

# 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*

Dear fellow Rotarians,

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROTARY!** We are at the end of February – **Peace and Conflict Resolution** month, and February 23<sup>rd</sup> was Rotary's Anniversary, as the first Rotary meeting was on this date in 1905. What a great journey Rotarians have travelled - 118 years rendering service! We know that all great journeys begin with a first step. Many very successful projects today had smaller beginnings. Think about the tremendous effect Rotary has had on the world. Think about the impact of our polio eradication efforts and success. Think about how proud you are to be a Rotarian, Rotaractor, Interactor and Rotary Ann, and belonging to such an impactful organization!

I trust that clubs got involved in and promoted projects that support Peace and Conflict Resolution. Rotary and our District certainly have, as they support Peace Scholars. We all know that 100 peace fellowships are offered each year at Rotary Peace Centres around the world. Millions of dollars have been raised by Rotary to support peace, and over 1,000 students have graduated from Rotary's Peace Centres program. It is equally gratifying to note that some clubs and members in our District have experienced and implemented initiatives related to Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution, and that through ARCoM, 38 participants from our district will be graduating on 25 March, at the District Office in Johannesburg. This will be a hybrid event and we need to tell our story – this story.

I also hope clubs have submitted articles related to this month's theme, while thinking of articles to submit for March as it is **Water and Sanitation Month**.

February, a short month, but there was still lots of action around District 9400. Serious planning has started for next year, with the first session of PETS having been held, where District Governor Elect, Riana Pretorius and her 2023-24

Caros Companheiros Rotários,

**PARABÉNS, ROTARY!** Estamos no final de Fevereiro – mês da **Paz e Resolução de Conflitos**, e lembre-se que 23 de Fevereiro é o aniversário do Rotary, pois a primeira reunião do Rotary foi nesta data em 1905. Que grande jornada os Rotários percorreram - 118 anos a prestar serviço! Sabemos que todas as grandes jornadas começam com um primeiro passo. Muitos projectos muito bem-sucedidos hoje tiveram começos menores. Pense no tremendo efeito que o Rotary teve no mundo. Pense no impacto dos nossos esforços de erradicação da poliomielite e no nosso sucesso. Pense em como tem orgulho de ser Rotário, Rotaract, Interactor e Rotary Ann e pertencer a uma organização tão impactante!

Confio que os clubes se envolveram e promoveram projectos que apoiam a Paz e a Resolução de Conflitos. O Rotary e nosso Distrito certamente o fizeram, pois apoiam bolsistas do Rotary pela Paz. Todos sabemos que 100 bolsas de paz são oferecidas todos os anos nos Centros Rotary pela Paz em todo o mundo.

Milhões de dólares foram arrecadados pelo Rotary para apoiar a paz, e mais de 1.000 alunos se graduaram no programa do Centros de Paz do Rotary. É igualmente gratificante constatar que alguns clubes e membros do nosso Distrito experimentaram e implementaram iniciativas relacionadas com a Paz e a Prevenção/Resolução de Conflitos, e que, através da ARCoM, 38 participantes do nosso Distrito se formarão no dia 25 de Março, no Escritório Distrital em Joanesburgo. Este será um evento híbrido e precisamos de contar a nossa história – esta história.



2022/2023  
DG Koekie Makunyane-Quashie

Espero também que os clubes tenham submetido artigos relacionados com o tema deste mês, pensando em artigos para submeter para Março, uma vez que é o **Mês da Água e do Saneamento**.

Fevereiro, um mês curto, mas há muita acção no Distrito. Um planeamento sério iniciou para o próximo ano, com a primeira sessão do PETS, onde a nossa Governadora eleita, Riana

Presidents, were immersed in next year's Rotary International Theme, "Create Hope in the World". But there is still lots of work to do and fun to be had for the rest of this year.

**Rotary Foundation:** Please remember to make your annual giving donations by the end of March. This will enable the donations to be received by the Foundation and be incorporated in the Annual Giving total for the current Rotary year. We still need a **final push from everyone** to get their last minute pledges in. Presidents have been reminded regularly of this.

**Membership:** Gaining, with clubs inducting new members. We need to remember that we retain them when we give them the "Comfort and Care" that our RI President is advocating. We also retain members when their expectations are met.

**District Conference:** Have you registered for our District Conference Eswatini, and booked your accommodation? Esibayeni Lodge is the venue! When RI requested us to submit three names of preferred RIPR for Discon, my three choices were all from our continent. A couple of weeks ago I was thrilled by the confirmation from RI that the RI President's Representative for our District Conference will be one of my choices - PDG Joe Otin from District 9212 (Kenyan). We are looking forward to showing PDG Joe and his partner Janet our hospitality and what it is like to belong to a district 'Down South'!

**International Convention:** Have you thought about attending the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, Australia? At a convention, for about 5 days, we see the world of Rotary as Paul Harris *imagined* it. It is a world where men and women from all over the globe come together to build peace, to serve others, and to enjoy the fellowship of Rotary.

**Congratulations:** On behalf of District, let me extend congratulations to the following PDGs who have been honoured with international positions:

- Annemarie Mostert – International trainer and appointed to the Rotary International Convention 2024-25 promotions committee.
- Shirley Downie – Major Gift Initiative RI Representative 2022-24
- Patrick Coleman – Economic Development RI Representative 2022-24

Finally, the region, and indeed our district, has been ravaged by continuous rains which have caused major damage to parts of Mozambique, the Vaal and other areas. We have seen Rotarians work tirelessly to assist in any way possible, as people were left homeless. A big thank you to everyone who contributed whatever they could to assist the affected people.

Be blessed. Yours in Rotary.

*DG Koekie*

Pretorius, esteve com seus Presidentes de 2023-24, onde eles foram imersos no tema do Rotary International do próximo ano, "Criar esperança no mundo". Mas ainda há muito trabalho a fazer e ter muita diversão para o resto deste ano.

**Fundação Rotária:** Lembre-se de fazer suas doações anuais até o final de Março. Isso permitirá que as doações sejam recebidas pela Fundação e incorporadas ao total anual de doações para o ano rotário em curso. Ainda precisamos de um empurrão final de todos para cumprirem as suas promessas. Os Presidentes têm sido regularmente recordados deste facto.

**Filiação:** A aumentar, com os clubes a introduzir novos membros. Precisamos de lembrar que os retemos quando lhes damos o "conforto e cuidado" que a nossa Presidente do RI defende. Também retemos os membros quando as suas expectativas são satisfeitas.

**Conferência Distrital:** Já se inscreveu para a nossa Conferência Distrital em Eswatini e já reservou sua acomodação? Esibayeni Lodge é o local! Quando o RI nos pediu para submeter três nomes de RIPR preferidos para o DISCON, as minhas três escolhas foram todas do nosso continente. Há algumas semanas, fiquei emocionada com a confirmação do RI de que o Representante do Presidente do RI para a nossa Conferência Distrital será uma das minhas escolhas - PDG Joe Otin do Distrito 9212 (Queniano). Estamos ansiosos para mostrar ao PDG Joe e sua parceira Janet a nossa hospitalidade e como é pertencer a um distrito 'Down South'!

**Convenção Internacional:** Já pensou em participar na Convenção do Rotary International em Melbourne, Austrália? Na convenção, por cerca de 5 dias, vemos o mundo do Rotary como Paul Harris imaginou. É um mundo onde homens e mulheres de todo o mundo se reúnem para construir a paz, servir ao próximo e desfrutar da comunhão do Rotary.

**Parabéns:** Em nome do Distrito, permitam-me que estenda os meus parabéns aos seguintes PDGs que foram homenageados com posições internacionais:

- Annemarie Mostert – Além de formadora internacional, ela também foi nomeada para a Comissão de Promoções da Convenção do Rotary International 2024-25.
- Shirley Downie - Representante da Major Gift Initiative RI 2022-24 e
- Patrick Coleman - Representante do RI para o Desenvolvimento Económico 2022-24.

Finalmente, a região, e de facto o nosso distrito, tem sido devastada por chuvas contínuas que causaram grandes danos a partes de Moçambique, ao Vaal e a outras áreas. Vimos Rotários a trabalhar incansavelmente para ajudar de todas as formas possíveis, já que as pessoas ficaram desabrigadas. Um grande obrigado a todos que contribuíram o que puderam para ajudar as pessoas afectadas.

Seja abençoado.

*DG Koekie*

## Message from Jennifer Jones RI President 2022-23



## Mensagem Da Jennifer Jones RI Presidente 2022-23

Recently, I spent time in the Nakivale refugee settlement in Uganda. As the "settlement" in its name suggests, the people living there are free to move around and integrate as best they can — one thing that makes the place unique.

I had a chance to play soccer with boys and girls from about a dozen nations and talk with women who had fled areas of conflict. It was a tapestry of human experience shared through both laughter and tears.

As I walked across a school campus at the settlement with a teacher, she shared with me the dire statistics on girls' education. Most don't get through grade school. Many are sold into child marriage to pay for food for their families. As I looked around at these young girls, I was gutted.

Our work with empowering girls and women is much more than creating equity — sometimes, it's about health or education. Other times it's about providing safety. Regardless of the path, it's always about basic human rights.

We can do more to empower girls and women, and we can expand how we share the progress Rotary members and our partners have made toward this goal.

There is no shortage of inspiring examples of our work, from interest-free microcredit loans for women in Nigeria, to projects in India that provide girls menstrual hygiene products. Hundreds of projects are taking place across all Rotary areas of focus and are making a meaningful and often lifesaving difference.

Together, we can address the needs and inequities that girls throughout the world face daily. But we must also monitor the impact of these projects and create awareness of Rotary resources and subject matter experts, including Rotary Action Groups, The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, Rotary Peace Fellows, and others.

It is especially important that we tell the stories of our initiatives that have a positive impact on the lives of women and girls. This last point is near and dear to my heart. This means sharing our stories on social media, through local news outlets, in this magazine, and wherever we can inspire others.

As you do so, it's important to provide information that helps our Rotary family connect with others who are implementing activities in their regions, as well as across the world. Let's share our successes and learn from one another — then proudly tell our stories to a larger audience.

These are exciting times in Rotary, and the world is taking notice. As we work to empower women and girls to step into their full potential, we create new pathways for membership growth and greater collaboration with partners to create positive, lasting change. Thank you for your continued action in this vital effort.

Recentemente, estive no assentamento de refugiados Nakivale, em Uganda. Como o nome "assentamento" sugere, as pessoas que vivem lá são livres para se movimentar e se integrar da melhor forma possível — uma coisa que torna o lugar único. Tive a oportunidade de jogar futebol com rapazes e raparigas de cerca de uma dúzia de países e conversar com mulheres que fugiram de zonas de conflito. Foi uma "tapeçaria" de experiência humana partilhada através de risos e lágrimas.

Enquanto caminhava por uma escola, no assentamento, com uma professora, ela partilhou comigo as estatísticas terríveis sobre a educação das meninas. A maioria não passa pelo ensino primário. Muitas são vendidas para casamentos infantis para pagar comida para as suas famílias. Quando olhei a volta para essas meninas, fiquei arrasada.

O nosso trabalho com o empoderamento de meninas e mulheres é muito mais do que criar equidade — às vezes, é sobre saúde ou educação. Outras vezes, trata-se de proporcionar segurança. Independentemente do caminho, trata-se sempre de direitos humanos básicos.

Podemos fazer mais para capacitar meninas e mulheres, e podemos expandir a forma como partilhamos o progresso que os Rotários e os nossos parceiros fizeram para a concretização desse objectivo.

Não faltam exemplos inspiradores do nosso trabalho, desde empréstimos de microcrédito sem juros para mulheres na Nigéria, até projectos na Índia que disponibilizam produtos de higiene menstrual para meninas. Centenas de projectos estão a ser implementados em todas as áreas de foco do Rotary e estão a fazer uma diferença significativa e, muitas vezes, salvavidas.

Juntos, podemos abordar as necessidades e desigualdades que as meninas em todo o mundo enfrentam diariamente. Mas também devemos monitorar o impacto desses projectos e conscientizar sobre os recursos e especialistas no assunto, incluindo Grupos de Acção Rotária, Quadros de Assessores Técnicos da Fundação Rotária, Bolsistas Rotary pela Paz e outros.

É especialmente importante que contemos as histórias das nossas iniciativas que têm um impacto positivo na vida das mulheres e raparigas. Este último ponto está próximo e é especial para mim. Isto significa partilhar as nossas histórias nas redes sociais, através de agências de notícias locais, nesta revista e onde quer que possamos inspirar outras pessoas.

Ao fazer isso, é importante dar informações que ajudem a nossa família Rotária a se conectar com outras pessoas que estão a implementar actividades nas suas regiões, bem como em todo o mundo. Vamos partilhar os nossos sucessos e aprender uns com os outros e, em seguida, contar orgulhosamente as nossas histórias a um público maior.

Estes são tempos emocionantes no Rotary, e o mundo está a perceber. À medida que trabalhamos para capacitar mulheres e meninas a atingir o seu pleno potencial, criamos novos caminhos para o crescimento do número de membros e uma maior colaboração com parceiros para criar mudanças positivas e duradouras. Obrigada pela sua acção contínua neste esforço vital.



# DISCON 2023

*Imagine the Magic and Celebrate Rotary*



The District Conference (DISCON) of D9400 takes place 27 April to 1 May 2023 at Esibayeni Lodge, near Matsapha in the Kingdom of eSwatini. The theme of the conference this year is “*Imagine the Magic and Celebrate Rotary*”.

The conference will be a time to celebrate what we have accomplished during the year. The complete conference program will be uploaded at the end of January 2023. The conference language will be English and Portuguese.

Early bird registration has closed, but you may still [register](#) manually or electronically albeit at a higher rate. Registered participants will receive a conference kit and have full access to conference (including meals) as well as the **Meet & Greet** on Thursday evening, **Celebrate Africa Night** on Friday and **Gala Dinner** on Saturday night.

- The Emalangeni (local currency) is equivalent to one South African Rand. The two currencies are both accepted.
- All major bank cards are accepted.
- Join the DISCON23 Whatsapp group for updates on DISCON2023. Follow the link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LaQFhHJSTW89oCpPk3ZuzS>
- Travelers from SADC do not need a visa to enter Eswatini.
- A valid Covid19 registration certificate is required.

DISCON	DAY	DATE	EVENT	EVENING FUNCTION
Day 1	Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup> April	Registration, District Assembly and AGM	Meet & Greet
Day 2	Friday	28 <sup>th</sup> April	District Conference meeting	Celebrate Africa Night
Day 3	Saturday	29 <sup>th</sup> April	Rotary Project visit	Gala dinner
Day 4	Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup> April	Packages different options	

## MEET RIP IN CAPE TOWN

SAVE THE DATE

IMAGINE ROTARY

Come and meet...

RI PRESIDENT JENNIFER JONES

**05 APRIL 2023**

**17H30- 20H00**

**VENUE** KELVIN GROVE, CAPE TOWN

**COST** R150 PP  
INCLUDES WINE & CANAPES

JOIN US

BOOK VIA YOUR CLUB PRESIDENT!!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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## RESPONSE TO REGIONAL DISASTER

Between 7 and 10 February, heavy rains reaching up to 100 mm in 24 hours hit southern Mozambique, causing widespread flooding in Maputo city and Maputo province.

According to the National Institute for Disaster Management and Risk Reduction (INGD), the rain already affected some 30,605 people (5,721 families), displaced 422 people, and killed four people. Five accommodation centres have been established that are currently hosting 422 people.

Authorities indicated eight houses had been partially destroyed and 4,286 were flooded, while five health units and 13 schools across the province were reportedly damaged by the rain. Power cuts were reported in all the areas affected – particularly around the basins of the rivers Maputo, Incomáti, and Umbelúzi. Movement across the region has been curtailed.

RC Maputo and RC Polana responded by distributing food and clothing, and also appealed to D9400 for funding. They sent teams to do assessments of longer term needs. To date available funds amount to ZAR55,000 thanks to RC of Maputo, DG Koekie, RC Morningside and RC Polokwane. There are still some outstanding pledges from other clubs.

**IMMEDIATE NEEDS** – blankets, sleeping mats, soap, clothing all ages, infant food, non-perishable food items, drinking water/purification tablets, cooking pots (100 liters).

**LONGER TERMS NEEDS** – bedding, school supplies, seeds and material to start gardens as lots of people lost their gardens and livestock.

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# MARCH IS WATER AND SANITATION MONTH

During March, Rotary celebrates Water and Sanitation Month. We are proud of our commitment to create healthier communities by supplying clean water and sanitation facilities to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

In 2015, the United Nations introduced their new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to end poverty and promote prosperity while protecting the environment and addressing climate change. Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 on water and sanitation encourages us to address universal access to drinking water and sanitation along with improved water management to protect ecosystems and build resiliency.

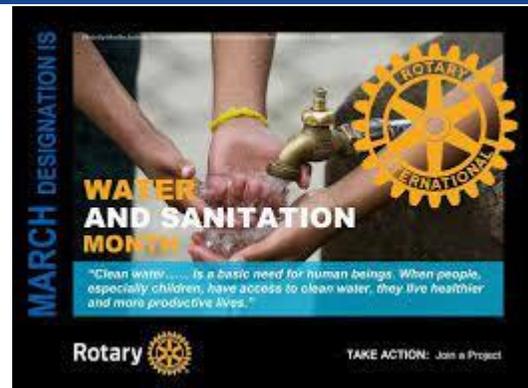
Rotary members are committed to reaching the water and sanitation SDG through projects like building wells, installing rainwater harvesting systems, and teaching community members how to maintain new infrastructure.

Clean water is a basic human right that many are often denied. There are 2.5 billion people in the world that lack access to improved sanitation and 748 million people that don't have clean drinking water. Nearly 1400 children die each day from diseases caused by lack of sanitation and unsafe water. When people have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives.

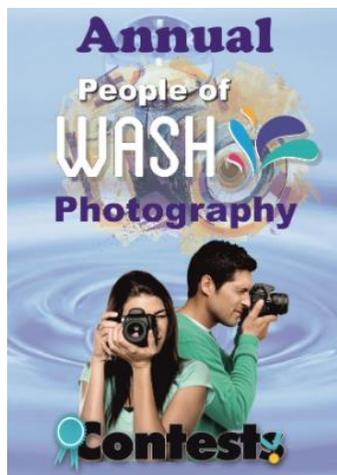
The [Water, Sanitation and Health \(WASH\) Rotary Action Group \(RAG\)](#) was formed in 2007. Since then, it has facilitated hundreds of WASH projects – helping clubs find partners, ensuring sustainability, stressing the importance of a needs-driven approach, and developing best practices for a better life and livelihood in the community. Most importantly, WASHRAG links water and sanitation to improved hygiene, better health, and empowerment of the community.

Rotarians from around the world are invited to [join WASHRAG](#) and get involved plus be Linked to global WASH assistance efforts. RAG are independent, Rotary-affiliated groups made up of people from around the world who are experts offer their technical expertise and support in a particular field, such as economic development, peace, addiction prevention, the environment, or water.

[Read more about RAGs](#) and how they help clubs plan and implement projects, prepare grant applications, conduct community assessments, and develop plans to monitor and evaluate their projects. Anyone who wants to share their expertise to make a positive difference can join an action group. Only Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Rotary Peace Fellows can serve in leadership roles.



## People of WASH 2023 Photograph and Video Competition



**World Water Day** is celebrated on March 22nd every year. It focuses on the approximately 1.8 billion people worldwide who must rely on water contaminated with feces, putting them at risk of contracting cholera, dysentery, typhoid, polio and other waterborne diseases.

This year there is even more motivation for Rotary Clubs to get involved! **The Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Rotary Action Group (WASHRAG)** is giving away US\$ for the best photos and videos of your WASH projects! What can you win? Several prizes will be awarded as seen below!

Photos and videos must be submitted by 30 April 2023 to [idgrajiv@gmail.com](mailto:idgrajiv@gmail.com) Details of the contest can be found at <https://washrag.org/page/2023-photo-and-video-contest>

So... Start thinking about YOUR next Water & Sanitation project and remember... *Imagine what You can do to "Do Good in the World!"*



# TIME TO CELEBRATE ROTARY HEROES!

## Nominate NOW!

Awards will be presented during the DISCON in Eswatini.

- Submit nominations for DISTRICT AWARDS & RI AWARDS
- Make sure your Club Newsletter/Blog is posted on the D9400 website for the ANNUAL COMPETITION

## Time to celebrate our Rotary Heroes! Nominate Now!

Nominations for these DISTRICT AWARDS must be submitted by 15 March  
Awards to be presented during the District Conference in Eswatini.



### Rotary citation for Rotary clubs

The most important award for Rotary clubs.  
**Who can nominate:** Club Officers  
**Award type:** Electronic certificate

**Resources:**  
[Citation Goals and Instructions for Rotary Clubs](#) (PDF)  
Learn more about the [Rotary Citations](#)

### Significant Service Award

Recognize a club whose project has addressed a significant need in your community.  
**Who can nominate:** Club President  
**Award type:** Electronic certificate

**Resources:**  
Online [nomination form](#)

### Membership Society

Rotary recognizes those members who have expanded Rotary's reach by sponsoring 25 or more new members. [Visit the Membership Society Virtual Gallery](#).  
**Who is eligible:** All Rotarians  
**Award type:** Virtual Gallery

**Resources:**  
[How to add a member](#)  
[How to manage club members](#)

### Avenues of Service Award (District recognition)

With an award from their district, clubs can honour a Rotarian or Rotaractor who participates in service activities in one of the five Avenues of Service — club, vocational, community, international, and youth service.  
**Who can nominate:** Club Presidents  
**Award type:** Electronic certificate

**Resources:**  
Online [nomination form](#) for club presidents  
[Examples of eligible service activities](#) (PDF)  
[How to write a compelling nomination](#) (PDF)

## Nominate NOW: The Rotary Award for Excellence in Service to Humanity



Many people outside Rotary do good in our communities, and honouring them for it can build a broader culture of service. [The Rotary Award for Excellence in Service to Humanity](#) recognizes non-members, including the partners of members, who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service through Rotary. [Nominations](#) are due 31 March.

Tell your DG about someone who has made life better for others. The people selected for the award will receive an engraved crystal and lapel pin. Write to [riawards@rotary.org](mailto:riawards@rotary.org) if you have any questions.

*District Governors can nominate candidates 1-31 March.*

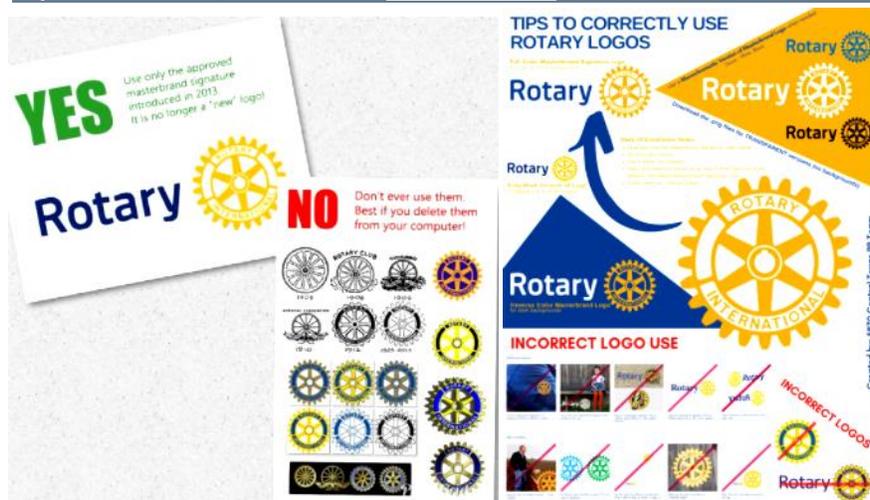
# ANNUAL COMPETITION: Club Newsletter & Blog

## Winners to be announced at DISCON

At the close of every Rotary year, D9400 runs a competition amongst Rotary clubs in the district to determine the best newsletter or news blog. Editors should be aware of the criteria that are used to judge these vitally important communication tools. All newsletters/news blogs should be accessible on the D9400 website so that the panel of judges can easily view them.

It is very important that all communication material adhere to the RI guidelines for official Rotary promotional materials, especially the newsletters/news blogs. Here is how you can compete:

If you are not sure, check out the [RI brand center](#):



Other criteria are as follows:

1. Projects with pictures reported
2. RI updated news/announcements
3. Rotary month shared
4. Discon promoted
5. Training courses: incoming leaders; Membership; media; Foundation
6. RI Convention promoted
7. News of the individuals in the club like anniversaries or birthdays
8. Youth events (where applicable) – Rotaract, Interact, YEX, RYLA
9. President's message
10. Any other news related to club and community matters

## Fix YOUR club's VISUAL identity



Nearly a decade ago, it was decided to reposition the Rotary brand by focusing on clear, consistent messages and a unified visual identity. New brand guidelines were approved by the Board of Directors. This included how clubs should use the Rotary logo. Simply put, club logos should include the club name either above or below the Rotary logo, like this:



A brand is more than just a logo, but a logo is a big part of our visual identity. When the public sees it throughout their community, they begin to think of Rotary members as people of action. Using the same visual elements unites Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact and allows us, as a diverse global organization, to tell our story with one voice.

### [Talking Points](#)

- Learn more about Rotary's brand and using the logo
- A step-by-step guide to using Rotary club logos correctly and consistently
- Learn why it's important that we all use the Rotary logo properly and how to update your club logo.

### [PowerPoint](#)

### [Our Logo: Representing Rotary \(learning course\)](#)

- This course shows how to strengthen Rotary's brand by using logos in accordance with our global guidelines. Learn how to customize your logo so you can link your Rotary, Rotaract, or Interact club, or your district or zone, to the good that Rotary does around the world.

# GPEI VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE



The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) is an initiative created in 1988, just after the World Health Assembly resolved to eradicate the disease poliomyelitis. Led by the World Health Organization, it is the largest international public health initiative in history.

PDG Stella Anyangwe, EndPolioNow Coordinator (EPNC 2022-25) for Rotary International Region 28, Zone 22 part of the high-level delegation of GPEI partners that visited Mozambique for an assessment mission from 19 to 22 February 2023. The aim of the visit was to review the polio (and cholera-measles) situation in Mozambique.



As WHO and Rotary International are among the partners of the GPEI, RI PolioPlus Chair, PDG Mike McGovern was also in attendance. But EPNC Stella also wore her WHO hat (retired-but-not-tired) as she reconnected with WHO/AFRO Regional Director, Dr Moeti, and WHO Mozambique Country Representative, Dr Von Xylander. Once WHO, always WHO! Other polio partners are UNICEF, BMGF, CDC, GAVI.

They met the Prime Minister of Mozambique and had a briefing of the health situation by Minister of Health and technical teams, and also flew to Tete, the epicentre of the Mozambican polio outbreak in 2022.



EPNC Stella Anyangwe's report gives details of the visit, citing that it was time and money well spent. Mozambique deserves our kudos and encouragement for their speedy action to curb the wild poliovirus outbreak of 2022, but they will need more support in disease surveillance if we are to confidently hope to stop global transmission of WPV in 2023, as is the hope of GPEI partners. It is possible but will need all-hands-on-deck to make it work.

*GPEI partners with Mozambican Minister of Health: RI PolioPlus Chief Mike McGovern far left, next to Minister of Health*

Eight (8) wild poliovirus (WPV) cases were recorded in the Tete province in 2022, all linked to a 2021 case in neighbouring Malawi. The Malawi and Mozambique polio cases were all due to a WPV strain from Pakistan, although none of the cases in either country had travelled to Pakistan. The WPV must therefore have been imported into these countries where routine childhood immunization has not been optimal, and therefore infection of unimmunized children was possible. Several of the cases were in children between 5 and 15 years of age, and therefore some of the immunization campaigns carried out were of children 0-15 years of age. There have been no new cases since November 2022.



*Mozambique club members with RI PolioPlus Chair, PDG Mike McGovern and PDG Stella Anyangwe, EndPolioNow Coordinator (EPNC 2022-25) for Rotary International Region 28, Zone 22*

# MOST RECENT POLIO STATISTICS



Approximately 585 million doses of nOPV2 have been administered across 27 countries under its WHO Emergency Use Listing (EUL) to date. An additional 14 countries have met the requirements for nOPV2 use in the event of an outbreak.

nOPV2 is a novel oral poliomyelitis (polio) vaccine type 2 which was developed to address the evolving risk of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2). The development of nOPV2 started in 2011.

Summary of new polioviruses in week of 22 February 2023:	Total Global Cases:	Cases per Country to date:
<b>Afghanistan:</b> two WPV1 positive environmental samples	0 in 2023	<b>Pakistan</b> has 20 Cases in 2022, 1 Case in 2021, 84 Cases in 2020 & 147 cases for 2019,
<b>Algeria:</b> two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples	30 in 2022	<b>Afghanistan</b> 2 Cases in 2022, 4 Cases 2021, 56 Cases 2020 & 29 cases in 2019
<b>DRC:</b> four cVDPV2 cases	6 in 2021	<b>Mozambique</b> has 8 Cases in 2022
<b>Madagascar:</b> one cVDPV1 case and eight positive environmental samples	140 in 2020	<b>Malawi</b> has 1 Cases in 2021
<b>Mozambique:</b> two cVDPV1 cases	176 in 2019	No Wild Polio Virus cases reported.
<b>Yemen:</b> one cVDPV2 case and five positive environmental samples	33 in 2018.	

## Don't forget: 2023 Friendship Exchange to Australia



This year, the Friendship Exchange coincides with the 2023 Rotary Convention in Melbourne, Australia.

You will get to see and experience different cultures and traditions like no one else but a privileged Rotarian. Rotarians may take you to places not always known by the general tourist! Dates and towns are 100% final. You are home hosted. This means no Bed and Breakfast expenses, except if by pre-arrangement you agree to an additional excursion that includes accommodation not provided by Rotarians. Meals are provided with the compliments of your hosts.

The trip **airfare** to D9660 in the North Western region of New South Wales in Australia during May 2023 is around **R23 900** (Plus minus R35 000 all-inclusive). Here are the places of interest to visit or things to do that may form part of the program.



The RI Convention commences in Melbourne from Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023. You must register and book your accommodation in Melbourne as soon as possible, if you have not done so already. The return flight to South Africa departs from Melbourne via Sydney on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May and arrives at OR Tambo at 15h40 on the same day.

If you are interested, please contact Felicity Jones at [fj6302@gmail.com](mailto:fj6302@gmail.com) to get more details. Hurry, hurry! Time is running out!

# ANN'S MESSAGE

## FROM DGA CHRISTINA



*Dear Rotary Anns of D9400,*

Well into February as we are, the tireless Rotary Anns soldier on with their wonderful community projects as they continue to practise the ethos of Service above Self.

Benoni van Ryn ran their successful Beautiful Gardens event, which showcased seven inspiring gardens, a project that was in the planning for several months and raised R85 000 for charity. A worthy effort and reward for so much hard work.



*Benoni van Ryn Beautiful Gardens event*



*The Humble Bin Liner takes on a New Role*



The Rotary Anns of Benoni Aurora have been as busy as ever with the introduction of their **Undies for Inmates** Project, which supplies quality used and new underwear for inmates of the Johannesburg Women's prison. Many of these women have nothing, as theft of these items is a common occurrence when they are being dried after washing.



*Undies for Inmates*

RAC of Benoni Aurora also had eight ladies marshalling the **Dis-Chem Ride for Sight** cycling event on a very wet Sunday, 19 February.



*Dis-Chem Ride for Sight*



*Collecting knitted squares for warm blankets. Daveyton Project*

Hundreds of BEANIES are being knitted by various clubs in a huge effort for Operation Anti-Freeze. Springs Park received a donation of 250 last year, which were handed to the homeless and car guards, as well as to informal traders. They intend to continue with this effort for Mandela Day in July. Other beanies have been collected and passed on for despatch to Ukraine.

The **Daveyton Bespoke Sewing Project** is going from strength to strength: community members are learning new skills and even young men are participating. A great effort by the Anns of Benoni Aurora!

*Youngsters learning new skills. Daveyton Project*



**DGAE/DGARs** - The list of DGARs for 2023/24 has been circulated to all the Rotary Ann Clubs by our Hon Secretary Rosalind. In the current absence of a DGA for the coming year, we will work as a close team and channel all relevant issues through Rosalind to be conveyed to DG Riana starting from July 2023. I will continue to produce the Monthly Ann Newsletter as part of the DG's main edition.

**POETS** - The date for POETS has changed for the Rotary Anns and this will now take place via Zoom in **May** on a date to be confirmed. It is vital that all incoming Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers attend to be up to date with Rotary matters and to have an insight into the RI Theme. Rotary Anns are also encouraged to attend. The date will be confirmed as soon as it is finalised.

**Rotary Ann Conference** - Gail and her team are coordinating the final arrangements for their Conference on **11 March**. Please support this event in your numbers and I look forward to seeing you in Germiston! Sincere thanks to Gail and the team for all their efforts to bring us what promises to be a very special event.

Yours in Rotary,

*DGA Christina*

**DGA Christina Forsyth-Thompson 2022/23**

*P.S. I must sincerely apologise for the big Whoops in the last Newsletter when I confused the two RI themes of 2021/2 and 2023/4. From July 2023 our new theme is **Create Hope in the World**. This is so relevant and appropriate for the times in which we live and the Rotary Anns certainly Create Hope among their communities in very special ways.*



**“It is an experience of a life time and an opportunity not to be missed.”**

The Rotary Club of Brits-Hartbeespoort will be hosting the next Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) camp for the youth in Region 9 at Camp Extreme Life @ DIE HOEKIE in Hartbeespoort from 12:00 on **Friday 5 March 2022** to 13:00 on **Sunday 7 March 2022**.

It is an intensive all-expenses-paid camp, to discuss leadership skills and to learn those skills through practice. The fee for the camp is R1 200 per participant.

RYLA is an outstanding program, which provides young people of Grade 11 and 12 levels, the opportunity to develop their leadership capabilities. Learners from Grade 10 can, however, join as well. Officially adopted by Rotary International in 1971, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is one of the most significant and fastest-growing programs of Rotary service. Each year, thousands of young people take part in the program world-wide. Youth Officers of the Rotary Clubs in D9400 are invited to send learners to this event.

The program will involve directed group discussions, debates, practical exercises and lead-in lectures by highly regarded personalities, on subjects such as:

- ❖ Goal setting & prioritising
- ❖ Teambuilding & team work
- ❖ Time management
- ❖ Conflict resolution
- ❖ Integrity & leadership
- ❖ Environmental issues
- ❖ Communication
- ❖ Decision making

RYLA awardees can expect to further develop their personal and leadership skills through lectures, workshops, small and large group discussions as well as the utilisation of films and video tapes as learning aids.

There is also "time out" for team recreational activities and time to get to know other awardees.

The whole camp is coordinated and organised by an active committee comprising a number of Rotarians and past RYLA awardees, all of whom have been screened and comply with the Rotary Youth Protection Policy.

All applications and payments **MUST** be received by **28 April 2023**. Due to limited space, only the **first 50** applications received with payment will be accepted.



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## **Rotary's 2022 Annual Report is now available**

Learn what we accomplished this year, discover how clubs are making a difference, hear from donors about why they contribute to The Rotary Foundation, review important financial information, and more in the latest [annual report](#).

# POETS 2023

**INSPIRE  
LEARNING**



This Rotary year has seen the first in-person **Presidents & Officers Elect Training Seminar (POETS)** in 3 years. The training team and all those in attendance were excited as the in-person training will allow more interaction. The same training will be held on **Saturday 04 March 2023**.



**AG Mariana Purnell, incoming President Toni Makina and DGE Riana Pretorius**



**Anna Suzzi Surmon and Joan Sainsbury**



**Gaone, Chipso and Humphrey from Gaborone Rotary Club**



**Nomsa of RC Sunrise**



**Alice Meyer, Anna Suzzi Surmon and Kim Schafer Geyser**



**Wame delivered the current Rotaractors President's speech**



**Hazel, Muda of RC Waterkloof and Genie**



**Bernard van den Dool RC Baobab, DGE Riana Pretorius, PDG Grant Daly and Nadine**

## Rotaractors



Dear Fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors!

Greetings! We are already in the second part of the Rotary year and it is so amazing to see the commitment and enthusiasm you have shown as you continue to serve and changing people's lives in your communities.

We have just turned 118 years and looking back to what Rotary has achieved and the work we have done, we should be very proud of ourselves! However, we are not done as there's still more work to be done as the world needs us more than we can think.

Rotaractors across the district have had innovative projects aimed at professional development, personal development, caring for the environment and community service.

We aimed to equip and empower the Rotaractors in our district with leadership skills and held several leadership training events which enable our Rotaractors to be able to serve in the different club positions.

We have implemented several community service projects, such as humanitarian projects where we serve to help those less fortunate, as well as environmental projects, which aim to save the planet by reducing pollution. We thrive in fellowship and teambuilding, as we believe in Rotary's pillar of networking and building strong, long-lasting relationships.

May I encourage every Rotaractor to enrol in the courses available on the learning centre platform which can help you to have better knowledge about Rotary and in your profession.

The District Conference is drawing near and I trust that you have already registered. I cannot wait to see you all in the Kingdom of Eswatini to celebrate the amazing and wonderful work we are doing.

Yours in Rotary Service

**Nkosinathi Mkhonto**

**District Rotaract Representative 2022-23**

**I'M A PROUD  
ROTARACTOR**

[www.rotary.org/rotaract](http://www.rotary.org/rotaract)



# D9400 PEOPLE OF ACTION

Click [here](#) to view Club newsletters and stories online! Send your Club Newsletters to [admin@rotary9400.org.za](mailto:admin@rotary9400.org.za) to have them loaded onto the D9400 website!

## Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark

RC Vanderbijlpark went above and beyond to put smiles on the faces of young ladies during their first month of the academic year.

Past President Jackie van Waveren, champion of the project, and her team handed out 80 "Blessing Bags," bottled water and Debonairs Pizza's to the grade 7 girls of Emfuleni Primary school in Bophelong.



A guest speaker, Iris Khosana, shared some insight and wisdom on their journey to womanhood to a captive audience.



Department Head Sandy Chetty said that the bags of blessing were very needed. "We appreciate the community support; we are grateful for the partnership with the Vanderbijlpark Rotary club and other stakeholders.

## Rotary Club of Waterkloof



Rotary Family Health Days are a public private partnership. The RC of Waterkloof and their Rotary Community Corps are planning to man six sites for the upcoming RFHD collaborative project with the Department of Health. They will even expand their service beyond the deadline of 10 March to include Friday 17 March and possibly also the weekend since the reports have to be submitted by 20 March.



**They are calling on all Rotary Clubs in Pretoria and Johannesburg to take hands and support this initiative.**

The RC Pretoria West, RC Pretoria Capital are already collaborating with RC Waterkloof in this joint venture. Clubs willing to collaborate can contact **President Mmatepeng Muda Temane at 082 804 6533** for more information and pin drops for the various sites that are at:

- **RCC Mamelodi Triangle** Extension 22, at Calvary Christ Mission Church, 4 Rampsa Street.
- **RCC Soshanguve** South Greenhouse Farm, Extension 14 Soshanguve South
- **RCC Ontlametse Phalatse** Primary School, 1527 Masailane Section Hebron North West Province.
- **RCC Mothutlung**, RCC Sub Chapter Phetolo ya Bophelo, Mohajane Primary School, 1203 Mothotlung Brits
- **RCC Kroondal** Marikana, Marikana Primary School, 2218 Tsakane Str, Marikana West, 0284
- **Rotary Community National Football Association**, 1091/202 Menkar Street, Devland, Extension 27, Freedom Park, Johannesburg South.
- **Hofland Park Community Centre**, Cnr. 4th & 5th Avenue, Bezuidenhout Valley (near Observatory)



## Rotary Club of Knights Pendragon

This year, 2023, RC Knight Pendragon was once again able to realise the full potential of its main fundraiser, the **Burns Night Supper**. The Rainbow Room at the Country Club Johannesburg was filled with over 100 guests who, through their support, donations and an auction of fine whiskies and exotic port-style wines, raised R250 000 for the club's charities.

*MC Robert McNeilage singing along with  
with President Andrew Connold*



Key to the success of this project is two of RC Knight Pendragon's Honorary Members, Michael Murray, the Marquis of Tullibardene, next in line to be the Duke of Atholl and his brother Lord David Murray. They and their late Grandfather Nick Andrew not only support the Bethany Home for Abused Women and their Children in Bertrams, Johannesburg but have also set up a bursary scheme for children at the Home.

One of the Marquis' duties is as a Commissioned Officer with the Athol Highlanders of Blair Athol Castle, where he has led them on many ceremonial occasions. More recently he led the Athol Highlanders at the start of the celebrations for the late Queen Elizabeth's jubilee.



*Bridget Edwards of Bethany Home with the Marquis*



*Michael Murray, the Marquis of Tullibardene flew out especially from the United Kingdom to be at the Burns Night Supper*



*Piper Clement Zvikonyo, originally from Zimbabwe, has graced the club with his piping for many years and he is part of the Clan*

The three-course meal included haggis, a delicious Scottish delicacy with neaps and tatties (parsnips and potatoes) which tastes so much better with bagpipes in the background and a good glass of Scotland's finest whisky in your hand.

Robert and Douglas McNeilage recited the Bard's Poetry and "Tam O Shanter". For those who are interested in Clans and Clan names, our Clan is the "**Much more Munch Clan**" which has been created by our Mothership "The Rotary Club of Knights Pendragon."

The next Burns Night Supper is on **27 January 2024**. Come and join the RC Knight Pendragon.

## Rotary Club of Johannesburg New Dawn

RC Johannesburg New Dawn is hosting a **Bridge for Bursaries** event for competitive and social bridge players on 16 March from 09h00 to 13h00 at the Ferndale Recreation Club, 38 Harley Street. It is important to bring your own cards and scorers. The cost is R300 per person and includes the game, homemade delicacies for tea and a lunch with wine.

The Alexandra Education Committee (AEC) contributes to the economic and social development of Alexandra by enabling individuals with high academic potential from severely disadvantaged backgrounds to achieve their potential through obtaining quality education. The AEC currently supports 249 pupils with bursaries, and another 171 grade 6 and 7 learners in their Saturday School programme.

The RC Johannesburg New Dawn has partnered with the AEC to establish an endowment fund to support bursaries for students within the AEC Program. The Club has set an initial target of raising R1m as the capital for the endowment fund.

Alexandra is the oldest township in Johannesburg and has a population of almost one million. The township's escalating unemployment rate has deepened existing socio-economic inequalities. It has only five high schools, some with 80 children per class.

### **BOOK NOW:**

With **Joan Doet** at [joand@newdawn.org.za](mailto:joand@newdawn.org.za) or, for more information, call **Linda Vink 082 7824628**

### **BANKING DETAILS:**

The Rotary Club of Johannesburg New Dawn FNB Branch Code 250655 Cheque account 62217422609. Reference: Bridge & your surname.

*Bridge for Bursaries event is in support of the registered PBO & NPO, Alexandra Education Committee.*



## Rotary Club of Pretoria Capital



RC Pretoria Capital had a **Move for Rotary** event in partnership with the ParkRun at Pretoria Botanical Gardens on Saturday 25 February. The yellow T-shirts, proclaiming **Move For Rotary** and sponsored by Tshwane University of Technology and Niselo, were visible in the crowd of 989 parkrunners.

Rotarians were loudly cheered at the beginning of the race and people struck up conversations to find out about Rotary, its projects and some bought the T-shirts or left contacts for further engagement. At least two people indicated they would like to attend our meetings.



There were 38 registered Rotary participants including PDG Stella, DGE Riana, support from RC Pretoria West and RC Pretoria Sunrise, and also from friends from near and far, including USA.

According to president David Katerere, the club achieved the set objectives – for Rotary visibility; for Rotarians themselves to be healthy and active; and to have fun and fellowship in the sun. Thanks to sponsors, participants and Rotarian Tebogo for all the back engine stuff.

We might just do this every month or two, based on the enthusiasm among members and participants. Moving is the fastest way to good health. So, let's **Move For Rotary**.



## Rotary Club of Waterkloof

RC of Waterkloof is spearheading the establishment of **Rotary Community Corps (RCCs)** in D9400. According to DGN George Senosha, a Rotary Club without the RCC is like a school without foundation phase education or Early Childhood Development. It is critical to understand the mobilising of Rotary clubs, formulating the Rotary Community Corps and its beneficitation.

To celebrate the Rotary Africa Centennial, DGN George took on the challenge to set up 100 RCCs for the Rotary year 2021/22. The race is still on and he calls on D9400 clubs to join hands in this initiative. Service Above Self, Diversity-Equity-Inclusion will never be complete if Rotary is not present in areas with vast needs. Membership of an RCC is open to any non-Rotarian adult in the community who shares Rotary's commitment to service and members can come from any walk of life.

Joining an RCC is intended to be a path to showcase Rotary and in turn it will create the opportunity for membership. It expands to opportunities for members to collaborate with Rotarians and develop leadership skills that will allow them to better participate in their community in an active and meaningful way. The partnership between a RCC and the Rotary club is mutually beneficial, as it enhances Rotary's image and impact in the community, especially during the times when we engage like with the Rotary Family Health Days. A community's power to transform itself exists foremost with its residents, who have first-hand knowledge about the most pressing local problems. Developing service projects to address those problems can unite and empower the community at the grassroots level, and expose more community members to the power of Rotary.

Congratulations to PDG Kgoshi Mpho Grant Daly who was honoured with the name, "Mpho" meaning the Gift by the community of Sekuruwe and a big thank you to the Baobab E-Club who recently chartered the **Rotary Community Corps of Sekuruwe Moletji**, a rural village in Limpopo led by Kgoshi Mpho. The Baobab E-Club will soon also charter the **RCC Forest Hill Ga-Mashishi** under the leadership of His Royal Highness, Kgoshi Solomon Mashishi.



**Team Baobab E-Club at the chartering of RCC Sekuruwe Moletji with PDG Kgoshi Mpho Grant Daly**



**Fireside chat for RCC Forest Hill Ga-Mashishi**



**Program Director Rtn Maite Letsoalo**



# District 9400 EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>4</b>	March 2023	<b>D9400 POETS 2023-24</b> Ambrosia Hall, 97 Allan Road, Halfway House, Glen Austin, Midrand
<b>8</b>	March 2023	<b>International Women’s Day</b> - Facebook Live session with RI President Jennifer Jones, Vice President Nicki Scott, and guests. <a href="#">Find out more about this free, informative virtual event.</a>
<b>8-10</b>	March 2023	<b>Rotary Family Health Days (RFHD)</b>
<b>13-19</b>	March 2023	<b>World Rotaract Week</b>
<b>22</b>	March 2023	<b>World Water Day</b>
<b>25</b>	March 2023	<b>ARCoM Hybrid Graduation Ceremony @ Rotary D9400 Headquarters in Milpark, Johannesburg.</b>
<b>5</b>	April 2023	<b>Meet RI President Jennifer Jones</b> at Kelvin Grove, Cape Town 17h30 to 20h00. Cost: R150pp
<b>20-23</b>	April 2023	<b>RYLA camp in Magoebaskloof</b>
<b>27-30</b>	April 2023	<b>D9400 District Conference – Esibayeni Lodge, Eswatini.</b> Register <a href="#">here</a>
<b>25-26</b>	May 2023	<b>Global Malaria Congress - Melbourne 2023</b>
<b>27-31</b>	May 2023	<b>2023 Rotary International Convention</b> in Melbourne, Australia Learn more at <a href="http://convention.rotary.org">convention.rotary.org</a>
<b>31-3</b>	Aug-Sept 2023	<b>RYLA camp in Magoebaskloof</b>

<h3>The Four-Way Test</h3> <p><b>Of the things we think, say or do:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is it the TRUTH?</li> <li>2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?</li> <li>3. Will it build GOODWILL &amp; BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?</li> <li>4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?</li> </ol>	<h3>A Prova Quádrupla</h3> <p><b>Do que pensamos, dizemos ou fazemos:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. É a VERDADE?</li> <li>2. É JUSTO para todos os interessados?</li> <li>3. Criará boa VONTADE e MELHORES AMIZADES?</li> <li>4. Será BENÉFICO para todos os interessados?</li> </ol>	
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