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WELCOME

Sarah van Heerden - Editor in Chief

I am sure we have all had projects that just never seem to lift off. Wearing my NGO marketing hat in the KZN Midlands, I was assigned to oversee a project to rebuild a rural seniors' centre last August. We visited the site, met the people and worked hard to promote this project. However, no matter what we did, it just did not seem to launch.

Then in June our director said he had decided to make it our Mandela Day project and I groaned inwardly. I was worried. Really worried. I kept asking myself if we were wasting time and resources. Soon, it was less than a month to go and I woke with a sore throat. Wisely, as one does because it is the 'scientific method' to cure any ailment, I decided that I was not sick and it would go away if I ignored it long enough. It did not. The following day, I was worse and losing my voice.

Still, I bravely (or not) soldiered on and the following Monday morning, our HR ordered me to see a doctor. I ended up missing three weeks of work - returning just a few days before Mandela Day. In that time, little progress had been made. This project remained the epitome of an uphill battle and I was still convinced we were flogging a dead horse.

I was wrong.

All of a sudden, with just a few days left on the clock, dozens of puzzle pieces fell into place. In a flash things changed. We were no longer restoring the centre, but demolishing it! We had found a little funding and some excited sponsors. People jumped to be on board. The 'dead horse' had revived itself and was bolting out of the stable and down the track... and it has not stopped! We expect to have the centre rebuilt in the coming months as more sponsors and donors come on board.

I think the sudden rejuvenation of this project was because of Mandela Day. Without a doubt there is something magic about Mandela Day. Perhaps, there is a lingering Madiba Magic that has infused our land. It seemed they had been struck by the realisation that they could be the good in the world and that the little they were able to spare would make a big difference. And it has! Not just in our little rural project, but across the country. I was amazed and thrilled to see the numerous projects Rotary clubs undertook and the passion and enthusiasm with which their communities supported them.

There is an important lesson here. Maybe, we need to stop the BIG asks, and just ask for a little. The little bit that people can spare, share or do. Because if this Mandela Day has taught me anything, it is that a little really yields a lot!

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 and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



ROTARY IN AFRICA

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NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 15th SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 09H00

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Rotary in Africa will be held at 728 Main Road Northdene, Durban, KwaZulu Natal, South Africa on Friday 15 September 2023 commencing at 09h00. A zoom meeting link will be made available to those members who wish to join meeting online. Kindly send your zoom link request to rotaryafrica@mweb.co.za

AGENDA

1. Call to order and announcements
2. Confirmation of the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 16 September 2022.
3. Chairman's report
4. Editor's report
5. Treasurer's report and submission of annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023.
6. Appointment of Auditors
7. Election of directors to serve on the Board for a period of 2 years. In terms of the Company's Articles of Association, the following directors are due to retire from the Board:
 - i. Greg Cryer
 - ii. Peter Hugo
 - iii. Annemarie Mostert
 - iv. Joe Otin

Being eligible, the abovenamed individuals make themselves available for re-election together with any other nominations that may be submitted to the Secretary on or before Friday 08 September 2023.

Nominations must be emailed directly to Rotary in Africa at rotaryafrica@mweb.co.za.

8. To conduct or transact any other business pertinent to an Annual General Meeting.

**All current, immediate incoming and past Governors of Rotary District 9200, 9210, 9211, 9212, 9213, 9214, 9220, 9250, 9270, 9350, 9370 and 9400 are ex officio members of Rotary in Africa. A member may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on their behalf, provided that such appointment is advised to the Secretary at the offices of the Company at least 48 hours before the meeting.*

Natty Moodley

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21/07/2023

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



IN THE SPIRIT OF CARING

At the 2023 Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, I asked all Rotary members to become champions in our effort to illuminate mental health needs near and far. This includes helping one another feel more supported, advocating for mental health services and building bridges with experts in the field to expand access to treatment.

It's an important task and a big ask. But it's also something that should feel familiar to every Rotary member - because everything we do is in the spirit of caring, giving, friendship and compassion, and has been from the beginning of our organisation.

We've grown into an amazing global network of 1.4 million interconnected community leaders - leaders who share a deep commitment to doing good in the world. But what makes Rotary powerful isn't just what we do for the communities we serve. We also support and empower each other, by creating a safe space for our members to bring their whole, authentic selves. We show each other comfort and care.

These connections are deeply meaningful. The US surgeon general recently declared loneliness a public health epidemic. Dr Vivek Murthy said, "We must prioritise building social connection the same way we have prioritised other critical public health issues such as tobacco, obesity and substance use disorders." I am proud of what Rotary has done across generations to build these kinds of social connections.

Our worldwide community and our foundational value prioritising Service Above Self makes

Rotary a powerful global advocate for mental health. A recently published study by Ohio State University found performing acts of kindness was the only one of three mental health interventions tested that helped people feel more connected to others. Study co-author David Cregg said, "Performing acts of kindness seems to be one of the best ways to promote those connections."

This research suggests support for what we've known all along - that doing good helps transform not just the communities we serve, but it also transforms us. As we put a greater focus on mental health, let's not think of this effort as something new to Rotary, but rather as something we can do better and as a result have a greater impact on ourselves and the people we serve.

We are not starting this effort from scratch. The Rotary Action Group on Mental Health Initiatives has been focused on these kinds of issues for several years - and we will be looking to members of that group for leadership as we continue to build awareness. Mental health care fits comfortably within several of our areas of focus. As of May, there are 41 global grant-supported projects with a mental health focus. Many of them have tremendous promise and we will be highlighting them in the months ahead.

So, let's work together to erase the stigma associated with emotional well-being, raise awareness of mental health needs and improve access to preventive and interventional mental health services.

Together, we will Create Hope in the World.

GORDON MCINALLY
President, Rotary International



Reaching into the future

Barry Rassin, Foundation Trustee Chair

This year, I urge all of you to think big about The Rotary Foundation. To reach our goals and make the impact we know we can make, we must think outside the box and embrace innovation. We must make bold plans to expand our reach today, tomorrow and in the future.

Start by thinking big about Foundation-supported projects. If your club hasn't engaged in a Rotary Foundation district grant or global grant, make this the year you do. Collaborating with your Rotary counterparts in another district on one of Rotary's seven areas of focus can make a lasting impact beyond your wildest dreams. Explore Rotary Showcase at rotary.org/showcase or arrange a meeting between your club and your district Rotary Foundation chair to start a conversation.

Let's also think big about our polio fundraising this year. Begin planning your World Polio Day fundraiser now for 24 October if you haven't already. Let's see how Rotaract and Rotary clubs can make this year's fundraisers our best ever.

Thinking big about the Foundation also means remembering that through it, our impact goes beyond the current Rotary year. We see this through not only the emphasis on sustainability in our grant projects but also in initiatives such as Programmes of Scale. The third Programmes of Scale recipient

will take on a big challenge: combating cervical cancer and enhancing women's health in Egypt through awareness-raising and improved access to preventive care.

The success of the Programmes of Scale grant model lies in our approach of closely collaborating with partners to amplify proven methods. Each year, The Rotary Foundation awards \$2 million to a member-led programme that has demonstrated success and has the potential to reach more people through scaling up over a three- to five-year period.

Our Programmes of Scale are the epitome of thinking big: Through them, we aim to establish sustainable partnerships and cost-effective programmes that deliver tangible benefits beyond the funding period. This way, Rotary and its Foundation can reach and assist more people in more places.

Lastly, let's remember that our efforts to make the world a better place should extend beyond our time on earth. As we strive to reach \$2.025 billion by 2025 for Rotary's Endowment, consider how you can leave a legacy by making a gift or a commitment to a Rotary endowment. By doing so, future generations of Rotary members will have greater financial resources to create positive change, just as so many are doing now, in so many ways.



Rotary Showcase: Find Project Partners

Thousands of Rotary and Rotaract clubs have shared projects on Rotary Showcase since it launched in 2012. Your club can post proposed projects and seek partners for those projects, share project details, ask for financial or other support and connect with other clubs. Potential partners can search Rotary Showcase to find proposed projects to join and contact project creators directly. Learn more at my.rotary.org





Sharing: The Tools

Dr Patrick Coleman - Rotary Foundation Major Gifts Advisor

One of the primary challenges of new club development is training new members (and older Rotarians) about new Rotary practices and policies.

Many clubs are still using the Fireside Chat which were a series of evening radio addresses given by Franklin D Roosevelt, the 32nd President of the United States, between 1933 and 1944. The family would sit around the radio in the sitting room near the fireplace and listen to the president talk about recovery from the Great Depression, the promulgation of the Emergency Banking Act in response to the banking crisis, the 1936 recession, New Deal initiatives and the course of World War II.

If you Google fireside chat you will find synonyms like bull session, chin wag and prattling. This is NOT how to tell a new member about Rotary. Perhaps a more up to date term would be orientation – the act or process of orienting new members to the programmes and policies of both your club, Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

I have been involved in Rotary training since 1994, when I was asked to be club secretary. I say involved because in those days Rotary training was limited to a simple four-page pamphlet and whatever the previous secretary could tell you. Unfortunately, in my case, the previous secretary was leaving for Sri Lanka and all I received from him was two boxes of mail, one opened and another unopened, some of which was six months old!

I learned a lot about Rotary in those early days, but much of it was wrong. In later years I discovered a few programmes that greatly enhanced my Rotary knowledge. First came

PRLS (Potential Rotary Leaders Seminars) Seminar. From PRLS I learned about:

Leading with Vision, Leading Effective Meetings, Effective Communication and Public Speaking. In M(aster)PRLS1 the public speaking module from Basic PRLS was expanded to include voice projection and other helpful hints about speaking in public. MPRLS2 takes the public speaking programme above and beyond giving the participant more confidence in front of an audience. MPRLS 4 and 5 deals with the 4 leadership styles, 3 skills of a situational leader, key leader behaviour actions, matching leadership styles to development levels.

Rotary is so much more than just getting together for a meal and “prattling.”

In recent years the Rotary Leadership Institute has



become one of Rotary’s shining examples of preparing Rotary members for leadership. Courses include the basics like My Leadership In Rotary, My Rotary World and basic goals and programmes of our Foundation and continue up to strategic planning, public image and public relations, including the difference between them, motivating volunteers and ethics!

But wait... there’s more! (I always wanted to say that) When I joined Rotary, the Rotary website was a splash page with the mailing address, telephone

number and fax number (remember those?) of Rotary’s headquarters in Evanston. Today’s Rotary website is incredibly informative and includes an actual learning centre with more than 100 different courses covering everything about Rotary, The Rotary Foundation and almost any subject associated with the Rotary Brand. There is even a Rotary Brand Centre where we can access the latest and most efficient Rotary emblems and themes.

What a change from when I joined 30 years ago.



CONVENTION COUNTDOWN

LIFE IS GREEN IN SINGAPORE

In Singapore, you’ll discover lots of ideas on how your club can protect the environment - not just in convention breakout sessions but all around the city. The small island nation wants to inspire the world with its innovations to address climate change and displays its green creativity at most every turn: plants cover building exteriors and rooftops to cool the structures, and parks are abundant, with a goal that every resident can walk to one within 10 minutes.

Officials from the city-state hosting the 2024 Rotary International Convention call it a living

laboratory aimed at reducing its carbon emissions to net zero by 2050. Key milestones by 2030 are to plant a million trees, increase solar energy deployments 400 percent, cut about a third of waste to landfills and freeze growth of internal-combustion vehicles.

Here are a few more environmental programmes and plans in Singapore that might energise you: “closed-loop” water recycling to reuse every drop, conversion of incinerated waste into sand for construction, car-free town centres for walkers and cyclists with underground roads, vertical farming indoors to increase local food production and micro-climate modelling for development to strengthen wind corridors, position buildings for natural ventilation and identify hot spots for greenery.

Singapore sees its green economy as an advantage that drives growth and new jobs. Commit to *Sharing Hope With the World* as a friend of the environment when you visit the city in a garden for the 2024 International Convention from 25 to 29 May.



11-17 September 2023

Celebrate Community Week



Kiwanis



Optimist
INTERNATIONAL

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For help developing projects or connecting with other service organizations' clubs, or if you have questions related to Celebrate Community Week, write to rotary.service@rotary.org.

During the week of 11-17 September, Rotary and Rotaract clubs around the world will partner with nearby Kiwanis, Lions, and Optimist clubs on service projects related to health and wellness, food insecurity and hunger, education and literacy, and the environment. When we join together, there's no limit on the positive impact we can create in our communities. So start planning today!

- ▶ Visit Rotary Showcase for ideas and to record your shared project under the Celebrate Community campaign.
- ▶ Mark yourself as "going" to the Celebrate Community 2023 Facebook event.
- ▶ Share pictures on social media during that week, using the hashtag #CelebrateCommunity.



JONATHAN MAJIYAGBE
1934-2023

REMEMBERING JONATHAN MAJIYAGBE, Rotary International's 2003/4 president

A fledgling lawyer, Jonathan Majiyagbe joined the Rotary Club of Kano in northern Nigeria in 1967. As a man of faith, he considered his Rotary membership a natural in his life. "I knew there was the need to care for the less privileged people," he said - and he knew that Rotary would help him accomplish that goal.

Majiyagbe climbed through Rotary's ranks, rising from club president to RI director (1988-90) and trustee of The Rotary Foundation (1993/96). In 2003, he made history as RI's first - and, at this date - only president from Africa. Under his presidential theme, *Lend a Hand*, he singled out alleviating poverty as the top priority of his term.

"As Rotarians, we must open our eyes to see those around us who cannot afford shelter, health care, food and other essentials," he wrote to Rotary members world-wide. "We must address these problems with compassion and pragmatism."

For decades, Majiyagbe tirelessly championed Rotary's global polio eradication efforts. His advocacy and leadership undoubtedly contributed

to the 2020 certification of the World Health Organisation's African region as free of the wild poliovirus.

Majiyagbe died 27 May in Abuja, Nigeria. He was 88.

News of Majiyagbe's passing came during the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne. Jennifer Jones, 2022/23 RI president, paused the opening ceremony to mourn the loss of Majiyagbe. "Thank you for the communities you've helped, the lives you've impacted and for building a legacy of compassion," she later wrote on social media.

Many other Rotarians took to social media to remember their past leader. "Truly one of the finest persons I have come across in 50 years of my Rotary membership," Ashok Mahajan, a past RI director and Rotary Foundation trustee, wrote on Twitter. "Certainly, Rotary has lost a very fine Rotarian and by his loss Rotary has become poorer and heaven has become richer."

Jonathan Babatunde Majiyagbe was born in 1934 in Lagos, now Nigeria's largest city. His father, Jacob Mofolorunsho Majiyagbe, was a civil servant and his mother, Victoria Olatilewa Majiyagbe, was a princess from the Ogunbona royal family.

While he was growing up, the family moved frequently due to his father's job. Majiyagbe said that travelling around Nigeria enabled him to understand some of the major regional languages, providing him with a strong understanding of what



Lend a Hand

Past RI President Mark Maloney recalled that, to represent his Lend a Hand logo, Majiyagbe "wanted the two hands featured in the design to be on the same level so that the person receiving is equal in standing with the person giving the aid."



Past RI President Jonathan B Majiyagbe (centre) at the 2019 Rotary Zone 22 Institute with Past RI Director Sam Okudzeto and then-DGE Annemarie Mostert, of the Rotary E-Club of Southern Africa D9400.

PDG June Webber and Jonathan at the 2005 Rotary International Convention in Chicago. The picture was taken by David Bradley when the two spotted the past president. "Jonathan will always remain deeply loved by all - an exceptional human being," says June.



comprised an all-round Nigerian. He became what he called "detrivalised."

In 1957, Majiyagbe went to study in the United Kingdom. After receiving his law degree from the University of London, he returned to his native country in 1965 and eventually set up his practice in Kano, specialising in commercial law. In those days, Majiyagbe later recalled, British and Pakistani

lawyers largely dominated the legal field in northern Nigeria, a legacy of the British colonial rule, which ended in 1960.

The government's indigenisation policy in the 1970s made it possible for him and other lawyers of Nigerian origin to flourish. Over the decades, his law firm, JB Majiyagbe & Co, represented many international companies such as KLM, British

Airways and Nigeria Airways in courts. His clients also included large banks and prominent business people in Nigeria.

A member of the Bar of England and Wales, Majiyagbe was a senior advocate of Nigeria, a title conferred on those who have distinguished themselves in the practice of law. He was a past vice president of the Nigerian Bar Association and a member of the International Bar Association. In addition, he served as chancellor of the Anglican Diocese of Kano, chair of the Kano branch of the Nigerian Red Cross Society and a member of the Kano Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture. In 2008, he was awarded the Order of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Majiyagbe's Rotary life in Kano began simultaneously with his legal career. He later shifted to the Rotary Club of Abuja Metro. "Rotary provides a vehicle for fulfilling that natural instinct in people of goodwill everywhere to care and to volunteer time for the needs of their neighbours," he said in an essay about why he chose to be a Rotarian. He also cited the fellowship that abounds at club meetings and generates true friendship. "The friendship has a way of spreading to the local community," he said.

"As the years have gone by, I find that my conclusions are being reinforced in my club, in the district and in our Rotary world," he noted.

In 1980, he became the governor of District 910, which covered clubs in 14 countries of West Africa, an area now divided into eight districts. Despite his busy law practice, he visited the clubs in each country, offering guidance and inspiration.

"He kept service and charity close to heart," said Past RI President Mark Maloney, who served as aide to the president for Majiyagbe. He noted the great strength Majiyagbe exhibited after his first wife, Ade, died suddenly in June 2003 just as he was about to begin his presidency.

Maloney and his wife, Gay, who had served as Ade's aide, stayed with Majiyagbe during that time. "He persevered and gave life to the term 'the family of Rotary,'" Maloney said. "He was keen for

Rotarians to provide friendship and support to the families of Rotarians who had suffered a loss or illness."

In addition to his different RI leadership roles, Majiyagbe served on several committees, including the International PolioPlus Committee, the Nigeria PolioPlus Committee and the Reach Out to Africa Committee. "I observed Jonathan's remarkable skills and talents," added Maloney. "He celebrated the eradication of polio on the African continent, a goal to which he faithfully worked well beyond his time as president."

Majiyagbe was a Major Donor and Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation with his spouse, Ayo. He received The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service and its Distinguished Service Award. He is survived by Ayo, his son, Folorunsho and three grandchildren.

Tunji Funsho, a past chair of the Nigeria PolioPlus Committee, called Majiyagbe a mentor and role model, lauding his patience, humility, kindness and forgiving spirit. "He was an epitome of integrity and imbued with extraordinary intellect," Funsho said. "I will miss the warmth of his presence and drinking from his deep well of wisdom."

Examples of that uniquely Rotary wisdom abounded. Each month in his presidential message in this magazine, Majiyagbe included a photo of himself wearing a different costume or hat. It demonstrated that, though he wore different garments, he was the same person.

*"That's what we need," he said.
"Politics should not divide us,
nor should religion drive us
apart."*

When a reporter asked what value he had learned about Rotary, Majiyagbe replied, "Our strength is to bring in all kinds of people; there is no barrier. And diversity is one thing I have come to admire. One past Rotary president had as his theme, *Mankind Is One*. As RI president, I also emphasised that."

We come together with diverse and sometimes antagonistic views on issues. Through volunteer projects we learn to get along better with each other and concentrate more on the things we have in common than on things that drive us apart, which of course is what we're all striving for. That, ladies and gentlemen, is what Rotary is all about.

Jonathan Majiyagbe, 10 May 2004, National Press Club Luncheon

DISPATCHES FROM OUR SISTER MAGAZINES: Rotary Colombia



Rotary paints Trujillo

By Efraín Marmolejo

The rural town of Trujillo in Colombia's south western province of Valle del Cauca is known for its coffee culture. The region's growers produce many types of high-altitude, specialty coffees and export them to countries around the world.

Three years ago, Humberto Aristizábal, a member of the Rotary Club of Tuluá-El Lago, came up with the idea of decorating La Cuchilla, a historic neighbourhood of Trujillo, before the city's centenary on 21 September 2022. He teamed up with Victoria Eugenia Barbosa of the Rotary Club of Cali-San Fernando. They shared their ideas with Trujillo officials, community leaders and their respective Rotary clubs and earned their support.

More importantly, they mobilised residents and invited them to participate in this public art project, which they named Rotary Paints Trujillo. It became an extension of an established national programme called Rotary Paints Colombia.

The Rotary Paints Trujillo project was based on two fundamental pillars: First, since Trujillo is part of the Coffee Cultural Landscape of Colombia, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Rotary project organisers recommended that the colours used for the facades in La Cuchilla embody the city's strong coffee culture. Residents would have the final say in selecting colours.

Second, since Trujillo is known as the Garden of the Valley, artists turned the external walls of 70 participating houses into canvasses and painted beautiful flowers. The murals have turned the neighbourhood into a colourful painted garden. In addition, the city assigned 70 participating houses new address plates to honour Trujillo's centennial. The plates prominently feature the Rotary logo.

After three years of planning - and despite the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic - the Rotary Paints Trujillo project was completed before the city's centennial. Members of the Tuluá-El Lago and Cali-San Fernando Rotary clubs, joined by José Rodrigo Díaz Rojas, 2022/23 governor of District 4281, unveiled the "painted garden" to the city government at a ceremony that many La Cuchilla residents attended. Offering his "infinite thanks to Rotary for having delivered this wonderful gift," Victor Hugo Gómez, a community leader, said the project left La Cuchilla and the municipality of Trujillo a wonderful legacy, helping attract more tourists and improve the local economy.

DISPATCHES FROM OUR SISTER MAGAZINES: Rotary Colombia cont.



Dispatches from our sister magazines: Rotary Colombia

My Playroom

By Paola Merchán Saavedra

Though Colombia is home to Gabriel García Márquez, a Nobel Prize winner who wrote the masterpiece *One Hundred Years of Solitude*, our country has very low reading rates. According to government statistics, Colombian citizens read about two books per year on average.

The low reading rates can be largely attributed to inadequate access to education. Even for those who do attend school, reading literature or non-academic books is not encouraged. Many children see reading as an obligation or part of burdensome school work, rather than as a fun educational activity or entertainment.

My fellow Rotary club members and I strongly believe that promoting good reading habits in children constitutes a fundamental pillar in nurturing their talents, imagination and passion and in enabling them to achieve their dreams.

Hence, the Rotary Club of Fusagasugá has initiated a project dubbed *Mi Ludoteca* or *My Playroom*, to support elementary schools in the community by creating space that allows children to appreciate the art of storytelling. As American novelist George RR Martin once wrote, “A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies.” That is what literature rewards readers, offering them room

to explore the unattainable. The stories will shape their own future adventures, their dreams and their hopes.

So far, the Rotary club has created playrooms in eight schools and supplied books collected from the Ricaurte and Himalaya schools in Fusagasugá, where students have donated stories that they have already read. Each playroom is equipped with tables and chairs, bookshelves, games, puzzles, toys, puppets and art supplies. When children come to the playroom, they find themselves in a new environment, something very different from their classrooms. In this magical place filled with colour and fun, they learn about the world and about each other. The experience helps them develop a more positive attitude toward life.

The Rotary Club of Fusagasugá aims to expand the programme and make it a reality for all schools in the city so children can approach reading from a new perspective.

Experience matters most!



By Tom Gump, aide to Rotary International President 2024/25 and a member of Rotary International's Membership Growth Committee

Surveys by Rotary International show that the primary reason members love their Rotary club is a great club experience. The question is how do we intentionally create a great club experience? Below is a step-by-step easy way to do it.

CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT/SURVEY.

Rotary is like any business. We are selling a product, which is the club experience. If we offer a great club experience, our members stay and bring in others. If we offer a poor club experience, our members leave. Either way, they tell others about their experience. Give your members the value they want. To know what they want, conduct a survey. You can search MyRotary for various assessment tools that are already available or you can make your own.

HAVE AN EXTERNAL FOCUS.

As a group, we Rotarians tend to talk to ourselves more than we talk to others. I love participating in Rotary president-elect trainings, district conferences, institutes, international conventions and so forth. However, I inevitably find myself thinking, I wish we had invited our friends to join us. The world needs not only to hear about Rotary, but also, it needs to experience Rotary. Bring a friend with you to your next service project or social – they will love it, even if they don't like attending business meetings!

MAKE A CHANGE.

Surveys themselves are good, as they make your members feel they belong because you give them an

opportunity to be heard. However, if you do not act on some of the suggested changes it has the opposite effect. Once, at a club presidents-elect (PE) training, I asked all the PEs to tell us the one change they were going to make to create a great club experience. PE Troy said he was “going to have pie for dessert!” The room burst into laughter. I ran into “Troy ‘the Pie Guy’” a few years later and I asked him if he “got his pie for dessert.” He did, but a strange thing had happened. Club members were happy with that change and soon started suggesting other changes. His club slowly transformed from a club resistant to change to one that sought change. It is now the second largest club in its district.

STAY POSITIVE, SMILE AND SAY THANK YOU.

It is the little things we do that mean the most. Standing at the front door and greeting participants with a smile and kind words of welcome makes them feel like they belong. Saying thank you converts potential members into members and volunteers into long-term Rotarians. It also energises and motivates current members. Recognising contributions does the same, no matter how you do it.

Together, let's grow Rotary by creating a great club experiences.

HAVE YOU GOT GOOD ADVICE TO SHARE?

Submit your stories and photos (at least 1MB in size) by email to rotaryafrica@mweb.co.za



MY STORY

Geoffrey on the run



Running was never an intentional plan or hobby. Discovering I enjoyed it was, at best, a happy accident. I started running in 2015 while on holiday with my wife, Setsego.

I found it so exhilarating that I started ParkRun every Saturday morning. During the ParkRuns, I received compliments about my performance and as a result, was invited to join the local marathon club. That year, I finished two 10km races in under 50 minutes and two half marathons and a 32km race.

In 2016 my running was interrupted by studies. I picked it up again in July 2017 and I ran my first marathon that September, finishing in a time of 03:30:38. To date I have run more than 20 marathons.

I participated in my first ultra-marathon, Old Mutual Two Oceans Marathon, in April 2018 and ran 56km in 04:23:48 and a few months later, I finished my first Comrades Marathon in 08:22:58. The following year, I finished the Comrades in 08:25:12.

In 2021 I started cross country running and represented our region at the South African Cross-Country Championships. Our team of four athletes finished third in the men's 45-49 age category.

Last year, I ran the Comrades again and I finished

President Elsche Dippenaar of the Rotary Club of Orkney (D9370) congratulates PP Geoffrey Abrams on winning a silver medal at the 2023 Comrades Marathon.

in 07:40:08, missing the silver medal cut-off by 10 minutes and nine seconds. After such a near miss, it was back to the drawing board and smart training to prepare for this year's Comrades which I managed to finish in 07:26:40 and achieve my first silver medal.

Running has taught me to plan and execute goals and tolerate pain while experiencing setbacks. However, when one thinks about individuals who want to run but cannot either through health or disabilities one realises how fortunate one is, hence my running motto; 'I run for those who can't!'

ABOUT GEOFFREY ABRAMS

Home club: Rotary Club of Orkney (D9370)

Joined Rotary in: October 2007

Portfolios held: Communications, Youth and Strategic Planning

President: 2010/11 and 2020/21

Rotary Recognitions: Paul Harris Fellow

Profession: Civil engineer technologist and the director of a civil and structural consulting engineers

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District governors are an important part of Rotary’s leadership structure. Governors, together with a team of assistant governors and district committees, support, strengthen and motivate clubs, organise training, plan district conferences and other events. Nominees for district governor must have been Rotary members for at least seven years and served as club president. There are many benefits to assuming leadership positions in Rotary. These include access to world-class training in preparation for their roles and the expansion of their networks to include accomplished professionals as they ascend the ranks. A new generation of good leaders is essential to Rotary’s future. They help guide Rotary, contribute professional expertise and build goodwill with other leaders while working towards a common goal: helping Rotarians create sustainable, positive change.



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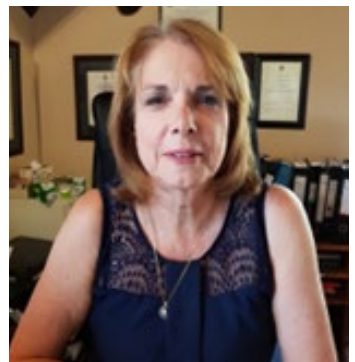
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D9350: Ann Wright and partner Dave



District 9370: Jacques Venter and partner, Lynda



District 9400: Riana Pretorius

Ready to take on a leadership role beyond your club – but not ready to be a district governor? There are other options. District committees often need volunteers. Most districts have committees that focus on the following areas: finance; international service; training and leadership development; public image and youth programmes and scholarships. Ask your district governor about opportunities in your area.



Thozzi Sikali, Noxy Mngcita and Dyane Phillips wait for cyclists to cross the finish line.

Rotaract rolls in!

Tuesday 20 June was a red letter day for the Rotary Club of Knysna (D9350) as the charter members of the Rotaract Club of Knysna were inducted into the Rotary family. The Rotaractors sprang into action 10 days later by helping out at the 2023 Knysna Cycle Tour, which is supported by the Rotary Club of Knysna.



Rotaractor Khanyiso Beardman packs goody bags for cyclists to collect when they register for the Knysna Cycle Tour.



Induction of 23-24 Rotaract President Thozeka Sikali, with Dyane Phillips, Phelelani Best, Wilfred Nyoni, Khanyiso Beardman, Noxolo Mngcita, Jason White and Yamkela Peyi (not pictured). With the new Rotaractors is 2022/23 President George Coon and Youth Chair Butch Coetzee of the Rotary Club of Knysna.

CARRYING IT

Forward!

By Jennifer Montgomery, Rotary Peace Fellow and Co-Founder, President and CEO of Magenta Girls Initiative.

Someone wise once said that discomfort is the price of admission for a meaningful life. My experience as a Rotary Peace Fellow has taught me that stepping out of your comfort zone is the only way to live your dream. When you're gifted this opportunity to be a peace fellow, you have a responsibility to carry the work forward.

"Carrying it forward" motivated me to form Magenta Girls Initiative, an international non-governmental organisation equipping Ugandan girls and young women with the support and tools needed to overcome harmful gender norms, generational poverty, gender-based violence (GBV), trafficking and trauma. For me, it's also personal. As a survivor of sexual violence, I'm deeply committed to helping others find peace and transformation.

I formed Magenta Girls with Goret Komurembe, a peace fellow from Uganda, and two Ugandan Rotarian women who are experts on gender and education. Goret and I have more than 25 years combined experience creating and implementing effective interventions for vulnerable girls and women around the globe. In May, I decided to dedicate myself full time to expanding our new organisation. I want to create evidence-based programmes that can be implemented in other vulnerable communities in Africa.

AT MAKERERE UNIVERSITY

This work began during my year-long Rotary Peace Fellowship in peacebuilding and conflict transformation at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. It's a requirement of the programme that each fellow starts or expands on an initiative for positive social change. While visiting an informal

urban settlement in Kampala with my fellowship class, I met a group of women working in a brothel. They expressed a strong desire to get out of the brothel and gain education and skills for safer livelihoods. I used my professional expertise and new partnerships gained during the fellowship to create an initiative to empower the women. We worked on resilience building through mindfulness, expressive arts and leadership training with 70 women. The women were living in extreme poverty and facing pervasive sexual violence, human trafficking, food insecurity, HIV/AIDS and unsafe housing.

What started as my fellowship project evolved into Magenta Girls Initiative, an NGO I founded with the help of local Rotarians in Uganda and support from Rotarians in my home state of Kansas. Next came a global grant project between the Uganda Rotary club that hosted me during my fellowship and an international partner in District 6080 in Missouri, USA, as well as support from both international Rotary clubs and local clubs.

Magenta Girls empowers at-risk women and girls through training and education, enabling them to work outside of commercial and coercive sex and support themselves and their children in safe and sustainable ways. We provide educational assistance, local mentorship, gender violence crisis response, improved food security and psychosocial support.

UBUNTU

Through the generosity of a few individual Rotarians, last year we enabled 10 women from the project community to receive training in tailoring and hairdressing. Each one of these determined women overcame serious life challenges to complete the six-month training programme and graduate with a professional certificate. Magenta Girls will provide them with funds to start a small business to achieve self-reliance and economic

independence.

At Magenta Girls, we're guided by United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, including lifting women and girls out of poverty and unlocking their potential to be self-sufficient and productive members of their communities.

Ubuntu is the African concept of humaneness:

putting yourself out on behalf of others, being vulnerable. It embraces compassion and toughness. It recognises that my humanity is bound up in yours.

Let's continue to work together as peace fellows and Rotary members to lead change and build peace through our compassion, action and shared humanity.



Jennifer is the President and CEO of Magenta Girls Initiative and currently serves as a subject matter expert on human trafficking and gender-based violence with the Attorney General Alliance-Africa Programme, Africa Partnership for Justice. She served for 10 years as the director of human trafficking education and outreach for the Kansas Attorney General's Office and chair of the Kansas Human Trafficking Advisory Board. She's also a writer and film advisor with Capture Humanity, a collaborative of artists elevating the voices of victims of global human rights abuses.

About the Rotary Peace Fellowship Programme

Each year, Rotary awards fully funded fellowships for dedicated leaders from around the world to study at one of our peace centres.

Through academic training, practice and global networking opportunities, the Rotary Peace Centres programme develops the capacity of peace and development professionals to become effective catalysts for peace. The fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation and internship and field-study expenses.

Since the programme began in 2002, the Rotary Peace Centres have trained more than 1,600 fellows who now work in over 140 countries. Many serve as leaders in governments, NGOs, education and research institutions, peacekeeping and law enforcement agencies and international organisations like the United Nations and the World Bank.

THE FELLOWSHIPS

The Rotary Peace Fellowship is designed for leaders with work experience in peace and development. The fellows are committed to

community and international service and the pursuit of peace. Each year, The Rotary Foundation awards up to 50 fellowships for master's degrees and up to 40 for certificate studies at premier universities.

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Accepted candidates study peace and development issues with research-informed teaching and a diverse student body. The programmes last 15 to 24 months and include a two to three-month field study, which participants design themselves.

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During the one-year blended learning programme, experienced peace and development professionals with diverse backgrounds gain practical skills to promote peace within their communities and regions. Fellows complete field studies and design and carry out a social change initiative. This programme is intended for working professionals. Fellows earn a post-graduate diploma upon completion of the programme.



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What a year!

This last Rotary year was a productive one for the Rotary Club of George (D9350). The club, which was chartered in 1951, has 41 members.

Some of the projects the club has undertaken this last year have included repairing a leaking roof and installing an inverter and batteries at George Night Shelter, the establishment of a vegetable garden at Carpe Diem, which included shade netting, tunnels, an irrigation spray system and water harvesting, to feed children at Carpe Diem, giving Breede Gouritz Catchment Management Agency a donation of R200 000 and funding a number of cataract surgeries.

The club has also been active in the OCC Wheelchair Race and Rotary Health Outreach on farms surrounding George and Pensioners Braai at RLR Retirement Village. However, a favourite project is the annual Santa Flights, a joint club services project where children are taken on various short aircraft trips in fixed wing aircraft, helicopters and micro lights, driven in fast cars and entertained with food, drinks and jumping castles. Presents were handed out by Father Christmas.

Currently the club is investigating the possibility of replacing old laundry equipment and geysers as well as a system for harvesting rainwater at Rosemoor Old Age Home. The cost is estimated at R1.7 million which will require a concerted fundraising drive and international support.

In terms of working with the youth the club has interact clubs at York High School and Rundle College, as well as an EarlyAct club at Outeniqua Primary.

The club is also an active participant in the Short Term Youth Exchange programme. Last year, the club hosted a student from Switzerland and in July 2023, a student from George went to Germany.



The new board of the Rotary Club of George.

Christmas SPIRIT IN JULY



The Rotary Club of Brits Hartbeespoort (D9400) collaborated with Village Mall in Hartbeespoort on a project to collect clothing. The project, Free on a Tree, involves a community collection of quality second hand clothing. People visit the mall with their donation and hang it on the mall's Christmas tree frame. This year, two small truck loads of clothing were collected and shared between two local NGOs, Dare2Share and Help Is On The Way.

FIRST of many firsts!

By Ifechukwude Rex Omameh,
President of the Rotary Club of Blouberg (D9350)

In July, I became the youngest president in the history of my Rotary club and the first president of colour.

It was while I was sitting in the audience at the Rotary People of Action: Champions of Inclusion concert in Cape Town that I realised the significance of this. I had a conversation with Rotary General Secretary and CEO John Hewko, who encouraged me to share my story. I'm excited about what my presidency could mean to the future of my club, my district and Rotary in South Africa.

I've always advocated for transition in Rotary. I joined the Rotary family in 2007 as an Interactor in Nigeria, where I grew up. I didn't even know it was called Interact. I just volunteered at Rotary projects and we would meet informally to plan our own activities.

I joined Rotaract when I began college in Nigeria. When I moved to Cape Town to further my education, I became a member of the Rotaract Club of Blouberg. Four years later, in 2020, I joined the Rotary Club of Blouberg. I was the club's first dual member of Rotary and Rotaract, the same year Rotary International elevated Rotaract to equal status with Rotary.

CLUB HISTORY

The Rotary Club of Blouberg has a rich history. Chartered in 1986, the club has hosted well-known guest speakers like former president FW de Klerk and performer Pieter-Dirk Uys. I'm honoured to





My favourite areas of focus: ending hunger, basic education and literacy, ending polio, and water and sanitation.

be chosen to lead a club with projects that have run for decades. I'm even more honoured to lead the club as the first person of colour in more than 35 years.

My transition from Rotaract to Rotary wasn't entirely smooth. I was the youngest member of my Rotary club. Within a year of joining, I was approached by fellow Rotarians asking me to run for president because the club needed a "breath of fresh air" and good leadership.

I was almost certain that neither I nor my club were ready for my leadership. The difference in age was dramatic. The average age of our club members then was over 50 years old. Similarly, while South Africa is 80.1% black, at the time I joined, our club was 2.7% black. I accepted the nomination but knew I didn't stand a chance.

MANY FIRSTS

But I strongly believe that humanity should be our

race and love should be our religion. There are so many Rotarians in South Africa and the world who share this vision. As a Rotarian, I express service above self through my favourite areas of focus: ending hunger, ending polio, basic education and literacy and water and sanitation. I host our district's annual polio fundraising event and our sandwich drive distributes more than 28,000 sandwiches to those who are hungry, in collaboration with partners and other Rotaract and Interact clubs.

I was not selected president in 2020, but I was humbled to receive multiple nominations to run again for the 2023/24 year. It's a moment of many 'firsts.' Most importantly, it's a time for growing in diversity and equity. The Blouberg club has been active in embracing diversity, equality and inclusion (DEI) and I am so proud to call them not just fellow Rotarians, but family.

At the Champions of Inclusion event, I saw what diversity and integration can look like in our service clubs around the world. I was inspired by the speech of André Hadley Marria. I look forward to serving my club as its youngest president and watching Rotary grow in South Africa and elsewhere.

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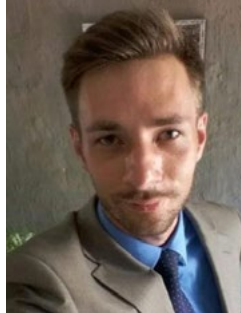
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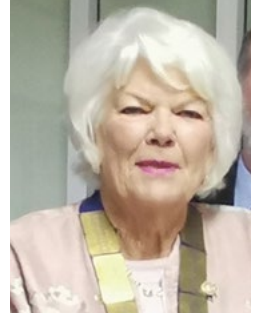
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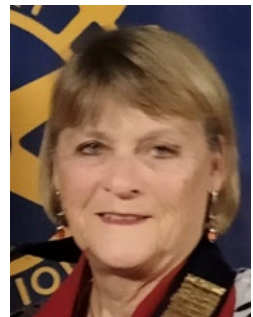
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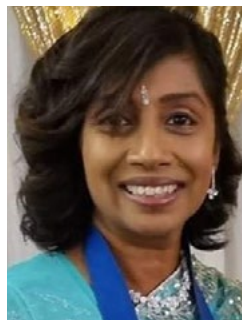
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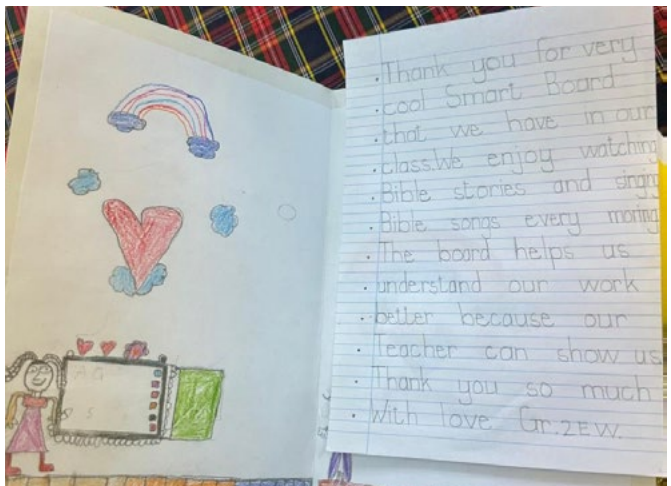
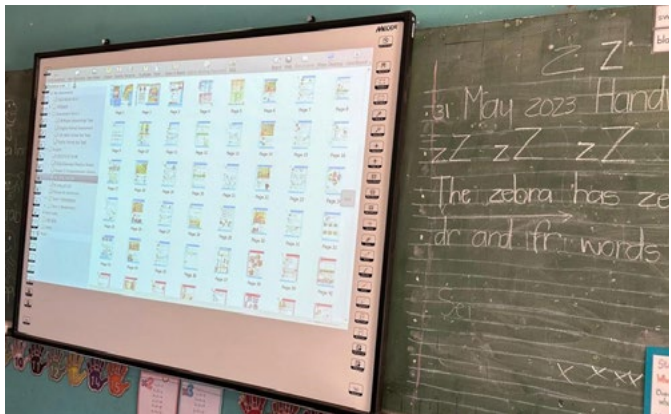


Mandela Day is a celebration of the spirit of compassion and unity that Nelson Mandela embodied throughout his remarkable life. For the Rotaract Club of Hout Bay (D9350) members it was a day that reminded them of the power and tremendous impact of small actions. This year, the club's Mandela Day project supported the elderly in its community. Members spent time distributing warm, cosy blankets and sandwiches. The Rotaractors were supported by their sponsor club, the Rotary Club of Hout Bay, family and friends. A number of sponsors throughout Hout Bay contributed towards the project.



The Rotary Club of Klerksdorp (D9370) delivered yet another interactive whiteboard (right) to Unie Primary School. So far, the club has installed six whiteboards in schools and plans on delivering another four in the new Rotary year. The whiteboard works like a normal whiteboard, but allows educators to interact from a computer or on the screen and save content for future reference. This school has seen a significant increase in the grade average, participation and buy-in from learners whose classrooms have received one. The club also delivered brand new laptops to educators who have already received their whiteboards. Top: At the presentation are Carmelo Graceffa, Brian Smith, Cheryl Katz, Colin Engelbrect, Casey Sounes, Allison de Lange and Len Moll.

Right: Learners wrote heartfelt thank you letters to the club members.





The Rotary Club of Cape of Good Hope (D9350) supported the NSRI Lighthouse fundraiser on Fish Hoek Beach. The fundraiser included a 10-km surfski, an eight-kilometre prone or stand up paddle, a 500m - 1.5km swim, a 4-5km walk and a frigid 10-minute polar dip! Although it was July, the weather was beautiful. Rotarians helped with the registration, PR, crowd control and made pots of soup to feed the hard working volunteers and other professionals. The day was a terrific success with lots of prizes won by the participants.



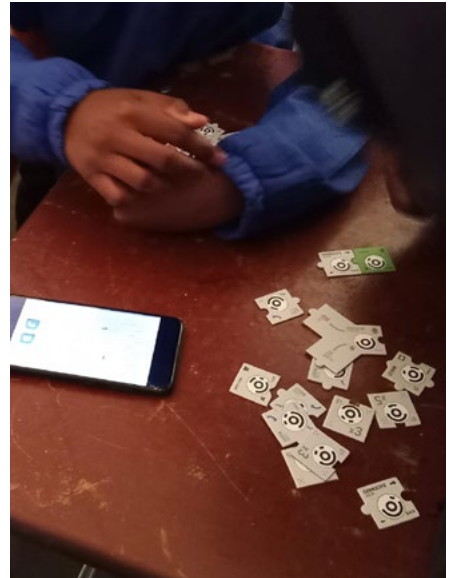
For 30 years, the Rotary Club of Knights-Pendragon (D9400) provided marshals for the Dis-Chem Ride for Sight fundraiser for Retina South Africa.



After a passionate presentation by Peach Olive (a friend of the Rotary Club of Hillcrest, D9370), Hillcrest members decided to send a donation of food and cleaning materials to the people of Tent City. Tent City is a NGO situated on the south coast of KwaZulu-Natal that provides shelter, bedding and food to more than 100 homeless families. Homelessness is on the rise in South Africa. Add to that the increasing economic uncertainty and challenges, increasing retrenchments and climbing interest rates, many families are just one or two pay cheques away from the street. Tent City provides them with a safe place to have a hot shower, eat a warm meal, sleep in a clean bed and regain their dignity.



Southside FM's Youth Unplugged hosted the members Interact Club of Tongaat Secondary School (D9370), who showcased their community initiatives and future projects.



Members of the Rotary E-Club of Baobab (D9400) have introduced Unplugged Coding using Rangers Tokens and cellphones to the learners of Sekuruwe Combined School in Moletji. For Mandela Day, the club members spent their 67 minutes with the learners running coding tournaments using Rangers tokens and cellphones. This programme allows learners to learn computers science skills without having access to the internet, computer screens and networks. Unplugged coding is a method of taking coding to communities which do not have access to expensive resources. It bridges the gap between resourced and under-resourced schools and allows the children at the latter to benefit from learning the skill. Teaching children coding not only provides them with a valuable toolset but it also helps them by testing a number of abilities and developing their analytical and problem-solving skills while developing more logical thinking. A small app is downloaded that allows participants to play Rangers offline while using the app and the tokens from the game packs. The learners have to work in teams, which also helps develop their interpersonal and collaboration skills.



Jars of Hope was the focus of the Mandela Day project of the Rotary Club of Meyerton/Henley on Klip (D9400). Club members dedicated their 67 minutes to create Jars of Hope. A total of 70 jars were prepared for Soup Souls, a wonderful initiative supporting those in need. These jars are filled with non-perishable food stuff, like rice, soup mix, lentils and soup powder. One just has to add water and cook to turn a Jar of Hope into a nutritious meal. Community members supported the project and donated the ingredients for the jars.



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The Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark (D9400) celebrated Mandela Day by delivering a massive donation to Sebokeng Regional Hospital. The donation was made in support of the hospital's Mandela Day campaign that collected goods for distribution to the hospital clients. Below: Hospital staff planned a fun distribution day for its clients to enjoy!





The Rotary Club of Chatsworth (D9370) celebrated Mandela Day by providing a much-needed water storage tank to the community of Welbedacht. This was all made possible with a Mandela Day Grant that was sponsored by Nedbank.



Members of the Rotary Club of Durban (D9370) assisted with marshalling at the East Coast Radio Big Walk. Lots of fun and laughter had by all.



The success of the annual Winter Angels project of the Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark (D9400) yet again exceeded expectations! Championed by Rotarian Jeanette Steyn, this project involves the collection of knitted goods from volunteer knitters. Various organisations working with children in need submit lists with the ages of the children they care for. Jeanette and her team ensured the beanies, scarves and jerseys were sorted according to age then packed into parcels. The parcels include extras such as blankets, scarves, beanies and toys. In total, 364 knitted items were delivered by 38 committed knitters. Most of the knitters use their own wool and the club sponsored wool where needed. Funds raised at the club's annual ladies tea purchased the wool that was needed. The Bar With No Name made its venue available for the handover of the parcels to representatives of the different organisations. It was a festive occasion attended by Rotarians and their friends. Organisations that benefited included the four homes of Jabes Foundation, Maria Magdalena Children's Home, Engo Child and Youth Centre, Sammy's Day Care, Helpflift NG Driehoek, House Winnie, Gelukdsdal Community, Sonlandpark Old Age Home, SAVF Shelter, House Miriam, Annatjie's Home and Bella Maria Life Line Home for Abused Women and Children.





The Rotary Anns Club of Riverside (D9400), also known as the Golden Girls, is a small group of dynamic women who play an active role in delivering sustainable change to the community. When it comes to projects, age is just a number, as one of the club's active members is just 90 years young. One of the club's projects is a charity shop that is open 3 days a week and is manned by the Rotary Anns. The sales of pre-loved items at the shop have funded a number of incredible projects in the greater community. Top: At the recent presidential induction lunch at Footprints Coffee Shop are PDGA Zurika Nienaber, President Ina Labuschange, Maureen Watts, DGA Sylvia Knoop, (front) Irene Ramsden, Past Ann President Myrtle Stringer and Janet Mullen.

Left: Guests enjoying the lunch.



The Rotary Club of Empangeni (D9370) received a container of used bicycles from the Rotary Club of Ft. Lauderdale/Cypress Creek (D6990). After assembling the bicycles, the Rotarians donated them to Sitholinhlahl Primary School which has a functioning bicycle exercise programme. The school has a determined and dedicated employee, Isabel Mchunu, who is a qualified international cycling federation coach. Additionally, the school is led by its principal, Mr M Gwala, who believes an empowered school is one which focuses on developing a well-balanced youngster. This is achieved by giving equal attention to the development of academics, culture and sport. The school aims to teach the children to use cycling as a form of exercise or sport, while imparting cycling skills and road safety awareness training.



The Rotary Club of Phoenix (D9370) and members of the Interact Club of Greenbury Secondary School raised funds for food hampers that were given to indigent learners and other families in the Phoenix area.

WALL OF HONOUR



Marita Canelley is a new member of the Rotary Club of Potchefstroom Mooi (D9370).



Lynette Schutte is a new member of the Rotary Club of Potchefstroom Mooi (D9370).



Su-Marie Erasmus is a new member of the Rotary Club of Potchefstroom Mooi (D9370).



Louise Tromp is a new member of the Rotary Club of Worcester (D9350).



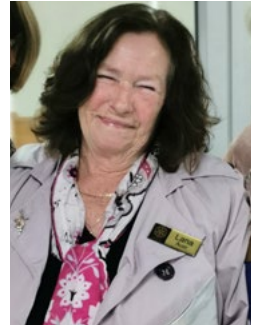
Wendy Schenck is a new member of the Rotary Club of Worcester (D9350).



Antonin Teichmann is a new member of the Rotary Club of Riverside (D9400).



Russell Stevens is a new member of the Rotary Club of Riverside (D9400).



Lana Auer is a new member of the Rotary Club of George (D9350).



Past President Martin Reimann received a Service Above Self Award from the Rotary Club of George (D9350).



Christine Jeffrey was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of George (D9350).

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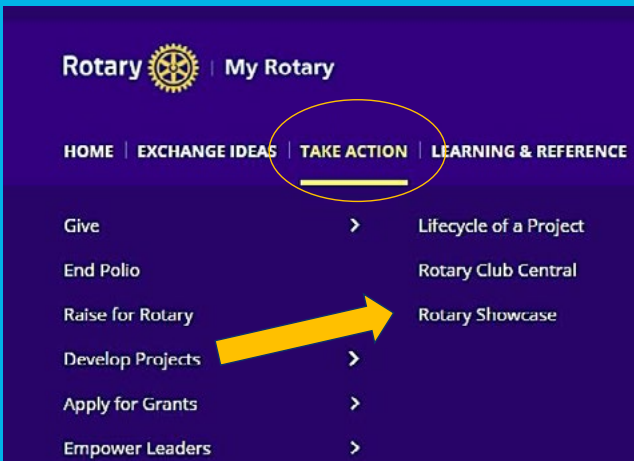
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