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WELCOME

Sarah van Heerden - Editor in Chief

History has a way of reminding us that silence is never neutral.

During World War II, when the world was fractured and fear ruled, many claimed they simply did not know what was happening. In Nazi Germany, thousands said they were unaware of the extent of the horrors taking place around them. Some genuinely didn't know. Many chose not to know... and some did know, but said nothing.

They told themselves they were not responsible, because they disagreed with some of the worst actions. Or they looked the other way because they agreed with one or two policies that suited them. That selective morality did not make them innocent - it made them complicit.

The same is true today. Whether we're talking about war or quiet suffering in our own communities. We may not have the power to stop global conflicts or rewrite history, but we have the power to respond to what is right in front of us. When we ignore someone's pain or excuse a wrong, we abandon the very values that make us human.

Rotary gives us more than a place to serve. It gives us a voice. It gives us the support to act and the courage to speak out. Every club, every member is part of a global network that not only believes in doing good but also believes in the good within people.

We live in a time where division is everywhere. People are pulled to extremes and conversations are clouded by noisy judgement. However, Rotary is proof that common ground still exists. Our projects are built on it and our friendships depend on it.

So, as we move through these uncertain times, remember this: we hold the power to drive real change while others argue. We don't need to wait for someone else to fix the world. We can do it consistently and together.

Even when it feels like hope is hard to find, we carry on, because Rotary has done so for more than a hundred years. We have seen what's possible when service replaces silence - because we still believe in each other and in the good in the world.

Let's keep going. Let's keep building. Let's not look away.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



While in London to attend events for Commonwealth Day, RI President Stephanie Urchick greets King Charles III. Urchick hitches a ride on a float at the 2025 Rose Parade in Pasadena, California. During her tour of Africa, Urchick celebrates with participants at a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards event in Uganda.



THE BEST IS YET TO COME

I have had so many wonderful experiences over the past year, but as comforting as it might be to dwell on the past, we must look toward the future.

We are closer than ever to ending polio, but that does not mean we can relax. We still have a promise to keep to the children of the world and their families and we will only fulfil that

promise through fundraising, advocacy and the power of our collective action.

I was amazed at the capability and commitment of the peacebuilders at the Presidential Peace Conference earlier this year. Our Peace Fellowship programme and our many other peace initiatives bring healing to a divided world, but they need our support to

remain effective and relevant.

Amid a worldwide loneliness epidemic, Rotary offers friendship, purpose and belonging. If we hold true to our ideals, to The Four-Way Test and our spirit of inclusivity, we will remain a beacon of light even in the darkest times.

The Action Plan can serve as a guide to make our clubs and districts simply irresistible, but it is up to us to take that advice and put it to use.

Family of Rotary, there is nothing we cannot achieve when we come together and work toward a common goal.

You are The Magic of Rotary and I can't wait to see the lasting change you bring to the world.



While exploring the pyramids of Giza, Urchick indulges in some photographic fun.

Under snow in Istanbul, Urchick helps dedicate a peace pole during the 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference.

Urchick gets up close with Florida's wildlife while preparing for the International Assembly.





Foundation Trustee Chair's Message

Mark Maloney

Foundation Trustee Chair

What you make possible

This past year, my wife, Gay, and I have been privileged to witness the impact of The Rotary Foundation. From dialysis centres in India to environmental projects in Taiwan and educational initiatives worldwide, we have had a front-row seat to the life-changing results of your generosity. To see the work of our Foundation, gives one a deeper understanding of Rotary's power to transform lives by spreading peace, hope and health.

In Bangkok, we saw a specialised life support machine for critically ill patients with lung and heart problems at a public hospital, only the second machine of its kind available to the city's 11 million residents outside of private care. Funded through a global grant, this technology is saving lives because Rotary members saw a need and responded.

Everything Rotary accomplishes through the Foundation, Rotary Peace Centres, Programmes of Scale, global and district grants, relies on a strong and growing endowment. This is The Magic of Rotary that you make possible through your generosity.

That is the reason I am so passionate about our goal to build the net assets and commitments of The Rotary Foundation Endowment to \$2.025 billion by 30 June 2025. The Trustees set this goal in 2016, after exceeding earlier targets and recognising the growing interest in endowed

giving. Thanks to your extraordinary support, including gifts from the estates of members, the net assets and commitments of the Endowment have grown substantially and are within reach of our goal.

To contribute to the Endowment, talk with your endowment/major gifts adviser or your major gifts officer, or visit rotary.org/donate. Your generosity can help us reach our goal, which we will celebrate at the Rotary International Convention in Calgary this month.

The fruits of these gifts may not be seen for several years. We are planting trees that will grow to fund Rotary Peace Fellows and scholarships, put an end to polio, support high-impact Programmes of Scale and global grants and allow our Annual Fund to spread more hope.

During my 40-year journey in Rotary leadership, The Rotary Foundation has always been at the core. From leading a Group Study Exchange team in 1986 to serving as district Foundation chair, trustee, RI president and now as trustee chair, it has been the honour of a lifetime.

I am fortunate to have experienced and been inspired by the magic that you have created through your dedication, service and action. Let us together continue planting trees that will provide fruit for generations.

A Place to Believe, Become & Belong

PDG Patrick Coleman, Rotary E-Club of Southern Africa D9400 and Rotary Foundation Chair



The phrase a place to believe, become and belong stirs something powerful in me. It speaks of community, of growth and of being part of something that matters. It's about finding a space where you can strengthen your values, stretch your potential and know you're not alone.

BELIEVE

This is about trust, faith and something deeper than just being part of a group. It's where we build purpose, nurture hope and find meaning in our lives.

BECOME

This touches on growth. On change. On becoming the version of ourselves we're proud of. It's a space where we're stretched and challenged in the best way – learning, evolving and chasing our potential.

BELONG

This is the heart of it. Belonging means connection, shared purpose and acceptance. It's about having people who see you, support you and stand beside you.

For me, this phrase wraps up what many of us are searching for – a space that feeds our spirit, challenges us to grow and gives us community. That could be a church, a community centre, a classroom or a Rotary club meeting, either in person or on Zoom.

According to ResearchGate, a sense of belonging is one of the benchmarks for quality environments. It's something designers aim

for when creating spaces that foster human connection. When people come together regularly in a shared space, a rhythm and culture emerge. That culture, built through conversation, collaboration and care, creates identity. A Rotary club room, or even a Zoom call, becomes more than just a meeting. It becomes a place where we belong.

That's what brought Paul Harris and his friends, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele and Hiram Shorey, together over 120 years ago. They were business associates who became friends and they dreamed of a space that went beyond work... a place for camaraderie and purpose. (I still feel a little sorry for Harry Ruggles, the man who missed that first Rotary lunch!)

Paul Harris was quite the character as a young man – mischievous, curious and definitely not a rule-follower. He was expelled from Black River Academy after just a few weeks and later from the University of Vermont for helping organise a secret society that gave “unruly freshmen” a hard time. That underground society may not have impressed the school, but it certainly made university life more interesting!

Eventually, Paul found his path. He graduated from the University of Iowa law school in 1891 and built a successful legal career. Still, what he was really after, even as an adult, was a sense of belonging. That's what those first Rotary meetings gave him. It wasn't the location that mattered – it was the feeling of family. A place to share ideas, to laugh and to trust each other.

People join Rotary for many reasons – business networking, leadership growth, or community service. We gain knowledge, exposure and friendships across cultures. However, let's be honest, the real reason many of us join and stay is the friendships. It's that simple.

As this Rotary year wraps up and we celebrate President Stephanie Urchick's Magic of Rotary, let's carry that energy forward. Under the leadership of incoming President Mário César Martins de Camargo, let's Unite for Good.

Let's make our Rotary clubs places where people can believe, become and truly belong.



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While the convention is Rotary-focused, Calgary also offers a vibrant cultural experience. Known for its western spirit and scenic landscapes, the city invites you to explore its rich history, dynamic food and events scene. Photo: Calgary Stampede

CONVENTION COUNTDOWN

Ideas take Centre Stage

By Sarah van Heerden

For those heading to Calgary for the 2025 Rotary International Convention, your plans are about to come to life in a city known for its warmth, hospitality and wide-open skies. With the Canadian Rockies as your backdrop, Calgary will host thousands of Rotary members from across the globe for what promises to be an unforgettable week of learning, connection and inspiration.

This year's programme features a powerful speaker line-up designed to spark ideas and help you grow your club's impact and membership. Nobel Peace Prize laureate Tawakkol Karman will take the stage with a message of courage and global citizenship. Known as the "Mother of the Revolution," she became the first Arab woman to win a Nobel Peace Prize for her non-violent struggle for democracy and women's rights in Yemen.

She will be joined by climate scientist and communicator Katharine Hayhoe, a bestselling author and chief scientist for The Nature Conservancy. Named one of Time Magazine's

100 Most Influential People, Hayhoe blends science and faith in her unique approach to making climate conversations more accessible and actionable.

Alongside these headline speakers, attendees can customise their experience with dozens of breakout sessions covering everything from artificial intelligence in Rotary to practical strategies for recruiting young leaders and building diverse, inclusive clubs. These sessions are designed to offer real-world tools that clubs can apply at home.

The House of Friendship remains the buzzing heart of the convention. It's where connections are made, ideas are exchanged and global partnerships begin. Expect vibrant exhibitions, project showcases and plenty of opportunities to meet fellow Rotarians from every corner of the world.

If you're attending, you're already part of something big. If not, follow along through Rotary's official channels and join in the conversation. Rotary is coming to life in Calgary... and the world is watching!



At the launch of *Navigate: A Voyage Through Life* were Treasurer Laurence Chambers, Secretary Monique Labat, Club Service lead Christina Chambers, PR and Media lead Jackie Hunter, Anna Fatti, Nicky Whall, author and Rotarian Chris van der Leij, John Whall, Aat van der Leij and Rotarian Gert-Jan Posthuma.

NAVIGATING PURPOSE

Chris van der Leij, a member of the Rotary Club of Stellenbosch (D9350), recently launched his new book, *Navigate: A Voyage Through Life*. The book is a guide for parents and educators, designed to help them steer young people towards a life filled with purpose, direction and fulfilment.

The launch event was a moment of pride for the club. Members turned out in support, celebrating both Chris's achievement and the meaningful message his book shares. It was more than just a book launch, it was a show of unity and encouragement for a fellow Rotarian committed to making a difference.

As Rotarians who are deeply invested in community upliftment, many attendees said they were moved by the book's focus on nurturing future generations. Chris puts forward a case for

intentional parenting, values-based decisions and thoughtful mentorship – principles that speak to the heart of Rotary's mission.

His message is clear. When adults guide with care, consistency and compassion, young people are better equipped to face life's challenges. The ideas in his book are built around that belief, drawing on Chris's own experiences in education and mentorship.

His work mirrors the spirit of Service Above Self, the value that defines Rotary around the world. The club extends its congratulations and appreciation to Chris for this inspiring contribution.

To get a copy of *Navigate: A Voyage Through Life*, contact Chris directly at 072 613 7206 or email cvanderleij@hotmail.com.

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PDG STELLA DONGO PROFITS MOST FROM EMPOWERING OTHERS



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DECADE OF DOERS

*Celebrating Rotary's
People of Action
honourees*

By Jason Keyser

More than a decade ago, as Zimbabwe was struggling to recover from an economic meltdown, Stella Dongo faced perhaps her biggest challenge in a life full of them. The furniture company where she was CEO was forced to drastically downsize - it fell to her to help decide whom to let go from a dedicated workforce that included dear friends. Having grown up poor herself, she knew exactly what was at stake. "You would know for sure that this person that you were letting go was going to be in the streets and starving, basically," she says. "That I found very, very difficult to comprehend and to live with myself."

Like other business leaders at that time of turmoil, she was out of options. In the 2000s, hyper-inflation had bankrupted the government and left the currency nearly worthless. The crisis essentially wiped out the entire formal economy, destroying farms, factories and companies.

Even as the economy began to stabilise slightly at the end of the decade, Dongo knew there was nothing left for the masses of unemployed people to return to. "I was very aware of how important it was for people to find ways of making a living and to fend for themselves outside of formal employment," she says.

So, in 2009, Dongo and other members of the Rotary Club of Highlands (D9210) launched the Community Empowerment Project with a \$330,000 grant from The Rotary Foundation. Focusing on youth and women, the programme taught computer and business skills in communities near the capital, Harare. Survivors of Zimbabwe's economic crisis, it turned out, were still hard at work, eking out a subsistence living in the informal economy through everything from cross-border trading and garment making to animal husbandry and handicrafts.

The idea was to teach people how to develop these "backyard businesses into something more substantial," says Dongo. "Most of them tended

not to understand if their business was growing, making money or if they were actually losing money. We taught them the basics of identifying costs, the concept of profit, issues like pricing and marketing."

Starting in 2014, the club and its international project partners in the Rotary Club of Denver Mile High (D5450, USA) received global grants to provide advanced training and to expand their efforts to more communities. By 2015, the initiative had trained more than 6,000 women and young people.

That same year, Rotary introduced its People of Action Honours programme. The inaugural honourees were celebrated as Global Women of Action and Dongo was recognised alongside five other Rotarians from Australia, Bangladesh, Germany and the United States. They were featured at Rotary Day at the United Nations, where they addressed attendees at the organisation's headquarters in New York City. For the business executive, the experience opened new doors while crowning her remarkable rise from a childhood in the black township of Mufakose in a then-segregated, British-ruled Rhodesia.

"I don't even know where to begin," Dongo says. "It was a very difficult childhood." Dongo's mom died when she was 8, leaving her father striving as a single parent to raise and provide for his six children. It was a close-knit family, one characterised by a hunger for knowledge and a better life. "Much as we were struggling," Dongo recalls, "much as we had very little, much as there was not much hope, we had this strong desire for knowledge and for education. That desire never died in me."

Amid hardships, Dongo's formal education was full of stops and starts, but she always had a book in her hands, anything left by siblings, friends or visitors. Even if she couldn't attend classes, she'd still arrive for exams and pass them.

Seeing few opportunities after high school, Dongo married early, started a family and



PDG Stella Dongo speaks at the United Nations in 2015.

worked as a home caregiver for older adults. Later, she earned a Bachelor's degree in commerce from the University of South Africa through correspondence classes and worked as a retail salesperson. Then came Zimbabwe's independence in 1980. "That was a huge thing," she says. "A lot of opportunities started to open up for black people."

Others recognised her leadership skill and throughout the 1980s and 90s Dongo climbed the management ranks at a retail clothing company during a golden period of strong economic growth. In the mid-90s, a colleague invited her to join Rotary, where, she says, she initially felt "a bit lost" among members who all seemed to be leading big projects. Soon, she found her footing, taking leadership roles and became president of the Highlands club in 2005.

By then the economy was unravelling and workers were fleeing the country. With the Community Empowerment Project, Dongo hoped to stem this crippling flight of workers; most of all, she wanted to help people like the employees she once had to let go. Years later, she was relieved to reconnect with and help

some of those former employees who, she says, "somehow found a way out and managed to survive the worst of that period."

During its final session in 2023, Dongo estimates that the Community Empowerment Project trained about 10,000 people, shifting mindsets and giving trainees the confidence of knowing they could help themselves.

Dongo, meanwhile, became the first woman to serve as governor of her Rotary district, led the World Vision Zimbabwe board and served as District 9210's Rotary Foundation chair.

Today, her Rotary club and about two dozen others in Zimbabwe continue to be a lifeline, providing essential services that the government is unable to maintain.

In one project that's particularly close to her heart, Dongo's club is building a school in a remote area, where she takes delight in meeting the young children, some barefoot but all full of life and energy and eager to sing with their Rotary visitors.

In their bright, joyful faces, Dongo says, she sees herself as a little girl and it fills her with hope.



Hosted by Rotary Districts 9350 and 9400, the event brought together Rotarians, Rotaractors, peacebuilders and community partners to explore new ways of promoting peace and dialogue across cultures.

BUILDING PEACE, One Conversation at a Time

Rotary's 2nd ICC Africa Peace Forum Unites Global Voices in Cape Town

From 25 to 27 April 2025, Cape Town welcomed over 150 delegates from 18 countries for the 2nd ICC Africa Peace Forum.

With the theme Bridging Cultures, Building Positive Peace, the three-day forum featured sessions at The Vineyard Hotel and local community venues. It opened with a welcome reception and the unveiling of African Queens, an exhibition by Cape Town artist Chantal Coetzee celebrating the strength and legacy of African women leaders. Acting Premier Jaco Londt and Rotary leaders welcomed delegates to a weekend of collaboration and insight.

Saturday's conference programme featured three themed sessions. The first focused on global peacebuilding, with contributions from The Reverend Dr Robert V Lee III, Mr Brian Currin and HE Mr Nicolae Zaharescu. These sessions highlighted lessons from global reconciliation efforts and how they can inform

local action.

The second session explored peace in the digital age. Speakers discussed online engagement, cybersecurity and Rotary's digital presence. Youth voices played a key role, including a short film from Refugees Beyond Borders and insights from initiatives like My Journal in Peacebuilding.

The third session connected peace with health and the environment. Presenters such as Ms Sue Paget and PDG Professor Barbara Wolf-Wicha discussed how sustainable health systems and eco-education can strengthen communities.

Saturday night's fellowship, hosted by DG Stephen Young and PDG Carl-Heinz Duisberg, featured former Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano. He spoke of peace as a daily commitment, sharing a powerful message of forgiveness and unity. The evening also marked 100 years of Rotary in Cape Town.



Acting Premier of Western Cape and Provincial Minister of Social Development Mr Jaco Londt with Chantal Coetzee and PDG Annemarie Mostert at the Rotary Intercountry Committee Peace Conference cocktail opening.



PDG Carl-Heinz Duisberg and DG Stephen Young with Former President of Mozambique, Joaquim Chissano (centre) who delivered a special keynote address.

**“Peace is like a garden,
nurtured daily, seeded
with forgiveness
and grown with
commitment.”**

*Former Mozambican
President Joaquim
Chissano*



A Garden Grown in Peace

The Rotary Peace Garden was officially unveiled on the final day of the Rotary Intercountry Committee (ICC) Africa Peace Forum.

Rooted in indigenous wild olive and coral flame trees and framed by the iconic procession of 101 bronze figures celebrating South Africa's heroes, the Peace Garden is said to be a sanctuary for reflection. There are also two benches for visitors to sit, reflect and breathe.

"This garden is more than a symbol. It's a space where peace can grow. It is a commitment, a promise and a reminder that peacebuilding doesn't end with words – it lives in what we do next," said garden co-coordinator and Past District Governor Ann Wright. She also expressed sincere thanks to Century City and the Long March to Freedom Heritage Project for their partnership in making the garden a reality.

At the centre of the garden stands a Peace Pole engraved with the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in several languages.

Adding to the moment, former Mozambique President Joaquim Chissano extended his stay to attend the unveiling. In his keynote address, he urged people to care for peace like a garden – by nurturing it every day at home, in schools and across communities and by celebrating its growth wherever it is found.

To learn more about the ICC Peace Forum or how to get involved, visit www.iccpeaceforum-capetown.org.



Peace Forum dignitaries with the newly unveiled Peace Pole.



The District 9350 team about to start planting the Peace Garden.



The newly installed Peace Pole. The garden team planting a coral flame tree.



Mohamud Dhagacade, a humanitarian from Somalia, was one of the first students of the first cohort at the Otto & Fran Rotary Peace Centre at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul.

Peacebuilding in Somalia

by Gülin Eva Geloğulları

Growing up and working in a conflict-affected region, Mohamud Dhagacade witnessed the devastating effects of violence, displacement and social fragmentation in Somalia. As a humanitarian with a background in public health, he regularly saw the consequences of conflict: damaged infrastructure, broken communities and lost futures.

These experiences cemented his belief that sustainable development cannot exist without sustainable peace. Determined to tackle the root causes of conflict, promote reconciliation and strengthen social cohesion, especially among vulnerable youth and marginalised communities, Mohamud now puts his interdisciplinary training into practice, serving communities across Somalia.

To pursue his vision of peacebuilding, he applied to the Otto & Fran Walter Rotary Peace Centre at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul. He

deliberately chose this institution for its strategic location in the Middle East and North Africa region, which reflects many of Somalia's own challenges. The university's strong academic foundation in conflict prevention, diplomacy and resolution, combined with its proximity to international peacebuilding institutions and key geopolitical actors, made it an ideal setting for practical, contextual learning.

"Istanbul's richness and role as a bridge between East and West offered a profound space to explore cross-cultural dialogue and inclusive peacebuilding strategies," Mohamud reflects.

At Bahçeşehir University, he undertook a demanding academic and practical programme in conflict resolution, mediation, diplomacy and international development. The fellowship blended classroom theory with real-world application through field visits, policy dialogues, simulations and collaborative projects. Peace fellows from 12 different countries contributed

to a diverse and enriching learning environment that deepened his understanding of local and global conflicts.

One experience that stood out to him was their visit to Ankara. “Visiting Anıtkabir, the mausoleum of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, was symbolic,” he says. “It reminded us that visionary leadership, even with all its complexities, can shape history. Atatürk believed in his people’s ability to fight for their independence and prioritised peacebuilding with his words: Peace at home, peace in the world.”

As part of the programme, the peace fellows also travelled to Cyprus, often referred to as the graveyard of diplomats due to its protracted conflicts. Mohamud reflects, “I saw how unresolved political tensions can divide a single community into two separate states. It resonated with the Somali context, particularly the division between Somaliland and Southern Somalia.”

Throughout the programme, their cohort built strong connections with international institutions including the FAO, ILO, WHH, Save the Children and the Canadian Embassy in Istanbul. They also visited the Turkish Directorate of Communications and the offices of the ruling AKP political party.

Beyond the classroom, Mohamud embraced the richness of Turkish society. He particularly enjoyed connecting with Muslims from diverse communities and praying in different mosques, each with unique architectural beauty. On a lighter note, he fondly recalls Turkish hospitality. “There are so many similarities between African and Turkish cultures. Turkish people are generous and kind, just like Africans. At gatherings, they keep insisting you eat more, then bring out desserts, Turkish coffee and tea. More tea, lots of tea. And then they ask if you want more!”

Having completed the first phase of his fellowship, Mohamud is now applying his training through a grassroots peacebuilding initiative. “My immediate goal is to implement



“Turkish Rotarians and our professors helped me to refine my voice as a peacebuilder. They reaffirmed my belief in locally led solutions to conflict,” says Mohamud.

the Social Cohesion project I’m designing,” he explains. “It will empower Somali youth through peace clubs, community dialogues and psychosocial support.”

Looking ahead, he hopes to establish a centre for peace and resilience that trains young leaders, encourages inter-clan dialogue and supports grassroots mediation efforts. He also plans to advocate for integrating peace education and trauma healing into Somalia’s national recovery policies. Ultimately, he aims to become a regional peace adviser promoting inclusive governance and conflict-sensitive development across the Horn of Africa.

At the close of our interview, I asked Mohamud how he now defines peace. He paused, then answered with quiet certainty: “Peace is not merely the absence of violence but the presence of mutual respect, inclusion and justice. It occurs when communities resolve differences through dialogue and cooperation, ensuring dignity and opportunity for all.”



The success of a serious game lies in its purpose. Designed well, these games challenge norms, prompt discussion and strengthen crisis response. They encourage innovation and build decision-making capacity under pressure.

Safe to Fail

The Surprising Power of Serious Games in Crisis Response

“I hope you fail.”

It is a disarming statement, but for Tom Fisher, President of Imaginetic and a veteran serious game designer, it marks the beginning of transformative learning.

“If you succeed, you already know it. You don’t learn from success. You learn from failure and a serious game gives you the space to fail safely,” he said.

In the humanitarian field, failure in real life can have dire consequences. Serious games offer a safe space to make mistakes, test strategies and rehearse high-pressure scenarios. These interactive, purpose-driven tools simulate

complex environments to develop skills, build resilience and encourage critical thinking.

Unlike traditional simulations, which are often expensive, time-consuming and inflexible, serious games are designed to be adaptable and immersive. According to Fisher, serious games are not about fun. “They are about being human,” he explained. “They create a low-risk space where professionals can make mistakes and learn.”

Serious games have a wide range of applications. They are used to train healthcare workers, simulate refugee camp logistics and explore major social challenges, such as

misinformation and ethical artificial intelligence.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Canadian researcher, game designer and Fulbright Scholar Scott DeJong developed *Lizards and Lies*, a board game that helps players understand how conspiracy theories and misinformation spread online. It has been used in classrooms, by military cadets and by the Canadian government.

“Games are information systems,” said DeJong. “They activate multiple forms of literacy, such as reading, movement and social engagement and reach parts of the brain a PowerPoint never could.”

He also shared how teachers transformed the game of tag into “COVID Tag”, where children used pool noodles to maintain distance and simulate virus transmission. This approach helped children grasp complex concepts through tangible, physical learning.

Not everyone immediately sees the value of gaming in training. Some professionals, particularly those from older generations or different cultural backgrounds, are cautious. However, games that are designed with empathy and cultural awareness can bridge those gaps and foster greater engagement.

Fisher emphasised that debriefing is as important as gameplay. “A game is a contraction of reality. It can’t represent everything. That’s why debriefing is crucial. It’s where real learning happens,” he said.

However, ethical design is essential. Games must avoid trivialising suffering or reducing affected communities to passive roles. They should respect the dignity of the people represented and include their perspectives wherever possible.

DeJong noted that serious games must both inform and challenge. In *Lizards and Lies*, players take on roles such as conspiracy theorists, educators, trolls and moderators, each with different motivations and effects on how misinformation spreads. These roles spark reflection on real-world behaviours and the systems that sustain them.



Ethical considerations are essential. Games must not trivialise suffering or portray communities as voiceless. They must respect the dignity of those represented and include their perspectives during development.

While educators may inform, they often struggle to motivate. Moderators experience fatigue from constant content monitoring. Trolls may simply want entertainment. These dynamics, explored safely in the game, open important conversations.

“Let’s be honest,” Fisher said. “Learning by PowerPoint or flipchart, you are lucky if it sinks in at all. With games, retention and understanding increase significantly because of how they engage different areas of the brain.”

This links to neuroplasticity, the brain’s ability to learn through repeated experience. But Fisher cautioned that poor design can lead to the wrong lessons. Serious games must be crafted thoughtfully.

In humanitarian training, the capacity to fail safely is not just useful - it is essential. Serious games offer a powerful, human-centred way to prepare professionals for the complexities of real-world crises.

“As a kid, did you touch a hot stove?” asked Fisher. “Chances are you did. You made a mistake and you learnt from it. It sticks with you.”

PEDALLING FOR PINK

Chambers' Cancer Ride

The Rotary Club of Stellenbosch (D9350) treasurer and incoming president, Laurence Chambers, completed his 21st Cape Town Cycle Tour in March, riding in support of Project Flamingo – a breast cancer initiative active in the Western and Eastern Cape. For Chambers, the event is both a personal and philanthropic milestone.

This iconic 109-kilometre route around the Cape Peninsula is one of the most celebrated cycling events in the world. With its sweeping ocean views, challenging terrain and energetic atmosphere, it draws thousands of riders and spectators every year. Members of the Stellenbosch club once again joined the Rotary Club of Claremont to help with marshalling duties, ensuring the event ran smoothly and safely. District Governor Stephen Young added to the excitement by firing one of the starting guns.

Funds raised support the Claremont club and the Pedal Power Association, which invest in community upliftment, cycling development and safe cycling initiatives. Since inception, the tour has generated over R130 million for charitable projects, significantly impacting lives across South Africa.

Beyond general fundraising, riders like Chambers use the event to highlight causes close to their hearts. In his case, it's Project Flamingo – a lifeline for public sector breast cancer patients, many of whom face treatment



delays exceeding 12 weeks after diagnosis.

Project Flamingo combats these delays by arranging weekend catch-up surgeries at five public hospitals. Volunteer teams of surgeons and anaesthetists donate their time to speed up care. Patients also receive emotional support, food parcels and pamper packs to help them cope.

Additionally, Project Flamingo employs key healthcare professionals, including a psychologist and several medical technicians and maintains vital equipment in the hospitals where it works. Its impact is substantial – the organisation is responsible for around 40 percent of breast cancer surgeries at four of its five partner hospitals.

Their work provides not just faster treatment but renewed hope for patients and their families. To support Project Flamingo, visit www.projectflamingo.co.za/donate.

Celebrating a Century

Rotary Club of Port Elizabeth's 100-Year Celebration

The Rotary Club of Port Elizabeth (D9370) marked a significant milestone with a grand 100-year dinner celebration, bringing together members, distinguished guests and Rotaractors for an evening of reflection, recognition and camaraderie.



The evening culminated with the ceremonial cutting of the 100-year anniversary cake by President Hlubi Hewitt-Coleman, VIP guest Judge Nambitha Dambuza, Rotaract President Keagan Anderson and Past District Governor Jacques Venter.



Several highlights made the evening special, including the introduction of three new Paul Harris Fellows - community activist Luvuyo Ngxiki and club members Thandiwe Nzombane and Nancy Nhliziyo.



Rotaractors joined the celebration!

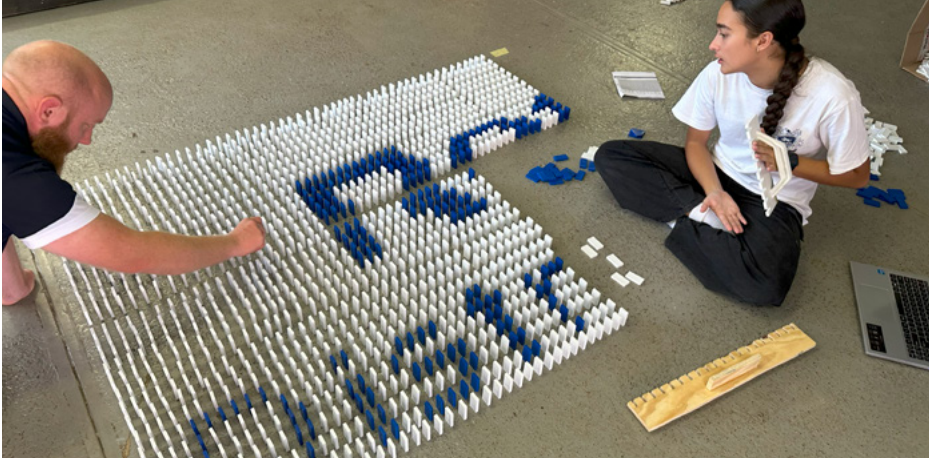
“It’s not just about the years, it’s about the impact we make along the way.”



President Hlubi Hewitt-Coleman addresses guests at the centennial celebration.



Judge Nambitha Dambuza, originally from the Eastern Cape and with strong ties to Port Elizabeth, was the guest speaker, sharing insights and inspiration with the attendees.



The goal is to expand across Rotary districts globally, with all teams toppling their dominos on the same day during the District 9370 Conference in April 2026 to create a topple that circles the globe within 24 hours.

Toppling for Good

Rotary District 9370 has unveiled a new global fundraising initiative designed to inspire creativity, community involvement and global impact. The Global Domino Challenge was officially launched at the District 9370 Conference at the Elangeni Hotel in Durban last month.

Set to run through the 2025-2026 Rotary year under the theme Unite for Good, the project invites Rotary clubs and youth groups around the world to participate in a unique, community-driven challenge.

The concept is simple. Youth groups such as Interact and EarlyAct clubs, schools, Scouts and other community-based teams register for free on www.globaldominos.org. Each team gets a unique online profile that they can share with their community and networks to encourage domino sponsorships. Dominos are sponsored at R10 each, with all funds raised supporting community service projects.

The idea is to collect small amounts from a wide group of supporters. If a school of 500 learners each collects sponsorship for 20

dominos, they will raise R100,000. Teams are encouraged to build creative domino topple designs with a minimum goal of 10,000 sponsored dominos. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative topple and the highest number of dominos used.

The challenge has already attracted strong support from companies like Xerox and PostNet. It has also captured the interest of schools, clubs and businesses across District 9370.

Each team's 2026 topple can be livestreamed and shared across platforms including YouTube, Facebook, Instagram and TikTok using the handle @globaldominos and hashtag #GDC2026. The hope is to set a world record for the most domino topples completed in a single 24-hour period.

This fun, low-cost fundraiser connects young people, builds visibility for Rotary and raises significant funding for local and global causes. For more information or to register your team, visit www.globaldominos.org or contact the organisers at info@globaldominos.org.



Rotary International President-Elect Mário César Martins de Camargo and RI Director Daniel Tanase visit a School WaSH site in Arusha, joined by the Lord Mayor and City Council members. The project, now impacting nearly 52,000 children, is on track to make Arusha the first city in East Africa with 100% School WaSH coverage.

Big WaSH Ambition

The Rotary Club of Arusha (D9214) launched its WaSH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) efforts in 2019 with a single school project. That small step sparked a much bigger vision.

“When we partnered with clubs from the Netherlands and Dutch water operators VEI and Water for Life, we realised we could do more than one school,” said President Linda Baas.

With support from Arusha Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Authority and the Arusha City Council, the team secured a Rotary global grant to upgrade WaSH facilities at 30 government primary schools, reaching nearly 52,000 school children and staff. Encouraged by this, they expanded to Mwanza, reaching 13,600 more school children through another global grant.

In 2023, the Rotary School WaSH Committee was formed by Dutch clubs. Since then, 38 clubs from five countries have joined the mission. “We’re now preparing Arusha Phase II with clubs from the Netherlands, USA,

Italy, Belgium and Germany. Once complete, all 43 government primary schools in Arusha will have full WaSH coverage, making it East Africa’s first city to achieve this,” Baas said.

Recognition followed. In February 2025, the mayor of Arusha presented the club with a token of appreciation. That same month, President Baas spoke about the project at the Tanzanian Embassy in The Hague, where Past RI President Mark Maloney and his wife Gaye attended.

In May, the club won five awards at the District 9214 Conference, including Most Impactful Project. Last month, RI President-Elect Mário César Martins de Camargo and RI Director Daniel Tanase visited the flagship project.

“We hope their visit helps put School WaSH on the Rotary map,” Baas added. The club is now preparing a guidebook, WaSH Project in a Box, to help other Tanzanian clubs do the same. “We’re here to help,” she said. “Let’s do this together.”



The Rotary Club of Waterfront shone at this year's District 9350 Conference. "These awards are more than accolades, they reflect the heart, hustle and hope we bring into every project," said President Mymoena Ismail

Rotary Spirit Shines

Worcester buzzed with Rotary energy as members from across District 9350 gathered for the 2025 District Assembly and Conference. Nestled in the stunning Western Cape, the event was a chance for Rotarians to connect, reflect and renew their commitment to service.

One story stood out: the Rotary Club of Waterfront. Their fresh and fearless approach earned them top honours in multiple categories.

They took home awards for:

- Best Club Bulletin
- Best Project in the District – Dive In for Change
- Best Club Event Marketing
- Best Increase of Rotary Awareness in the Community
- Best Vocational Service Project – Stitch Ahead
- District Governor's Award for launching the Act4Impact Campaign at the V&A Waterfront

"These awards are more than accolades, they reflect the heart, hustle and hope we bring into

every project," said President Mymoena Ismail.

From empowering young people to building peace and engaging the public in creative ways, the club is proving Rotary can be both relevant and bold in meeting today's challenges.

The Waterfront Canal Swim, called Dive In for Change, made history as Africa's only timed urban canal swim. Hosted with the V&A Waterfront and the City of Cape Town, the event attracted over 200 swimmers and hundreds of onlookers, grabbing attention, inspiring hope and putting Rotary in the spotlight.

It wasn't just a race, it was a call for inclusion, peace and opportunities for youth. The money raised went to programmes helping marginalised communities. "It's about movement – physically, socially and economically," said Event Director Spiro Mitchell. "Every splash represented hope, change and Rotary in action."

Set against one of Africa's most famous tourist spots, the event perfectly showed Rotary's global spirit with a local heartbeat, mixing visibility, innovation and real impact.



Members of the Rotary Club of Benoni van Ryn and the Interact Club of Sunward Park High School take part in a hands-on group exercise during an evening of shared learning and community engagement. The event focused on youth-led initiatives, collaboration and finding new ways to serve together.

Sparkling Change

The Rotary Club of Benoni van Ryn (D9400) recently welcomed members of the Interact Club of Sunward Park High School for an evening focused on shared learning and community action.

Rotarians, Rotary Anns and Interactors came together for a round-table style session that celebrated service and fresh thinking. The Interact learners presented their current initiatives, including a clothing drive and the delivery of sanitary towels to Kids Haven, along with awareness campaigns tackling issues such as gender-based violence, cyber bullying, mental health, environmental care and

diversity.

The gathering wasn't just about sharing projects. It gave everyone in the room a chance to reflect on what service means and how to do more together. Rotarians and Interactors explored ideas to strengthen their impact and reach more people in need.

To close the evening, several learners took to the stage with a moving poetry performance that spoke to the deep emotional effects of gender-based violence. Their words left a lasting impression and served as a reminder of the power of youth voices in today's most urgent conversations.

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WORLD RECORD GLORY

Pap, Kebabs and Purpose

“In performing this task we did what we do best, serving those community members in need.”

The Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark (D9400) has added a unique feather to its cap – or should we say a skewer to its kebab? In partnership with the Golden Triangle Chamber of Commerce and other community partners, the club helped pull off a sizzling Guinness World Record-breaking event, all while lending a hand to those who need it most.

Held at the Emerald Casino, the Rocking the Vaal event wasn't just about setting records – though it certainly did that. It featured a 3km-long kebab made from 1,674kg of meat and the world's largest pot of pap, weighing in at a staggering 2,334kg of maize meal. These weren't just for show either. Once the records were logged, the food was distributed to dozens of organisations across the Vaal.

The club, joined by Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) students, exchange students and a host of volunteers, got stuck into the action. Together they packed and delivered 1,800kg of pap (a maize meal porridge) and one

ton of kebabs to churches, orphanages, foster homes and rehabilitation centres.

“This is what Rotary is all about,” said Petro Bester from the club.

The day was anything but ordinary. Thousands of spectators gathered to witness the feat. Stalls buzzed with activity, local businesses showcased their goods and well-known South African artists kept the energy high. Behind the scenes, hundreds of hands worked tirelessly to keep things running smoothly. The Vanderbijlpark club took pride in rallying its community to achieve something meaningful and memorable.

The excitement didn't end there. The club also recently hosted Rotary friends from Egypt as part of a cultural exchange visit and carried out interviews for both new members and outbound youth exchange students. It's been a busy season – but for this club, community impact never takes a break.





The Rotary Club of Haenertsburg sponsored a group of youth to attend a recent RYLA camp. The camp included practical activities and explored various topics that develop vital skills for effective leaders.

Tomorrow's Leaders

Haenertsburg Sponsors Youth at RYLA 2025

The Rotary Club of Haenertsburg (D9400) showed once again how much it values young leaders by sponsoring a group of students to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). The event ran from 24 to 27 April 2025 at Warriors Academy, set in the stunning Magoebaskloof region. RYLA is part of Rotary's global programmes which help young people discover their strengths and build key leadership skills.

Warriors Academy in Magoebaskloof hosts one of the two yearly RYLA events in District 9400. It's a perfect place for self-reflection, growth and outdoor challenges. This year's four-day event brought together young people from across the district for workshops, team-building

activities, adventure tasks and mentoring.

Participants were encouraged to step out of their comfort zones, build confidence and learn how to work well with others. They explored topics like emotional intelligence, goal setting, ethical leadership and community involvement, all vital for future leaders.

The Haenertsburg club and Rowena van Schalkwyk played a big part in this year's success by sponsoring several students from local schools and communities. The club chose these young people for their enthusiasm, potential and eagerness to grow.

The sponsorship covered accommodation, programme fees and transport, removing any financial hurdles.



The Interact Club of Kharwastan has grown rapidly from eight to 100 members.

More Than Numbers

Two years ago, the Interact Club of Kharwastan Secondary School began with just eight learners and a shared dream to serve their community.

Today, it stands tall as the largest Interact club in Rotary District 9370, boasting 100 active members. This growth isn't only about numbers. It's a sign of what happens when young people are given the chance to lead with purpose and heart.

Leading the club is Kaillash Chetty, a learner whose Rotary journey started at home. Raised in a family where service is second nature, Kaillash found his role models in his grandparents, both long-time Rotarians. Their example helped shape his passion for helping others. "This growth and impact would not have been possible without the support of our parents, teachers, friends and most certainly our sponsor club, the Rotary Club of Chatsworth

High Noon," said Kaillash.

The club has led several projects that generated real impact:

- Collect-a-Can Drive: More than 600 cans were collected in one week to support food relief efforts for Mandela Day
- Environmental Project: A school-based campaign that encouraged learners to care for the planet
- Support of KZN Doghouse animal shelter: Interactors volunteered, collected donations and raised awareness of animal welfare
- High Tea Fundraiser: A very successful community event which raised much-needed funds

For the Interactors, a highlight of their journey was when President Kaillash spoke at the District 9370 Conference and shared the club's successes.



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Turning Pages

The Rotary Club of Benoni van Ryn (D9400) recently donated books to the All Eyes On Foundation, continuing a long-term partnership to support local children by improving access to education.

What began as a simple conversation about community needs has grown into a practical service project with real and lasting impact.

The club played a key role in setting up the Foundation's new community library, an inclusive space that supports more than 100 children each day and also welcomes the broader Wattville community.

Club members got hands-on with the setup. They installed laminate flooring, painted the space, built and mounted shelves and trained the Foundation's founder on how to run a book-lending system.

The donation was made during a public event promoting sign language awareness and inclusion. Still, the heart of the project lies in its reach beyond that moment. For children and families who previously had little access to books, the library offers a new world of learning and imagination.

The space is already becoming a hub of opportunity. Deaf learners have a safe place to explore and other children are discovering the joy of books, many for the first time.

Every detail was considered to make the space both useful and inviting.





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A Night to Smile About

The Rotary Club of Durbanville (D9350) turned its Valentine's Ball into something far more lasting than a night of fun. Held on 14 February, the event raised funds for a brand-new mobile dental unit, expanding care to people in Klipheuwel, Fisantekraal and beyond.

The club's mobile dental unit, run in partnership with the University of the Western Cape, brings vital dental care straight to communities that need it most. On a typical clinic day, more than 140 people receive treatment from dental students and volunteers.

Carol Miller, a club member and long-time supporter of the project, shared a moment that stuck with her. "One man in particular arrived with two teeth sticking out of his mouth and was just so happy when he could have them removed. He came out of the room beaming from ear to ear."

That kind of response isn't unusual. People start queuing as early as 4am, rain or shine.

Many have waited months, if not years, for the chance to see a dentist.

The funds raised from the Valentine's Ball will help buy a second mobile unit, expected to cost around R210 000. With that, the club hopes to reach more communities where access to dental care is still a struggle.

The existing mobile truck, fitted out by Colgate and the Rotary club, has served the programme well for years. However, as Miller explains, it's time for an upgrade. "To continue this very necessary project, we need to update the equipment."

Since 2008, the club's dental outreach programme has helped thousands of people access care they might not have received otherwise. From emergency extractions to basic oral hygiene education, the focus is on restoring dignity, relieving pain and offering a reason to smile.



In the heart of Pietermaritzburg, near the Jika Joe informal settlement, residents of Allison Homes run a small coffee shop, a second-hand clothing store and even a clinic. Despite living on modest social grants, these senior citizens give selflessly - knitting items for premature babies, donating food and clothing and supporting outreach projects with love and generosity that inspires everyone who visits.

Lunch Fun Returns

The Rotary Club of Pietermaritzburg Azalea (D9370) recently hosted a special day out for seniors from Allison Homes. The group was treated to lunch at The Breeze Inn, with live music and good company adding to the atmosphere. Transport was arranged by bus and around 60 guests attended.

This outing is part of the club's oldest project, running almost as long as the club itself. Each month, a small team of three or four volunteers meets at Allison Homes in Burger Street to organise themed events for the residents. Past events have included everything from Easter hat parades and spring celebrations to quiz nights and cultural evenings. A Christmas party wraps up each year.

The team always makes sure there's something sweet and something warm to enjoy,

with tea, coffee or juice, depending on the weather.

"What makes this group remarkable is how they fund their own outings," explained Rotarian Trudy Stegen. In 2024, the residents raised R3 800 by charging a small subscription fee, collecting R2 per meeting and running a raffle in the second half of the year.

That money covered the cost of transport, live music, cupcakes and flowers. The owner of The Breeze Inn donated the venue and meal. It was the group's first outing since 2019, as the pandemic had halted events.

President Marlene Larter joined the celebration and shared more about Rotary and introduced the Four-Way Test. President-elect Jay Ghela also attended, helping to make the day even more memorable for everyone involved.

AFRICA IN BRIEF



Past presidents of the Rotary Club of Durban (D9370) gathered at the formal centenary luncheon held at the Elangeni Hotel. Current president Rydal Spavins is seated in the handcrafted President's Chair, a gift to the club in 1987. With him are Past Presidents Mike Hiron, John Johnston-Webber, Tony Bishop, Derek Hucklesby, Lyster van der Brugge, Jimmy Lee, Frank Vincent and Richard Cluver.



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The Rotary Club of Durbanville (D9350) recently received a donation of 120 kilograms of soup mix from Crown Food in Cape Town. This donation is helping to support nine schools, ensuring that more children have access to warm, nutritious meals. It's also supporting a key partner, Rachel's Wishes, a local NGO known for its community soup runs and the well-loved Jar of Hope project.



The Rotary Club of Reservoir Hills (D9370) made a meaningful contribution to local residents by donating essential walking aids to those in need. The donation included wheelchairs, walkers and crutches, offering practical support to people with mobility challenges. By helping those who cannot easily access or afford mobility aids, the club is not only addressing a real need but also restoring a sense of dignity and freedom.

WALL OF HONOUR



Johan du Preez is a new member of the Rotary club of Worcester (D9350).



Enrico van Deventer is a new member of the Rotary club of Worcester (D9350).



Geno Demais was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Durbanville (D9350).



Hanshi Sonny Pillay was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Durban Umhlatuzana (D9370).



Rotary Club of Stellenbosch (D9350) members at the 2025 District Conference in Worcester. The club celebrated winning two District Awards – “Highest Net Percentage Membership Growth” and “Best Club Online Presence”. From left: Treasurer Laurence Chambers, Secretary Monique Labat, Rotarians Julie Streicher, Anna Fatti, Christina Chambers, Jackie Hunter, Rotary Exchange student Beatrice Atturo, Rotarians Jennifer van den Dool, Maryna Ulyate, President Stuart Hunter and Rotarian Koretha Ras.

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