



District Governor Newsletter 2019 - 2020

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Dear Rotarians of D9400

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to have served as your 10th District Governor.

Being a District Governor is a task that comes once in a lifetime and is made possible by the goodwill and friendship of the clubs and their members. We have made lasting and meaningful friends all over the District, and beyond, and for this I would like to thank you all.

I have seen that Friendship, Fun and Fellowship are the cornerstones of a well functioning and good club. The more fun Rotary is, the more enjoyment and commitment there is in a member's life, as we are all volunteers and what we get back for the time, money and effort we put into Rotary is lasting friendship and the opportunity to create tangible changes in our communities through this amazing organisation called Rotary International.

Making use of the incredible benefits of The Rotary Foundation via Global Grants, I have been privileged this year to really understand the magnitude of this often-under-utilized arm of Rotary. On-going and sustainable change can be achieved on a large scale, even by smaller clubs, and our theme for this year of "Rotary Connects the World" is so true when we enter this field.

Constant change and flexibility are the keys to our future in what we think, say and do. COVID 19 has, in many areas, forced us to adapt and learn new skills as Rotarians. I am positive this will have a lasting positive change in the way we operate if we allow it. For example, we need to adapt to hybrid clubs where we can hold meetings in person and zoom at the same time. This will allow for greater participation in club meetings as this is the essence of where Rotary happens. It also opens doors to having members in different locations, even overseas in a traditional club, and this is already happening in our District. We need to open our minds to new ways, and we need to revisit some of our traditions and adapt to changes where possible.

One of the significant strengths I have had the privilege of witnessing in D9400 is the diversity that is evident in many clubs in our 4 countries. Diversity is a field we need to focus on as the benefits of having members with different ways of thinking make us so much stronger and can also enhance the member experience as a Rotarian.

Membership this year, with the effect of Covid 19 in the last few months, has had its own challenges and hopefully when life gets back to a new normal a lot of the initiatives started this year around satellite clubs will come to fruition. We have unfortunately closed 4 clubs this year: Edenvale, Carletonville, Roodepoort and Nelspruit.

On the positive side a new club has very recently been chartered, namely the E-Club of East Rand, and a new satellite club - The E-Club of Southern Africa D9400 Baobab - who will be meeting once a month online and once a month in person in Polokwane, Tzaneen and Mokopane, as this is their focus area. This clearly demonstrates the flexibility that now exists and can be used by existing clubs.

The way forward with membership: In my opinion we have too many small clubs (with a few exceptions) and, in most cases, they should consider amalgamating with larger clubs or becoming a satellite club. This brings me to satellite clubs. This is a model that has come about in the last few years and I do believe that this has huge potential to grow Rotary in a new direction in our District, but we as members need to rethink how we approach this with a fresh positive attitude and be very clear what the purpose of a new satellite club is and how it will function. This also opens the door of opportunity to clubs with younger members and families with young children.

E learning on My Rotary has become a culture in our District and this we can be immensely proud of and encourage all our members to make use of this magnificent way of improving our knowledge. When we as members improve our knowledge about Rotary, our experience as a Rotarian is enhanced and we feel much more confident in our roles as members.

The biggest asset Rotary has is the minds of the members and we can all learn from the following: Stephen Richards says "You are essentially who you create yourself to be and all that occurs in your life is the result of your own making."

I end with an announcement that is very close to my heart. Rotary has embraced a Seventh Area of Focus - "Rotary Supporting the Environment". This is a significant milestone in our organisation, and something that was embraced as a concept at the D9400 Conference three years ago (PDG Grant Daly) by our District, and has now been adopted globally. Please see the poster on Page 3 announcing this momentous news.

And with that I salute and greet all the members of D9400 with fond memories and respect as your District Governor.

We stepped up, we stepped forward, we are now stepping down, and at the same time we are stepping aside; but we are definitely not stepping away!



Farewell to our amazing DG Maurice and DGA Chrisna, and thank you!




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Dear Rotary Anns and Friends of Rotary

The year is at its end, and what a journey it has been!

I met amazing people and witnessed heart-warming caring and sharing amongst the ladies and their communities. Thank you all for the opportunity you gave me to serve the District as your District Governor Ann for the year. I am grateful that the position and duties of DG Ann opened up the chance for me to get to know you. Thank you for the support I received. One special person whom I would like to mention here is PDGA Joyce Hogg, who took the time to attend so many club visits with me. She also brought linen and other items from the Humanitarian Centre to our District meetings for us to distribute to some of our more outlying areas. Thank you, Joyce, you are a star, loved and appreciated by many. Both PDGA Joyce and PDGA Nadine have stepped down with me at the end of this year after having served the District for many years as District Governor Representatives in their Regions. A huge, big thank you to you both.

Our lives and ways in which we do things was forcefully changed by Covid-19. We are all in this together all over the globe – it makes me ponder that it must be similar to when the Polio pandemic hit the world. The question often comes up – “What is Rotary going to do after Polio?”.....maybe we are going to help fight this new pandemic.

Restrictions, job losses, hunger and reduced incomes sharply highlight that so many such experiences bring the human and the humanitarian side into focus - so it is essential that we stay connected now more than ever.

Ladies and the Family of Rotary, we need to continue to be part of our Rotary groups in which we can support, encourage, motivate, prevent loneliness, and truly make a difference.

A recent donation of R15,000 from the Randburg Rotary Anns Club to the Abraham Kriel Bambanani Home for children and youth enabled them to buy groceries and food which made a big difference in the lives of approximately 600 people, including orphans and the gogos who look after them. But it is not just about the big things. The small gestures and helping hands really matter too – the face mask given to a homeless person on the street to help prevent the spreading of the virus, the knitted prosthesis for a lady following a mastectomy, or a cup of hot soup – these are small but hugely meaningful deeds and tokens.

Keep on doing what you do. The community, your fellow members and our Rotary clubs need you.

Stay safe and do take care.

I am signing off with a tear in my eye. It was great!

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DGA Chrisna Stander and PDGA Nadine Daly.



Celebration time.

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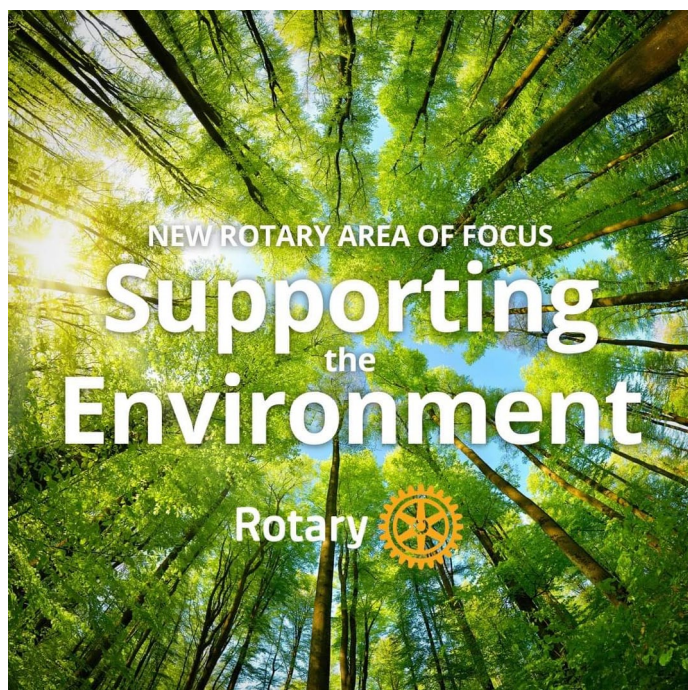
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ROTARY FOUNDATION MESSAGE

A summary of the 2020 Foundation year.

Six clubs participated in seven successful Global Grant applications so far this year to RI. The total value of projects funded is \$368,432 with \$157,253 of this contributed from RI's World Fund. Four of the six Areas of Focus were covered:

- Community development,
- Basic education and literacy,
- Water, sanitation and hygiene, and
- Disease prevention and treatment.

These grants will fund projects in India, South Africa, and Eswatini. Eight clubs have submitted nine Global Grant applications to RI and are waiting for review. The total value of these projects is \$673,409 with \$242,459 of this requested from RI's World Fund. Five of the six Areas of Focus are covered:

- Community development,
- Maternal and child health,
- Peacebuilding and conflict prevention,
- Water, sanitation and hygiene, and
- Disease prevention and treatment.

These grants will fund projects in Botswana, South Africa, and Eswatini.



A message from Reg Ling, RI Region 19 End Polio Now Coordinator (EPNC)

Situation as at 16 June 2020

The end of our current Rotary year is upon us and we are still seeing cases of the WPV1 polio virus in Pakistan and Afghanistan (67 cases in total so far this calendar year). Thirty five years ago when Polioplus was launched there were + - 350,000 cases a year! We are so close to finishing the job of declaring the world polio free that we simply cannot afford to give up on our efforts.

There were reports from 4 countries in the past couple of weeks. Five WPV1 cases and 20 WPV1 positive environmental samples. Also 5 cVDPV2 cases and 9 cVDPV2 positive environmental samples. The country details are:

- ⚙ In Afghanistan - four WPV1 cases, two WPV1 and three cVDPV2 positive environmental samples.
- ⚙ In Pakistan - one WPV1 case, 18 WPV1 positive environmental samples and two cVDPV2 cases.
- ⚙ In Côte d'Ivoire - three cVDPV2 cases and two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples.
- ⚙ In Somalia - four cVDPV2 positive environmental samples.

In addition, there was one cVDPV2 isolate in Mali from a contact.

Thank you for your support.
Yours in Rotary

D9400 gained two new Major Donors (Level 1) with Annemarie Mostert and Johan Cornelis and Judith Louise Sligcher. Four members became eligible for Paul Harris Society membership: Annemarie Mostert, Paddy Ansell, Johan Cornelis Sligcher, and David Grant. Thirty-six Rotarians were awarded Paul Harris Fellow awards either for the first time for additional PHF awards.

Contributions to date for D9400 2020

\$53,006.25 Total to Annual Fund
\$21,022.87 Total to (primarily) PolioPlus



*Outgoing District RF Chair
Daran Rehmeier in biker
mode!*





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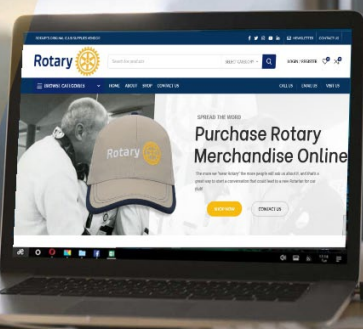
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Our Rotary International Convention for 2020 has come to an end and was a very different Virtual gathering.

Get ready for Convention 2021 in Taipei. Outgoing DG Maurice and DGA Chrisna have already registered and look forward to seeing many members of D9400 in Taiwan next year.

