

# DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

Botswana, Eswatini, Mozambique and South Africa

AUGUST 2023



Rotary  District 9400

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

### My Dear Family of Rotary,

The month of August is designated *Membership and New Club Development*, which are both indeed important aspects of Rotary. August was the month in which we specifically focused on these areas. The goals for D9400 are 1) a net growth of total membership by 10% and 2) chartering two new clubs. But what is the importance of gaining members and starting new clubs in Rotary?

Gaining members helps Rotary to expand its reach and increase its impact. As more members join, Rotary can undertake a wider range of community service projects and contribute to local and global humanitarian efforts. By recruiting individuals from diverse backgrounds, Rotary can benefit from a variety of perspectives and expertise, enhancing the overall effectiveness of its service initiatives.

Starting new clubs allows Rotary to establish a presence in areas where there may be a need for Rotary's ideals and values.

New clubs bring together like-minded individuals who are passionate about service, creating opportunities for networking, collaboration and making a positive difference in their communities.



These clubs can also play an important role in introducing Rotary to new demographics, helping the organisation stay relevant and vibrant.

Although August is a focus month for Membership drive and New Club Development, membership drive should be a priority throughout the year. We are excited by the possible 3 new clubs – one in Botswana and two in Eswatini.

By focusing on membership growth and club formation, Rotary, and District 9400, aim to strengthen their capacity to serve and make a lasting impact.

I had a busy month with club visits, meeting the most interesting clubs and members, and saw amazing projects. I was privileged to share in the induction of a new interact club at Sunward High School supported by RC of Benoni van Ryn.



Remember that in September we focus on Basic Education and Literacy. I wish you a busy and fruitful month ahead. If you have an interesting project, please upload information about it on the District website *Showcase*.



By now the entire District 9400 has met the **Happy Hippo**, our hippopotamus mascot for the District Conference next year May. Are you ready to get excited? I am!

Our **Happy Hippo**, is an integral part of our marketing efforts leading up to the 2024 DISCON. Please look out for his monthly message about DISCON in every newsletter and on social media, giving you sneak peeks into the fantastic line-up and experiences awaiting you at the 2024 DISCON.

We have also made plans to ensure the District Conference remains affordable to all our members. To achieve this goal, the **Happy Hippo** has introduced some Challenge Golf Days, that combine philanthropy with fun. Our first event is on **11 October** at the ERPM Golf Club on Pretoria Road in Boksburg! Your club's support is needed to market this event, raise sponsorships and sell fourballs.

To assist all Rotarians in this endeavour, a seminar on **Successfully Securing Sponsorship** was held on 29 August. It was an excellent training session which you can access [here](#) and use the passcode **diH\*37b9**. The Powerpoint presentation is also available separately on request. So, spread the word among your fellow Rotarians! Together, let's embrace the spirit of hope and create an extraordinary experience at the conference! And stay tuned for more updates and important information about our District conference in Sabie.

I can't wait to see you there!



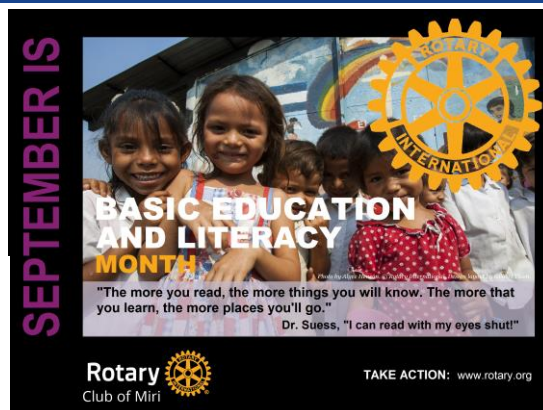
# SEPTEMBER IS ROTARY BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

**September is Basic Education and Literacy Month.** A theme of growth, development and hope. Basic Education and Literacy are essential for reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, promoting peace and supporting the environment.

Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

*More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate.*

*That's 17 percent of the world's adult population.*



## How can Rotary make a difference?

- Teach adults to read where the local adult population is functionally illiterate.
- Work with local advocates to offer community literacy programs.
- Promote new teaching methods: The **SOUNDS** program in South Africa, Puerto Rico and the United States teaches educators how to improve literacy by teaching children to recognize letters by sounds instead of names.
- Partner in a world community project to obtain containers full of needed classroom supplies such as desks, chairs, blackboards, etc. to prevent their unwanted school room supplies littering their dumps.
- Make schools healthy by providing clean, fresh water to schools.
- Open schools to break the cycle of poverty and social imbalance.
- Pair students with celebrity and CEO mentors for success.
- Develop reading programs in schools.
- Share our knowledge and experience with educators and other professionals who work with vulnerable populations

## Consider these facts:

- If all women completed primary education, there would be 66% fewer maternal deaths.
- A child born to a mother who can read is 50% more likely to survive past the age of five.
- If all students in low-income countries left school with basic reading skills, 171 million people could be lifted out of poverty, which would be equivalent to a 12% cut in world poverty.

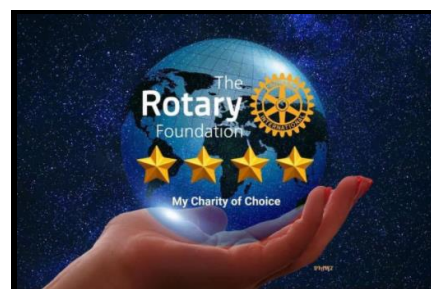
## You can Fundraise for The Rotary Foundation

You can now create a fundraiser that celebrates a meaningful event in your life and also supports a Rotary cause to help bring life-changing projects to every corner of the world. There are endless occasions to raise funds and to donate: personal events, athletic challenges, good resolutions, extraordinary ideas, and more.

**Raise for Rotary.** The Rotary Foundation's peer-to-peer fundraising platform, now accepts nine more currencies: Brazilian real, British pound sterling, Danish krone, the euro, Japanese yen, Norwegian krone, **South African rand**, Swedish krona, and Swiss franc. The platform, available worldwide in English, also accepts U.S. dollars, Canadian dollars, and Australian dollars.

Since Raise for Rotary launched in August 2020, more than 2,000 custom fundraisers have generated more than US\$1.5 million for the World Fund, the Polio Fund, the Disaster Response Fund, and Rotary's areas of focus.

There are many additional benefits of **Raise for Rotary**. It is simple and fast to use, and also easy to share, especially on social media. Anyone who gives will receive Rotary giving credit and recognition. This facility minimizes fees so doing, does much greater good.



## A BRAND NEW

## ROTARY ACTION GROUP

Rotary



**AIRAG**  
Artificial Intelligence Rotary Action Group

A new Rotary Action Group was established during August with a focus on artificial intelligence. The members are diverse and include experts, professionals and Rotarians who are simply interested in the technology. The nature of the technology is extremely dynamic and develops very fast. Since the focus is coupled with the objective of application to serve humanitarian need, it was decided that that allows this group to revisit, reiterate and update its plans every three months.

## Mission

- To promote the responsible development and use of artificial intelligence for the benefit of humanity. by:
- Developing AI-powered solutions to global challenges
- Educating people about the potential risks and benefits of AI
- Developing ethical guidelines for AI development
- Building capacity for AI in developing countries

Twenty out of some 63 Rotarians across the world who had indicated their interest attended the inaugural meeting.

The discovery phase will focus on the development of the group and chartering it as well as sharing information about the AI ecosystem.

During the planning phase a steering committee will be formed and a 70% plan will be drafted for Year One activities.

A two-year action phase is proposed.

The main focus is the impact and use of AI on sustainable development projects.

AI for good is all about – Awareness, Access, Applications and Actions.

If you are interested in becoming a member or wish to find out more about the AIRAG, click [contact](#) us.

## Action Phase

### Year One Activities

- Awareness
- targeting diverse audience
- Activities
- Learning about the technology, its application
- Decide on a mega project for year two
- Digital exposure for the Group (PI)

### Year Two Activities

- Mega service project
- Capacity building opportunities for Rotarians and project beneficiaries
- Develop ethical guidelines for AI development

[Registration](#) prices are shown in U.S. dollars and include any applicable taxes. Get the best value in Singapore by booking your [accommodation](#) through Maritz Global Events, Rotary's official housing partner.

	Age 31 or over	Age 30 or under
<b>15 December 2023:</b> Last day for early-registration discount	\$500	\$175
<b>31 March 2024:</b> Last day for preregistration discount	\$595	\$225
<b>29 May 2024:</b> Last day for online registration	\$695	\$275



# 2024 Discon Countdown

Book your accommodation in Sabie now!

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



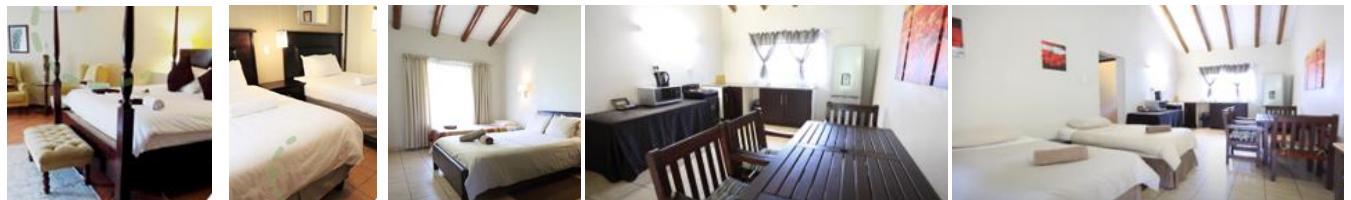
As we embark on the exciting journey towards the **2024 Rotary District Conference**, we are thrilled that our beloved mascot, the Happy Hippo will be our cheerful companion throughout this remarkable event, spreading joy and symbolizing the hope we aim to create in the world.

Just like the majestic hippos that roam Sabie's Lowveld, our Hippo of Hope exudes strength, resilience, and a sense of community. As we gather at the **FLOREAT RIVERSIDE LODGE** in **SABIE** in May 2024, he will remind us of the power of unity and the positive impact we can make together.

Our Happy Hippo has convinced the team to give you a sneak peek at the accommodation that has been set aside for Rotarians from **Thursday 2 to Saturday 4 MAY, 2024**. The programme commences at midday **Thursday** and ends in spectacular fashion on **Saturday evening**. Book your accommodation for this unforgettable event now!

There are 76 en-suite rooms, hotel rooms, family rooms, self-catering units and also group accommodation for the youth. In addition, there is a large pool and a health spa where you can relax. Book early to avoid disappointment. Contact person: Barbara Kazandjis at Tel: 013 764 2160; Fax: 013 764 2162; Email: [info@floreat.co.za](mailto:info@floreat.co.za)

Description	Rate
Sharing Standard Room with breakfast	R 875.00
Double Or Twin Bed per person (per night)	
Single Person Standard Room with breakfast	R 1,150.00
(per night)	
Sharing Family Executive Room with breakfast	R 685.00
(per person - 4x sleeper)	
Sharing Self-catering Unit 4x sleeper room only	R 700.00
(per person)	
Sharing Self-catering Unit 6x sleeper room only	R 650.00
(per person)	
Sharing Self-catering Room 2x sleeper room only	R 925.00
with breakfast (per person)	
Sharing Open plan 5x sleeper family room	R 595.00
with breakfast (per person)	
Sharing Executive Room with breakfast per person)	R 1,150.00
Sharing Per person Dormitory Rooms Room Only	R 350.00



**OTHER ACCOMMODATION** is available in Sabie. Jocks and Travel Lodge have blocked out rooms for DISCON as there is also a big cycle event in Sabie during that time. Also at these two lodges above there are nice Youth Hostels with very low priced accommodation.

- **Jocks Sabie Lodge** – 013 764 2178 / [info@jock.co.za](mailto:info@jock.co.za) Contact person CINDY.
- **Travel Lodge Sabie** – 013 764 2182 / [info@budgetinn.co.za](mailto:info@budgetinn.co.za)
- **Woodsman** – 063 776 3485 / 013 764 2204 / [info@thewoodsman.co.za](mailto:info@thewoodsman.co.za) Contact person JOLENE

# Expand your Network

*Unique opportunity to showcase your club*



The **Expand Your Network** meeting is a unique opportunity to showcase 2-3 remarkable clubs from across the globe. Each participating club will be allotted 10 minutes for their presentation, during which they can highlight 5 key aspects of their club and provide insight into 5 interesting facts about their country or city.

Clubs are encouraged to present in their preferred format, whether it's through engaging conversations, videos, slide shows, or any other creative means. Following the presentations, attendees will be divided into breakout rooms, accommodating a maximum of 10 individuals per room. This allows participants to connect and interact with fellow Rotarians hailing from various corners of the world.

*This is a great event where you can*

- **Facilitate** real-time collaborations among project partners
- **Foster** opportunities for Rotarians to exchange innovative ideas
- **Find** valuable contacts

All event times are in GMT+2/CAT.

The following event dates are available for a club to be featured in the **Expand Your Network** program:

**2023 - 5th September / 7th November**

**2024 - 6th February / 2nd April / 6th June**

To participate, notify [Grace Van Zyl](#) of your preferred slot as soon as possible, as these slots tend to fill up rapidly. She will need a photograph showcasing your club members or a notable club activity, a photograph and brief biography of the designated presenter to craft an appealing invitation that highlights your club and the upcoming presentation.

## *Annemarie Mosterd is the new* **ZONE 22 STRATEGIC PLANNING COORDINATOR**



RI Director Patrick has informed the D9400 Excom Members, that the RI Board has taken an important decision to consolidate Strategic Planning and Goal Setting as an integral part of our Zone activities going forward.



This year's Goal Setting process for Zone 22 has already set in motion. It was decided to consolidate this important initiative by appointing PDG Annemarie Mostert as Zone 22 Strategic Planning Coordinator, with immediate effect. We welcomed PDG Annemarie to EXCOM ON her maiden entry into Excom at the 4th August Excom meeting.

*PDG Annemarie Mostert*  
**Zone 22 Strategic Planning Coordinator**



## *Grace van Zyl is the* **CHAIR ELECT: RAG FOR PEACE**

AG Grace van Zyl is the new Chair Elect for 2024/2025 of Rotary International's Action Group for Peace (RAGFP). As an avid peace builder, she formed the first Peace Builder club in Southern Africa in 2020 and was elected to the board of RAG for Peace in 2021 as a Director for Africa.

In 2021 she was instrumental in forming the Africa Peace hour and is a regional leader representing Southern Africa. Grace is also a peace ambassador for the Institute of Economics and Peace (IEP).

She has served as Polio Plus Chair and Fundraising chair for the past 4 years.



*AG Grace van Zyl*  
**Chair Elect 2024/2025**  
**RAG for Peace**

# ANN'S MESSAGE

## FROM IPDGA CHRISTINA



Dear Rotary Anns,

**A Not-so-Secret Tea:** An innovation this year is the introduction of get-togethers for the Ann Presidents in the form of morning tea parties. The very successful first event was held at The Secret Tea Garden in Fourways and by all accounts everyone thoroughly enjoyed the event, where they were able to interact and exchange ideas, as well as enjoy fellowship and good food. Well done to Ros and Janet for initiating this!



*Secret Garden Tea in Fourways for the Ann Presidents*



*DG Riana with Ann President Glenda during her visit to the Kyalami Anns*



*Teddies Galore from Kyalami on their way to the Teddy Bear Clinic*

As always, the Anns have been busy serving their communities and Creating Hope in the World. DG Riana visited the Kyalami Anns, who gave her a warm welcome and presented her with beautiful spring tulips. Club activities included donations of children's clothes, shoes and toys, plus 62 Teddies for the Teddy Bear Clinic of which Ros knitted 32 teddies. They also donated baby clothes to the Dimpho Hani Orphanage and Khopotso Makin received sanitary items for her New Life Centre for Girls.

The Phalaborwa Rotarians, Anns and Rotaractors joined forces for the Ms Candy's Pad-A-Girl Child Campaign to donate 700 packs of sanitary requirements to various schools in their area. The event was attended by the Mayor Merriam Malatji.

Following their successful Bridge Drive last year, the Rosebank Anns, donated five ceiling fans and a smart television to Sally's Workshop, as well as a garden bench in memory of Director Joan Burgess at San Salvador, where the Workshop is located. A group of Anns, Rotarians and members of the Burgess family attended the official handover. Sally's Workshop employs about 40 beneficiaries from Alexander Township who receive a small stipend, while the home houses intellectually disabled women aged 18 to 82 years. The bench is placed in a shady spot in the garden, where it is already in use.



*Phalaborwa Ms Candy's Pad-A-Girl Child Campaign*



*Marc, Shaun and Carol Burgess receiving a bench from the Rosebank Anns in memory of Joan Burgess*



*Clothes, dictionaries and sanitary goodies delivered to Khopotso of the New Life Centre for Girls*

A group of the Rosebank Anns visited the Earth Centre, which provides Equine Facilitated Therapy for those with physical challenges. The Benoni Aurora Anns rolled up their sleeves and set about fundraising at a recent Golf Tournament. Ingrid proved herself a champion sales lady, selling her club covers to the participants to help swell the coffers!

The ever-busy Riverside Anns donated clothes, toiletries, snacks and sports items to the Vereeniging Boys' Home. Meanwhile, the White River Anns and Rotarians worked together to organise a fund-raising lunch. The group cooked for 80 people and enjoyed a special day of fellowship doing what they do best - bringing pleasure and hope to less privileged communities. At the same time, Ann President Neha and Rotary President Renate joined the Ladies of 67 Blankets to assist with blankets and teddies.





*Rosebank Anns visited Earth Centre, which provides Equine Facilitated Therapy*



*Rosebank ladies at the equine project for those with physical challenges*



*Benoni Aurora fundraising - Ingrid sold club covers at a Golf Day*



*White River Rotarians and Anns got together to serve*



*Ann President Neha and Rotary President Renate join the ladies of 67 Blankets*



*Riverside Anns donating goodies for boys*

RIP Condolences to the family and friends of Dulcie Jacob, previously a Rotary Ann of Northcliff, who passed away in July aged 95. Also, to Phalaborwa Anns President Comfort Kudze, the family and the Phalaborwa community on the sudden loss of their beloved young medical doctor, Gaynelle Makhubele who passed away suddenly aged only 32. May their dear souls Rest in Eternal Peace.

And so, ends another busy month in the lives of the D9400 Rotary Anns. Well done ladies and keep up the great work to Create Hope in the World!

Yours in Rotary, IPDGA Christina.

*IPDGA Christina*

IPDGA Christina Forsyth-Thompson 2023/24



*R I P dear Dulcie, you will be remembered with love*



## You can become a Friendship Exchange Host!



Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) is an international exchange program for Rotary members and friends that allows participants to take turns hosting one another in their homes and clubs. Participants may travel as individuals, couples, families, or groups, and may be Rotary members or not.

Friendship exchange has many benefits – you can build enduring friendships, learn about a region's people, food, languages, customs and history and find partners for grants.

We are looking for clubs and members who will be willing to host incoming Rotarian exchange groups who usually stay in an area for **2 days** before they move on to the next area/club.

A friendship exchange does not require any major financial outlay from hosts or clubs. Hosts are required to provide **breakfast** for their guests, as the land costs cover transport and entrance to local tourist attractions and some meals.

An added bonus is that Rotarians who have hosted exchanges are given priority on outgoing exchanges!

Any clubs or members who are interested in hosting incoming exchanges in 2024 can contact: Carol Allais

RFE D9400 Chairperson

[carol.allais@gmail.com](mailto:carol.allais@gmail.com)

Tel: +27 082 573 7493

## Nominations are open for Rotary's Service Award for a Polio-Free World

Optimistic. Dedicated. Persistent. These words describe Rotarians around the world who, through PolioPlus, have committed themselves to the fight against polio. You can help us honor their hard work and share their stories by nominating them for Rotary's Service Award for a Polio-Free World.

It's now easier than ever to recognize extraordinary service to polio eradication. You can review the eligibility criteria beforehand and nominate a candidate online using the button below. **Nominations are due by 1 October 2023.**

[Nominate a Rotarian](#)



## Ending War 101: Making the Impossible Possible

- Can War Be Ended?
- What Does Tolerating War Cost Us?
- Is A "Just War" Even Possible?
- What Can We DO?

**An online course offered by:**



WORLD BEYOND WAR.org  
a global movement to end all wars

This 6-hour online course runs for two weeks from 4 to 18 September, 2023.

**Course Outline:**

**Module 1:** Can War be Ended?

**Module 2:** Is a "Just War" Even Possible?

**Module 3:** What Does it Cost us to Allow the War System to Continue?

**Module 4:** How Can Rotary Help Us Shift from a War System to a Peace System?

**Register:**

<https://worldbeyondwar.org/endingwar101/education@worldbeyondwar.org>

## Join the Rotary Fellowship of Rugby Fans



Gordon Mc Innally, President of Rotary International, is a founding member of *The Rotary Fellowship of Rugby Fans*, an exciting new community in the Rotary Fellowship stable.

The [RI President invites you](#) to join this Fellowship which was created to bring together all friends who share the values of this sport, and who wish to be associated with the sport both locally and internationally.

From **September 8 to October 28**, the **RUGBY WORLD CUP** will be held in France. The French Rotarians would like to share their passion with all the fans, spectators and players, coming to France from all over the world for the Rugby World Cup.

If you would like to join the Rotary-Rugby community, click [here](#) or for more information, contact PDG Jean Delas, President of *The Rotary Fellowship of Rugby Fans* D1770, France.

[jeandelasrotary@gmail.com](mailto:jeandelasrotary@gmail.com) Tel +33 616 571 269







# 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 Johannesburg New Dawn



RC Johannesburg New Dawn is a group of diverse and motivated individuals, which includes a significant celebrity, Mrs. Universe 2022, Mpho Mokgotsi.

In Women's Week, she spoke on a subject very close to her heart: *A Woman's Challenging Journey to her Dreams*. The audience sat silenced and spellbound while she told them about her experience of domestic violence and how her mother's statement that she "didn't want to see her daughter leave home in a body bag" finally gave her the strength to leave. But it didn't stop there because after pursuing a successful career in finance and receiving the Mrs. Universe crown, Mpho decided it was time to "give back". Now Mpho is a mentor to women struggling in their relationships the way she did so that they, too, can find a way out.

She also talks to schoolchildren to inspire them to become independent entrepreneurs instead of relying on finding those ever-elusive jobs. As I watched her leave, I couldn't help thinking that our depressing future might look very different and much more optimistic if we had thousands more women like Mpho.



## Rotary Club of Gaborone

The Interact Club of Maru-a-pula School, under the auspices of the RC Gaborone, held a talent show on 3 March at the Maitisong Theatre. The Interact team worked tirelessly weeks in advance to prepare for the event.

The team was split up into several groups to fully maximize efficiency. The groups included media and advertising, ticket sellers, backstage crew and ushers. All groups worked harmoniously together which resulted in a fully packed theatre.



The Interact Club invited local celebrity Lizibo to perform and judge while the band Blue Condition graced the show with a special performance. The result was an incredible array of performances, showcasing a multitude of talents including singing, dancing and poetry recitation.





Since all the tickets were sold out, the event managed to garner over P10,000 from ticket sales which were donated to aid a Maruapula alumni rebuild their home after it was tragically burnt down in a fire.

The Interact Club of Maru-a-Pula School in Gaborone, Botswana bought mattresses, blankets and supplies with the money made from the Interact talent show.



## Rotary Club of Kyalami

On 5 August the Interact Club of Reddam House gained new skills by hosting a Car Wash at the College with a few vendors and other activities to raise funds for Cluny Farm, a home for adults with special needs. Thanks to everyone involved making this day a great success, especially the dedicated Interact Board and all the volunteers.

The team had lots of fun and managed to raise about R 12k in the first car wash.



## Rotary Club of Gaborone

In Botswana, the Interact Club of Maru-a-pula School, under the auspices of the RC Gaborone held the Shibobo football tournament on 26 June and 6 July 2023. It was a tournament filled with excitement and suspense. Everyone out on the field played a valiant game and entertained the crowd throughout each session which helped make Shibobo such an incredible event!

There were six teams participating in total. Congratulations to D-GENERATION X who won the tournament and KOPONG KILLERS, MALOME FC, MAP SPARPS, BOBONONG BOMBERS and PAAN THE TEB respectively. All the teams displayed their amazing prowess, their tremendous efforts and their exceptional sportsmanship. Vice President of the Interact Club of Maru-a-pula School, Emma Loo, presented the trophy to the captain of D-GENERATION X.



The Interact Club of Maru-a-pula School also had amazing volunteers and organizers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to prepare and manage this event.



The sports department, maintenance, the Maitisong team, the nurse, referees, Ms. Joy and Ms. Philime all took part in making Shibobo a great success.

Our generous sponsors and partners, Notwane Pharmacy and Trade World who sponsored the refreshments and Molten Inc who supplied the footballs, also supported the Interact Club throughout this journey. This event helped raise funds to donate to Bosele primary school and improve the educational experience of the children who attend.

Misha Tema (President) and Emma Loo (Vice President) visited Bosele primary school to discuss how the Interact team can provide aid to better the learning experience for the students. We came to the conclusion that we will purchase stationery and revamp a few of the classrooms with the money we were able to raise from the Shibobo football tournament. The donations will be made in the third term.



## Rotary Club of Kyalami

The Interact Club of Reddam House Waterfall is sponsored by RC Kyalami and on 10 August, the previous & current Interact boards officially received their lapel pins & Interact regalia, although the Induction was held in February. There was a massive delay in procuring the regalia.

The Rotary Club of Kyalami was invited to the Reddam House Waterfall Assembly to talk to the College about Rotary International and hand over the regalia to both boards. It was very inspiring speaking to the students at Reddam House College. The College is thanked for the opportunity to share not just the Rotary story but also information about Interact.



2022 Interact Board



2023 Interact Board



## Rotary Club of Gaborone

A Rotary health and wellness day was held in Botswana during the second term of 2023. Seven members of the Interact Club of Maru-a-pula School attended the world health and wellness day hosted by RC Gaborone at Modipane primary school.

The community was provided with numerous health checks and medical advice. With the help of our fellow Rotaract colleagues, we aided in organizing the different medical stations and prepared packed refreshments for those that completed the medical screenings.





## Rotary Club of Johannesburg

RC Johannesburg formed its first Rotary Community Corps this month by signing the RCC organisation form.

RCC Tembisa will be working with the community in Winnie Mandela - Tembisa on gender-based violence, youth empowerment, economic empowerment and several other areas with sustainable positive PEACE at the core. They challenge all Rotary clubs to form an RCC if they do not already have one, to serve their community at grass roots level.



## Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark

RC Vanderbijlpark recently collected refurbished wheel chairs from RC Northcliff. Their club has been running this project for many years by sourcing and repairing second hand wheel chairs. PP Rita Benecke and PP Petro Bester took some wheel chairs on a "test drive" to ensure they were in good working order.



President Adri Roos assisted with the hand over.

The club donated a wheel chair to the Lions Club of Vereeniging for a recipient whose old wheel chair was very dilapidated and beyond repair.

The grateful recipient brought his family along to share this joyful moment with him.



## Rotary Club of Northcliff

RC Northcliff, together with Beanies, Booties and Blankets and GEM retirement village prepared to have a "Baby Shower" for mothers in the rural areas of South Africa by packing at least a thousand gift sets. On the day of packing, further support was received by the Nelson Mandela and Kuwane Foundations while other Rotary clubs also collaborated.

Donations were received from various sponsors to make the effort a success. Many individuals donated their time and knitting skills to craft amazing baby booties, beanies, jerseys and blankets.

The team managed to exceed the target by packing 1 100 sets. A set made up of beanies, booties, blankets, sanitary pads, face clothes, breast pads, toiletries, books, barrier cream. The additional blankets and knitwear were also packed and distributed to various hospitals and clinics.



The day was concluded with a wonderful fellowship session among all the volunteers as they partook of savoury and sweet snacks.





## District 9400 EVENTS CALENDAR

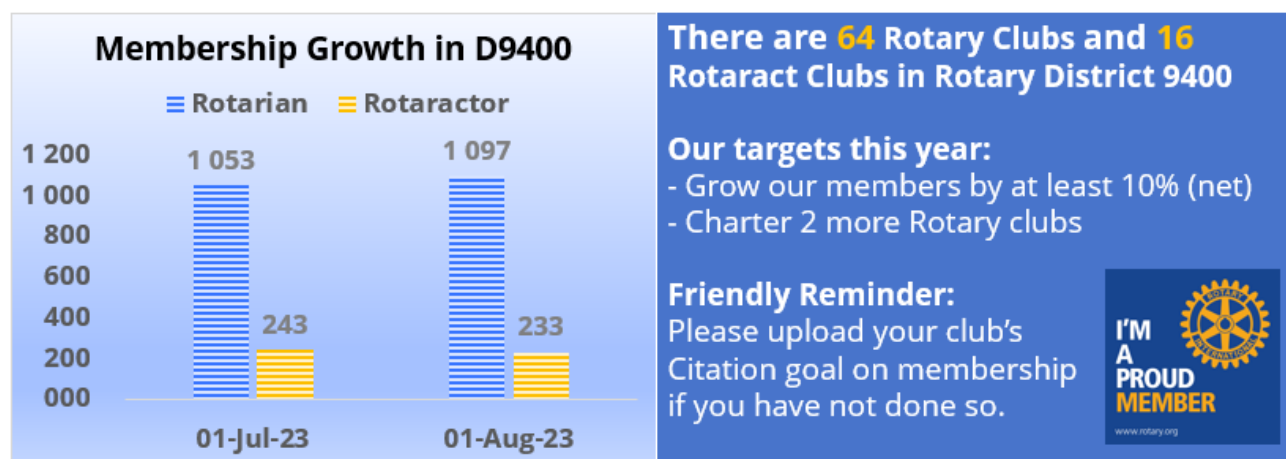
<b>31-3</b>	Aug-Sept 2023	RYLA camp in Magoebaskloof
<b>4-18</b>	September 2023	<b>Ending War 101</b> A 6-hour on-line course. All welcome. Register at <a href="https://worldbeyondwar.org/endingwar101/">https://worldbeyondwar.org/endingwar101/</a>
<b>11-17</b>	September 2023	<b>Community week.</b> Collaborate with other service clubs
<b>16</b>	September 2023	<b>World Cleanup Day in D9400.</b> Contact: Babette Gallard <a href="mailto:babettegallard@gmail.com">babettegallard@gmail.com</a> or Mandla Mliphahla <a href="mailto:mandlamliphahla@gmail.com">mandlamliphahla@gmail.com</a>
<b>21</b>	September 2023	<b>International Day of Peace</b> - also officially known as World Peace Day, is a United Nations-sanctioned holiday observed annually
<b>30-1</b>	Sept/Oct 2023	<b>Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Training</b> @ Niche Conferences, Pretoria. <b>Saturday</b> 30 September - RLI Certificate Part 1 and RLI Part 3; <b>Sunday</b> 01 October - RLI Certificate Part 2 and RLI Part A
<b>11</b>	October 2023	Happy Hippo Golf Challenge ERPN Golf course, on Pretoria Road in Benoni. Contact Grace van Zyl <a href="mailto:grace@gracevanzyl.com">grace@gracevanzyl.com</a> or Sanette Mostert <a href="mailto:sanette@mindfullanes.co.za">sanette@mindfullanes.co.za</a>
<b>14</b>	October 2023	<b>D9400 WASH-RAG Project Launch hybrid seminar 08h30 to 13h00</b> on replacing 120 pit latrines in schools with ablution blocks. Contact Beate Schulte Brader <a href="mailto:beatesb.bodytalk@gmail.com">beatesb.bodytalk@gmail.com</a>
<b>16</b>	October 2023	<b>World Food Day</b> - It is an international day celebrated every year worldwide to commemorate the date of the founding of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in 1945.
<b>24</b>	October 2023	<b>World Polio Day</b> - It is an international day observed every year to raise awareness of the importance of polio vaccination to protect every child, and to celebrate the many parents, professionals and volunteers whose contributions make polio eradication achievable
<b>1-3</b>	November 2023	<b>Rotary Family Health Day</b> – This is one of the largest medical public/private partnerships in the world. The Rotary Action Group for Family Health & AIDS Prevention, Inc. (RFHA) is a global Rotary Action Group dedicated to disease prevention and treatment.
<b>1</b>	December 2023	<b>World Aids Day</b> – It is designated on this day every year since 1988, as an international day dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection and mourning those who've died of the disease.
<b>23</b>	February 2024	<b>The Sun never sets on Rotary.</b> A 24-hour long global celebration of Rotary <b>16h00 to 17h00</b> . If your club has a project to <i>Showcase the heart and soul of Rotary D9400</i> , contact Grace van Zyl <a href="mailto:grace@gracevanzyl.com">grace@gracevanzyl.com</a>
<b>2-5</b>	May 2024	D9400 District Conference, FLOREAT Riverside Lodge, Sabie
<b>25-29</b>	May 2024	2024 Rotary International Convention, SINGAPORE



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Rotarians	1 053	1 097	1 158	61
Rotaractors	243	233	267	34
Rotary Club	64	64	66	2

### 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?

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