

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

Botswana, Eswatini, Mozambique and South Africa SEPTEMBER 2023



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

Rotary  District
9400

Message from your District Governor: *Riana Pretorius*

My Dear Family of Rotary,

The theme of Rotary International for September was Basic Education and Literacy.

In this newsletter, I am highlighting an issue that lies at the very heart of Rotary's mission: Basic Education and Literacy. This fundamental pillar, as outlined by Rotary International, is vital for empowering individuals and communities, driving development, and fostering a brighter future.

Education is the key to unlocking a world of opportunities. It equips individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to overcome challenges and make informed decisions throughout their lives. However, for many communities in District 9400, access to quality education remains a significant challenge. This is where Rotary D9400 steps in to make a difference.

One such initiative is the Rotary D9400 Literacy Project, which aims to promote functional literacy and a love for reading among school children. By donating books, establishing libraries, and implementing reading programs in schools, Rotary D9400 is fostering a generation of avid readers and lifelong learners.

Furthermore, our district actively supports teacher training programs to enhance the quality of education. Through collaboration with local institutions, Rotary D9400 ensures that teachers have access to professional development opportunities, enabling them to provide high-quality instruction and inspire their students.

Rotary D9400 has been unwavering in its commitment to improving basic education and literacy in our region. Through various initiatives and partnerships, our dedicated members have worked tirelessly to bridge the education gap and provide equal opportunities for all.

But our efforts extend beyond just the classroom. Rotary D9400 is well aware of the role parents and communities play in a child's educational journey. To raise awareness on the importance of education, our district organizes workshops and community outreach programs that engage parents, guardians, and community leaders. By involving them in the conversation, we strengthen the support system needed for children to thrive academically.



We are proud of the impactful projects that Rotary D9400 has undertaken to address the challenges of basic education and literacy. However, there is still much work to be done. We encourage all members to continue supporting these initiatives, whether through mentorship, fundraising, or volunteering. By working together, we can create a lasting impact on the lives of children and contribute to building stronger, more prosperous communities.

Rotary International's commitment to education and literacy is resolute, and Rotary D9400 is a shining example of this dedication in action. Let us keep striving to improve the future by ensuring access to quality education for every child, regardless of their background.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to making a difference, one student, one community at a time.

The theme for October is Community Economic Development. I wish you a successful and fruitful month, and remember to upload your projects on Showcase.



Lastly, the **Happy Hippo**, our mascot for the District Conference next year May, has announced our conference theme – "**Empower to Prosper**" and it carries a significant and powerful message.

For me as a District Governor and in the context of Rotary, this theme revolves around enabling and supporting individuals, communities, and organizations to achieve success, growth, and well-being.



Let's break down what the theme means both on a personal level and for Rotary:



My Personal Perspective as District Governor:

- **EMPOWERMENT:** To me, as a District Governor, "Empower to Prosper" means focusing on providing the necessary tools, resources, knowledge, and opportunities to the members of Rotary clubs within my district. It involves fostering an environment where every Rotarian feels empowered to take initiative, contribute their unique talents, and lead projects that create a positive impact. This theme encourages me to support and guide the clubs under my jurisdiction in a way that empowers them to drive meaningful change in their communities.

For Rotary:

- **EMPOWERMENT FOR MEMBERS:** In the context of Rotary as an international service organization, "Empower to Prosper" signifies the commitment to equipping Rotarians with the skills, support, and confidence they need to create sustainable projects that address local and global challenges. This theme encourages clubs to provide their members with leadership training, resources, and mentorship, thereby helping them thrive personally and professionally within the Rotary community.

- **PROSPERITY FOR COMMUNITIES:** "Empower to Prosper" reflects Rotary's dedication to promoting prosperity and well-being in communities around the world. This theme underscores the importance of identifying the specific needs of each community and collaborating with local stakeholders to implement effective solutions. By empowering communities through projects focused on education, health, economic development, and more, Rotary contributes to the overall prosperity and quality of life for those in need.

- **GLOBAL IMPACT:** At a larger scale, "Empower to Prosper" underscores Rotary's global reach and impact. By providing resources and support, Rotary enables clubs to engage in projects that can have far-reaching effects, bringing positive change to individuals and societies on a broader scale.

COMMITMENT TO THE PROTOCOL ICC - AFRICA



The Rotarians on both sides and all countries commit themselves to an Organisation of African Unity, collaborate and take all the necessary action to further build better understanding and relationships, following the recommendations of the International Executive Council of ICC and given that the strength of this alliance's action in the field will come from bilateral or multilateral relations via future Intercountry Committees.



With a unified vision, renewed Inspiration, and actionable plans, the ICC Africa forges a powerful alliance of African countries, laying the foundation for sustainable peace and prosperity throughout the continent. Together, we will embark on a transformative journey, embracing collaboration, innovation, and accountability as we shape the future of Africa.

DG Riana Pretorius D9400 and PDG Annemarie Mostert, ICC Africa Task Force member, signing the historic protocol agreements.

Participating Districts in Zone 22

2451	9150
9010	9210
9101	9212
9103	9213
9104	9214
9110	9220
9125	9350
9141	9370
9142	9400

OCTOBER is ROTARY ECONOMIC and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

The Rotary theme for the month of October is Economic and Community Development. This month also includes International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on the 17th and World Polio Day on the 24th of October.

The work of Rotary begins in the community, and every community has its own unique needs and concerns. While we serve in countless ways, we've focused our efforts in seven key areas to maximize our impact. These areas encompass some of the world's most critical and widespread humanitarian needs. Rotary members planning new service projects are encouraged to consider these areas and the many opportunities for innovative projects within them.

Nearly 800 million people live on less than \$1.90 a day. According to the United Nations, global unemployment increased from 170 million people in 2007 to nearly 202 million in 2012, about 75 million of whom were young women and young men. Projections indicate that global unemployment is expected to decrease further to 5.3 per cent in 2023, equivalent to 191 million people.

October, Rotary Economic and Community Development Month, is a great opportunity to leverage your vocational skills to help meet the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 8: promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment, and decent work for all. Read on for ideas on how to empower members of your community.

Rotary members are passionate about providing sustainable solutions to poverty. Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation have adopted seven areas of focus as organizational priorities:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
 - Disease prevention and treatment
 - Maternal and child health
 - Basic education and literacy
 - Economic and community development
 - Water and sanitation
 - Environment
- 90 million people are funding their business endeavours through microfinance
 - ✓ Partner with local microlenders to improve access to financial services and provide financial infrastructure in the community.
 - ✓ Develop mobile banking resources in partnership with a microlender. Cell phones, which can be used to make deposits and transfer funds, can increase access to banking systems in developing communities
 - ✓ When supporting service projects in a developing community, purchase goods and supplies locally to stimulate the economy and avoid unnecessary shipping fees
 - 1.4 billion people — nearly half of them employed — live on less than \$1.25 a day
 - ✓ Expand vocational training opportunities, including job placement programming, at local nonprofit organizations
 - ✓ Send a vocational training team to teach business leaders in developing communities how to create a business plan and maintain accurate financial accounting.
 - ✓ Partner with a cooperative that provides training, joint economic ventures, and ownership of assets to its members through a democratic structure
 - ✓ Provide equipment or supplies to a cooperative to increase production and sales in the local market
 - ✓ Support entrepreneurs and small businesses in developing communities. The success of local business leaders can multiply employment opportunities in the community



ROTARY INSTITUTE, ZAMBIA

The 5th All Africa Institute took place in Lusaka Zambia. Leaders from all over Zone 22 were present. An Inter Country Collaboration (ICC) agreement was signed in Lusaka. DG Riana was with RIP Gordon Mc Inally and RID Patrick Chisanga. In the back are DGN Angélica Salomão and DGE George Senosha with PDG Stella Anyangwe.



DG Riana with DG Jacques Venter of D9370 (KwaZulu-Natal, Eastern Cape and Free State, parts of Northern Cape and North West provinces and Lesotho) and Ann Wright of D9350 (Angola, Namibia and the western half of South Africa) with three Rotaractors.

2024 Discon Countdown

DISCON Theme and Logo Announcement!

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



As your **2024 Rotary District Conference** mascot I am delighted to reveal the theme of our **DISCON** that takes place at the **FLOREAT RIVERSIDE LODGE** in **SABIE** from **Thursday 2 to Saturday 4 MAY, 2024**.

Our theme **Empower to Prosper** encapsulates the essence of empowerment, collaboration, and positive transformation. It's about enabling individuals and communities to reach their full potential, fostering a sense of agency and ownership, and creating a better future through collective action.



EMPOWER TO PROSPER

District Governor Riana is very excited and says: *The theme guides me in my role of leading and supporting Rotary clubs in D9400, while for Rotary as a whole, it signifies its commitment to making a lasting difference in the world.*

The theme for the 2024 DISCON: **Empower to Prosper** and our very own mascot, the Happy Hippo, represent hope and joy, reflecting the 2024 Rotary International theme, **Create Hope in the World**.

BRING YOUR PROJECT TO THE DISCON SHOWCASE

Our Happy Hippo invites **Rotary Clubs, Rotaractors** and **Anns** in D9400 to feature their best projects under the theme **Empower to Prosper**, in the **SHOWCASE** during the conference. He has convinced the DISCON organising committee to involve Rotarians in the planning of this event to empower them and harness their talents in organizing special displays where fellow Rotarians will gain valuable insights, forge new connections, and leave with a renewed sense of purpose.

If you want to **SHOWCASE** your projects and celebrate our collective achievements, share innovative ideas, and inspire one another to create hope in the world, contact the **SHOWCASE** coordinator Cheryl Jute at +27 82 654 9329 or Cheryl.Jute@postoffice.co.za



PLEASE NOTE: Our **Happy Hippo** is gearing up for the **Challenge Golf Days** and our first event at the ERPM Golf Club on Pretoria Road in Boksburg has been postponed from **11 October** to **21 February 2024!** Your club's support is needed to market this event, raise sponsorships and sell fourballs. The booking form for sponsors and fourballs is [here](#). Also, remember to sell raffle tickets for the Barrow of Booze.

2022-23 Milestones of The Rotary Foundation

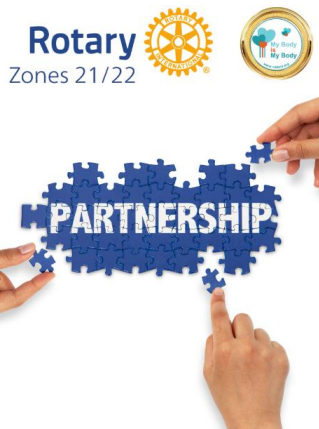


Due to your tireless energy, **The Rotary Foundation** achieved several milestones during the **2022-23 Rotary year**. For example, 1,098 global grants were awarded and Rotary's third Programs of Scale grant awardee, United to End Cervical Cancer in Egypt, was announced. In addition, a new Rotary Peace Center site was selected at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul. The Rotary Foundation can celebrate how far we have come toward Polio eradication and thank you for your advocacy so that Rotary can grant \$50 million from the PolioPlus Fund, which the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is matching 2-to-1.



Rotary raised more than **\$427 million** (unaudited) in gifts and commitments. Although we fell short of the \$430 million goal, the lives of many will be improved by Foundation programs in the years to come! In addition, we are most fortunate that so many people are enhancing their Rotary legacy by contributing to our endowed fund and helping us reach \$2.025 billion by 2025.

Fundraising reports with details by region and by fund will be available soon, and audited results will be released in a few months. Your contributions enable Rotarians to continue doing good in the world. Thank you, once again, for all you do and for your wonderful support of our Foundation.



New Rotary partnership: A Musical Child Abuse Prevention Program



My Body Is My Body (MBIMB) Foundation is joining forces with **Rotary International** to make a profound impact on the lives of children in Africa and the Mediterranean. Read more [here](#).

MBIMB Foundation aims to keep children safe and is joining hands with **Rotary International Zone 21 and 22** to safeguard children, help children protect themselves while protecting their innocence.

The agreement was signed by Rotary International Director Patrick Chisanga and Past District Governor Rotary International, D9400 and Ambassador Girls' Empowerment Ambassador, Annemarie Mostert.

MBIMB is a free programme and has been released in many languages around the world. This groundbreaking initiative is making a real difference worldwide by helping communities to spread awareness about Child Abuse Prevention and showing people how they can teach children to be safer. Everyone that works with the Foundation to share the MBIMB programme, does so on a voluntary basis.

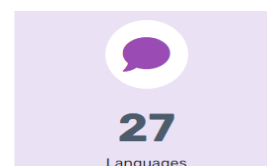
The MY BODY IS MY BODY PROGRAMME aims to help children:

- Develop an understanding of what is and isn't appropriate behaviour towards their bodies
- How to identify potentially harmful situations, and how to ask for help if needed.
- It teaches children to speak up and how to tell if they have a problem.
- It teaches children who to tell if they have a problem.
- It discusses the subject of not keeping secrets.

MBIMB Foundation is supported by international organisations:

- International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN)
- Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children
- The Global Goodwill Ambassadors Foundation
- Compassion International

Please register on the website www.mbimb.org to access all of the Free Courses, Programmes and Resources.



It is an internationally acclaimed musical body safety programme designed to educate children on body safety through engaging age-appropriate music, activities, and animated videos.

The beauty of the **My Body Is My Body Programme** is its simplicity, and the fact that it can be taught by many different types of professionals and community leaders, social workers, teachers, daycare providers, parents, afterschool programme providers, sports club organisers in fact anyone that works with children. It is memorable, and it opens channels of communication about abuse, which is of the utmost importance.

Nancy Hadi, President of the Rotary Club of Heliopolis El Golf in Cairo Egypt, presents the MBIMB programme in Egypt and Uganda

GGAF and MBIMB Foundation Competition

The GGA (Global Goodwill Ambassadors) Foundation and MBIMB (My Body Is My Body) Foundation Competition 2023 has 3 categories Singing, Dancing and Posters. For more information, please check out the [website](#). Check out some of the entries from South Africa.

Tiny Todds – JOHANNESBURG [WATCH HERE](#)

St Theresa's Convent – JOHANNESBURG [WATCH HERE](#)



D9400 Rotarians join forces

like never before for a successful

Happy Hippo Golf Day in 2024



This year we combine philanthropy with fun. Your support is needed with this event.
The first golf day has been postponed from 11 October to 21 February 2024.



- ❖ A big headline sponsor for each golf day.
 - Headline Sponsor @ R10 000
- ❖ Sponsors for each of the 18 holes.
 - Sponsor Hole 18 @ R5 000;
 - Sponsor Hole 9 @ R5 000;
 - Sponsor another hole @ R2 500
- ❖ Participants in as many Four-Ball slots as possible.
 - R4 000 / Four-Ball INCLUDES 2 Golf Carts per Four-Ball, Halfway House, Prize-giving Dinner, Mystery Prizes & More!
- ❖ Adopt a hole for your own club Fun-fundraiser
- ❖ Sell raffle tickets at R50 each for the Barrow of Booze.
- ❖ Invite donations of items for auction – sports memorabilia, art works etc.
- ❖ Helpers and as much support on the day as possible

Sell Raffle tickets for the Barrow of Booze

REGISTER [HERE](#) FOR A FOURBALL

For more information contact: Grace +27 83 3337766, grace@gracevanzy.com OR Sanette +27 83 6178576, sanette@mindfullanes.co.za



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2024 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

SHARING HOPE WITH THE WORLD
SINGAPORE | 25-29 MAY 2024

[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
15 December 2023: Last day for early-registration discount	\$500	\$175
31 March 2024: Last day for preregistration discount	\$595	\$225
29 May 2024: Last day for online registration	\$695	\$275



2023 Awards



District Interact
Chair Debbie Smit

Interact is a Rotary sponsored international service organisation for young people ages 12-18 who are passionate about making a difference while learning about the world and themselves. **And having fun!** It offers club members the opportunity to try something new, make new friends and make a difference in their community. Almost 200,000 young people belong to Interact, with more than 10,700 clubs in 109 countries.

Your Rotary Club will find that Interact makes an impact in so many ways: on you personally, on your community, and beyond. A reminder to all sponsoring Rotary Clubs with Interact news - Let's all shine a light on the amazing projects our youth are involved in that **Creates Hope in the World**. Should you require any assistance or advice, please contact District Interact Chair, **Debbie Smit** on djvr2404@gmail.com.

Why participate - an Interactors perspective?

- **Taking the lead.** You and your fellow Interact club members get to shape your own Interact club. Interactors plan and do everything from service projects to leadership development and social activities, all tailored to your Interact members' interests and your community's needs. In doing so, you'll gain lifelong leadership skills.
- **Learning the value of service.** Your Interact club's projects will create real and lasting change. You'll get to observe the results of your service and understand the enormous impact that Rotary's members and other volunteers make around the world
- **Becoming a global citizen.** When you join an Interact club, you become part of a global community. You connect with other young leaders from around the world, gain a deeper understanding of international events, and forge new friendships.

Ways to elevate Youth Voices

- **Work toward Interacts goals, not yours.** This is a club by and for young people — allow them to be the ones to shape it. Remember, Rotary members are there to mentor young people, not manage them. Meet them where they are. Let them set the priorities and ask them how you can best support their goals.
- **Let them take the lead.** It's by planning club meetings and service projects that Interactors gain lifelong skills in management, negotiation, and relationship building. So, play the supporting role by volunteering at Interact events wherever they need help. Think about additional ways to help Interactors learn leadership skills, such as Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, district leadership events, and local training opportunities.
- **Watch out for "adulthood".** Adults always know best ... or do they? Instead of assuming you know all the answers, be ready to ask questions and listen. Think about the respect you'd give another adult's viewpoints and ideas and treat a teen the same way.

The 2023 Interact Awards are live!

For this year's theme, we are inviting Interact clubs to **promote Interact**. Create a **promotional video, photo, and/or essay** that raises awareness about Interact and shares what being an Interactor means to you and your Interact club.

Awards will be given for best **video**, best **photo**, and best **essay**. One club in each category will win a cash prize to support one of its service projects, as well as a plaque and a letter from the Rotary International President, Gordon McInally.

Find inspiration on the [Interact YouTube Channel](#). Submissions due by **3 December 2023**



Successfully Securing Sponsorship

A training seminar on fundraising and sponsorship to ensure a well-planned and persuasive approach.
Presenter: Shereen Hunter, D9400 Public Image Chairperson

CLICK HERE and use the **Passcode: diH*37b9**

LEARNING Micro Finance in Primary/Elementary Schools



Rotary International points out that more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate, representing 17% of the world population. Illiteracy is a barrier to equity and inclusion. Negative effects of illiteracy include reducing the capacity of communities, reducing the ability for engagement across the community, and reducing the ability for those affected to fully access the community capacity. But reading is not the only kind of literacy.

Two Rotary Action Groups are involved in financial literacy - Rotary Action Group for Peace ([RAGFP](#)) and the Rotary Action Group for Community Economic Development ([RAGCED](#)).



Through RAGFP you can now learn more about the directions for any Club or District to not only support micro finance which aids individuals all over the world, but to do this through primary/elementary schools. This is achieved by gifting monies to the school (through the micro finance organisation)

- ✚ The class of 8-year-olds is divided into groups that then conduct research, decide and present to the other groups in the class their choice of recipient for their US\$25 loan.
- ✚ US\$125 would enable a class of 30 children to make 5 loans and, upon repayment, make additional loans.

For more information contact Alison Sutherland, RAGFP Technical Advisor: ypalison@yahoo.co.uk



On the other hand, RAGCED has prepared a [Guidebook for Building Sustainable Microfinance Programs](#) to walk you through the necessary steps, guiding principles and tools that will promote sustainable microfinance.

How to apply for grants

[Grant Responsibilities by Leader](#) is an updated guide to help club and district leaders understand their roles in qualifying for Foundation grants and taking part in district, global, and disaster response grants.

The guide provides clear lists of the tasks for a district governor, district Rotary Foundation chair, club president, or chair of a grants, stewardship, scholarship, or vocational training team subcommittee.

There is also a list of Learning Center resources for each role. Download the guide today to better understand your role in the grant process.

Service Awards Guide

Does your club or district have members who've been especially committed to service? Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation offer various awards you can use to recognize members, non-members, alumni, and clubs for the impact they make.

Use the new [Rotary's Service Awards guide](#) to learn who is eligible for each award, when nominations need to be submitted, and more. Recognizing the hard work of people in your club or district can engage members and non-members alike, raise awareness of Rotary, and show that we value people who make a difference. Start planning now to ensure that deserving people in your area know that they're appreciated.

Rotary Friendship Exchange



You are invited to Brazil!

Rotary
District 9400

Rotary
Friendship
Exchange

SAVE THE DATE
Month of May 2024

A two District visit to
BRAZIL via **SÃO PAULO**
to **D4670-Porto Alegre**
and **D4770-Uberlândia**

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ANN'S MESSAGE

FROM IPDGA CHRISTINA

Dear Rotary Anns,

Due to time constraints with imminent overseas travel, this month I simply showcase our Rotary Ann Clubs to D9400 in pictorial form. Thank you all for keeping the news coming in and sharing your fantastic activities with each other.

While so much effort is made to assist less fortunate individuals and communities, there are times when our own Rotary family needs outreach and support. Our support, prayers and sympathy go to the Rotarians, Anns and their families, as well as to members of the Phalaborwa community who were directly affected by a fire that swept through the town on 17 September. Donations for assistance may be made to RC Phalaborwa, Standard Bank code 051001 Account 30314976.

Phalaborwa: Ann President Comfort Kudze reported that 32 homes were lost



Benoni Aurora: The Anns Club received grocery donations totalling five trolley-loads at its new collection point, Elridge Checkers



White River: A fellowship gathering of "Anns and Dns" was held and the Anns received their trophy for Most Original Project 2022-23 – the blanket square Christmas tree and 67 Blankets. Ann President Neha handed over the trophy to Penny, the inspiration of the crocheted Christmas tree. Many Anns were responsible for the crocheted squares



Middelburg: DGAR Janet Callard visited the Middelburg Anns – Janet (right) with President Michelle and DGAR Colleen.



Krugersdorp: The Anns organised a Spring Tea at the Rotary Club House for residents of the adjacent Golden Age Village.



Krugersdorp: The Anns gave a dress from DGAR Janet to a lucky Monument High School pupil's matric dance.

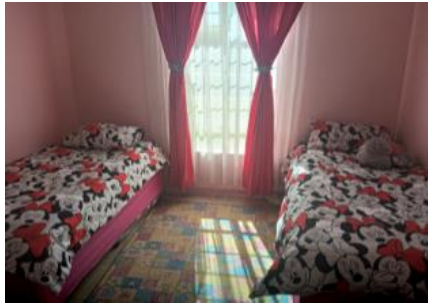


Phalaborwa: The Anns donated and planted 23 trees for Vaxadzi Primary School. The tree project was supported by the Rotarians and Acting Mayor Councillor Paulina Mailula.





Riverside: The Anns also purchased new curtains, sheets and duvet sets for several rooms of the Sedibeng Childrens' Home.



Riverside: The Anns responded to the Serve to Grow Foundation reach-out by donating generous quantities of food.



Pietersburg 100 held a Spring Tea and Creative Hat Competition for Our Home old age residents. Creativity certainly came into force and it appears to have been a fun event for the senior citizens.

Please also read the rest of DG Riana's Newsletter to stay abreast of the latest Rotary news and events.

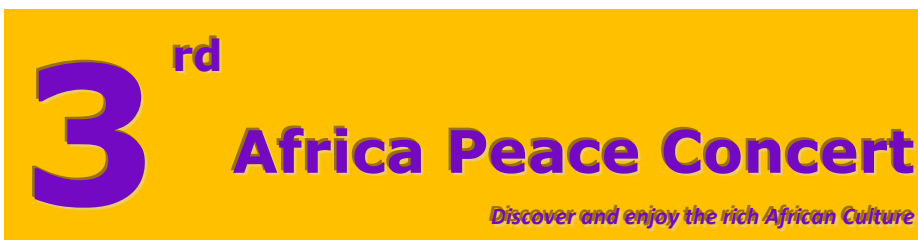
Yours in Rotary, IPDGA Christina.

IPDGA Christina

IPDGA Christina Forsyth-Thompson 2023/24



Rosebank: Following their successful Bridge Drive last year, which raised over R24,000, Liz Short and her helpers of the Rosebank Anns again organized a very well-supported event



The third Africa Peace Concert is scheduled for Friday, November 3, 2023, from 15:00 Hours (GMT) - 18:00 Hours (EAT). The main objective of the concert is to raise funds for the Africa Peace Fund. The participation fee is a minimum of US\$100 for both virtual and physical attendance.

The participation fee for Rotarians and Rotaractors who will attend virtually will count towards their Rotary Foundation individual giving totals.

To register for virtual attendance and make payment:

- Go to www.rotary.org/donate; OR <https://africapeaceconcert.org> ➤ In case of a smartphone go to Menu and click donate.
- Scroll down and click Donate again; ➤ Under Choose what you would like to support click arrow (>) – Click Endowment; ➤ Scroll below and select Endowment-Rotary Peace Centers to make your contribution.
- Follow the steps to complete payment; ➤ You will receive an immediate email confirmation of your gift.
- The link to watch the Africa Peace Concert will be shared in due course.



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 Johannesburg New Dawn



RC Johannesburg New Dawn promoted awareness and sustainable waste management practices on World Cleanup Day, September 16, 2023.

Together with some 2000+ volunteers from over 100 organisations (including Leeuwkop prison), RC Johannesburg New Dawn, organised a mass cleanup from Soweto in the south to Diepsloot in the north and from Alberts Farm in the west to Bruma Park in the east and removed an estimated 23 tons of waste from Johannesburg's streets, parks, and rivers.



The scheme was extended into townships and engaged community members of all ages, focusing on schoolchildren and youth organisations. Gloves and boots were donated to the project, and the high-visibility vests were branded by *Upcycling*, an organisation that repurposes goods otherwise destined for landfill. Thanks to the energy and contagious enthusiasm of President Mbali Zulu, *Party with a Purpose*, held at *Lebo's Backpackers*, provided music and food to the 700 schoolchildren who cleared the dumpsites next to their schools in Soweto.



At Parkview Golf Club, where RC Johannesburg New Dawn meets weekly, over 50 volunteers from Greenside High School, Greenside Residents' Association, and Rotary club members removed massive amounts of waste from the Spruit River that runs directly through the centre. *"The worst is the polystyrene from the fast-food containers,"* one volunteer reported. *"It breaks into tiny pieces and is almost impossible to remove. I hadn't thought about that until now."* Too true and very concerning when you consider that birds and other wildlife will consume those small particles and die of starvation, not to mention the toxic chemicals leaking into the water. But at least the banks will be relatively clean for a while.



Rotary Club of Johannesburg



RC Johannesburg is proud of long-serving member, Professor Lucille Blumberg, who has been honoured by the South Africa Medical Research Council with a lifetime achievement award for her contribution towards the elimination of malaria in Southern Africa.

Malaria is a deadly infectious disease that kills over half a million people in Africa each year and is one of the worst killers of children under the age of 5 years in sub-Saharan Africa. Yet it is treatable, and nobody should die from the disease. In addition, climate change is making malaria a big public health problem in Southern Africa.

Due to the enormity of the problem, Rotary International awarded its very first Program of Scale 3-year grant in Africa of US\$2 million to Zambia (D9210), for the elimination of malaria. Partial results from the execution of that grant have demonstrated the benefits of fighting against malaria to reduce child deaths in southern Africa.

Prof Blumberg provides services to all the countries in southern Africa that rely on South Africa's NICD for diagnostic services. Zambia that won the Program of Scale grant for malaria elimination has benefitted enormously from NICD's and Prof Blumberg's services.

Prof Blumberg is a member of several World Health Organization expert committees and has worked in the field of malaria and served as a member of the national malaria advisory committee for the past 28 years. She currently heads NPO Right to Care's One Health programme, supporting and delivering prevention, care, and treatment services for HIV and TB in the private sector, and in collaboration with the National Department of Health (NDOH) and the Department of Correctional Services.

Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark

RC Vanderbijlpark was approached by a teacher from Evaton Primary School regarding the possibility of donating chess sets to their chess club. Members of the club jumped at the opportunity.

On the delivery of the chess sets by President Adri Roos and PP Jackie van Waveren, the eager learners could not resist the opportunity to play a few games with some of the Rotarians and fellow students.



This project was a perfect opportunity to stimulate the students' minds and enrich their lives in becoming leaders of the next generation. From the feedback received, the students' math skills have improved as well.



Rotary Club of Waterkloof



RC Waterkloof is proud of IPP Mmatepeng "Muda" Temane who is the new District 9400 PolioPlus Chair.

She took her Club to greater heights when she championed the EndPolioNow Awareness and Fundraising campaign during her Presidency. Her countless efforts with the support of Club members produced a huge success of the campaign. This project was a transformational journey and a turning point for RC Waterkloof, from a Non-Giving Club to receiving a District Recognition for Foundation Giving (Highest Per Capita Giving to PolioPlus) for 2022/23.

It took IPP Muda to be a Rotarian for her to understand the devastating impact of Polio on humanity. This revived her childhood memory of the 80s

when a teenage girl who lived few houses from hers in Mamelodi, was suddenly paralysed. It is for this childhood memory that IPP Muda's passion to raise awareness and educate communities on Polio became relevant and intentional.

In her new role as PolioPlus District Chair, IPP Muda will not only be a Polio Ambassador in her Club but she will play an active role in supporting Club Presidents with their EndPolioNow initiatives and encourage more giving to PolioPlus. As World Polio Day is around the corner on 24 October, IPP Muda is also pleased that the District PolioPlus Sub-Committee is established and fully representative of the four countries in D9400.



Rotary Club of Johannesburg New Dawn

RC Johannesburg New Dawn is thrilled with a project that is running well and promising to be a showcase of how to pull the good out of the bad.

When it became impossible to deliver on a specific global grant, the funds were diverted to developing a seedling farm. A partner was found, a space was negotiated in the gardens of the National School of Arts (also sponsored by this club), tunnels were built, and employees Mpho Mphatse and Frohlinah Lemang were engaged.

All went well until a few months later, the partner went bust, and Mpho and Frohlinah were left to work without supervision or pay. But their dedication and commitment to the project persisted and paid off.

According to Frohlinah they have been working with NGOs that feed different communities in Gauteng and North West, as well as from neighbouring provinces such as Limpopo, northwestern Mpumalanga and KwaZulu Natal. They have progressed from planting 16 000 seedlings to 60 000 seedlings a month and have provided production guidance to their customers to ensure they harvest well. Two market days have been held where seedlings were sold to different customers. The team now employs two casual workers and hope to continue working with them permanently. Over the year, seedlings have been donated to different individuals, and moving forward, they also want to work with surrounding schools to supply seedlings and guide staff and pupils towards growing healthy produce for their kitchens.



Frohlinah and Mpho must now plan for complete independence, which means being fully responsible for their rent and running costs, but with the support of a committee of Rotarians, they will develop a viable, robust business plan for the future. This will be presented to the Board and club members for review. If it ticks all the boxes, it will receive sanction and the best kind of farewell according to Rotary methodology and that dreaded word, sustainability.

Rotary Club of Johannesburg New Dawn

RC Johannesburg New Dawn is always proud of its members. This month they are exceptionally happy to announce the achievements of some of their female members. As we celebrate Women's Month in August, this milestone is very fitting.



The [Gauteng Women of Wonder Award](#) is awarded to women who have excelled not only in their career and craft but also in building their community through projects and being of positive impact on society.

This year, there were 4300 nominations in Gauteng alone for this prestigious internationally accredited award, and from these nominations, 40 women were chosen to go through to the finals. Three of them are from RC Johannesburg New Dawn: Weza Solange, Ntombikayise Maselwa and Mpho Mokgotsi.



Mpho Mokgotsi



Ntombikayise Maselwa



Weza Solange

Rotary Club of Johannesburg New Dawn

RC Johannesburg New Dawn is convinced that without the active participation of Rotaract and Interact members, there would be no Rotary.

The incoming Youth Director for the RC Johannesburg New Dawn, Mpho Mogotsi, shares some of the heartwarming and amazing work the National School of Arts' (NSA) Interact team is doing and plans to do in the future.



Despite the pressure of exams, Mpho met the Interact Club President, Lesedi Moloko, Treasurer Kganya Hadebe, Secretary Kegomoditswe, and three other members who told of their most recent initiatives. Following one highly successful Charity drive for St. Peter's Orphanage, they donated clothes to the Orphanage. Right now, they are busy planning a volunteer work scheme at an Old People's Home, a 300-blanket drive to celebrate NSA's 30th birthday and an all-important Recycling Initiative.

In return, Mpho took them through some of RC Johannesburg New Dawn's initiatives, particularly those relevant to young people, such as the recent World Cleanup Day. From their responses, it was clear they were very excited to have a visitor from Rotary, and she promised to have much more communication and interaction with them than they had experienced in the past. So, in the space of not much more than an hour, a new, revived link had been created between both the club and its interactors, and a model for building many more relationships like it with the young people who represent the future of Rotary worldwide.

World Food Day - 16 October

World Food Day commemorates the founding of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in 1945.

Across the world, this day offers an opportunity for countries to assess their food security conditions and efforts to boost agricultural production. One of the measures that some often use to evaluate the food security condition of each country relative to the world is *The Economist's Global Food Security Index*. This latest index ranks **South Africa** at 59 out of 113 countries, an improvement from the 70th position in 2021.

This places South Africa as the most food-secure country in the African continent, followed by Tunisia at 62nd. This improvement is commendable. When looking at the index scoring's technical position, it becomes clear why South Africa's food security ranking has improved. South Africa's scoring came in at 61,4, up from 57,8 in 2021.





District 9400 EVENTS CALENDAR

11	October 2023	International Day of the Girl
14	October 2023	D9400 WASH-RAG Project Launch hybrid seminar 08h30 to 13h00 on replacing 120 pit latrines in schools with ablution blocks. Contact Beate Schulte Brader beatesb.bodytalk@gmail.com
16	October 2023	World Food Day – Commemorate the founding of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in 1945.
24	October 2023	World Polio Day - Raising awareness of polio vaccination to protect every child, and to celebrate the many people whose contributions make polio eradication achievable
3	November 2023	Third Africa Peace Concert – Friday, November 3, 2023, from 15:00 Hours (GMT) - 18:00 Hours (EAT) \$100 /person live or virtual. The link to watch the Concert will be shared in due course.
8-10	November 2023	Rotary Family Health Day – The global Rotary Action Group for Family Health & AIDS Prevention, Inc. (RFHA) dedicated to disease prevention and treatment.
1	December 2023	World Aids Day – Raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection and mourning those who've died of the disease.
21	February 2024	Happy Hippo Golf Challenge ERPN Golf course, on Pretoria Road in Benoni. Contact Grace van Zyl grace@gracevanzyl.com or Sanette Mostert sanette@mindfullanes.co.za
23	February 2024	The Sun never sets on Rotary. Showcase your club project during a 24-hour long global celebration of Rotary 16h00 to 17h00. Contact Grace van Zyl grace@gracevanzyl.com
2-5	May 2024	D9400 District Conference , FLOREAT Riverside Lodge, Sabie
25-29	May 2024	2024 Rotary International Convention , SINGAPORE

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?

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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?

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

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