

# DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

Botswana, Eswatini, Mozambique and South Africa

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

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

### **My Dear Family of Rotary,**

In a few days, the Rotary year will end. On the 27<sup>th</sup> of June, I passed on the Rotary Chain of Office to DGE Riana Pretorius and this time, will leave it with her!

Serving as your District Governor has been an extraordinary and humbling experience. It has certainly been time consuming and challenging, but the rewards make it all worthwhile. The best part of this job was visiting the clubs. Kobla and I have been warmly greeted and made to feel welcome.

The clubs in our district are filled with caring people who help humanity in an endless variety of ways, yet know how to have fun while doing so.

As I did at the district conference:

*I want to again give  
thanks to all of you who  
served on "Team  
Imagine" this year.*



2022/2023  
DG Koekie Makunyane-Quashie

Although several clubs have had their challenges this year, our district has seen growth in membership and we are at 1358 Rotarians and 140 Rotaractors. We have chartered three new clubs with a total of 65 new members, and made history by chartering the very first English-Speaking Rotary Club in Mozambique. How exciting! We have also not forgotten our youth and chartered youth clubs.

Kobla and I have served Rotary together as we have gone through life together. We are a team. He has been incredibly helpful and supportive this year, as always, and been the best GOD (Governor's Official Driver) and ensured I arrived safely and on time at all my club visits.

### **Minha querida família Rotária,**

Dentro de alguns dias, o ano Rotário termina. No dia 27, passarei a Corrente Rotária à DGE Riana Pretorius e, desta vez, deixá-la-ei. Servir como vossa Governadora do Distrito tem sido uma experiência extraordinária e humilde. Certamente que consumiu muito tempo e foi um desafio, mas as recompensas fazem com que tudo valha a pena. A melhor parte deste trabalho foi visitar os clubes. Kobla e eu fomos recebidos calorosamente e sentimo-nos bem-vindos.

Os clubes do nosso distrito estão repletos de pessoas atenciosas que ajudam a humanidade de inúmeras maneiras, mas sabem como se divertir enquanto o fazem.

Tal como fiz na conferência distrital:

*Quero agradecer mais uma  
vez a todos os que fizeram  
parte da "Equipa Imagine"  
este ano.*

Apesar de vários clubes terem enfrentado desafios este ano, o nosso distrito registou um aumento no número de associados e estamos nos 1358 Rotários e 140 Rotaractianos. Fundámos três novos clubes com um total de 65 novos sócios e fizemos história ao fundar o primeiro Rotary Club de língua inglesa em Moçambique. Que emocionante! Também não nos esquecemos dos nossos jovens e fundámos clubes de jovens.

Kobla e eu servimos o Rotary juntos a medida que passamos pela vida juntos. Somos uma equipa. Ele tem sido incrivelmente prestável e solidário este ano, como sempre, e tem sido o melhor "GOD" (Governor's Official Driver / Motorista Oficial do Governador) e garantiu que eu chegasse em segurança e a horas a todas as minhas visitas a clubes.

I know DGE Riana and her team are well prepared and ready to lead the district into the future, and I look forward to passing the baton. The district will be in good hands.

As we close this year where we *Imagined a world that deserves our best* and go forward to *Create Hope in the World*, I urge you to continue "Service above self", guided by our moral compass – The 4-way test.

Blessings.

*DG Koekie*



*DG Koekie with RI President Jennifer Jones inside Madiba's official office*

*No interior do Escritório oficial de Madiba*



*DG Koekie with RI President Jennifer Jones in the Museum during her visit to South Africa*

*No Museu*

Sei que a DGE Riana e a sua equipa estão bem preparadas e prontas para liderar o distrito no futuro, e estou ansiosa por passar o testemunho. O distrito estará em boas mãos.

Ao encerrarmos este ano, em que imaginámos um mundo que merece o nosso melhor e avançamos para Criar Esperança no Mundo, exorto-vos a continuar a "Dar de Si Antes de Pensar em Si", guiados pela nossa bússola moral – A Prova Quádrupla.

Bênçãos.

*DG Koekie*

## *Message from Jennifer Jones RI President 2022-23*



## *Mensagem Da Jennifer Jones RI Presidente 2022-23*

Speaking to you through the pages of *Rotary* magazine this past year has brought me so much joy. I have especially enjoyed sharing the incredible stories of the wonderful people Nick and I have met on the Imagine Impact Tour.

From Patzún in the mountainous western highlands of Guatemala to a small village outside of Lusaka, Zambia, we have been greeted by countless people who imagine and work toward a better world.

We were inspired by teachers who imagine a better education for girls and boys facing gender-based violence, by Rotaractors in a refugee settlement who created a flour mill to provide for their families in a critical food shortage, and by brave polio workers who push tirelessly to reach every last child.



Comunicar-me com vocês através das páginas da revista do Rotary neste último ano me trouxe muita alegria. Gostei especialmente de contar as histórias incríveis das pessoas maravilhosas que Nick e eu conhecemos na "Imagine Impact Tour".

De Patzún, nas montanhas da Guatemala, a uma pequena vila nos arredores de Lusaka, na Zâmbia, fomos recebidos por inúmeras pessoas que imaginam e trabalham por um mundo melhor.

Fomos inspirados por professores que imaginam uma educação melhor para meninas e meninos que enfrentam a violência de gênero, por Rotaractianos num assentamento de refugiados que criaram uma moageira para sustentar as suas famílias numa situação crítica de escassez de alimentos, e por corajosos trabalhadores da pólio que se esforçam incansavelmente para alcançar até a última criança.

*"We have taken the best from the worst, and we are writing a new chapter in world history, one where we play a defining leadership role"*

All of us have imagined Rotary this year. This means looking past what we are today and reaching for what we could be tomorrow. We imagine a Rotary that will continue to tell our stories in impactful ways, work to reduce our carbon footprint, and focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts that lift every voice in our organization and beyond.

Nick and I want to thank all of you for the moments we've shared and for your efforts to *Imagine Rotary*. And now, we look forward to continuing these efforts as we *Create Hope in the World*. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve with each of you.



Todos nós imaginámos o Rotary este ano. Isso significa olhar para além do que somos hoje e buscar o que poderemos ser amanhã. Imaginamos um Rotary que continuará a contar as nossas histórias de maneira impactante, trabalhará para reduzir a nossa pegada de carbono e se concentrará em esforços de diversidade, equidade e inclusão que elevem cada voz na nossa organização e além dela.

Nick e eu queremos agradecer a todos vocês pelos momentos que compartilhamos e pelo vosso esforço em prol do "Imagine Rotary". E agora, esperamos dar continuidade a esses esforços enquanto Criamos Esperança no Mundo. Foi uma honra e um privilégio servir com cada um de vocês.

## JULY IS ROTARY MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

Rotary International's new monthly theme for July is Maternal and Child Health! Every day mothers risk their lives giving birth and millions of children die each year from treatable, preventable causes.

At least 7 million children under the age of five die each year due to malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. To help reduce this rate, Rotary provides immunizations and antibiotics to babies, improves access to essential medical services, and supports trained health care providers for mothers and their children.

Through grants from The Rotary Foundation, Rotarians improve access to essential medical services for mothers and their children. Rotary's projects ensure sustainability by empowering the local community to take ownership of health care training programs. Maternal and Child Health Care is also recognized as one of Rotary's Six Areas of Focus.



Every day, approximately 830 women die from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth around the world. According to another estimate, more than 80 percent of maternal deaths can be prevented with access to reproductive health services and trained health care workers. Rotarians provide education, birthing kits, and mobile health clinics to support these causes. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease.

In addition, the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have selected a third **Programs of Scale** awardee which will aim to **End Cervical Cancer** in Egypt. This four-year campaign aims to increase awareness about cervical cancer and how to prevent it. The program will encourage the use of the HPV vaccine and promote screenings among women and girls in the greater Cairo region. The implementation, experience, and data collected through this program will inform an evidence-based national strategy by the Egyptian government toward sharply reducing cervical cancer.

## Experts needed to join the DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE



At the D9400 Assembly in late May 2023, Rotarians were informed of the **District International Service Committee (DISC) and Chair**.

The District International Service Committee, under chairperson PDG Annemarie Mostert (1 July 2023 – 30 June 2026), intends to work with clubs and districts to identify resources to develop international collaboration and design global grants of higher quality and greater scale.

### The aim is to:



DISC Chair - PDG Annemarie Mostert

- leverage local Rotarian, Rotaractor and Rotary alumni expertise,
- establish connections between clubs in your district and a host or international partner, and
- create a network of local experts to help with planning projects and grants.

## TAKE THE SURVEY

D9400 leadership is conducting a survey in order to create a **District Resource Network** of mentors with expertise in project planning, Rotary's areas of focus, and Rotary grants. All are welcome to participate, including: Rotarians, Rotaractors, Rotary Program Alumni, Rotary Action Groups, The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, Community Members, and Professionals from Partnering Organisations

Please assist by completing this [expression of interest](#) form.

## LEARN MORE

You can learn more: Go to The Learning Center and take the [district international service committee courses](#)

My Rotary login is required. These courses can be taken by all members of the committee





# IMAGINE WHAT'S NEXT

Rotary's largest event, the annual RI Convention, which was held in Melbourne, Australia, from 27 to 31 May 2023 did not disappoint. It brought together about 14 000 Rotarians and the family of Rotary from around the world for inspiration, information, and fun! The Registration desk, the House of Friendship and the afternoon breakout sessions were hosted in the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC) while the daily Plenary sessions were held every morning at the famous Rod Laver Arena in Melbourne Park. The afternoon closing [ceremony](#) was also held here.



Rotary International President Jennifer Jones, who made history as the organization's first female president, made the connection between imagining Rotary — the idea of her presidential theme — and hope, an element of McInally's who is taking over from her in July 2023. "We don't imagine yesterday — and we also don't look for hope in past actions," Jones said. "'Hope' and 'imagine' are words for tomorrow — words that propel us forward. They build upon each other and offer a path forward. A path of continuity."

During the [convention's closing session](#), 2023-24 Rotary International President Gordon McInally explained why he's asking members to make mental health a priority. When his only brother took his own life, McInally said, he became determined to fight the stigma around mental health issues and expand access to care. McInally urged Rotary members to **Create Hope in the World** by getting involved and taking action at a critical moment in history while his wife, Heather, an opera singer, enchanted everyone with her song *Imagine*.



"I might venture to suggest that one of the main reasons that my brother and so, so many others like him reach the point they do is that mental health remains such a taboo subject, and that mental health services remain in such short supply," he said. "I know that Rotary can do something about that. I am confident we can illuminate mental health needs near and far."

"We can help one another feel more supported as fellow Rotary members and as neighbours," McInally continued. "We can advocate for mental health services. And we can build bridges with experts in the mental health space to help expand access to treatment."



## SPEECHES AND REPORTS FROM THE 2023 RI CONVENTION

- RI President Jennifer Jones ([PDF](#), [watch](#), [download](#))
- RI General Secretary and CEO John Hewko ([PDF](#), [watch](#), [download](#))
- Rotary Foundation Chair Ian HS Riseley ([PDF](#), [watch](#), [download](#))
- RI President-elect Gordon McInally ([PDF](#), [watch](#), [download](#))
- RI President Nominee Stephanie Urchick ([PDF](#), [watch](#), [download](#))
- [RI Treasurer's Report](#) (PDF)
- [RI General Secretary Report](#)

# UK Foundation wants projects to sponsor

A charitable Foundation in the UK aims to provide capital to projects managed by Rotary where small and micro-enterprises are provided with seed core funding on the basis of loans. These loans would be repaid back to the project to enable funds to be provided to other needy enterprises.



As part of these self-help initiatives, the Foundation would provide the capital to an approved Rotary partner who would manage the project and involve others as necessary. The Foundation does not have any particular industry focus, but would support projects along the line of our own Foundation. Thus, any project that assists with community development, the empowerment of women, the eradication of disease, etc, should be of interest.

**Up to  
R20m  
available**

The Intercountry Committee (ICC) meeting with Great Britain and Ireland Funding was informed that the project could be as much as R20 million and clubs could submit proposals for funding in the region of R1 million. In order to seek the Foundation's support, it was agreed that the three southern Africa Districts would submit a detailed proposal. Whilst not prescriptive, it would be helpful if the proposal could indicate details as to:

- How the project will be managed
- How corruption will be prevented and how finances will be controlled
- What sectors will be supported
- How repayments are going to be scheduled and controlled
- How the project will link with local financial institutions to provide a broader range of fiscal support to client enterprises
- What goals, both short and long-term, are envisaged?

## ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Clubs wishing to express an interest in this project should contact PDG Kobla Quashie at email [kobla@kqcosz](mailto:kobla@kqcosz)

# D9400 to join D9370 and D9350 in application for Rotary Program of Scale funding

## PREVENTION

AND

## CONTROL

OF

## DIABETES

It was recently agreed at the Intercountry Committee (ICC) meeting with Great Britain and Ireland held on 28 May 2023 that the three districts in southern Africa, D9400, D9370 and D9350 will jointly apply for a project of scale funding towards the control and eradication of diabetes in the region.

DGE Stephen Young from D9350 will be the lead on this and all District Rotary Foundation Committees (DRFCs) will be invited to join the team that will be working on the assignment. The application will be submitted for funding in 2024.

Together we have to put up a strong case for this project. Clubs or Rotarians with the necessary data and appetite for this project should contact **PDG Kobla Quashie** at email [kobla@kqcosz](mailto:kobla@kqcosz)

## ARE YOU INTERESTED?

BE THE CHANGE,  
TOGETHER WE  
BRING THE CHANGE

Rotary



## What is Rotary Programs of Scale?

The [Programs of Scale](#) is a multimillion-dollar initiative that funds large-scale, high-impact projects that attract exceptional partners while making the most of the capacity, expertise, and enthusiasm of Rotary members. Each year, Programs of Scale will support a competitive grant process resulting in ONE award of US\$2 million from **The Rotary Foundation** that is distributed over a three- to five-year period to a club- or district-sponsored program showing success and readiness to expand to help more people in more places.

## The main phases of the Rotary Programs of Scale application process for 2024 are:

- 1 June to 1 August** — concept notes accepted
- October** — invite qualifying applicants to submit full proposals
- January** — full proposals due to The Rotary Foundation
- January to March** -- full proposals reviewed
- April** — award decision

Download [Rotary's Programs of Scale Grant Competition Handbook](#)

## What is ICC in Rotary?

An Intercountry Committee (ICC) is an agreement between two countries in Rotary initiating activities for bilateral humanitarian and peace efforts, using programs and initiatives fitting into the Rotary International Strategic Plan. There is a formal framework to develop a strategic, long-term relationship.

## District Rotary Foundation Committee

The DRFCs consist of experienced Rotarians who have shown a commitment to the Foundation as demonstrated through program participation and financial contributions. The Committee is led by a DRFC Chair that is appointed for a three-year term.

# POLIO UPDATE



Nearly 40 years ago, **Rotary International**, the largest volunteer service organization in the world, embarked on a very important mission: to rid the world of polio. Today, global eradication is within reach: cases are down 99.99 percent, thanks in large part to **Rotary's efforts in partnership with UNICEF**, the World Health Organization, the CDC, the [Bill and Melinda] Gates Foundation, and GAVI [the Vaccine Alliance] – all supporters of the **Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI)**



*Jennifer Jones and Aidan O'Leary at the House of Commons*

Rotary International President, **Jennifer Jones**, spoke at an End Polio Now event at the House of Commons in London, England saying that Rotary had to deliver on its promise to the children of the world that it would help to eradicate polio. Learn more about this important event [here](#)

**Mike McGovern**, chair of the Rotary International PolioPlus Committee, explained that, "There's real hope for getting this done." Rotary International launched this campaign back in the 1970s and after decades of remarkable progress this infectious disease that at its peak killed or paralyzed hundreds of thousands of people every year, no longer exists in most of the world today.

In 2022, Rotary International contributed \$86 million to support UNICEF's polio eradication efforts. That's big money, and it's on par with what we've been contributing every year for many years. Second, we do advocacy, and third, we're part of general program oversight.



*Mike McGovern, chair RI PolioPlus Committee*

Rotarians are motivated by the [progress](#) that's being made! To date, one WPV1 case was detected in Malawi and eight in Mozambique. When RI started this effort, there were 350,000 cases around the world. Polio remains endemic in two countries - Afghanistan and Pakistan. The hardest-to-reach areas of these countries also have some of the highest and most densely populated proportions of zero-dose children, meaning children who are either partially or completely unvaccinated, and they are areas where there is already a humanitarian crisis happening, so reaching these unvaccinated or under-vaccinated children will be all the more challenging.

**Due to COVID, 67 million children missed out entirely or partially on routine immunizations between 2019 and 2021**

"The State of the World's Children 2023," a [report](#) released by UNICEF in April, highlights the immense impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on childhood immunization. Between 2019 and 2021, the world lost more than 10 years of progress on routine immunizations. One in five children worldwide is now unvaccinated or under-vaccinated.



Rotarians have been promoting polio immunization at their **Rotary Family Health Days** in countries like Mozambique, Tanzania, South Africa and Nigeria, where they provide polio drops but also measles vaccinations, cervical cancer screenings, anti-malaria bed nets, treatment for AIDS and HIV. Read about more door-to-door vaccinating for polio, as well as the difference between wild poliovirus and circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus [here](#)

The legacy of our work to eradicate polio won't be just the elimination of the disease. It will also be how the tools we created and the lessons we learned are used to save lives from other preventable diseases. Such [tools and lessons](#) from the work to end polio are already being used in Zambia, in the fight against malaria.



## Change of Leadership

While RI President **Gordon McNally** (pronounced *Makienalee*) will lead on an international level in the 2023-24 Rotary year, the new D9400 District Governor taking office on 1 July, **Riana Pretorius**, was inducted by PDG DG Koekie Makunyane-Quashie. The DG chain was officially handed over at a function in Pretoria late in June.





# ANN'S MESSAGE

## FROM DGA CHRISTINA



*Dear Rotary Anns,*

It goes without saying that this is my last Newsletter as DGA during an eventful and rewarding year and I sincerely thank all of you for your wonderful support, warm welcoming and hospitality.

As you are aware, the new Rotary Ann year 2023/24 will be very different with no DGA. and a new Interim Leadership has been formed comprising the DGARs to be headed by PDGAs Janet Callard and Rosalind Cartwright, who is also our indispensable Secretary.

DGAE: However, I recently brought you via our Anns Interactive and other groups the happy news that Cheryl Jennings, the newly appointed President of the Benoni van Ryn Rotary Anns Club, has also been appointed DGA 2024/25. Again, our congratulations Cheryl. You have much to look forward to, not to mention no mean amount of work coupled with a great deal of support.

*Cheryl Jennings*



POETS: On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> of June, we held a very successful POETS training session for the Anns. It was attended by DGAE Cheryl, DG Riana, and DGE George, as well as our other brave man, PDG Francis, who took the My Rotary and Learning Centre section. I hope the morning has equipped you well going forward and we hope to see even more Anns attending POETS 2024!



*Daveyton Bespoke Sewing project by RAC Benoni Aurora. Angie models one of her creations*



*RAC Benoni Aurora also spread some winter warmth to the less privileged with their blanket project*



*The RAC Riverside handed over R40 000 worth of new winter uniforms for learners at Handhawer Primary School in Vereeniging.*



*Rosa van Zuydum of eSwatini Inner Wheel Club met the recipients of Knitted Knocker breast prostheses. This donation from RAC Boksburg Lake was initiated by Elaine Stathacopoulos, who also knitted most of them*



*The RAC Germiston collected linen from the Humanitarian Centre in Bedfordview*

Meanwhile, our Rotary Ann Clubs have been as busy as ever, particularly ensuring that the less fortunate in their communities are kept warm and fed during the cold winter months. But we have to bid a sad farewell to the Rotary Ann Clubs of Boksburg Lake and Johannesburg South and hope these ladies will stay active by linking with other clubs in their areas.

In signing off, I need to thank you all once more for your tremendous support and friendship during the past year: for your generous home hosting and warm welcomes at all your functions and projects. It was very special for PDG Martin and me, and I look forward to staying in contact with you all via the Newsletter during 2023/24.

Keep enjoying Rotary and supporting your communities. Keep the communication going and the very best to all incoming Ann Presidents and Office Bearers.

Warm regards as ever,

*DGA Christina*

DGA Christina Forsyth-Thompson 2022/23

*Khopotso Makin runs the New Life Centre for Girls, and is the driving force behind this project supported by RAC Kyalami. It won the DGA Theme Award for Imagine Empowering Girls. Khopotso received a Swazi basket in the Imagine Rotary colours as gift*





# D9400 PEOPLE OF ACTION

Click [here](#) to view Club newsletters and stories online! Send your Club Newsletters to [admin@rotary9400orgza](mailto:admin@rotary9400orgza) to have them loaded onto the D9400 website!

## Rotary Club of Northcliff

The RC Northcliff wheelchair project has been in existence since 1993. It is run in partnership with RC Rushmoor in the UK. When NHS patients in the UK exchange their old chairs for new ones, RC Rushmoor collects the used wheelchairs. These are sent to RC Northcliff for refurbishment where necessary, and onward distribution to needy recipients.

The following is an excerpt of Rushmoor's latest newsletter article describing a consignment being loaded onto a container for RC Northcliff: **Freewheeling Loadout 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023**



*Ramesh Dewan was accompanied by nine members of the Dewan Foundation who came to see what was involved in the Wheelchair project*

Several members of the RC Rushmoor were involved in the latest loadout of wheelchairs on Tuesday 23 May. They were assisted by the RC Farnborough.

The occasion was special as it allowed these Rotarians to meet their sponsors, Ramesh Dewan and the team from the Dewan Foundation.

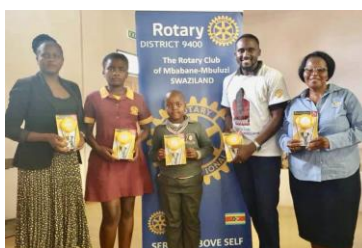


*In total the club loaded two electric chairs, 277 mechanical chairs, 80 walkers and numerous zimmer frames, crutches and other spare parts*

## Rotary Club of Mbuluzi-Mbabane

The Eswatini Electricity Company donated E200 000 worth of solar lamps to RC Mbuluzi Mbabane which have been directed towards helping underprivileged children in schools that were identified by Rotarians with the help of the Ministry of Education and Training.

RC Mbuluzi Mbabane was impressed by the goodwill of the sponsor, Eswatini Electricity Company. Members are thankful to them for giving away solar lamps worth E200 000 for free when they are mandated to make money from them. This selfless gesture has enabled the company to take the lead towards helping disadvantaged pupils improve their grades.





## Rotary Club of Maputo Metro

The new RC Maputo Metro in Mozambique took the initiative to hold its own Presidents & Officers Elect Training Seminar (POETS).



Recently chartered members of RC Metro Maputo successfully participated in the POETS training session on Saturday 20 May, led by PP Edson Correia and PP Bruno Amaral.

The seminar was a huge success and all attendees are now empowered with the right skills to take on their new roles and look forward to putting lessons learnt into practice, as they continue to work towards building stronger, more united communities through the power of Rotary.

The day ended with a vibrant fellowship lunch that provided a perfect setting for member acquaintance. Congratulations to Maputo Metro!



*This brand-new Rotary Club in Mozambique took the initiative to organise its own POETS which was led by PP Edson Correia and PP Bruno Amaral*



## Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark

The RC Vanderbijlpark's annual Winter Angels project has exceeded all expectations once again!

Rotarian Jeanette Steyn Nortje, champion of the project, and her team received beanies, scarves and jerseys from various organisations. Some 364 knitted items were delivered by 38 committed knitters. These items were then sorted and packed into parcels according to the ages of the children. Extras included blankets and toys.

Many of the knitters made use of their own wool while RC Vanderbijlpark sponsored additional wool where needed from funds raised by their annual Ladies tea. Their joy from knitting gives them an opportunity to make a positive contribution to those in the community that are less fortunate.



*Jeanette and her team are appreciated and applauded for all the hard work and organisation that went into the Winter Angels project.*

Organisations who benefitted by the project are:

- Jabes Foundation's four homes
- Maria Magdalena Children's Home
- Engo Child and youth centre
- Sammy's Day care
- Helplift NG Driehoek
- House Winnie
- Geluksdal community
- Sonlandpark Old Age Home
- SAVF shelter
- House Miriam
- Annatjie's Home
- Bella Maria Lifeline home for abused woman and children.



The event was attended by representatives of the different organisations that benefitted from the Winter Angels project as well as with Rotarians and friends who assisted on the day. The Bar With No Name generously made their venue available for the handover of the items.



## Rotary Club of Northcliff

On 31 May, 2023, the Northcliff Rotary Club celebrated its 50th birthday at the Country Club Johannesburg. The club was chartered on 16 May 1973.

The speaker for the evening was legendary Comrades Marathon runner, Bruce Fordyce. In addition, Rita Millan was inducted as Club President for 2023/24 and David Vardy was welcomed as a new member to the club. DGN George Senosha joined the celebration.



President Rita Millan



Bruce Fordyce



David Vardy



DGN George Senosha



Cutting the cake

## Rotary Club of Waterkloof

RC Waterkloof launched an EarlyAct Club of Blue Bird College on 16 June 2023, in collaboration with Rotary Community Corps Marikana/Kroondal (Rustenburg). During the event, which fell on National Youth Day, 12 members were inducted - six Board members and six Club members. President Muda will champion, mentor and oversee activities of the EarlyAct Club alongside three Educators.



RC Brits-Hartbeespoort and the Interact Club of Mountain Cambridge School (Harties) supported the launch which was attended by 100 people including Educators, parents, and learners of Blue Bird College as well as two special guests, RC Waterkloof's own RYLA Alumni, Bontle Lebusa and Lethabo Kopa, who are both Polio Ambassadors and each hold individual titles of International Pageants, Kids Star and Little Model Earth, respectively. The Blue Bird College primary school also actively took part in the RC Waterkloof EndPolioNow fundraiser on World Polio Day, 24 October 2022. The school has several Polio Ambassadors and sent three learners to RYLA Harties Die Hoekie in May 2023.



Rtn Terri Gil from RC Brits-Hartbeespoort delivered the keynote address outlining the value and impact of EarlyAct Clubs in the school and community followed by speeches by Interactors: President Ketu Manamela, Ashleigh Maphasha, Morris Musekwa and Lesego Fako, regarding the benefits of being an Interactor, RYLA, Peace and the Object of Rotary, respectively.

The highlight of the launch was the Symbolic cutting of the Ribbon led by DGN George Senosha and the reciting of the 4-Way Test by all. Rtn Sophia Lebusa, the Peace Ambassador for RC Waterkloof, was the Programme Director for the day.



## Rotary Club of Pretoria East

The RC Pretoria East has a longstanding relationship with the Bronberg Retirement Village (BRV) and recently invited the BRV knitting ladies to a dinner with RCPE for to thank them for all their loving work. It was a speaker evening where they would hear more about Nicus Lodge, a facility where RC Pretoria East, the BRV Social club and its knitters' group recently delivered numerous knitted goods.

*Vera van Dalen, manager of Nicus Lodge, spoke about this institution to members of RC Pretoria East and Bronberg Retirement Village*



Vera van Dalen manager (counsellor) for Nicus Lodge, told the audience about this hostel within Steve Biko Hospital premises which provides accommodation for children receiving cancer treatment. She had lost a son to cancer at a very young age and this tragic event invoked strong feelings of wanting to help other children suffering from this horrific disease and ease their journey as best as she could. She was granted permission to choose a derelict building inside the Steve Biko grounds and with time, plenty of effort and resourcefulness proceeded to restore it into the present day Nicus Lodge. Vera, previously acknowledged as a Paul Harris Fellow, has a way of 'making things happen' and together, the RC Pretoria East and Bronberg are pleased to help.



Children from all parts of South Africa and greater Africa, who require cancer treatment as well as a family member are accommodated here. The proximity of a family member lessens the feelings of loneliness and fear of being in a strange place and provides a sense of security.

*PP Doulien comforts one of the young cancer patients*

Nicus Lodge's needs are many and vary from food, fridges, building materials, labour, clothing, linen, and much more. Numbers are ever changing, from one month to the next and the official stipend is a drop in the ocean compared to what is really needed. The home is thus in dire need of outside assistance to support its patients as well as to maintain and refurbish the facility.

## Rotary Club of Pretoria Hatfield

President Melanie Steyn was inducted by PP Lololo Kopanye of RC Pretoria Hatfield. The event also offered an opportunity to recognise two people from the community who have made their mark as leaders.



*Ms Cathy van Rensburg was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow by RC Pretoria Hatfield. Cathy is the founder of the Kelfilwe Thusano feeding scheme in Elandsport, Pretoria.*

*Dr Karin Richter was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow by RC Pretoria Hatfield. Karin is a dedicated virologist who has been at the forefront of the battle against COVID-19.*



*President Melanie Steyn and PP Lololo Kopanye*

## CLUB Notes & Reminders for JULY:

- 1) Resolutions to FICA board & treasurer at bank
- 2) Pay district Annual dues
- 3) Pay RI Semi-annual dues

- 4) Pay Rotary Africa
- 5) Present club budget
- 6) Load club goals on Rotary Club Central







## District 9400 EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>30</b>	June 2023	<b>Deadline</b> for reporting your club's officers in My Rotary and ensuring that your club membership is up to date. <b>Deadline</b> to report in Rotary Club Central what goals you achieved toward the Rotary Citation for Rotary Clubs
<b>18</b>	July 2023	Mandela Day
<b>22-23</b>	July 2023	<b>RLI Training</b> - 08:00 - 15:30 RLI Certificate Part 1 and Part 2 @ Oakmeade Prep and Academy, 62 Impala Avenue, Meyerton Ext 6. Cost R250 per person per course/day. Contact Wendy Damons on <a href="mailto:wendylindsay12@gmail.com">wendylindsay12@gmail.com</a>
<b>15-16</b>	September 2023	<b>RLI Training</b>
<b>16</b>	September 2023	<b>World Cleanup Day</b> in D9400 Contact: Babette Gallard <a href="mailto:babettegallard@gmail.com">babettegallard@gmail.com</a> or Mandla Mliphalf <a href="mailto:mandlamlipha@gmail.com">mandlamlipha@gmail.com</a>
<b>16</b>	October 2023	<b>World Food Day</b>
<b>24</b>	September 2023	<b>World Polio Day</b>

### 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?

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

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