

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER



Botswana, Eswatini, Mozambique and South Africa

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Message from the District Governor: Koekie Makunyane-Quashie

Mensagem Da Governadora Do Distrito: Koekie Makunyane-Quashie

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Kobla and I have now completed our Governor visits to all but one D9400 Rotary Clubs and two Rotaract clubs. We have loved every moment of it, and thank you for all the generous greetings, hospitality, warm friendship and an insight into all the good things your club is doing in your communities.

This is a Time to be thankful whether for you it's Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Ramadan, Kwanzaa or just a season of celebration; this is a time for all of us to take the time to reflect on our blessings and be thankful for all we have.

As we've travelled around the District, I see Rotarians and Rotaractors who recognize the blessings they possess, including their families, faith, friendships and their ability to give back to their communities in an effort to improve everyone's lives.

So, as we gather with family and friends to celebrate Christmas and come to close 2022, let us pause and also reflect on the well-being of our countries. Let us, as caring 'guardians' of our nations, embrace the giving of ourselves to advance the well-being of the less fortunate among us. We must never forget the less fortunate, and this is a wonderful time to reach out and extend a hand of friendship and support to those around us.

It is, in that spirit of giving that Kobla and I, wish you and your family a most blessed, safe, hope-filled and renewing Christmas!

Thank you, God bless.

Yours in Rotary.

DG Koekie

Caros Companheiros Rotários,

Kobla e eu já completamos as nossas visitas a todos, excepto a um Clube Rotário e a dois Clubes Rotaracts do D9400. Adorámos cada momento e agradecemos por todas as saudações generosas, hospitalidade, amizade calorosa e uma visão de todas as coisas boas que os vossos clubes estão a fazer nas vossas comunidades.

Este é um momento para agradecer, seja para si Feliz Natal, Feliz Hanukah, Ramadan, Kwanzaa ou apenas uma temporada de celebração; Este é um momento para todos nós aproveitarmos o tempo para reflectir sobre as nossas bênçãos e ser gratos por tudo o que temos.

À medida que percorremos o Distrito, vejo Rotários e Rotaracts que reconhecem as bênçãos que possuem, incluindo as suas famílias, fé, amigos e a sua capacidade de devolver às suas comunidades num esforço para melhorar a vida de todos.

Assim, à medida que nos reunimos com a família e amigos para celebrar o Natal e chegar ao fim de 2022, façamos uma pausa e reflectamos também sobre o bem-estar dos nossos países. Vamos, como guardiões carinhosos das nossas nações, abraçar a dádiva de nós mesmos podermos promover o bem-estar dos menos afortunados entre nós. Nunca devemos esquecer os menos afortunados, e este é um momento maravilhoso para estender a mão de amizade e apoio aos que nos rodeiam.

É, nesse espírito de dar, que Kobla e eu, desejamos a você e à sua família um Natal abençoado, seguro, cheio de esperança e renovado!

Obrigado, Deus abençoe.

O seu em Rotary.

DG Koekie



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Message from Jennifer Jones RI President 2022-23



Mensagem Da Jennifer Jones RI Presidente 2022-23

While sitting with a group of Rotary leaders outside of Lusaka, Zambia, I ask a question: "How many of you have ever had malaria?" Every hand in the room goes up. They even begin to tell me about the first, second, or third time they experienced the disease, one of the main causes of death and sickness in many developing countries.

They are fortunate. They have access to medical treatment and lifesaving medicines. For the people of rural Zambia, their story is very different.

On a wooden bench in a small village, I sit with Timothy and his young son Nathan. With a camera crew capturing our conversation, he tells me of the time Nathan showed signs of malaria. He brought the boy to the nearby home of a community health worker, where Nathan quickly received medicines that in all likelihood saved his life.

Calmly, Timothy tells me about his other son's bout with the disease a few years earlier. He had to race that son to a medical clinic more than 5 miles away. Riding a bike and carrying his child on his back, he tells me, he could feel his son's legs turn cold and then his little body go limp. As he finally entered the clinic, he screamed for help, but it was too late. The camera stops rolling, and we sit in silence. He begins to weep, and I hold him tightly. "I lost my son, I lost my son," he says.

This story is all too familiar for the families we meet over the next few days. And yet there is hope. Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia is Rotary's first Programs of Scale grant recipient, and it is saving lives. Across two provinces of Zambia, 2,500 volunteer health workers have been selected by their communities. They are trained to bring medical care closer to those who need it, and they are able to diagnose and treat malaria and other ailments.

Rotary partnerships create lasting change.

Enquanto estava sentada com um grupo de líderes Rotários fora de Lusaca, Zâmbia, faço uma pergunta: "Quantos de vocês já tiveram malária?" Todas as mãos na sala vão para cima. Começam mesmo a falar-me da primeira, segunda ou terceira vez que experimentaram a doença, uma das principais causas de morte e doença em muitos países em desenvolvimento.

São afortunados. Têm acesso a tratamento médico e medicamentos que salvam vidas. Para o povo da Zâmbia rural, a sua história é muito diferente.

Num banco de madeira numa pequena aldeia, sento-me com Timothy e o seu filho Nathan. Com uma equipa de filmagem a captar a nossa conversa, ele conta-me da altura em que o Nathan mostrou sinais de malária. Ele trouxe o rapaz para a casa próxima de um trabalhador de saúde comunitária, onde Nathan rapidamente recebeu medicamentos que, muito provavelmente, lhe salvaram a vida.

Calmamente, o Timothy fala-me da luta do outro filho com a doença alguns anos antes. Teve de levar o filho a uma clínica a mais de 8 km de distância. Andar de bicicleta e carregar o filho às costas, disse-me que conseguia sentir as pernas do filho a arrefecer e depois o seu pequeno corpo a coxear. Quando finalmente entrou na clínica, gritou por ajuda, mas era tarde demais. A câmara para de filmar e sentamo-nos em silêncio. Ele começa a chorar, e eu seguro-o firmemente. "Perdi o meu filho, perdi o meu filho", diz.

Esta história é muito familiar para as famílias que conhecemos nos dias seguintes. E ainda há esperança. Parceiros para uma Zâmbia Sem Malária é o primeiro beneficiário do subsídio Programas de Escala do Rotary, e está a salvar vidas. Em duas províncias da Zâmbia, 2.500 profissionais de saúde voluntários foram seleccionados pelas suas comunidades. São treinados para levar os cuidados médicos àqueles que dele necessitam, e são capazes de diagnosticar e tratar a malária e outras doenças.

As parcerias do Rotary criam uma mudança duradoura.



All roads lead to the beautiful kingdom of eSwatini

The upcoming District Conference 2023 which will be held from the 27th of April to the 1st of May 2023 at Esibayeni Lodge, Matsapha in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

DISCON 2023 Registration fee: E 2 050 (R 2 050)

More details of the conference: www.discon2023.com

More details of the accommodation: www.esibayenilodge.com/accommodation.html

JANUARY is VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

January is Vocational Service Month on the Rotary calendar. Vocational Service is at the heart of Rotary, which was founded on the classification system of membership. Business and professional life are the bedrock of Rotary, and Vocational Service is a major force in promoting honour, integrity, and trustworthiness in business.

Of Rotary's five Avenues of Service – Club, Vocational, Community, Youth and International – Vocational is difficult to define, so it is sometimes called the "Forgotten Avenue of Service". One reason is Club, Community, International and Youth Service activities usually involve groups of Rotarians. They enjoy the fellowship of Club Service, the satisfaction of serving the needs of their communities, and the hope that their International Service promotes world peace and understanding. But Vocational Service – the second Avenue of Service -- is generally conducted by individual members.



Rotary's early leaders often cited the Golden Rule – "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" – as the guiding principle of Rotary's Vocational Service. By the time of the first convention in 1910, the networking emphasis had begun to shift. The majority of clubs felt that Rotary should move from being a booster club to improving their communities. The concept of "he profits most who serves his fellows best" became "he profits most who serves best". This idea morphed into "Service, not Self" and finally, it became the Rotary slogan we know today -- "Service Above Self".

In 1940, Rotary International defined the Object of Vocational Service "to encourage and foster: high ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society." Today's Rotarians still pride themselves on being able to use their professional stature and knowledge to make things happen worldwide, wherever there is a need for change.

Back in 1912, a code of business ethics was formulated to contribute to the advancement of business morality. At that time, there were no consumer protection laws or truth-in-advertising statutes. Fraudulent and deceptive business practices were the norm. The unwritten law was caveat emptor, "Let the buyer beware." Since the adoption of the Rotary Code of Ethics in 1915, at least 145 national industrial codes of conduct practice have been adopted as a direct result of the influence of Rotarians.

DECLARATION FOR ROTARIANS IN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS

As a Rotarian engaged in a business or profession I am expected to:

- Consider my vocation to be another opportunity to serve
- Be faithful to the letter and the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the standards of my community
- Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation
- Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public, and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship
- Recognize the honour and respect due to all occupations which are useful to society
- Offer my vocational talents; to provide opportunities to young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community
- Adhere to honesty in my advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business and profession
- Neither seek from or grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded to others in a business or professional relationship

ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Rotarian, I will:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
4. Avoid behaviour that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians

Brand new headquarters for Rotary D9400



In December, the Rotary D9400 dream of having its own space, a headquarters for the district, came true. Since the African Centennial celebrations in April 2021, district leadership have been working hard to realise this dream.

Some of the district leadership witnessed the cutting of the ribbon at D9400 Headquarters. It is very centrally located in the penthouse of the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI) building in Milpark, Johannesburg. Thank you to Dr Bernadette Jacobs Zeiler, Chief Executive Officer of the JCCI, who made this possible.

There are two boardrooms available – one which is large enough for 20 delegates and another smaller one for a meeting of four. To book one of the available meeting rooms, call Gugu of Hunter Group +27 64 039 5685.

When you visit D9400 Headquarters, you will enjoy the breathtakingly beautiful skyline of Johannesburg, as well as the warm hospitality of the city where the first club on the African Continent, the RC Johannesburg, was chartered on 1 July 1921.



Rtn Gugu Tshabalala, PAG Alice Meyer, Pres Ann Hope-Bailie, PDG Jankees Slijcher, PDG Annemarie Mostert, DG Koekie Makunyane-Quashie, IPDG Stella Anyangwe, DGN George Senosha, DGE Riana Pretorius, PP Lindelwa Maziya, Pres Charlotte Khoza



DG Koekie Makunyane-Quashie and DGE Riana Pretorius



One of the meeting rooms at D9400 Headquarters

DISTRICT 9400 DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINEE DESIGNATE 2025-2026



D9400 leadership is pleased to confirm the nomination of PP Maria Angélica Salomão as D9400 District Governor for 2025/2026. We congratulate DGND Angélica, our District's first DG from Mozambique.



Salomao is a Public Health Specialist/Epidemiologist and has worked at district, provincial and national levels in charge of clinical and managerial functions within the Ministry of Health system and later at regional and international level.

She was a clinician, National TB Manager, lecturer, Director of Health Services and Director and facilitator at CRDS-Maputo (a WHO/Ministry of Health Public Health training institution for professionals of the Portuguese Speaking Countries in Africa) (1976-2000) and TB Advisor to the TB and Communicable Diseases Programmes in the Ministry of Health (2000-2004), joining the WHO Country Office in 2004 and WHO AFRO (2007-2013).

On her return to Mozambique to become an independent consultant from 2013 to 2015. From 2015 to 2018 she worked for FHI. In 2019 she joined the Mozambican College of Physicians to train Public Health specialists to facilitate and integrate the team in charge of reviewing the training curricula. In 2020 again became independent consultant.

She has been a member of Maputo Rotary Club since 2001-2002 and is a member of the Mozambican Women's Association since 1977. Rotarian Salomão has served as Club Secretary, Community Services Chair, Rotary Foundation Chair and was Club President twice. She represents Rotary D9400 in the Mozambican Hub of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, is Assistant Ambassador for Girls Empowerment and a member of the RFHD. Salomão is a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF 2021-2022) and has received Rotary Foundation recognition three times for giving. She has a Presidential Citation and is a member of the POLIO PLUS Society.

FEEDBACK FROM END POLIO NOW INITIATIVES DURING OCTOBER



On World Polio Day, 24 October, Rotary members and supporters took action, to raise awareness and funds toward eradicating polio:

- More than 4,200 Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs in 118 countries registered their participation in World Polio Day.
- Donors contributed more than US\$740,000 online, which meant a total — with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation’s 2-to-1 match — of more than \$2.2 million raised.
- Social media efforts tied to World Polio Day reached 31 million people.

At the World Health Summit in Berlin, Germany, on 18 October, global leaders pledged a combined US\$2.6 billion in funding toward the Global Polio Eradication Initiative’s [2022-2026 Polio Eradication Strategy](#). Rotary reaffirmed its earlier commitment made at the Global Citizen Festival of US\$150 million.

New pledges also came from several countries, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, UNICEF, and more. These [new pledges](#) represent a major step toward the US\$4.8 billion needed to fully implement the GPEI’s 2022-2026 strategy. The funds will support vaccination efforts, disease surveillance in 50 countries, and other elements of the global effort to end polio once and for all.



There is a new tool in the fight against polio: a reengineered vaccine called the novel oral polio vaccine type 2 (nOPV2). It was created to address variant polio outbreaks occurring across the globe. You can [find the story online](#) or listen to it on the [Rotary Voices podcast channel](#)

Rotary International and the World Health Organization hosted the [World Polio Day 2022 and Beyond](#) conference that focused on a healthier future for mothers and children. At the event, held 21-22 October in Geneva, Switzerland, WHO Director-General, RI President Jennifer Jones, and health experts discussed the status of polio eradication and the potential of community-based solutions to improve global health.



- Para-triathlete and polio survivor **Rotarian Div Louw from RC Benoni** shared his story on South African Broadcasting Corporation ([SABC](#)) and BBC Radio.
- [News18.com](#) in India published an op-ed by India PolioPlus Chair Deepak Kapur on why vaccination and vigilance are crucial for keeping the nation polio-free.
- A [Bloomberg News](#) article highlighted Rotary’s financial commitment to end polio and the decades-long dedication of members to eradicate it.



- Rotary’s PolioPlus Director Carol Pandak and chef Ina Pinkney (a polio survivor) spoke on Chicago’s [WGN-TV](#) about World Polio Day.
- RI President Jennifer Jones spoke in a prime-time interview on [NTV](#), a national broadcaster in Kenya, about efforts to end polio.



Once again, Rotary’s members and supporters united to show tremendous support in the fight against polio.

We’re getting closer to eradicating the wild poliovirus — and we need your support. Help Rotary and our partners bring this devastating disease to an end.

Your contributions are matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. [Donate now.](#)



D9400 PEOPLE OF ACTION

Click [here](#) to view Club newsletters and stories online! Send your Club Newsletters to admin@rotary9400.org.za to have them loaded onto the D9400 website!

Rotary Club of Ermelo Phoenix

RC Ermelo Phoenix and their Rotaract Club joined forces to celebrate International Day of Disabled Persons 2022 by visiting Prism Training Centre for Special Needs.

Prism opened in 2022 and was regarded in Ermelo as a school for the highly favored. The schools hosts 10 children from 5 years to 17 years with a range of disabilities. In addition to Christmas gifts, the children also received sensory books, as well as equipment for play and therapy.



Rotary Club of Maputo

The RC Maputo held its first monthly Business cocktail at the Meliã Hotel on November 17. The event was marked by two moments, the first with the presentation of speaker Comp. Sergio Gago with the theme "For a Supportive Mozambique" and the second was the time of networking between members and guests. The event was attended by about 25 Rotarians and guests



Rotary Club of Ermelo Phoenix

On Saturday 3 December, members of RC Ermelo Phoenix and Santa spread merry cheer and distributed Christmas gifts.

They spent the day visiting Bambanani Village and the CMR Child and Youth Care Centre.



RC Ermelo Phoenix and Santa safely delivered 150 gifts and snacks to the children of Bambanani Village creche for children between 4 and 12 years of age.

Santa's next stop was the CMR Child and Youth Care Centre where 40 children between 9 months and 18 years received Christmas presents. The gifts included sensory gifts for the babies and a gift to spark creativity and curiosity. The children were also spoiled with a pizza party and waterslide fun.

Seeing the smiles on the children's faces when they received their gifts warmed many hearts and made the Rotarians extremely proud. President Janine Cirigliano and the Club are honoured by the privilege to visit Bambanani Village and CMR.



Rotary Club of Pretoria Capital

RC Pretoria Capital is working to upgrade the small kitchen at Kameeldrift School to the west of Pretoria that feeds 250 children. The Rotarians were eager to show a group of visitors from Finland around the school where several projects have been conducted over a long-term relationship with the school spanning more or less 15 years.

The club has also been involved in sponsoring RYLA students and providing new classrooms at Kameeldrift School. The headmistress and staff have an excellent track record and go the extra mile to create a place of joy for the pupils.

Book gifts were handed over by our friends from Finland. Areas of interest are research on school meals, teacher training, vocational training teams (VTT) programme, student exchange, virtual global learner classes and potential online collaborations.



Rotary Club of Maputo

The RC Maputo professional services avenue held a workshop on "How to lose the fear of public speaking on Saturday, 29 October". The speakers, Francisco Chitlango and Dércia Belarmino, brought basic notions about communication, focusing on the speaker, the target audience and the structure of the message.

The first fellowship of the RC Maputo's Rotaract Club took place in Chidenguele on Saturday and Sunday, 3 and 4 December. Chidenguele is about 400km from Maputo. This meeting was attended by seven people - five Rotaractors and two aspiring members. In addition to discussing the agenda items, two colleagues, Anna Frida Mungamba and Adérito Magaia, were inducted as members of the Club.



Rotary Club of Mokopane

President Cecilia Masechaba Masha of RC Mokopane, in partnership with Rauche Harvest Kingdom (RHK) Care Centre invited people with disabilities in Mokopane and other neighbouring villages to the annual Celebration Day of people living with disabilities on 10 December at the Breeding Center Mokopane.

What a wonderful day we had of music, dancing, poetry encouraging speeches, food and fun. This created a further opportunity to meet with Department of Public Services and Administration (DPSA) District Executive Committee and led to a new partnership being forged.



President Cecilia spoke about RC Mokopane, people of action globally and shared Rotary success stories worldwide.

The DPSA Chairperson Tlangelani was given an honorary Rotary pin and a club banner during this opportunity to interact with DPSA in the Waterberg District.



Rotaract Club of Maputo

The Rotaract Club (RAC) of Maputo, held the Solidarity Christmas Ceremony at Casa Madre Maria Clara on 17 December, 2022 with the aim of promoting the spirit of solidarity. In general, the activity had more than 45 participants, divided into four groups - participants from the host location, members of Rotary and RAC Maputo and representatives of SMS Catering. The activity began with introductory notes from Sister Elisa, the Presidents of Rotary and RAC Maputo, Brian Holmes and Laura Djedje, respectively. The closing was marked by the delivery of donations and the capturing of a family photo.





District 9400 EVENTS CALENDAR

2023		NEW YEAR
5	February 2023	RLI Training
18	February 2023	D9400 POETS 2023-24
4	March 2023	D9400 POETS 2023-24
2	April 2023	RLI Training
27-30	April 2023	D9400 District Conference – Eswatini
25-26	May 2023	Global Malaria Congress - Melbourne 2023
27-31	May 2023	2023 Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, Australia Learn more at convention.rotary.org .

<h3>The Four-Way Test</h3> <p>Of the things we think, say or do:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is it the TRUTH? 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned? 3. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? 	<h3>A Prova Quádrupla</h3> <p>Do que pensamos, dizemos ou fazemos:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. É a VERDADE? 2. É JUSTO para todos os interessados? 3. Criará boa VONTADE e MELHORES AMIZADES? 4. Será BENÉFICO para todos os interessados? 	
<p>DISTRICT 9400</p>	<p>Botswana Eswatini Mozambique South Africa</p>	<p>To view the 4-Way Test in some of the other languages spoken in D9400, click here</p>

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