



District Governor Newsletter 2019 - 2020

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Aloha! to all my fellow Rotarians and Friends of Rotary,

I greet you having very recently returned from Down Under, where Chrisna and myself enjoyed some special family time with my daughter, her husband and my first beautiful granddaughter who have settled in Australia. I have certainly experienced many new things in my year so far as DG, and as you can see below, family bonding with the newest member of the Stander family is certainly one of those first time events which rate right up there.

On a more serious note, In March, Rotary's focus is Water and Sanitation. It has always been a highly critical issue, but perhaps even more right now, today, as from day to day, we are experiencing the unprecedented impacts of the Covid-19 coronavirus. Water availability and hygienic living conditions are central to personal protection from the virus, and we should do whatever we can implement at District and Club level to assist communities in getting through this pandemic. I would like to quote a couple of selected paragraphs from the inspiring letter that RI President Mark Maloney wrote last week:

"Using all the technology we have at our disposal, we as Rotarians can continue to reach out and collaborate on big projects with Rotary Clubs, Rotaractors and Interactors. There are a number of examples where Rotary clubs are helping health authorities communicate best practices or provide needed equipment or support that have been shared with our leaders around the world.

"This is an opportunity for us to demonstrate that Rotary Connects the World in innovative ways. We should be closely following the advice of the WHO and local health authorities. We can put a greater emphasis on the work we do in our communities by helping our less fortunate neighbours cope with the effects of isolation and fear, or supporting health authorities address this situation.

"This is an unprecedented challenge for nearly all of us. As People of Action, we are most comfortable when we are fully engaged in the world – moving freely, meeting openly and offering helping hands. These are very difficult times for people who, like us, are at our best when we are learning, growing and serving – together."

Please visit the rotary.org COVID-19 response page for on-going updates. Wise words indeed from our President!

Last month, I promised to reveal who our top e-Learning Centre Rotarians are from our District. Once again I want to say how hugely proud I am of our achievement of being the TOP DISTRICT

IN THE WORLD (out of 540 Districts) to have the most graduates from the e-Learning centre. Look on Page 2 for our 'LM Top Twenty' - rock 'n roll with them!

Wishing all Rotarians and their loved ones well through these challenging days ahead.



Even DG's can learn new skills! DG Maurice with his new granddaughter, Kaitlyn Taylor.




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"Life is a perspective and for me, if a human being has access to school, clean water, food, proper health care, that is the basis of human rights."
 Gelila Bekele



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE MONTH



Discover how Rotary builds sustainable water and sanitation facilities and supports local solutions to bring clean water and hygiene to more people every day.





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TOP 20

1. Steve du Plessis - Johannesburg
2. Kiwanuka Monica Nazziwa - Johannesburg North Central
3. Glen Ross - Brits-Hartbeespoort
4. Comelia Raath-Lotter - E-Club of Southern Africa D9400
5. George Zozi - Rustenburg
6. Eric Hackett - E-Club of Southern Africa D9400
7. Mark Rainier - Wambath
8. Kevin Norris - Benoni Aurora
9. Annemarie Mostert - E-Club of Southern Africa D9400
10. Lakesh Maharaj - Ermelo Phoenix
11. Jim Rankin - Knights-Pendragon
12. Brendan Damons - Ermelo Phoenix
13. Allan Cartey - Brits-Hartbeespoort
14. Gregory Stathacopoulos - E-Club of Southern Africa D9400
15. Anne Harman - Haenertsburg
16. Daran Rehmeier - Mbabane
17. Wandii Botes - Wambath
18. Francis Callard - Northcliff
19. Adele Chick - Tzaneen
20. Pieter Meintjes - Pietersburg 100

And just as a teaser, these two who nearly made it into the charts!

21. Marina Britz - Pretoria-Hatfield
21. Ronel De Bruyn - Tzaneen



DISCON 2020

DG Maurice and the Discon committee feel it is premature to make an informed decision whether to cancel Discon 2020. We will at this stage continue with Discon 2020 (26 to 28 June 2020) in Maputo, and the planning around the event, making sure all attendees' safety will be protected. More information on Discon in Maputo to be distributed soon. To register for Discon 2020, please contact Linda Stokes on linda@aircelsius.co.za and visit the D9400 website:

rotary9400npc.org.za/events

