



District 9350

"Connecting the World"

Governors Newsletter 2019/20

4 – October 2019



Personal Message from our Governor David Holtzhausen

Governors message – October 2019

Greetings fellow Rotarians

I write this message to you whilst busy visiting the clubs in Namibia.

The hospitality of the Namibians is great, and I recommend you take the time to visit any of our clubs should you be in the area! Thanks to the Rotarians in Namibia for making me feel welcome.

We had an amazing Mini Conference on the 26th in Beaufort West. My heartfelt thanks to Beaufort West Club for hosting the conference for us, and I am sure I echo the feelings of every Rotarian who made the journey – I have received many complimentary messages from attendees about the weekend!

One theme that is coming through from my interactions with clubs is that Rotary has to change! We are seeing tremendous success in clubs – next month's newsletter will carry some examples – and the success factors that make this happen can be replicated by every club on our District! We are working on ways to convey this to clubs effectively.

Please read the Membership Energizer that June Webber has shared with you for the great developments in membership in our District – and be inspired to see what you can do at your club!

"Rotary Connects the World" may be our theme for 2019/20, but in reality it needs to become our ethos for success!

Connections and relationships really make clubs successful. Please continue the great work of Rotary and let's make D9350 one of the best districts in Africa, if not the world!

Yours in Rotary

David

Upcoming Events!

*** 9 November**
Rotaract workshop & POETS

*** 28 Nov to 7 Dec**
Oom Piets
Christmas Party
Durbanville RC

*** 20 Nov to 21 Dec**
Uncle Pauls
Christmas Party
Groot Constantia
Wynberg Rotaract

*** 4 to 21 December**
Uncle Willy's
Christmas Party –
Claremont RC
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*** 30 April to 2 May 2020**
District POETS
District Assembly & District
Conference
2020-2021
SAS Saldanha

*** 6-10 June 2020**
RI Convention –
Honolulu Hawaii



Rotary Family Health Days

Report by Steering Committee Chair Bev Frieslich

This unique, integrated annual public/private partnership programme, celebrated its **eighth year**, and is now operating through Africa (including Lesotho and Nigeria this year) and India.

The Official dates were 2- 4 October 2019, with more than 20 Clubs in District 9350 taking part in 34 RFHD Sites.

We are most fortunate to have an excellent relationship with the **Cape Town City Department of Health and the Western Cape Provincial Health Department** staff at the various Clinics, thanks to the long-standing friendships, partnerships and the mutual respect and trust that have been built up over the years.

While the **emphasis was providing health care**, we also focused on **making our clients feel special and marketing the brand of Rotary** itself.

We were the FIRST District to have completed our data input. The final totals below reflect our success:

Number of Sites: 34 which handled 10,289 People, provided 47,188 Services & made 1160 Referrals.

The way the D9350 Rotarians dedicated themselves to this major project was humbling and heart-warming.

Sincere thanks to RFHA CEO, **Sue Paget** for her support, Rotarians **Julie & Robert Kydd** for their extremely hard working logistical support, **Ubi Adams Jack** for the Impact Study co-ordination, **Victor Crouser** for his help in sourcing the popular extra spectacles, all the **dedicated Site Champions** with their committees, and to the **Rotarians of my own Club Cape of Good Hope** for their loyal support over the months of preparation.



From L to R:

1. Vision testing station
2. Baby gets injection of Vitamin A
3. Outdoor RFHD Reception area



Typical queue for Vision testing

HIV Testing

102 year man delighted that he can see again



CELEBRATION of WORLD POLIO DAY on 24 OCTOBER

All over the world, Rotarians made an effort to celebrate World Polio Day. See these links:



- This World Polio Day, [Rotary International](#) rallied the world around the fight to eradicate polio forever. Watch this year's global update highlighting the heroes of polio eradication, with stories from endemic and recently impacted areas: endpolio.io/wpd
- This World Polio Day marked a significant step toward the ultimate goal of a polio-free world - confirmation that wild poliovirus type 3 has been eradicated. Learn more: endpolio.io/wpdprp19
- [Rotary International](#) volunteers in the Philippines have been committed to protecting the country's children from polio for 40 years & the country has been wild polio-free since 1993. Learn how Rotary is ensuring all children are protected from all forms of poliovirus: endpolio.io/2Pr7zkP

Pam Rawbone, Lizelle De Wet and Barbara Hurwitz show how to celebrate in D9350 style

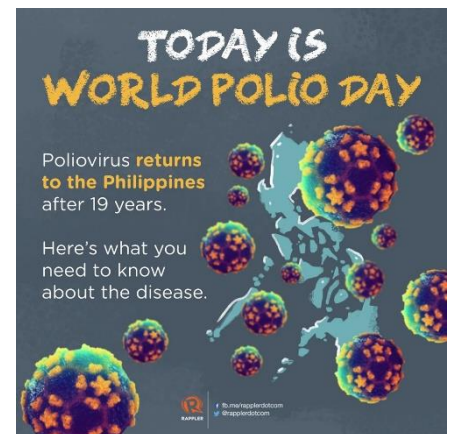
Rotary and its partners in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative \(GPEI\)](#) celebrated a major milestone this World Polio Day: confirmation that a second type of the wild poliovirus has been eradicated, which is a significant step toward the ultimate goal of a polio-free world. If it is eradicated, Polio would follow Smallpox as the second human disease eliminated from the world.

Rotary has contributed more than \$2 billion to Polio eradication since **PolioPlus programme** was launched in 1985, and is committed to raising \$50 million a year for Polio eradication activities. Because of a 2-to-1 matching agreement with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, that means that \$150 million a year goes toward fulfilling Rotary's promise to the children of the world: No child will ever again suffer the devastating effects of Polio.

[Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus](#), **Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO)**, announced the historic feat, saying that an independent commission of health experts had certified the global eradication of the type 3 strain, which hasn't been detected anywhere in the world since Nigeria identified a case of Polio that it caused in November 2012. The type 2 strain was certified as eradicated in 2015, which leaves just Wild Poliovirus Type 1.

Dr Tedros commended Rotary's long fight against Polio by saying "Everything Rotary has done has brought us to the brink of a Polio-free world", yet balanced the good news with a note of caution, saying that the **biggest enemy of global eradication is complacency**.

We encourage our D9350 Rotary members to stick with it and stay optimistic. Keep raising funds and awareness. We truly are on the cusp of eradicating a disease for only the second time in human history.



District MINI CONFERENCE on 25- 26 October 2019

What makes a Mini Conference successful?

- ✓ Great venue
- ✓ Great fellowship
- ✓ Great content

... **A**nd Beaufort West and the Karoo National Park...

brought all these together. They hosted us for a spectacular weekend during which we enjoyed the outdoor nature, with game close by, together with the unique views and amazing sunrises and sunsets – **what a venue!**

The fellowship when Rotarians get together is always great – and at this venue, it was even better – although I think we worried some of the other guests who were taken aback by our exuberance!



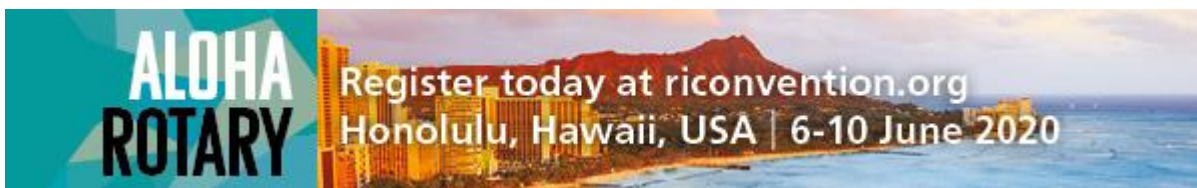
The content and presentations by all presenters were on point and well received by attendees, which the comment below from Geraldine Nicol aptly sums up:

“Despite the distance travelled, it was such a good opportunity for the Beaufort West RC to shine, and shine they did! The logistics and venue were superb, along with it being a great fellowship and motivational conference for all who attended.

The actual conference programme was stimulating and vibrant and June Webber’s presentation emphasized the Internationalism of Rotary which is so often left out of mini conferences.

Despite the potential competition of the England vs All Blacks World Cup Rugby match, the proof of the power of the agenda and presentations was the fact that amazingly, almost all stayed for the full morning, and the comments and questions and lunch time discussions clearly indicated that all had found it incredibly worthwhile and very motivating.” **Thanks to all who attended**

RI Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii – 6 to 10 June 2020



GO THE BOKKE !!!!

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PASSION

And...

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