

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER



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Message from the District Governor: Dr Stella Anyangwe

Fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors and Friends of Rotary, March has been a momentous month for D9400! We co-hosted (with D9210) the very first Presidential Conference held in a Portuguese-speaking African country, and RI President Shekhar Mehta himself was present there! The Maputo (Mozambique) conference that took place on 4-5 March 2022, and brought together over 200 Rotarians and Rotaractors from across Africa was a resounding success. Hearty congratulations to the Host Organizing Committee chaired by PDG Kobla Quashie for a job well-done. We hope that the clubs in our Districts will take up the offers made by President Shekhar, and apply for Global Grants to address the environment, agriculture, skills training and the empowerment of girls.

Some good news and some not-so-good news too. Membership is still growing well, and we are set to meet our goal by the end of the Rotary Year. More and more clubs are inducting new members, and our clubs should all strive to retain members. The key to member retainment is member engagement, and our clubs should therefore ensure that new members are actively engaged in all aspects of club life, and given responsibilities.



DG Stella and RI President Shekhar Mehta at the Presidential Conference in Maputo

It is heart-warming that more individual Rotarians and clubs are increasing their giving to the Rotary Foundation in general, and to PolioPlus in particular. We must all strive to continue contributing to polio eradication, given that the persistence of wild polio virus in one country is a risk to the entire world. The Global Institute for all incoming Regional leaders has just taken place virtually (20-24 March), during which all Rotary Leaders with Regional roles were trained. These roles are Rotary Coordinator (RC), Regional Rotary Foundation Chair (RRFC), Regional Public Image Chair (RPIC), Endowment/Major Gifts Adviser (E/MGA), and End Polio Now Coordinator (EPNC). As EPNC for Region 28 of Zone 22, from 1st July 2022, I underwent the training and look forward to working closely with the Rotarians in all 7 Districts of Region 28 to keep polio at zero in our Region. The not-so-good news is that another club in our District is closing down. The RC of Warmbaths (Bela Bela) has decided to fold up, and we hope the members will remain Friends of Rotary.

Mensagem Da Governadora Do Distrito: Dr Stella Anyangwe

Estimados Rotários, Rotaractors e Amigos do Rotary, Março foi um mês de eventos para o D9400! Acolhemos (com o D9210) a primeiríssima Conferência Presidencial realizada num país Africano falante de português e o próprio Presidente Shekhar Mehta esteve presente! A conferência de Maputo (Moçambique) que teve lugar a 4-5 de Março e reuniu 200 Rotários e Rotaractors de vários pontos de África, foi de inquestionável sucesso. Calorosas felicitações ao Comité Organizador liderado pelo PDG Kobla Quashie pelo trabalho bem feito. Esperamos que os clubes nos nossos distritos terão em conta as ofertas feitas pelo Presidente Shekhar e submetam Global Grants para abordar o meio ambiente, a agricultura, os treinos de capacitação e o empoderamento de raparigas.

Algumas notícias boas e também outras não tão boas. A admissão de membros ainda está a aumentar bem e deveremos atingir a nossa meta no fim do ano Rotário. Cada vez mais clubes estão a induzir novos membros e os nossos clubes devem bater-se por reter os membros. A chave para a retenção é o envolvimento dos membros e por isso os novos clubes devem assegurar que os novos membros estejam envolvidos em todos os aspectos da vida do clube e ser-lhes dadas responsabilidades.

É reconfortante que mais membros a título individual e clubes estão a aumentar a sua doação à Fundação Rotária, em geral, e à PolioPlus, em particular. Temos todos que nos esforçar para continuar a contribuir para a erradicação da Pólio, considerando que a persistência do vírus selvagem num país é risco para o mundo inteiro. A capacitação pelo Instituto Global de todos os líderes Regionais teve lugar virtualmente (20-24 de Março), durante o qual todos os Líderes Rotários com funções Regionais foram formados. Essas funções são a de Coordenador Rotário (CR); de Presidente da Fundação Rotária Regional (PFRR); de Presidente da Imagem Pública Regional (PIPR); de Conselheiro para Heranças/Grandes Doações (CHGD) e de Coordenador para Acabar com a Pólio Agora (CAPA). Como CAPA para a Região 28 da Zona 22 a partir de 1 de Julho de 2022, eu participei na formação e estou ansiosa em trabalhar junto dos Rotários dos 7 Distritos da Região 28 para manter a pólio a nível zero na nossa Região. O RC de Warmbaths (Bela Bela) decidiu desaparecer e esperamos que os seus membros permaneçam Amigos do Rotary.

The training of club presidents and other club officers (PETS/POETS) has started, and will be concluded in April. Best wishes to DGE Koekie and the training team led by PAG Wendy.

Registration for our District Conference is now open on the conference website, and I encourage as many Rotarians as possible to register to attend.



A formação dos presidentes de clubes e outros oficiais de clubes (PETS/POETS) começou e será concluída em Abril. Votos de sucessos à DGE Koekie e sua equipa de formação liderada pela PAG Wendy.

O registo para a nossa Conferência Distrital está agora aberto no website da Conferência e encorajo o máximo de Rotários a se registarem para participar.

With the experience gained in our just ended successful hybrid Presidential Conference in Maputo, we look forward to an even more successful and enjoyable Discon. We have put together an exciting programme of top notch speakers and fun activities, and RI Director, Peter Kyle, will be the RI President's Personal Representative at the conference. Remember to get vaccinated and boosted 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.

Com a experiência adquirida na nossa recém terminada, e com sucesso, conferência Presidencial híbrida em Maputo, esperamos um DISCON de maior sucesso e agradável. Elaboramos um programa animador com oradores de classe e actividades divertidas e o Director do RI, Peter Kyle, será o Representante Pessoal do Presidente do RI na conferência. Lembrem-se de se vacinar e levar a dose de reforço contra o COVID 19 e 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 protegermos 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 Quádrupla.



Rotary Action Group for Peace New Director for Africa

The [Rotary Action Group for Peace](#) works together to advance peace and prevent wars throughout the world. PP Grace van Zyl from the Rotary Club of Johannesburg has been elected as Director for Africa on Rotary International's Rotary Action Group for Peace (RAGFP). She was also the driving force behind this club becoming the first Peace Builder Club in Southern Africa in November 2020 and putting it on the [Peace Builder map](#).

Grace is also Director of the Rotary Action Group for Peace, representing Africa. She represents the RAG for Peace in their latest initiative of forming the African Peacebuilders group which will have an African leader from North, West and East Africa together with Grace who will represent South Africa with the goal of all-African collaboration on projects and training needs as identified by themselves.



The Rotary Action Group for Peace 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. The Rotary Action Group for Peace supports the peace work of Rotarians by offering structure, guidance and resources to further their peace efforts around the world. One of the objectives of The Rotary Action Group for Peace 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. Learn [here](#) how to use the [Peace Builder map](#).

SAVE THE DATES
DISCON 2022
16-19 JUNE, BELA BELA

The D9400 District Conference is fast approaching. Join us as we recognize each other's efforts in service and leadership.

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THEME
Diversity | Equity | Inclusion

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

Rotary HOUSTON 2022

APRIL is MATERNAL and CHILD HEALTH MONTH

Rotary's theme for April is Maternal and Child Health. Saving mothers and children is one of Rotary's seven areas of focus.

Every day mothers risk their lives giving birth and millions of children die each year from treatable, preventable causes. Rotary makes high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger. We expand access to quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future.

At least 7 million children under the age of five die each year due to malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation — all of which can be prevented. To help reduce this rate, we provide immunizations and antibiotics to babies, improve access to essential medical services, and support trained health care providers for mothers and their children.

Your Rotary projects ensure sustainability by empowering the local community to take ownership of health care training programs.



HOW ROTARY MAKES IT HAPPEN

- ✚ Rotary provides much-needed education to mothers world-wide how to protect themselves and their children from disease.
- ✚ Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission.
- ✚ Rotary distributes insecticide-treated bed nets to prevent malaria.
- ✚ In some Rotary districts, mobile health clinics provide an essential service.
- ✚ In war-stricken areas, children traumatized by violence get a chance to be kids again at Rotary camp where psychologists mix escape and therapy.
- ✚ Rotary programs improve women's access to skilled health personnel: doctors, nurses, midwives, or community health care workers.
- ✚ Rotary members distribute clean birth kits and train health workers in safe delivery of babies.
- ✚ Rotary members teach mothers how to breast-feed and understand the necessity of regular check-ups.
- ✚ Through the use of technology, doctors are bringing health care to women and children living in rural regions.
- ✚ Rotary Foundation global grants can be used to equip a hospital with lifesaving neonatal equipment.

WE NEED YOUR HELP



ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIPS

Full funding for a master's degree or professional certificate in peace and conflict resolution

- Connect with a global network
- Gain experience in the field
- Learn peacebuilding skills

The **2023 Rotary Peace Fellowship** application is now available, and we need your help finding the next cohort of global peace and development leaders!

Rotary International is now accepting Rotary Peace Fellowship applications for the 2023-24 academic year.

Candidates have until **15 May** to submit applications to The Rotary Foundation. Rotary endorsers must submit endorsements to The Rotary Foundation by **1 July**. Click [here](#) for endorsement instructions.



APPLY NOW!

www.rotary.org/peace-fellowships

GET READY FOR DISCON 2022

Time to celebrate our Rotary Heroes! Nominate Now!

Nominations for these DISTRICT AWARDS must be submitted by 15th May
Awards to be presented during the District Conference in Bela Bela.



Rotary citation for Rotary clubs

The most important award for Rotary clubs.

Who can nominate: Club Officers

Award type: Electronic certificate

Resources:

[2020-21 Citation Goals and Instructions for Rotary Clubs](#) (PDF)

Learn more about the [Rotary Citations](#)

Significant Service Award

Recognize a club whose project has addressed a significant need in your community.

Who can nominate: Club President

Award type: Electronic certificate

Resources:

Online [nomination form](#)

Membership Society

Rotary recognizes those members who have expanded Rotary's reach by sponsoring 25 or more new members. [Visit the Membership Society Virtual Gallery.](#)

Who is eligible: All Rotarians

Award type: Virtual Gallery

Resources:

[How to add a member](#)

[How to manage club members](#)

Avenues of Service Award (District recognition)

With an award from their district, clubs can honour a Rotarian or Rotaractor who participates in service activities in one of the five Avenues of Service — club, vocational, community, international, and youth service.

Who can nominate: Club Presidents

Award type: Electronic certificate

Resources:

Online [nomination form](#) for club presidents

[Examples of eligible service activities](#) (PDF)

[How to write a compelling nomination](#) (PDF)

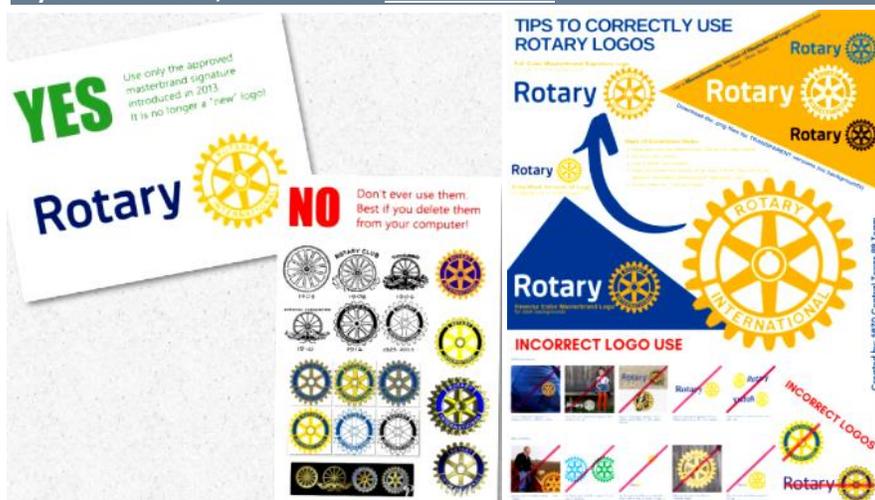
ANNUAL COMPETITION: Club Newsletter & Blog

Winners to be announced at DISCON

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

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

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



Other criteria are as follows:

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



Rotary International and RAG for Peace mobilise support for Ukraine



In response to the deepening humanitarian crisis in [#Ukraine](#), Rotary International created an official channel for contributions to support the relief efforts underway by [#Rotary](#) districts. Learn more: <https://on.rotary.org/3KiyhFt> [#RotaryResponds](#)

Last month, the [Rotary Action Group for Peace](#) confirmed that Rotarians do not support violence and war as a solution to conflict and differences and invited you to add your name in support of this statement. If you have not yet signed this petition, Ukraine is asking us all to please sign it at Change.org/p/rotarians-say-no-to-war.

While Rotarians world-wide hope for peace and safety for all Ukrainians, numerous European Rotarians, Rotaractors and their families stepped up to assist refugees. There are over 50 Rotary Clubs and 24 Rotaract clubs in Ukraine.

Humanitarian aid from Austria and Slovakia arrived in the first few days of March. Friends from [Rotary Club Gmunden](#) and [Rotary Club Gmunden-Traunsee](#) brought baby food, hygiene products, water, shoes and clothing for Ukrainians and refugees in Košice.



The [first truck](#) with humanitarian aid containing also durable food, warm clothes and other basic supplies was loaded and sent to help those in need. It is amazing to see the power of the community and international partnership.

Rotary District 2240 - Czech & Slovak Republics
Rotary Klub Košice
Rotary Klub Košice Classic



ALSO READ what these Rotarians at the [Rotary Club Poltava](#), in Ukraine are doing to help - <https://www.facebook.com/rotaryclubpoltava/>

District 2232 Committee is clearly working hard. Poltava region provides reliable support for neighbouring regions and is a logistic hub for displaced people.



Promote the power of vaccines for WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK



With their decades of experience working to eradicate polio, Rotary members can play a key role in publicizing the power of vaccines. **World Immunization Week, 24-30 April**, gives Rotary and Rotaract clubs an opportunity to raise awareness of the part that vaccines play in saving lives — as well as of the critical need to continue supporting global polio vaccination for children and COVID-19 vaccines for all.

Because Rotary members and our partners have worked hard to counter vaccine hesitancy and reach all children with the polio vaccine, the world has seen a 99.9% reduction in polio cases since 1988. Our fight against polio is proof that vaccines work. [Download the Toolkit](#) for World Immunization Week.



World Water Day: Webinar & Special Grant

In the run-up to World Water Day on 22 March, a webinar themed *Groundwater: making the invisible visible*, was held. The webinar, on 19 March, was presented in collaboration with the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Rotary Action Group to equip clubs and Rotarians with the knowledge and understanding of water borehole projects.

Webinar participants were advised on planning and implementing water borehole projects to provide water for a needy rural community. Subjects ranged from community assessments through technical matters to water supply and project management. Discussions also covered project costs and funding as well as guidelines regarding TRF requirements and how experienced Rotarians in WASH-RAG can help clubs avoid pitfalls and compile Global Grant applications with the promise of financial benefit should a proposing club adopt the WASH-RAG recommendations.

Speakers included a number of international WASH-RAG specialists as well as local geohydrologists with extensive experience in Africa. There

were over 50 registrants of which approximately 50% attended from Botswana, Mozambique, Eswatini, Zambia and at least two of the three Rotary Districts in South Africa as well as some Lions.

Whilst the combined attendance in terms of numbers from the COSA districts was disappointing, the webinar will be loaded onto the D9400 website for future reference and clubs may wish to show individual 20-minute presentations during their meetings.

Since 2014, Rotary clubs have carried out more than 2 100 global grants related to WASH by using \$154 million in Foundation funding. In addition, Rotary's WASH alliance with USAID, more than a decade strong, is considered Rotary's largest partnership outside of PolioPlus. Rotary and USAID have committed a combined \$18 million in WASH funding to large-scale strategic efforts at the national level in countries such as Ghana and Uganda. You can learn more at riusaidwash.rotary.org

Are you eligible for the special grant?

WASH projects are among the most funded within Rotary's focus areas as we pursue Sustainable Development Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation for all. Now there is a new \$25,000 special grant available! WASH-RAG has announced this one-time, special grant to encourage Rotary Districts and clubs to become active participants in a WASH project. Better still – that \$25,000 will be eligible for a dollar-to-dollar match from DDF and/or cash contributions to the Global Grant.

- ✚ Find out here [The WASRAG Fund | Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Rotary Action Group \(wash-rag.org\)](https://www.wash-rag.org). Submission deadline is 30 April 2022.
- ✚ Please direct all questions to info@wasrag.org

Rotary donates wheelchairs *but we can do much more!*

Rotary's seventh focus area is the environment. The biggest environmental scourge is trash, especially plastic. Greenpeace Africa recently applauded the fact that South Africa will support the UNEA plastic treaty. The United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) is the world's highest-level decision-making body on the environment. The draft treaty to end plastic pollution has been adopted and South Africa should enforce existing regulations and put pressure on industry to do better on plastic waste.

Imagine that all the plastic bottle tops and bread tags you throw away could actually help a person with a disability access a new wheelchair? That is why the Sweetheart Foundation was founded in 2013. Similar to Rotary International, the Sweetheart Foundation is a non-profit that provides wheelchairs to those in need. It raises funds for wheelchairs by **recycling bottle tops** and **bread tags**. The *Tops and Tags* project has benefitted the lives of many children in need. The foundation is 100% volunteer-based and community-driven.



One person's trash really can be another's treasure. To donate an 18-inch wheelchair, a person needs to collect 450kgs of bottle tops or 50kgs of bread tags. The amounts then differ if a child needs a specialised wheelchair or an electric one. The foundation believes that wheelchairs should be a fundamental human right, and any person that requires one should have one.

The organisation was able to donate 50 wheelchairs in 2021, a record number in their 9 years. They also partnered with MySchool card where you can now select the organisation as a beneficiary. The second substantial partnership has been with Community Hours SA – Sweethearts is able to assign community hours for tops and tags collected.

This kind of project can be quickly achieved when Rotarians team up with businesses, schools and creches to take up the challenge. To date, the Sweetheart Foundation has donated 294 wheelchairs thanks to 43.3 tonnes of bottle tops and 5.9 tonnes of bread tags.

Tops and Tags project

To find a drop-off site near you, check the helpful [map](#) on the website. Or you can join one of the provincial Sweethearts Foundation Group in [Johannesburg](#), [Cape Town](#), [Durban](#) or [Port Elizabeth](#). More information is available on the [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

D9400 celebrates International Women's Day

Empowering Girls - Each One Mentor One



On 8 March, International Women's Day, we celebrated the women who embody Rotary's vision and take action to create lasting change in the world. Women were encouraged to mentor and uplift one another.

The Rotary E Club invited a number of stakeholders to the International Women's Day event, hosted at the Wanderers Club in Illovo, which sought to highlight the importance of mentorship amongst women. Women and men from all walks of life celebrated the theme of breaking the bias with outstanding support and collaboration from sponsors, speakers, trailblazers, entrepreneurs, mentees and mentors. The campaign theme for 2022 is [#BreakTheBias](#). DG Dr Stella Anyangwe and Consul General of India Ms Anju Ranjan shared inspirational messages. The keynote speaker was Rotarian and PP Adv Rasigie Bhika. Queen Cynthia Khumalo Mzi was a special guest at the event.

Rotary's leaders are committed to women's equality, and their dedication helps us bring about a more diverse and inclusive world. Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta has focused on [empowering girls](#) by improving their health, education, well-being, and economic security. It was a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. Rotarians paid it forward with *Each One Mentor One*. Event MC Shereen Hunter said "We desperately need to break the bias regarding what women can do and the spaces they can occupy".



Rotary district governor and global health expert Professor Stella Anyangwe told her story of overcoming gender stereotypes. She was one of only six women enrolled in the first medical school in Cameroon. Today, she is one of two women in Cameroon to have an MD and PhD. In 1995, she joined the male-dominated Rotary Club and has since become the first black female District Governor in 100 years. Since joining Rotary, she has made it her mission to bring one woman into the club each year.

"It is my duty to hold a younger woman by the hand and lift them up," said Anyangwe. Keynote speaker Advocate Rasigie Bhika advised the women to find worthy and uplifting South African female role models. She listed people such as Miriam Makeba, Thuli Madonsela, Lilian Ngoyi, Mamokgethi Phakeng and Caster Semenya as some of her role models. Bhika began her work in the office of public prosecutions in 1990 as the first black woman.

"We have a duty to lift up our community. Let someone stand on your shoulders and be fearless," advised Bhika.

Second keynote speaker Anja Ranjan, who serves as the Consul General of India in South Africa, echoed the words of the other speakers, encouraging attendees to pledge to help another woman who needs to become successful.

"Together, we can do anything," she concluded

Report and verify club info

Rotary International is collecting club and club officer information for the 2022-23 Rotary year, and needs your help.

Please report incoming club officers to Rotary to help with the compilation of resources for Rotary members around the world, including the online interactive directory and the [Find a club](#) search function found on [My Rotary](#). This will also ensure that incoming club officers receive vital information from Rotary. If you have not already done so, please submit the names of your club's incoming officers **by the end of April**. Submit or verify:

- The names of your club's 2022-23 president, secretary, executive secretary/director, treasurer, Rotary Foundation chair, membership chair, public image chair, and service projects chair as well as their contact details, such as mailing addresses, email addresses, and phone and fax numbers.
- Your club's meeting details: place, address, day, and time.
- Your club's contact information: a permanent phone number and, if you have them, a permanent email address and mailing address where all club officers can receive mail, as well as your club website.



If your club is using a local country or district database connected to RI to manage club updates, please make all updates to club officers and club information in your local database.

You are able to see your membership changes reflected in Rotary International's database by signing into [My Rotary](#)

Incoming club officers may view club information through My Rotary but not edit it.

If you see any discrepancy, please contact data@rotary.org

Judith Chinkumbi, Rotarian and local committee Chairperson of THE TOWNSHIPS PROJECT marvels at 2022 as the year to celebrate how resilient South Africans have been. For the most part, we celebrate, especially, the businesses that are located in our townships for making it this far and those that did not give up. To the businesses that did give up, THE TOWNSHIPS PROJECT team is here to find practical solutions to support that dream deferred.



THE TOWNSHIPS PROJECT is a Rotary International project and, established through the Rotary District 9400, aims to empower small business entrepreneurs based in townships across South Africa by providing them with the necessary skills to sustain and grow their businesses as they continue to be the key contributors to the socio-economic development in South Africa

THE TOWNSHIPS PROJECT continues to #BuildBetterBusinesses with its digital community and invites you to join the conversations on social.

Be part of the new campaign that was birthed by how adversely our economy was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This led entrepreneurs to re-think how they reinvent themselves to position their businesses for growth through resilience. A narrative that we are now promoting on social media is **Thina Ekasi**. This means “We in the township” and speaks to the communal and collective spirit that is needed to help us thrive as expressed by the colloquial word #Siyaphusha.

Thina Ekasi also speaks to the spirit of resilience and pride of how we, in the township continue to rise above our circumstances against all odds. **Thina Ekasi** is further informed by the aim to create an environment where you will see THE TOWNSHIPS PROJECT as a platform that connects you to resources and opportunities that will help navigate the current uncertainty and beyond.

Let us now get social to continue this conversation. And remember #ThinaEkasi #Siyaphusha as we #BuildBetterBusinesses

The year 2022 will see THE TOWNSHIPS PROJECT continue to heed the call and aid entrepreneurs in thriving with their small businesses. THE TOWNSHIPS PROJECT acknowledges the importance and relevance of entrepreneurs in boosting the local economy. This year, through the Building Better Businesses Symposium 2022, we will once again provide small business owners with the best tools of trade to keep them resolute and resilient. The Building Better Businesses Symposium is designed to address the specific needs of township entrepreneurs and showcases the force for good that social entrepreneurship brings to township economies.

Again, as before, we look forward to the support of fellow Rotarians. Do not miss the Building Better Businesses Symposium 2022 to be held on 5 and 6 May 2022. Get updates by following the digital channels.

CLICK on the icons below to follow THE TOWNSHIPS PROJECT



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
 Telephonic enquiries: Jane Symons 072 221 4091



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Email: rotary@promoworld.co.za

INTRODUCING THE D9400 INTERACT COMMITTEE 2021/2022



Jacqui Hlongwane has been appointed by DG Stella Anyangwe as District 9400 Interact Chair. Jacqui is from South Africa and a member of the E-Club of Southern Africa.

The District Interact Committee wide representation with Alice Meyer, a member of the Rotary Club of Brits-Hartbeespoort in South Africa; Lindelwa Maziya from the Mbabane Rotary Club in Eswatini and Seitibatso Seitibatso from the Rotary Club of Gaborone in Botswana. This committee will serve all the Rotary Clubs as well as all the Interact/EarlyAct Clubs in our District.

Jacqui Hlongwane District Interact Chair

What is Interact/EarlyAct

Rotary International focuses on the youth, also known as the New Generation, because investing in our youth is our future. Rotarians take pride in the fact that we have youth programs for just about every age group with Rotarians serving as active, caring sponsors. EarlyAct is a program for the very young, in fact younger than 12.

InterAct is a program for students from age 14 to 18. If an Interact club is based at a school that serves students younger than 12 or older than 18, those students may also be members. Interact clubs can be based in the community or in schools. The school does not “take over” entirely, but works closely with the sponsoring Rotary club to implement meetings and projects.

The D9400 Interact Committee has come up with a lot of exciting projects and plans that will be shared during the course of the year. They will also be sharing some valuable information of what is happening in the Interact space.

Interact/EarlyAct Clubs

The team commends all the Interact/EarlyAct Clubs that have been able to remain active during these very trying times of the Covid-19 pandemic and say, “We see you, we acknowledge you and we invite you to share some of your activities on the District website.”

The committee encourages those Interact/ EarlyAct Clubs that are currently not active to resume their activities with the help of their Rotary Clubs. Now more than ever, young people need to get involved in their communities and to be of service to others whilst also making meaningful friendships and having fun.

Rotary Clubs

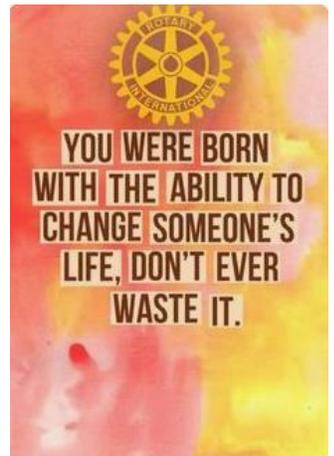
The committee also encourages all the Rotary Clubs in D9400 who are currently not sponsoring Interact/EarlyAct Clubs that they are to focus on this area and make it their priority in the new year. Young people, with the support of their Rotary Clubs, schools and communities, need to become part of something bigger than themselves and really get involved and make a difference in the world.

The D9400 Interact Committee looks forward to working with you and please feel free to [contact them](#) on any matter related to Interact / EarlyAct Clubs.

Nominate Interact/EarlyAct Clubs for an Award

D9400 Rotary Clubs are invited to send nominations of Interact/EarlyAct Clubs and/or individuals that they believe deserve to be recognized. Please forward your nominations with motivations and reasons to [Jacqui Hlongwane](#).

As a committee, we will go through all the nominated clubs/individuals and select a club and individual deserving of an award at the appropriate time.



Role of the District Interact Committee:

- ❖ promote Interact and encourage the establishment of new clubs as well as provide local support for clubs in the District.
- ❖ administer the Interact program and ensure that all clubs submit contact information to Rotary International every year.
- ❖ find innovative ways to connect Interact clubs with one another and to strengthen the link between Interact and Rotary.
- ❖ foster and promote links with other Interact Clubs in other Districts
- ❖ groom Interactors to be future Rotarians

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THE ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

UPCOMING COURSES in APRIL



THE ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (RLI) provides quality education on Rotary Knowledge and Leadership Skills to Rotarians, Anns and Rotaract members. These educational opportunities teach skills that will benefit the members in their lives and in their volunteer service. RLI is a recommended program of Rotary International, and is open to all Rotarians, Anns and Rotaractors.

Six (6) in-person courses are offered, facilitated in small groups, namely the Certificate course 1,2 and 3 and the Graduate course A, B and C. These courses include the following topics:

- ✚ *Rotary Basics*
- ✚ *Membership & Volunteers*
- ✚ *Effective Public Speaking*
- ✚ *Leadership*
- ✚ *Service, Foundation & Public Image*
- ✚ *Diversity*

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Contact Wendy Damons on wendylindsay12@gmail.com if you want to attend the upcoming courses at Sir Pierre van Ryneveld High School, Commissioner Street, Kempton Park from 8:00 - 15:30 on:

Saturday 02 April 2022 – RLI Certificate Part 1 and RLI Graduate Part B (2 separate rooms)
Sunday 03 April 2022 – RLI Certificate Part 2 and RLI Graduate Part C (2 separate rooms)

R250 per person per course/day includes fun, fellowship, refreshments, lunch and the training manual.

RLI Certificate Course PART 1

- ✚ My Leadership in Rotary
- ✚ My Rotary World
- ✚ Ethics and Vocation Service
- ✚ Foundation I: Our Foundation
- ✚ Engaging Members
- ✚ Creating Service Projects

RLI Certificate Course PART 2

- ✚ Rotary Opportunities
- ✚ Effective Leadership Strategies
- ✚ Attracting Members
- ✚ Club Communication
- ✚ Team Building
- ✚ Foundation II: Targeted Service

RLI Certificate Course PART 3

- ✚ Strategic Planning
- ✚ Foundation III: International Service
- ✚ Public Image & Public Relations
- ✚ Building A Stronger Club
- ✚ Making a Difference

RLI Graduate Course PART A

- ✚ Motivating Volunteers
- ✚ Membership Issues

RLI Graduate Course PART B

- ✚ Diversity: The key to saving Rotary?

RLI Graduate Course PART C

- ✚ Effective Public Speaking, in conjunction with Toastmasters International

The Rotary International Presidential Conference for Africa was attended by delegates from about 24 countries across the continent. In attendance were also the RI President Shekhar Mehta, RI Director-Elect Patrick Chisanga, Past RI Vice Presidents Dean Rohrs and Olayinka Babalola and RI Trustee Geeta Manek.

The conference host districts were D9210 and D9400. Their District Governors, Mr Victor Mensah and Dr Stella Anyangwe were in attendance with a strong delegation from their districts.

The conference was opened by the RI President who spoke strongly about the need for world peace in order to particularly protect and empower our youth and women.



Economics and Peace, Protecting the Environment



Former President Joaquim Chisano was the guest of honour and spoke about the path walked in order to bring peace in Mozambique and the protection of the environment, also how peace has brought about economic stability in his country.

Delegates were very effusive in their praise of the organization of the conference and its outcome.

The areas that the conference resolved that Rotary should act on and be strong on in its advocacy roles are the following: Peace, Economy and Environment with emphasis on women and youth empowerment.



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 Brits-Hartbeespoort



The Rotary Club of Brits-Hartbeespoort facilitated a highly successful Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) seminar for the youth at Camp Extreme Life @ DIE HOEKIE in Hartbeespoort from Friday 4 to Sunday 6 March 2022.

RYLA is an outstanding program, which provides young people of Grade 11 and 12 levels, the opportunity to develop their leadership skills.



*New member
Carol Mabika*

On 2 March 2022 the E Club of Southern Africa D9400 welcomed seven new members. It was a historic moment for the E Club as it also welcomed the club's first TWO corporate members. Charlotte Khoza and Shereen Hunter from Mila Services and Africa Brand Architects respectively introduced their six young leaders who not only live the Rotary values but are already serving their communities, the club and D9400.

Discussions are ongoing with various companies connected to the club. There can be no better investment into the next generation of Rotarians.

Rotary E Club of Southern Africa 9400

Rotary provides a platform to build friendships, support and grow young leaders through the global network of like-minded friends and neighbours.



*Evens
Malatji*



*Promise
Moganelwa*



*Banele
Myemane*



*Performance
Ndlovu*



*Gugu
Tshabalala*



*Bianca
Holtzhausen*

Corporate member: Mila Services

Corporate member: African Brand Architects

Rotary Club of New Dawn

In commemoration of Rotary's Water and Sanitation Month, the Rotary Club of New Dawn's Helene Bramwell spoke at the Rotary Club of Rosebank about a project that was born out of a tragic story about a child who fell into a pit latrine and subsequently drowned. "Donate A Loo" was established to prevent further deaths or injuries caused by pit latrines.

Helene was appalled at the dire conditions she uncovered at many nursery schools and saddened by the fact that these schools were not in a position to register with the Department of Education because of the lack of adequate sanitation.

To date, *Donate A Loo* has received funding for the installation of 18 toilets in various informal settlements in the West Rand. Helene and her team have been hard at work finding more cost-efficient ways of building and erecting these toilets and are partnering with local builders, also creating jobs.



The Rotary Club of Randburg has embarked on their EcoBrick Project in Diepsloot, Johannesburg. This is a project in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Singapore, Noble Pursuits (Rotaracts) and Khensani's Collection Interact, together with the Earthly Touch Foundation to lay the foundation for the Ecobrick centre which will benefit Khensani's Collection, which is a centre for learners from schools in the Diepsloot township to attend extra lessons at its premises. The centre will have 3 classrooms, a library, a recreation room, and toilets.

Rotary Club of Randburg



Pregnant women who are sponsored by *Yes We Can Business Network* will attend antenatal and postnatal classes at the centre.

Twenty temporary jobs will be created and 45 tonnes of plastic litter will be repurposed.

150 Students will receive extra lessons on the site.



Rotary Satellite Club of Sandton Central

Mark McClue of ARMOUR and a member of the Rotary Satellite Club of Sandton Central, has inspired the Alex Water Warriors, a group of over 200 volunteers from Alex.

On World Water Day, Tuesday 22 March, the Alex Water Warriors, led by Paul and Mpho, organised a clean-up along the Jukskei river through Alexandra township.

They have built an effective floating litter trap on the Jukskei River in Alexandra township made from steel cable, 5-liter water bottles and netting showing what litter can be removed in a 12-hour period.

The clean-up has created an awareness in Alex of the value of volunteering to improve the local environment for the benefit of the Alex community, and the 'greenbelt' asset that the river course provides to the township for aesthetic and recreational purposes.



Joining forces with Ermelo Phoenix, they hosted a Self Defense Class on Saturday to empower the young girls of the community and enable them to safeguard themselves from any possible threats. The Rotaractors also gained something from the class and are now able to defend themselves too. The clubs aim to complete refreshers with the same girls monthly to ensure they remain aware, safe & empowered.

Ermelo Phoenix Rotaract Club



On Sunday the club revamped the playground at a local primary school, showing off their creative painting skills. The students are yet to see the new additions to the playground but the teachers and principal are already very happy and thankful.

On Human Rights Day the Rotaractors again joined with the Rotary Club of Ermelo Phoenix to host a Wiggle Waggle Walkathon, a leisurely 3.5km walk, for the community. At this event, the Rotaract Club handed over Toiletry Hampers they have been collecting from the community to the TEEN Support Club of Ermelo. The Rotaract Club partnered with them in offering a quarterly toiletry hamper drive.

The Ermelo Phoenix Rotaract Club also has an Easter Crafters Market scheduled for 9 April with face painting, an egg hunt, as well as a colouring competition planned for the children of Ermelo.

The Ermelo Phoenix Rotaract Club was chartered in October 2021 and now has a [Facebook page](#) as well as an Instagram page.





District 9400 EVENTS CALENDAR

2-3	April 2022	The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) training Saturday & Sunday 08:00 - 15:30 Sir Pierre van Ryneveld High School, Commissioner St, Kempton Park. Book NOW
10-14	April 2022	Council on Legislation – Chicago, USA
24-30	April 2022	World Immunization Week
5-6	May 2022	Building Better Businesses Symposium 2022
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 Register HERE
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?

DISTRICT 9400



To view the 4-Way Test in some of the other languages spoken in D9400, click [here](#)

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