



District Governor Newsletter 2019 - 2020

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Greetings to all Rotarians, Anns and Friends of our District

This time last year, when DG Maurice and myself were involved in District Training Assemblies and also earlier in the year when all the District Governors and Anns attended training in San Diego in preparation for our year in office, little did we know what would unfold during this year, which truly cemented the theme of "Rotary Connects the World" in a forcible way we never could have imagined. History is being rewritten with people all over the world in lockdown - people feeling uncertain, some scared, some suffering, their lives challenged in so many ways. But distance cannot stop us from caring. This gives us time to stop and rethink about our own individual lives. Life after this will not be the same. Will we walk the same road again or will we change our thought patterns of what really matters in the world and in our personal lives?

Due to the virus, the lockdown had put a hold on or cancelled so many things that were planned; for example the International Convention in Honolulu that Rotarians from all around the globe were looking forward to attending, and of course in our personal and business lives, plans and hopes have had to be radically adjusted.

I am so grateful for the things we have achieved before this virus hit the world; especially the stunning event the Rotary Krugersdorp Anns arranged on the 22 February, just before Maurice and myself went to Australia. Thank you for the amazing 60% attendance of Anns from our District. Also present were Inner wheel members, DGE Annemarie and DGN Stella and 11 Past District Governor Anns. What a heart-warming turnout it was! Of special note was the remarkable participation in the Polio Awareness Drive from the Anns, from which, so far, an amount of R12,000 has been raised. For these wonderful efforts, 8 clubs received certificates of recognition - Benoni Aurora, Randburg, Kyalami, Pietersburg 100, Rosebank, Springs Park, Benoni Van Ryn and Krugersdorp.

During the weeks to come let's keep up the contact and friendship with one another. Distance cannot stop us from caring and connecting.

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Club Recognition Awards for 8 Clubs for Polio Awareness



DG Maurice and DGA Chrisna in Lockdown.



District 9400 Rotary Anns' Gathering in Krugersdorp.

DISCON 2020

DG Maurice and the Discon committee feel it is premature to make an informed decision whether to cancel Discon 2020. We will at this stage continue with Discon 2020 (26 to 28 June 2020) in Maputo, and the planning around the event, making sure all attendees' safety will be protected. More information on Discon in Maputo to be distributed soon. To register for Discon 2020, please contact Linda Stokes on linda@aircelsius.co.za and visit the D9400 website:

rotary9400npc.org.za/events





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APRIL

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH



"If mothers are empowered and healthy, so are their families, leading to an alleviation of poverty and hunger."

RFPD co-founder Robert Zinser

TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Be a People of Action



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

RLI TRAINING



Rotary Leadership Institute leaders who attended RLI training in Benoni on 14 March 2020. The Clubs represented are: Vereeniging, Riverside, Johannesburg North Central, Johannesburg 101, Johannesburg New Dawn, Centurion, Benoni van Ryn, Benoni Aurora, Sandton Central, Kyalami, Fourways Main Reef and Ermelo Phoenix.

DISTRICT MULTI-CLUB COLLABORATION - HAND SANITIZER PROJECT

The Hlanza Izandla Sanitization Project is a D9400 Multi-Club Collaboration. This project's purpose is to support the sanitization of modes of transport at public transport hubs in South Africa. This includes provision of hand sanitizers, installation of sanitization units at transport hubs and a campaign to promote a culture of handwashing in South Africa.

The project was conceived at an RLI training session on Saturday 14 March by Rotarians from several Clubs. Within an extremely short period of twelve days – up to the start of the national lockdown in South Africa on March 26 – the project team of nine Rotarians had established a project structure, high level goals, and a modus operandi. A steady supply chain for sanitizing liquid for at least the period of the lockdown was established. Sponsorship in the amount of ZAR500 000,00 was raised from Standard Bank. Through team member networks, an agreement has been reached to work with the South African National Taxi Council (SANTACO) who will take responsibility for distributing the sanitizer to their members and commuters.

The first delivery of 1480 Rotary-branded hand sanitizers was made to SANTACO on Friday 3 April. The promotion of hand cleanliness will be coordinated via a social media campaign using the appropriate platforms. Content, photos and videos are being prepared for launch onto these platforms. A PR campaign in support of the goals of Hlanza Izandla is being coordinated. The anticipated lifetime of this project is potentially indefinite and will depend on social circumstances post-lockdown.

The project team members are: Ian Widdop (Chairperson), Audrey Gatawa and Jankees Sligcher from Johannesburg New Dawn; Sharon Fitzgerald and Larry Hyde of Benoni Aurora; Monica Kiwanuka and Nokwazi Gxubane of Johannesburg North Central, and Eckard Steyn from the Sandton Satellite Club.

Audrey has led the team extremely ably in difficult circumstances especially after the lockdown was imposed and the world became virtual! Jankees provides expert knowledge and a network of very useful contacts. Sharon has administered the affairs and is a calming presence. Eckard and Nokwazi are out on the streets as essential service people to coordinate deliveries and establish a social media presence. And Monica monitors the finances and the cash book and provides great wisdom.

The innovative characteristics of this project are: the speed to initial set-up in a time of crisis; and the multi-Club collaborative nature of its management and operation. It is a credit to the Rotary name.





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ROTARY MONITORS THE CORONAVIRUS IMPACT

Rotary is closely monitoring the pandemic of COVID-19, the illness caused by the novel coronavirus, and continuously assessing the potential impact on Rotary operations, events, and members.

Your health and safety are always our top priorities. Look below for information on Rotary activities that may be affected. We will update this page as new information becomes available.

In the near term, Rotary International recommends that districts and Rotary and Rotaract clubs meet virtually, cancel, or postpone meetings and events following the advice of national and local health officials.

Rotary encourages members and their families to take precautions to protect themselves from contracting the virus by: washing your hands often and thoroughly, putting distance between yourself and others if COVID-19 is spreading in your community, and staying home if you are sick.

[Read](#) how members are using ingenuity and flexibility to help people affected by coronavirus and to stay connected.

RESOURCES

World Health Organization

U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

UNICEF

U.S. State Department

Rotary's travel ban list

Watch a message of support from RI President Mark Daniel Maloney

AFFECTED AREAS

Grants

Polio

Rotary International Convention

Other major Rotary events

Club and district meetings

Rotary leadership, committees, RI secretariat

Rotary Youth Exchange

Rotary Peace Fellowships and other programs

Rotary-funded travel

LOCKDOWN LOGISTICS

HOW SOME OF OUR DISTRICT 9400 CLUBS ARE COPING AND SOME INNOVATIVE MEETING IDEAS

WATERKLOOF

What we HAVE done...

We in the Waterkloof Rotary Club saw the lock-down coming early in March 2020, and we decided to suspend meetings. At our last meeting, we did a small trial of Zoom as a potential tool for video-conference meetings. We then set up our meeting of 1st April (no fooling) as a Zoom meeting, with a 30-minute pre-meeting to iron out any difficulties members might have. For this we prepared and took members through a presentation on how we planned to proceed.

We had been waiting to induct new member Amanda, who had been trapped overseas by the embargo on flights, and this was our first opportunity. So, with her permission, we decided to induct her in a videoconference meeting. We adapted the induction formula used by an Australian District for use in Zoom, and shared that during the meeting. We had earlier opened the meeting with another shared document with the Rotary Grace, Four-Way Test, Toast to the RSA and the Objects of Rotary visible to members.

This worked so well that we decided to revert to weekly meetings rather than fortnightly. When we are able to meet face-to-face again, we may alternate live meetings with videoconference meetings. SO: It worked for us, and we are happy to share our material via D9400. Good luck from President George Senosha and our members to all who are about to handle our changed world.

What we WILL do...

Now let us tell you what the Rotary Club of Waterkloof WILL do. At a future meeting, we will invite a wide range of friends to meet with us: Volunteers, past members, friends, past event attendees. We will provide them with an entertaining programme and work towards converting them to membership, either of the Club or the Rotary Community Corps. Also, the governance system of our RCC will be based on virtual meetings.





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Rotary



KNIGHTS PENDRAGON

We have signed up for a discounted Zoom Pro account through Rotary International, and after a few challenging attempts, had 17 of our 19 members and 2 guests (one from the USA) attend our Zoom meeting tonight. All formalities of the meeting were observed and a productive discussion held regarding our Chris Hani Baragwanath Paediatric Burns Unit ICU assistance project. It turns out that the sergeant is able to issue virtual fines too which will materialise in cash after the lockdown is over. We consider the rapid adoption of online meetings for our club with an average age of 68 plus to be quite an achievement!

MIDDELBURG

We changed our meeting venue due to the Care Village being in isolation. We inducted Sarah Mahlangu, a business owner of "Something out of Nothing". The next week we decided to have a Zoom meeting. This week I challenged all members to do an online course which we will discuss next week.

Pres. Colleen Deiner

JOHANNESBURG SOUTH 101

<https://deck.of.cards/>

Our club uses this online deck of cards to play our Swindle game. Members select a card in their mind and write it in the Zoom Chat box. Then the Webinar controller shuffles the deck 2 or 3 times, then draws a card by clicking on the deck. That card is the winner who gets a R10 deduction on their fees. Other members pay R10 to participate which is added by the Treasurer to their accounts for billing at month end. Its lots of fun!

Pres Linda Dent

BENONI AURORA

After the President's announcement on the 15th of March, our club decided to take all our meetings online using Zoom as our communication platform. We usually alternate between evening and morning meetings but have decided to keep all meetings to morning meetings while meeting online. All members received communication explaining how to install and use Zoom for online meetings. We record the meetings so that any member who is not able to attend can download and watch at a later stage. The recordings get uploaded to a Dropbox account, and members receive a link to download the files. We placed communication in the Benoni City Times, inviting members of the community to join our online meetings to learn more about Rotary. The post also went out on our social media platforms. The article went into the press on Tuesday, and we got one guest who joined the next day. The guest is open to joining Rotary and has asked to join future online meetings. We have two potential members in the pipeline who we invite to the calls, and we are hoping to induct at least one at the end of the lockdown. If the lockdown extends, we will look at doing an online induction.

We have managed to secure a guest speaker for the 22nd of April who is willing to do their presentation to the club online should the lockdown be extended. We still try to keep the structure of our meetings in line with our face to face meetings, opening with the Object of Rotary, followed by a prayer and closing the meeting with the Four-way Test. Below are the links to our dropbox meetings, and the post that went into the Benoni City Times.

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5fbkj6m5cfzwgob/AABlZKuB2TZpnnwkbF_qfE_4a?dl=0

https://benonicitytimes.co.za/377380/benoni-club-of-aurora-host-digital-meetings/?fbclid=IwAR2zcU1Voielas1dMyx3rTejEO5DxBY4_hA6w7N1GgTOPGCo_3v12SCYLTo#.XoMWTc-qtZqU.facebook

Pres. Sonja Shear

ROSEBANK

Our district Treasurer Kevin Wolhuter is keeping an eye on you!

