



**District
9400**

Incorporating clubs in Botswana, Eswatini and parts of Mozambique and South Africa



District Governor Newsletter

30 November 2020

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives close to home and around the world. By giving to the Annual Fund, you make these life-changing projects possible so that together, we can keep Doing Good in the World. It feels good to give back.

I love the social events and meeting people through Rotary. There is nothing better than being around people, those who know how to have fun and care enough to do good!

Over the past 5 months I was fortunate to connect virtually with all our clubs and most of the members, understanding the greatest joy you live. The members of our clubs are dedicated people who share their passion for both community service and friendship. Your relationships, whether with your

family or friends, local, international, religious, or business communities, are the reason for being. You generously contribute to sustainable growth. Many young professionals' value the mentoring Rotarians provide as well as the opportunity to establish themselves as leaders in their community.

Your willingness to look for new ways to achieve our vision, to create lasting change around the globe, in our communities and in ourselves, is inspiring. Continue to embrace the new club models, be innovative and flexible. Use Rotary's online tools to enhance and showcase your work, measure progress, and attract support.

TELL YOUR STORIES!

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, one of The Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus. COVID-19 has forced all of us to adapt. This is good, but we also need to change if we are to face the challenges



not only for this year but also into the future. The world needs Rotary more than ever. The world needs you! Continue to create endless opportunities for others and yourself. Embrace our values and remake Rotary for these new times.

From our home to yours wishing you all the Hope, Wonder and Joy that the Festive Season can bring, the gift of love, the gift of peace, the gift of happiness May these be yours this Holiday Season.



The Foundation Committee of D9400 challenges every club to be part of Giving Tuesday on 1 December.

Giving Tuesday has grown into a global movement of generosity. It’s a day that empowers all of us to give to our communities through service, kindness, and financial support – all acts that Rotary values deeply. One easy way to take action on Giving Tuesday, 1 December this year, is to make a gift to The Rotary Foundation’s Annual Fund-SHARE.

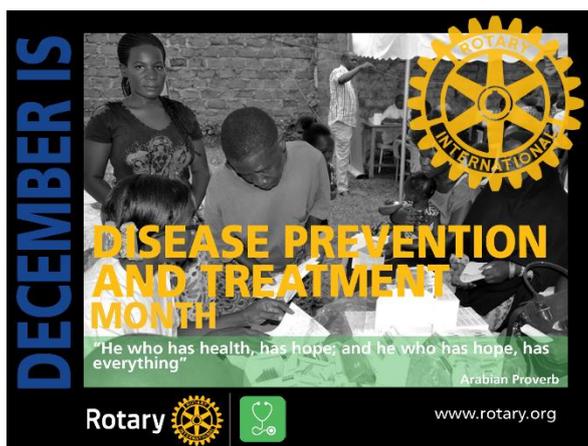
The **Annual Fund and SHARE** system is Rotary’s primary way of making sustainable projects possible both close to home and around the world. It empowers Rotarians to use these funds to create lasting change where our help is needed most. Last year, the Foundation awarded 490 district grants and 1,359 global grants as a result of Annual Fund-SHARE contributions made by generous donors.

On Giving Tuesday, make The Rotary Foundation your charity of choice so that together, we can keep Doing Good in the World.



DGN Koekie and DGE Stella in transit in Kigali, on their way to the 2020 Kampala Institute! DG Annemarie will be joining them shortly! Wishing them all a fantastic Institute, full of fun, fellowship and learning!





December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month on the Rotary Calendar. This is one of The Rotary Foundation’s Areas of Focus and one in which there are numerous projects around the world supported by clubs and the Foundation. Rotary club members take on efforts both large and small; they play an important role in promoting improved health at home and abroad and supporting these vital programs that contribute not only to healthy communities but peaceful communities.

Some **400 million people** in the world can’t afford or don’t have access to basic health care. It is here where Rotary members are devoted to fighting and preventing diseases – for example by setting up temporary clinics, blood donation centres, and training facilities in under-served communities struggling with outbreaks and health care access. Rotarians design and build infrastructure that allows doctors, patients, and governments to work together; our members combat diseases like malaria, HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer’s, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, and polio. Prevention is important, which is why we also focus on health education and bringing people routine hearing, vision, and dental care.

Enhance your existing disease prevention and treatment projects, or begin a new project!

Seek guidance from a Rotarian Action Group! Almost half of all Rotarian Action Groups (RAGs), which consult on club and district-led humanitarian efforts, specialise in disease prevention and treatment. Contact a RAG for help to start or expand a project in your community, or for opportunities to support related international efforts. Here are some of the many RAGs that address health issues:

(click on the logo to visit their website)



Blindness Prevention
Rotary Action Group



Action Group on
Mental Health
Initiatives



Medical Equipment for Health Projects

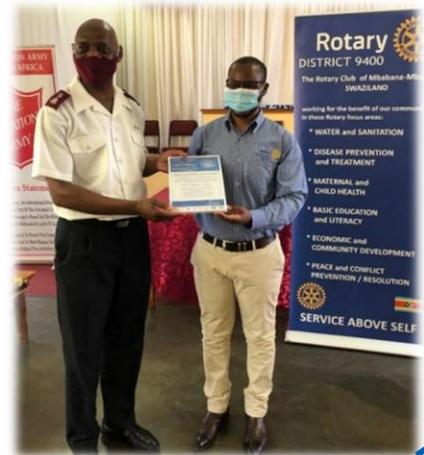
Rotarians play a major role in improving healthcare around the world. Acquisition of medical equipment - used and new - is one of the many ways we do that. To assist clubs who have health projects involving the acquisition of medical equipment or who may be considering such projects, the International Rotary Fellowship of Healthcare Professionals would like to compile a good practice guide. Please [click here](#) to participate in an online survey to facilitate the process.



Certificates of Appreciation Distributed by clubs in D9400

The **Rotary Club of Mbuluzi Mbabane** awarded a certificate of appreciation to The Salvation Army in recognition of the primary health care staff efforts in caring for and treating COVID-19 related cases and in the education of their communities for prevention of further transmission of infection.

The club was also recently awarded R42 585 for a District Grant for COVID-19 health care PPE and related items to be administered by The Salvation Army. PAG Cynthia Dlamini, a nursing specialist, proposed the sewing of protective gowns for the frontline health care workers at The Salvation Army clinics.



Picture: PP Major Timothy Jejeza Mabaso of the Salvation Army receiving the certificate from President Sikhumbuzo Mbuyisa

On Wednesday 24 November the **Rotary Club of Pretoria East** President Doulien Knopjes handed an RFHD certificate to the Frail Care Hospital at Bronberg Retirement Village, where the club has a project.



An RFHD certificate was also handed over to the Ubuntu Clinic in Mamelodi by PP Jan Visagie.

President Sonja Gilliland of the **Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark** accompanied by Past President Petro Bester had the pleasure of handing over an award to Me Tsidi Mahlonoko, the District manager of Johan Heyns Clinic, as a token of appreciation to the Department of Health teams who participate in the joint Rotary Family Health Days project in their region.



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DGA NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER NEWS

TIME TO BAKE SANTA'S COOKIES

The Bad News Is Time Flies... The Good News Is... You are the Pilot!

DGA ANGELA NORRIS

I am sure that each one of us, is glad to see the back of 2020... but will 2021 be any better?

The question is one we are all asking ourselves. All I can say is that along with all the challenges of 2020, there must be some light at the end of the tunnel... No... I'm not talking about the train coming at you either.

I don't want to ask what you will achieve this year, because I do feel that this is honestly not the year for questions like this. People have lost family, friends and jobs...

But we do have to look after ourselves, our community, and especially the impact of what Covid has and will have on our Children/grandchildren. They are surely the reason we strive to comfort; they are the reason we give love and bring hope and joy.

"We could never have loved the earth so well if we had no childhood in it." George Eliot.



I would Like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all my DGAR's That have worked so hard for me this year, thus far. We still have a long way to go, and I hope all your enthusiasm remains constant.

Another big thanks to all the Anns clubs, who have endeavoured to make a difference in their communities this 2020.

All of you who celebrate Christmas, I pray that your celebrations although may be smaller will be bigger in love, and happiness. I wish you all a merry Christmas, and wonderful New year. let's hope that bringing in 2021 with a bang, means only good things.



Some of you may have heard me quote the old saying

If you want to enjoy the shade of a tree, you should have planted it 35years ago. If you want your children or grandchildren to sit in the shade of a tree, you must plant that tree now...

Please plant your Spekboom now. If the uninformed continue to chop down our trees, and the uncaring or equally uninformed people keep buying wood from the side of the road... we will be extremely glad we started our Spekboom project.

Elephant's Eye



The Children at IKhaya Da Luz are super excited with the new bus that they received.

Well Done Benoni Aurora.





Training

Public Image Training Workshop on Saturday 31st October 2020

This well-run D9400 event was attended by a record number of 50 Rotarians. The topics were most informative and guest speakers well-informed, professional and very approachable.

Look at our District Training page [here](#) – we will upload presentations for those who weren't able to attend the training!

Did you know that there are ways to enhance the public image of your club? Find resources for your next online speech or training session in the Brand Center. Sign in to My Rotary, navigate to the [Brand Center](#), and choose Materials and then Club Resources.



Learn more about District Administration

Each and every club in the District should catch up on the latest information about the Rotary D9400 NPC [Code of Practice](#). This document provides district and club leadership and Rotarians with a single, concise document of the policies, procedures and practices that have been adopted for district administration.

Breaking News...

Meet Anas Al-Hamati – D9400's ROTARY PEACE FELLOW

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Sandton, Rotary is investing between \$80 000 and \$90 000 into the career of Anas, who has been selected to receive a 2021 Rotary Peace Fellowship for studies as part of the Rotary Peace Center program. This program promotes the mission of The Rotary Foundation to improve health, support education, and alleviate poverty. Anas will seek admission to the Rotary Peace Center program at the International Christian University and be hosted by D2750. Anas currently serves as Deputy Manager for the Middle East Office of Gift of the Givers Foundation. This fellowship will enable him to eventually achieve a PhD in peace and development studies and return to Yemen to mediate and facilitate the conversation between conflicted parties.



Rotary Grant Center

Welcome to Rotary grants! As Rotary members, we contribute our skills, expertise, and resources to solve some of the world's most serious problems. From providing clean water in local communities to promoting peace worldwide, Rotary grants can bring your project ideas to life.

Rotary members should note that there have been recent changes to the Grant Center. The changes are reflected in the updated **How to Use the Grant Center** guide, but are summarised briefly below:

- Grant sponsors now need to provide bank account information as soon as the grant application has been submitted
- Districts officers can now submit proposed district grant spending plan items for review by their regional grants officer directly in the Grant Center.
- There's no longer a minimum World Fund match for global grants. This means that grant sponsors can use any combination of District Designated Funds (DDF), cash, or directed gifts and endowment earnings to fund a global grant, as long as the minimum project budget is \$30,000. The maximum World Fund award remains \$400,000.
- The best way to ensure sufficient World Fund resources for grant activity in the future is to give generously to the **Annual Fund-SHARE** – [click here to donate now!](#)

Grant model evaluation report

The Rotary Foundation's global grant model is evaluated every five years. The findings provide the Trustees with critical information about Rotary grants so they can make data-informed decisions about the model. We're now in the second year of the current cycle. [Click here](#) to learn more about the grant model evaluation's findings from the first year of the cycle.



The Rotary Districts of Southern Africa are collaborating with Tutudesk in a drive to bring writing desks to disadvantaged children in schools lacking proper infrastructure. [Click here](#) to find out more about how we can make an immediate, lasting and positive impact on the beneficiary child's literacy development and overall academic performance!





Agri businesses can help you grow your club's membership and you can do projects jointly!

Every year, the Rotary clubs put their strategy plans together and one of the objectives is to grow membership. District 9400 has learned that there are hundreds of Agri Businesses (previously known as Co-Operatives) and that they all have an exceptional list of clients.

We have also established that as part of an Agri Business, they need to ensure that they have a Corporate Social Investment portfolio – and this is where Rotary can be involved. The Agri Businesses can partner with Rotary and jointly amazing projects could be realised.

Why not Invite your local Agri Business executives or regional manager to attend your meeting as a speaker and ask them to share their projects/programmes? See how your club can assist them in achieving their goals and by doing this, you could attract a large number of members, or the Agri Businesses in your area could form a satellite club with your club as the host!

Ten new members inducted!

Congratulations to Rotarian Prof Dries Velthuizen, who recently invited ten new members to the E-Club of Southern Africa D9400. Their inductions took place virtually on the 4th of November, during DG Annemarie's visit to her home club. The new members will, together with existing E-Club members Prof Dries and Prof Martin Rupiya, form the Military Veterans Satellite Club.



Leadership Development

As part of Rotary's alliance with Toastmasters International, a series of leadership and communication courses is now available to Rotary and Rotaract members. Toastmasters courses offered to Rotary members include Develop a Speech, Deliver a Speech, Inspirational Speech, Interpersonal Communication and Networking, Leadership Basics, Leading a Team, Leadership: Collaboration, Building Consensus. [Watch this video](#) to learn how to find the courses in the [Learning Center](#) and how to get the most out of them.

Club Focus

[Click here](#) to view Club newsletters and stories online!

Send your Club newsletters to admin@rotary9400.org.za to have them loaded onto the District website!



It started small and has grown into a huge Region 5 project! The **Rotary Club of Pretoria East** has established a flourishing collaboration with the Bronberg Retirement Village and recently also handed over a certificate of appreciation to the ladies there who are participating by knitting soft toys as Christmas gifts for the children at various Homes. All the items for the Christmas project were exhibited at the Bronberg morning market, then sorted into age appropriate groups and thereafter giftwrapped.



[Click here for an article about Clean Our Harties in the Kormorant!](#)

The Clean Our Harties initiative was a resounding success! **Rotary Club of Brits Hartbeespoort** thanks all the Rotarians and the Remax team that assisted with their environmental clean-up project. A special thanks to Remax for the water. The main focus of the clean-up was to re-establish the ecosystem around the Hartbeespoort Dam and to encourage bird life to return to the dam and surrounding areas.

It is estimated that there were over 100 helpers who filled bags with rubbish from the Schoemansville side of the dam wall to Ifafi boat club. The teams were able to collect an astonishing four trucks loads of rubbish with an astonishing 1 020 refuse bags

The **Rotary Club of Rosebank** has launched an Eco-Brick Challenge. They recently gave a simple tutorial in the art of making a solid eco-brick and have now also established a collection point. The eco-bricks are rolling in, and every club member has been challenged to make at least one eco-brick before the 4th of December and to bring it along to President Ann's year-end function. Rotarian Mark Franklin is passionate about the Environment and is commended for taking on this portfolio.



How to make an Eco-brick

Use a 2 litre soft drink bottle (Coke, Sprite, Ginger beer etc)

1. Pack the bottle tight, mix plastics as you go – paying special attention to a firmly filled base. With only a single type of plastic (eg. polystyrene) the brick will be too light.
2. Using a dowel stick or similar, compact the plastics/filler around the inside of the bottle and ensure that the entire bottle (right to under the lid) is firm and dense. You should be able to stand on the completed brick without it distorting in any way.
3. Weigh the brick – it should be a minimum of 550g but ideally 600g plus
4. You will be mind-blown as to just how much “junk” the “brick” takes!!! – just when you think it’s fullit’s probably only half-way!



The **Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark** recently had a very rewarding experience when they received a Platinum Citation for the year 2019/20 at an event at Shakespeare Inn, attended by all four clubs in the Vaal. The goals were achieved for 2019/20 in the year of Past President Jackie van Waveren, and her enthusiasm and commitment played a major role in the club's achievement.

The other three presidents who accepted the citations were Sue Niblock of **Vereeniging**, Fiona Brokensha of **Meyerton/Henley**, and Desire Du Toit of **Riverside** club.



More Club News...

The **Pietersburg100** Outreach Project started as an emergency response to the vast number of people who were suddenly without income and food due to the COVID-19 Lockdown in March 2020. As the Lockdown proceeded, retrenchments and business closures (and partial closure) escalated dramatically, and the project developed into a major undertaking, far beyond the initial short-term concept.

With a joyful service record of 30 years, the club is most grateful and thanks all those who assist and support with its community-based outreach projects. Although it is difficult to put exact values on the materials handed during lockdown, it is clear that more than R400 000 of meat, over 400 tons of vegetables, plus 'dry goods' were distributed. The combined value of donations and purchases was in excess of R4.25 million and this does not count costs incurred by the individuals collecting the donated materials and delivering parcels.

Unfortunately, logistic and financial constraints forced the closure of the project in November. But Pietersburg100 is planning for the project to be reformed in January 2021 with a very different structure and scope to that of the 2020 project. They are therefore appealing to businesses, organisations and individuals to assist with materials, or financial donations (or in any other way) so that a restructured New 2021 Outreach Project can continue in 2021.

President Derek Fox and Club Trainer Chair, Dr George Hove, found their **Rotary Club of Boksburg** to be curious about the new Rotary International area of focus, namely *Supporting the Environment*, and decided that it would be a good idea for club members to receive some advance training on the subject.

Academic George did some research and found that over the past two decades, there has been a growing concern about environmental degradation worldwide. The members found the training to be very interesting and very real as the seventh Rotary area of focus; they are looking forward to receiving Rotary International's training when it becomes official in July 2021.





On International Polio day the **Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark** hosted a breakfast fundraiser at Stonehaven on Vaal, organised by Past President Jackie van Waveren and team. Fellow Rotarians, friends, family, and the club's youth exchange students attended the successful event.



Rotarian Alan Claase was the accomplished MC for the morning and went to great length to describe the "dropper prop" used for distributing the polio vaccine!



Past President Rita Benecke donated a "Polio doll" for a raffle to raise funds for polio; she obtained the doll when attending a Rotary International conference in Mexico. The doll will be a "floating trophy" to be raffled annually at the Polio breakfast. PP Rita presented the doll to this year's lucky winner Rochelle Rhoades from the Vereeniging Rotary club, together with PDG Ernie Hendriks.

More Club News...

The **Rotary Club of Waterkloof** recently chartered and is sponsoring the Rotary Community Corps (RCC) of Waterkloof. To help celebrate the RCC, Community Service Officers of Club & District Support sent an official Certificate of Organization.

Rotary always finds time for fellowship, even during the hard times of the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic! **Rotary Club Boksburg** turns 83 years old and, pandemic or not, that fact needs to be celebrated! Club President Derek Fox organised a home baked chocolate cake for the occasion and did the happy honours on behalf of the club!



**SERVICE
ABOVE SELF**

Interact Rotaract



Uplands Interact Club

Club members recently hosted a hugely successful Christmas party at Millennium House of Hope. The staff were extremely appreciative and the children had a wonderful time!



First ever Rotary Rotaract Debate



Rotaractors from South Africa as well as India, Italy, Germany, Ghana, USA, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Lebanon, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria and Uganda have been participating in an International Rotary-Rotaract Debate! The event is based on Rotary's focus area of Peace and Conflict Resolution; accordingly, the motion for the event on October 18, 2020 was *"In the opinion of this house Referendums are essential for global peace and development"*.

The group had an exciting debate event where young and energetic Rotaractors have succeeded in connecting the youth and weaving together a truly integrated international program in line with Rotary's spirit of bringing the world closer. The winning teams received cash awards totaling US\$4,000 and the winners were as follows: 1st - Team 16/India; 2nd - Team 6/Sri Lanka; 3rd - Team 7/Nigeria.

Mbabane Rotaract Club

Members of this Eswatini Rotaract Club had a busy month, visiting two communities to render assistance in various forms.

First, in partnership with UNESWA Mbabane Campus Dept of Community Health Nursing and Mbabane-Mbuluzi Rotaract Club, members visited a family living in Mafutseni. The family is headed by Gogo Nkhosi, whose elderly grant is used to try feed the family of 25 people, many of them children. The visitors washed the family's clothes and blankets, arranged food parcel donations, cleaned the house and yard, provided moral and educational support to a young pregnant schoolgirl, and donated much needed anti-epilepsy medicine to one of the family members.

The Club's second visit was to Selulasandla Children's Village, once again in collaboration with the Mbabane-Mbuluzi Rotaract Club. At the Village, Rotaract members donated seedlings and assisted in planting them, arranged food parcel donations, and spent time playing with the children.

Well done to these enthusiastic and generous Rotaractors!



Is your club involved in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards?

RYLA is an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary clubs and districts where young people can develop their skills as a leader while having fun and making connections.

[Click here for more information!](#)

Do you have a strategy to establish a Rotaract Club in your area, or a Community Corps?

[Click here for guidance!](#)

Rotary Action Group for Peace

The Rotary Club of Johannesburg recently received a welcoming letter and Certificate as a RAGFP Peacebuilder Club when it became the first Peace Builder Club in Southern Africa. The current Club Peace Committee invites anyone from D9400 to get involved and to join the Rotary Action Group For Peace (RAGFP) where there will be free training in all matters relating to peace – [click here for more information.](#)



[EndPlasticSoup](#) is a Rotary initiative to help solve the global plastic problem. Members work together to solve and prevent the plastic pollution problem and their ultimate goal is that by 2050 there is no more plastic soup in the oceans, seas, no more plastic waste in our lakes, rivers, forests, parks and streets. Become a member of Rotary EndPlasticSoup or join their [Facebook](#) page and come into action on the next [World EndPlasticSoup Action Day](#), June 5, 2021.

Reminder from Rotary International:

Have you identified and appointed an “Environmental Custodian” – a member of your club to focus on issues of “Support the Environment”? [Click here](#) to read more about some of the ways that Rotarians are working to preserve our planet, all year long!



100 YEARS

of lasting change

Rotary is getting ready to celebrate 100
years in Africa.

Join us as we connect with fellow Rotarians and business leaders, NPOs, civil society organisations, foundations and influential change-makers. We drive impactful socio-economic transformation throughout the continent, in line with Rotary's Areas of Focus and the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.



SAVE THE DATE

Diary of events at Emperors Palace, Johannesburg:

22 to 24 April - Africa House of Friendship Projects Fair
24 April - D9400 Conference
25 April - Africa Centennial International Conference
25 April - Centennial Gala Banquet

This is a hybrid event. If you can't travel to Johannesburg, sign up for some virtual fun and fellowship.

Visit www.rotary9400.org.za for more details and to participate in our ARCoM Legacy Project

For more information please contact Africa100@rotary9400.org.za
We look forward to hosting you.

COFFEE TABLE BOOK

A coffee table book to commemorate the Rotary Centennial in Africa will be available for sale at the celebration next year. As this is an ALL-AFRICA celebration, information and projects from ALL districts will be included to showcase the wonderful work that has been done by Rotarians on the continent of Africa since 1921.

D9400 clubs are invited to each provide a showcase project for this commemorative coffee table book, from a club perspective, as to how you feel that Rotary has added value by means of your selected project to the continent of Africa and its people over the years.

DISTRICT EXHIBITION CENTRE

The event will also feature a District Exhibition Centre for the targeted age group of 35 and younger. Exceptional showcase projects which would leave an impression with the targeted age group can be displayed.

SUBMISSIONS FOR COFFEE TABLE BOOK & EXHIBITION CENTRE

Please submit high-res photographs (preferably over 1 MB) with a short message of not more than 500 words to PDG Grant Daly at dalyg@hillary.co.za as soon as possible.

Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service

An important Rotary date to remember: 31 December — Deadline for submitting a nomination for the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. Each year, the Citation for Meritorious Service recognises one Rotarian or Rotaractor per district who has demonstrated outstanding active service to The Rotary Foundation for more than one year. Nominations are made by current district Rotary Foundation chairs. Each can nominate one candidate per year from their district.

[Click here to submit a nomination!](#)

See what's new at Rotary Showcase

Rotary and Rotaract clubs can now seek project partners through Rotary Showcase. As part of this feature, your club can list proposed projects and seek partners for financial or other kinds of support, share your project budget for global grants, and connect with other clubs to build relationships — all with the goal of implementing new service projects to improve communities around the world.

[Click here to access the showcase!](#)



Apply now for Community Mediation Skills Training

African Rotary Community Mediators (ARCoM) plans to select 30 Rotarians and 70 non-Rotarians for training. With many Rotary applications already received, we are extending the process to all Clubs, calling on them to help ARCoM identify and recruit suitable candidates to receive this valuable and internationally recognised training.

We are looking for community leaders from your area and ask you to invite them to apply to us. [Please click here](#) to check the criteria and then complete the [letter of invitation \(available here\)](#) and send it to your candidate(s), copying in the email address below. Thank you for your commitment to Rotary and its peace-building initiative. [Please click here](#) for further information or send any questions you may have to arcom@rotaryzone22.org.



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ACHIEVED THROUGH
EFFECTIVE DIALOGUE.
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A COMMUNITY MEDIATOR




IN MEMORY

This month we pay tribute to the following
Rotarians who have been called to higher service:

PDG Maria Luisa Natividade (22/11/2020) (RC Maputo)

PP Mark Franklin (10/11/2020) (RC Rosebank)

AG George Zozi (01/11/2020) (RC Rustenburg)

Let's plan ahead: Important dates in December

1 December – World AIDS Day

16 December – Day of Reconciliation

25 December – Christmas Day

January is Vocational Service month!

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