

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER



District
9400

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES
SERVIR PARA
TRANSFORMAR VIDAS

May
2022

Message from the District Governor: Dr Stella Anyangwe

Fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors and Friends of Rotary, May is the penultimate month in the Rotary Year, and it has been truly hectic! We continued to carry out routine Rotary duties, even as we kept up with support for flood-ravaged KZN Province in D9370.

A shout out to RC Johannesburg North Central for sponsoring yet another Interact club this month, in addition to the one sponsored last month!

The much-awaited Building Better Businesses Symposium (BBB) of the Townships Project was a huge success, with dozens of young entrepreneurs from various townships gaining knowledge and mentorship from seasoned Rotarians and others. Our trusted international partner, Martha Deacon, was of great support, as were several Rotary Clubs in the District. Kudos to them all.

Training was carried out, and successfully too. RLI training for Parts 1,2,3 and A, B, C were very well attended, and thanks go to District Trainer Wendy and her Team.

The first-ever POETS in Portuguese also took place in Maputo, in collaboration with D9210, with whom D9400 shares Mozambique. Now all incoming Presidents and Officers of Rotary clubs in D9400 have received a thorough briefing on the year of service that they will be starting on 1st July 2022. Bravo to DGE Koekie and her counterpart of D9210 for making this a possibility.

It is sad news indeed that this month, another wild polio virus case surfaced in Tete Province, Central Mozambique, and linked to the case in Malawi, and both traced to a case in Pakistan thousands of kilometers away. We therefore continue to warn the world that if one country still has circulating wild polio virus, all countries are at risk. The only answer is wide scale vaccination against polio.

My visit to the Rotary clubs in Botswana (25th-28th May) was a huge success, and during which I visited some amazing projects undertaken by Rotary and Rotaract clubs. I also attended the 50th anniversary celebrations of the RC Gaborone, in the presence of a Friendship Exchange group from the USA that was visiting the club. It was indeed a memorable occasion.

Mensagem Da Governadora Do Distrito: Dr Stella Anyangwe

Companheiros Rotários, Rotaractors e Amigos do Rotary, Maio é o penúltimo mês do Ano Rotário e na realidade foi éctico! Continuámos a realizar as tarefas Rotárias de rotina, mesmo se tal foi feito em simultâneo com dar-se apoio à Província de KZN, no D9370, assolada por cheias.



*DG Stella and DGA Marilyn at 2022
Anns' District Conference*

*A DG Stella e a DGA Marilyn na
Conferência Distrital das Anns 2022*

Reconhecimento ao RC de Johannesburg North Central por este mês apoiar um outro Interact Club, adicionalmente ao que foi apoiado no mês passado.

O tão esperado Simpósio Fazendo Melhores Negócios (BBB) do Projecto de Bairros Suburbanos foi um grande sucesso, com dúzias de jovens empresários de vários bairros a obterem conhecimento e mentoria de vários rotários e outras pessoas com experiência. Uma nossa parceira de renome, Martha Deacon, foi de grande apoio, assim como vários Clubes Rotários no Distrito. Bem hajam!

As formações foram realizadas e com sucesso. A formação do RLI das Partes 1, 2, 3 e A, B, C tiveram boa participação e agradecemos à Formadora Distrital Wendy e sua Equipa.

A primeiríssima Formação de POETS em Português também teve lugar em Maputo no D9400 com a colaboração do D9210 que também integra parte de Moçambique. Assim, todos os Presidentes e Oficiais dos Rotary Clubs do D9400 receberam um sumário profundo das suas obrigações anuais que terão início a 1 de Julho de 2022. Bravo à DGE Koekie e sua contraparte do D9210 por terem tornado possível este facto.



*DG Stella with the Anns from Mozambique
A DG Stella com Anns de Moçambique*

É uma triste notícia que este mês, um outro caso de pólio vírus selvagem tenha surgido na Província de Tete, centro de Moçambique, ligado ao caso de Malawi e ambos relacionados com o caso do Paquistão a milhares de quilómetros de distância. Por isso, continuamos a aconselhar ao mundo de que se um país ainda tem o vírus selvagem em circulação, todos os países estão em risco. A única resposta é a vacinação em massa contra a pólio.

A minha visita aos clubes Rotários do Botswana (25-28 de Maio) foi um grande sucesso, e durante a qual visitei alguns projectos incríveis realizados pelos Clubes Rotários e Rotaract Clubes. Também participei nas celebrações do 50^o aniversário do RC Gaborone, na presença de um grupo de Friendship Exchange dos EUA que estava de visita ao clube. Foi, na realidade, uma ocasião memorável.

Our D9400 District Conference is around the corner, and we are good to go. I encourage our Rotarians and Rotaractors that haven't yet done so to register, especially now that we've reduced the full registration fee for Rotaractors to R1,000, and that the Forever Resorts have offered a 20% reduction in room rates for all.

To protect yourself and others, remember to get vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19. We will enforce strict COVID-19 prevention protocols at the venue during the conference.

It is our moral and social duty to do so, to protect ourselves and others. It is the truth; it is fair to all concerned; it will build goodwill and better friendships; it is beneficial to all concerned. Let's live by our Rotary 4-way Test.

A nossa Conferência do Distrito D9400 está próxima, e estamos prontos a participar. Encorajo os nossos Rotários e Rotaractors que ainda não o fizeram para se registar, particularmente agora que reduzimos o pacote completo de registo para 1.000 randes e que o Forever Resorts oferece a todos uma redução de 20% por quarto.

Para cada um se proteger e a todos, lembrem-se de ser vacinados contra o COVID 19 e de fazer a dose de reforço. Durante a Conferência, vamos manter protocolos rígidos de prevenção contra a COVID 19 na área.

É nossa obrigação moral e social fazê-lo, para nos protegermos e aos outros. É a verdade; é justo para todos os interessados; irá criar boa vontade e melhores amizades; será benéfico para todos os interessados. Vamos viver segundo a Prova Quádrupla.

GET READY FOR DISCON

16-19 June, 2022



The D9400 District Conference is fast approaching. Join us as we recognize each other's efforts in service and leadership.

THEME

Diversity | Equity | Inclusion

[REGISTER HERE](#)

PROGRAMME FOR THE D9400 CONFERENCE

THURSDAY 16TH MEET & GREET

FRIDAY 17TH DISCON & THEME EVENT: *Out of Africa*

SATURDAY 18TH DISCON & GALA BANQUET

TIME TO CELEBRATE ROTARY HEROES!



GOOD NEWS

The Forever Resorts in Bela Bela has offered a further 20% discount on all hotel accommodation.

If you have booked and paid already, you will receive a refund!



SPEAKERS



- **Arthie and Jan Moore-Robberts** – Creating Compassionate Leaders of Influence! This dynamic couple are very successful entrepreneurs and authors and one of their specialties is developing the youth
- **Dr Maria Angelica Salomao**, Assistant Ambassador – Empowering Girls: The Mozambican Experience. RI President Mehta has encouraged Rotarians worldwide to support the Empowering Girls campaign and Maria will share some of the fantastic projects.
- **Dr Janet Macharia**, UNEP, Nairobi – End Plastic Soup
- **Dr Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka** – Mega Trends on Ensuring that no Nation is left Behind
- **Prof David Katerere** – The Impact of COVID-19 on Education
- **Martha Deacon/DGN Riana Pretorius/DGND George Senosha** – Growing Local Economies. Many ways you can help/support your communities

JUNE is ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH. Rotary Fellowships are international, independently organized groups of Rotarians, Rotary partners, and Rotaractors who share a common recreational interest or vocation. This month is recognition of the opportunity to have fun, make new friends around the world and enhance the experience of Rotary that belonging to a Rotary Fellowship enables.

Rotary Fellowships began informally in 1928 when a group of Rotarians with an interest in Esperanto joined together. In 1947, Rotarians organized a group of boating enthusiasts, which became the Yachting Fellowship.

This joining together to share common interests and activities gained attention and operated over the years under various names as World Fellowship Activities; International Vocational Contact Groups; Rotary Recreational and Vocational Fellowships; and finally Rotary Fellowships.

THERE ARE CURRENTLY OVER 61 DIFFERENT ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS.

THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS VARY WIDELY:

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|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Amateur Radio | • Cycling | • Jazz | • Rotary Global History |
| • Antique Automobiles | • Doctors | • Latin Culture | • Rotary Heritage & History |
| • Authors & Writers | • Doll Lovers | • Lawyers | • Rotary Means Business |
| • Beer | • E-Clubs | • Magicians | • Rotary on Stamps |
| • Bird Watching | • Editors & Publishers | • Magna Graecia | • Scouting |
| • Bowling | • Environment | • Marathon Running | • Scuba Diving |
| • Canoeing | • Esperanto | • Motorcycling | • Singles |
| • Caravanning | • Fishing | • Music | • Skiing |
| • Carnival Parades & Festivals | • Flying | • Old & Rare Books | • Social Networks |
| • Chess | • Geocaching | • Past District Governors | • Tennis |
| • Computer Users | • Golf | • Photographers | • Total Quality Management |
| • Cooking | • Home Exchange | • Police & Law Enforcement | • Travel & Hosting |
| • Convention Goers | • Honorary Consuls | • Pre-Columbian Civilizations | • Wellness & Fitness |
| • Cricket | • Horseback Riding | • Quilters & Fibre Artists | • Wine |
| • Cruising | • Internet | • Railroads | • Yachting |
| • Curling | • Italian Culture | • Recreational Vehicles | |

Some groups come together around hobbies or special interests. Others are based on common vocations. Some Fellowships are purely social while others use their fellowship for service projects. To find more information go to: www.rotary.org/fellowships

Benefits of Rotary Fellowships:

- Enable Rotarians to make lasting friendships outside their own club, district or country
- Contribute to the advancement of Rotary's public image and identity
- Serve as an incentive for joining Rotary and for continuing as a member

Each fellowship functions independently of Rotary International, establishing its own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure. Each Fellowship must maintain a membership base representing at least 3 Countries. Membership is open to Rotarians, spouses of Rotarians and Rotaractors. Each Fellowship elects at least 3 Officers to oversee the group's operations. Fellowships are expected to facilitate communication amongst their members and to maintain regular communication with Rotary International.

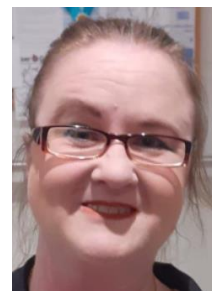
International Chess Fellowship for Rotarians



One of Rotary's many Fellowships which regularly attracts Rotarians around the globe as competitors is the International Chess Fellowship for Rotarians (ICFR).

Cornelia Raath-Lotter of D9400 recently participated in the ICFR Swiss Tournament over 5 rounds and finished in second place and tied with David Smith and Anton Koncnik. They all had 4 points each. ICFR members all enjoyed the games and Rotary friendships. They can now set up a new tournament or wait until September for the next competition.

Read more about Cornelia Raath-Lotter and her exceptional achievements in life at <http://www.miaauw.co.za>



DISTRICT 9400 AGM & ASSEMBLY

28 MAY 2022

IMAGINATION
INSPIRATION
INNOVATION
TEAMWORK



District Governor, DG Stella Anyangwe's Report: "Serve to Change Lives"

2021-22 CHANGE-MAKER GOALS

ACHIEVEMENTS

GROW MEMBERSHIP

- 1,352 members (from 1,166 on 1 July 2021)
- 80 clubs (from 70)
- Diversify membership (age, sex)

- 1,280 members (9% growth), 126 new, 82 short of goal
- 69 clubs (2 lost)
- 9 new satellite clubs
- 14% under 40 years of age
- 48% female

GIVE TO ROTARY

- EREY goal \$44,649
- PolioPlus giving goal \$8,501
- At least 1 new Major Donor
- At least 1 new Bequest Society member

- EREY achieved \$57,524
- PolioPlus giving achieved \$13,507
- 6 New PHS members/4 others eligible
- 1 new Major Donor- Level 1(\$10,000)
- 1 new Bequest Society Member-Level 1
- 9 new PolioPlus Society members (\$100/yr)
- Only 30 (43.48%) clubs contributed to the Annual Fund

SERVE ROTARY

- Implement at least one "Rotary Day of Service", 23rd February

- Polio Awareness campaign on 24th October - several clubs (also raised \$3,500)
- Facebook fundraisers for Polio Plus (raised \$2,000)
- 23rd February commemorated in various ways to raise awareness about Rotary

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS in RY2021-22

- DG Newsletter now has a Portuguese version of the DG's message, as well as the 4-way test in various vernacular languages of the District.
- Highly successful Presidential Conference in Maputo, the first ever in a Lusophone African country. RI President Shekhar in attendance.
- First ever Portuguese language POETS (in collaboration with D9210).
- Greater diversity in the new members inducted into most Rotary clubs (younger, multi-racial, female, differently-abled).
- Blossoming of Rotary Community Corps
- Massive support provided by D9400 Rotarians to D9370 during July 2021 civil unrest and March-April 2022 floods.

CHALLENGES

- Small, non-growing clubs
- Hard economic times for Rotarians / dues and other financial requirements
- Fireside chat inadequacies / chasing numbers

COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION

Council of Legislation dealt with 94 Enactments; only 29 were adopted.

All Club Presidents have received notifications of these Enactments. The necessary Opposition to Legislation Report Form was sent with the notification.

- 1 July 2022** New legislation takes effect.
- 1 August 2022** Deadline for Clubs wanting to oppose enactments
- 1 October 2022** Publication of updated Manual of Procedure if no objections are received.
- 30 June 2022** Deadline for proposing Resolutions and submitting after confirmation from Governor. Resolutions deal with the Rotary World and not the Rotary Constitution.

THE MOST ESSENTIAL ADOPTED ENACTMENTS:

- Board to provide written minutes to Club members within 30 days of meeting.
- Satellite Club is a potential Club whose members are also members of a Club.
- Rotaractors can be members of RI Committees.
- Removal of Past Officer Status for cause Rotarian will be given opportunity to provide reasons why should not be done.
- Allow Rotaractors to attend Rotary Club meetings.
- Remove the attendance report requirements.
- Amend the Avenues of Service to include positive peace.
- Board may change the Boundaries of a district if fewer than 20 clubs of 1,100 Rotarians

Increase per capita dues of up \$5,5 over a 3½ year period:

\$35-50 in 2022/2023 per half year; \$37-50 in 2023/2024; \$39-25 in 2024; \$41 in 2025/2026

GOVERNANCE REPORT



THE BOARD OF THE NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION (NPC)

For past year the Board was made up of the following seven directors, namely four Governors - IPDG Annemarie Mostert; DG Stella Anyangwe; DGE Koekie Makunyane-Quashie and DGN Riana Pretorius. DGND George Senosha joined the board in observer status for past 5 months. IPDG Annemarie Mostert is the Chair of the District RI Programmes. Three members were co-opted to complement the skills on the board, namely PDG Grant Daly; PP Kgabo Ralebepa & AG Bruno do Amaral. NPC Board for next year consists of a total of seven: IPDG Stella Anyangwe; DG Koekie Makunyane-Quashie; DGE Riana Pretorius; DGN George Senosha plus co-opted members PP Jean Bernardo & two others.

- Receive and consider all District committee reports including Financial; Membership; Public Image; Community Service; International Service; Foundation; Training; etc.
- Receive and consider all DG reports.
- Deal and grapple with the following specific extra ordinary matters:
- Membership took centre stage in terms of strategy to grow.
- Continue with planning of establishment of an Exhibition Centre
- Closure of clubs Middelburg Cycad RC, Warmbaths RC
- Reconstituting the district Finance Committee
- RLI Divisional Leader appointment
- Election of DGND
- Youth Exchange activities – VAT opinion
- Management and budgeting of DDF
- Numerous other minor matters brought to the attention of the board.
- Areas that remain a challenge:
 - Set up effective structure for activities in 7th Area of Focus
 - Integration and inclusion of Rotaract

DISTRICT 9400 PROGRAMMES NPC

D9400 Board of Directors and 4 Committee Chairs:

These programmes are club driven, and although quite different, have an important common factor; they relate to “*what’s in it for me*”, the WIFM factor.

- IPDG Annemarie Mostert: Chairperson
- AG Jean Bernardo: Vice-Chairperson
- PP Saul Chitane: Finance Director
- DG Dr Stella Anyangwe
- DGE Koekie Makunyane-Quashie
- DGN Riana Pretorius

D9400 Committee Chairs 2021/2022:

- Friendship Exchange Chairperson: Felicity Jones
- RYLA Chairperson: Cheryl Havenga
- Youth Exchange Chairperson: Terry Cannon
- Interact Chairperson: Jacqui Hlongwane
- Legal: PDG Annie Steijn
- District Secretary: Alice Meyer

D9400 Programme NPC is duly constituted.

- Held regular meetings during the year & decisions recorded.
- Bank account for Youth Exchange opened and signatures are in place.
- Application for BPO status for this NPC is in process.
- Youth Exchange chair and legal advisors are finalising the Crisis Management Plan.
- An Independent Audit Firm has been appointed to audit Youth Exchange financials for the periods 2018 – 2021.
- All exchange programmes will reassume exchanges in the 2022/2023 Rotary year.



“Caring for and serving others is the best way to live because it changes not only other people’s lives, but also our own”.

RI President Shekhar Mehta

ENGAGING MEMBERS AND DELIVERING VALUE IN YOUR ROTARY CLUB

Help your club thrive:

1. Work with your club leadership team to take the [Club Health Check](#). This interactive guide asks you to review elements of your club like the club experience, service and socials, members, public image, and business and operations. Then decide which areas need the most attention.
2. Learn from [clubs in your region](#) that are changing the experience they offer by engaging their members, conducting meaningful projects, and trying new ideas.
3. Share what you’ve learned about the health of your club and ask members for their ideas. Lasting change happens when everyone works toward the same goals. When you’ve developed a plan, you can customize this [slide presentation](#) to explain it during a club meeting.

If you haven’t yet explored the [Club Planning Assistant](#), it’s available anytime, and you can revisit it as often as you like. Remember that the knowledge and expertise of your district leadership team, especially your district membership chair, is another valuable resource.



Rotary International District 9400 NPC					
Annual Financial Statements 30 June 2021					
Statement of Financial Position 30 June 2021	DISTRICT 2021	DISTRICT AND COMMITTEES 2021	DISTRICT 2020	DISTRICT AND COMMITTEES 2020	
Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Inventory	-	82 775	-	82 775	
Debtors	177 726	177 726	211 309	211 309	
Bank	2 660 297	5 868 635	2 850 598	6 582 576	
Assets	2 838 023	6 129 136	3 061 907	6 876 660	
Less:					
Liabilities	490 210	686 366	749 632	1 551 206	
Creditors	98 192	111 692	198 692	478 841	
Global Grant and third party funds	392 018	574 674	550 940	1 072 365	
Reserves R/SZL	2 347 813	5 442 770	2 312 275	5 325 454	
Pula	1 792 223	4 154 786	1 765 095	4 065 232	
Metical	12 114 715	28 084 693	11 931 339	27 479 342	
Statement of Comprehensive Income 30 June 2021	DISTRICT 2021	DISTRICT AND COMMITTEES 2021	DISTRICT 2020	DISTRICT AND COMMITTEES 2020	
District dues	602 465	602 465	689 954	689 954	
Program income	-	1 068 260	-	947 407	
Other income	152 852	252 959	118 409	300 741	
Total income	755 317	1 923 684	808 363	1 938 102	
Less expenses:					
Administration	646 670	648 984	564 315	578 340	
Program	73 109	1 157 384	188 067	1 183 197	
Surplus/Deficit	R 35 538	R 117 316	R 55 981	R 176 565	
Schedule of Expenditure 30 June 2021	DISTRICT 2021	DISTRICT AND COMMITTEES 2021	DISTRICT 2020	DISTRICT AND COMMITTEES 2020	
District management	57 147	57 147	66 581	66 581	
District travel and committees	119 759	119 759	145 626	145 626	
District administration	251 764	254 078	200 535	214 560	
District conference	82 102	82 102	13 803	13 803	
Information technology	65 009	65 009	66 224	66 224	
Membership and Public relations	44 265	44 265	-	-	
Training	26 624	26 624	71 546	71 546	
Programme expenditure	73 109	1 157 384	188 067	1 183 197	
TOTAL	R 719 779	R1 806 368	R 752 382	R1 761 537	
Schedule of District Committees 30 June 2021	DISTRICT COMMITTEES 2021	DISTRICT CENTRE AND SHOP 2021	FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE 2021	FOUNDATION 2021	YOUTH EXCHANGE 2021
INCOME	1 241 476	-	-	1 044 267	197 209
Program income	97 102	-	-	-	97 102
RI Foundation/District grant	1 044 267	-	-	1 044 267	-
Interest received	100 107	-	-	-	100 107
EXPENDITURE	1 159 698	2 790	6 173	1 045 816	104 919
Bank charges	2 314	-	765	1 549	-
Regalia	-	-	-	-	-
Programme costs - staff	-	-	-	-	-
Programme costs - other	113 117	2 790	5 408	-	104 919
Foundation Grant to Clubs/Projects	1 044 267	-	-	1 044 267	-
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	R 81 778	R 2 790	R 6 173	R 1 549	R 92 290

ASSEMBLY

The Assembly covered plans for 2022/2023

- D9400 Strategy and plans for 22/23
- Community Service strategy for 22/23
- ARCoM Community Mediators
- Rotary Family Health Days (RFHA)
- Preserve Planet Earth
- Disaster Response
- Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)
- Economic Development (RAGCED)
- Peace Builder District (RAGFP)
- Mental Health Initiatives (REACH)
- 4x4 Fellowships
- District Fellowship
- Rotary Means Business (RMB)
- Foundation of Southern African Rotary Clubs (FSARC)
- Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)
- Empowering Girls
- Tutu desk
- Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacons
- Rotary Community Corps (RCC)
- Foundation strategy for 22/23
- Membership strategy for 22/23
- RI District Programmes strategy 22/23
- Council on Legislation
- Public Image strategy for 22/23
- International Service strategy for 22/23
- Training strategy for 22/23
- Future Regional governance structure

If you missed out on the AGM & Assembly, ask your Club President to provide the information.


It is important!

LEARN MORE ABOUT ROTARY GRANTS



Easier-to-use grant terms and conditions

The grant terms and conditions have been updated and separated into two documents: one for [district grants](#) and one for [global grants](#). This will alleviate some confusion and make it easier to find the specific information you're looking for.

[A Guide to Global Grants](#) helps members who want to apply for a global grant or develop more effective and sustainable service projects. You can take steps to receive your global grant payments faster by making sure that the name of the account you enter into the [Grant Center](#) is an exact match with the name on the bank account. Also note that grant payments for club-sponsored projects need to be directed to club-controlled accounts, and grant payments for district-sponsored projects need to be directed to district-controlled accounts.



PROGRAMS OF SCALE GRANT

-  **Backed by evidence**
-  **Strengthened through partnership**



Apply for the Programs of Scale grant

If your club or district project has proved its success and is ready to be expanded, consider applying for the next Programs of Scale grant. Every year, this grant awards \$2 million to a well-developed, evidence-based program led by Rotary members in collaboration with experienced partner organizations. The 2022-23 Programs of Scale application will be available by 10 June. Clubs and districts have until 1 August to submit concept notes summarizing their project's results, partnerships, and goals.

[Learn more about applying for the grant](#) and find resources to strengthen your local and international projects. The recipient of the 2022 Programs of Scale grant will be announced during the [Rotary International Convention](#).

Rotary Action Groups Annual Report now available

In 2020-21, Rotary's 27 Action Groups (RAGs) brought together 34,000 members and friends across more than 150 countries in support of more than 2,400 service projects. They also raised nearly \$1 million to fund projects. [Download the annual action group report](#) to learn more.

Rotarian Action Groups help Rotary clubs plan and carry out community development and humanitarian service projects in their area of expertise. The groups are organized by Rotarians and Rotaractors who are proficient, and have a passion for service, in a particular field.

Membership is open to Rotarians, their family members as well as participants and alumni of all Rotary and Foundation programs. Non-Rotarians can also be members of RAGs. Each group functions independently of Rotary International, establishing its own rules, dues requirements, & administrative structure.

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| ▪ Addiction Prevention | ▪ Disaster Assistance | ▪ Microfinance, Community Development |
| ▪ AIDS and Family Health | ▪ Endangered Species | ▪ Multiple sclerosis |
| ▪ Alzheimer's and Dementia | ▪ Food Plant Solutions | ▪ Peace |
| ▪ Blindness Prevention | ▪ Health Education and Wellness | ▪ Polio Survival |
| ▪ Blood Donation | ▪ Hearing | ▪ Population and Development |
| ▪ Child Slavery | ▪ Hunger and Malnutrition | ▪ Preconception Care |
| ▪ Dentistry | ▪ Literacy | ▪ Supporting the Environment |
| ▪ Diabetes | ▪ Malaria | ▪ Water and Sanitation |

Benefits of Rotary Action Groups

- ✓ By joining a RAG you can engage in meaningful service activities outside your own club, district, or country
- ✓ By partnering with a RAG, your club or district gains the support of experts for planning and implementing a project





First polio outbreak in 30 years in Mozambique



Thanks to ongoing disease surveillance, the Global Polio Laboratory Network (GPLN) has [confirmed](#) that a child in the north-eastern Tête province, Mozambique, was paralyzed by type 1 wild poliovirus (WPV1). This marks the second imported case of wild poliovirus in southern Africa this year, following an outbreak in Malawi in mid-February.

The single case so far, is the country's first since 1992. The infected child began experiencing onset of paralysis in late March. The newly confirmed case is linked to a strain that had been circulating in Pakistan in 2019, similar to the case reported in Malawi earlier this year, the World Health Organization (WHO) noted.

Polio is transmitted mainly via contaminated water and food, or through contact from an infected person. The virus can cause paralysis, which is sometimes fatal. It cannot be cured, but infection can be prevented by vaccination.

Africa was declared free of indigenous wild polio in August 2020 after eliminating all forms of wild polio from the region. The cases in Mozambique and Malawi do not affect Africa's wild poliovirus-free certification, because the virus strain is not indigenous, WHO stressed.

"The detection of another case of wild polio virus in Africa is greatly concerning, even if it's unsurprising, given the recent outbreak in Malawi. However, it shows how dangerous this virus is and how quickly it can spread," said Dr Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa.

Yet when Michel Zaffran became director of Polio Eradication at the World Health Organization in 2016, the forecast for crossing the finish line on a three-decade-long mission was optimistic. "We thought that Africa was out of the woods," he says, "and we would just be focusing on Pakistan and Afghanistan."

And then, a storm of setbacks: outbreaks in multiple WHO regions, a new proliferation of vaccine misinformation, a rogue vaccine-derived strain, and the COVID-19 pandemic, which temporarily halted vital door-to-door immunizations.

However, during Zaffran's tenure, remarkable progress was achieved: The worldwide eradication of type 3 poliovirus. The certification of wild polio eradication in WHO's African region. A brighter outlook for Afghanistan and Pakistan. And the onboarding of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, as a full partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative — a major development in financing the inactivated polio vaccine (IPV).



Michel Zaffran, WHO Director of Polio Eradication

ROTARY AND COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



In communities around the world, families struggle to meet their needs for food, shelter, work, and economic security. The mission of the Rotary Action Group for Community Economic Development (RAGCED) is to be a source of knowledge and expertise that helps Rotarians plan, implement and manage impactful and sustainable economic development projects that create lasting change in poor and underserved communities.

The RAGCED global network of experts is ready to help you create successful, impactful and sustainable projects that create opportunities by investing in communities!

Nearly 800 million people live on less than \$1.90 a day. Rotary members are passionate about providing sustainable solutions to poverty. Our members and our foundation work to strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.

[RAGCED](#) creates opportunities by investing in communities. It provides training and access to well-paying jobs and financial management institutions. We create opportunities to help individuals and communities thrive financially and socially.

The Rotarian Action Group for Microfinance and Community Development, which is closely aligned with RAGCED, has posted a series of [useful documents](#) in the run-up to the [2022 International Convention](#).





Rotary Leadership Institute

RLI Training took place at three different venues during the last two months. Participants travelled from various areas in District 9400 including Mokopane (Potgietersrus), Ermelo, Vanderbijlpark and areas closer to Kempton Park. The RLI Facilitators wish to thank all those who participated and we look forward to continuing into the new Rotary year.

- In Kempton Park where we had 20 participants on Saturday the 02 April and 24 participants on Sunday the 03 April.
- The training in Kempton Park took place over the weekend of 07-08 May 2022 with 20 participants on Saturday and 19 on Sunday.
- The final training took place in Meyerton on 21 – 22 May 2022 where there were 23 participants on Saturday and 26 on Sunday.



Auckland Park

Kempton Park

Auckland Park



Meyerton



Inter-District Portuguese POETS – D9210, D9350, D9400

An Inter-District Portuguese Presidents & Officers Elect Training Seminar (POETS) was held for three southern Africa districts – D9210, D9350, D9400

This event was prompted by the fact that each of our Districts has Portuguese-speaking countries incorporated within the Rotary district boundaries. POETS in Portuguese was facilitated by Portuguese speaking members from the District.

Discussions started as far back as 2021 between the three District Governors Elect (DGE).

The event was well-attended - 22 trainees, three DGEs and three trainers from each District. The content proved to be beneficial and led to a better understanding of all present. The three Districts are exploring more partnership and collaboration opportunities.





Support for Ukraine:

Rotary International & RAG for Peace

Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation stand with the United Nations General Assembly in expressing grave concern at “the ongoing human rights and humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, in particular at the reports of violations and abuses of human rights and violations of international humanitarian law by the Russian Federation.”

As a global humanitarian organization, Rotary takes a proactive stance toward peace-making by addressing the underlying causes of conflict. We support recent UN General Assembly resolutions calling for an immediate ceasefire and withdrawal of Russian military forces from Ukraine. This aligns with Rotary’s deep commitment to promoting peace through dialogue and conflict resolution.

We are working beside our partners in the international relief community to help provide resources to the more than 10 million Ukrainian refugees who were forced to flee. Rotary International created an official channel for contributions to support the humanitarian relief efforts underway by [#Rotary](#) districts. Learn more: <https://on.rotary.org/3KiyhFt> [#RotaryResponds](#)

The [Rotary Action Group for Peace](#) confirmed that Rotarians do not support violence and war as a solution to conflict and differences. Please sign this petition at [Change.org/p/rotarians-say-no-to-war](https://change.org/p/rotarians-say-no-to-war).



Her Majesty The Queen is the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee. She acceded the throne on 6th February 1952 aged 25 years and completed seventy years of service on 6th February 2022.

The focal point of this historic occasion is the Platinum Jubilee Weekend in June 2022 which features an extended bank holiday in the UK to provide an opportunity for communities and people to come together to celebrate this historic milestone. The four days of celebrations will include public events and community activities, as well as national moments of reflection on The Queen's 70 years of service.

The Queen's Birthday Parade is normally held on the second Saturday in June but this year, it will be held on Thursday 2 June 2022. Over 1,400 parading soldiers, 200 horses and 400 musicians will come together to participate in the traditional Birthday Parade to mark The Queen's official birthday.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories. For the first time Beacons will be lit in all the Capital cities of the Commonwealth and beyond.



THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACONS

ROTARY POSITIVE PEACE WAVE

Beacons will be lit in all the Capital cities of the Commonwealth and beyond.

Four countries and four cities in D9400:

- 🇿🇦 South Africa – Pretoria
- 🇪🇸 Eswatini – Mbabane
- 🇧🇼 Botswana – Gaborone
- 🇲🇐 Mozambique – Maputo



Supporting
THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACONS
in the Commonwealth and beyond

A “Rotary in the Commonwealth” logo was produced by Rotary Great Britain & Ireland (RGB&I) Chair of the Executive – David Ellis – who is an experienced Public Image professional.



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Rotary Club of Gaborone

The Rotary Club of Gaborone celebrated its 50th Anniversary with DG Stella Anyangwe. It was chartered on 16 January 1972 and celebrated their Gala Charter Dinner on 26 May 1972. To commemorate this, a Gala Luncheon was held on 27 May 2022 and DG Stella was invited to visit and be the guest speaker.

Prior to addressing the RCG members and visiting Rotarians at the Gala Luncheon DG Stella took time



to visit some of the RCG projects such as House No 14 at the SOS Children's Village (left) and Botswana Retired Nurses Society (BORNUS) (right).

She also visited the Pula Sports Complex built with support from RCG to educate children on recycling and re-use of waste products such as bottles and cans to build toilets and other



structures and to give them somewhere to relax and play sport in safety (left & right).

DG Stella also visited the Olcan Watt Orchard and Garden Project and Kamagelo Day Care Centre (below).



Past District Governor 1997-1998 - Reg Loo, a founder member the Rotary Club of Gaborone also said a few words about the history of the Club. He was recognised for his outstanding Service Above Self to communities in Botswana for the past 50 years.



The Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark supports agricultural training for learners at the Driehoek High School. The learners are trained by Rita Benecke of Agri Project, thanks to the Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark Park in collaboration with the Golden Vaal Chamber of Commerce and Thuson Projects.

This project has attracted 20 volunteers and the numbers are steadily growing. They are able to access the vegetables that are grown by the project and other grocery items that are donated.

Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark

Rotary Club of Rosebank

Business is the backbone of the economy of any country, and every third Friday of the month the Rotary Club of Rosebank holds a business meeting.

It is encouraging to see that Rotary members in business are engaging one another to find solutions, entrenching the organisation's motto: Serve to Change Lives. At a recent hybrid RC meeting, Marianne Soal, Hugh Rix, Lenore Terblanche and Roger Wedlake were able to make an appearance in person at Wanderers. Their speaker, Michelle von Benecke, was welcomed at the meeting as a guest. She is considering becoming a Rotary member.



The Rotary Club of Pretoria West recently joined the SOUNDS project. They set up a meeting where over 50 people, teachers and pupils, attended, by incorporating the Shalom Christian School in Silverton and three adjacent creches.

The SOUNDS project has been revived with the Viva Foundation, PEN and a new partnership with the Rotary Club of Pretoria West at the Viva Village crèche in Mamelodi, Pretoria where SOUNDS was introduced in 2011. Since then, they have used SOUNDS to equip their pupils in the basics of reading as well as expanding to a second campus.

Rotary Club of Pretoria West



A recent training session served as a renewal of skills for four of their established teachers and an introduction for another four. Four new SOUNDS sets were handed out. This session with PEN was attended by 13 of their trainers and their two managers. The skills to effectively use SOUNDS were reviewed. Each of those trainers serves many creches so a real cascade of skills has been created another really rewarding success story.



Rotary Club of Pretoria East



PEN has been the most loyal partner in the SOUNDS project of the Rotary Club of Pretoria East. Starting in 2011, the project introduced SOUNDS to about 30 creches per annum in the central areas of Pretoria. On average those creches had about 20 to 100 pupils, so by working on 50 pupils per creche, PEN has introduced

SOUNDS from 2011 to 2021 to over 15 000 pupils. Now (2022), PEN has expanded to 108 creches and the SOUNDS project is only introduced to those crèches that meet defined standards but assuming 100 creches are using SOUNDS, and 50 pupils are in each creche, PEN now introduces SOUNDS to 5000 pupils per annum. The books are sold for only R5-00 each, they cost R7 to R10, the difference made up by funds donated from our Swedish Club partners.



The Rotary Club of Randburg, Interact Club of Khensani and Noble Pursuits came together with Earthly Touch Foundation to commemorate Earth Day by laying the foundation of the Ecocentre, which is being constructed using ecobricks. The three Clubs and the community of Diepsloot have joined forces to construct this green building as our contribution to combating plastic pollution and reducing the impact of global warming.

The project will repurpose over 36 tonnes of plastic, provide classrooms to 150 students and create 20 temporary jobs in the Diepsloot community.

Rotary Club of Randburg Interact Club



This project has seen a number of organisations, schools, churches and volunteers all playing their part by donating ecobricks, plastic and empty 2-litre bottles.

The organisation has also offered training in ecobrick making to various organisations and has received more than 10 000 ecobricks from the community.



Rotaract Club of Johannesburg

The President of the Rotaract Club of Johannesburg, Renaldy Beyeme, recently led a team of volunteers to visit the village of Nyavinin in the Eastern Cape, close to the KwaZulu Natal border. To learn more about this community watch this video [This Place is Heaven - YouTube](#)

It appears that many children miss out on school days due to the close to 2-hour distance to the nearest school. Other issues include female health and teen pregnancies.



The Rotaractors are investigating more sustainable solutions that will have a greater impact on the community. This project is a collaboration between Xpose and the Rotaract Club of Johannesburg to ensure that the low rate of school attendance is addressed. It has given hope to the community as the volunteers provided sanitary items, school stationery and raincoats. Rotaractors were accompanied by local mentors who encouraged the children to return to school.



Ensuring a lasting Rotary legacy, the RC of Rosebank inducted a new Interact President at Highlands North Boys High School.

The ceremony was attended by 40 high school learners. Congratulations to new Interact President, Neo Segooa. We wish you a successful year. Past Presidents of Interact from left Philani and Ari with Neo, standing beside his teacher, Mojuta Motlhamme

Rotary Club of Rosebank Interact Club

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District 9400 EVENTS CALENDAR

2	June 2022	The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons Carl Jeppe Room, Pretoria Country Club Thursday at 20h00 for 21h15 Cash bar available RSVP by 21 May - Maureen Taylor 083 738 7169 or mbtaylor@mweb.co.za
4-8	June 2022	Rotary International Convention , Houston Texas, USA Register HERE
10	June 2022	2022-23 Programs of Scale application become available; Clubs can submit concept notes until end of June
16-19	June 2022	Hybrid D9400 Conference - Forever Resorts, Bela Bela (Warmbaths), Limpopo Register HERE
1	July 2022	New Rotary Year – Theme: Imagine Rotary
18	July 2022	Mandela Day Only 67 minutes
2-4	November 2022	Rotary Family Health Day South Africa



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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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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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