



District 9400

Incorporating clubs in Botswana, Eswatini and
parts of Mozambique and South Africa



District Governor Newsletter

1 April 2021



**DG Annemarie and
PP Hans Mostert**

April has arrived! It's not only the final quarter of my term of service as your District Governor, but also the month in which our District will host the **all-Africa Centennial District Conference**. Ground-breaking initiatives take courage. Thank you for the dedication and support of the many members working behind the scenes to support our conference objectives.

The centennial year will be a memorable one. It will unite Rotarians in Africa, celebrate, and honour the accomplishments of the last 100 years. The past successes laid a solid foundation for the next centenary, moving Rotary in Africa forward and upward in the next 100 years. **We are all fortunate to be here on this centennial year.** None of us is likely to be around for the Bicentennial celebration, and so let's all heartily celebrate the Centennial available to us!

I know all our members in the district will buy a \$20 single entry ticket and join us for the two-day conference. Those who will be getting together in one place, remember each of you in the group should have your own ticket. We made the price affordable for each to participate – perhaps you can pay this forward and **invite a non-Rotarian friend or share with your Rotaract member of Interact parent** - this is in line with the spirit of Rotary. I thank those clubs and company's showcasing their partnerships, community service work, history and stories at the House of Friendship.

It's a historic moment, we will leave a legacy and you are part of it!

In the words of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, "May God find you as His Partner". Special wishes to our members, our families and our friends, who observe the different religious festivals of special importance during this time. **May you find peace, love and joy in your celebrations.**

INVITATION



**Zone22 Rotary
Africa Centennial
International
Conference**

**African House of Friendship
Virtual Projects Fair**

Connect, engage and explore the latest trends, challenges and innovations in the local and international socio-economic, impact investing and volunteering space. Showcase your CSI initiative to this captive international audience of potential funders by securing a virtual exhibition space.

The time is nearly here to celebrate 100 years of Rotary International in Africa, 100 years of driving impactful socio-economic transformation throughout the continent.

For the first time ever, a cutting-edge online platform, will allow thought leaders from the continent to share our collective story of building communities and addressing challenges around the world.

Book your spot to connect virtually with fellow Rotarians and business leaders, NPOs, civil society organisations and foundations.

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Join these, and 40 other inspirational speakers:

Rotary International
President-Elect
Shekhar Mehta



Rotary International
President-Nominee
Jennifer Jones



Trustee Chair and
Past RI President
K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran



Click on the Speaker's picture to see their profile





Leaving
a Legacy
for the
next 100
years

ARCoM will provide a platform to establish a conflict prevention, community mediation initiative which involves building work within and between communities; expanding this ethos to non-Rotarians who share Rotarian values and in time become part of the larger Rotary family.

[Click here](#) for more information!

Rotary Exhibition Centre

The Rotary Exhibition Centre will be housed in a 40-foot shipping container located at PromoWorld, our official Rotary vendor, at 91a Main Road, Solheim in Germiston, Gauteng.

The Rotary Exhibition Centre will be completed this year. You can be a part of this significant Rotary structure by donating towards its construction and administration! Individual bricks are for sale at R50 each. All contributors' names will be recorded, and funding 25 or more bricks will secure your name on a plaque for posterity. Place your orders [HERE](#)!

This opportunity is open to all Rotarians, Rotary Anns, Rotaractors, Interactors, Individuals, Clubs, Businesses, Corporates, and Friends of Rotary.

April is Maternal and Child Health Month

Every day mothers risk their lives giving birth and millions of children die each year from treatable, preventable causes. At least 7 million children under the age of five die each year due to malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation.

Rotary International aims to reduce this rate by makes high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger.

[Click here](#) to read more about Rotary's efforts in this area of focus.



FOREVER IS COMPOSED OF NOWS.

**HOW BEAUTIFUL IS IT TO FIND SOMEONE WHO ASKS FOR
NOTHING BUT YOUR COMPANY.**

**Ladies it is time,
the time is now.**

DGA ANGELA NORRIS

*"Forever is composed of now's" -
Emily Dickenson*

Now is the time to showcase all the magnificent work that the Anns of district 9400 are doing in their community.

Covid -19 may have stalled much of the world, but I can say in all sincerity that the Rotary Anns did not stop, they did not slow down, they continued with their work. They saw the need, and acted now... I can only say that if it were not for the Rotary Anns, and all the ladies, friends etc., that we cohere into our fold, the Community in general would be disadvantaged.

Rotary around the world has done an enormous amount of good in a world that is in crises. You just must be proud to be part of this phenomenal club.

*"How beautiful is it to find someone who
asks for nothing but your company" -
Brigitte Nicole*

We all have missed actual company, so now make sure that you take the time to visit when able - Nothing attracts new members more than fun, enthusiastic, busy, exciting ladies. Let's be the example that the younger generation and our kids look up to. Make sure that they see us at our Rotary gatherings having fun while serving our community.

Whilst many Anns clubs are still having Zoom meetings, some are having actual meetings, adhering to strict covid rules, and some of those enthusiastic clubs are doing both. Hats off to all you ladies who have made the effort and found a way.

**April is the Rotary month for
Maternal and Child Health.**



Ina Carniel president of Nigel Anns has nominated Mrs Carol Schoeman – one of their most prolific knitters. She knits all year round, and the endless supply of beanies, jerseys, scarves etc. are distributed continually throughout the year. Congratulations to Carol. Making a difference in her community.

Inspiration is the
key that keeps
our Anns on the
move.
Who in your
club is your
inspiration?



Jane Soester from Johannesburg South 101, has the above three ladies from Resthaven knitting for their club, let's rope all our family and friends in. Taking the Rotary Name out there positively.



Do you recognise your DGAR?

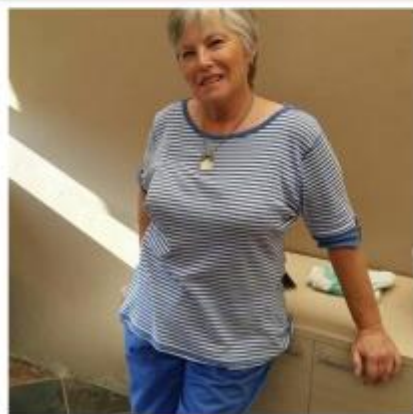
These ladies have been my rock this year and without them, I would have really been lost. They have kept me up to date with their clubs in their region.

This Month I highlight Pat Dewe. Pat looks after Region 3 and her clubs are Springs Park (her own Club) and Nigel.

Pat has been a member of Springs Park Rotary Anns for 10 years

She loves creating "Stuff" with paper, paint, and fabric. And has made 3 DVDs on beading for a mass market company

She has 2 children living in the UK and hopes to join them soon. If she had a plane, she would convert it into a multi passenger all purpose vehicle with infinite power so that she could invite friends to tour the world with her.



How Proud am I to see that Joyce Hogg has been nominated as one of those Anns that goes the extra mile. Not only is Joyce my DGAR for Region 4. But PDGA Joyce also visits several clubs on a regular basis. She is a member of the Germiston Anns club. But several of the Anns clubs she represents have nominated her. She is a stalwart at the Humanitarian centre, and with her assistance, she distributes linen to many of the Anns clubs helping them with their community projects.



Another one of my DGAR's Gill Davey of Benoni Van Ryn Anns has also been nominated. Nominated by Janice Carter of Benoni Aurora Anns. Gill attends as many meetings as is physically possible, she shares her ideas, and continually boosts her clubs in her region. Gill looks after region 3. Thanks to her efforts Boksburg Lake Anns, Benoni Van Ryn Anns and Benoni Aurora Anns, work together. Embracing one another's projects and supporting the various fellowship functions She is a fantastic asset to our Rotary Family.

Gill is one of those ladies, whose energy, ideas, and enthusiasm never ends. Meet our Can-Can Lady. All those tins of food you have been collecting all year - are Gill's idea.

With Mandela Day coming up on the 18th July... maybe each Anns club could donate those tins of food as part of the 67 minutes.



PDGA Elaine Stathacopoulos Looks after Region 6, Louis Trichardt Anns Club, Pietersburg 100 Anns Club and Phalaborwa Anns club. Elaine is a member of Boksburg Lake Anns, she has been an Ann for 31 years. She is married to Greg, has 3 children, and 4 grandchildren. She is retired, her hobbies include travelling, the bushveld, reading and jigsaw puzzles. She doesn't own a plane but did jump out of one for her 60th Birthday. Our adventurous adrenaline junkie.

More on our DGARs next month.



Well done all the Anns of 9400 – you make a difference in your community and you have ensured that "ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES".

Spekboom is still on the cards, and I hope that by now all clubs have sourced a supply of Spekboom, shared slips with one another, planted and embraced the idea of a cleaner and healthier world. Which club has enthusiastically supported my theme for this year? Please let me know.



Other News

DG Annemarie has continued her valuable meetings with ambassadors and other members of the diplomatic corps. These courtesy visits are part of the 2020-2021 D9400 strategic plan to enable local Rotarians to extend a hand of friendship and discuss opportunities available to work together with local Rotary clubs. In addition, members of the Diplomatic Corps have also been invited to join our Diplomatic Corps Rotary Club of Southern Africa 9400. [Click here](#) to read more and see the pictures!

Rotary's Learning Center is now available on mobile devices and you can take the online courses on most mobile devices. For detailed instructions on how to download Go.Learn, [click here](#)!

If you have trouble using the Learning Center in Go.Learn, write to learn@rotary.org

Rotary Membership in Anytown

[Click here](#) to watch an insightful video about Rotary membership in Anytown.

It is a call to Rotarians to break their traditional mindset on what a Rotary Club should look like.



With decades of experience from working to eradicate polio, Rotary members can play a key role in publicizing the power of vaccines. World Immunization Week, 24-30 April, is an opportunity for Rotary clubs to raise awareness of the importance of vaccines — and of the critical need to continue supporting polio vaccinations even while protecting people against COVID-19.



Water Week Activities

Rotary's monthly theme for March was Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene. In addition, International World Water Day was celebrated on the 22nd of March.

Various CleanaRiver teams worked hard, removing litter in Gauteng's rivers and streams. The big river clean-up was organised by the WASH Rotary Action Group for International World Water Day on the Sandspruit, Hennops, Boksburg Lake and on the Vaal and Klip rivers in the Vaal Triangle. The team worked with ARMOUR, Bubele (for the Sandspruit), RC Boksburg and the Lions. [Click here](#) to read more about the project, and [click here](#) to see the Region 5 Rotarians and the Hennops River Revival group out in full force in their gumboots!



Club Focus

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and stories online!

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to have them loaded onto the District website!

The Rotary Club of Pretoria East has taken hands with the ladies from the Bronberg Retirement Village who are knitting and crocheting items for the club to distribute.



120 sets of scarves and beanies will go to the Rangers of the Rhino Foundation and 120 sets of scarves and beanies are intended for the children in the Louis Botha Children's Home.

Dis-chem Foundation made a large donation of masks to D9400 which was distributed to various Rotary clubs. To celebrate Rotary's 116th birthday, 116 masks were given to the ladies at the Bronberg Retirement Village in recognition of the scarves and beanies they made and 50 masks were also given to Die Wilgers Secondary School.

Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark celebrated

Water and Sanitation month by handing over a water tank and pump to the Lifeline Vaal Centre Home for abused women and children. The home is well known for its dedicated service to vulnerable women and children.



Rotarian Alan Claase, the champion of this project, was successful in obtaining a Rotary District grant to finance the project. The home gratefully accepted the gift and mentioned that this gesture could not have come at a better time as the inconsistent municipal water supply often left them without water for days.

Let's plan ahead: Important dates in April

10 April – POETS: Johannesburg and Pretoria

17 April - POETS: Joburg East and Vanderbijlpark / Vereeniging / Riverside / Meyerton / Henley-on-Klip

23 – 24 April – D9400 District Convention

24 – 25 April – All-Africa Centennial Celebrations

24 – 30 April – World Immunisation Week

May is Youth Service Month

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