

# DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

Botswana, Eswatini, Mozambique and South Africa

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## Message from your District Governor: *Riana Pretorius*

My Dear Family of Rotary,

We start the Rotary Year 2023-2024 with excitement and anticipation. Our theme "Create Hope in the World" inspires us to come together and make a positive impact in our communities and beyond. As always Rotary is a beacon of hope and brightens the lives of those in need. I encourage you all to spread the word as was done in this [interview](#) live on Power FM with Thabang Chiloane (TC), President of RC Waterkloof.

Developing leadership is a crucial aspect of Rotary, and we are excited that there has been a change of leadership within Rotary International, extending from the top all the way down to our clubs. We extend our warmest congratulations to the new presidents and their leadership teams.

This month's Rotary theme is Maternal and child health. The death rate of children under the age of 5 in South Africa is 33 per 1 000 births. We as Rotarians, have a responsibility to address this issue and work towards creating healthier futures for mothers and children and to Create Hope in the World.



Visiting clubs has been an exciting and interesting experience. I have seen wonderful projects which were making a difference in people's lives and creating hope. By the end of July 2023, I will have completed 13 club visits. These visits provide me with valuable opportunities to connect, collaborate and exchange ideas. I am excited to witness the incredible work being done by each club in their respective communities.

During the club visits I also noted a collaboration between Rotary clubs, Rotaract clubs and the Anns clubs. This reminds me of the saying: "Alone you go fast, but together you go far". You can also share in some of the excitement by joining our [District Facebook Page](#).

Remember, Rotary is not just an organisation; it is a family, that comes together to create positive change. Let us embrace the theme of creating hope in the world and work together to make a lasting impact on society.

Rotarians I wish you a wonderful and successful 2023-2024 Rotary Year and remember to have FUN.



## Discover what's new in Rotary's Learning Center

It's a great time to continue learning. Visit [rotary.org/learn](https://rotary.org/learn) to browse our courses and to enroll in one today. Download the [course catalog](#) to see at a glance which offerings are new or have been updated.

If you have any questions, please write to [learn@rotary.org](mailto:learn@rotary.org).

# Getting out of **THE PIT!**



All Rotarians are invited to join the Rotary District 9400 initiative set by DG Riana Pretorius of helping to convert at least 120 pit toilets to proper ablutions at schools in South Africa.

But we can take your pledge to our DG and the district's commitment to support this initiative even further. With the help of the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Rotary Action Group **you and your club** can help to make the conversion of 120 pit latrines into ablution blocks in South Africa a reality.

Join us for a seminar to enable this positive impact in your community. Gain essential knowledge, practical tools, and access to WASH Rotary Action Group resources via **My Rotary**, which also includes funding opportunities.

- ❖ *Some 3,398 schools in South Africa with pit latrine toilets.*
- ❖ *A four-year-old drowned in a pit latrine toilet earlier this month.*
- ❖ *Basic education commits to eradicating pit toilets in schools by 2025.*

## PROJECT LAUNCH: EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES FOR IMPROVED SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Participate in the Project Launch seminar with your club & WASHRAG

Save the Time and Date: 08h30 to 13h00 on the Saturday 14 October 2023 - Hybrid On-Line and virtual

### THE REALITY



### THE DREAM



#### Key Seminar Value:

- ❖ Empowering Rotary Clubs to drive transformation in sanitation and hygiene.
- ❖ Introduction and tools for aiding a global grant application.

#### Featured Topics:

- ❖ Challenges of pit latrines, community assessment, successful project criteria, school size and ablutions.
- ❖ Accessing **My Rotary** resources, implementation strategy, sustainability, collaboration, and innovative solutions.

#### Interactive Workshop Sessions:

- ❖ Engage with experts and fellow Rotary members to enhance your understanding and application of effective sanitation practices.

Don't miss this opportunity to make a difference in your community and to leverage the resources offered through WASH Rotary Action Group and **My Rotary**. You may stand a chance for you and your club to win a **Harties Boat Cruise**.

Together, let's create a future with improved sanitation and hygiene for all. For updates, the seminar program and registration details, contact Beate Schulte Brader at [beatesb.bodytalk@gmail.com](mailto:beatesb.bodytalk@gmail.com).

**WASH Rotary Action Group District 9400**

# AUGUST IS ROTARY MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT

August is Membership and New Club Development Month. This is the perfect time to celebrate your club's members and consider the many options available for strengthening your membership.

While every month can serve as *Membership & New Club Development Month*, August is a good month to celebrate our Rotary club, our members, and the good we do in your community and around the world.

If you haven't recommended a new Rotary member yet during this Rotary year, now would be a great time to get started. Everything Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors need to know about membership to assist you can be found on **My Rotary** - under [Membership](#).

Start with the following: Welcome new members to your club with [Rotary Basics](#). The online course covers all things Rotary in an interactive, multimedia format. The course was designed for new members, but it's also a good refresher for long-time members who want to test their Rotary knowledge.

Encourage local businesses, nonprofits, and government groups to get involved in Rotary by offering corporate memberships. Learn more about this innovative membership model in the [Guide to Corporate Membership](#). Did you know you can start a satellite club with as few as eight members? The [Guide to Satellite Clubs](#) explains what a satellite club is, how it can benefit your community, and steps for starting one. Passport clubs encourage their members to visit other clubs and participate in their activities as a way to get fresh ideas. Learn more about this club model in the new [Guide to Passport Clubs](#).

The newly updated [Club Flexibility page](#) has great ideas and tips for how your club can stay relevant to current and future members. Finally, Rotary has a series of membership courses available in the [Learning Center](#) — from managing [Online Membership Leads](#) to [Building a Diverse Club](#). Each course includes self-guided learning modules that let you explore real-life scenarios you might experience in your club. All membership courses are highlighted in purple.

You can find all these resources and more at [rotary.org/membership](http://rotary.org/membership).



*New clubs are needed to increase our membership but they also bring other benefits. Learn how to start a new Rotary club here.*

## 2024 Discon Countdown

Save the Date! See you in Sabie!

*"Hello there, I am a Happy Hippo who will help you  
CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD this year!"*



I am thrilled to announce that the 2024 DISCON is from **2 to 4 MAY, 2024** at the **FLOREAT RIVERSIDE LODGE** in **SABIE**. The programme commences at midday **Thursday** and ends in spectacular fashion on **Saturday evening**. Mark your calendars and get ready for an unforgettable event!

DISCON is not just a gathering; it is a conversation that will ignite your passion for service and inspire you to make a difference in the world. This is where our D9400 network of volunteers will connect to address lasting solutions to local humanitarian challenges and share the rewards of our hard work. So come, reinvigorate your commitment to Rotary and see the immense power we possess to create positive change!

Sabie poses breathtaking green spaces and is not that far:

- 📍 Johannesburg 368 km
- 📍 Maputo 258,8 km
- 📍 Gaborone 711,7 km

This tranquil country town is in hippo country, situated on the banks of the Sabie River in the majestic North Eastern Drakensberg Escarpment of Mpumalanga.

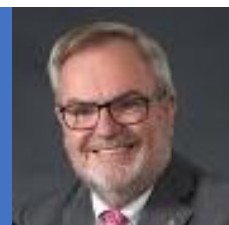
Known for adventure, this Lowveld gem hosting our DISCON is the gateway to sightseeing that includes Gods Window, Bourke's Luck Potholes, Pilgrim's Rest, Graskop and Kruger National Park.

The region is devoted to environmental sustainability with timber plantations nestled amongst indigenous forests and six gushing waterfalls. Sabie River is one of the most biologically diverse rivers in South Africa.





# 2023/24 PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES



RI President Gordon McNally

## PRIORITISING MENTAL HEALTH

Talking about mental illness and emotional health may feel uncomfortable, but it's vital to the wellbeing of Rotary's global community. RI President Gordon McNally encourages clubs and districts to work toward creating a space where it's safe to address these issues to help provide a welcoming and equitable environment for all.

To do that, think about ways that you can:

- Erase any stigma associated with discussions of emotional well-being
- Raise awareness of mental health needs
- Improve access to mental health services

He also encourages members to work with the [Rotary Action Group on Mental Health Initiatives](#), a global community with expertise in helping people improve their mental health. [Other action groups](#) specialize in related topics, such as addiction prevention. [Watch a message from Gordon about prioritizing mental health.](#)

## EMPOWERING GIRLS

McNally will continue the initiative launched in 2021/22 and maintained through 2022/23 that focused on elevating the voices and unlocking the power of girls and women around the world. Rotary encourages members to keep finding ways to improve the health, well-being, education, economic security and agency of girls.

## BUILDING PEACE THROUGH VIRTUAL EXCHANGES

Rotary has a long history of working for peace through personal connections, but the COVID-19 pandemic made it difficult to do that face to face. Inspired by what we've learned during this time, McNally encourages districts to incorporate virtual components into their activities. By using innovative technologies to make connections, we give more people the opportunity to experience Rotary's global community while laying the foundation for peacebuilding through improved intercultural dialogue, awareness and understanding.

Adding or maintaining these components in our exchange programmes like Rotary Youth Exchanges and Rotary Friendship Exchanges will:

- Give members and participants new ways to experience other cultures, make new friends and broaden their global awareness
- Make membership more accessible to people with time, health, or financial considerations
- Build stronger intercultural communication and understanding and ultimately foster more stable and peaceful communities

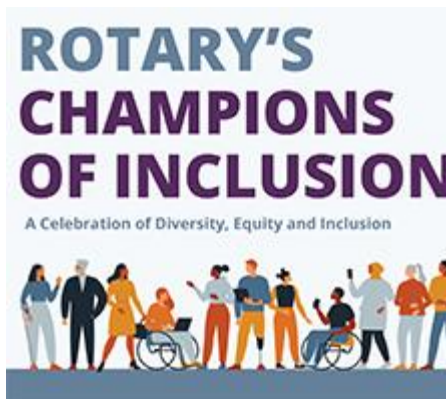
For more information, please visit [rotary.org/initiatives23-24](https://rotary.org/initiatives23-24)

**ONLY until 30 September**

Watch the **Champions of Inclusion** celebration in **Cape Town** on demand

A special recording of the [Rotary People of Action: Champions of Inclusion celebration](#) is available on demand. This celebration helps us imagine what's possible when people of action come together to build a sense of belonging and respect for all people through Rotary.

Hosted by Rotary and the **Desmond & Leah Tutu Legacy Foundation** in **Cape Town**, the event, which was held on 4 April 2023 features the inspiring stories of our six honorees and other Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) thought leaders.





## 2022-23 Rotary year in review

This past year, Rotarians created memorable club membership experiences, strengthened Rotary's public image worldwide, and expanded our capacity to do good — all while supporting the priorities of our Action Plan.

As part of Rotary's efforts to create a welcoming club experience, we continued to strengthen our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. More than **250 DEI committee chairs** are now finding opportunities for their clubs to be more diverse, equitable, and inclusive.

We also approved charter applications for **401 Rotary clubs** and **420 Rotaract clubs** as of 1 March, including the first Rotaract club in Vietnam.

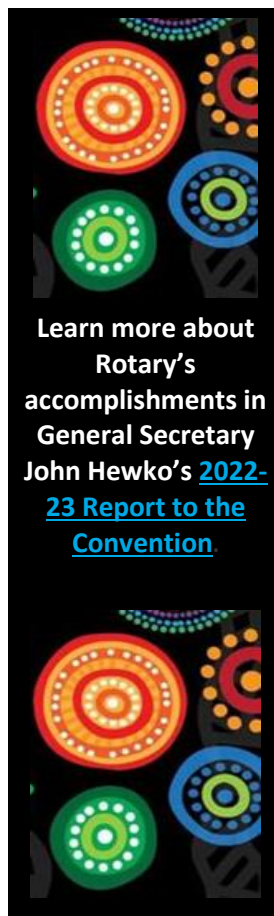
This year, **27 Rotary Action Groups** brought together more than **36,000 people** from **150 countries**, using their knowledge, passion, and global expertise to help clubs and districts plan and implement more than **650 meaningful service projects**.

Rotary Fellowships build global communities of Rotary members and friends who have shared hobbies, professions, or identities. In 2022-23, over **100 Rotary Fellowships** brought together more than **50,000 people** across more than **150 countries**.

Rotary's [Learning Center](#) had over **20,000 new participants** this year.

We also welcomed **eight new Fellowships** this year:

- Rotary Fellowship of **Astrology**
- International Fellowship of **Composting**
- International Rotary Fellowship of **Coffee Lovers**
- Rotary Fellowship of **Fine Arts**
- Rotary Fellowship of **International Voices and Performing Arts**
- Rotary Fellowship for **Kannada Literature**
- Rotary Fellowship of **Public Speakers**
- Rotary Fellowship of **Rugby Fans**



### Make Rotary's public image a priority



### Your Logos at a Glance

A consistent voice and visual identity are essential components of a strong brand. By using the design elements in this guide, you ensure that our brand is presented in a unified way, helping to build awareness and recognition of Rotary and Rotaract. You can find more information on the [Brand Center](#).

Your club, district, or zone logo is made up of the Masterbrand Signature (MBS) plus the club name, or the district or zone number. Multiple district or zone numbers can also be listed. This logo must be used instead of the MBS alone. No other words should appear above or below the MBS. You can use either the MBS or the simplified version in your club, district, or zone logo.

We recommend using the simplified version if the logo will be smaller than 1.25 cm (0.5 inches) or will be embroidered.

Find templates for creating your logo on the [Brand Center](#) at [rotary.org/brandcenter](https://rotary.org/brandcenter).

The Rotary wheel is the Mark of Excellence (MOE) and should be considered the secondary logo. When you use the it, we encourage you to position your club, district, or zone logo nearby for clarity and recognition. There is no simplified version of the MOE — the words "Rotary International" must always appear in the wheel.

The MOE should appear in Rotary Gold. If you're printing one-color, azure or black can be used. It cannot appear in colours other than those shown here. Information about Rotary's colour palette can be found on the [Brand Center](#).

CLICK [here](#) to get the 2023-24 Rotary Presidential Theme Branding Guidelines



# ANN'S MESSAGE

## FROM DGA CHRISTINA



*Dear Rotary Anns,*

Here we are, in first month of the new Rotary Year 2023/24 and with a somewhat different Ann leadership in place. I am confident that this will work smoothly and for my part, I am delighted to be part of this team of amazing Anns, headed by PDGAs Janet Callard and Rosalind Cartwright.

As always, the Anns are hard at work on their various projects.

The Kyalami Anns celebrated the New Year by joining their Rotarians for a fellowship breakfast. What a lovely way to start! Meanwhile, DG Riana's visits are underway and joined by DGE George Senosha, she visited Benoni Aurora's Etwatwa Soup Kitchen for a Mandela Day celebration. 100 Meals of Hope were delivered. All together they distributed 300 Smart Meals to the various projects! The DG and DGE were also shown the Bespoke Sewing Project of which everyone is rightly so proud.



*Kyalami Rotarians and Anns enjoying a fellowship breakfast*



*The club visit by DG Riana Pretorius included a trip to Benoni Aurora Anns' Bespoke Sewing Project*



*DGE George with a foodpack*



*Donation from DGAR Elaine to the sewing project - a sewing machine, threads, fabrics and patterns*



*Gogos receive blankets from Pietersburg Anns*



*Last donation from Louis Trichardt Anns before closing*



*Joint induction Riverside Anns and Rotarians*

The Sewing Project had a welcome boost with the donation of a sewing machine together with a windfall of threads, fabrics and patterns from DGAR Elaine Stathacopoulos. A lovely gesture indeed Elaine, not to mention PDG Greg who had the machine repaired.

The Aurora Anns also had a space at a Winter Wonderland Sunday Market, where they raised funds selling burgers, bacon rolls and soup. The Benoni van Ryn Anns kept busy distributing food packs to needy people.

The Rotary Ann of Pietersburg 100 had a Blanket Outreach for Gogos in Moletji, Limpopo. These were presented by Miss Moletji 2<sup>nd</sup> Princess and Miss Limpopo finalist Thakgalane Maphoto.



*Randburg Anns delivered goodies to Miracle Mission Children's Home*

Good news is that the Rotary Anns of Phalaborwa, who previously announced their closure, are now working to keep going – with a great deal of encouragement starting at Discon and continued during Zoom meetings with Janet, Ros and me. We really wish them well under the able leadership of President Comfort Kudze.

And not to be outdone despite closing, Louis Trichardt continued to serve the community with 50 soup ingredients and fruit parcels including avos and naartjies for the 50 residents of two old age homes which they have always supported. Meanwhile, the Johannesburg 101 Anns are also continuing to offer assistance as they use the last of their funds to give to the needy. Well done!



As you prepare for your DG visits, please remember that DG Riana is very keen to be involved with the Anns so please make provision for her to see a project whenever possible.

Have a wonderful year, and enjoy Rotary fellowship as you work together to Bring Hope to the World. See you next month!

Sincerely Yours in Rotary,

*IPDGA Christina*

IPDGA Christina Forsyth-Thompson 2022/23



*Benoni Aurora donated equipment to aspiring young golfers*

## Rotarians to cross the Sahara on motorbikes

The Rotary Club of Alexandria Cosmopolitan, District 2451 in Egypt, invites you to participate in their annual flagship project: **The Cross Egypt Challenge**.

The **Cross Egypt Challenge** is an international cross-country motorcycle and scooter adventure through Egypt. Participation in the tour is open to Rotarians and non-Rotarians and their accompanying spouses or friends from around the globe. People who do not ride motorcycles can also join this amazing adventure and be hosted in air-conditioned chase vans. The next event is will start on October 6, last for 10 days and will pass by Egypt's top attractions and off the beaten track destinations including Sinai, Luxor, the Red Sea Riviera and the Egyptian Eastern Desert.

The Rotary Club of Alexandria Cosmopolitan aims to promote tourism to Egypt while also being a sustainable and carbon neutral event. The [project](#) was featured in the January 2017 issue of the international "Rotarian Magazine".



You can join the fun. Find out more at any of the links below:

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Rotary International – District 2451  
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**Instagram:** [instagram.com/CrossEgyptChallenge](https://instagram.com/CrossEgyptChallenge)

## COLLABORATE to celebrate COMMUNITY week

During **11-17 September**, Rotary and Rotaract clubs worldwide are collaborating with local Kiwanis, Lions, and Optimist clubs on service projects that address health and wellness, food insecurity and hunger, education and literacy, and the environment. When we work together, there's no limit to the positive impact we can create in our communities — so start planning today!

- Mark yourself as "going" to the [Celebrate Community 2023 Facebook event](#).
- Share pictures on social media during the week using the hashtag #CelebrateCommunity.

[Contact the Service and Engagement team](#) for help developing projects or connecting with the other organizations' clubs, or questions related to Celebrate Community week.



# Our Foundation

## Doing Good in the World

### for over 100 Years!



In 1917 the world was recovering from “The Great War – The War to End All Wars.” Europe had been devastated and both the victors and the defeated were angry. There was little feeling of rebuilding and retribution was more common than reconciliation.

One organisation stood above the fray.

At the conclusion of the Rotary International Convention outgoing RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed to set up an endowment fund “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” The initial contribution: \$26.50 – the residual from the RI Convention funds.

What would \$26.50 buy today: A gaudy tie? A light lunch for two? A bottle of wine?



In 1917 \$26.50 might buy a decent suit, a dress shirt, a tie and maybe a comfortable pair of shoes. \$26.50 in 1917 would be the equivalent of \$536.42 today with a conservative annual inflation rate 3.12%. What can \$536.42 buy today? If you shop carefully, you might find the same items today.

Little was done with the fund until twelve years later in 1929 when the Foundation made its first gift of \$500 to the **International Society for Crippled Children** – created by Rotarian **Edgar F. “Daddy” Allen** and later became **The Easter Seals Foundation**. Easter Seals partnered with the “**March of Dimes**” – founded by US President Franklin Roosevelt in 1938 to combat polio. This initiative was a major source of income for the early fight against polio.

When Rotary International founder **Paul Harris** died in 1947 contributions began pouring into Rotary International. The **Paul Harris Memorial Fund** was created to build **THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**.

Once again, the world was recovering from another world war, but this time reconstruction took the place of retribution. World leaders realised that developing war-torn nations was more profitable than driving them – and their economies – into the ground.

**THE ROTARY FOUNDATION** established its first program, **Fellowships for Advance Study**, later known as **Ambassadorial Scholarships**. In 1947 eighteen “Rotary Fellows” from eleven countries were selected to serve as ambassadors of goodwill while studying in another country for one academic year. Since that time nearly **\$250 million** has been invested on some **Made This Possible** for people from more than **125 countries** studying in **105 countries** around the world.



#### NOTABLE AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS INCLUDE:

**Sadako Ogata** of Japan was the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (1991-2004) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (2004-2012) was an Ambassadorial Scholar in 1951 attending Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

**Beryl Nashar** was named Woman of the Year by the United Nations Association in 1975 for her work with the International Red Cross.

**Francis Moloi** is the high commissioner of South Africa to India. In 2000 he studied at Harvard University as an Ambassadorial Scholar.

**Ray Klingensmith**, Rotary International President for 2010–2011, was an Ambassadorial Scholar in 1960-1961 at the University of Cape Town.



The **PolioPlus** program was launched in 1985 to accomplish the “**impossible task**” of eradicating polio worldwide. Victories of that campaign have been documented in the international press and within the highest governmental, political and philanthropic organisations on earth.

So successful were we that the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** joined us a few years ago to help us “**End Polio Now.**” Rotarians made this possible by digging deep into their own pockets and raising funds to “**Do Good in the World.**” Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, **THE ROTARY FOUNDATION** has received contributions totalling more than \$4 billion... and there is still more to do!





# D9400 PEOPLE OF ACTION

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

## Rotary Club of Kyalami

The Interact Club of Reddam House Waterfall in conjunction with RC Kyalami and various other sponsors had a River Clean-up of the Jukskei river in April and in June 2023. Thirty-four student volunteers from Reddam House Waterfall participated, making up a total of 60+ volunteers who participated in this event.



A huge section of the river was cleaned out with lots of team work to remove some heavy items. We found vehicle parts, could make a full-on fashion show with all the clothes found, was very disgusted with the nappies & other non-biodegradable items being thrown out into the river.

A BIG thank you to Kyalami Corner for providing snacks and thank you to everyone that participated in making a difference.

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## Rotary Club of Waterkloof

The Dr Muda Foundation, launched by Rotarian Dr Mmatepeng Muda Temane, in partnership with RC Waterkloof, and both the Rotary Community Corps (RCC) of Kroondal Marikana and Soshanguve South, hosted its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Boys Leading Change (BLC) Conference and Leadership Development Camp from 6 to 9 July 2023. The camp was held at the Sediba-Kwele Adventure Campsite in Beestekraal outside Brits.



Boys Leading Change is an educational, leadership development and social upliftment programme intended specifically for boys from the age of 12 and above. The programme aims is to mentor and empower a boy child to overcome challenges that they face due to imbalances/inconsistencies in how most of the boys are raised and to equip him with knowledge, understanding and create opportunities, to enhance a balanced, successful and purpose-driven life based on good moral values.

Lessons learned included self-love, self-confidence, the importance of making the right choices and the power of using one's voice to effect change. Outdoor adventure activities, including zip line and a game drive provided teambuilding and leadership development. The boys also toured the Magalies Water's Vaalkop Water Treatment Plant where they were told of various career options. Each boy received a Magalies Water "branded" Backpack.

Many thanks to the stakeholders and sponsors of Dr Muda Foundation - Sediba Kwele Management and Facilitation team, Wonders of Aviation, Magalies Water, Bosparadys and the Coaching Team of Boys Leading Change.



## Rotary Club of Kyalami

The Cluny Farm is a home for adults with special needs & is very dear in our hearts to both the Interact Club of Reddam House Waterfall and RC Kyalami.

The Interact Club of Reddam House Waterfall provided a concert, with some dancing and an Easter egg hunt to the Residents of Cluny Farm on 22 April 2023. The residents were entertained by the Reddam House very talented bands and singers with lots of dancing and having pure fun. Thank you to the Interact Club of Reddam House Waterfall for making the residents' day.

<https://fb.watch/k3PTZigVkk/?mibextid=6aamW6>



## Rotary Club of Johannesburg

PP Grace van Zyl from RC Johannesburg, D9400 Peace Ambassador and director for the Rotary Action Group for Peace, is collaborating with Dr Alexis Mwanza, to explore opportunities to synergize peacebuilding efforts with healthcare initiatives and also investigating the possibility to establish a Rotary Community Corps (RCC) comprising World-Based Outreach Teams (WBOTs).



Dr Alexis Mwanza from Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is a Rotary Peace Fellow at the Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center in North Carolina USA and is now pursuing his studies at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health, specializing in the Global Health Concentration. He served as a Medical Doctor in the field of Public Health in the DRC where he actively participated in the recruitment and training of community health workers.

When he discovered that the Rotary Peace Fellowship program provides the tools and knowledge as well as the opportunity to bridge the gap between health and peace, Dr Mwanza proposed to train community health workers in conflict resolution and peacebuilding where they can play a significant role.

Dr Mwanza engages with community health workers who are specially trained to address Intimate Partner Violence and mental health issues at the Jeppe and Malvern clinics in Johannesburg as part of the *Asiphephe* project, meaning "Let's be Free" in Zulu. These dedicated individuals are now referred to as World-Based Outreach Teams (WBOTs) and their involvement marks a pioneering step in conflict resolution within South Africa

Dr. Mwanza is hopeful that WBOTs can be further trained in various peace-related topics, representing the best chance to reach and positively impact everyone within their communities. Their work will not only enhance healthcare services but also contribute to building lasting peace within communities - a vision that has the potential to transform countless lives in the pursuit of a better world.

Through the efforts of Dr Alexis Mwanza and the Rotary Peace Fellowship program, the integration of health and peace is becoming a reality.



*Peace Fellow, Dr Alexis Mwanza, with Community Health Workers*



## District 9400 EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>15</b>	August 2023	This is the last day for <a href="#">Rotaract</a> and <a href="#">Interact</a> clubs to report in Rotary Club Central what goals you achieved toward the Rotary Citation for Rotary Clubs
<b>31-3</b>	Aug-Sept 2023	RYLA camp in Magoebaskloof
<b>11-17</b>	September 2023	Community week. Collaborate with other service clubs
<b>16</b>	September 2023	World Cleanup Day in D9400 Contact: Babette Gallard <a href="mailto:babettegallard@gmail.com">babettegallard@gmail.com</a> or Mandla Mliphalf <a href="mailto:mandlamliphalf@gmail.com">mandlamliphalf@gmail.com</a>
<b>16-17</b>	September 2023	RLI Training
<b>21</b>	September 2023	International Day of Peace
<b>23</b>	February 2024	<b>The Sun never sets on Rotary.</b> A 24-hour long global event in celebration of Rotary's Anniversary, Paul Harris birthday, World Peace & Understanding and Rotary's investment in people. Showcase the heart and soul of Rotary District 9400 from 16h00 to 17h00. If your club has a project to showcase, contact <a href="#">Grace van Zyl</a>

### 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**



Botswana



Eswatini



Mozambique



South Africa

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

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