

# DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER



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## Message from the District Governor: Dr Stella Anyangwe

Fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors and Friends of Rotary, happy new year! May 2022 be a year of new beginnings, of growth and of enduring fellowships in our world of Rotary. I hope we all got the rest and relaxation that we so deserved.

D9400 sadly mourns the loss of Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow, who passed away just after Christmas, at the age of 90 years. We will forever remember and celebrate him as Rotary continues with the Tutudesk Project, in collaboration with the Tutu Foundation. Rest in peace, dear Arch!

The second half of the Rotary Year 2021-22 has started, and in no time at all, the year will be over. I kicked off the year with a visit to Maputo, Mozambique, to confer with, and encourage the Host Organizing Committee of the Maputo Presidential Conference that will take place on 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> March 2022. I was accompanied by the Chairman of the Committee, PDG Kobla Quashie of RC Manzini.

All systems are in place for the Conference, and I encourage D9400 Rotarians and Rotaractors to register massively, and to take advantage of the "early bird special" registration fee take ends on 31<sup>st</sup> January. The District looks forward to welcoming RI President Shekhar Mehta, several Rotary Leaders and Rotarians from all over the world, to the very first Presidential Conference held in a Lusophone African country. We will have a successful hybrid conference.

While in Maputo, I met with the Presidents of all three Rotary Clubs in D9400 in Mozambique, and encouraged them to grow Rotary. I was privileged to induct three new members for the RC Polana. Young and vibrant professionals, male and female. Bravo, Polana! I know many other clubs are also inviting and inducting new members. Let's all strive to retain the new and the old members of our clubs. Rotary will grow only when we stop "bleeding" members.

We now have a District Governor Nominee-Designate (DGND), Dr George Senosha of the RC Waterkloof, who will be DG in 2024-25. The International Assembly that trains District Governors-Elect will once again be virtual this year, and will take place early February. Thereafter, the D9400 Governor-Elect, Koekie Makunyane Quashie, will coordinate the training of club presidents and other club officers (PETS/POETS), as well as the training of Assistant Governors (AGs) and District Committee Chairs. February will be a busy month for us all.

## Mensagem Da Governadora Do Distrito: Dr Stella Anyangwe

Feliz Ano Novo, estimados Rotários, Rotaractors e amigos do Rotary! Que 2022 seja um ano de novos começos, de crescimento, e de consolidação de amizades no mundo do Rotary. Espero que todos tenhamos tido o repouso e relaxamento que tanto merecemos.

O D9400 lamenta a perda do Arcebispo Emérito Desmond Tutu, um Rotário Rotary Paul Harris Fellow, que nos deixou logo a seguir ao Natal, aos 90 anos de idade. Vamos sempre lembrar-nos dele e celebrá-lo enquanto o Rotary continuar com o Projecto Tutudesk em colaboração com a Fundação Tutu. Repouse em paz, estimado Arcebispo!

A segunda metade do Ano Rotário 2021-2022 já teve início, e, em breve o ano terá chegado ao fim. Comecei o ano com uma visita a Maputo, em Moçambique, para me encontrar com e encorajar o Comité Organizador da Conferência Presidencial de Maputo que terá lugar a 4-5 de Março de 2022. Estava acompanhada pelo Presidente do Comité, o PDG Kobla Quashie do RC de Manzini.

Todos os preparativos da Conferência estão em dia e encorajo os Rotários e Rotaractors a registarem-se em massa, e a tirar partido da tarifa especial de "registo precoce" que termina a 31 de Janeiro. O Distrito espera ansiosamente receber o Presidente do RI, Shekhar Mehta, diversos Líderes do Rotary e Rotários de todo o mundo, na primeiríssima Conferência Presidencial realizada num país Lusófono Africano. Esperamos ter uma conferência híbrida de sucesso.

Em Maputo, tive encontros com os Presidentes dos três Clubes Rotários do D9400 em Moçambique e encorajei-os a fazer crescer o Rotary. Tive o privilégio de fazer a indução de três novos membros do RC Polana, Profissionais jovens e activos, homens e mulheres. Vamos bater-nos por reter os novos e velhos membros dos nossos clubes. O Rotary só irá crescer quando se parar com a "sangria" de membros.

Temos um novo Governador de Distrito Designado (DGND), o Dr George Senosha do RC de Waterkloof, que serão DG de 2024-2025. A Assembleia Internacional de formação dos Governadores de Distrito Eleitos, ainda terá o formato virtual este ano e terá lugar em princípios de Fevereiro. De seguida, a Governadora Eleita do Distrito, Koekie Makunyane Quashie, irá coordenar a formação dos presidentes dos clubes e outros oficiais (PETS/POETS), bem como a formação de Assistentes de Governador (AGs) e dos Presidentes dos Comités Distritais. Fevereiro será um mês atarefado para todos nós. O PDG



*Dr Stella Anyangwe inducting a new member at RC Polana, Maputo, Mozambique*

PDG Francis Callard took over as Interim District Rotary Foundation Chair on 1<sup>st</sup> January, from PDG Greg Stathacopoulos who stepped down on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. PDG Francis will guide the Foundation ship till a new District Chair is nominated for the Rotary Year 2022-23. As said before, our District is still struggling to meet Rotary Foundation giving targets. Early in February, our District will receive PDG Eric Kimani, the EMGA (Endowment Major Gifts Advisor) 2021-24 for Region 28 of Zone 22. He will be visiting on 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> February at the invitation of our Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (RRFC), PDG Jankees Sligcher. We hope EMGA Eric's visit will help spur the giving spirit in the District. No amount is too small to donate to Foundation, the backbone of Rotary Service.

It is with pleasure that we receive the Presidential Theme for the RY 2022-23. RI President-Elect, Jennifer Jones, has chosen "**Imagine Rotary**" as the theme for her year as President. She says: "Imagine a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference." This indeed is the very essence of Rotary, and we look forward to the first-ever Rotary Year with a woman as RI President! Bravo Jennifer Jones!

Remember to get vaccinated against COVID-19, and to continue with the COVID-prevention measures of social distancing, mask wearing and hand washing. It is our moral and social duty to do so, to protect ourselves and others. It is the truth; it is fair to all concerned; it will build goodwill and better friendships; it is beneficial to all concerned. Let's live our 4-way Test.

Francis Callard já tomou posse como presidente Interino da Fundação Rotária Distrital depois da saída do PDG Greg Stathacopoulos a 31 de Dezembro de 2021. O PDG Francis coordenará a Fundação até à indicação do novo Presidente Distrital para o ano 2022-2023. Como anteriormente mencionado, o nosso Distrito continua a luta para atingir as metas de doação à Fundação Rotária. Em Fevereiro, o nosso Distrito irá receber o PDG Eric Kimani, Conselheiro para Doações de Grandes Legados (Endowment Major Gifts Advisor) na Região 28 da Zona 22 para o período 2021-2024. Esperamos que a visita do EMGA Eric possa ajudar a incentivar o espírito de doação no Distrito. Nenhum valor é pequeno quando se trata de doar à Fundação, o pilar do Serviço Rotário.

É com prazer que tomamos conhecimento do Tema Presidencial para o ano Rotário 2022-2023. A Presidente Eleita do RI, Jennifer Jones, escolheu o tema "**Imagine o Rotary**" como o tema para o seu ano presidencial. Ela diz: "Imaginem um mundo que merece o melhor, em que a cada dia acordamos sabendo que podemos fazer a diferença". Esta é na realidade a essência do Rotary e estamos ansiosos pelo primeiro ano Rotário de uma mulher como Presidente do RI. For Jennifer Jones!

Lembrem-se de ser vacinados contra o COVID 19 e em continuar com as medidas de prevenção de distanciamento social, uso de máscara e lavagem das mãos. É nossa obrigação moral e social fazê-lo, para nos protegemos e aos outros. É a verdade; é justo para todos os interessados; irá criar boa vontade e melhores amizades; será benéfico para todos os interessados. Vamos viver segundo a Prova Quádupla!

**JENNIFER JONES**  
The first female President of Rotary International will take office on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2022.  
Her Rotary Theme for the Rotary year 2022/2023 is  
**IMAGINE ROTARY**



## Imagine the possibilities in the change you can make to transform the world.

Incoming RI President Jennifer Jones, of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, revealed the 2022-23 presidential theme, **Imagine Rotary**, as she urged people to dream big and harness their connections and the power of Rotary to turn those dreams into reality. "*Imagine, a world that deserves our best where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference.*"

The theme graphic was designed by an Australian indigenous artist to link with the Melbourne convention in 2023. Jones explained the **Imagine Rotary** theme as follows:

### LOGO:

- Circle - connections to one another
- Dots around it - Our People
- The 7 Dots represent Rotary's 7 areas of focus
- Circle + dots - Navigation star, our guiding light
- Green solid line - digging stick (used when doing hard work); for us it's People of Action, represents the tools for getting things done

### COLOURS:

- Purple- Polio
- Green- Environment
- White - Peace
- Celebrate DEI - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.
- Freedom to express ourselves differently but still with a special connection.
- Represents Empowerment and Newness and
- Also women's movement giving us the opportunity to grow our female membership.

# FEBRUARY is PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH

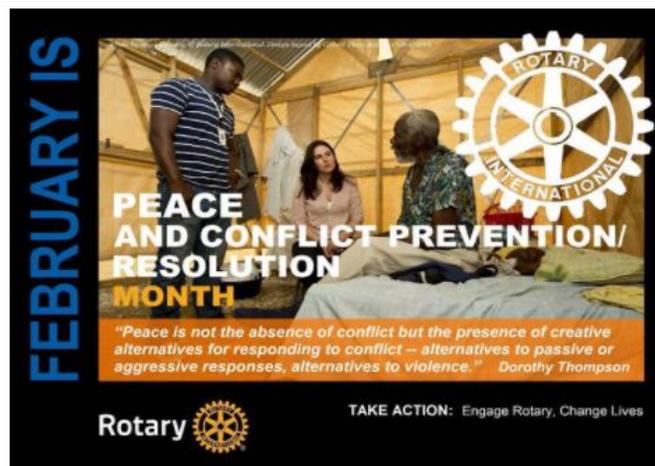
Peace and conflict resolution and prevention is one of the six areas of focus of Rotary and the theme for the month of February. The month of February is very special in the Rotary calendar because it includes the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary held on February 23, 1905, now designated as the World Understanding and Peace Day.

The conflicts that occur throughout the world are often the root causes of poverty, despair, economic hardship and poor health. Take for instance the major deterrent to polio eradication: the difficulty in vaccinating children in war torn countries. We also see these conflicts occurring in some form within our own communities with the same results. Rotary International as an organization understands this relationship and therefore is deeply invested in supporting individuals and programs that will develop leaders who are committed to seeking ways toward peace. The path toward peace begins with understanding and respect for the differences that make us unique.

These are the same types of values that are studied in the peace centres supported by Rotary International in association with several major universities across the globe. The mission of these centres is to “empower, educate, and increase the capacity of peace builders through rigorous academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities.

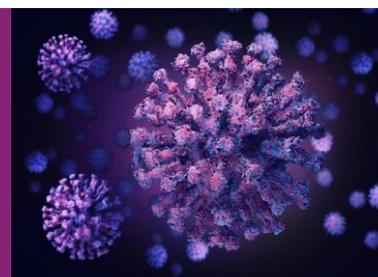
Conflict and violence displace millions of people each year. Half of those killed in conflict are children, and 90 percent are civilians. We refuse to accept conflict as a way of life. Rotary projects provide training that fosters understanding and provides communities with the skills to resolve conflicts. Through our service projects, peace fellowships, and scholarships, our members are taking action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources. Visit the Rotary International [Promoting Peace](#) page and help us make a difference

Through this experience, Rotary Peace Fellows build the skills needed to act as leaders and catalysts for peace and conflict resolution both in their communities and around the globe. These Fellows develop the skills needed to act as “leaders and catalysts for peace and conflict resolution both in their communities and around the globe.” As Rotarians we should all be similarly committed to understanding the conflicts that exist in our own society, to speak out when necessary, and to seek solutions that reflect the values of Rotary.



## Rotary position statement on COVID-19 Vaccination

Rotary International sees the decision to vaccinate as a civic and humanitarian imperative. Rotary is not a political or religious organization; it is a service organization and this is the lens through which we are advising you of our position.



Global vaccination is the path to ending the pandemic and the emergence of new variants. Rotary endorses and strongly encourages vaccination for all individuals including our members who are currently able to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

In areas where COVID-19 is surging, communities are facing extreme challenges, health systems are overwhelmed, and contentious rhetoric is dividing us. The virus must be contained so that the world may begin to heal. To that end, the purpose of this statement is to reinforce Rotary’s position.” says Shekar Mehta, President of Rotary International and John Germ, Chair of The Rotary Foundation in a letter to District Governors and Club Presidents. Read the letter in full [here](#).

**VACCINES  
SAVE  
LIVES**

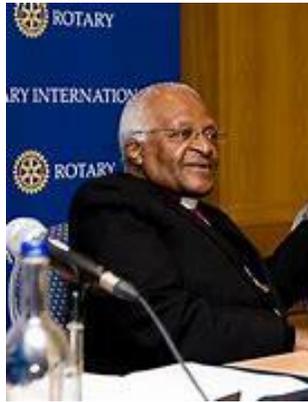
*We are sharing this important message from RI President Shekhar Mehta and TRF Chair John Germ.  
The purpose of this statement is to reinforce Rotary’s position.*

## A reflection: The Arch and Rotary

As tributes poured in from around the world after the announcement that our beloved “Arch”, Desmond Tutu, had passed on, I reflected on the person whose motto was to speak truth to power for the benefit of all people.

I reflected on what Rotary would remember the Arch for, a man of many accolades bestowed on him throughout his life and beyond. Archbishop Tutu lived for unity and service, and built a life campaigning for the dignity of people. This is pretty much what being a Rotarian is all about as we Serve to Change Lives.

As a laureate of the Nobel Peace Prize, a member of The Elders, a D9400 Paul Harris Fellow, Peace Fellow, **EndPolioNow** campaign supporter and the Patron of the **TutuDesk** Campaign, the Arch’s life was intertwined with our lives as Rotarians, until his last days.



His latest campaign, the **TutuDesk**, which aims to see 20 million desks delivered to 20 million children across our African continent, is already gaining momentum within our District.

As the District Governor of D9400, I am proud of the fact that our clubs interacted with Archbishop Tutu through the projects that were close to his heart. I am certain that we will continue his legacy and that of Rotary, by encouraging club members to join the campaigns and projects that aim to **EndPolioNow**, raise funds for the **TutuDesk** campaign, become Peace Fellows and contribute to the overall campaign for the dignity of all peoples. Rest in power, beloved Arch!



# District 9400

District Governor Nominee Designate 2024/2025

**Dr George Senosha**





## New Africa Director



### Grace Van Zyl of the Johannesburg Rotary Club is the new Director of the Action Group for Peace (RAGFP) for the Africa portfolio

The [Rotary Action Group for Peace](#) is a group of Rotarians, Rotarians’ spouses and Rotaractors working to advance peace and prevent wars throughout the world. RAGFP was formed in 2012 as a group of Rotarians, recognized by Rotary International, focused on providing a network and resources to further the peace and conflict resolution work of Rotarians around the globe. RAGFP is an official entity that empowers and supports the peace work of Rotarians by offering structure, guidance and resources to further their peace efforts. One of its objectives is to forge a path for existing Rotary peace programs, such as the Rotary Peace Fellows, to become involved directly with Rotarians and their activities.

Grace’s duties commence following the AGM of the RAG on 15 February and she will be responsible for the following:

- ✚ To promote the Rotary Action Group for Peace
- ✚ To grow more members to the RAGFP from Africa
- ✚ To grow Rotary Peacebuilder Clubs in Africa
- ✚ To grow Rotaract and Interact Peacebuilder Clubs in Africa
- ✚ To identify and be instrumental in forming an African Chapter of RAGFP



Grace has successfully converted three Rotary Clubs to Peace Builder Clubs of which the Rotary club of Johannesburg was the first in Southern Africa. She is the Peace Builder Club Chair for D9400, a regional leader for the African Peace Hour formed by the RAGFP, and an ambassador for the Institute of Economics and Peace (IEP). Grace presents to clubs all over the world on the importance of positive sustainable peace and how to become a peace builder club, you can contact her on [grace@gracevanzyl.com](mailto:grace@gracevanzyl.com) to arrange a presentation for your club.

Grace’s duties commence following the AGM of the RAG on **15 February**. Become a peace builder club; contact her on [grace@gracevanzyl.com](mailto:grace@gracevanzyl.com) to arrange a presentation for your club.

# Rotary DAY OF ACTION on Rotary's Birthday



## Organise your Club's Rotary Day of Action to coincide with Rotary's Birthday

As part of his [2021-22 initiatives](#), Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta is encouraging clubs to plan and host a practical and action-oriented Rotary Day of Service.

Talking about Rotary members as people of action is a way to reflect how we see ourselves and what makes us different, while helping others clearly understand who we are and what Rotary is about. Use the RI materials to create a personal connection with your audience by emphasizing how we create change in the communities we serve.

## Service in Action

D9400 encourages all clubs who are planning a Rotary Day of Action to promote the Club's service to the community to do so on Rotary's Birthday, on 23 February 2022. The event should address a challenge facing your community that fits in one or more of Rotary's areas of focus and brings together volunteers from within and outside of Rotary. For more information:

- ✚ [Check the guidelines](#) and
- ✚ [Share your completed project on Rotary Showcase](#) to receive a certificate to commemorate your accomplishments.



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

The Rotary Club of Brits-Hartbeespoort will facilitate a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) seminar for the youth at Camp Extreme Life @ DIE HOEKIE in Hartbeespoort from 12:00 on **Friday 4 March 2022** to 13:00 on **Sunday 6 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 100 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.



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# 2021: A good year for Rotary Leadership Institute



Wendy Damons (District Training) has been pleasantly surprised that COVID-19 lockdown regulations did not mar Rotarians from attending the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) sessions. In total, 90 Rotarians attended the virtual training and 21 will receive their certificates for successful completion of Parts I, II and III.



Rotary Clubs that have responded positively to the training are to be commended for their attendance, sharing of information and the energies exuded. These are Vanderbijlpark, Waterkloof, Johannesburg, Meyerton/Henley on Klip, Riverside, Ermelo Phoenix, New Dawn, Johannesburg East, Ermelo Phoenix, Rotaract Club of Ermelo Phoenix, and potential Rotarians from Soweto satellite club as well as the Anns of Meyerton/Henley on Klip.



“We are grateful to trainers Sonja Gilliland, Tilla Le Grange and Antonia Makina who gave their time and shared their expertise with Rotarians and Rotaractors who, as new members, were keen to learn about Rotary.” said Wendy.

## RI Golf Tournament

Find out more about this world-wide fundraising event from 14 to 20 February 2022 <http://safgr.org/Rotary-world-golf-cup.aspx>

## TRAINING: Assistant Governor and President-Elect

**Programme for Rotary year 1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023**

Future Officers will be guided and trained to become informed leaders, upholding the values of Rotary, in preparation for the duties that they will be assuming in the upcoming Rotary year.



- ✚ Speakers
- ✚ Training leaders
- ✚ Evaluations
- ✚ Logistics (Virtual)

### Training Dates

- ✚ **19th February 2022**  
Assistant Governors and District Chairs
- ✚ **26th March 2022**  
POETs
- ✚ **To be scheduled**  
Inter-district training for POETs in Portuguese (D9210, D9350 and D9400)

*Although these sessions are designed for AGs, DCs and POETs, ALL Rotarians are encouraged to attend.*




# Rotary PRESIDENCIAL CONFERENCE MAPUTO 2022

on Economics and Peace, Protecting the environment  
**4 & 5 MARCH 2022**

## PROGRAMME

1. Tours/Activities, Registrations, 2/3 March 2022
2. Welcome Party, evening 3 March 2022
3. Conference, 4 & 5 March
4. Closing Gala, evening 5 March 2022
5. Departures/Tours/Activities, 6-7 March 2022
6. Projects and Business Fair Interactions, 20 February - 20 March 2022

**We look forward to seeing you all in Maputo, Mozambique!**  
**Register now at:**  
<https://rotarymaputo2022.com>

## REGISTRATION

### Local Delegates (Mozambique Rotarians, Rotaractors, guests)

Early Bird - up to January 31 2022-> MZN 10,000

Standard Registrations - up to February 28 2022-> MZN 13,000

Late/At Gate Registrations - up to 4 March 2022-> MZN 15,000

### For Rand Zone Delegates

Early Bird - up to January 31 2022-> ZAR 3,000

Standard Registrations - up to February 28 2022-> ZAR 3,700

Late/At Gate Registrations - up to 4 March 2022-> ZAR 4,000

### Rest Delegates

Early Bird - up to January 31 2022-> USD 200

Standard Registrations - up to February 28 2022-> USD 250

Late/At Gate Registrations - up to 4 March 2022-> USD 275

**SAVE THE DATES**  
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**16-19 JUNE, BELA BELA**



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**D9400**  
 The District Conference is approaching and we extend an invitation to join us as we recognize each other's efforts in service and leadership.

**THEME**  
 Diversity  
 Equity  
 Inclusion



**DISCOVER NEW HORIZONS**  
 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
 Houston, Texas, USA | 4-8 June 2022  
 #Rotary22

Rotary HOUSTON 2022

## DISTRICT 9400 ROTARY ANNS' CONFERENCE

**DATE:** 21 May 2022 09:00 for 09:30  
**VENUE:** Bryanston Methodist Church, 115-117 Grosvenor Road, Bryanston

Registration R200 p.p.  
 Hosted by Rotary Anns Club of Rosebank  
 A light lunch will be served after the proceedings.

Please RSVP before 20th April 2022 to  
[hilary@worldonline.co.za](mailto:hilary@worldonline.co.za)  
 Telephonic enquiries: Jane Symons 072 221 4091



## Presidential Initiatives: EMPOWERING GIRLS projects gaining momentum

In July 2021, the RI President launched the **Empowering Girls Initiative**. Rotary Clubs in D9400 have now showcased up to 47 projects and counting.

We encourage Rotary members to share proposed projects for which they are seeking partners as well as their completed projects regarding **Empowering Girls** on Rotary Showcase. [Presidential Initiatives | My Rotary](#)



# Upcoming Rotary Awards

As we enter the second half of the Rotary year, you are invited to put on your thinking caps! Nominate now!

Members of the Rotary community help make clubs stronger, communities better, and peace possible. Thank them for their dedication and valuable contributions by recognizing them with one of these Rotary International or non-contribution-based Rotary Foundation awards. Awards can [recognise a club](#), [individuals](#) or [non-Rotarians](#).

Award	Who can nominate	When	How
<b>Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award</b> Honors individual Rotarians and Rotaractors who have demonstrated exemplary service to the Foundation and have received the Citation for Meritorious Service at least four years prior.	Any Rotarian or Rotaractor	1 January-28/29 February	<b>Award type:</b> pin and crystal award <b>Resources:</b> Online <a href="#">nomination form</a> <a href="#">How to write a compelling nomination</a> (PDF)
<b>Rotary Award for Excellence in Service to Humanity</b> Recognizes non-Rotarians, including partners and spouses of Rotarians, who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service in accord with Rotary's ideals.	District Governor	1-31 March	<b>Award type:</b> pin and crystal award <b>Resources:</b> Online <a href="#">nomination form</a> <a href="#">How to write a compelling nomination</a> (PDF)
<b>Rotary Foundation District Service Award</b> Honors Rotarians and Rotaractors who are making a difference through the Foundation's programs.	District Governor (as recommended by District Foundation Committee)	All year (Ideally before district conference)	<b>Award type:</b> electronic certificate <b>Resources:</b> <a href="#">Rotary Foundation District Service Award template</a> (PDF)
<b>Avenues of Service Award (RI recognition)</b> Districts can nominate a member who has performed service in all five Avenues of Service for an award from Rotary International.	District Governor	All year (Ideally before district conference)	<b>Award type:</b> pin and crystal award <b>Resources:</b> Online <a href="#">nomination form</a> <a href="#">How to write a compelling nomination</a> (PDF)
<b>World Rotaract Week Recognition</b> Recognizes Rotaract clubs that celebrate the founding of the first club during World Rotaract Week, which occurs each year during the week of 13 March (from Monday to Sunday).	Sponsoring Rotary clubs or District Rotaract chair	All year (Ideally before district conference)	<b>Award type:</b> electronic certificate <b>Resources:</b> Customizable <a href="#">certificate</a> (PDF)
<b>Avenues of Service Award (district recognition)</b> With an award from their district, clubs can honor a Rotarian or Rotaractor who participates in service activities in one of the five Avenues of Service — club, vocational, community, international, and youth service.	Club President	All year	<b>Award type:</b> electronic certificate <b>Resources:</b> Online <a href="#">nomination form</a> for club presidents <a href="#">Examples of eligible service activities</a> (PDF) <a href="#">How to write a compelling nomination</a> (PDF)
<b>Significant Service Award</b> Recognize a club whose project has addressed a significant need in your community.	Club President	All year	<b>Award type:</b> electronic certificate <b>Resources:</b> Online <a href="#">nomination form</a>

## District International Service Chair YOU CAN HELP!

The District International Service Chair (DISC) is a newly created position under the District Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC) at the request of RI president Ian Riseley. PDG Kobla was appointed to implement this program in our district. The areas of focus are:

- Contacting and offering help to all club international service chairs in the district
- Promoting international projects, especially through global grants
- Assisting clubs in gathering the needed information for a successful global grant
- Helping to gather the expertise needed to plan and execute a global grant
- Gathering information about potential international projects from RI and other sources and disseminate to the clubs that need it.
- Supporting clubs by gathering and vetting international service project requests.
- Promoting and supporting participation in Rotary Action and Fellowship groups

The DISC Committee has to develop a database with information such as potential partners for international projects, local and international contacts with expertise in various fields, ways and means of doing community assessments, and bringing together sources and expertise in our district that can help expedite global grants is the initial step. YOU CAN HELP BY PROVIDING US THE NAMES AND CONTACT DETAILS OF LOCAL SOURCES OF EXPERTISE TO ADD TO THIS DATABASE. Please send information to **Alice Meyer** [alice@rotary9400.org.za](mailto:alice@rotary9400.org.za)



# 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!



The Rotary Club of Polana organised its first blood donation campaign, as part of its Safe Blood with Regular Donors Project. The project aims to create a database of 100 regular blood donors, who will participate in about four vaccination campaigns in the current Rotary year, as well as educate and raise awareness in the community about the need to donate blood.

The first blood donation campaign took place on December 5, 2021, at the Eduardo Mondlane University Health Center, where 36 units of 500 ml of blood were collected. The campaign was organised in collaboration with the National Blood Department of the Ministry of Health of Mozambique.

## Rotary Club of Polana

## Rotary Club of Morningside



The Rotary Club of Morningside got into the spirit of the season inviting shoppers at the Morningside Shopping Centre to support their Christmas food collection. The campaign was the fourth in a series of emergency food relief drives held in 2020 and 2021.

Shoppers could donate loose items of non-perishable food or sponsor a bag of groceries to the value of R99. The bags contained various staples from rice and sugar to soups and pilchards. The shopper's contributions were supplemented by a donation of 225 bags of POWA Pak pap sponsored by Soul Food Africa.

In total, 172 bags of groceries were donated by shoppers, plus a haul of loose items to the total value of R38,000. On 15 December, 120 of the bags were delivered to Oratile Early Childhood Development centre in Diepsloot. From there, individual families came and collected a bag of supplies to see them through the festive season.



The Rotary Club of Krugersdorp joined the Rotary Club of Morningside in the Christmas efforts. In addition to the bags of groceries prepared by RC Morningside for 50 vulnerable families in Munsieville, they donated toiletries. Rotarians also loaded up their vehicles and made the trip out to the disadvantaged community.

Tower of Life Men's Shelter in Krugersdorp had gone into complete lockdown after 10 residents contracted Covid. This meant they had a need for more food supplies, as residents would now need three meals a day. As such, the Rotarians also dropped off a boot-load of the loose food items to help the shelter get through the difficult time.

## Rotary Club of Krugersdorp

## Rotary Club of Polana

The Rotary Club of Polana inducted three more members on January 16, 2022 as part of the goal set by President Shekhar Mehta to increase the number of rotary members, from 1,2 million to 1,3 million. The induction ceremony was conducted by DG Stella Anyangwe of District 9400, with the participation of AG Bruno Amaral and PDG Kobla Quashie.

With the three new members, the Rotary Club of Polana has achieved its goal of four new members for the year 2021/2022, set by Club President Igor Capitine. A great start to 2022!





A team of nine volunteers have made a difference in the lives of severely handicapped cerebral palsy children in Venda. It had taken months of painstaking planning and logistics to source old abandoned Madiba buggies, then strip and refurbish the shells, make new tray tables and footrests, cut and glue foam rubber seats and sew covers.

## Rotary Club of Rosebank

The beneficiaries of this project were close to the Zimbabwe border - an elderly woman caring for her three-year-old C cerebrally palsied grandchild, whose mother had passed away and a young mother of twins whose son is also cerebrally palsied.

Back in Thohoyandou the team found a further 11 families waiting with their children ranging from toddlers to 21-year-old who were accompanied by their supportive fathers also in need of Madiba buggies.

Besides a sensory toy, each parent was also gifted a beautifully crocheted and knitted blanket.



## Rotary Club of Polokwane

The Rotary Club of Polokwane delivered wheelchairs to numerous beneficiaries. Mobility is a challenge experienced by most people living with disabilities. Rotary, through the Rotary Foundation, Rotarians and Clubs like the Rotary Club of Polokwane help them to regain their independence, confidence and mobility by donating wheelchairs.



The Rotary Club of Polokwane has always been interested in addressing health issues faced by members of the community it serves in. Mental health is one aspect that the Club feels is overlooked in its communities and there is a need to raise awareness.

The communities view anxiety, depression, panic attacks and other mental related diseases as taboo which leads many to suffer in silence. As members of these communities, the club saw the need to work with the Kabosadi Disability Centre to engage learners through the use of Duplo resources.

## Rotary Club of Polokwane

Duplo training sessions were held at the Kabosadi Disability Centre, in the Polokwane village of Ga-Maja. Daily, the learners get to learn creative, communication, problem-solving, critical thinking skills to help them integrate into the societies that they live in. The results have been remarkable and proves that there is no such a thing as "disabled", but differently-abled.

## Rotary Club of Pretoria West

The Rotary Club of Pretoria West has a very strong wheelchair project that has had great success. The club has donated numerous wheelchairs and walkers to those in need. At the recent handover of a wheelchair, the recipient was too ill to be present. The daughter of the person needing the wheelchair was happy to receive it on her behalf.



Through their Peace Fellow project, the Rotary Club of Pretoria Capital has supported student, Chenai Kagundure, to do her Master's degree in peace building at the Peace Centre at the University of North Carolina USA. Chenai is now working in Canada and is instrumental in soon setting up the first International Rotary Club for Peace Fellows and Peace Builders (see D9400 calendar).

The chartering of this world-wide club by an alumni Rotary Peace Fellow is the direct outcome of the RC Pretoria Capital's Peace Fellow project.

## Rotary Club of Pretoria Capital



# District 9400 EVENTS CALENDAR

**5** February  
2022

Charter of the **International Rotary Club for Peace Fellows and Peace Builders** world-wide. Register [here](#) to attend on Saturday at 6pm

**23** February  
2022

**Rotary Showcase** – A live D9400-wide event for each club to showcase its projects

**4-5** March  
2022

**Presidential Conference** – [Maputo, Mozambique](#) on Economics and peace, Protecting the environment. See [video](#). Register [here](#)

**18-20** March  
2022

**Presidential Conference** – [Venice, Italy](#) on Economy & Environment in Harmony

**10-14** April  
2022

**Council on Legislation** - Chicago, USA

**21** May  
2022

**District 9400 Rotary Anns Conference** 09:00 at Bryanston Methodist Church, 115-117 Grosvenor Road, Bryanston, Sandton

**4-8** June  
2022

**Rotary International Convention**, Houston Texas, USA  
Register [here](#)

**16-19** June  
2022

**Hybrid D9400 Conference** - Forever Resorts, Bela Bela (Warmbaths), Limpopo

**2-4** November  
2022

**Rotary Family Health Day**, SA

## 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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