

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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*Message from the District Governor:
Koekie Makunyane-Quashie*

*Mensagem Da Governadora Do Distrito:
Koekie Makunyane-Quashie*

Dear fellow Rotarians,

We're through October, and Kobla and I have visited the majority of our clubs and winding down on the visits. What a great opportunity to share Rotary with others! I am amazed to see that each club, each member is working in his or her way to serve the community and the world. I asked members to reflect for a moment on why they became Rotarians, and if the reason is still the same for them today. I also mentioned that we may not remember our induction ceremony, but we surely remember our sponsor. We are forever grateful that he or she cared enough to invite us to share his or her passion. I guess, in a way, sharing Rotary is another way of serving "Above Self". It is providing others with an opportunity to receive the gift of feeling useful. We 'reach within' to serve others because it gives meaning to our lives. Please consider giving others the same gift.

As Rotarians we celebrate October as Rotary Economic and Community Development month which focuses among other things on:

- Developing professional connections by bonding with others through service, and
- Promoting high ethical standards in business, appreciating the value of all useful occupations, and recognizing the opportunity for Rotarians to use their occupational skills to serve society.

Not only is the month dedicated to economic and community development, but also World Polio month, where we focus on raising funds in order for us to continue the fight to eradicate Polio. As Rotarians, we know we have to continue to give – give to Foundation and to Polio eradication. We must give because it's the right thing to do!



2022/2023
DG Koekie
Makunyane-Quashie

Caros Companheiros Rotários,

Já passou o mês de Outubro e, Kobla e eu visitámos a maioria dos nossos clubes e o número de visitas vai reduzindo. Que grande oportunidade para partilhar o Rotary com os outros! Estou espantada ao ver que cada clube, cada membro está a trabalhar na sua maneira de servir a comunidade e o mundo. Pedi aos membros para refletir por um momento sobre por que se tornaram Rotários, e se a razão ainda é a mesma para eles hoje. Também mencionei que podemos não nos lembrar da nossa cerimónia de indução, mas certamente nos lembramos do nosso patrocinador. Estamos eternamente gratos por ele ou ela se ter oferecido o suficiente para nos convidar a partilhar a sua paixão. Acho que, de certa forma, partilhar o Rotary é outra forma de servir "Above Self". É dar aos outros a oportunidade de receber o dom de se sentirem úteis. "Chegamos" para servir os outros porque dá sentido às nossas vidas. Por favor, considere dar aos outros o mesmo presente.

Como Rotários celebramos o Outubro como um mês de desenvolvimento económico e comunitário rotativo que foca-se, entre outras coisas, em:

- Desenvolver ligações profissionais através da ligação com os outros através do serviço, e
- Promover elevados padrões éticos nos negócios, apreciar o valor de todas as profissões úteis e reconhecer a oportunidade para os rotarianos usarem as suas competências profissionais para servir a sociedade.

Não é apenas o mês dedicado a desenvolvimento económico e comunitário, mas também o mês mundial da poliomielite, onde nos focamos na angariação de fundos para que possamos continuar a luta para a erradicação da poliomielite. Como Rotários, sabemos que temos de continuar a dar – dar à Fundação e à erradicação da poliomielite. Temos que dar porque é a coisa certa a fazer!

Our giving enables Rotary to do more, and enables us, as individuals and our clubs to do more. As we thought about October and in particular the 24th having been World Polio Day, clubs organized different fund-raising activities for polio giving, and those that had not thought of doing so, were encouraged to do so and also reminded about November - Foundation Month – and the need for the EREY contributions from the Leadership at club and district levels, and from cash-strapped members who could not afford the EREY, at least the contribution equivalent to the Rotary Foundation seed amount of \$26.50, with 'None-giving' not being an option for any member.

As Rotarians we've a lot to be proud of – a Foundation that is the lifeblood of our projects, and as such, we're expected to continue to build upon it!

In closing, I always like to quote RI President Jennifer Jones – "Imagine a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference".

Our giving to our Rotary Foundation will allow us not only to imagine, but provide the great service that will make the life-changing difference to the less fortunate in our communities. Download the short video: "[A Century of Doing Good in the World](#)" - It tells of the history and successes of our Rotary Foundation.

Yours in Rotary.
DG Koekie



DG Koekie

A nossa doação permite ao Rotary fazer mais, e permite-nos, como indivíduos e clubes, fazer mais. Como pensávamos em Outubro e em particular no dia 24, tendo sido o Dia Mundial da Poliomielite, os clubes organizaram diferentes actividades de angariação de fundos para a doação da poliomielite, e aqueles que não tinham pensado em fazê-lo, foram encorajados a fazê-lo e recordados sobre Novembro - Mês da Fundação - e a necessidade de contribuições para "Todos os Rotários, Todos os Anos" (EREY) para a liderança a nível de clubes e distritais, e membros com dinheiro que não puderam pagar à EREY, pelo menos a contribuição equivalente à semente da Fundação Rotary de 26,50 dólares, e a não-doação não é uma opção para qualquer membro.

Como Rotários, temos muito do que nos orgulhar - uma Fundação que é a força vital dos nossos projetos e, como tal, espera-se que continuemos a construir sobre ele!

Para fechar, sempre gosto muito de citar a presidente da RI, Jennifer Jones – "Imagine um mundo que merece o nosso melhor, onde nos levantamos todos os dias sabendo que podemos fazer a diferença."

A nossa doação à nossa Fundação Rotary vai permitir-nos não só imaginar, mas emprestar o grande serviço que vai fazer uma diferença de mudança de vida para os menos afortunados das nossas comunidades. Descarregue o pequeno vídeo: "[Um século de fazer o bem no mundo](#)" - Conta a história e os sucessos da nossa Fundação Rotary.

O seu em Rotary.
DG Koekie

INVITING NOMINATIONS FOR D9400 DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2025/26

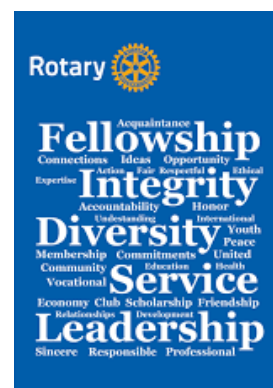
In preparation for this important event, a number of Past District Governors of D9400 are availing themselves to hold a zoom information session on what is expected when anyone takes up the office of District Governor. Nominations for District Governor close on **15 November 2022**. Rotarians interested in standing for District Governor will find the session extremely helpful. Candidates interested in attending are kindly requested to register in advance.

Arrangements for the session are as follows: Register [HERE](#) for the Zoom information session on Saturday **12 November 2022** from 09h00 – 11h15. The agenda and format is as follows:

Show and tell:

- E-Learning Resources on "My Rotary"
- Understanding the Structure of Rotary International
- Duties of a Governor
- Governor Term of office
- Governor Training
- District Structure
- Funding the Governor
- Leadership & Qualities of a Governor
- The Dreaded Interview
- Support from my Partner & Club
- The Strategic Thinker
- Five unexpected challenges

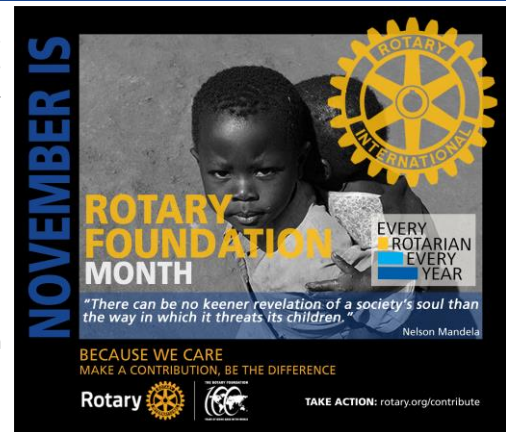
These presentations will be followed by **Panel discussions** and time for **Questions & Answers**. Join us for a very informative session!



NOVEMBER is FOUNDATION MONTH

NOVEMBER IS FOUNDATION MONTH. The Rotary Foundation is recognized as one of the most effective and well-managed charitable organizations in the world, with 12 consecutive four-star ratings from Charity Navigator and an A-plus rating from CharityWatch.

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. Each year, Rotary International highlights November as Rotary Foundation Month to emphasize the importance of and need for Rotarian support of The Rotary Foundation. Contributions from Rotarians around the world go to the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund, which provides grants and awards through Foundation programs; and the Permanent Fund, an endowment from which only the earnings are spent in support of Foundation programs, ensuring the long-term viability of the Foundation.



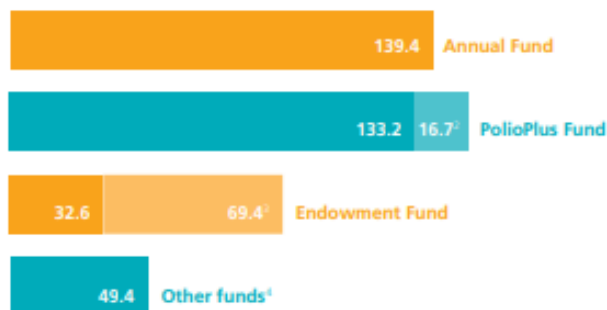
Every dollar contributed by Rotarians funds humanitarian and educational programs and program operations. Clubs and districts apply for and receive Foundation grants to carry out worthy projects worldwide. If Rotary is to be there to teach children to read, build wells, feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the poor; then Every Rotarian is invited and encouraged to support the Annual Fund with a personal contribution, Every Year.

During Rotary Foundation Month; make a contribution! Go to rotary.org/donate.

Contribution summary	2020-21	All-time contributions
Annual Fund	\$139.4 million	\$3.0 billion
Endowment Fund	\$32.6 million	\$447.0 million
PolioPlus Fund	\$133.2 million	\$1.9 billion
Other*	\$49.4 million	\$327.7 million
Total outright contributions	\$354.8 million	\$5.7 billion
Total new commitments to the Endowment Fund	\$69.4 million	\$882.2 million
Polio transfers**	\$16.7 million	—
Grand total	\$440.9 million	—
Program awards & operations	\$352.3 million	Since 1947: \$5.3 billion

2020-21 TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS: \$440.9 million

(rounded and in millions)



PolioPlus

Since 1988, Rotary and our partners have immunized nearly 3 billion children against polio. As of June 2021, Rotary had committed more than \$2.2 billion to global polio eradication.

We're still working to eliminate the wild poliovirus in the last two countries where it remains endemic and to ensure that it does not return elsewhere. In 2020-21, program awards, including PolioPlus Partners grants, totaled \$152.9 million.

Global grants

Global grants fund large-scale international activities with sustainable, measurable results that support Rotary's areas of focus. Activities include humanitarian projects, scholarships, and vocational training teams. **In 2020-21, the Foundation approved 2,066 global grants, and program awards totaled \$130.0 million.**

District grants

District grants support small-scale, short-term projects related to the Foundation's mission. **In 2020-21, the Foundation approved 467 district grants, and program awards amounted to \$31.1 million.**

Disaster response grants

Rotary's disaster response grants support relief and recovery efforts in areas that have been affected by natural disasters within the past six months. **In 2020-21, the Foundation approved 55 disaster response grants, and program awards totaled \$3.1 million.**

Rotary Peace Centers

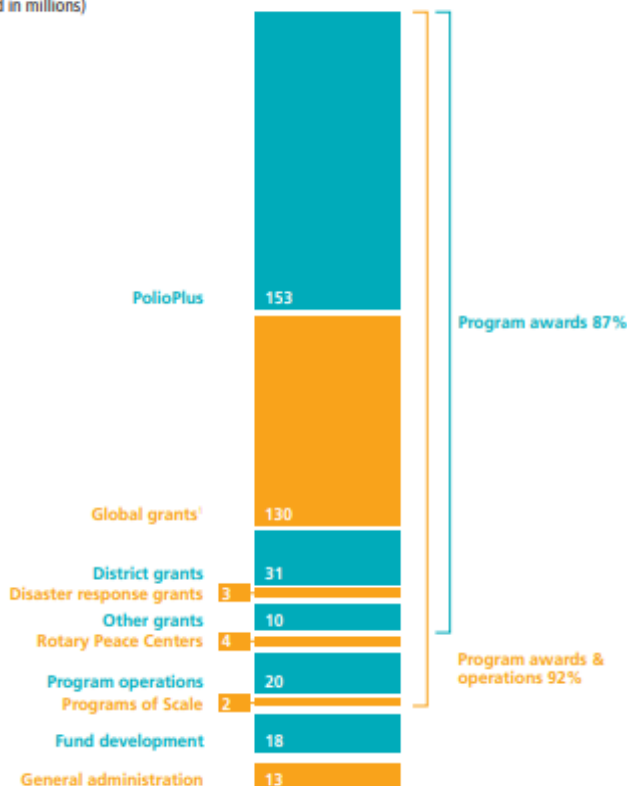
Each year, the Foundation supports the training of peace fellows at Rotary Peace Centers, where they earn master's degrees or professional development certificates. Since 2002-03, 1,487 fellows from more than 115 countries have participated. **In 2020-21, 117 fellows from 63 countries began their studies at the Rotary Peace Centers, and program awards for the fellows and centers totaled \$4.4 million.**

Programs of Scale grants

Programs of Scale grants empower Rotary members to work with experienced partners to implement large-scale, high-impact projects over three to five years to benefit a large number of people. **The member-led Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia program was awarded the 2020-21 grant of \$2 million, which was matched by \$4 million in funding from our partners**

2020-21 TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$384 million

(rounded and in millions)

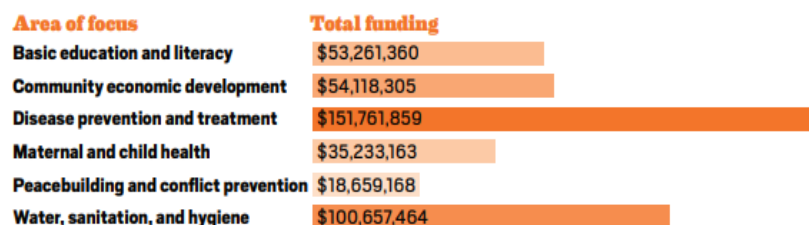


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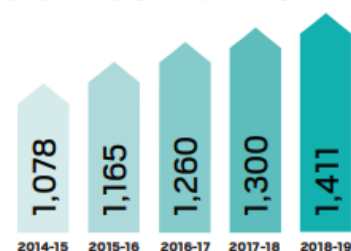
The Rotary Foundation is helping Rotarians do good in the world, but it can be difficult to convey the full scope of its work. During 2018/19 total expenditure reached \$335 million. Polio Plus \$151 million; Global Grants \$87 million; District Grants \$26 million; Rotary Peace Centers \$5 million; Other grants \$12 million; Program operations \$20

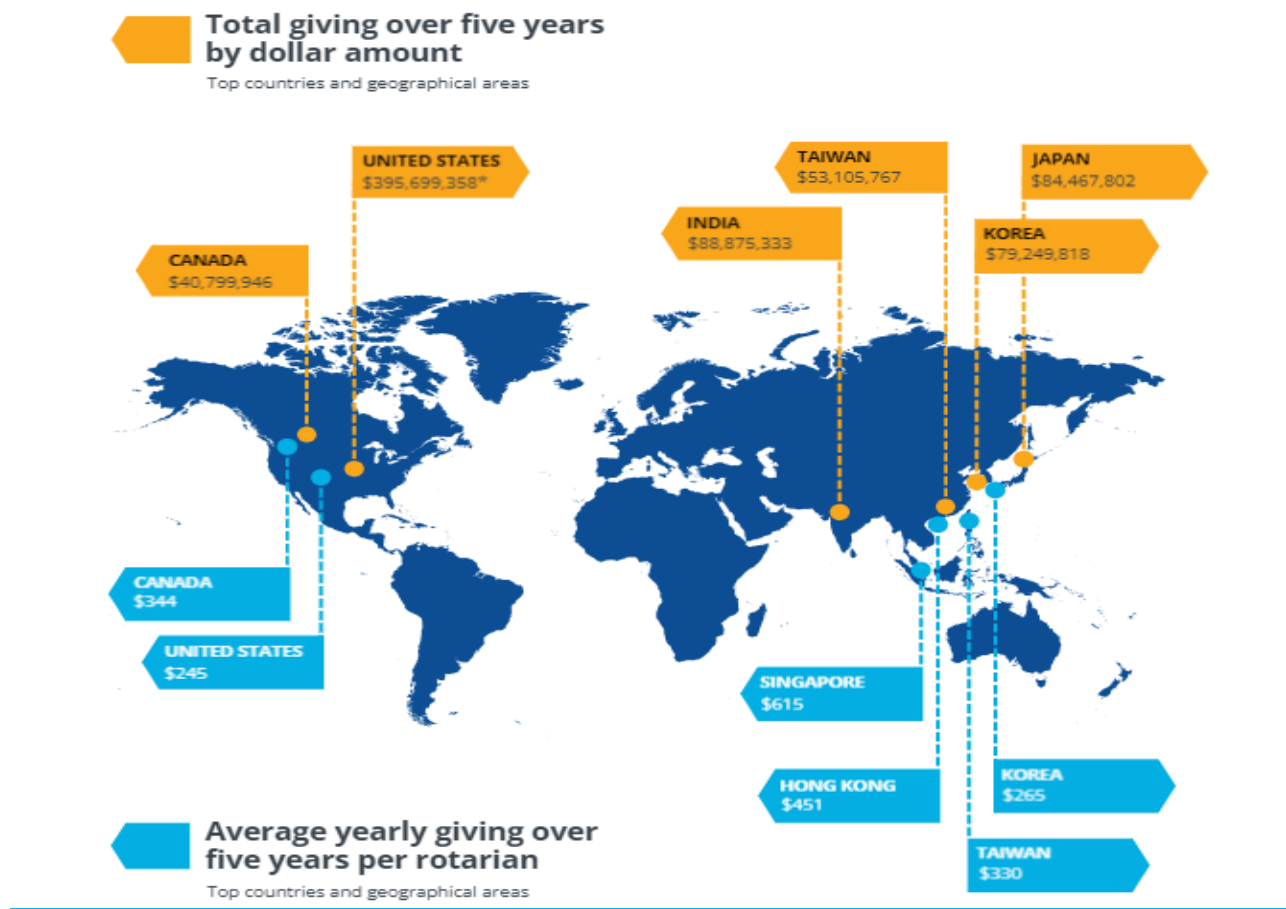
million; Fund development \$19 million and General administration \$15 million. Below are some figures from the five years before COVID — 2014/15 through 2018/19 — to tell the story of the generosity of Rotarians and the good work that TRF supports.

FIVE YEARS OF GLOBAL GRANTS BY AREA OF FOCUS



GLOBAL GRANTS APPROVED





New \$3 Million Pilot with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Rotary International has announced a US\$3 million award from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for a two-year pilot program.

This will support the roll out of the **Rotary Family Health Day Program** in a number of countries - including some where they have not been held previously - and will include the integration of messaging, advocacy, education, vaccination and surveillance on Polio, as part of our Integrated Disease Prevention program at Community level.

The partnership between [RFHA](#) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation was formed in full consultation with the Rotary International Polio team.



Their support in endorsing RFHA and the RFHD programme presents an incredible opportunity and RFHA is now poised for the growth and development of this significant program of scale through Africa and beyond. The priority countries are Nigeria, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Zambia and Malawi, with additional countries like Democratic Republic of Congo, Chad and Niger to roll out later in 2023. An initial event across Nigeria for World Polio Day on/around October 24th is being planned.

Integrating Polio vaccinations and education with the services for preventive healthcare that RFHA already provides at our Rotary Family Health Days, means that this partnership will go a long way toward our united mission to improve the health of all. Read more [here](#).



In addition to Rotary International and the World Health Organization's [World Polio Day 2022 and Beyond: A healthier future for mothers and children](#) two-day conference by the WHO director-general and RI President [Jennifer Jones](#), Rotarians all over D9400 have been actively holding fundraiser breakfasts and teas, running awareness campaigns and also vaccinating children against polio. IPDG Stella Anyangwe spearheaded the D9400 awareness campaign. She is a Medical Doctor, Epidemiologist and Global Health Expert and also our EndPolioNow Coordinator for 15 countries in Eastern and Southern Africa from 2022 to 2025, at the Rotary Foundation.

She was live on SABC News Morning Live, and on SMU FM on Thursday 20 October. SMU FM is a campus radio station that is based at the Sefako Makgatho Health Science University. SMU FM was Live Streaming on www.smufm.co.za and FM 97.1. She also spoke on Channel Africa, a radio station that broadcasts across the African Continent on Friday 21 October and received coverage by community newspapers and online media houses.



On Friday 21 October, the South African Vaccination and Immunisation Centre (SAVIC) joined in and also added their voices to the awareness campaign on radio, this time on Sosh FM, the Soshanguve Community Radio Thobela FM. Kesentseng Mahlaba, scientific advisor for community engagement at SAVIC (Sefako Makgatho University) added his voice.



On Friday 21 and Wednesday 26 October 2022, IPDG Stella also hosted zoom meetings as the Region 28 End Polio Now Coordinator, where she also shared her experiences in medicine, public health, Rotary, polio and leadership; and talked about places she has been and people she has met.

Since 1988, we've seen a worldwide reduction in polio cases of 99.9%. Only two countries remain polio-endemic: Afghanistan and Pakistan. Unless we eradicate polio, within 10 years as many as 200,000 new cases could occur worldwide every year. We are committed to making sure that doesn't happen.

Your gift to The Rotary Foundation this World Polio Day can help us protect children around the world. Together with our partners, Rotary members like you, and supporters, we've reduced the number of polio cases in the world in the past three decades. We've truly made tremendous progress. But [recent news](#) reminds us that this fight is not over — and we need your help to protect our children.



John Hewko, RI General Secretary & CEO

Polio has been detected around the world in places where it hasn't been found in decades. In the US, an unvaccinated man was paralyzed by polio. In the UK, poliovirus has been detected in sewage samples.

In Malawi, a child recently contracted polio. And, closer to home, Mozambique announced its first wild polio outbreak in 30 years.

Polio anywhere is a threat everywhere.



Rotarians participating in the Miles to End Polio fundraiser for polio eradication

John Hewko, Rotary International General Secretary and CEO has also been training in Park City, Utah for Rotary's Ride to [#EndPolio](#) at El Tour De Tucson in November. This is his 10th time joining Rotary members to cycle 102 miles in El Tour de Tucson which is one of the top cycling events in the United States and attracts more than 9,000 cyclists each year. Through Miles to End Polio, Rotary has raised nearly \$60 million for eradication efforts, including matching funds from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Support their efforts: <https://lnkd.in/eSjef-dA>

ANN'S MESSAGE

FROM DGA CHRISTINA

Dear Rotary Anns of D9400,

Already four months of our Rotary Year have flown past. Since mid-September, I have been welcomed in person at nine Rotary Ann Clubs (RACs) and we are all happy to have one-on-one interaction again, following nearly two and a half years of restrictions. During the coming month, further clubs will be visited, including the RACs Matola, with Pietersburg 100 and Louis Trichardt on Zoom, due to distance. Others will be visited in Mpumalanga and Gauteng.

Between visits, the DGARs and I have been busy discussing means of improving communication and the connection between our Rotary Clubs and the Rotary Ann Clubs. Restricted movement due to Covid-19, changes in people's circumstances and a myriad of other factors have shifted the profile of our Ann Clubs over the past few years. Many of the ladies are single and have no affiliation with a Rotarian and as everyone is getting older, they are often reluctant to travel alone at night for fellowship and meetings.

These are the challenges we face, and we have been looking at means of addressing these. A letter has been circulated to the RACs that outlines the status quo and suggesting means of more effective interaction and communication with the Rotarians to create a cohesive environment in our District, for the benefit of the communities in which we work.

Another initiative we have established is the new Anns Interactive WhatsApp group. This enables the various RACs to post photos and information about their projects and events as a means of encouraging others. I am happy to say that, this interaction is happening and that the group is lively and effective.



RAC Germiston planted Spekboom and Yukas at Bambanani Nursery School in the Dikatohe informal settlement and also delivered educational goods for the learners



RAC Pietersburg 100 handed out wheelchairs Garamongwana No 1 and Gasemenya



Pietersburg 100 Anns Meals On Wheels



RC and Anns Benoni Aurora supported the stitch craft at the Daveyton Sewing Project



President Priscilla Fuller RAC Benoni v Ryn with Gill Davey who created this collage and DGA Christina

We are moving forward on supplying Breast Prosthesis to the needy ladies of eSwatini, inspired by the Knitted Knockers project in which several RACs are involved. This is being undertaken through our local Inner Wheel Club. In this respect, my special thanks to PDGA Elaine Stathacopoulos, who supplied a seed stock per kind favour of the RACs of Boksburg and Benoni van Ryn. These will be passed on to Rosa van Zuydam of the IW Club.



Rotary Anns at the RC Krugersdorp Clubhouse



RAC Springs Park with IPDGA, President Marilyn

Towards the end of September, I visited the East Rand RACs of Boksburg Lake, Benoni Aurora, Benoni van Ryn and Springs Park. Then last week time was spent with the Rotary Ann Clubs of Krugersdorp and Randburg. Thank you for the warm welcomes extended to PDG Martin and me, as well as to those who kindly home-hosted us: Elaine and Greg Stathacopoulos, Sofia and Josef Minie, and Glenice and Johan van der Westhuizen. It was a pleasure to spend time with all of you in your homes.



We saw some inspiring projects, including the Daveyton Bespoke Sewing Centre and Soup Kitchen and the Garden of Life, together with iKhaya da Luz, a safe home for vulnerable children (RAC Benoni Aurora). We also visited a Meals on Wheels project, which is extensively supported by the RAC Spring Park and a dedicated team ensures that the needy get food, despite the many challenges they face.



We also “visited” a number of RACs when their Presidents shared some of their projects on our Anns Interactive group. These included Candi Dengo (Matola) with their feeding scheme for the elderly, Gail Abel (Germiston) with the planting of Spekboom and Yukas at a nursery school in an informal settlement and the delivery of educational items for learners. Adrienne de Wit and the RAC Pietersburg 100 were involved with handing out wheelchairs to the disabled and for a young boy who appears to suffer from a cerebral disability.

Some of our DGARs also shared their RACs’ projects on the Group. So very well-done ladies: Service above Self indeed and all under the banner of the Rotary Brand.

I’m happy to see that many of the RACs are turning to projects that embrace the *Imagine Empowering Girls* theme – in the best way they can imagine!

Until next month, my warm regards to all of you and please keep up the excellent work.

Yours in Rotary,

DGA Christina

DGA Christina Forsyth-Thompson 2022/23





2022

INTERACT AWARDS



The 2022 Interact Awards are here!

This year, Interact clubs are invited to show how their members are champions of diversity, equity, and inclusion through their projects, club, and community.

Awards will be given for best **video**, best **photo**, and best **essay**.

Interact sponsors and advisers, let your clubs know that nominations are due by **1 December**.



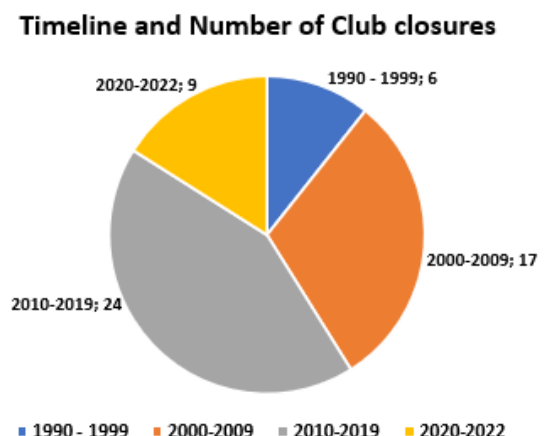
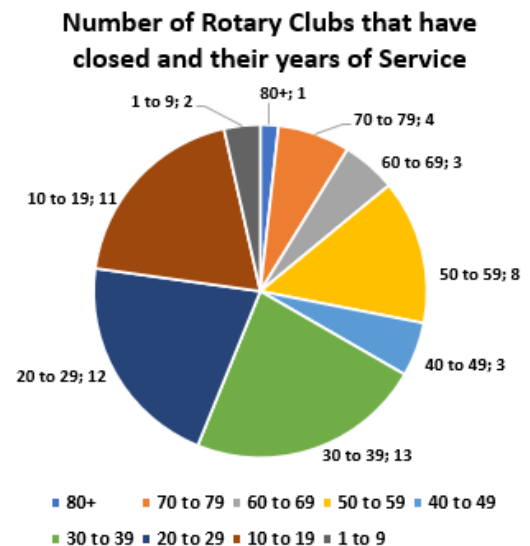
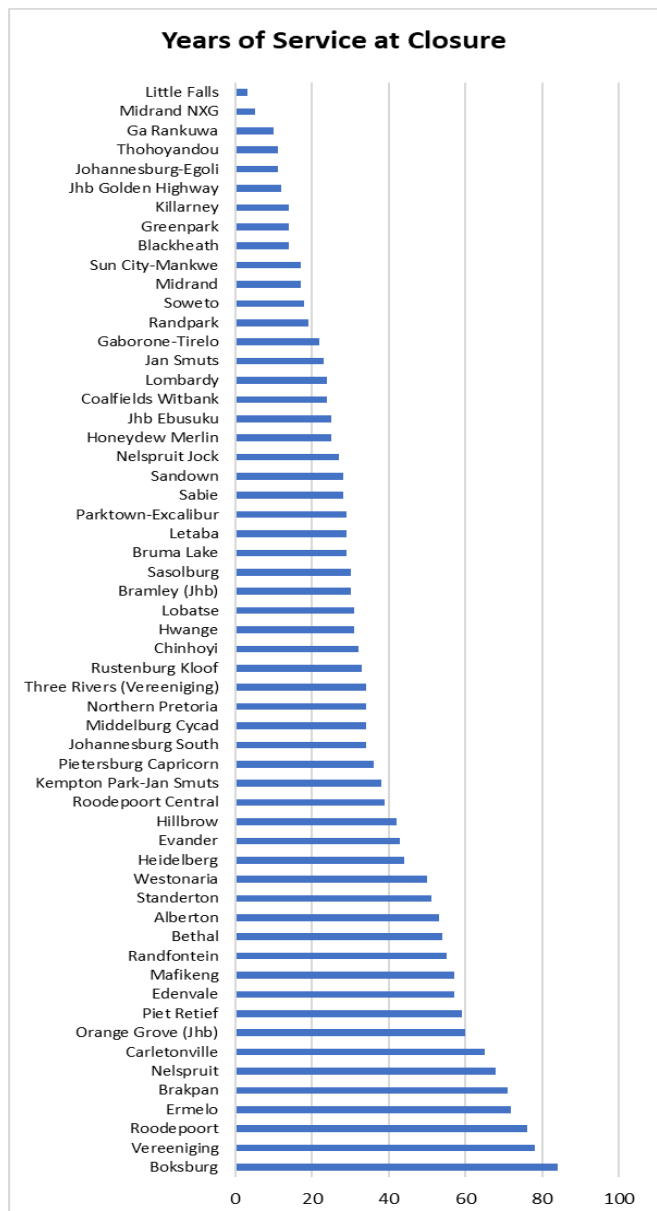
IT'S TIME TO STRENGTHEN D9400 ROTARY CLUBS



D9400 currently has 64 Rotary Clubs. But since 1989, almost just as many clubs have ceased to exist and several more are hanging in the balance. To date, a total of 57 clubs have closed down. The oldest club to close its doors was RC Boksburg. It was established in August 1938 and closed in June 2022, after serving its community for 84 years.

Not far behind are four other clubs that closed after more than 70 years of existence. RC Vereeniging was 78 years old when it closed in June 2022 and RC Roodepoort 76 at the time of closure in 2020. The RC Ermelo had 72 years of helping others when it closed its doors in June 2022 while RC Brakpan had 71 years when it closed in 2011.

The very first club to close was RC Hwange. It was established in July 1958 and closed in October 1989 after 31 years of Service above Self.



2023/2024 Vacancy D9400 Program: Friendship Exchange



The [Friendship Exchange program](#) gives Rotarians and their families the opportunity to experience other cultures first-hand, by participating in reciprocal visits with Rotarians from other countries and their families.

This international exchange program was introduced by Rotary International in 1984 and aims to advance international understanding among Rotarians. It provides Rotarians with the opportunity to form personal contacts and make long-lasting friendships while exploring different areas of the world. The Friendship Exchange committee normally has Bi-monthly meetings.



Vacancy: FEX Chairperson 2023/24

The duty of the FEX Chairperson is to manage and monitor all inbound and outbound exchanges with the support of the team as well as take responsibility for updating processes and policies. The FEX handbook provides guidance and best practice. Learn more about [District 9400 Friendship Exchange](#).

If you are keen to get involved, please contact Felicity Jones, current FEX Chairperson on e-mail fj6302@gmail.com or mobile 0763236513.

ROTARY FACTS	ROTARY		ROTARACT
	1,166,331	MEMBERS	207,961
	+3,568 since 1 July 2021		-12,466 since 1 July 2021
	36,849	CLUBS	10,310
	+235 since 1 July 2021		+1,060 since 1 July 2021
	25%	WOMEN	51%
	1 July 2022		

Men, women	75%, 25%
New member retention	88%
Existing member retention	88%
Members under age 50	22%
Members over age 50	52%
Age not reported	26%



Imagine What's Next with Rotary!

Melbourne, Australia, 27-31 May 2023

Rotary members will come together and share their passion for Doing Good in the World. Come connect with other people of action.

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Register now to receive reduced rate that expires on 15 December.

2022 Rotary All-Member Survey



This is your opportunity to tell us what you like about being a Rotary member and how we can improve your membership experience.

If you any have questions, contact surveys@rotary.org. Want to see results from previous Rotary surveys? You can find them [here](#).

To begin the survey, click [HERE](#). The survey will take 10 to 15 minutes to complete and will close 4 November 2022.





D9400 PEOPLE OF ACTION

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

Rotary Club of Pretoria West

Dr Agathe Lawson, retired UNFPA Country Representative in several African countries (and former Rotarian) made a donation of \$1,500 (R28,000) to RC Pretoria West for polio eradication! Here she is, accepting a “thank you” piece of Rotary fabric and a Rotary pin from PDG Stella, EPNC for Region 28.

Dr Lawson, now resident in Rennes, France, will be linked to one of the four Rotary clubs in Renne, so she can renew her membership. Each one bring one, and giving to TRF all accomplished in a day's work. Yes, we can, each one of us!



Rotary Club of Pretoria West

Members of RC Pretoria West, under the leadership of President Matsepo Africa, established a partnership with two other clubs and the South African Vaccination and Immunisation Centre (SAVIC) at Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University, to celebrate World Polio Day. They embarked on a polio awareness campaign and a vaccination drive at the Sunnypark Shopping Centre in Sunnyside, Pretoria on 22 October. About 200 vaccines were administered to children under the age of 12 years. The vaccination drive was also supported by the Tshwane District Hospital and Louis Pasteur Hospital.



Rotary Club of Pretoria Capital

Members of RC Pretoria Capital joined RC Pretoria West and RC Hatfield to partner with the South African Vaccination and Immunisation Centre (SAVIC) in a polio awareness campaign. Afterwards, pharmacy students of Prof David Katerere at TUT, who us also the president of RC RC Pretoria Capital were fascinated to learn more about polio with cards that proclaim “I WILL end Polio” instead of “I want to end Polio”.



Rotary Club of Hatfield



Members of RC Hatfield joined RC Pretoria West and RC Pretoria Capital to partner with the South African Vaccination and Immunisation Centre (SAVIC) to vaccinate children aged 0-12 years against polio at the Sunnypark Shopping Centre in Sunnyside, Pretoria on Saturday 22 October 2022.

President Lololo Kopanyek and other club members also welcomed IPDG Stella who, as the EPNC, held several talks and interviews about polio and vaccination against it.



Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark

In line with Rotary International's goal of uplifting the girl child, the RC Vanderbijlpark's Past President, Jackie van Waveren, took on the challenge. She was ably assisted by her daughter and fellow Rotarians, Chantelle Bosch and Zandile Keshwa.



A special day was arranged to present dignity packs to girls ranging from 6 to 15 years at the Restoration Home and Empowerment centre. The girls were informed regarding lifestyle upliftment which included how to become confident, self-love and performing home chores.

The topic of sexuality with the emphasis on the detrimental effect of teenage pregnancy on a girl's future concluded the information session.

The girls were very impressed with the beautiful red bags containing dignity packs which they received. President Celeste Lance assisted in the handover of the packs.

Rotary Club of Hatfield

The RC Pretoria-Hatfield arranged an excursion for 36 learners and two teachers from S. Kekana High School in Mamelodi West to Sci-Enza at the University of Pretoria. The aim of this outing was to expose the learners to interesting and interactive science concepts.

They experienced the mirror maze, tricks with mirrors, puzzles, animal skeletons, and many more. This was followed by an interesting show which demonstrated sound concepts, such as





frequency, vibration, resonance, and pitch. The learners could even try these out for themselves.

A major highlight was the Camera Obscura at the top of the Natural Sciences Building. From here they had an expansive view over Pretoria through specially designed lenses.

Altogether, it was a very successful educational experience for the learners.



Rotary Club of Waterkloof

RC Waterkloof and Rotary Community Corps (RCC) led by Club President Mmatepeng Muda Temane held an awareness campaign on World Polio Day. It was focused on 3 Pillars: Learn-Share-Donate. President Muda and DGN George Senosha, accompanied by Principal Mrs Concilia Matanda, visited two campuses of Blue Bird Primary School in Rustenburg, NW where they also encouraged Educators, Learners and the School Governing Body to adopt the Rotary 4 Way Test.



Blue Bird Private Campus and other schools committed themselves to collect donations for TRF. Other schools joining the campaign on were Ontlametse Phalatse Primary School in Hebron, NW, led by Mr Thami Dyani. RCC Soshanguve South led by President Charly Marobela and Felicia Phoku at Itumeleng Madiba Primary School, Soshanguve.

RCC Mamelodi Goodway President Rev J Magoro joined by DGN George Senosha continued with the campaign on 25 October at Japhta Mahlangu Secondary School in Mamelodi West supported by eight other RCC members. They drove the Purple Pinkie Campaign and reached out to mothers and babies at Thaba Tshwane Military Clinic.



RC Waterkloof managed to reach a total number of **3 488** in the first 2 days of their campaign. The Club will continue with planned campaigns with several schools and communities during November 2022. All partnering institutions will be recognised by RC Waterkloof with Certificates of Participation. Schools will also compete for their End-Polio fundraising efforts and the school which raises most funds will win a floating trophy. This is to encourage continuity of the polio campaign beyond 2022. Participating schools will remain RCW and RCC partners going forward, a great opportunity to introduce RYLA, Rotaract, Interact, Earlyact, Empowering Girls, Boys Leading Change and Peace Desks.

Rotary Club of Pietersburg 100



On Sunday 23rd October DG Koekie attended the RC Pietersburg 100 Annual Potjie Competition, an event of fellowship and social interaction where members, family and friends could meet. The competition was initiated in 1989 and has been held a total of 31 times. This year five teams of avid 'Potjie Cookers' from various Rotary Clubs assembled at Marlo Farms near Polokwane under the strictly enforced rules that 'everything must be prepared on site' and 'on a wood fire'.



The 'Mexican' theme resulted in dishes with chillies, sweet corn, burritos and of course tequila and many in fancy dress and sombreros, as well as colourful regalia decorating the tables.

Judging and comparing the numerous culinary delights was undertaken by the Limpopo Chefs Academy. President Fred de Wit congratulated the winners and awarded the 2022 trophy to RC Pietersburg 100 team led by Naas Vorster.



District 9400 EVENTS CALENDAR

19-20	November 2022	RLI Training - Queens High School Hostel @ 8th Avenue Extension, Bez Valley.
1	December 2022	Closing of nominations for Interact Awards - best video, best photo and best essay
1-9	December 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold club AGM and elect President Nominee, confirm President Elect Elect incoming club officers Update MyRotary Check member count for RI invoice
5	February 2023	RLI Training
18	February 2023	D9400 POETS 2023-24
4	March 2023	D9400 POETS 2023-24
27-30	April 2023	D9400 District Conference – Eswatini
27-31	May 2023	2023 Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, Australia Learn more at convention.rotary.org .

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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