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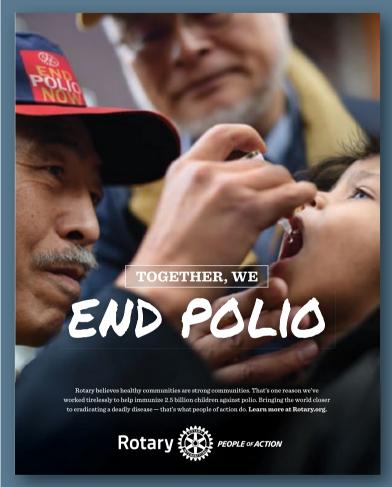
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ON MY MIND Sarah van Heerden, editor

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"But we just finished proofing the February issue!" This indignant statement has become my go-to catchphrase in November when we begin editing our final issue for the calendar year. And, what an issue it is!

Not only do we have exciting news to share, but we had a

bumper number of adverts come in as well - and not only from Rotarians! What does this tell me and why does it excite me? To me, this is an exciting testament to the value of what you, our readers, do. These advertisers would not have committed to such extensive advertising if they did not feel that your stories are of interest to our readers in Southern Africa, which means that Rotary is of interest.

It is up to us to share the news to generate the interest we need. Our approach to membership needs to be proactive and not reactive and we can't generate interest in membership without awareness of our activities!

As our membership numbers

"Hey, do you want

As our membership numbers are dwindling, I have had some thought-provoking conversations with Rotarians from various districts in the last few months. I have heard how plans are in place to drive membership in Southern Africa and naturally, I have an opinion!

There is nothing more annoying, and even offensive, than a group of people (no matter how well-intentioned) who have no real understanding (realised or unrealised) of another group deciding that they know the wants,

needs and aspirations of the latter. More often than not, the former is so far off base that their assumptions and conclusions are laughable. This is why you need to engage people from all the demographics your membership campaigns are targeting.

Over the years there has been much emphasis on attracting young professionals, but I see very, very few young professionals among the decision-makers, being asked what they think, feel, need or aspire to, or being invited to serve on committees. In fact, as I still fall into that demographic, I am surprised that I have only been asked a handful of times for my opinion. When speaking to other younger Rotarians that I meet or know, I am astounded to find that they often feel the same way frustrated because assumptions are being made that are not correct.

In business theory there is a thing known as disruptive innovation. This is an innovation that creates a new market and value network and eventually disrupts an existing market and value network, displacing established market-leading firms, products and alliances.

I think it is time we Disrupt our Rotary membership

campaigns!

Firstly, let's disrupt Rotary at both the club and district level by looking at what we are doing. Is it working or has it worked well during the last 18 months - can you measure the success and do the successes exceed the failures/stagnations? If not, why not look around and find the people who fall into the demographics of those you are trying to attract. Get them to join your committees - and add more than one. Remember, the normal processes are clearly not working, so now it is time to disrupt them!

Listen to them, implement their suggestions - they know why they joined, what they value about Rotary, why they stay and more importantly, what has or will make them consider leaving. This is valuable insight and should be treated as such!

Anyone in marketing or sales will have heard of sales or conversion funnels, especially in digital marketing. What we need to do is put plans in place to drive membership. The sales funnel, or purchasing funnel, is a consumer-focused marketing model which

illustrates the theoretical customer journey towards the purchase of an item, service or in our case, membership! Remember, when we approach potential members, we are selling them a concept. They are going to have to commit to Rotary membership in much the same manner that people will commit to a gym membership. "Hey, do you want to join Rotary and do charitable work?" is not how we will attract members and Rotary knows this as well - you can see it in the People of Action campaign!

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The above step - Awareness - is the most important. Without it we can't progress any further. Realistically, almost non-existant are awareness of what Rotary is, what it does and how membership benefits the individual (and it does, in many ways). We need to drive it to the point where people aspire to join. We need to do what Rotarians in East and West Africa have done and show that being a member is something of value and importance - read the online editions of newspapers from those regions and you will see it for yourself!

Sales are invariably successful when you sell the benefits. In Rotary we tend to over emphasise what Rotary is and has done. We forget that a potential member ALSO wants to know 'How do I benefit?"

## President's message

Aloha Rotary

There is no experience quite attending the Rotary like International Convention. Discover the true spirit of aloha and Rotary with your family, friends and fellow Rotarians from 6 to 10 June in Honolulu. It is the perfect setting for the entire family of Rotary to collaborate celebrate. connect.

There are two types of people who enjoy visits to Hawaii - those who have never been to the islands and are about to have unique and wonderful experiences, then those who have had those Hawaiian moments etched into their memories already and cannot wait to create some new ones.

The convention is the best place to find and share your aloha, which you will soon discover is much more than a greeting. Just as Rotary is a way of life for Rotarians, aloha is a way of life for Hawaiians - one that focuses on living in harmony, being patient, treating everyone with respect and sharing joy with your family or 'ohana".

Our host committee has arranged some fabulous events for you and your family. These include a Hawaiian Culture and Lunch Boat Cruise: a two-hour tour that will feature spectacular views of Diamond Head, Waikiki and the Kahala Gold Coast. Onboard, you can learn to play the ukulele, take part in hula dancing and create your own Hawaiian flower lei.

You will also have opportunity to enjoy a full range of island hospitality from small backyard picnics to multicourse family meals. There will be fantastic service projects to see, including two ancient Hawaiian fishponds, as well as a sunrise Walk for Peace that will take place at the beautiful Ala Moana Beach Park, an almost five-kilometre stroll in the shadow



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of the iconic Diamond Head crater.

Inside and outside the convention halls, we are going to hold the most family-friendly convention in Rotary history, including a family-centred opening ceremony and family-focused events in the House of Friendship. The opening session will, of course, include our traditional flag ceremony.

Our 2020 convention will also be a time to celebrate Rotary's historical ties to the United Nations. As I mentioned in my November message, June 2020 will mark the 75th anniversary of the signing of the United Nations charter. On the day before the start of the convention, Rotary and the UN will host our fifth joint event of 2019/20, one focused on environmental sustainability.

In addition, we are planning the greenest convention in Rotary history - and I will share more details about this in the months ahead. Rotary Connects the World in no better way than at the Rotary Convention. Bring your family to meet our family. See you in Honolulu!

MARK DANIEL MALONEY
President, Rotary International



### A message from

# The Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Gary CK Huang

The year is almost over and I know that you are thinking about giving gifts and making last-minute contributions. You are wondering how best to show your appreciation and love.

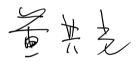
The answer is very simple - make your gifts to The Rotary Foundation. Don't take my word for it: In an independent analysis, our Rotary Foundation was ranked No 1 among the world's best-known charities. For the 12th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating - four stars - from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities. The Foundation earned the maximum of 100 points for demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency in Charity Navigator's August ratings.

In a letter to the Foundation, Charity Navigator notes that "only one percent of the charities we evaluate have received at least 12 consecutive four-star evaluations, indicating that The Rotary Foundation outperforms other charities in America. This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets the Foundation apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness."

This recognition comes on top of awards won in the past several years. Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio worldwide won Best Nonprofit Act in the Hero Awards of the One Billion Acts of Peace campaign, an international global citizens movement to tackle the world's most important issues. And the Association of Fundraising Professionals - the world's largest network of professional fundraisers - named The Rotary Foundation the World's Outstanding Foundation, honouring our long-term achievements.

It's easy to say that we belong to one of the greatest philanthropic organisations in the world. But the truth is, our Rotary Foundation is the best. So close out the year by giving the greatest gift of all to the world. Gimme five and show your support for The Rotary Foundation.

Have a Merry Christmas and a happy new year!



ROTARY AT A GLANCE As at 15 November 2019

ROTARY

Members: **1221067** Clubs: **36 082** 

**ROTARACT** 

INTERACT

**RCCs** 

Corps: **10 770** 

• Increase • Decrease

## SERVICE ABOVE SELF



## The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

**First.** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

**Second.** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

**Third.** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

**Fourth.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

## 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?

Learn more about Rotary at: www.rotary.org

Convention Countdown



## DESSERT ISLAND

6 TO 10 JUNE 2020, HONOLULU, HAWAII

When you are in Honolulu for the Rotary International Convention, 6-10 June, make sure to save room for dessert, because the Hawaiian Islands have some sweet treats in store for you.

Shave ice (calling it shaved ice or a snow cone is a quick way of revealing you're not from around here) was introduced to Hawaii by Japanese immigrants. Inspired by a Japanese frozen treat called kakigōri, they hand-shaved blocks of ice to create mounds of delicate crystals, then flavoured the ice with the juice of tropical fruits.

These days, the ice is usually shaved by machine and is often served over ice cream for an extra layer of indulgence. Flavours range from local favourites such as papaya, lychee and pineapple to the more exotic (for Hawaii) black cherry, apple and chocolate.

If your taste leans more towards fried dough, you can indulge in malasadas, brought to the islands by Portuguese immigrants. In Hawaii, these luscious yeast doughnuts (the batter is enriched with lots of eggs, butter and sometimes evaporated or fresh milk) have fillings such as custard, coconut pudding, chocolate pudding and guava.

Whichever treat you prefer, try to sample the variety from different shops. Many have their own special flavours and fillings.

This story originally appeared in the December 2019 issue of The Rotarian.





Public Image

## A STRATEGIC APPROACH

By Lee-Ann Shearing, Regional Public Image Coordinator

- December already? This year seems to have flown by so quickly and I hope for all of us it is because "time flies when you are having fun"!
- Thank you to all the clubs that submitted stories and photographs of their End Polio events. There were some incredibly inventive occasions and I congratulate everyone who did something to either raise funds or to create awareness of Rotary's signature project of ending polio now and forever!

The winners will receive their certificates through the office of their District Governor and I look forward to receiving many more submissions next year. The list of winners and awards will be published in the next issue of Rotary Africa!

I know that December is Disease Prevention and Treatment in the Rotary calendar but I would like to focus on Rotary's vision statement and new strategic plan for 2019/20 to 2023/24.

"TOGETHER we see a world where PEOPLE unite and take action to CREATE lasting CHANGE across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves." There are so many takeaways from our organisation's vision statement. The first thing that excites me is the highlighted words, put together—TOGETHER, PEOPLE CREATE CHANGE. So true of Rotarians, together bringing impactful change to communities around the world. I am excited that we can uplift individuals and communities to a better life, and most of all, I am excited by the change I see in myself and other Rotarians as we help humanity.

I would like each and every Rotarian to look at the new Strategic plan and assess how they can incorporate each of the statements and highlighted points into your club's strategic plans.

#### **INCREASE OUR IMPACT**

- Eradicate polio and leverage the legacy
- · Focus our programmes and offerings
- Improve our ability to achieve and measure impact

#### **EXPAND OUR REACH**

- Grow and diversify our membership and participation
- Create new channels into Rotary

- Increase Rotary's openness and appeal
- Build awareness of our impact and brand

#### ENHANCE PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT

- · Support clubs to better engage their members
- Develop a participant centred approach to deliver value
- Offer new opportunities for personal and professional connection
- Provide leadership development and skills training

#### INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT

- Build a culture of research, innovation and willingness to take risks
- Streamline governance, structure, and processes
- Review governance to foster more diverse perspectives in decision making.

Look at the above statements from the view of the club committee you belong to or perhaps identify a statement that inspires you to do something in your club. The strategic plan covers the three main pillars of Rotary – membership, public image and foundation. It is up to us to ensure that we strengthen all three pillars to build strong, healthy clubs, thereby taking Rotary into the future with a solid foundation.

Our core values remain the same: diversity, fellowship, integrity, leadership and service. The tenets of The Four-Way Test set us apart from any other service organisation and should be a beacon that we can use to attract prospective members who value the principles we stand for and uphold.

As we say farewell, totsiens, adieus to 2019 and welcome, welkom, bem-vida to 2020, may your year be significant in your journey, may your joy spring, may you be as fresh as a child and wise like an elder, may your belly be full of laughter, may you find something that you've been looking for, may you love well and be loved, may you give beyond what is reasonable, may you look around and see the wonder that surrounds you, may you be thankful, may regrets transform into lessons and pain forgotten, may you breathe deeply, may you be drawn into all the stories around you, and may you and yours be blessed. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and don't forget to be kind to yourselves!

### Connecting through the

# HOLIDAYS

a insightful look at the holidays ahead!

By Patrick Coleman - Rotary Club of Luanshya (D9210) Rotary Governors' Council of Southern Africa Secretary: 2019-21



December has a few significant special days – some more significant than others... Here are a few just for fun!

Giving Tuesday is held on **3 December** and was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Over the past seven years, it has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate and celebrate generosity.

In the USA, **5 December** is "National Repeal Day." Back in 1933, following the signature of President Franklin D Roosevelt, the United States ended its 13-year experiment with the increasingly unpopular nationwide prohibition of alcohol. Cheers!

For the "chocoholics" amongst us, **16 December** is "National Chocolate Covered Anything Day." My wife enjoys this day, though every day could be "Chocolate Covered Anything Day" for her!

The word holiday comes from the Old English word hāligdæg (hālig "holy" + dæg "day"). The word originally referred only to special religious days. In modern use, it means any special day of rest or relaxation, as opposed to normal days away from work or school. Sovereign nations and territories observe holidays based on events of significance to their history.

December has some notable holidays.

**Hanukkah**, or *Chanukah*, is an eight-day Jewish celebration that commemorates the re-dedication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem following the Maccabean Revolt. Those who took part in the re-dedication witnessed what they believed to be a miracle. Even though there was only enough untainted oil to keep the menorah's candles burning for a single day, the flames continued to burn for eight nights.

Also known as the Festival of Lights, Hanukkah begins on the 25th of Kislev on the Hebrew calendar. In 2019 Hanukkah falls from sundown on 22 December to sundown on 31 December. Celebrations revolve around lighting the menorah. On each of the holiday's eight nights, another candle is added to the menorah after sundown. The ninth candle, called the shamash ("helper"), is used to light the others. Typically, blessings are recited and traditional Hanukkah foods such as potato pancakes (latkes) and jam-filled doughnuts (sufganiyot) are fried in oil. The oil used to fry the doughnuts is reminiscent of the oil that miraculously burned in the ancient Temple in Jerusalem. Other Hanukkah customs include playing with dreidels and exchanging gifts.

**Christmas** is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed primarily on 25 December as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of

people around the world (the Orthodox Church celebrates Christmas on 7 January because of the difference between the Gregorian and Julian calendars). Christians celebrate the day with special church services and scores of special music.

Christmas traditions vary around the world. Americans celebrate with Christmas trees, visits from Santa Claus, Bing Crosby singing "White Christmas" and dreams of snowy landscapes. Christmas in the Southern Africa summer might include a braai around the pool. Some Africans decorate a Christmas tree, but the significance of tinsel as "icicles" is a bit lost in translation.

Another holiday that has many people confused is **Boxing Day** which takes place on December 26. Only celebrated in a few countries, the holiday originated in the United Kingdom during the Middle Ages. It was the day when the alms box (collection boxes for the poor often kept in churches) were opened and their content distributed, a tradition that still happens in some areas. It was also the day servants were traditionally given the day off to celebrate Christmas with their families.

Boxing Day has now become a public holiday in the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, among other countries. In England, soccer matches and horse races often take place on Boxing Day.

The Irish refer to the holiday as **St Stephen's Day** and they have their own tradition called Hunting the Wren, in which boys fasten a fake wren to a pole and parade it through town. The Bahamas celebrate Boxing Day with a street parade and festival called Junkanoo.

So many customs... So many reasons to get together to celebrate with friends and family! As we come to the end of this calendar year we look back at the victories and challenges of 2019 with renewed hope and enthusiasm for the year to come!

Celebrate life! Celebrate Rotary! Celebrate the opportunity we have to serve each other and our deeply diverse communities across Africa and around the world!

Above all, CONNECT with people. Write a letter – by hand! Make a phone call – not WhatsApp! Go and visit them – take dessert!

President Mark Maloney says, "Rotary Connects The World!" Go and CONNECT!

To my Christian friends,

Have a joyous Christmas celebration. To my Jewish friends, מס פירוא גאח (Chag Urim Sameach!) To ALL my friends,

Have a wonderful New Year and a very prosperous 2020!

# FIND A CLUB

#### **ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD!**





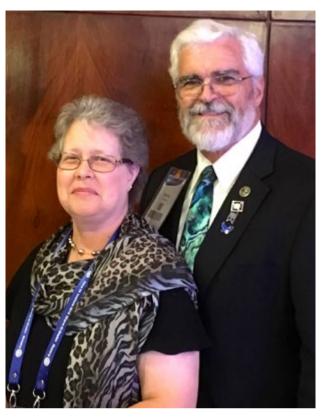
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Don't see your club? Check the Club Locator at www.rotary.org to confirm that RI has the full address of your meeting location. Make updates online through Member Access or e-mail data@rotary.org.

# THEY HAVE REACHED LEVEL THREE!

Patrick and Sherry Coleman (of the Rotary Club of Luanshya D9210) were recognised by The Rotary Foundation as Level Three Major Donors.

Rotary Foundation Trustee Jorge Aufranc and Rotary Vice-President Olayinka Babalola presented them with the Crystal and pins during the presentation at the Major Donor Luncheon at the Zone 20 Institute in Sharm El Sheikh in October. Rotary is a family affair for The Colemans. Both of them have received the Citation for Meritorious Service and the Service Above Self Award. Three of their children are also Rotarians. The Colemans are also level two members of The Rotary Foundation Beguest Society and have created an endowment for Peace Fellows. Both Patrick and Sherry are members of the Paul Harris Society pledging to contribute at least \$1 000 to the Rotary Foundation every year.



# District 9370 Graise Conference

FRIDAY 18 MARCH 2020 - MONDAY 16 MARCH 2020

MSC Orchestra: Durban - Portuguese Island - Durban



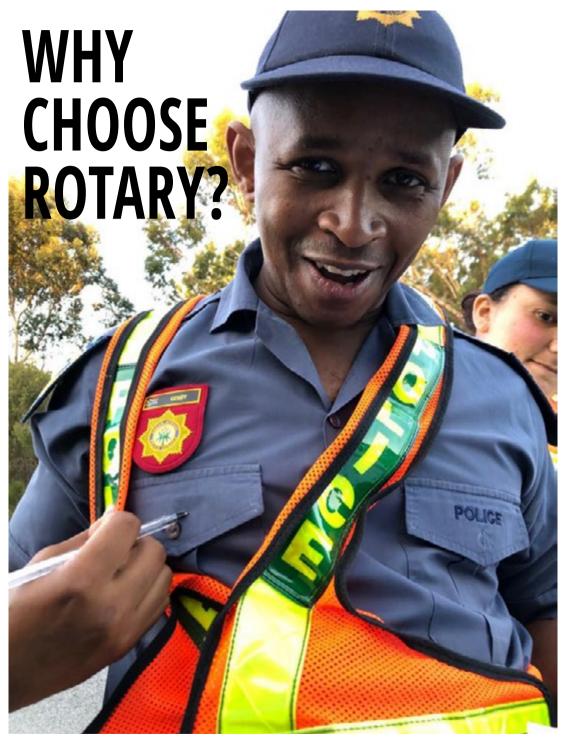
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- David Allen: Decoding Body Language as well as What Makes a Good Leader
- Dr Morne Mostert: Systems Thinking, Future Thinking, Strategic Thinking, Design Thinking, Creative Innovation Thinking, Change Thinking
- Talei Thompson: member of Dr. John C. Maxwell's leadership team
- Theo Venter: Political Analist
- Binu Luke: Saving Mothers & Children as well as National Health in South Africa



Rotary
District 9370



When Rotarians Mike and Sue Mills, of the Rotary Club of Knysna (D9350) were stopped in a roadblock at Bloukrans Tollgate, the unexpected happened.

On receiving Mike's driving licence, Constable Curd Gendy asked the couple where they were going. "When we replied that we were going home to Knysna he asked if we were in Rotary? Yes we said and he grinned a wide grin!"

"I thought I knew you!"

He told the Mills that he was an Interactor who had participated in the Adventures into Citizenship programme in Cape Town and then he went on a Short Term Exchange to Germany!

"You changed my life," he said. "I was very quiet and shy but I learnt so much."

"And look at you now!" echoed the Mills'.

# DAME DE LEADERSHIP, GROWTH, SUCCESS



INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER & AUTHOR: DECODING BODY LANGUAGE
STAFF DEVELOPMENT COACH: OPTIMISING LEADERSHIP.
CO-DIRECTOR: CHALLENGES FOR CHAMPIONS.
PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: VILLAGE CAMPS



DAVID ALLEN is a top South African speaker, trainer and author who is in high demand, both at home and abroad. He is also a successful entrepreneur, is trained in hostage negotiation and has served as a police reservist for +20 years

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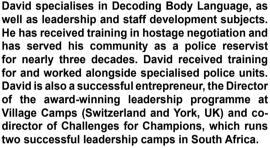
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The ability to decode Body Language is

# CRITICAL TO SUCCESS

David Allen, an internationally acclaimed speaker and trainer, will be at the District 9370 Conference at Sea in 2020 to help delegates Decode Body Language & Optimise Leadership



He guest-lectures at the University of KwaZulu-Natal Leadership and Business programme. David is a regular speaker in the USA and has enjoyed repeat bookings at Babson College, the leading entrepreneurial school in Boston, USA, Bentley University and Harvard University.

David's Decoding Body Language sessions have been well received across South Africa and in the USA, where he has presented for groups such as Jaguar, Women in Business, the Harvard University Police and YPO Manhattan. Participants are taught to accurately read the emotional state of those they interact with and to detect lies and establish truth. Reading a reaction to interaction, allows for the adjustment of information flow to best suit the purpose and reach the desired outcome.

This helps people to de-escalate conflict situations,



build better relationships, improve teamwork, resolve HR disputes and increase sales.

His personal interactions with iconic South African leaders, such as former President Nelson Mandela, and other public figures have taught him the value of effective leadership that unites people using proactive solutions and thinking, instead of dividing them in fear, negativity and anger.

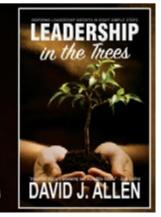
Other topics he covers include:

- Key Characteristics of Effective Leaders
- Effective Communication
- · Dealing with Toxic Interactions and Criticism
- Taking Responsibility and Owning the Outcome with Confidence
- Problem-solving and Creative Thinking
- Stress identification and Burnout Prevention in self and others
- Personal safety and self-defence (can include practical firearm training)

David has 9 hours of presentation material, which can be presented in shorter stand-alone or consecutive sessions or full-day (6 hour) workshops. His style of training is knowledge transfer that is reinforced by group exercises and interactive presentations.

He is a proponent of speak and they may listen, but do and they will learn!

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#### **CLUB INNOVATION**

## **A**n online home abroad

### **Rotary E-Club of Italy South 2100**

Chartered: 2015 Original membership: 25 Membership: 46



#### VIRTUAL COMMUNITY:

Originally envisioned as a gathering spot - online and in person - for globe-trotting Italians, the Rotary E-Club of Italy South 2100 has expanded to include other nationalities. Their international work experience has forged connections that enabled the club to embark on a signature job placement project, linking promising young professionals with positions across Europe.

#### **CLUB INNOVATION:**

As many as 25 club members, some accompanied by friends and family members, attend meetings in person and nibble on potluck dishes, while others participate using the Zoom video conferencing platform. Their meetings along with a members-only message board for discussions — are animated and lend a sense of home to the members who check in from across the globe.

Giovanni Scognamiglio imagined a Rotary club that would be internationally minded, yet with a special affection for home. Scognamiglio, a lawyer specialising in international law and at the time a member of the Rotary Club of Napoli Nord-Est, decided that an e-club could fulfill his vision. With guidance from a pioneering e-club, Rotary E-Club One of District 5450, Scognamiglio assembled a group drawn mostly from his professional connections and their friends. He contacted Italians living abroad who were English speakers. "English is not the official language of the club, but it is useful for members to speak English," he says. "If we have an English-speaking guest, we have to be able to have a conversation.'

Club member Claudio De Luca, a consultant and

entrepreneur who works in Hong Kong several months a year, lauds the foresight of Scognamiglio to find that niche - global business leaders and those interested in world affairs - and "build an e-club and as well as put together people who have a kind of nomadism affecting their lives." De Luca calls it a "repatriation of skills and knowledge."

Nello Del Gatto, a Jerusalem-based journalist, concurs: "I wanted to maintain some connection with my city of origin. And because I am always travelling, the e-club is the formula that suits me best." Visits to club meetings in Asia and the United States have heightened Del Gatto's appreciation for Rotary's regional flavour and exposed him to new ideas and approaches.

Italy South meetings are conducted online using a video conferencing platform, and club members are often multitasking as they fit meetings into their busy lives. "You might see members eating or working in their offices during our meetings," says Scognamiglio.

One point of club pride is a career placement project. The club selects candidates under the age of 28 who might otherwise miss out on major career development opportunities and connects them with companies that offer three-month internships. "We guarantee we will send them one young engineer or economist or lawyer," Scognamiglio

says. The club sees this as a way of promoting Rotary values in the world through these young ambassadors. "Whatever they do in their lives, they will do good" - a theme that circulates throughout the club.

"Our knowledge and lives abroad, even learning about the wavs of being a Rotarian in other countries, maximises and improves the of our club and the efficiency of our projects," says Del Gatto. "In our online meetings. or when we see each other



Club meetings have a convivial atmosphere; members are involved in a sailing school for people with disabilities.

'live,' we do not weigh the distances. On the contrary, it seems that we have never left." - BRAD WEBBER

Are you looking for more ideas on how your club can reinvent itself? Go to rotary.org/flexibility.

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## **CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

This month we look at the significance in the design of the centennial logo. Remember bookings for the centennial Gala Dinner will open in April 2020!

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District Governor Dr Jide Akeredolu handing over the grinding machines.

## **EMPOWERING PEOPLE**



District Governor Dr Jide Akeredolu giving medicine packages to local women.

Eight indigent women had a reason to celebrate in August thanks to the Rotary Club of Egbeda's (D9110. Nigeria) empowerment scheme.

received women machines to help them start businesses from which they can earn a living. The grinding machines were officially given to the women by President Esther Nwamma during a visit from District Governor Dr Jide Akeredolu. Free malaria and deworming tablets were given to adults and children., The club also handed out free insecticidetreated nets to women in the community.

DG Akeredolu also joined members of the club in paying homage to The Sheri of Isheri, His Royal Majesty, Oba Wahab Ayinde Balogun who expressed gratitude to the club on behalf of the community. The Oba, while speaking to the Rotarians in the palace said, "I thank you very much for the interest you have in our town because for a very long time now, you have been helping this community with your funds. God will continue to bless you all."

Two new members were inducted into the club by the District Governor during the club fellowship.



A hot cup of soup and new clothes make for an exciting evening!



The Victory Riders with Rotarians at the collection point.

## WARM FOOD AND CLOTHING

Through its Winter Nights project, the Rotary Club of Uitenhage South (D9370) has been connecting with its community. The project entails collecting clothing and blanket donations from the community and distributing them, along with gallons of hot soup, to the residents of an informal settlement. This year, the Rotarians visited Lapland, an informal settlement in Uitenhage.

The people of Lapland live in small rickety tin shacks, without electricity, piped water or very many belongings. Lapland is home to about 200 people and has one communal standpipe tap at the point where the dirt track leaves the road.

Victory Riders, a local motorcycle club, heard of the Rotarians' collection and decided to help. Inspired by the bikers, a Rotarian contacted a friend who is a member of the Harley Owners Group Black Mountains Chapter in South Wales, UK. The two motorcycle clubs communicated and the Harley Owners willingly agreed to assist with a donation. "It's immensely rewarding that we can join forces for such a worthwhile cause, even with the miles between us," said Alan Holland, Safety Officer. "We appreciate the work that both the Rotary club and Victory Riders do for local charities, as they are very much like ourselves in Swansea, South Wales."

More than 100 blankets and packs of warm clothing were donated by the two clubs. When added to what the Rotarians had collected, there was enough to make a significant difference in the lives of the people in Lapland.

Everyone gathered early one evening to deliver the donations and pots of piping hot soup, 40 loaves of bread and mugs (which the people could keep). The club handed out 200 mugs of soup and every household received blankets. More than 150 items of assorted clothing were given out and each child received a warm beanie and scarf.



# OH WHAT A WEEKEND!

Thirty-three young girls from high schools in Sebokeng spent a weekend at the Vaal Dam. For many of them, it was the first time they saw such a large body of water.

This project was made possible thanks to a collaboration between the Lakes Denysville Yacht Club (LDYC), the Rotary Club of Riverside (D9400), the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians (IYFR), Friends of Rotary and some of the parents.

The girls enjoyed a weekend filled with presentations on feminine health, family planning and their vision for their future. One of the highlights was a talk by a customs official who discussed the dangers of befriending the wrong men and ending up as a drug mule or being sold into sex slavery. This proved to be a highly educational session as the girls had lots of questions about the issue.

The girls started each morning with aerobics, played volleyball, swam and even did some cultural dancing. They were also taught water safety and were taken sailing by some of the young sailors who are part of the LDYC development programme.





With their club's citations are Past District Governor Greg Stathacopoulos (E-Club of Southern Africa D9400), Past President Derek Fox (Boksburg), President Linda Dent (Johannesburg South 101), Assistant Governor Heidi Tucker (Benoni Aurora) who was acknowledged for her support and encouragement of the clubs, Past President Robin Bath (Benoni Van Ryn), and PDGs Charles Deiner (Middelburg) and Tom Borrill (Germiston).

## MANY REASONS TO CELEBRATE

The Rotary Club of Boksburg was joined by the Rotary Clubs of Benoni Van Ryn, Johannesburg South 101 and Edenvale, as well as the Rotary E-Club of Southern Africa D9400 at its Polio Evening to celebrate World Polio Day.

The event not only celebrated the progress made by Rotarians in the effort to eradicate polio but also the awarding of a Gold Presidential Citation to the club. The citation was earned during the last Rotary year when Derek Fox served as president. Unfortunately, he has been extremely ill but had recuperated sufficiently to attend the early part of the evening. The club decided to use that time with its past president to present the Gold certificate to Fox. PDG Charles Diener travelled to Boksburg from Middelburg to present the citation.

Other clubs also received their citations that evening. They included the Rotary Club of Benoni Van Ryn (Gold), the Rotary E-Club of Southern Africa D9400 (Gold), the Rotary Club of Johannesburg South 101 (citation) and the Rotary Club of Edenvale (citation with distinction).

The evening celebrated a further acknowledgement when Past District Governor Charles Deiner received a certificate of congratulations from The Rotary Foundation recognising the District recording the third highest place in Zone 22 for most Bequest Society commitments.

After the presentations, PDG Greg Stathacopoulos spoke about Rotary's participation in Polio eradication.



Past President Robin Bath, of the Rotary Club of Benoni Van Ryn, and President Lebo Makhathini, of the Rotary Club of Boksburg.

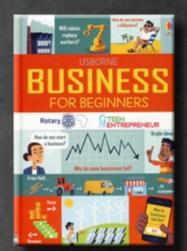


PDG Charles Deiner presents the Rotary Club Edenvale's Citation to Past President Margie Evans.

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## GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS!

New entrepreneurship title, Business for Beginners, added to the Rotary Learning Library

The Rotary Learning Library (RLL), a project of the Rotary Club of Kromboom (D9350) has done it again! Working with Usborne Publishers in the UK, an important new title, Business for Beginners, has been introduced to the project.

This book is a comprehensive guide to entrepreneurship and includes colour illustrations with easy-to-understand supporting text. This book is aimed at teenagers and school leavers and meets the critical need to promote and teach entrepreneurs, thereby helping them to become self-sufficient, support their families and reduce the high rate of unemployment.

The book will also help readers to decide which trade or profession to choose and teach them how to carve out a good career, while bearing in mind the reality of the job market in Africa.

With the inclusion of the new title, the Rotary Learning Library now functions within two of the Rotary Areas of Focus, Basic Education and Literacy and Community Economic Development. Thanks to Business for Beginners, Rotary clubs now have a tool to assist aspiring entrepreneurs in learning how to create employment to sustain themselves and others.

The Rotary Club of Kromboom has partnered with Lydia Zingoni, who, with her family, created The SA Teen Entrepreneur Trust to encourage and equip budding entrepreneurs to succeed. "Our main thrust is to instil a culture of entrepreneurship in our young

people. With more than 18 million people under the age of 25 in South Africa, the need to reach these young people has become critical.

"Initially, I was mainly responding to the business roadmap needs of CPUT (Cape Peninsula University of Technology) students, where I was the University Library Director. It was then I realised that these needs were deeper and wider than I thought and that we needed to start instilling the entrepreneurial spirit much earlier in a child's life."

The trust has created programmes specifically aimed at reaching children and young adults. These programmes include idea generation workshops, school entrepreneur societies/clubs, networking events, entrepreneurship bootcamps, the Africa Young Entrepreneurs Exhibition and Conference and the BRICS Young Entrepreneurs Exhibition and Conference.

Rotarians and clubs wishing to embrace the challenge of entrepreneurship and job creation can kick start their efforts by appointing an entrepreneurship champion, then visiting <a href="www.dictionariesforafrica.com">www.dictionariesforafrica.com</a> to learn more about this and our other publications and ordering Business for Beginners.

The books cost R160 each and are sold in boxes of 10 (minimum order quantity). To place an order, contact RLL administrator, Isabel Walker on 072 288 1076 or email <a href="mailto:admin@dictionariesforafrica.com">admin@dictionariesforafrica.com</a>.

## ABOUT THE ROTARY LEARNING LIBRARY

Since its launch in 2009, the Rotary Learning Library (RLL) has placed thousands of copies of the Usborne Illustrated Dictionary, First Atlas and Book of Knowledge in the hands of southern African school learners; an astonishing 94 percent of southern African Rotary clubs have participated in the project to date.

Funds raised from the book sales are used to sustain the project and to date, surpluses totalling more than R250 000 have been donated to The Rotary Foundation on behalf of the southern African districts participating in the project.

The idea for the project was born after PDG Rodney Mazinter attended the 2008 Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles. He returned from the Convention with samples of the dictionary which he gave to PDG Michael Johnson, a fellow committee member of Reach Out To Africa (ROTA), Africa South branch. The timing could not have been better, as PDG Michael had been tasked to start a literacy initiative under the ROTA banner.

The project was well supported from the beginning;

many clubs showed interest and were impressed by its potential. One such club was the Rotary Club of Kirksville (D6040, USA) which after some gentle persuasion by its prominent member, Past RI President Ray Klinginsmith, made a donation of \$2 000 to the project. The donation was used as seed money to buy initial stock and to launch the dictionary project throughout southern Africa.

PDG Michael's own club, the Rotary Club of Kromboom (D9350), has managed the project since its inception. The hard work and commitment from the Kromboom Rotarians contributed to the project's success, while many senior Rotarians from Africa (and beyond) lent their support by donating their time and influence, acting as patrons, mentors and members of the different advisory boards.

The project patrons are Past RI Presidents Ray Klinginsmith (USA), Jonathan Majiyagbe (Nigeria), Past RI Director Tony Serrano (South Africa) and PP Patrick Chisanga (Zambia); recently PDG Rodney Mazinter has been invited to join the panel of patrons.

## How it works

Rotary clubs purchase boxes of books from the project and in turn donate them to schools and libraries.

The books are sold at approximately half the cost of the UK retail price (Usborne is a prominent British publisher and was UK's Children's Publisher of the year in 2016).

Each book has Rotary branding on the cover, while the inner cover contains The Four-Way Test and a brief description of the project, as well as a block for clubs to include their names, contact details and a personal message from the donors.

They are printed in Dubai, then shipped to Cape Town. Once they have cleared customs (courtesy of Nexlog and Past President Mike Walwyn of the Rotary Club of Newlands, D9350), they are transported around South Africa courtesy of the project's main sponsor, DHL.

Dictionaries ordered by clubs in central and southern Africa are transported from Johannesburg to Harare, Zimbabwe, by Speedlink Harare. The company, whose CEO is PP Elwyn Mudungwe of the Rotary Club of Harare West (D9210), transports the books at no cost. Once the books arrive at the Harare premises, they are made available for collection.



PP Jean-Claude Merven, PDG Michael Johnson, Pres Steve Theron, PP Graham Parkhurst. Front: Isabel Walker (administrator RLL), Lydia Zingoni (Teen Entrepreneurs).

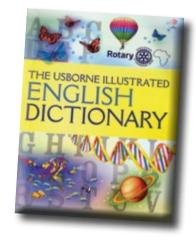


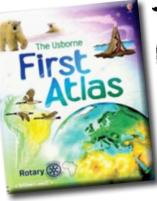
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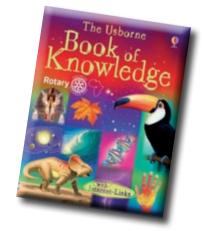


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Members of the Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark have teamed up with the Education Faculty of North-West University to introduce Vedic Mathematics to educators and school children. The aim of this joint project is to improve the learning of mathematics using a simplified system of problem-solving techniques.

## MATHS - IT CAN BE EASY!

Not everyone learns in the same manner and not everyone understands the often complex explanations and teachings of mathematics. The Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark (D9400) believes this is something that can be easily addressed.

By partnering with North-West University (NWU), the Rotary club has started a project to introduce Vedic Mathematics to local schools, to improve the mathematical ability of the learners. Vedic Mathematics is a collection of techniques (or sutras) that are used to provide easier and quicker solutions to mathematical arithmetic. It has 16 sutras (formulae) and 13 sub-sutras (sub-formulae) which can be used for solving arithmetic, algebra, geometry, calculus and conics problems. The system was rediscovered by Indian mathematician Jagadguru Shri Bharathi Krishna Tirthaji between 1911 and 1918, who published his findings in 1965.

'Regular' mathematical steps and problem-solving can be extremely complex and time-consuming. The general techniques of Vedic Mathematics, which are applicable to all sets of given data, and its specific techniques, which are applicable to specific sets of given data, ensure that calculations can be done quickly and easily. Vedic comes from the word Veda which is Sanskrit for Knowledge.

The project partners hosted a three-day workshop which was facilitated by global Vedic Maths experts Marian Fletcher, of Pretoria, and Swati Dave, of Boston, USA. The project was championed by Rotarians Pierre and Susan Lucouw and received funding through a District Grant.

Past President Mark Venter opened the event that was attended by 210 people, many of whom were educators and maths students. Feedback received from Doctor Magda Klopper (NWU) was that the workshop exceeded her "wildest expectations".

The positive reception from the attendees has ensured that weekly follow-up sessions will be held and shared online. There are also plans to present the workshop at the NWU Potchefstroom and Mahikeng campuses next year.

Before Swati Dave returned to Boston, she held a special two-day workshop to introduce Vedic Maths to more than 1 000 children from the Hammanskraal district.



## **BUILDING BETTER BUSINESSES**

The second annual Building Better Businesses symposium was held in September at UNISA, under the auspices of the Centre for African Renaissance Studies.

The programme was coordinated by Rotarian Riana Pretorius (of the Rotary Club of Pretoria Capital, D9400) and Rotarians from the Rotary E-Club of Southern Africa D9400 and the Rotary Clubs of Centurion, Sunrise and Pretoria Hatfield. Partners in this initiative included the Townships Project, Rotary clubs from District 9400, UNISA (Centre for African Renaissance Studies), SAGE Accounting, MacRobert Attorneys and others.

Nearly 200 delegates who attended the 2019 symposium received business advice from experienced speakers/facilitators on topics such as Spotting an

Opportunity, Finding the Capital, Sustaining the Business and Growing/Scaling Up the Business from top drawer institutions such as Sage, Standard Bank and others. Several Rotarians, including Ross Gillet, shared their expertise and success stories.

The Townships Project is a Canadian NGO that promotes the success of viable small-scale businesses in South African township communities, with the aim of economic and social development. Operations are managed by CEO and Founder Martha Deacon and overseen by a ten-member board of directors in Canada. The directors have a wide range of expertise and experience in business management, industry, the arts, investor relations, accounting, human resources, community development and international service.

# KIDDIES CYCLE CLASSIC IN WINDHOEK

Known for her achievements in the sporting arena, Charmaine Shannon is also a children's sports coach who routinely arranges and hosts training camps and sporting events for little ones.

A sports enthusiast, Shannon is passionate about working with children. "There is nothing more satisfying than seeing how a shy youngster blossoms and gains confidence, through participating in sport! Building confidence from an early age lays the foundation, not only for success in the sporting arena but also for cultivating good character traits."

Seven years ago Shannon partnered with the Rotary Club of Windhoek (D9350) to use the community



service club's annual family-fun sporting event, The Namibian Pick n Pay Cycle Classic, as a vehicle to promote participation in sport among young Namibians, from toddlers to teenagers.

The Kiddies Classic had become an important part of the cycle classic, which is now in its 20th year. Children of all ages can participate, even toddlers (with a little help from their grandparents), and everyone is a winner, as all participants receive a goodie bag and a participant's medal.

This year's classic took place in October at the Hage Geingob Stadium in Windhoek and more than 300 children entered the Kiddies Classic.

# "SOCIETY WILL BE BETTER FOR US"

Vivian Ohaeri, president of the Rotary Club of Ogudu G.R.A (D9110, Nigeria), was joined by his club in welcoming District Governor, Dr Jide Akeredolu, to the club. The visit coincided with the commissioning and official handover of a new building at Ogudu Police station.

The newly-built administrative block in Area H Police Command, Ogudu Police Division, was built from scratch by the club. Chief Superintendent of Police (CSP) Jimoh Jabaje who received the key to the new building, thanked the club for its huge contribution towards enhancing security in the state.

"The society belongs to all of us so if we have people who can equally support us with their resources, like the Rotary club, then the society will be better for us," CSP Jabaje stated.

Next was a visit to Little Saints Orphanage in Ogudu (hostel for girls) where the club handed a cheque to the administrator of the home, Dominica Ita Eno for the education and overall well-being of two occupants of the home who have been adopted by the club.

Speaking at the home, the DG noted that the club has been visiting the home with donations annually for about 11 years now. "I remember that the girls we were taking care of back then have grown up and left the orphanage. We have adopted two more girls since. It is



no fault of theirs that they have nobody to help them," the DG said.

He then commended the management and staff of the home which he noted started small in Palm Grove, Lagos state and has grown over the years with branches across, and outside of, the state.

During the club fellowship which followed, a microcredit grant of N1 million was issued by the club to 20 beneficiaries at N50 000 each.

The club also redeemed its pledge of N1 million to support the Cervical Cancer Vaccination project - an initiative of the DG aimed at vaccinating 10 000 girls against cervical cancer. A member of the club also donated N200 000 to support the project, making a total of N1.2 million. Six new members were also inducted into the club by the DG.

## AUCTION REACHES NEW HEIGHTS



At the event are President Anne Kruger, auctioneer Dan Nicholl and the winner of the super lot raffle, Antoinette Vermooten.

The main fundraiser of the Rotary Club of Paarl (D9350), the Wine & Good Taste Charity Auction, reached new heights this year.

The auction, held in October, saw a dramatic increase in profit this year, thanks to the top wines and hospitality donations which came under the hammer.

Auctioneer Dan Nicholl was in top form again and his wisecracks kept the nearly 200 guests amused throughout the auction and luncheon at the Nantes estate

Thanks to assistance from former club members Walter Finlayson (retired winemaker) and Horst Frehse

(retired general manager of a top Cape Town hotel), who each personally sourced quality items, the profit from the auction shot up from R300 000 last year to an estimated R400 000 this year.

Part of the proceeds will go to the Rotary Club of Franschhoek, whose members also sourced a number of lots for the auction.

Additional funds were raised by art and jewellery items placed on the silent auction, as well as from the raffle for a prize valued at R43 000 which was won by Antoinette Vermooten. The prize included two nights at the 12 Apostles Hotel and a variety of top wines.



President Manser Akoo of the Rotary Club of Reservoir Hills and District Governor Jaco Stander with Ela Gandhi, the granddaughter of Mahatma Ghandi. With them are DGA Lisa Stander and Rotarians Charlie Pandey, Yoga Pillay and Desmond Govender.

## A BUSY WEEK IN DURBAN

During a recent visit to Durban, District Governor Jaco Stander visited the Rotary Club of Durban (D9370), the oldest club in the district. The Durban Rotarians took DG Jaco and DGA Lisa to visit the Phansi Museum, which has some of the largest collections of traditional art. The Durban club will be implementing a Global Grant to teach students traditional art.

The next day, the couple visited the Rotary Clubs of Phoenix and Reservoir Hills (D9370). While with the Rotary Club of Reservoir Hills to see the projects undertaken at the crematorium, they met the granddaughter and great-grandson of Mahatma

Gandhi. They joined the club for a meeting that evening and heard how a boy from a local school had offered to donate R50 towards End Polio Now after hearing a World Polio Day presentation. DG Jaco offered to match it and by the end of the evening, R1000 had been raised.

On Friday they joined the Rotary Club of Kloof to take delivery of a shipment of medical equipment from the UK as it arrived at the warehouse. Charlie Panday of the Rotary Club of Reservoir Hills helped clear the container through customs and was on hand, along with some of his club members, to help the Kloof Rotarians unpack the container.

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Enjoying the project tour are Heinz Haas, Inge Maisch, trainees Kgabo Rose Meso and Helen Maluleke, Terry Morgan, Joyce Malisha, Irmgard Koenig, Prof Bernhard Maisch, Rolf Justi, Ulrich-Karl Koenig,

## VISITORS FROM **GERMANY**

Educators are receiving formal training in Early Childhood Development (pre-school teaching) thanks to a Global Grant involving the Rotary Clubs of Harnertsburg (D9400), Marburg and Marburg-Schloss (D1820, Germany).

In October Rotarians Prof Bernhard Maisch, his partner Inge, Ulrich-Karl and Irmgard Koenig and Rolf Justi visited South Africa to see the progress of the project.

The visitors were home hosted by Laurie and Erie Railton and Heinz and Lorna Haas. The team arrived early and was met by the Harnertsburg Rotarians at an intersection near a mall. After a quick welcome, the group was taken to the mall for cold drinks. They were met by Terry Morgan and Ann Luther who, to everyone's amusement, took them to a funeral parlour where 21 Thusanang students were receiving training and guidance in the art of making teaching materials for the pre-schools.

The visitors watched with great interest as the students transformed toilet rolls into butterflies, bees and other creatures. Next up was lunch at Thusanang Centre. This was followed by a very impressive Powerpoint presentation and a question and answer session. They also observed a group in a training session, as well as dancing and singing - some of the visitors even joined in the happy crowd. The short tour concluded with a visit to the nursery school, where the Rotarians saw the educators practising what they had learned.

Later that day, the visiting Rotarians attended a club meeting and Prof Maisch spoke about Marburg, where he was dean of the medical faculty at one of Europe's oldest universities. He also back to Johannesburg.



Inge Maisch with practitioner trainer Joyce Malisha

congratulated Peter Stuart-Thompson on the excellent work he had done in finalising all the paperwork for the grant in such a short time.

After breakfast the following morning, the guests left for a scenic tour of the Blyde River Canyon before taking the panoramic route

#### YOUTH NEWS



This year's event was organised by Past President of the Rotary Club of Northcliff, Dean Gounden and the overall winner was Northcliff Primary School, represented by Oluchi Ahamafule and Zoe Williams.

## **NORTHCLIFF PRIMARY WINS**

The Rotary Club of Northcliff (D9400), in conjunction with Crawford Preparatory School in Lonehill, recently hosted the club's annual Public Speaking competition. The competition is open to Grade 7s from both public and private primary schools. The event was held at Crawford Preparatory School in Lonehill and 11 schools participated.

"The club has been hosting this annual event for the past 38 years - it has become a highlight in the primary school calendar," said Paul Westcott.

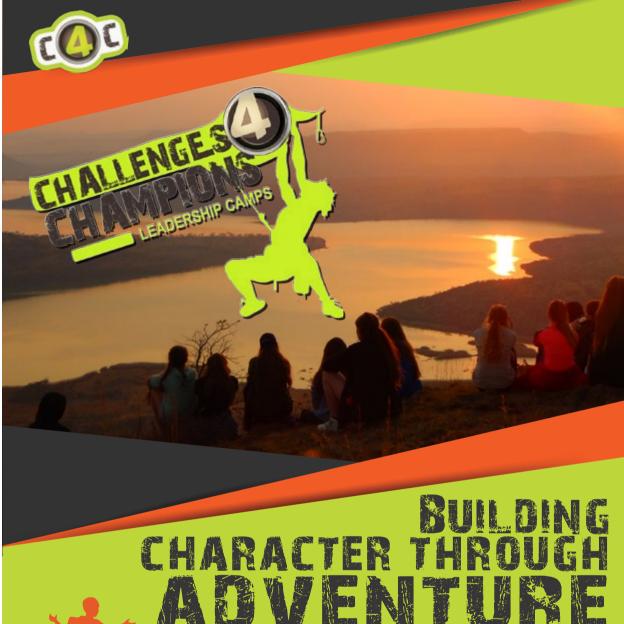
The winner of the prepared speech category was Kaitlyn Bairstow of Charterhouse School and the runnerup was Reabetswe Mntambo of Montrose Primary. The Impromptu category was won by Rhys Feldman of Trinity House Randpark Ridge and the runner up was Dea Paykova from Bryanston Primary.

The winning school on the night was Northcliff Primary, represented by Oluchi Ahamufule (Prepared Speaker) and Zoe Williams (Impromptu Speaker).

Chief Judge Brian Appleton, of the National Eisteddfod Academy, was impressed with the quality of the speeches and said that the impromptu speeches had "wowed" himself and his co-adjudicator, Tsholofelo Mhlanga. The concluding address was given by Dean Gounden and President Paul Westcott who presented the certificates and book prizes. He also awarded a framed plaque to Crawford Lonehill, the winners of the previous year.



Kyle Moodley and Zinani Ngqulunga, learners at Estcourt High School, attended the week-long Port Shepstone Youth Leadership Course. Their attendance was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Estcourt (D9370). The teens shared their life-changing experiences with the Rotarians. With the learners are Bongiwe Vilakazi, deputy principal and Rotary advisor at Estcourt High School, and President Garrik Oliver.



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We have two camps, Greystone Adventure Centre and Camp Solomon.

Greystone overlooks the Wagendrift Dam and Moor Park Nature Reserve which is home to zebra, wildebeest and various buck species and with more than 100 bird species in the area, campers have enjoyed sightings of fish eagle and the endangered black eagle. The Greystone house is a national monument and the camp accommodation is mostly in rondavels.

This camp is situated 13 kilometres outside of Estcourt, KwaZulu-Natal (200 kilometres from Durban and 400 kilometres from Johannesburg) and is popular among the various private and government schools from the eastern provinces of South Africa.

Activities at Greystone include paintball, problemsolving exercises, raft building, group dynamics, archery, cultural and educational tours, hiking, high ropes course and flat water rafting.

Camp Solomon is structured to develop physical, mental and emotional growth in every participant and to test their strength, stamina and determination to succeed. Using special tasks, we help them develop stronger values and better leadership, coping and communication skills, while learning self-reliance and independence. These tasks include hikes along some of our hiking trails which span a total of 60 kilometres, outdoor activities, group discussions around issues which may have arisen in the team during the day, how each team member was affected and how it affects the rest of the team.

We run a popular "Vasbyt" programme at this camp during which, over a period of eight days, we help each participant gain a better understanding of their own character strengths and weaknesses, their physical capabilities and/or shortcomings. This programme also helps young people develop empathy towards others and an appreciation for the everyday 'luxuries' like a bed to sleep in, good food to eat, parents and family.

## Our camps give youth the confidence to conquer the impossible!



# MOULDING YOUNG LEADERS

A relationship between Rotarians from Malawi and Scotland has been passed on from one Rotary generation to the next. Recently, the Rotary Club of Limbe (D9210) partnered with the Rotary Club of Innerleithen, Walkerburn & Traquair of Scotland (D1020) in a pilot project to train youth in leadership and service.

Under the banner of the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) programme, youths from the two countries were pooled together in a pilot event, organised to expose them to life outside their comfort zones.

Five youths from Scotland were hosted by 16 Malawian youths aged between 16 and 24 who were drawn from different backgrounds. Together, they attended a one-week leadership boot camp in Ku Chawe, Zomba. In Scotland, youths who participated in RYLA-Malawi programme had spent the last year planning and fundraising for the travel. In July 2019, they arrived in Malawi.

"The camp gave the youths an opportunity to develop and sharpen their leadership skills; instilled a sense of self-belief, self-help and spirit of giving. It also aimed to develop interpersonal and technical skills by exerting their energies towards community service," said President Benard.

Ndau explained that the Malawian youths had been selected from diverse backgrounds from both rural and urban parts of Lilongwe, Zomba and Blantyre. "We want to build future leaders who value integrity, teamwork and community service. This is what Rotarians advocate for," said President Benard.

The Scottish publication, Border Telegraph, reported on the initiative and said, "barriers of age, experience, culture and education melted away as the group worked together delivering tangible benefits at individual and community levels.

The youths helped with clearing undergrowth on Zomba mountain to provide space for newly planted trees to grow. They also discussed and explained climate change and forestry management to people living on the Zomba plateau and gave the community mango seedlings to plant.

The youths also visited a counselling service in Zomba City, Malawi's old capital city and helped repair 14 houses that had been damaged by floods in March. They also visited Youth Network and Counselling (YONECO), to learn more about its activities on youth empowerment. There were also moments of adventure, including a safari drive to Liwonde National Park where they enjoyed close encounters with wildlife such as warthogs, hippos, lions and elephants.

Coach for the seminar. Rotarian Denis Robson of the Rotary Club of Innerleithen, Walkerburn & Traquair of Scotland said that the camp provided an exciting forum for youth to learn about different cultures and share skills while learning how to excel in leadership and service roles.



The Interact club of Woodlands International College (D9400) participated in a Rise Against Hunger event in September. The Interact club has supported this organisation for a few years and this year, the Interactors joined a group of volunteers and helped pack 70 000 meals in three hours.

Members of the Rotary Club of Johannesburg East (D9400) presented the Interact Club of Kensington Secondary School with its official charter certificate. The current Interact President Nephtalie Bomboro was inducted and her fellow Interactors received their membership certificates. With President Nephtalie are Principal Tlou Moloto and Malte Beierdörffer, the Johannesburg East youth director. The principal was given a banner to recognise the school's association with the club.





During this Rotary year, two new Interact clubs have been chartered by the Rotary Club of Grahamstown Sunset (D9370) - at PJ Olivier High School and St Andrews College. Makhanda (Grahamstown) now has a total of eight Interact clubs. President Kesentri Govender with Mrs Jamieson, Interact Facilitator, and two members of the Interact Club of St Andrews College.

### **AROUND AFRICA**



The Rotary Club of Mtunzini (D9370) was thrilled to host Rotarian Janice Sommerveld (left) of The Rotary Club Cranbrook Sunrise (D5080, Canada) in early November. She was in South Africa to visit the site of a future project and was also taken to see Mtunzini's library project. Sommerveld also attended the club meeting.





The Rotary Club of Ikeja (D9110, Nigeria) gave Ikeja Junior High School a new look when it reconstructed and renovated two classroom blocks and the school's sickbay. The club also donated chairs and desks.





The Rotary Club of Port Alfred (D9370) sold boerewors rolls at the official opening of the revamped local BUCO hardware store. The funds raised will go to community upliftment projects run by the club. Taking a break from the hard work are Rotarians Dave and Delene Hawkins, President Ray Oliver, Nadine Heyns, Carol Oliver and Colin Murphy. At the back is a customer, Roy de Wet.



The Rotary Club of Gbagada (D9110, Nigeria) has changed the face of St Joseph Secondary School in Mushin area of Lagos state, giving it a beautiful new look. A block of four classrooms, a sickbay and the toilets were renovated by the club. The newly refurbished school building was officially opened by District Governor Dr Jide Akeredolu during his club visit. The renovation came a few months later. The club, in collaboration with the district, First Bank and three other clubs in the district refurbished a block of three classrooms and donated chairs and desks. The club also presented a charter certificate to the newly formed Interact Club of St Joseph Secondary School and gave sanitary pads to the schoolgirls.



The Rotary Club of Ojodu (D9110, Nigeria) celebrated the visit of District Governor Dr Jide Akeredolu by donating food items to Ozanam House for the Destitute in Ojodu, Lagos state. After the donation, the club took the DG to see Omole Phase One Gate and officially handed over the traffic control booth which the club donated to the Federal Road Safety Corps. The DG also joined the club in a tree planting exercise at Ojodu Community High School and an inspection tour of the Community Health Centre where the club has planned to undertake a project. Two new members were inducted into the club by the District Governor.



A member of the Rotary Club of Windhoek (D9350), Harald Nestroy, was in the Buddhist Kingdom of Bhutan and joined the Rotary Club of Thimphu (D3292) for a meeting. Before retiring and settling in Namibia, Harald Nestroy was the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany accredited to Namibia. Thimphu is the capital of mountainous Bhutan, which is located on the eastern edge of the Himalayas. The kingdom's scenic landscapes range from subtropical plains to steep mountains and valleys. In the High Himalayas, peaks such as 7 326 metre high Jomolhari are popular trekking destinations.



The Rotary Club of Polokwane (D9400) took a group of Americans to the Siloe School for the Blind, where they were entertained by the school choir. The visitors were so impressed with what they experienced that they gave the club a large donation to buy musical instruments for the learners. After discussions with the staff, it was decided to buy djembe drums. Handing over the 12 drums to the principal, staff and learners, is Past President Charles Hardy.



The Rotary Anns of Chatsworth (D9370) distributed hampers to 50 needy families during Diwali. These hampers were valued at R500 each and contained goods donated by sponsors in the community, as well as the Anns.



While at the Rotary Club of Chatsworth High Noon (D9370), DG Jaco Stander and his wife, Lisa, enjoyed a tour of the community. With the couple outside Chatsworth's iconic landmark, Sri Radhanath Temple of Understanding is President Raj Ramsunder.



A billboard that was donated by a member of the Rotary Club of Limbe (D9210) was unveiled by District Governor Douglas Katengo when he visited the club. The billboard lies in the heart of Blantyre and encourages people to "Join Leaders. Exchange Ideas. Take Action." With the billboard are PP Eric Chimkanda, Felistas Dossi, President Benard Ndau, DG Douglas Katengo and Edward Dzimphonje.



The Rotary Anns of Helderberg (D9350) gave additional jerseys, bootees and beanies to the NGO Mama Themba. The goodies were knitted by the Helderberg Manor and Somerset Oaks Craft Clubs. At the presentation are Viensie Beisheim (Somerset Oaks), Lindy Officer (Mama Themba) and Rotary Ann Carol Vader.



The Rotary Club of Chatsworth High Noon (D9370) raised money to help its community in the fight against cancer. The guests who attended the Cancer Awareness Day breakfast at the Enchanted Gardens in Durban were entertained by live music and interesting speakers. Dr Naveshree Dhaver, a specialist obstetrician and gynaecologist, gave an enlightening and informative presentation on the early detection and treatment of breast cancer. After a delicious breakfast, Rotarian Saths Govender (above)thanked the sponsors and audience for their support. This project was led by Rotarian and Past DG Ann Vasanthee Moodley.



The Rotary Club of Swellendam (D9350) and Specsavers held a joint spectacle project to give learners from primary and secondary schools spectacles. With some of the learners are Lelani van Tonder (Specsavers), D Mtila, Ike Langeveldt and Danie Theron.



The Lona Kruger Feeding Scheme was founded in 1992 when several voluntary workers heard about the dire needs of learners at primary schools in Boksburg. The feeding scheme has been running for the past 27 years and is fondly supported by both Rotary clubs in Boksburg (D9400). The feeding scheme provides much-needed nutritious food to the learners and often, these are the only meals they will receive during the day. The feeding scheme is not a registered NGO and therefore relies entirely on donations from individuals, organisations and the community at large to sustain the fund. Once a year they host a morning tea to show their appreciation and to thank donors as well as the hard-working team of women involved in the feeding scheme. Without their contributions, it will be impossible to meet the needs of underprivileged learners. Anne-Marie Nel, Dolly Potgieter, Hester Vosloo and Joan Muntingh, the hardworking committee of the Lona Kruger Feeding Scheme.



The Anns of the Rotary Club of Pietersburg 100 (D9400) hosted a spring tea for residents of Our Home/ Ons Tuiste. After enjoying the tea, cake and savouries, there was great excitement when bottles of wine and cosmetics hampers were won in a lucky draw. Ann President Lara Kirkpatrick said that the annual event gave the club "the opportunity to socialise, spend time with our elderly residents and let them know that they are not forgotten." Residents of Our Home/Ons Tuiste, Ester Botha, Neels du Plessis and Teddy and Bets Simmonds enjoy refreshments at the spring tea.



The Rotary Club of Pietersburg 100 (D9400) held its 40th annual Oktoberfest at Bolivia Estate. Entertainment was provided by Die Ottertaller XXL Band from Germany. More than 400 guests attended and danced the night away - it was well after midnight when the last of the quests left! A traditional German meal of eisbein, sauerkraut, kartoffelsalat, bratwurst and beer was served. The bar, stocked with designer gins and other beverages, was very well supported. President Horst Meyer said that thanks to funds raised at the event, the club "will be able to make a substantial contribution to the charities in our community."



#### **WELCOMED AND HONOURED**



Lucretia Beukes is a new member of the Rotary Club of Johannesburg North Central (D9400).



Shaun Mactaggart, Bev Rogers and Liesl Muller are new members of the Rotary Club of Kenton on Sea (D9370).



Kelvin Sibanda is a new member of the Rotary Club of Johannesburg North Central (D9400).



During his visit to the Rotary Club of Pietersburg 100 (D9400), District Governor Maurice Stander and President Horst Meyer presented a Paul Harris Fellowship recognition to Yolande Nel.



Pieter Mockford was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Pietersburg 100 (D9400).

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