigns.

I spent two nights awake, listening to gunshots, screaming, following posts on social media to garner information that may be helpful to the volunteer groups. I also comforted a very, very frightened and stressed eight-year-old boy. I listened to the trucks and cars on patrol and the rev of engines as they responded to a new wave of insurgents. I watched my tenant return every couple of hours for supplies or extra ammunition. He told me how police vehicles were running out of fuel and how the police and security teams were outnumbered.

However, when things are tough the smallest shaft of light is all that is needed to repel the dark. And that is what every person who volunteered was and soon, hope returned and good started to win.

That Wednesday morning, when a friend and I went to help clean up in our CBD, we saw the horrifying damage and stomped on smouldering embers as we swept, bagged, laughed, and enjoyed the sunshine (literal and figurative). At one point a group of people was sighted in the distance and some volunteers started to panic, I squinted and peered. Then yelled, "It's ok, they are carrying rakes and bags!" A taxi pulled up shortly thereafter and as people poured out, the fear resurfaced. I squinted again then yelled, "Look they have brooms not weapons!" The driver had brought every able body he could find in his community to help clean ours. What a man!

But one of the most surprisingly emotional moments for me was when a friend messaged me from Johannesburg and said, "I heard there is almost no food left in your town and KZN. Just donated to send food down. We've got you guys!" It was then that I knew what I had told my son over and over again, was not just words of comfort but the truth: **So long as good people stand together, evil will always be pushed back. It may take a while. It may be hard. But good will win!**

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President's message

Greetings, my dear changemakers,

As we focus on membership in Rotary this month, I ask you to help make history this year. For more than 20 years, our membership has hovered around 1.2 million. Rotary is a vibrant organisation with a 116-year history, members in more than 220 countries and geographic areas and a rich legacy of work in polio eradication and other humanitarian programmes. Rotary has changed so much in our own lives and the lives of others. As we Serve to Change Lives, don't you think Rotary could have an even greater impact on the world if more people were practising Service Above Self?

My vision is to increase Rotary membership to 1.3 million by July 2022. The call to action is simple: *Each One, Bring One*. This year, I want every Rotarian and Rotaractor to introduce a new person into their club.

We are a membership organisation and members are our greatest asset. You are the ones who contribute so generously to The Rotary Foundation. You are the ones who dream big to bring good into the world through meaningful projects. And of course, you are the ones who have put the world on the brink of eradicating polio.

As we make membership a priority this year, let us focus on diversity by reaching out to younger people and especially to women. Every club should celebrate its new members and every Rotarian who sponsors a member will be personally recognised by me. And those who are successful in bringing in 25 or more members will be part of our new Membership Society.

Even as we share the gift of Rotary with others, let us be sure to engage these new members, because an engaged Rotarian is an asset forever. And remember that engaging our current members and keeping them in our clubs is just as important as bringing in newcomers. Let us also be ready to form new



Shekhar Mehta,
Rotary International President (2021/22)

clubs, especially flexible ones. I am very bullish on clubs that hold virtual or hybrid meetings, and satellite clubs and cause-based clubs can also be very effective ways of growing Rotary.

As you *grow more*, you will be able to *do more*. Let us keep *empowering girls* through our work in each of the areas of focus. Scholarships for girls, toilets in schools, health and hygiene education - there is so much we can do. Projects focused on the environment are also attracting interest the world over. Do participate in these projects locally and internationally to make this world a better place for us and for all species.

Each of you is a Rotary brand ambassador, and all of the wonderful work done by Rotarians around the world needs to be shared outside the Rotary community. Use social media to tell your friends, colleagues and relatives the stories of Service Above Self.

Finally, I'm challenging every club, during the coming year, to plan at least one Rotary Day of Service that will bring together volunteers from inside and outside Rotary and will celebrate and showcase the work of your club in your community. Visit rotary.org to find out more about all of these initiatives, along with other ways to *Serve to Change Lives*.

Shekhar Mehta



Foundation Trustee Chair

John Germ

In August, we focus on membership - exploring ways we can expand Rotary's ranks and reach. As we form new clubs and answer RI President Shekhar Mehta's call of Each One, Bring One, let's consider how these efforts will have a positive impact at every level of our organisation.

Rotary's two greatest assets are its members and The Rotary Foundation, and they are linked. Our organisation is made up of more than 48 000 Rotary and Rotaract clubs and without our dedicated club members, we can't perform service. Our members also carry out the Foundation's mission of doing good in the world, by working on grassroots projects and making contributions that support countless Foundation programmes and grants.

With more members in Rotary, the Foundation could do even more good in the world. We would have more hands to set up water, sanitation and hygiene projects, so that more people could access clean water. We would have more minds to plan global grants projects that support prenatal services, so that more babies could live. We could fund more district grants that support literacy, so that more people could learn to read.

Today, roughly a third of our members actively

support the Foundation through annual giving or other means. Imagine how we could extend Rotary's reach if we were to increase that engagement, even by just a little. More Rotarian contributions would mean additional funding for the Rotary Peace Centres, as well as more matched contributions to help eradicate polio, thanks to our partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation is a powerful force that efficiently carries out impactful and sustainable projects around the world; Charity Navigator has recognised The Rotary Foundation with a four-star rating annually for 13 consecutive years. All Rotary members can be proud of this. And how great it would be if all Rotarians would support the Foundation in whatever way they could.

I have a simple request this month. Please take 10 minutes during your next club meeting to discuss ways to get more involved in the Foundation this year. It could be planning an online fundraiser to benefit the Foundation or partnering with other clubs for a global grant project.

Whatever you do, remember that our members - all of us - drive Rotary's efforts and sustain our Foundation.

Rotary at a glance

- Rotary clubs:** 36 932
- Members:** 1 197 984
- Rotaract clubs:** 10 214
- Members:** 220 703
- Interact clubs:** 16 163
- Members:** 371 749
- RCCs:** 11 682

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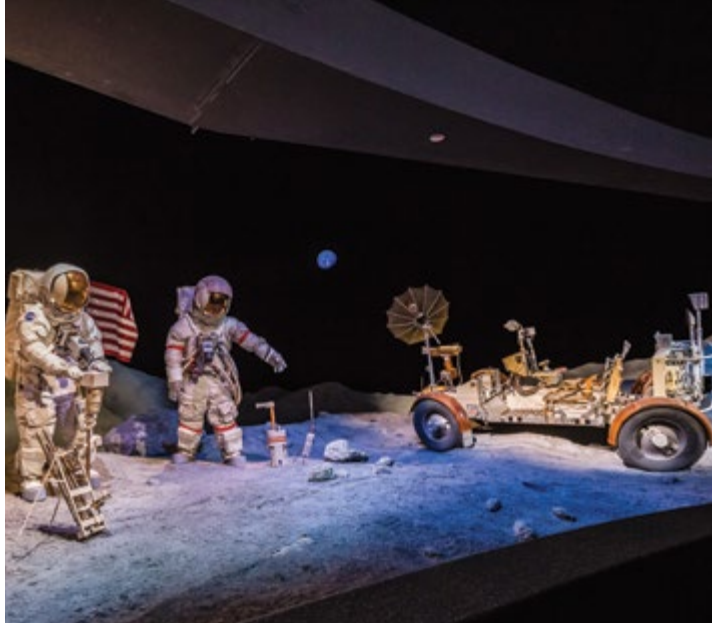


 **Find Project Partners**

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

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

Learn more at my.rotary.org



STAR POWER

2022 Rotary International Convention

Since the 1960s, Houston has been home to mission control for the United States human space programme and its astronaut training programme. When you are in town for the Rotary International Convention, 4-8 June, you can learn more about that history as well as the science of outer space at Space Centre Houston, which houses educational programmes and a museum.

Among the spacecraft you'll find in the Starship Gallery are: Faith 7, the final Mercury capsule in which Gordon Cooper orbited the earth for 34 hours in 1963; Gemini V, in which Cooper and Pete Conrad spent eight days in space in 1965 as part of NASA's research for a trip to the moon; and the command module from Apollo 17, the last Apollo mission to the moon. You can also see the largest publicly displayed collection of moon rocks in the world.

The Astronaut Gallery features space suits, from 1960s pressure suits to a prototype designed for long stays on the moon - or even Mars. In Independence Plaza, you can explore a replica space shuttle that is mounted on an airplane that transported shuttles from landing sites to the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida.

There's a gallery dedicated to the International Space Station, the largest structure built in space, where astronauts continue to do scientific research and prepare for the next phase of space exploration. You'll learn about the challenges of visiting the red planet in the Mission Mars exhibit.

And the NASA Tram Tour is a must, taking visitors to the astronaut training facilities and, of course, Mission Control. Visit spacecenter.org/visitor-information for more information.

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Changemakers

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REMEMBER YOUR CHANGEMAKER?

As a Rotarian of some years, you may not remember the name of the Rotary International President from the year when you were inducted into your Rotary club. There is a good chance that you don't remember the name of that year's district governor or even the name of the club president.

You will never forget, however, the name of the Rotarian who introduced you to Rotary and invited you into their club.

OK, I looked it up. I joined Rotary in 1993. The Rotary International President was Robert Barth of the Rotary Club of Aarau, Switzerland. His theme for the Rotary Year was "Believe in what you do. Do what you believe in." Incorrect English aside, it was a pretty profound statement.

When asked why he was a Rotarian, he replied: "To strengthen our belief that only with an open mind, an open heart, open eyes, and open hands we will reach the highest quality of life, we need to be accompanied by like-minded friends in an atmosphere of good humour, serenity, and spontaneous, practical day-to-day humanity. That's what I found in Rotary. That's why I am a Rotarian."

The Rotary International District Governor for D9210 was Amir H Somji from Tanzania. Yes, I also looked up his name. Tanzania is no longer in D9210 after the redistricting in 1996. I have met him a few

times at various Rotary meetings. At 86 years old he is still with us and, undoubtedly, enjoying his senior years.

The president of my own club, the Rotary Club of Luanshya was Margaret Millar. She held on to the presidency for nearly three years before her contract was up and she was recalled back to the UK. I believe she was the first woman in D9210 (maybe even in Africa) to be elected as a club president. Perhaps someone can confirm that for me (she liked it so much that she apparently didn't want to give it up!).

I looked up the details of the three leaders mentioned above, but I don't have to "look up" the person who invited me to join the Rotary Club of Luanshya. Past District Governor Dennis Figov was a Changemaker in my life.

I arrived in Luanshya, Zambia, after a tumultuous few years in Zaïre. I wasn't actually planning to stay in Zambia – even with a personal invitation by the then President of Zambia – because my work was focused on Lubumbashi. Nevertheless, Zambia became our home and has been since 1993.

In the process of setting up a home we visited several shops in Luanshya including a consignment shop owned and operated by one of Zambia's most renowned auctioneers. We chatted several times and he invited me to come to the Rotary club and share our experience. A few weeks later I was approached

by Dennis and asked to join the club.

I read the literature offered (there was no effective Rotary website) and even read the Rotary Manual of Procedure. I checked out the activities of the club and asked others in the community about Dennis Figov. His reputation was above reproach. Everyone – EVERYONE – spoke highly of Dennis and his activities both in and in addition to Rotary.

I never dreamed that the decision to join the Rotary Club of Luanshya would have such an incredible effect on my life. “Doing good” was always a lifestyle choice for me, but the synergy I experienced in Rotary was beyond my imagination, not only because have I had the opportunity to improve the lives of disadvantaged children and elderly residents.

From water wells and wheelchairs to seeing an entire continent declared Polio Free – THIS is the legacy I share because I accepted the invitation of Dennis Figov to join his Rotary club.

When I think about the 2021/22 Rotary theme of Serve to Change Lives, I think of Dennis Figov. There are many Changemakers in the world today, but PDG Dennis Figov changed MY life!

By the way, at the age of 89, Dennis is STILL an active member of the Rotary Club of Waterfront in Cape Town (D9350)! He attends both the virtual and face-to-face club meetings and continues to support The Rotary Foundation! He is still a “Changemaker!”

There is a challenge here... Whose life will YOU change?



Dennis Figov in action.



Dennis and Maureen Figov.



Future positive

Pietro Uzochukwu Macleo has a vision for creating hope and peace in his country.

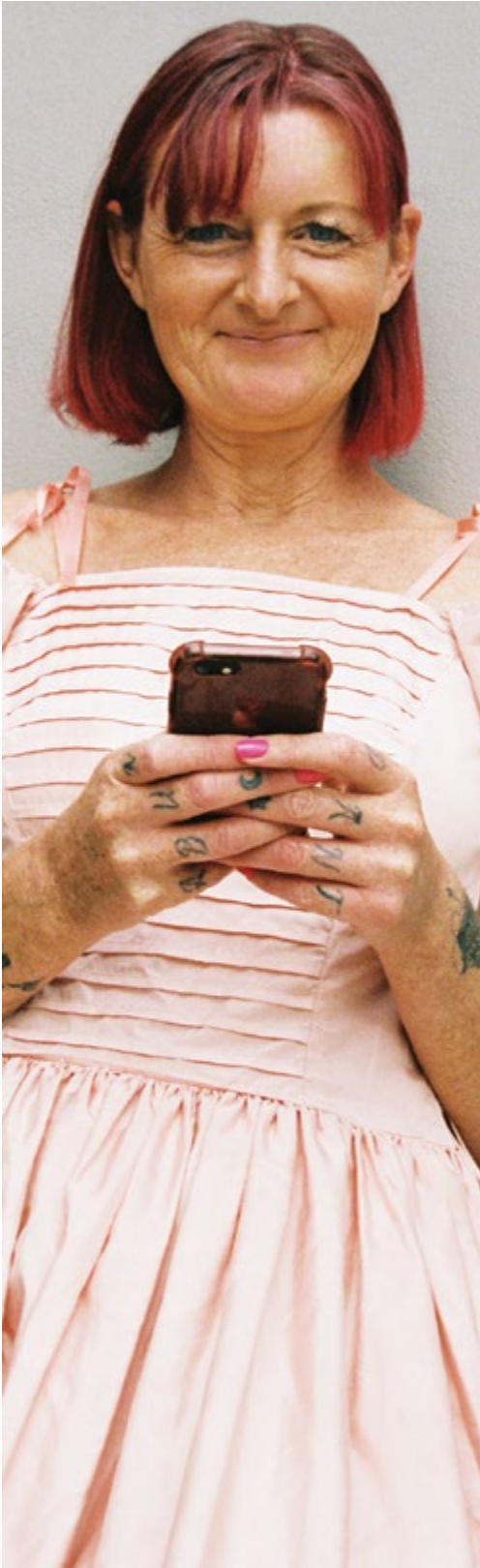
“Every region of Nigeria is agitating for self-governance,” says Macleo. “The last time we had such agitation was in 1967, and that led to the civil war in which millions of people died from violence and starvation.”

Macleo has been thinking about how to build a more peaceful society. Last year, he completed the Institute for Economics & Peace (IEP) online ambassador programme, which teaches aspects of positive peace.

Through his Gray Child Foundation, Macleo is focusing on building peace at the grassroots level, mobilising and training Rotarians across Africa. The country’s highly polarised states, as well as its religious, tribal and ethnic groups, all compete for limited resources and during the COVID-19 pandemic, resources have become even more scarce.

Macleo, who has a background in political science and international relations, created the Gray Child Foundation in July 2020, following his term as president of the Rotary Club of Abuja Wuse II (D9125). The foundation’s name comes from the idea that African children are facing an uncertain future, he says. “We have every attribute to be great. But because of bad leadership, the future is grey.”

The foundation aims to create a network of positive peace builders in Rotary clubs around Nigeria to help implement projects, he says. Macleo joined Rotary at age 28, while still a student, and a few years later became the club’s youngest president. “The whole conduct of the meeting was interesting,” he says. “I loved the calibre of the people I met there.” - NIKKI KALLIO



Marketing with heart

Shelley Finch of the Rotary Club of Newlands (D9350) strives to use her skills for good

In my digital marketing agency, Handcrafted Brands, I do everything from branding and graphic design to building websites and social media campaigns. I live online 24/7. I've been doing this work for 15 years, and I've owned my own agency for about six. I have a small team of "sidekicks" who have expertise in different areas. It's very much a collaborative thing, and it allows me sometimes to say to myself, "Shelley, I'm taking the day off."

I call this an ethical digital marketing agency. That was important to me because while I love my work in marketing, it's also an industry that's full of people and businesses who just want to sell things and will do so at any cost. I wanted a job that would feed my soul and wouldn't make me feel guilty when I go home at night. Ad people can be very cynical, so if I was going to work in marketing, I wanted to work with brands that are thinking about their impact: Are they selling things people really need? Are they taking care of their staff? I wanted to work with brands that are building businesses with heart; ones that are making a profit but staying aware of how they are doing business.

I'm mostly self-taught. I just really enjoy marketing. I fell into it naturally after working in hospitality. I taught myself to use Photoshop and Illustrator by watching YouTube videos. A lot of my knowledge has come from great mentors and by quickly adopting some platforms and technology. I was on Facebook very early and have grown with these platforms.

I used the social media tools I had on hand during the pandemic. We went into lockdown at the end of March 2020. In South Africa, many people live day to day, and because they couldn't work, people were quite literally starving. I lost a lot of business. I was sitting at home with nothing to do and knew people who were out there struggling, so I started an online campaign called Feed a Family. We raised money to buy emergency meal packs for families. At a time when I could have felt quite miserable, it gave me a purpose. - AS TOLD TO ANNE STEIN



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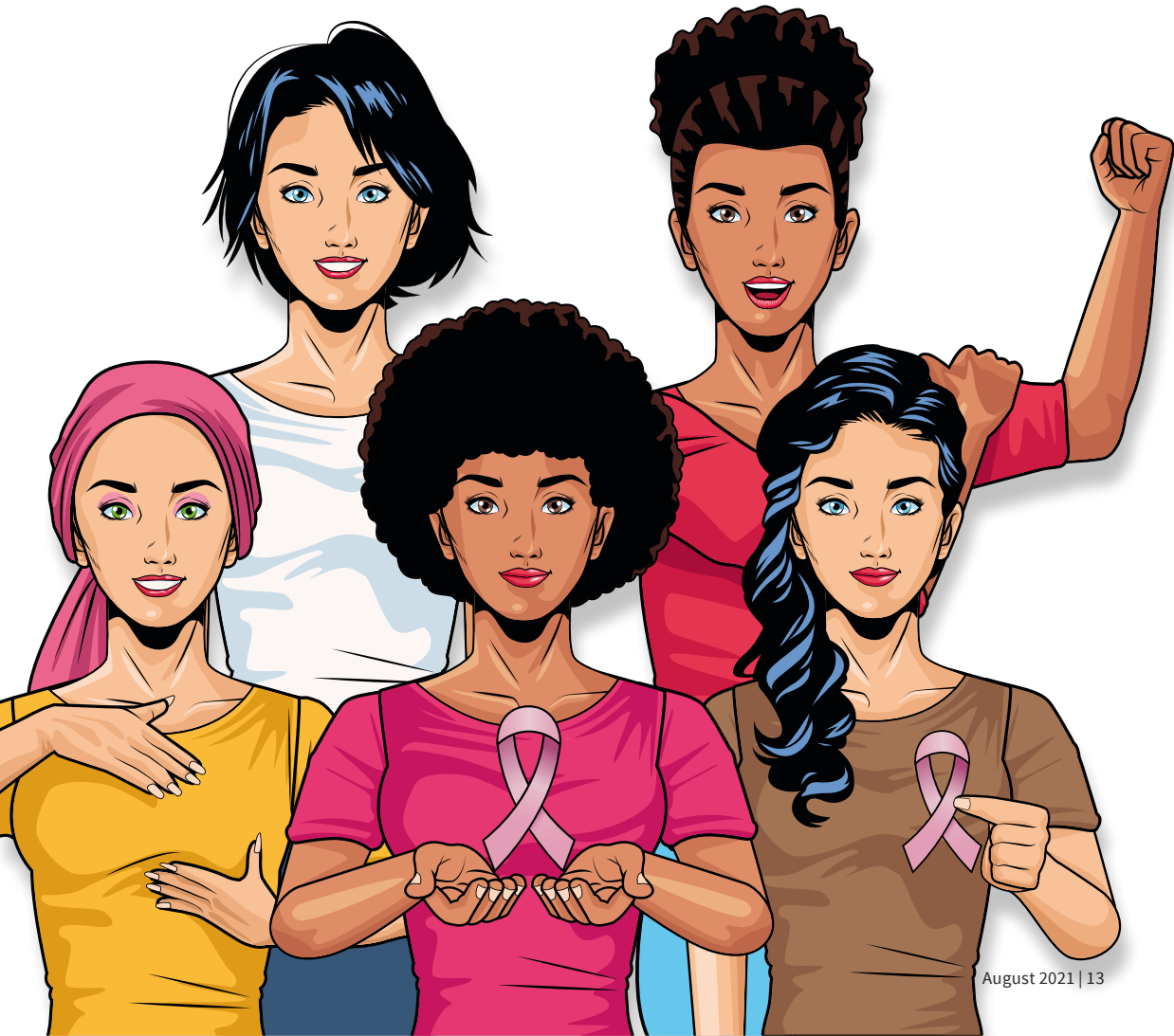
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EMPOWERED GIRLS *build society*

When women thrive, all of society benefits. Underpinning our efforts for 2021/22, is Rotary's focus on empowering girls and ensuring their access to education, resources, services and opportunities, writes Annemarie Mostert, Ambassador for Empowering Girls (Zone 22, Region 28).



Inspired by RI President Shekhar Mehta, we must use our belief as Rotarians that diversity, equity and inclusion is critical in all we do as a compass to guide this work, so that future generations of women leaders will have the tools they need to succeed.

From poverty and hunger to lack of education and employment opportunities, violence against women and access to decision making, Shekhar says, “There are many issues that girls face in different parts of the world, and you as leaders will ensure that we try to mitigate the disadvantage of the girl that they may have.”

Research has shown that over 140 million girls are not in school. According to UNICEF, one in 10 school-going girls in Africa misses school or drops out because of a lack of access to sanitary products.

Data from 68 countries indicates that a woman’s education is a key factor in determining a child’s survival, that only 39% of rural girls attend secondary school, and that, of the world’s 796 million illiterate people, women make up more than two thirds.

We need to focus on education and provide access to sanitary wear, as empowered girls are key to breaking the cycle of poverty for families around the world. They will stand up for their rights, marry and have children later in life and are more likely to have healthier and better educated children who will earn higher wages – helping to break the cycle of poverty. Every additional year of school increases girls’ eventual wages and helps to close the wage gap.

Let’s raise awareness about the exploitation of vulnerable girls. More rural women experience domestic violence and yet few seek services. Eighty percent of human trafficking victims are girls. It often starts with child, early and forced marriage or school-related gender-based violence.

Educated women are more likely to have greater decision-making power within their households. Let’s encourage our girls to be smart, to study science and mathematics, to have a positive body image, to step into leadership positions.

As people of action, we will be helping



Education is a key factor in determining a girl child’s survival

communities to break the cycle of poverty. By helping girls access quality education, we ensure economic independence, food security, resilience, environmental sustainability and a better world for all.

Our call to action is to leave no girl behind. Every Rotary club should implement at least one Empowering Girls project this year. Set up a Global Grant by focusing on Health, Education or Economic Independence. Partner with a Rotary Action group, share best practices, collaborate with other clubs and civil society. Showcase and share their story. Take that first step for the future of our girls today!

Share information, opportunities and collaboration contact Annemarie Mostert at:
annemarie@rotary9400.org.za

The Empowering Girls Initiative

Through the Empowering Girls Initiative, Rotary members worldwide can enhance girls' safety, health, education and wellbeing.



5 Reasons Why empowering girls matters to all of us

In South Africa, August is Women's Month and on October 11, people around the globe will celebrate the International Day of the Girl Child and the extraordinary power of girls in our world. To understand the importance of girls to achieving the global goals for sustainable development, we need to simply realise that to reach our global goals, we have to reach girls!

1. IT'S HER RIGHT.

Fundamentally, this is a human rights issue. Discrimination has no place in the 21st century, and every girl has the right to go to school, stay safe from violence, access health services, and fully participate in her community.

2. IT MAKES FAMILIES HEALTHIER

When girls are educated, healthy, and empowered, families are healthier. According to UNESCO, 2.1 million children under the age of five were saved between 1990 and 2009 because of improvements in girls' education. Closing the gap in the unmet need for family planning for the 225 million girls and women who want to delay or avoid pregnancy but aren't using modern contraception, would reduce maternal deaths by 67% and newborn deaths by 77%.

3. EMPOWERED GIRLS ARE KEY TO BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY.

Research from the Brookings Institution has found that every additional year of school increases a girls' eventual wages by an average of 12% – earnings she invests back into her family. Empowered, educated girls have healthier, better

educated children and earn higher wages, helping to break the cycle of poverty.

4. EMPOWERED GIRLS STRENGTHEN ECONOMIES.

According to the Brookings report, "Increasing the number of women completing secondary education by just one percent could increase a country's economic growth by 0.3 percent." Additionally, a report just released by the McKinsey Global Institute found that if women's level of participation in the labour market was the same as men's it would add up to \$28 trillion to annual global GDP in 2025.

5. DID WE MENTION IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO?

Every girl should be in charge of her own future and we have the collective obligation to protect her rights and promote her wellbeing.

Investing in girls is one of the smartest things we can do to promote a healthier, more prosperous world. More importantly, it's the right thing to do.

Source: unfoundation.org

Situation

Why empowering girls matters to all of us



A PREFERENCE FOR SONS

- A preference for sons can lead to sex selection through abortion, infanticide and other means.
- The world population is believed to lack an estimated 140 million women because of parents' preference for sons.
- In some regions, since the 1990s, up to 25% more males have been born than females.
- In more than 5 of 6 countries with available data, girls ages 10-14 are more likely than boys of the same age to spend 21 or more hours per week on household chores.

Sources: unfpa.org/gender-biased-sex-selection and data.unicef.org/topic/gender/covid-19/

NUTRITION

- In the past two decades, only minimal progress has been made in reducing the number of girls ages 5-19 who are moderately or severely underweight.
- In South Asia, where virtually no progress has been made since 1995, 1 in 5 girls is moderately or severely underweight.
- The proportion of girls ages 5-19 who are overweight has nearly doubled since 1995, from 9% to 17%.



HEALTH AND HYGIENE

- The number of girls ages 10-19 who are living with HIV has increased 31% since 1995. It's now 970 000.
- Globally, 500 million women and girls lack adequate facilities to properly manage their menstrual hygiene.
- Research finds that girls' inability to manage their menstrual hygiene in schools leads to absenteeism, which then has severe economic costs, both personally and societally.

Source: unicef.org

ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY

- Complications during pregnancy and childbirth are the world's leading cause of death for girls ages 15-19.
- Approximately 12 million adolescents ages 15-19 and at least 777 000 who are under 15 give birth in developing regions each year.
- Babies of adolescent mothers face higher risks of preterm delivery, low birth weight, and severe neonatal conditions.



CHILD MARRIAGE

- 1 in 5 girls around the world marries before age 18.
- Without stronger efforts to end child marriage, more than 120 million girls under age 18 will marry by 2030.
- Putting an end to child marriage would increase women's educational attainment and, with it, their potential earnings. It's estimated that ending child marriage could generate more than \$500 billion in benefits annually.

Sources: [unicef.org/protection/child-marriage](https://www.unicef.org/protection/child-marriage) and [unfpa.org/swop-2020#!/fgm-3](https://www.unfpa.org/swop-2020#!/fgm-3)



FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

- Female genital mutilation has been performed on at least 200 million girls and women in 31 countries across three continents.
- More than half of the affected girls live in Egypt, Ethiopia, or Indonesia.
- Each year, more than 4 million girls are at risk of genital mutilation. Most girls undergo it before age 15.

Source: [unicef.org/female-genital-mutilation](https://www.unicef.org/female-genital-mutilation)

EDUCATION AND SKILLS

- The United Nations says 60 million girls worldwide have no access to basic education.
- Of the 960 million people who are illiterate worldwide, two thirds are women.
- In many regions, schools do not meet the safety, hygiene, or sanitation needs of girls.
- Globally, 1 in 4 girls ages 15-19 are neither employed nor in school, compared with 1 in 10 boys.

Source: [unicef.org/gender-equality](https://www.unicef.org/gender-equality)



VIOLENCE AGAINST GIRLS

- Of all human trafficking victims, 51% are women and 20% are girls.
- 1 in 20 girls ages 15-19, about 13 million globally, have been subjected to forced sex.
- Every year, an estimated 60 million girls are sexually assaulted on their way to school or at school.
- Nearly 4 in 10 adolescent girls think wife beating is justified in some circumstances.

Sources: [un.org/sustainabledevelopment/blog/2016/12/report-majority-of-trafficking-victims-are-women-and-girls-one-third-children/](https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/blog/2016/12/report-majority-of-trafficking-victims-are-women-and-girls-one-third-children/), [Unicef.org](https://www.unicef.org), [worldbank.org/girlseducation](https://www.worldbank.org/girlseducation)

Action

Why empowering girls matters to all of us

WHAT CAN ROTARY DO?

Rotary clubs and districts can participate by creating and implementing projects that enhance the quality of life for girls and improves girls' chances of enjoying safe, healthy, and productive lives. They can also modify existing projects to include components that focus on empowering girls.

WHAT CHALLENGES DO GIRLS FACE IN OUR COMMUNITY?

- How can our club work with communities to find solutions to these challenges?
- What cultural norms in our area might keep girls from attending school?
- Which local organisations can we work with on projects that empower girls?
- How can we raise awareness of the need to empower girls within our communities and among our partners?
- Does our club empower women to take leadership roles?

THE LEGACY OF EMPOWERING GIRLS

The Empowering Girls initiative should be the start of Rotary making a lasting impact on a generation of girls. We can make a difference in girls' lives by:

- Advocating for the public and private sectors to support girls
- Raising awareness of girls' needs in our communities, our social networks and our partnerships as we've done with our polio eradication work

RESOURCES

- Empowering Girls' ambassadors
- Advocate for girls' empowerment.
- Act as a resource for clubs and districts.
- Collect and distribute success stories.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Visit the RI president's page to find ways to participate.
- Attend a presidential conference.

ROTARY ACTION GROUPS

- Find contact information on the RI president's page.
- Connect with action groups that can help.

THE CADRE OF TECHNICAL ADVISERS

Find an adviser who can help with initiatives to empower girls by writing to cadre@rotary.org.

ROTARY SHOWCASE

- Find ideas for projects or ways to work with other clubs to empower girls.
- Add your service activity or project to the Empowering Girls Campaign at Empowering Girls 2021 or EG2021.

PARTNERSHIPS

Work with our partner, the Global Partnership for Education, on projects that increase girls' access to education.



The Widening Gap

Another generation of women must wait for gender parity as an extra 36 years are added to the time remaining to close the gender gap. Despite progress in education and health, women face economic hurdles, declining political participation and workplace challenges according to the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Report 2021.

As the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be felt, closing the global gender gap has increased by a generation from 99.5 years to 135.6 years.

Progress towards gender parity is stalling in several large economies and industries. This is partly due to women being more frequently employed in sectors hardest hit by lockdowns combined with the additional pressures of providing care at home.

The report, now in its 15th year, benchmarks the evolution of gender-based gaps in four areas: economic participation and opportunity; educational attainment; health and survival; and political empowerment. It also examines the drivers of gender gaps and outlines the policies and practices needed for a gender-inclusive recovery.

The deterioration in 2021 is partly attributed to a widening political gender gap in several large population countries. Despite over half of the 156 indexed countries registering an improvement, women still hold only 26.1% of parliamentary seats and 22.6% of ministerial positions worldwide. On its current trajectory, the political gender gap is expected to take 145.5 years to close, compared to 95 years in the 2020 edition of the report, an increase of over 50%.

The economic gender gap has seen only a marginal improvement since the 2020 edition and is expected to take another 267.6 years to close. The slow progress is due to opposing trends – while the proportion of women among skilled professionals

continues to increase, income disparities persist and few women are represented in managerial positions.

Although these findings are sobering, gender gaps in education and health are nearly closed. In education, while 37 countries have reached gender parity, it will take another 14.2 years to close this gap completely due to slowing progress. In health, over 95% of this gender gap has been closed, registering a marginal decline since last year.

“The pandemic has fundamentally impacted gender equality in both the workplace and the home, rolling back years of progress. If we want a dynamic future economy, it is vital for women to be represented in the jobs of tomorrow. Now, more than ever, it is crucial to focus leadership attention, commit to firm targets and mobilise resources. This is the moment to embed gender parity by design into the recovery,” said Saadia Zahidi, Managing Director, World Economic Forum.

COVID-19'S IMPACT ON WOMEN

The pandemic has had a more negative impact on women than men, with women losing jobs at higher rates (5% vs 3.9% among men, International Labour Organisation), partly due to their disproportionate representation in sectors directly disrupted by lockdowns, such as the consumer sector. Data from the United States also indicates that women from historically disadvantaged racial and ethnic groups are worst affected.

Data from an Ipsos survey suggests that when care establishments closed, housework, childcare

and eldercare responsibilities fell disproportionately on women, contributing to higher levels of stress and lower levels of productivity.

As the job market recovers, LinkedIn data shows that women are being hired at a slower rate in multiple industries. They are also less likely to be hired for leadership roles, resulting in a reversal of up to two years' progress.

WOMEN'S REPRESENTATION: EMERGING JOBS

Sectors with historically low representation of women are also those with fast-growing “jobs of tomorrow”. In cloud computing, for example, women make up 14% of the workforce; in engineering, 20%; and in data and artificial intelligence, 32%; and it is more difficult for women to switch into these emerging roles than men.

While care and education roles also offer areas of future growth and women have stronger representation, they are often lower-paid roles than other jobs of tomorrow.

“Women aren't well represented in the majority of fast-growing roles, which means we are storing up even bigger gender representation problems as we emerge from the pandemic. These roles play a significant part in shaping all aspects of technology and how it is deployed in the world. We simply have to have women's voices and perspectives represented at this foundational stage, especially as digitisation is accelerating. Companies and governments need to build diversity, equity and inclusion into their plans for recovery. Assessing candidates on their



Women’s hiring into senior management positions reverses in 2020



skills and potential, and not just their direct work experience and formal qualifications, is central to that. Skills-based hiring is key if we’re going to make our economies and societies more inclusive,” said Sue Duke, Head of Global Public Policy, at LinkedIn.

“The pandemic has exasperated the inequities on household responsibilities, compensation mechanisms and employment opportunities, even more so among specific groups of women including caregivers and those in part-time and inflexible work environments. The challenge for organisations is not just how to recover from the pandemic but to address the long-term systematic issues that create inequity across the workforce”, said Natalie Lacey Chief Operating Officer, Global Affairs, IPSOS.

HOW TO SHAPE A GENDER EQUAL RECOVERY

The pandemic’s combined effect of accelerated automation, the growing “double shift” of work and care, in parallel with other labour market dynamics such as occupational segregation, are likely to have a long-term impact on economic opportunities for women, risking inferior re-employment prospects and a persistent drop in income.

The report offers ways for countries to work towards closing their gender gaps. These include

further investment in the care sector and equitable access to care leave for working men and women, policies and practices that proactively focus on overcoming occupational segregation by gender, effective mid-career skills-development policies for women, and managerial practices that embed sound, unbiased hiring and promotion practices.

THE GLOBAL GENDER GAP IN 2021

For the 12th time, Iceland is once again the most gender-equal country in the world. The top 10 includes:

The five most improved countries in the overall index in 2021 are Lithuania, Serbia, Timor-Leste, Togo and United Arab Emirates, having narrowed their gender gaps by at least 4.4 percentage points or more. Timor-Leste and Togo also managed to close their economic gap by at least 17 full percentage points in the year. Three new countries have been assessed this year for the first time: Afghanistan (156th), Guyana (53rd) and Niger (138th).

Sub-Saharan Africa (67.2%) has made slow progress, such that it will take 121.7 years to close the gender gap. More than half of the countries in the region (20 out of 34) made progress in the past year, though only Namibia and Rwanda have closed at least 80% of their gaps.

Empowering School Girls



The workshop was conducted by AG Sarita Sirohi (above) and PP Jacintha Merhoye.

Menstrual Hygiene Day is celebrated each year on 28 May and the irony of it is that those who are most affected by menstrual hygiene are not even aware of its existence.

The Rotary Club of Durban Clairwood Park (D9370) conducted a Period Dignity workshop at Phoenix Secondary School to celebrate the day. Keeping in mind the safety norms for learners, their temperature was taken and hands sanitiser and face masks painted with menstrual bracelets (the global symbol of Menstrual Day) were given to them to wear.

The objective of the workshop is to create awareness among students about stigma, taboos and myths linked to menstruation and to educate them about their cycle and sanitary products.

There is an urgent need to educate girls to switch to a variety of reusable menstrual products from which they can choose the best that suits their daily activities and are comfortable. These also reduce the massive environmental and health risks associated with single-use products.

Girls were taught about how to use and made reusable products and group activities were organised to break the ice so that the participants felt comfortable talking to each other. To add their voice to end the period stigma, they Join the Menstruation Bracelet action by wearing the bracelet which is the global symbol for menstruation. Each participant was given a menstrual hygiene kit.



Marion Spence of Rotary Club of Durban Bay (D9370) believes that the education of girls in poverty is the key to uplifting them to take their place of fulfilment in society. During her and her husband, John's, annual six-month visit to their other home in USA D5020 (Pacific Northwest, USA and Vancouver Island, Canada) they have raised an average of \$3 500 annually to provide washable reusable sanitary pads obtained from Sue Barnes of Project Dignity.



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ENVIRONMENT

NEW

AREA OF FOCUS ICONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE BRAND CENTER

Rotary's area of focus icons promote the causes that reflect the critical humanitarian issues that Rotary clubs address worldwide.

The newly designed icons are available in a variety of colors and easier-to-use formats, both as grouped icons and as individual icons. Use these icons in your social media graphics, websites, and other materials to show the causes your club supports.

Download the icons and guidelines at brandcenter.rotary.org. Click **Logos** and then **Rotary Logos**.

Rotary 



The Rotary Club of Pretoria Capital members have found that the single gift of a R350 wheelchair has the power to transform a life.

Joy Makers

There is a moment in every project that stands out that answers the question, “Why do we do this?” For the members of the Rotary Club of Pretoria Capital (D9400) who were implementing a wheelchair project, this moment came when they met a young man a few years ago.

Despite having no legs, this man would drag himself a kilometre every Sunday to get to church and his joy at receiving a wheelchair that he could never afford to buy as a gift from the club, was unforgettable.

For many years, the Pretoria Capital club has supported the Rotary Club of Northcliff’s (D9400) Wheelchair Project. The project is one of the club’s most successful and long-running initiatives. It began in 1993 when the club members realised that there was an urgent need for wheelchairs in the Johannesburg area. The call for wheelchairs was sent out and the Rotary Club of Rushmoor (D1145, England) took up the cause.

Wheelchairs were collected from agencies such as the Red Cross and national health hospitals who had been storing old wheelchairs in depots across southern England. The first consignment of 56 wheelchairs arrived, courtesy of Swiss Air. Thereafter, wheelchairs were sent by sea.

When they arrive Northcliff Rotary collects the wheelchairs and stores them at a warehouse in Johannesburg. Those in need of repair or refurbishment are fixed. Participating clubs throughout the country buy them for R350 each. Federated Employers Mutual was the funding partner until the Sešego Foundation joined the partnership. Since 1993, more than 30 000 wheelchairs have been distributed.

The Pretoria Capital club buys about 40 wheelchairs each year. The members collect them from Johannesburg, and they are kept at a storage facility in Pretoria.

Relationships and networks built by the club members are used to identify the people who will receive a wheelchair. The wheelchairs are mainly distributed in the Tshwane area. However, the club has also sent some to beneficiaries in Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Watervalboven, the eastern Free State and Durban.

Two club members manage the wheelchair project, and it is sustained by an annual contribution from the club, which is matched by these members.



More than a Garden

Oude Molen Food Garden provides children with a safe space, free of drugs and gangsterism. It is here that they learn to grow plants and nurture nature

The Oude Molen Eco Village, Pinelands, Cape Town, hosts 42 small business enterprises ranging from backpacker accommodation, music studios, frail care centre, art, wood and craft workshops to a public swimming pool and organic food gardens and deli.

Oude Molen Food Garden is one of the urban agricultural community food projects which began in 2002. The programme started as an educational, training and empowerment project for the community, youth and children. The original

site was an old hospital dumping ground and with the help from the Oude Molen community and other partners at the time, plus the unique vision of a former English teacher Jonno Kennedy, it was transformed into The Oude Molen Food Garden.

Jonno Kennedy passed away at the age of 81 years in 2018 and now Kelly Mansfield manages the garden and sees that the garden is used as what it was originally created for. Over the last few years, with the help of many volunteers, the garden has been transformed into a space of beauty, interest and

where everyone is welcome, young and old.

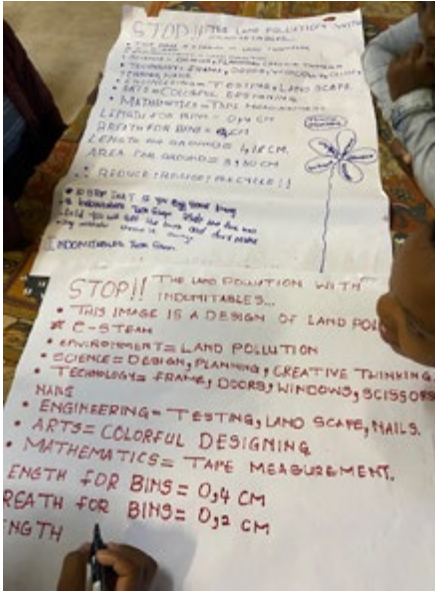
With no budget, Kelly had to think out of the box to recreate the area as one that was suitable for the public to stroll through and buy organic vegetables and homegrown seedlings. The garden has about 18 allotment holders, all of whom are responsible for their own gardens and practise sustainable organic growing techniques. All funds received go towards the two workers, William and Andrew, who are in-patients at Valkenberg hospital. They are employed for 2.5 days a week and half of their wages are sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kromboom (D9350).

Kelly runs a weekly kid's garden program on a Wednesday afternoon for the neighbouring communities. At any given time, up to 27 children between the ages of five and 16 years arrive to learn how to grow from seed to harvest. They also learn other skills that include recycling projects, eco-brick building and seed propagation. The children are allocated a garden which they share with another child.

Some of the children come from very unhealthy backgrounds where drugs and gangsterism is the norm. For them, the garden has become a safe space to 'hang out'. Often after the programme has finished the teens hang back and some tough conversations happen and trust is built. "All I can do is be here, the kids know that at any given time my door is open and that I come from a non-judgemental place. I love these kids as if they are my own and it's hard to see the struggles that they go through but being present is sometimes all they need... to feel seen and heard and, of course, sound advice."

Every Saturday morning Kelly runs a volunteer programme for children and adults. Students from overseas who want to 'give back to the community' are given gardening instructions and tasks which all help towards the never-ending workload in the overall garden. School children who need to do community service also come to the garden to complete their hours for their community profiles. "Some kids have never worked with the earth; they are simply amazed and captivated by what they can achieve by working together as a collective. It's very inspiring to see this and the fact that some of the kids still keep coming back says we are doing something right."





A project that a group created as a solution to a problem its members identified. The educators with Raymond Ngubane of WESSA (second from left).

Full steam ahead

A partnership between the Rotary Club of Mtunzini (D9370) and WESSA (The Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa) is training school-goers in environmental issues through the WESSA e-STEAM (Environment, Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) project.

The first group of 15 learners, from 10 high schools who were sponsored by Mtunzini club and selected by e-STEAM project co-ordinator, Raymond Ngubane, attended the initial training at Twinstreams Environmental Centre.

WESSA e-STEAM links its specific outcomes and objectives with the National Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS) through its project-based learning. Learners are encouraged and inspired to identify environmental issues, then have to find practical and sustainable solutions.

e-STEAM is a ground-breaking holistic action-learning process introduced by WESSA (The Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa) which exposes learners to key skills and techniques for future tertiary education and green work skill requirements.

The course work includes both theoretical and practical learning. The two-day practical course is conducted at Twinstreams and monthly follow-up support visits are made to each school to monitor

and evaluate each intervention.

The framework incorporates teambuilding, leadership and personal development-focused learning that builds self-esteem and works toward solving environmental issues through science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. The method inspires creative thinking and engineering design, while leading the pupils to create concepts, then test and improve on them as they learn.

At the same time, this approach to ESD (Education for Sustainable Development) prepares students for either tertiary education or entrepreneurial development.

The project, which is run by WESSA at its Twinstreams Education Centre and at schools, aims to train 80 teachers and 450 learners over a three-year period. Funding was secured from the Rotary Club of Mtunzini, District 9370, the Rotary Club of Cranbrook (D5080, Canada), a number of other Rotary Clubs in Canada and the Canadian Government.

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- Write about **what** happened, **why** it happened, **when** it happened, **where** it happened, **who** was involved and **how** it was achieved
- Tell us the stories **about the people** you help
- Remember to get **all the names:** First and surnames
- Try to keep it to **less than 600 words**
- **TAKE photos!**
- Set your camera to the **highest quality setting** (this will be the one that allows you to take the **fewest photos**)
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- **Stand as close as possible** so that there is very little space around the people in the picture. We want to **see faces and not backgrounds!**
- Send the names of all the people (if less than 6) in the photo.
- **DO NOT edit** the photos,
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At the opening are President Umesh Morar, Mrs Makhanya, Ash Sewraj of Deck, Steel and Concrete and PP Ash Maharaj (project director).



The new ablution blocks.

She had a dream

When Mrs Makhanya, the principal of Windy Heights Primary School, visited the Rotary Club of Durban-Morningside (D9370) three years ago, she arrived with a long wishlist.

After talking about her school and its needs, the club members decided they wanted to help. However, since the club was not able to meet all the needs, she was asked what her most urgent need was.

“I want to build toilets for my children,” was her immediate reply.

The team, led by PP Ash Maharaj, set the ball rolling by engaging an architect to prepare the plans. Despite delays by the Department of Education’s architectural department, these were approved

and ground was broken almost two years later in November 2020.

Despite the challenges presented by COVID-19, work commenced on the two blocks, one for male and one for female learners.

Work was carried out by contractors Deck, Steel and Concrete, as part of their CSI initiative and supported by their other valued donors.

Mrs Makhanya’s dream was quickly becoming a reality and soon the project was completed and ready to be handed over to the school.

The handover took place in April 2021 and Nokuthula Hlongwa and Sihle Mchunu of the KZN Department of Education’s planning department were among the attendees.

EXPAND YOUR NETWORK

Are you struggling to make international connections with other Rotary clubs for twinning, funding partners, friendship or more? Are you struggling to find exciting topics to keep your members interested and engaged?

The Rotary Club of Johannesburg has the solution! On the first Tuesday of every month, the club hosts an international Rotary club and a Rotary club from Zone 22 or District 9400. Each of these clubs will have 10 minutes to present the demographics of their clubs, their projects, fundraisers, challenges and successes.

After the presentations, there is a 10 minute break out session to allow attendees to connect in groups (of

no more than 10 people). This is also an excellent way to attract young professionals to your club.

The Rotary Club of Montego Bay (D7020, Jamaica) introduced the South Africans to the concept. The Johannesburg club added a few nuances before its first meeting that featured the Rotary Club of Huntington Bay (D7255, USA) and the Rotary Club of Ermelo Pheonix (D9400). The second meeting featured the Rotary Club of Kingston (D7040, Canada) and the Rotary Club of Benoni Aurora (D9400). Recordings of the meeting are available on the club's YouTube channel at: <https://bit.ly/RotaryJHB>

Clubs interested in expanding their network can email info@rcjohannesburg.org.za.



It takes 200 kilogrammes of bread tags to purchase a wheelchair. The Rotary Club of Algoa Bay has collected enough for three since 2020.

Collecting Bread Tags

Since 2020, the Rotary Club of Algoa Bay (D9370) has partnered with Bread Tags for Wheelchairs to provide wheelchairs for the disadvantaged in its community. So far, the club has collected enough bread bag tags to receive three wheelchairs.

Bread Tags for Wheelchairs is a Cape Town-based organisation that has been recycling bread tags and bottle tops since 2006 and using the proceeds to fund wheelchairs. Since 2018, the collection and recycling of bread tags has also been taking place in Australia and New Zealand.

Bread tags are made of high impact polystyrene and have a good recycling value. An empty bread bag holds a kilogramme of tags and it takes 200 kilogrammes to raise enough money to buy a wheelchair.

The plastic lids from milk, juice and water bottles, as well as those from the likes of peanut butter, mayonnaise, margarine and yogurt, do not pay as much when recycled, so it takes 450 kilogrammes of tops to raise enough money for a wheelchair.

The club learned of the programme from a former resident of Port Elizabeth, Jenny Cooper, who emigrated to Australia and later started Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs. Jenny was the guest speaker at one of the Algoa Bay meetings and it was great to hear how South Africans, Australians and New Zealanders are working together to recycle plastic and to fund wheelchairs in South Africa.

Bread Tags for Wheelchairs would be interested in working with other Rotary clubs to provide wheelchairs to their local communities. To find out more about the program, contact Jenny at aussiebreadtags@gmail.com

USEFUL LINKS

www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za

www.ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au

www.facebook.com/breadtagsforwheelchairsSA

YOUTH NEWS



Little people, big hearts

EarlyActors from the EarlyAct Club of Outeniqua Primary School, sponsored by the Rotary Club of George (D9350), have partnered with the George Night Shelter.

“For many years the George night shelter has given invaluable service to our community,” says Danielle Barnard, an educator and EarlyAct coordinator at Outeniqua Primary. “We wanted to assist them, and also those they assist - the homeless. We had to do this while being curtailed by the COVID-19 pandemic; our EarlyActors proved to be more than able for the task.”

The 60 members of the EarlyAct club, helped by their parents, collected a bakkie load worth of food and supplies for the shelter. “Part of our mission as a school is providing emotional and social support in the development of our learners towards adulthood,” explains Dr Nico Venter, principal of Outeniqua Primary, “and EarlyAct for us provides a forum for answering this responsibility.”

“We are so proud to be associated with the Outeniqua Primary EarlyActors,” says Andrew Jeffery, president of the Rotary Club of George. “Their initiatives embody the leadership, compassion and community spirit our country needs.”



Trish Rajkumar addressing the massive new EarlyAct Club of Dundee Junior School.

Fuel their enthusiasm!

The new EarlyAct Club of Dundee Junior School, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Dundee (D9370), is so big that its members have been divided into five groups.

The club president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, and convener have received name badges to wear on their lapels and they will each lead a group. Each group has a leader, and they meet with the school facilitator Susan Joubert on a rotational basis.

More than 100 enthusiastic learners joined the club, and each will receive an EarlyAct pin that was designed and made by the school.

The club's first project was to build a shade cloth structure at the SPCA grounds. A wishing well was made at the school to raise funds for the project. The EarlyActors are also taking part in the Break the Chains project to collect proper harnesses and leads for dogs and cars.

Another community project the club arranged was a clean up of Dundee that was run in conjunction with Dundee Tourism on Youth Day.



Members of the Rotary Club of Dundee attended the charter ceremony and Brits Maree addressed the new EarlyAct club members.



The Interact Club of Dundee High School, sponsored by Rotary Club of Dundee (D9370), was chartered in 2018. Since then, the club’s membership has grown to include more than 60 new and eager learners, who will help their community through a variety of projects. A committee was established to represent the learners and be the main project organisers. It includes President Chirag Singh, Vice-President Isak Müller, Secretary Zandisiwe Maphalala, Treasurer Lethu Gule and Convenor Sphephelo Mhlongo. At a recent meeting are Jenny Thöle, Chirag Singh, Lethu Gule, Zandisiwe Maphalala, (back) Isak Müller, Sphephelo Mhlongo, Mr R Haschke, Daniel Lippke and Nikki Lippke.

AFRICA IN BRIEF



She is five years old but can’t walk. Little Martha Makhuloane was born disabled and can only crawl. Recently, she was dealt another blow when her mom Emily was diagnosed with stage four cancer and did not have the strength to carry her around as she normally did. The Society of St Vincent de Paul, Barcelona informal settlement, and the Friends of Martin De Porres contacted the Rotary Club of Benoni Aurora (D9400) and asked if a wheelchair could be provided for Martha. The club said yes and Martha’s granny, who looks after 11 children, including Martha, was overwhelmed by the donation.



Usizo Lwethu School is a special needs school in Daveyton that caters for 420 Down Syndrome and Autistic children with various needs for basic special learning aids. Not all of these needs can be met by the available day-to-day funding. The Rotary Club of Benoni Aurora (D9400) visited the school and received a wish list of items that the school needs. The club recently donated the furniture, stationery, paint, learning aids, garden equipment and shade cloth to the school. Masks received from Dis-Chem and face shields from Sharpline Graphics and Avery Dennison were included for the learners and educators. Diet is especially important to these children. The school supplies the learners with breakfast and lunch, the only meals for many.



Children are having more fun at Kleinfontein Primary School in the Swellendam district after the Rotary Club of Swellendam (D9350) answered an appeal for playground equipment. Until that point, the school had none. In February, a team of Rotarians, led by project champion Corrie Cloete, met at the school to assemble a jungle gym under the careful direction of President-Elect Bernard Steyn. AG Stephen Young was the first to test the slide while Rotary Anns Jackie Young and Celia Cloete opted for the swings. At the hand over of the jungle gym to principal Annuske Klaasin is President Johan Kriek.



The civil violence that erupted in Durban has left people traumatised and for many, jobless. Families, many of which have small children and aging relatives, are in desperate need of basic food items. The Rotary Club of Phoenix (D9370) started a food hamper campaign. The club members networked with other individuals and businesses to raise the much-needed funds and a total of 100 substantial hampers were delivered to 100 households.



In June, the Rotary Club of Polokwane (D9400) was visited by DG Annemarie Mostert and her husband, Hans. The club members arranged a project tour that included stops at Siloe School for the Blind and Partially Sighted, Little Scholars Day Care Centre, Kgaugelong Disability Care Centre and Kabosadi Care Centre. Our club has supported these institutions with musical instruments, borehole equipment, sanitising stations and dispensers, security lighting, EnviroLoo toilets, wheelchairs and walking aids, as well as shade trees and spekboom. DG Annemarie and President Pierre Mouton during the project tour.



At the District 9400 Governor induction are Hans and PDG Annemarie Mostert with DG Stella Anyangwe and Rotarian Carl Anyangwe. The ceremony was held on Saturday 26 June, with strict COVID-19 protocols, in Pretoria. Annemarie welcomed Stella as the first Black African Woman to become governor of 9400 in 100 years. During the ceremony Rotary Director Katerina Kotsali-Papadimitriou welcomed Stella and wished her well.





The Rotary Club of Brits Hartbeespoort (D9400) built a Mountain of Hope from donated tins of food. The collected food, which will be distributed to people in need at eight sites, was worth R97 000. This club project was supported by local business, schools, churches and residents. The Village Mall supported the project by allowing the club three weeks' use of prime space for the collection.





Past RI President Holger Knaack, the End Polio Now Koala and members of the E-Club of Hamburg Connect (D1890).

Happy fourth

Rotary club members celebrated the fourth charter anniversary of the Rotary E-Club of Greater Cape Town (D9350) on Mandela Day, 18 July.

This year, the club celebrated its charter anniversary with a little bit of fun. The celebration coincided with the induction of President Lynette Stassen and guests were asked to dress for the Zoom meeting as a four-year-old would! They were even allowed to bring their favourite toy or bedtime teddy.

Highlights included a bedtime story from Past Foundation Trustee Chair Brenda Cressey and the arrival of Past RI President Holger Knaack, the End Polio Now Koala and members of the E-Club of Hamburg Connect (D1890) who joined during a fellowship meeting in Hamburg.

On a more serious note, five new members were inducted and Paul Harris Fellowship recognitions were presented.



Past Foundation Trustee Chair Brenda Cressey read a bedtime story.



President Lynette Stassen checks her crystal ball for e-club mantra.

NEW PRESIDENTS



Shamin Maharaj
Port Shepstone, 9370



Ruby Chetty
Plettenberg Bay, 9350



Bernard Steyn
Swellendam, 9350



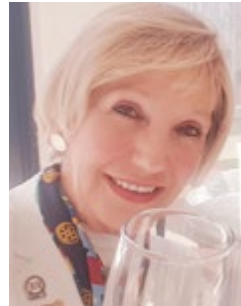
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Lynette Stassen, E-Club of
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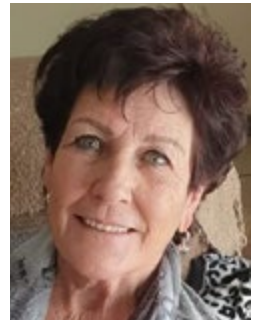
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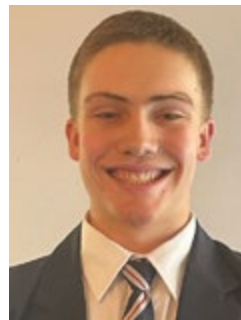
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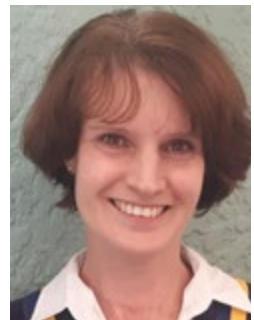
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Johannesburg, 9400



Ben Scher (Interact)
St Stithians, 9400



Angela Long
Johannesburg, 9400

WALL OF HONOUR



Helen Stone is a new member of the Rotary Club of Johannesburg (D9400).



Carol Alexander received a Sapphire Pin from the Rotary Club of Johannesburg (D9400).



President Johan Kriek (second from left) welcomes new members Ryan Kleynhans, Terry Andrew and Jacques du Preez to the Rotary Club of Swellendam (D9350).



Frank Vincent, a former Rotarian, is a new member of the Rotary Club of Port Shepstone (D9370). His wife Maureen joined the Anns.



Terry Spreeth is a new member of the Rotary Club Cape of Good Hope (D9350).



Rita Benecke received a sapphire pin from the Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark (D9400).



Alan Isdale was made an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Westville (D9370).



Bernard Gatter was made an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Westville (D9370).



Dave Jenvey was made an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Westville (D9370).



Dennis Belford is a new member of the Rotary Club of Johannesburg (D9400).



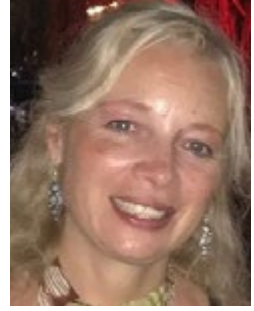
Hilton Elliot is a new member of the Rotary Club of Johannesburg (D9400).



Sarah Zulu is a new member of the Rotary Club of Johannesburg (D9400).



Tsholo Bonnecwe is a new member of the Rotary Club of Johannesburg (D9400).



Serenella Pellegrini-Belford is a new member of the Rotary Club of Johannesburg (D9400).



Celeste Lance received a sapphire pin from the Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark (D9400).



Rita Benecke received a sapphire pin from the Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark (D9400).



Jackie van Waveren received a sapphire pin from the Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark (D9400).



Alan Claase was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark (D9400).



AG Jean Bernardo received the Jack Boswell Trophy from the Rotary Club of Rosebank (D9400).



PDG Ken Stonestreet was recognised for achieving 100% attendance for 44 years.



David Bradshaw received a second sapphire pin from the Rotary Club of Rosebank (D9400).



Jerry Bernardo received a sapphire pin from the Rotary Club of Rosebank (D9400).



Juanette McCrindle of the Rotary Club of Rosebank (D9400) has become a Major Donor.



Sybille Essmann was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Rosebank (D9400).

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