

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER



Botswana, Eswatini, Mozambique and South Africa

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District
9400

Message from your District Governor George Senosha

Dear Rotarians of District 9400,

Welcome to 2025! Compliments of the new season to you and your loved ones. I trust you had a fantastic festive break filled with joy and rejuvenation. As we step into this exciting year, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for the incredible journey we undertook together in 2024. I am deeply touched by the messages of support and encouragement after my accident in November—thank you for the soothing words that made a world of difference to my recovery.

Reflecting on the past year, our journey was a mix of challenges and triumphs. While it was disheartening to close some clubs, which poses risks to our District, the commitment and impactful projects from other clubs brought much-needed optimism. As we move forward, we must address those challenges head-on. Together, we can find innovative turnaround strategies and prioritise the strategic rollout plan to strengthen the clubs that need our support the most.



*Exciting
Plans!*

To kick off the year, let us celebrate some milestones:

- **Congratulations to DGND Harry Nxumalo** on his appointment. We know you will bring remarkable leadership to our District.
- **Best wishes to DGE Angelica Salomão**, who will be attending the Rotary International Assembly this February. Angelica, you will represent us with distinction and return inspired for the year ahead.

This year, our District will emphasise the three pillars that keep us afloat: **Membership growth, Foundation giving, and Polio giving.**

Together, we can continue impacting our communities:

1. **Membership Boost and Leadership Appointments:** We are thrilled to announce the appointment of **Chantelle Bennett** as the District Membership Chair, supported by Deputy Chairs **Amy McBride** and **Rago Govender**, along with Secretaries **Xaviera Buhle**, **Shedrick Dube** and **AG Thabang Chiloane**. Their collective energy will spearhead initiatives to invigorate membership and leadership across the District.
2. **Recognition at Discon:** As we prepare for Discon 2025, expect an exciting lineup of awards recognising clubs for excellence and innovation. Four outstanding clubs from the four countries in our District will be celebrated for their sustainable projects, which continue to inspire us all.

3. **Rotary's 120th Anniversary:** This milestone is an opportunity to showcase Rotary's strength. Members who complete **120 Rotary E-Learning courses, including the "My Body Is My Body" (MBIMB) course**, and apply their knowledge to impactful programs will be recognised. This is your chance to shine by making a meaningful difference in your clubs and communities.
4. **E-Learning Buddies:** Rotary is about fellowship and learning together. To help navigate the Rotary E-Learning Centre, we will launch **Rotary E-Learning Buddies**, where Rotarians and friends can complete courses as a team while deepening their bonds. More information on this initiative will follow soon.

5. **International Collaboration:** We were honoured to host Fellow Rotarians and Rotaractors from **Districts 9213 and 9214 (Uganda and Tanzania)**. Thank you to **AG Annie Ninyesiga**, **PDG Annemarie Mostert**, and our leaders, **DGN Grace van Zyl**, **PAG Alice Meyer**, and **Alton Werrett**, for their impeccable planning. This visit highlighted the power of Rotary to connect us across borders, creating lasting memories and partnerships.

As we commemorate 120 years of Rotary, let us strive to make this year even more impactful. Lean into the fellowship, embrace the challenges, and create growth opportunities. Together, we will strengthen our District and inspire meaningful change in our communities.

Here's to an incredible 2025 filled with service, fellowship, and success!

Yours in Rotary service,

DG George

FEBRUARY is PEACE BUILDING & CONFLICT PREVENTION MONTH

February is a special month for Rotary because it includes the anniversary of the first Rotary meeting on February 23, 1905, which is now known as *World Understanding and Peace Day*.

One of the seven areas of Rotary focus is **peacebuilding and conflict prevention** and, in this month, we celebrate our commitment to build peace and mitigate conflict. Rotary has a long history of seeing peace-making and conflict resolution as central to its mission and identity.

We began a bold new chapter in 1999 with the creation of Rotary Peace Centres. This innovative program continues to merge a strong, academic understanding of the roots of conflict with practical tactics for solving real-world problems.



As a humanitarian organization, peace is a cornerstone of our mission. We believe when people work to create peace in their communities, that change can have a global effect. By carrying out service projects and supporting peace fellowships and scholarships, our members take action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Today, over 70 million people are displaced as a result of conflict, violence, persecution, and human rights violations. Half of them are children. We refuse to accept conflict as a way of life. Rotary projects such as ARCoM, the African Rotary Community Mediation, provide training to Community mediators that fosters understanding and provides communities with the skills to resolve conflicts.

In January, we celebrated **Vocational Service Month**. Rotary International encouraged Rotarians to use their skills and expertise to help their communities, and to help others develop their careers. Rotarians aim to empower others by using their unique skills and expertise to address societal problems and community needs and help others discover new vocational opportunities. Rotarians also promote high ethical standards in the workplace and have two benchmarks for promoting professional integrity:

- *The Four-Way Test*, and
- *The Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions* which outlines the **Rotary Code of Conduct**:



ROTARY CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Rotarian, I will

- *Exemplify the core value of integrity in all behaviours and activities;*
- *Use my vocational experience and talents to serve in Rotary;*
- *Conduct all of my personal, business, and professional affairs ethically, encouraging and fostering high ethical standards as an example to others;*
- *Be fair in all dealings with others and treat them with the respect due to them as fellow human beings;*
- *Promote recognition and respect for all occupations which are useful to society;*
- *Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community;*
- *Honor the trust that Rotary and fellow Rotarians provide and not do anything that will bring disfavour or reflect adversely on Rotary or fellow Rotarians;*
- *Not seek from a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship.*

NEWS FROM ROTARY PEACE CENTERS



The 2025 Rotary Peace Fellowship applications will be launched on 1 February. Candidates have until 15 May to submit applications to The Rotary Foundation. You may distribute the fellowship [announcement](#) to promote the program. If you know someone who could benefit from this program, submit their name and email using the [referral form](#).

Each year, *The Rotary Foundation* awards up to 130 fully funded Rotary Peace Fellowships through our Rotary Peace Centers at leading universities to empower, educate, and increase the capacity of dedicated peacebuilders from communities around the world.

By partnering with eight universities in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, the Middle East, and the United States up to 50 fellowships for master's degrees and up to 80 fellowships are offered for professional development certificate studies in disciplines related to peace and development.

A new incoming 2025 Rotary Peace Fellow is now affiliated with District 9400:

Candidate name: Vehae Tjiriange

Email: winvehae@gmail.com

Rotary Peace Center: International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan.

Program start: August, 2025

ROTARY PEACE FELLOWS 2025 INCOMING CLASS

131 FINALISTS

- 55% FEMALE
- 43% MALE
- 2% NONBINARY/THIRD GENDER

53 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

MASTER'S PROGRAM:

- 33 YEARS OLD AVERAGE AGE
- 7 AVERAGE YEARS OF RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM:

- 40 YEARS OLD AVERAGE AGE
- 10 AVERAGE YEARS OF RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Learn more and support the fellowship program:

- Review the programs, partner universities, and promotional resources at rotary.org/peace-fellowships.
- Read how clubs and districts can get involved.
- Take the All About Rotary Peace Fellowships course in the Learning Center (available in multiple languages)
- Use our referral form for potential candidates to receive more information.
- Follow Rotary Peace Centers Facebook page.

YOU can stay connected before, during, and after their fellowship by inviting them to club meetings, service activities, or district events (either in person when possible or virtually).

PEACE FELLOWS can speak about their experience in peacebuilding, why they applied for the fellowship, and what they gain from the fellowship experience.

CLUBS may also collaborate with the Peace Fellow on peacebuilding projects after their fellowship, or help with their social change initiative if they are a peace fellow in the certificate program.

In 2024, more than 1,570 submitted applications were received for 130 fellowship awards, reinforcing how competitive acceptance is. More than 1,700 peace fellows have trained at Rotary Peace Centers since 2002 and are working in peacebuilding, conflict prevention, and development roles in more than 140 countries. Check out the website to see [where](#) Rotary Peace Center alumni work.

The Rotary Foundation

Rotary Peace Fellowships are fully funded through *The Rotary Foundation*, including travel, tuition, housing and living expenses while at their host university, and medical insurance. A candidate's club or district recommendation or affiliation does not require direct funding support from their district; however, districts can choose to support Rotary's peacebuilding efforts and programs with District Designated Funds (DDF), such as becoming a Global Peacebuilder District. For more information, go to rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org

RI President Stephanie Urchick's African Magic Tour 2025



The *Africa Magic Tour 2025* of RI President Stephanie kicked off in Uganda early in January. In the presence of RID Daniel Tanase and RIDN Emmanuel Katongole, she was seen off by HOC Chair PDG Ken Mugisha and team, Governors Anne Nkutu and Agnes Batengas of the two districts, and aides. A mix of sombre farewells, hugs and warm smiles preceded her departure to the airport. RIDN Emmanuel Katongole and his family hosted a farewell event at their residence on Saturday evening 11 January, attended by various dignitaries, including the Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda, Hon. Thomas Tayebwa, the Minister of Health, the Deputy Prime Minister of the Buganda Kingdom, the Head of USAID, Peace Fellows, and civic leaders from Uganda and across Africa.



Rotarians and partners were challenged to raise more resources for community projects and to take even bolder steps after eliminating polio. "Eliminating malaria can be the next big challenge that Rotary can take on," urged Rtn. Thomas Tayebwa. The weekend also saw the RI President participating in a magical Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) event, where she reminded #RYLARIANS to take bold steps in adding value to themselves for the world ahead. She encouraged them to enhance their competencies in writing and public speaking, in addition to acquiring practical vocational skills and promoting the ethical use of ICT and AI across various domains.

The **4th Rotary Africa Peace Concert** raised \$239,000 to support the **Rotary Africa Peace Fund**, which aids Africa's only Rotary Peace Center at Makerere University. The center provides scholarships, postgraduate training, and peace interventions. During the RIP's visit, the center graduated fellows of Cohort 7 and inaugurated a Passport Satellite Club, which includes several faculty members as Rotarians.

In her final address to Uganda, President Stephanie expressed her joy at the tremendous growth of Rotary in Africa, exemplified by Uganda as a torchbearer. She thanked the past and present leadership of Rotary Zone 22 (Africa) for their stellar work and warm reception, while praising the Rotaractors and Rotarians of D9213 and D9214 for making her feel at home and proud to call them all "My Family of Rotary".



Drawing from her Polish/Slavic roots, she signed off with "**Dovidzenya**," *not as a goodbye but as a confident hope to return and meet everyone again!* President Stephanie then headed to Kenya, where the story continues... She was received by Rotary D9212 District Governor Joe Kamau and District Officials, Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors. She was accompanied by Rotary Director Daniel Tanase, his spouse Marlena, and her aide RIDN Tom Gump.

2026 Programs of Scale grant competition opens soon

It's not too early for clubs and districts to start working on their concept notes for the 2026 Programs of Scale grant competition, which begins in **February 2025**. This Rotary Foundation program awards grants of **US\$2 million** and distributes them over three to five years to a successful program that is ready to expand.

To learn more about the competition, visit the [Programs of Scale Application Process page](#), and download the [Programs of Scale Handbook](#) and the [template for a concept note](#).

Rotary's response to U.S. plan to withdraw from World Health Organization



World Health Organization

Rotary International has noted the recent announcement that the United States intends to withdraw from the World Health Organization (WHO), a partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) and released the following statement:

We remain resolute in our mission to eradicate polio. As a founding partner of the GPEI, Rotary has for decades worked closely with all the GPEI partners, the U.S. government, and other governments to end polio worldwide. This effort has reduced the number of children paralyzed by polio by 99.9% since 1988. The global effort to eradicate polio has innovated many times over the years to come close to protecting every last child.

Although this decision creates new challenges, Rotary remains dedicated to ensuring that every child is protected from this preventable disease. We are confident that the GPEI will continue to adapt, to innovate, and to implement effective strategies to keep polio vaccines available for every child in the United States and around the world, especially those in the most challenging and remote regions. The most important decisions leading to a polio-free world are made every day by parents who present their children for vaccination.

We remain committed to working with all GPEI partners to fulfill the promise of a polio-free world. Together, we have ended smallpox, and together, we can ensure that polio becomes the second human disease to be eradicated from the planet.

Jimmy Carter remembered

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter spent his life fighting for peace: brokering the 1978 peace talks between Egypt and Israel that led to the Camp David Accords, paving the way for a nuclear pact between the United States and North Korea in 1994, and monitoring elections in Panama, Nicaragua, Venezuela, and other places where the ballot box became an alternative to civil war.



During his time in office, from 1977 to 1981, the United States was not involved in any wars. Sharing his vision for peace, Rotary members often worked in tandem with organizations Carter supported.

Jimmy Carter received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002 for his decades of work resolving international conflicts and advancing human rights



Rotary held a special Mega-Meeting and Podcast with **The Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution**. This is unique opportunity to meet the team educating youth to follow in the footsteps of Nobel-Prize winning President Jimmy Carter. Charles E. Davidson, of the school's Center for Peace Technology, who heads the **Rotary/Carter School Collaboration for Peace** said "For decades, the Carters tirelessly walked in the shoes of the people they strived to empower, transforming countless lives in the process. We teach our students to identify the underlying causes of conflict and equip them with the cutting-edge theory and practical skills to put their knowledge into action, whether that be at the local, national, or global level."



WILD POLIOVIRUS Update – 8 January, 2025

One WPV1 case is reported this week from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in Pakistan. More news about the latest polio developments is at <https://polioeradication.org/about-polio/polio-this-week/>

- 2024 - 93 (Afghanistan: 25; Pakistan: 68)
- 2023 - 12 (Pakistan 6, Afghanistan: 6)
- 2022 - 30 (Afghanistan 2, Mozambique 8, Pakistan 20)
- 2021 - 6 (Afghanistan: 4, Pakistan: 1, Malawi: 1)
- 2020 - 140 (Afghanistan: 56, Pakistan: 84)

COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION:

Rotary clubs must consider new legislation



The Rotary International Council on Legislation (COL) meet every three years. In 2025, the COL is scheduled to meet from 13-17 April in Chicago, Illinois, USA to vote on the new Enactments that will amend Rotary's constitutional documents. The Council on Resolutions (COR) met online in October to vote on resolutions proposed by clubs and districts around the world.

- Now your Rotary Club can provide some input to PDG Annie Steijn, the D9400 COL representative, to help her prepare for the meeting in April 2025. She has shared the suggested Enactments for Rotary clubs to discuss at their club meetings and provide feedback.
- At the top of each piece of legislation is a Council number (for example, 25-01). Items of legislation are grouped by topic and may have similar or identical titles. Should you have questions about the COL, you may contact Council Services at council_services@rotary.org.
- Click [here](#) to download the detailed information of each Enactment below. Does your club agree with or object to the Enactments and, if so, what is the objection. Send your feedback to PDG Annie at assteijn@gmail.com before March 2025.

Categorised Enactments to discuss at your club before March 2025

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

- 25-01 To amend the purpose of Rotary clubs
- 25-02 To add vocational service as one of the recommended club committees
- 25-03 To provide for either the election or selection of club officers other than club presidents
- 25-04 To provide that club directors are officers on the club board
- 25-05 To amend the amount of time club boards have to provide minutes to their members
- 25-06 To amend the deadline for the mid-year financial report
- 25-07 To decrease the number of members required to charter a new Rotary club
- 25-08 To remove the admission fee for new clubs

MEMBERSHIP

- 25-09 To limit the number of honorary members in a club
- 25-10 To provide for dual membership for Rotarians helping to charter new clubs

ROTARACT

- 25-11 / 25-12 To set an age limit for Rotaractors
- 25-13 To provide that the Standard Rotaract Club Constitution is a constitutional document and that Rotaract clubs can propose enactments and resolutions, plus modifying the district conference and district legislation meeting process

RI OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS - GOVERNORS

- 25-14 To amend the qualifications of a governor-nominee
- 25-15 / 25-16 To amend the duties of a governor
- 25-17 To amend the period for retaining ballots in a club ballot procedure

RI OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS - DIRECTORS

- 25-18 To amend the qualifications for directors
- 25-19 / 25-20 / 25-21 To amend the process for selecting the member and alternate member of the nominating committee for director

RI OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS - RI PRESIDENT

- 25-22 To amend the composition of the nominating committee for president
- 25-23 To amend the qualifications for president
- 25-24 To revise the qualifications for president
- 25-25 To amend the rules for selecting the president-nominee
- 25-26 To provide that candidates for president shall have in-person interviews
- 25-27 To amend challenges in the election process for directors and governors

RI OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS - GENERAL

- 25-28 To provide that the Board may instruct a club to terminate the membership of a member or Rotaractor
- 25-29 To provide for a uniform process for removing officers and committee members for cause
- 25-30 To amend the process for removing a governor for cause

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION - TRUSTEES

- 25-31 To provide that at least 3 and no more than 4 Trustees shall be past RI presidents
- 25-32 To provide that at least 2 and no more than 4 Trustees shall be past RI presidents

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL - GENERAL

- 25-33 To make magazine subscriptions optional
- 25-34 To amend the provisions for supervision through a pilot project
- 25-35 To amend the criteria for determining the composition of zones
- 25-36 To amend the diversity of membership clauses
- 25-37 To provide for the non-political nature of RI

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL - MEETINGS

- 25-38 To amend the voting requirements at RI Board meetings

PER CAPITA DUES

- 25-47 To amend the process for determining per capita dues
- 25-48 To increase per capita dues and amend the process for determining per capita dues
- 25-49 / 25-50 To increase per capita dues
- 25-51 To maintain the current per capita dues amount
- 25-52 To provide that each club pays dues for a minimum of 10 members

LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES

- 25-56 To amend the deadlines relating to enactments
- 25-57 To amend when Council representatives are elected and begin their term
- 25-58 To amend the year Council representatives and alternates are selected
- 25-59 To provide that a Rotarian shall attend no more than two Councils on Legislation as a representative
- 25-60 To amend the percentage of votes needed to consider legislation ahead of a Council on Legislation
- 25-61 To amend how often the Council on Legislation meets
- 25-62 To amend the provisions for holding the Council on Legislation
- 25-63 To provide for the postponement of the Council on Legislation in cases of a worldwide epidemic or disaster
- 25-64 To provide for the publication of the deliberation record of the Council on Legislation
- 25-65 To amend the effective date of adopted enactments

AVENUES OF SERVICE

- 25-78 To revise 1st Avenue of Service to better define club service
- 25-79 To revise 3rd Avenue of Service to include support for those who face mental health challenges
- 25-80 To revise the Avenues of Service

OBJECT OF ROTARY

- 25-81 / 25-82 To amend the Object of Rotary

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL - OPERATIONS

- 25-39 To amend the process for appealing a Board decision
- 25-40 To provide Council representatives with relevant materials during the appeal of a Board decision
- 25-41 To provide that disputes must be appealed to the Council on Legislation to exhaust all remedies in the constitutional documents
- 25-42 To amend the requirements for suspending or terminating a club or Rotaract club
- 25-43 To provide qualifications for the general secretary
- 25-44 To amend the compensation process for the general secretary
- 25-45 To provide the general secretary may be re-elected twice
- 25-46 To limit the general secretary to serving a maximum of two terms or ten years

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL - FINANCES

- 25-53 To provide for regular updates on process improvements and cost reduction measures taken by RI
- 25-54 To amend the powers of the Board
- 25-55 To amend the information provided in Rotary's annual report

LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES - RESOLUTIONS

- 25-66 To provide that districts are limited to proposing or endorsing no more than five resolutions per COR
- 25-67 To remove two reasons why resolutions may be defective
- 25-68 To amend the process for adopted resolutions

DISTRICT - GENERAL

- 25-69 To provide that districts regularly survey and discuss the future of Rotary with members of their clubs
- 25-70 To provide that the governor-elect and the governor-nominee shall assist in administering the district
- 25-71 To provide for the nomenclature of governor

DISTRICT - MEETINGS

- 25-72 To remove the requirement to hold an annual district conference
- 25-73 To amend the order of voting provisions when voting at district conferences or district legislation meetings
- 25-74 To provide that clubs with fewer than 13 members may not participate in any voting by electors
- 25-75 To amend voting procedures for the levy for district fund
- 25-76 To amend the names of the presidents-elect training seminar and the district training assembly
- 25-77 To provide for alternate training for presidents-elect

CLUB MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE

- 25-83 To provide for a start and end time to club meetings
- 25-84 To amend the frequency of club meeting cancellations
- 25-85 To amend the timeframe for making up an absence
- 25-86 To amend the termination process for consecutive absences

ANN'S MESSAGE

FROM DGA CHERYL



Dear Rotary Anns, Rotary Family and Friends,

As I reflect on the first half of my year as DGA, I am in awe of everything that you have achieved. The photographs in this newsletter are just a fraction of the many posted on the Presidents' group recording the generosity of the Anns and your understanding of the needs of others. Nobody was left out - you took care of the elderly, the young and the vulnerable. I thank each of you most sincerely for so freely giving of your time and talents to help to make someone else's journey a little easier.

Before the year end, I had the privilege of visiting two clubs - Phalaborwa and White River. Thank you for the very warm welcome I received from both clubs. These visits really brought home to me how very different each Anns' club is, and yet those differences are totally inconsequential when it comes to the work being done by the Anns. It doesn't matter if your club has three members or three times that number - the outpouring of love and compassion ensures that you touch lives and you make a difference in your community.



Riverside Rotary Anns looked after the children, elderly and homeless with the Christmas hampers they made. Delivering the hampers. And then they enjoyed a well-deserved rest and excellent meal.



I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our conference on 22nd February, and I thank Krugersdorp Anns in advance for hosting us. It will be formally announced at our conference, but I am thrilled at this time to tell you that Frances Hyson from White River has agreed to serve as the DGA for 2025/2026. Thank you, Frances - I know you are going to do a fantastic job.

Below: Kyalami Anns made up Care parcels for the staff at Dolphins Acres and Christmas Hampers for New Life Centre for Girls. Both were much appreciated. The Anns enjoyed seeing happy faces as the gifts were delivered.



The Rosebank Anns provided a sumptuous tea and entertainment for residents of the Salvation Army Retirement Home.



Below: White River Anns provided a tea for the residents of Rustig Retirement Village, while the Krugersdorp Anns presented the girls from Baby Moses with vouchers for Christmas, and the Pietersburg Anns worked with the Rotary clubs in the town to turn "Our Home" into Santa Land. They also presented each resident with a Christmas gift. The Christmas lights looked spectacular!



Above: The Phalaborwa Anns sprinkled the Rotary Ann Christmas magic and delivered groceries and clothing to the Majeje community

Left: A potential new Ann created a magical miniature Christmas village in her home and the Benoni van Ryn Anns were lucky enough to be asked to assist in showing this village to children in the area, raising funds for the Rotary Anns.



Above: The Rosebank Anns' donation enabled girls from Naledi High School to buy two sets of kit for girls who participated in the Tshepo Trust Alumni netball tournament.



The Benoni van Ryn Anns delivered Christmas gifts and provided a tea for the residents of the Benoni Salvation Army retirement wing.



2025 arrived and the Anns hit the ground running. The Riverside Anns held their monthly book sale and donated food and adult nappies to the needy in the community



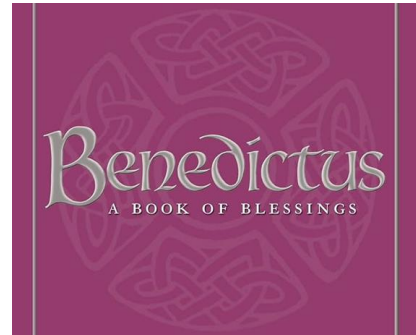
I do hope many of you have taken up President Janice's challenge to record just one good thing that happens to you each week, so that, by the time you reach the end of 2025, you will be able to look back at all the blessings which have enriched your life for the year.

My wish for each of you for 2025 is a blessing from Benedictus: **A Book of Blessings**

May the nourishment of the earth be yours, May the clarity of light be yours,
 May the fluency of the ocean be yours, May the protection of the ancestors be yours.
 And may a slow wind work these words of love around you –
 An invisible cloak to mind your life.

Warmest wishes

DGA Cheryl Jennings



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Rotary 120th Anniversary initiative

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 Girls'
 Empowerment

My Body
 Is
 My Body

DG George Senosha has embraced the *My Body is My Body* program, aligning it with *Girls Empowerment* initiatives. He encourages members to prioritize inclusivity and outreach to neighbouring regions, aiming at each to onboard 120 schools, coinciding with **Rotary International's 120th anniversary on the 23rd February, 2025.**

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SNSR 2025
SHOWCASE
INSPIRING
CHANGE

Don't miss South Africa's feature in the SNSR Showcase. Inspired by stories of transformation and how Rotary is changing lives.

start at 2 PM
24 February 2025
till at 2 PM
25 February 2025

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:
 Inspiring Projects • Transformative Stories
 Celebrating Success • Empowering Change

Experience the difference - come and witness Rotary in action!

Sun Never Sets on Rotary 2025

SNSR25 is an annual project from Rotary International that happens during RI's birthday celebrations. Now 5 years old, the event has the objective of connect, inspire and serve through projects showcase.

What does it take to work on SNSR25 with 58 countries?

What does it take to sustain a program seamlessly as SNSR25 across time zones?

- EVENT OBJECTIVES:**
- Highlight Global Impact:** Show Rotary's worldwide, continuous service.
 - Raise Awareness:** Inform about Rotary's humanitarian projects.
 - Inspire Participation:** Encourage people to join or support Rotary.
 - Build Community:** Strengthen fellowship among members
 - Celebrate Success:** Recognize Rotary's achievements.

South Africa holds Slot Number One in the event. Our dedicated coordinator, Rtn. Vasanthi, leads our efforts. Our presentation is scheduled **immediately following the opening ceremony.**

2025 OUTBOUND Friendship Exchange



*If you want to join us,
contact Felicity Jones*

076 3236513; Fbj6302@gmail.com

If you are going to the 2025 Rotary International Convention taking place in Calgary, Canada, **21-25 June 2025**, why not extend your trip and join the 2025 Friendship Exchange to Canada? Or join us just for the Friendship Exchange!

The Friendship Exchange to D5020 is from the **26th of June 2025 to the 09th July** both days are inclusive of arrival and departure.

Meet up with the Canadian Rotarians who visited D9400 last year and explore their beautiful country.

Time is rapidly running out. If you want to participate in this tour, call Felicity Jones right now.



Highlights of the trip:

- Qualicum Beach
- Englishman River Falls
- Nanaimo
- Moorcroft Regional Park
- Nanoose
- Duncan
- Providence Farm
- Port Renfrew
- Sooke
- Victoria City



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

21-25 JUNE 2025 • CALGARY, CANADA
Register today at convention.rotary.org



The 2025 Rotary International Convention will take place in Calgary, Canada, **21-25 June 2025**. Calgary is a big city with a small-town feel that warmly welcomes visitors to its breathtaking beauty. More than 165 languages are spoken in Calgary, making it a perfect destination to bring together Rotary members from around the world.



The 2025 convention theme is "**Magic All Around**," and from the moment you arrive in Calgary, you will feel the magic of its spirit, heart, and passion!

The 2025 outbound **Friendship Exchange** to Canada is being planned to coincide with the Rotary International Convention.

BREAKING NEWS



District 9400 has nominated PAG Harry Siphayiphayi Nxumalo as the District Governor for 2027-2028. He joined Rotary at RC Matopos, Bulawayo in January 1993.



PDG Emmanuel Katongole of RC Muyengole, Uganda, in Zone 22 will serve as Rotary International Director from 2026-2028



D9400 PEOPLE OF ACTION MAKING MAGIC

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 Vanderbijlpark



The RC Vanderbijlpark annual Kids Christmas party on the banks of the Vaal River, proved to be a huge success once more.

Seventy children from Primary schools enjoyed games like slip and slide, ball games, breaking a Pinata, jumping castle and more. In the heat wave being experienced, the slip and slide proved to be the most popular. Face painting was a great attraction as well.

The arrival of Father Christmas was the highlight of the day. He performed a few dance steps together with President Adri Roos, to the delight of all present.

There was an abundant supply of eats for the forever hungry crowd such as watermelon. Pizzas! Hamburgers Ice, cream and more.



Rotarians and friends had their work cut out to keep the children fed and happy while enjoying fun and fellowship. Thanks to the sponsors without whom this day would not have been as successful.



Rotary Club of Pretoria East



Rotarians from RC Pretoria East has a longstanding twinning with the residents of Bronberg Retirement Village.

Money for wool is donated by the Rotary 9400 District Grant and by the Management of Bronberg. This wool is knitted into scarves, beanies, blocks for blankets and more woolen miracles by the Rotarians, residents of Bronberg and their friends. RCPE distribute these woolen articles to various organisations and people in need.



For 11 years, *67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela Day* has been stitching love and warmth into the hearts of South Africans. This year, they invited one and all to celebrate a journey of kindness like no other – because every stitch tells a story and this one is far from over. This year RC Pretoria East decided to join the project of Carolyn Steyn at Steyn City. A few Rotarians and residents of Bronberg attended the function to deliver knitted and crocheted blankets that will be distributed to impoverished communities in the Eastern Cape.

Rotary Club of Eagle Canyon



RC Eagle Canyon hosted an event in support of **The Townships Project**, at the Property Point Hub in Kagiso. The Rotary Townships Project is an initiative that continues to empower, train and create jobs within the township economy.

The event was an incredible demonstration of Rotary's commitment to service above self. It was attended by initiator of the project, Rotarian Martha Deacon from Canada, PDG Annemarie Mostert and RC Eagle Canyon President, Sanette Mostert. Also present were local leaders Evens Malatji and Mbudweni.



Rotary's values of connection, empowerment, and community upliftment were at the heart of the gathering. We showcased Rotary's dedication to fostering economic growth and sustainability through skills development and job creation. This initiative exemplifies how we, as Rotarians, strive to make a real difference, one project at a time.

The presence of DG George Senosha, PDG Riana Pretorius, Dr Isaac, and Shawn Theunissen a founding member from Property Point, as well as members of the Rotary Community Corps underscores the strength of collaboration - working together to create lasting change in our communities.



Rotary Club of Pietersburg 100

RC Pietersburg 100 have ordered an entire shipping container of wheelchairs to save costs and are offering them to all service clubs at cost. Quantity, descriptions and prices are on the list as well as the contact information.

Place your Orders:

Fred: 083 310 4436 (freddw13@gmail.com)

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	BME 4617	Full functions steel powder coating wheelchair, flip up desk armrest, detachable footrest, nylon seat back upholstery, seat for adult size (120kg)	15	R 2 100,00
	BME 4617k	Full functions steel powder coating wheelchair, flip up desk armrest, detachable footrest, nylon seat back upholstery, seat for children size (75kg)	10	R 2 100,00
	BME 881	Aluminum 4 wheel rollator, easy transport for elder	15	R 1 200,00
	BME 4611	Standard wheelchair steel powder coating frame, fixed armrest fixed footrest, black nylon seat back upholstery	335	R 1 200,00

Rotary Clubs of D9400

DG George Senosha invited Gauteng Rotarians for an evening of fellowship and fun where we, District 9400, and District 9214 could learn from each other's successes and challenges. The event was held on Friday 17 January at the D9400 Rotary headquarters JCCI House in Milpark.



D9214 is the fastest growing District in Rotary. The delegation comprised 50 Rotarians, Rotaractors and partners from Tanzania and Uganda.



Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark

RC Vanderbijlpark held Christmas Carols and a market at Stonehaven on Vaal – a truly uplifting event that has been inspiring their community for over 20 years.

Rotarians and friends spread joy by selling candles and handing out song sheets as the crowds arrived. The event was opened by Pastor Nico van Rensburg and a message from our Rotary President, Adri Roos, set the tone for a magical evening.

Spectators gathered on the bank of the Vaal River, eagerly waiting to welcome Father Christmas, who made a spectacular entrance on skis and then landed by boat, followed by his elves to the photo booth, where families captured precious moments and children received sweet treats.



As the night drew to a close, Rotarians, family, and friends took a moment to relax and bask in the joy of the season, grateful for a job well done.

Thanks to the venue and staff of Stonehaven on Vaal, provided by fellow Rotarians Rex and Rosemary Anderson as well as all the sponsors and members of the community who attended.



Next, the participants in the nativity event took to the stage, a highlight of the programme that never fails to inspire. The talented Art Song, led by Angela, filled the air with joyful music, ensuring everyone present felt the spirit of Christmas. Rotarian Lidia Corte generously sponsored two piñatas, which were auctioned off to enthusiastic bidders. The Christmas cake raffle was won by a lucky Rotarian, Alan Claase.



DISCON 2025

The 2025 District Conference theme of "**Breaking New Ground**" aligns seamlessly with Rotary's priorities:

- ▶ Increasing our impact,
- ▶ Expanding our reach,
- ▶ Enhancing participant engagement, and
- ▶ Boosting our ability to adapt.



Please save the date for DISCON 2025 from **1 to 4 May 2025 at Glenburn Lodge in Muldersdrift!**

On a bright note, preparations for our District Conference (Discon) at Glenburn Lodge and Spa in Muldersdrift are underway! I encourage all Rotarians to register and participate in this transformative event. I thank Discon Chair Shirley Downie and the committee for their dedication to making this conference an inspiring experience for all.

You can now register for Discon 2025. Please click on the link below to secure your place at this event! Remember to also book your accommodation as soon as possible.

More details to follow. <https://app.glueup.com/event/discon-2025-121157/home.html>



District 9400 EVENTS CALENDAR

14	February 2025	SOWETO International Music & Peace Festival 11h00-17h00 @ Orlando Stadium, Gauteng brought to you by the Rotary Action Group for Peace
20-22	February 2025	2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference in Istanbul, Turkey with theme <i>Healing in a Divided World</i> .
22	February 2025	Pre-President Elect Learning Seminar on ZOOM
23	February 2025	RI birthday 120 years
24-26	February 2025	Sun Never Sets on Rotary
9	March 2025	Cape Town Cycle Tour. Contact PDG David Grant 083 626 4523; davidgrant.rotary@gmail.com
15-16	March 2025	President Elect Learning Seminar IN-PERSON training for President Elect, President Nominee, Secretary and Treasurer at Definitive Conferencing, Germiston.
22	March 2025	World Water Day
25-27	April 2025	2nd ICC Africa Peace Forum (Rotary Intercountry Committees) in Cape Town. Theme " <i>Bridging Cultures, Building Positive Peace.</i> "
21-25	June 2025	2025 Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Canada



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Of the things we think, say or do:	Do que pensamos, dizemos ou fazemos:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is it the TRUTH? 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned? 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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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