



District Governor Newsletter 2019 - 2020

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Greetings to my fellow Rotarians, Spouses and Anns of District 9400!





I am truly honoured and humbled to be leading our multi-national District 9400 through the coming twelve months and, together with DG Ann Chrisna, send this first welcome message with a huge sense of pride. Being a Rotarian is a such a privilege and we have much to celebrate in belonging to this global organization and the status of the people who are working together to achieve the ideals of Rotary. Pride in Rotary is tangible and shows in all we do.

My first message concerns the need to be aware of our changing world and the relevance of how Rotary conducts its business. Although I am a traditionalist at heart, I willingly embrace change and one truly exciting development in Rotary that I am hoping to motivate and urge Clubs to consider, is the formation of Satellite Clubs, where the opportunity for diversity is tangible and implementable. The bigger Clubs in our District would certainly have the capacity to investigate this development. Please use the link shown below for guidance on how this can be achieved appropriately by your Club.

http://www.rotaryresources.org/clubs/membership/satellite_clubs

In the twelve months ahead, the messages from my desk will seek to inform, entertain and celebrate together with our District Members. The messages will be 'short and sweet' and we will aim to limit each month's newsletter to two pages only. Back story details, information and activities will be available through hyperlinks and Facebook, which can be selected by our Rotarians to suit their particular interests. Opportunities to connect to other Clubs will be highlighted. The newsletters will come to you early each month and will have some focus on the Rotary Theme for that month and Clubs can then react to or embrace any specific theme ideas and projects that would suit them.

With that proposed structure in mind, there are some focus areas of the Rotary programmes that I would like to promote this year and are listed below. During the coming months they will be highlighted further:

-  The Humanitarian Centre
-  Rotary Family Health Day - <https://rfhdsouthafrica.co.za/>
-  Rotary Leadership Institute - <https://www.rli9400.co.za/>
-  Friendship Exchange - <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/friendship-exchange>
-  Preserve Planet Earth

They are unique and showcase the diversity and professionalism of the structures of Rotary.

In closing, I give special thanks to all the PDGs and the many other Rotary officers and Rotarians who have selflessly supported and encouraged me, as myself and DG Ann Chrisna embark on what I know will be a fantastic year in office!

Newly inducted District 9400 Governor Maurice and DG Ann Chrisna Stander at the Discon Gala function on 15 June 2019 at the Olifants River Lodge, Middelburg.



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PS. Be on the monthly lookout for prawns! Count them up – it could be to your advantage as Maputo is only 11 months away!

