



## District 9350

# "Connecting the World" Governors Newsletter 2019/20 # 5 – November/ December 2019



### Upcoming Events!

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

**\* 4 to 21 December**  
**Uncle Willy's**  
**Christmas Party –**  
**Claremont RC**

**\* 21 December**  
**Carols by**  
**Glowsticks**  
**at the Rotary**  
**Glencairn Youth**  
**Camp 6-9pm**

**\* 30 April to 2 May**  
**2020**  
**District POETS**  
**District Assembly**  
**& District**  
**Conference**  
**2020-2021**  
**Melkbos**

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

### Personal Message from Governor David Holtzhausen November / December 2019



As we head into the Christmas break, this is a time for reflection, recharging the batteries and gearing up for the New Year.

Most clubs have been frantically finishing off their year-end projects, Christmas parties and other activities, and I am sure we are all looking forward to a break!

Rotary continues to do fantastic work, and I am looking forward to an exciting 2020.

Rather than reflecting on the past, I asked my team to tell you what excites them about the year ahead – so you can all see the different perspectives within the team.

I am really looking forward to the start of the new year – with my Club visits nearly complete, the launch of new clubs in early 2020 and the tremendous growth happening throughout the district in existing and new satellite clubs, it is going to be a busy time, which culminates with our District Conference at the start of May, and the International Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii in early June.

I wish you all a great festive season, whether travelling or staying at home and enjoy the break. I look forward to working with you for a fantastic year as Rotary Connects the World

Yours in Rotary

David

## BREAKING NEWS – CONFERENCE 2020

**Our District Conference will be in Melkbosstrand from 30 April to 2 May 2020 - Daily details:**

**\*POETS: 30 April \* Assembly 1 May \* Conference opening 1 May \* Conference 2 May**

### For accommodation, we recommend the following

- Atlantic Beach Hotel - +27 21 553 1800 – [info@AtlanticBeachHotel.co.za](mailto:info@AtlanticBeachHotel.co.za)  
(Note – within walking distance of conference venue)
- Blouberg Beach Hotel - +27 21 205 7555 – [info@blaauwbergbeachhotel.co.za](mailto:info@blaauwbergbeachhotel.co.za)
- Airbnb website – [Melkbosstrand](#) for all enquiries
- Booking.com – [Melkbosstrand](#) – Bnb's, Guest Houses, Holiday Homes for rental

There is a MyCiti bus from Blouberg beachfront to Melkbos – so transport is not a problem!

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### Youth - Barbara Hurwitz - EarlyAct



Interact   
Rotary Sponsored Club

Rotaract 

I am really excited about starting a new school year with a new EarlyAct Board comprising of Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors. I think this will bring enthusiastic, new and exciting ideas to EarlyAct and will also show our younger Rotary members that they can have a say at what happens at District level and play a bigger role in our organisation. It is a fantastic way to keep them motivated and passionate about Rotary and to grow our number of EarlyAct groups, by working closer with them on their wave length.

We already have 40 students lined up for the next environmental camp in March, and will grow further this year by incorporating more nature lessons in the EarlyAct camp and developing more entrepreneurial opportunities for the Interact campers. The children have responded really well to this concept and I think we have achieved perfect timing with this one, acting on the amazing impact of Greta Thunberg, to show the youth that they can create change and they can do it NOW!!

**What an exciting new school year it's going to be. Vive Le Rotary!**

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### \* Community & Education Pillar – Geraldine Nicol

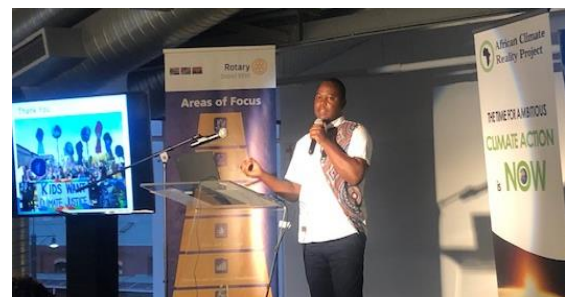
**Overview:** The first half of this 2019-2020 Rotary year has been very productive and extremely positive, and the second half in 2020 looks to be even better. As you read of 2019 achievements and 2020 plans below, the Community and Education Pillar committee members join me in thanking all Rotarians for the incredibly wonderful work done in Community and Education projects. We wish you all a blessed Christmas, a wonderful festive season, relaxing holidays and an awesome 2020 as together we **“build goodwill & better friendships”** and ensure our work is **“beneficial to all concerned.”**

#### **1. Environmental Sustainability (ES) Committee**

The ES team celebrated a very busy 6 months with their stunning October V&A Waterfront Climate Crisis Workshop, hosted in partnership with African Climate Reality Leaders. All 1,700 AI Gore trained Climate Reality Leaders hosted same day Climate Crisis workshops worldwide, reaching over 90,000.

In 2020 the D9350 ES team will continue pressurising Rotary International to follow their mantra to **Lead and Take Action**, specifically in the Climate Crisis arena, making Environmental Sustainability the 7th Area of Focus, and also partnering with United Nations to address the Climate Crisis Emergency now facing the world daily with constant fires, floods, droughts, and cyclones.

**Pic above : Matome Kapa, lawyer from Centre for Environmental Rights, addressed the 100 strong Waterfront Climate Crisis audience, and like all the 8 speakers, encouraged all to continue to “take action”**



## 2. Early Childhood Development (ECD) Committee



It is wonderful to see that many Rotary Clubs are now using a holistic 'Whole Community of ECD' approach to ECD development

There are many more ECD partnerships in the pipeline for 2020 which will also see the roll out of additional ECD Global Grants and a stronger focus on more clubs understanding and working in the vitally important field of ECD, which is when 90% of the child's brain development takes place.

**Pic: Langa ECD Principals ECD forum joining 4th Industrial Revolution with computer training**

## 3. Literacy / Education

The past six months celebrated the roll out of MOU by the Rotary D9350 Regional Facilitators who partnered with 6 individual Western Cape Department of Education District Directors. Strong partnerships were formed, and with the agreed support of the Assistant Governors for 2020, we look forward to this combined approach helping Rotary clubs work more closely with schools in their areas. Through this MOU with WC Dept of Education, we plan to more effectively contribute to the roll out of the National and Provincial Reading Strategy, to address the educational challenge of 78% of Grade 4 children being illiterate & innumerate!



## 4. Entrepreneurship, Education and Employability (E3)



Strong partnerships were created at national level with Department of Education's E3 team who are tasked with introducing Entrepreneurship in all subjects and grades across the curriculum.

2020 will see Rotary in South Africa partnering with the national E3 team in their E3 pilot programme being rolled out to 300 SA schools.

Additional Mentor training in 2020 will see Rotary D9350 training 125 Rotary mentors to assist those entering the Entrepreneurial world of work, thus helping reduce the challenging 30% unemployment in South Africa.

## 5. Rotary Family Health Days

Major plans are afoot at National RFHD level to source RI funding to assist the roll out of RFHD to all ten countries in the 4 Rotary Districts which make up COSA, District Governors Council for Southern Africa.

The newly appointed SA RFHD CEO will lead this outreach to all COSA countries



## \* Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) – Lynette Stassen

The RFE's (both in and outbound) are extremely popular. --

- The first RFE outbound group from India (Mumbai D3141) is 30 January to 10 February 2020 in
- A first is the number of clubs that participate – a total of 12 team members from 8 clubs – including Namibia.
- In 2020 there are 3 x Outbound and 3 x Inbound teams
- In 2021 there are 3 x Outbound and 4 x Inbound teams
- In 2022 there is 1 x Outbound so far.

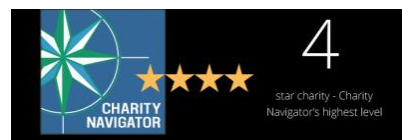
D9350 is very popular indeed. So much so, that a hold is in place on RFEs to and from all countries until 2022.

If we find we have the resources to handle more, then we will review this decision. *Lynette*

## \* The Rotary Foundation (TRF) - Jerome O’Ryan

When you make a donation to The Rotary Foundation, you are helping Rotary members make a difference in the lives of millions of people around the world. Here are five reasons to make Rotary your charity of choice on Giving Tuesday, 3 December, or any time of the year.

1. **Accountability** - Our accountability and transparency have earned The Rotary Foundation 12 straight years of four-star ratings — the highest possible — from independent evaluator Charity Navigator. More than 90% of Foundation funds are spent directly on programs. No high administrative costs dilute your gift.
2. **Impact** - We partner with other organizations to increase our impact and make your donations work even harder. When you give to **Polio Plus**, for example, every \$1 Rotary commits to Polio eradication is matched by \$2 from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Thanks to this partnership, all donations to End Polio (up to \$50 million per year) are tripled, providing critical funding toward creating a Polio-free world.
3. **A record of success** - Rotary unites leaders who have the skills and resources to tackle some of the world’s most difficult problems and deliver sustainable, long-lasting results. For decades, Rotary has been a leader in the battle against Polio and with the help of our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we have reduced cases by 99.9% since 1988. The infrastructure developed to facilitate both immunizations and eradication is being used to fight and protect against other diseases as well. For example, the method known as contact tracing was critical to containing an Ebola outbreak in Nigeria in 2014.
4. **Global reach** - Our 1.2 million members span the globe, uniting people who have a common desire to serve others. From teaching children to read in Ecuador to a microcredit program in Indonesia, Rotary members identify local problems and use Rotary’s vast network and the resources of The Rotary Foundation to take action in their communities.
5. **Bringing about Peace** - Peace holds a unique status in Rotary. We approach peace not as an abstract concept, but as a living, dynamic expression of human development. As a humanitarian service organization, it is both a cornerstone of our mission, and one of our six Areas of Focus – one of the main ways in which our members make their mark on the world.



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Read on for more exciting news .....



## \* The Future – June Webber



Festive greetings to you all! It's been an exciting six months as we hit the halfway mark of this Rotary year, with some 15 Satellite/Rotary Club extensions planned (which includes Angola & Namibia), and with clubs adopting for a more flexible approach to "Growing Rotary". We are super excited to see how these developments take shape in the next six months. Our goal - **100 new members** this Rotary year.

An early highlight of this was undoubtedly when the **E-Club of Greater Cape Town** inducted 14 of its 18 new members on 20 July, one via Zoom. More importantly, the club is now acting as an **incubator** for satellite club members in Springbok, until this club is ready to fly! We look forward to more clubs adopting this "incubator approach" that will give new Rotarians an opportunity to learn about Rotary, until the fledgling club is up and running.



**Pic: Interviewed on Namaqua Radio 98.1 in the town of Springbok, is DG David, Jerome O'Ryan, June Webber and Marilyn Jaard.**

There have been many highlights for our team this year as we embarked on our outreach exploratory trips to the rural areas of Springbok, Saldanha Bay, Clanwilliam and Greyton and Prince Albert. It has been a privilege to meet with many community members to identify opportunities to "Connect Rotary", and more importantly, to learn about the challenges that communities face. We look forward to hitting the ground running mid-January next year, by which time, we hope sponsor clubs will have their respective strategies in place to harness this extension energy and to execute their mandate 😊

**The spade work is done!** After many months of preparation, **Atlantis Rotary Club** is to be charted on 10 February 2020. We are excited. Sincere thanks to President Frederick Jansen (Melkbos Rotary Sponsor Club) and AG Menno de Wet – the main drivers - to get this club off the ground. Potential members are already involved in relevant community issues such as the 16 Days of Activism.



We look forward to the scenic historic town of **Prince Albert** joining our district next year as either a Satellite or Rotary Club. After an initial interest meeting on 22 November and a follow up meeting on 9 December, Jan Sijperstein shared his excitement in an early morning phone call – *"I was blown away by the incredible vibe of positivity and enthusiasm at the meeting last night to get the club up and going. The club will start meeting twice a month from next year, one with just the members and the other meeting to include "friends of Rotary".* Bringing in friends of Rotary to their meeting each month, is a master stroke.

Clubs have embarked on a number of positive initiatives that will impact membership next year, with Clubs generally are being more open and flexible to change. The future is all about partnerships, working together in collaboration: **Newlands Rotary** are starting a New Generation Club

**Waterfront Rotary** has refined the club's By-laws to provide additional membership options such as *Corporate, Associate (try before you buy) and Family Membership*. And then of course there is Honorary membership.

**Blouberg Rotary** introduced a D9350 Business Networking initiative to build a bridge into the business community

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With **Lizelle de Wet promising a fun-filled half year of good fellowship**, how can we not look forward to the next six months?!!

Based on the survey feedback received from the few club members who responded from District, the following programme is expected to be implemented to encourage membership and fellowship within each club as well as between clubs See next page .....

- **Three wine tastings** in three different areas, viz. Durbanville, Stellenbosch and Hermanus, to give as many as possible Rotarians the chance to attend. To be held between February and June 2020.
- **Road trip to Angola.** Pres Tommy (Blouberg) is busy with the footwork. I have not received something concrete but he is at it behind the scenes.
- **Valentine's event:** Raiding the e-Club by a couple of clubs simultaneously which will be most convenient to all concerned. Dress up in the Valentine's theme is compulsory
- **A District 9350 Cook-Out Competition:** Date TBC - watch this space...



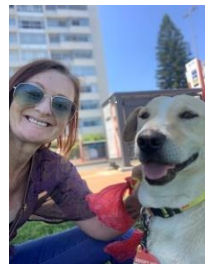
**Pic: President Pam Rawbone, PP Ann Wright and Chair Fellowship Lizelle de Wet at the Mini Conference – Beaufort West.**

### \* Public Image – Shelley Finch

“I have a couple of projects that I am really excited to see come to life in 2020!

The biggest one is our **District's Diversity Month** which we are planning to roll out in March. It is going to be a dedicated time for us all to explore the 'differences' in our membership that make us such a dynamic and multi-faceted organisation, as well as celebrating the things that we share, and in which we find unity and common purpose.

We'll also be looking at the ways we can create and grow a warm and inclusive atmosphere within our clubs, as well as how to go out and engage with people who are different from us. It's all about building clubs where – no matter what your profession, your ethnicity or your passion – you will find a place to feel welcome and at home in Rotary.”



**Wishing you successful 12 months, Joyful  
52 weeks, lovely 365 days, memorable  
8760 hours, blessings of 525600 minutes  
and happiest 31536000 seconds.**



**It's the thing that satisfies your  
mind, body & soul! Do it on the  
bed, on a sofa, in the car or  
anywhere! It's called Prayer!  
God bless your naughty mind.**



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