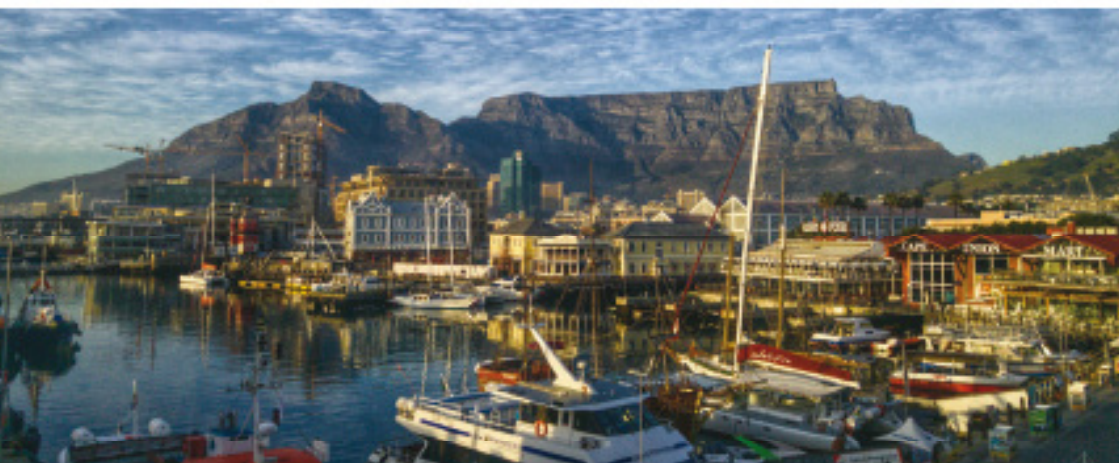


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WELCOME

Sarah van Heerden - Editor in Chief

The world feels different these days. There is a heaviness in the air - a mix of anger, fear, hatred and division that seems to be growing with every passing moment. It feels as though common sense has taken a back seat and sheer lunacy is at the wheel.

Much of this turmoil is fuelled by politics, misinformation, disinformation and discontent. While many of us may not care for politics, the reality is that it is bleeding into places where it should have no hold. People are suffering and many more will suffer.

If ever there was a time for Rotarians to amplify their peace efforts, it is now. This is our moment. We need to act. We need to figure out how we can push back against the tide of division and pain. Rotary Peace Fellows and the Rotary Action Group for Peace have dedicated professionals and changemakers; if you need ideas, seek them out, ask questions and find ways to contribute.

It is going to be hard to keep the discord of global politics out of our Rotary world. The sad truth is, it is already there. I have seen it. I have read startling comments from Rotarians

(comments filled with bitterness, judgement and division). I will be honest... it has made me question things and wonder whether I want to be part of an organisation where such unacceptable behaviour exists.

Then, I remember the thousands of Rotarians who refuse to be drawn into the madness. Those who are committed to reducing suffering, to bringing hope where it is needed most - and that is where I find my inspiration, among people who choose to focus on what truly matters.

When it comes to my Rotary life, the approach I am choosing, my mantra if you will, is this: "Your politics is yours and yours alone. Please don't try to convert me and I won't try to convert you. Let's leave it at the door." In times like these, respect and kindness are non-negotiable. Sometimes, respect means walking away from conversations that lead nowhere - refusing to engage.

Let's not waste our time fighting, let's use it to do good in the world. Rotarians, the time is now. There is work we need to do. There are people who need us. Let us turn away from the noise and do what we do best - Service Above Self.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Stephanie Urchick
President, Rotary International

ONE SMALL ACT

March is here and for Rotary International, that means celebrating Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month - a time to shine a spotlight on one of the most transformative areas of our work.

This month is an opportunity to reflect on The Magic of Rotary and the profound impact we create when we come together with determination and purpose.

Years ago, I experienced this magic firsthand in the Dominican Republic. When a group of members helped people instal water filters, three children watched with amazement as dirty water entered one end of a filter and clean water emerged from the other. When we paused the demonstration, one child tugged at my sleeve and pleaded, "Show me the magic again."

To them, it felt magical. It was also the result of countless hours of effort - planning, transporting and installing the filters - alongside local partners who were dedicated to making clean water accessible. In that moment, I

realised that what seemed like a small act could change residents' lives. That is The Magic of Rotary.

This story is a testament to the incredible potential of our global family to create change. Water projects exemplify our reach, our partnerships and our unwavering commitment to improving lives. Consider Rotary's work with USAID. That partnership has enabled us to work with communities and governments to improve access to sustainable water and sanitation services for thousands of people in the Dominican Republic, Ghana, the Philippines and Uganda.

Partnerships remind us that Rotary's impact is amplified when we work together. Through our strategic alliance with the United Nations Environment Programme, we're advancing the Community Action for Fresh Water initiative. This programme equips Rotary members with the tools and resources to protect, restore and sustain freshwater ecosystems.

When we make use of Rotary grants and advocate for clean water in our communities, we create a ripple effect that extends far beyond individual projects.

As we embrace the spirit of the month, I encourage every Rotary member to seek out new partnerships. Collaboration multiplies our efforts and helps us reach more people in need.

Whether it's joining forces with local organisations, forming alliances with international agencies, or mobilising your community, every step we take together brings us closer to a world where everyone has access to clean water and safe sanitation.

The Magic of Rotary shines brightest when we work in harmony with others to create lasting good.

Together, we can turn dreams into realities that transform lives and communities. The result may feel like magic at times, but we know it's from the power of our collective commitment and compassion. Let's harness this magic to make a difference this month and beyond.

Foundation Trustee Chair's Message

A glass half full



Mark Maloney
Foundation Trustee Chair

After joining Rotary, you never look at a glass of water the same way again.

Holding it, you are humbled by the privilege of access to drinkable water. Then, you recall how Rotary brings communities and water experts together to deliver safe drinking water to places in need of it, transforming lives.

According to the United Nations, 2 billion people lack access to safely managed drinking water and 3.6 billion lack safely managed sanitation. During March, we focus on our commitment to addressing water, sanitation and hygiene challenges through our clubs and The Rotary Foundation.

District and global grants, made possible by the Foundation, provide a direct way for members to engage in water and sanitation projects.

My wife, Gay, and I have seen the transformative power of these grants. Our clubs, the Rotary Clubs of Decatur and Decatur Daybreak (D6900, USA) partnered with the Rotary Club of Ecatepec (D4170, Mexico) to sanitise cisterns and tanks for about 300 schools.

We are also launching a new global grant to provide rainwater collection systems for 50 indigenous families in the Sierra Madre Mountains of Chihuahua, in partnership with five organisations.

Globally, Rotary employs comprehensive

approaches to these initiatives. In Mexico, the global grant-funded programme Niñas Sabias, or Wise Girls, empowers girls by providing education on menstruation, building self-esteem and purchasing reusable menstrual products.

Our partnership with USAID in Uganda has shown how small-scale piped water systems can deliver cost-effective, sustainable solutions. By investing in local governance and technical capacity, this initiative ensures long-term access to clean water for entire regions.

Rotary's Programmes of Scale also demonstrate the power of interdisciplinary strategies. In India's water-scarce regions, Rotary promotes solutions such as rainwater harvesting and groundwater recharge, integrating water management with agricultural productivity to enhance sustainability and resilience.

Moving forward, we will continue improving how we deliver water and boost sanitation, focusing on regional planning, strengthening delivery systems and fostering partnerships.

Be proud to be part of this meaningful work - and please consider supporting it.

When you give to The Rotary Foundation, you not only help us reach our 2024-25 fundraising goal of \$500 million, you also play a role in ensuring Rotary can make clean water, effective sanitation and hygiene accessible for generations.



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Zone Director's Message

Bridge Divides

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Rotaractors,

As we embark on another year of service and growth, it is crucial that we reflect on our collective commitment to peace and conflict prevention. In these times, our role as Rotarians is more significant than ever. Our global vision has always centred around peace and it is imperative that we continue to work towards building peaceful communities and fostering collaboration in the face of conflict.

Reflecting on my recent experiences at Makerere University, I am reminded of the pivotal role that Rotary plays in peace-building efforts. As an organisation, we have the power to bring people together, whether through education, vocational service or community outreach. I encourage you all to keep peace at the heart of your work. We understand that peace is not just a distant hope; it is a necessity that we must actively work towards in our local communities and beyond.

In particular, I would like to share my thoughts with our friends in countries experiencing war or unrest. The ongoing challenges faced by different nations are not easy, but I firmly believe that through collaboration and dialogue, peace is achievable. It may not be a quick journey, but it is a journey that we can walk together. As Rotarians, we have access to a unique set of tools - our commitment to service, our networks and our shared values. Let us use these to create bridges where there are divides and to foster understanding.

As we move forward, let us also take a moment to recognise the critical role that each



Rotary International Director, Daniel Tanase, Zone 22

of us plays in growing Rotary. We have just passed the first month of the year. January was designated as Vocational Service Month, a time for us to reflect on how we can apply our professional skills and expertise for the benefit of Rotary. Each Rotarian, in their individual capacity, has the potential to make an immense impact. I encourage you to bring your unique talents into your clubs and service projects as this is what will help us grow Rotary's influence across the continents.

The District Governors-Elect have returned from the International Assembly. Let us send them our best wishes as they lead Rotary into an exceptional year ahead. I also extend my best wishes to all incoming club and district leaders as they prepare to make an impact in their communities.

The future of Rotary lies in our next generation of leaders and we expect them to bring leadership to a new level.

Message from the Zone 22 Rotary
Foundation Trustee, Ijeoma Pearl Okoro

Pearl on Peace

When Paul Harris and his friends gathered on 23 February 1905, they longed for friendship. They were weary of the cut-throat mentality that defined their environment and sought a more compassionate and peaceful way of life.

Peace is not merely the absence of war; it is the presence of understanding, collaboration and goodwill. That is why Rotary embraces the concept of Positive Peace as essential to human progress. Every time a service project is undertaken, it is done with the intent of creating lasting change, ensuring that diversity and differences remain strengths in all that is thought, said and done.

This February, Rotary marked 120 years of doing good around the world - this should make us pause and reflect. Rotarians must continually renew their commitment to making the world a better place for everyone, regardless of race, place or background.

The call for applications to the Rotary Peace Fellowship Programme has opened! This fully funded Rotary Foundation scholarship trains successful candidates from across the globe in peacebuilding, conflict prevention



and resolution at designated Peace Centres. It is important to ensure robust participation by widely promoting this opportunity.

Celebrating 120 years of Rotary is also a chance to GIGET - yes, a new word for Giving and Getting from The Rotary Foundation! Rotary's grant models are designed to address pressing community needs in ways that are inclusive and sustainable. This, along with so much more, remains Rotary's contribution to world peace. As long as challenges exist, Rotary and Rotarians will remain relevant.

So, let this milestone be celebrated with intention. Unleash the magic within, keep peace at the heart of all that is done and remember - be the piece of peace you want to see in the world.

2026/27 Rotary Peace Fellowship

The Rotary Peace Fellowship develops leaders dedicated to preventing and resolving conflicts across the globe. Each year, Rotary selects up to 130 peace and development leaders to receive fully funded academic fellowships at one of its peace centres. These centres offer tailored curricula, including a master's degree programme and a professional development certificate programme, aimed at equipping fellows with the skills needed to foster peace in their communities and beyond. The application process for the 2026-27 Rotary Peace Fellowship opens in February 2025. Prospective candidates are encouraged to prepare their applications and submit them to their respective Rotary districts by **31 May 2025**. To learn more about the Rotary Peace Fellowship or to apply, visit www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships.



With sustained efforts and continued generosity from supporters like Sir Emeka Offor, Rotary moves ever closer to achieving its mission of a polio-free world.

Deeper Commitment

The Rotary Foundation has received a significant boost in its mission to eradicate polio, following a remarkable donation of R94 million (USD 5 million) from Nigerian businessman and End Polio Now Ambassador, Sir Emeka Offor.

The announcement was made during a gala dinner in Abuja, celebrating the visit of Rotary Foundation Trustees' Chair, Mark Maloney and his wife, Gay, to Nigeria. This latest contribution brings Sir Emeka's total donations to The Rotary Foundation to more than R150 million (USD 8 million), further cementing his unwavering support for Rotary's global polio eradication efforts.

Mark Maloney expressed appreciation for Sir Emeka's generosity, stating, "We are incredibly grateful to Sir Emeka Offor for his extraordinary support of The Rotary Foundation. His philanthropic leadership inspires us all in the fight to eradicate polio and create a healthier future for children everywhere."

Since the announcement, Sir Emeka has received widespread recognition from Rotary leaders across the continent, including Trustee Ijeoma Pearl Okoro, Past Rotary International Vice President Yinka Babalola and various district and regional officials.

During his visit, Mark Maloney engaged in high-level discussions with senior Rotary leaders in Nigeria and visited several Rotary-funded projects, witnessing the impact of The Rotary Foundation's work. He also paid a courtesy call on the Vice President of Nigeria, His Excellency the Honourable Kashim Shettima.

Following his engagements in Abuja, Maloney and his delegation travelled to Lagos, where they continued their outreach, meeting with Rotarians, Rotaractors, major donors and project partners. Their visit to Nigeria was part of a broader tour, with the next stop in Accra, Ghana, where further discussions and project visits took place.



It All Starts With Water

Dr Patrick Coleman - Rotary Foundation
Major Gifts Advisor

March is Rotary's Focus on Water month. There are several Rotary Action Groups (RAGS) that deal with health, hygiene and environmental conservation and, at the heart of their efforts, is a shared focus - water.

Without water, we can't survive beyond a few days. Clean water reduces disease, strengthens

families and supports vibrant economies. In contrast, poor water quality and poor sanitation help spread deadly diseases, including malaria, dysentery and other waterborne illnesses.

Our Rotary Action Groups can help showcase the *Magic of Rotary* through water-focused initiatives.

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE ROTARY ACTION GROUP (WASH-RAG)

WHY JOIN WASH-RAG?

Joining the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Rotary Action Group (WASH-RAG) allows you to contribute actively to global efforts to provide clean water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) facilities to communities in need. Specialised projects, networking with other professionals within Rotary, allow members to support WASH initiatives around the world.

- **Direct impact:** Members participate in projects that improve access to clean water and sanitation, significantly enhancing health and quality of life in underserved areas.
- **Specialised knowledge and expertise:**

The group connects Rotarians passionate about WASH issues, providing opportunities to learn and collaborate on effective solutions.

- **Global network:** Membership offers access to a worldwide network of Rotarians engaged in WASH projects.
- **Project opportunities:** Members can support various projects, from building sanitation facilities and water treatment systems to promoting hygiene education.
- **Commitment to sustainability:** WASH-RAG aligns with Rotary's long-term development goals.

Find out more: www.wash-rag.org

HEALTH EDUCATION AND WELLNESS ROTARY ACTION GROUP (HEWRAG)

WHY JOIN HEWRAG?

The Health Education and Wellness Rotary Action Group (HEWRAG) promotes healthier lifestyles. It has led medical missions, health seminars and educational programmes in schools. The group has also published guides and advice on organising health fairs. The benefits of membership include:

- **Promote health:** HEWRAG works to raise awareness, prevent disease and encourage healthy living.
- **Educate communities:** The group provides valuable information and resources to help people make informed health decisions.
- **Advocate for change:** HEWRAG

champions working to create healthier environments.

- **Support research and development:** Members help advance new approaches to disease prevention and healthcare improvements.
- **Enhance healthcare access:** The group works with healthcare providers and clinics to improve medical services and treatment availability.
- **Support neurodiverse families:** HEWRAG assists families with neurodiverse members by providing resources to help them navigate challenges and celebrate their strengths.

Find out more: www.hewrag.org

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ROTARY ACTION GROUP (ESRAG)

WHY JOIN ESRAG?

The Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG) supports Rotarians in the development and implementation of projects that promote environmental sustainability and address climate change. Membership benefits include:

- **Learn and share:** Members access best practices, successful projects and innovative environmental solutions.
- **Collaborate:** ESRAG provides opportunities to work with partners and other Rotarians on sustainability initiatives.
- **Develop leadership:** Members can lead task forces, regional chapters or project

teams.

- **Stay informed:** ESRAG shares newsletters featuring projects, initiatives and upcoming events.
- **Access resources:** The group provides toolkits, best practices and guidelines for environmental projects.
- **Build awareness:** ESRAG promotes education on climate change and environmental sustainability.
- **Reduce greenhouse gas emissions:** Members take action to mitigate climate change by implementing sustainable solutions.

Find out more: www.esrag.org

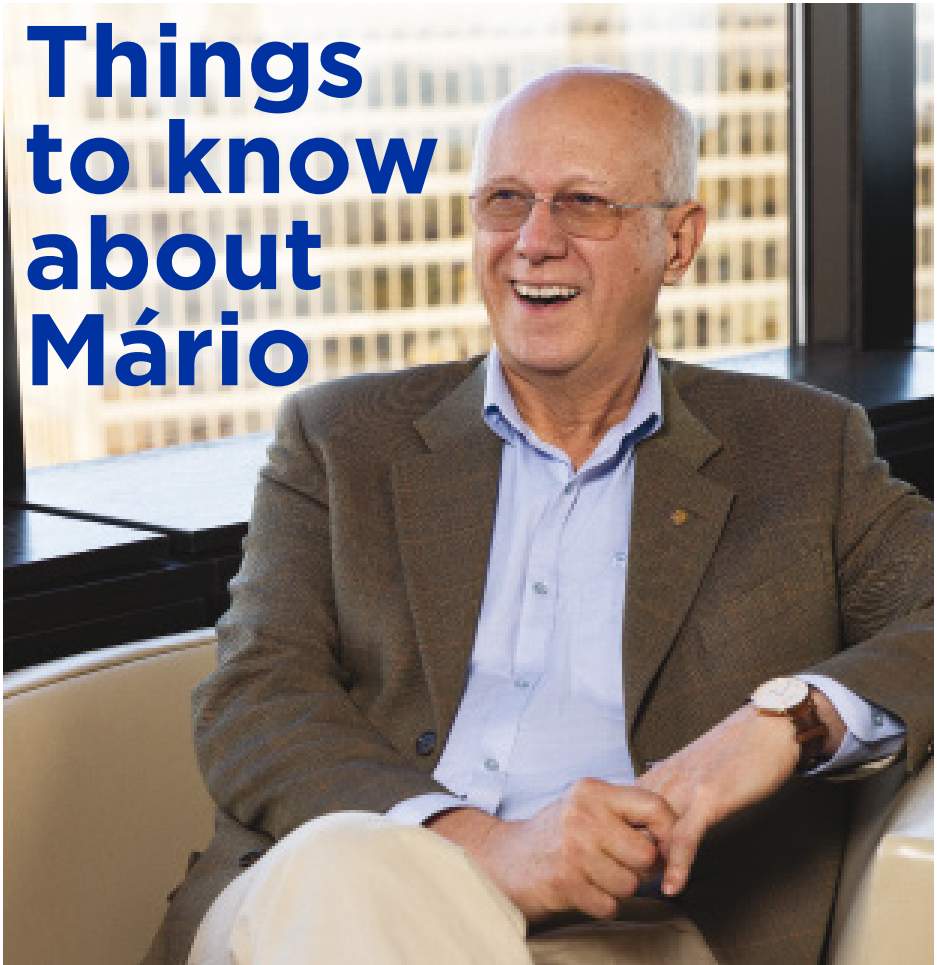
EXPLORE MORE ROTARY ACTION GROUPS

Water is interconnected with many other areas of development and several other Rotary Action Groups (RAGs) are working to address water-related challenges. Rotarians are encouraged to explore these groups and find ways to get involved.

For a full list of Rotary Action Groups, go to:

<https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/empower-leaders/rotary-action-groups>

Things to know about Mário



Meet your 2025-26 Rotary president, Mário César Martins de Camargo

After a day of interviews with the committee vetting candidates for 2025-26 Rotary International president, Mário César Martins de Camargo returned to his hotel and waited. And waited. “It’s an elimination process,” he says. “The anxiety level reaches sky high.” When he got a call asking him to return to Rotary headquarters in Evanston, his first thought was that he’d made some sort of mistake. As he walked the few blocks to the building, he mentally reviewed everything he’d said. When he finally realised why he’d been called back, it was an emotional moment, “The nominating committee stands up and applauds you and you are invited to say your first words as president. Mine were, ‘Are you guys sure?’”

They were, of course. De Camargo’s Rotary résumé goes back decades. A member of the Rotary Club of Santo André, Brazil, since 1980, he served as his club’s Rotary Youth Exchange officer the following year at age 24 and as its president in 1992-93. He was governor of District 4420 (part of Brazil’s São Paulo state) in 1999-2000, Rotary Foundation trustee in 2015-19 and Rotary International

director in 2019-21. He has also served Rotary as an RI learning facilitator, committee member and chair and task force member. De Camargo and his wife, Denise da Silva de Camargo, also a Rotarian, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation.

Professionally, de Camargo was president of the printing company Gráfica Bandeirantes and has been a consultant to the print industry in Brazil. He has served as president and chair of several printing and graphics trade associations. He has been on the board of Casa da Esperança (House of Hope), a medical centre in Santo André sponsored by his Rotary club which sees more than 200,000 patients a year.

That's his official biography. But we wanted to know, What's de Camargo really like, what makes him tick? Here's what we found out.

His biggest regret is that he stopped playing piano.

From the ages of 8 to 21, de Camargo played the piano. He even attended a music conservatory for nine of those years. While in Germany apprenticing at a press manufacturer, he attended German language classes at the Goethe Institute. The school had a Steinway piano that "to me, was the Rolls-Royce of pianos," he recalls. The school's dean allowed him to play it under one condition: he perform for the school when his training was finished. "It was the last time I played the piano," he says, explaining that family and work obligations began to take more of his time. "I really regret not being able to continue because it is a self-rewarding experience."

He believes printers have a noble cause.

Printing presses have their origins in China, where movable type was invented in the 11th century. When Johannes Gutenberg created the mechanised printing press in Germany 400 years later, it launched the mass production of books, newspapers and more throughout Europe. "The press and the publication of books and ideas changed the world," de Camargo says,

allowing scientific findings to be shared more widely, decreasing censorship - as it's harder to destroy a "dangerous idea," and giving the general public access to educational materials.

De Camargo's business used to print 25 million to 30 million items per year: coffee table books, romance novels and automotive industry manuals. "You name it," he says. "We were replicators of ideas. Printers have a mission to reduce ignorance."

Rotary is the best leadership training he's ever had.

De Camargo has been on several boards in his industry, but it was through Rotary that he learned how to be a leader. "Rotary is the best school of leadership I've had," he says. De Camargo says Rotary taught him to speak in public, one of people's biggest fears, along with flying. ("If I was still afraid of flying and speaking in public, I wouldn't be president of Rotary International, because all we do is public speaking and flying!" he says.) He also learned when to stop talking and listen. "You have to pay attention to what people are telling you," he says. "It is an exercise of humility." And he learned how to motivate people who aren't getting paid to perform a task. "When you're motivating volunteers, you don't have that tool of payment. The only tool you have is inspiration, motivation and challenge to make them a better person."

The most memorable Rotary advice he's received: *Never ask for anything, never refuse anything.*

As co-chair of the Host Organisation Committee for the 2015 Rotary International Convention in São Paulo, de Camargo received these words of wisdom from John Kenny, a past Rotary president who was The Rotary Foundation trustee chair at the time. "That has orientated my Rotary journey," he says. "I never refused any job that was given to me by Rotary or The Rotary Foundation, but at the same time I offered myself for different positions without

knowing what the result would be,” he says. “I could never fathom that I would be here someday.”

People call him Membership Mario.

“It’s not rocket science,” he says. “If you look at our numbers, some people say we have stabilised at 1.2 million. I say we have stagnated at 1.2 million.” The word “stabilise” makes people sit back and relax, he believes, whereas the word “stagnate” makes people want to sit up and do something.

The puzzle, he says, is figuring out why membership is increasing in some areas and decreasing in others. “Maybe it’s demographics, maybe it’s economics, maybe it’s an age thing,” he says. “The challenge motivates me so much because it’s a mosaic of different regions and different performances that makes it very challenging and at the same time very attractive.”

What works in Korea may not work in Germany and what works in Germany may not work in Brazil or the US, he says. “We have to be humble and very attentive to the different scenarios.”

The 2025-26 presidential message is Unite for Good.

“I think ‘unite’ is a very powerful word,” he says. “It’s a very powerful word in a divided world.” It’s easy to sow division, but much harder to find common ground. “We are always looking for somebody’s defects,” he says. “We should be looking for somebody else’s talents.” That’s where Rotary comes in, offering the opportunity for people to connect with others in their community and around the world.

He believes focus on the environment will draw younger members.

Before de Camargo, the last RI president to come from Brazil was Paulo V.C. Costa in 1990-91. Costa is best known for the environmental programme he started, Preserve Planet Earth, which launched shortly before the 1992 United

Nations Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. Had Rotary kept the environment as a central focus then, de Camargo says, “we would be far ahead, bringing a visionary agenda to the world.” As a Rotary director, de Camargo helped secure approval of the environment as the newest area of focus. “We still have a lot of room to grow,” he says.

In 2025, the annual UN conference on climate change, COP30, will be held in the Brazilian Amazon and de Camargo sees a place for Rotary to get involved. “Rotary should have its logo, its brand, associated with environmental protection in the Amazon,” he says. “We have a unique opportunity to do that.”

He gets to know a city by walking.

“When I go to Chicago or New York or São Paulo or wherever, when I have the chance, I just put on my tennis shoes and I start walking,” he says, “just seeing the colours, the smells, the different foods, the people.” It’s the best way to feel like a local, “You cannot do that by Uber or by driving a car. You’re not part of the environment. But when you’re walking, you feel like you are.” But he doesn’t stop at the city. De Camargo is a fan of hiking. “I love the outdoors, to be able to breathe fresh air,” he says.

Yes, he once dressed as Super Mario.

Step into de Camargo’s office at One Rotary Centre in Evanston and you’ll notice a collection of figurines based on Super Mario, the Nintendo character. “That was the idea of Trustee Akira Miki, who was a director with me on the Board in 2019-20,” he says. “He immediately called me Super Mario and it started catching.” At the 2024 Rotary institute in Toronto, de Camargo dressed up as the character and engaged in a mock battle with RI Past President Holger Knaack, part of a Rotary Foundation fundraiser that netted \$115,000. “I put the moustache upside down, but I’ll get better,” he says. “Whatever it takes to raise money for The Rotary Foundation.”



Migration has become a taboo word, polarising societies across the world. Politicking, disinformation and social media commentary have created a hostile environment for diverse societies. Rotary Peace Fellow Alumni, Mohamed Kanneh and his colleagues counter this through ensuring peace and humanity in all they think, speak and do.

Embracing **FREEDOM**

Interview by Gülin Eva Geloğulları – Journalist & Rotary Peace Fellow

Peacebuilding is more than ending conflicts - it requires mutual understanding, resilience and collective action for social transformation. The life of Mohamed Kanneh was shaped by Sierra Leone's socio-political, economic and medical turmoil, where he chose to become a peacebuilder. From the Rotary Peace Centre in Thailand to his role in Sierra Leone's Immigration Department, he advocates for ethical migration policies to create social harmony for everyone. This month, Mohamed Kanneh shares his insights on embracing freedom through movement while cooperating with the morality and ethics of migration.

What motivated you to study peace and conflict resolution?

I became interested in peace when I was a child. In Sierra Leone, we went through many atrocities due to the civil war between 1991 and 2001. Growing up in a war zone made me realise the importance of understanding, harmony and collaboration in society. During the Ebola epidemic between 2014 and 2016, Sierra Leone lost many lives and suffered a national trauma, yet the people's resilience and Ubuntu philosophy helped them overcome the challenges. These experiences taught me that freedom and peace are vital to keep going in life.

What was your most transformative experience in the Rotary Peace Centre?

Although the programme was at the Chulalongkorn University in Thailand, our group and instructors were convened from across the world. Though learning about and discussing conflicts around the world was

transformative, I learnt to look at crises from different angles. Our peace fellows eventually became my colleagues and friends.

Tell us about your role within the Sierra Leone Immigration Department?

My role as senior immigration assistant requires me to lead and train our team, manage immigration cases, support our clients, complete administrative tasks and ensure quality and collaboration in our department.

What are your thoughts on current issues surrounding the often polarising topic of migration?

Migration is all about the movement of people from their country of origin to another destination where they wish to reside, work and put down roots. We need to look at migration from all aspects and distinguish between regular and irregular matters. It is always safer and more beneficial for individuals and countries



Peace fellows and their instructors spent three months in a coexisting space in classrooms, on the Chulalongkorn University campus, on field trips and in the different cities and towns of Thailand.

when it is done by following the laws, rules and regulations.

Irregular migration is problematic as it puts people in vulnerable situations. For example, the victims of human traffickers are exploited financially, physically, emotionally and sexually during their migration process. After reaching their destinations without the required documents, they are further exploited. This keeps them in a vicious cycle of poverty and suffering. Irregular migration burdens countries, often impacting areas such as national security and the eight pillars of [positive peace](#).

How do you incorporate peacebuilding into your immigration assistance job?

The performance of our office aligns with the principles of the human right to freedom of movement, conflict resolution, mediation and everyday peacebuilding. We promote inner peace and well-being within our team. We remind each other that we serve people who deserve respectful, humane and fair treatment no matter what. We can build a peaceful office environment with our team only if we are at peace with ourselves. To achieve excellence in our immigration services, we remind our team that prejudice and a judgemental approach

won't serve anyone. We value the freedom of movement as a human right while mediating the laws and regulations between the Republic of Sierra Leone and migrants.

Every nation has a unique wisdom. What can we learn from Sierra Leone?

Sierra Leoneans are free-spirited people. Our capital city is named Freetown because it was established as a home for Africans freed from enslavement in 1787. We value our freedom from all types of oppression. We are an easy-going society which promotes ethnic and religious tolerance. Muslims, Christians and indigenous religious communities coexist together in harmony. Interfaith marriages are common because we celebrate the freedom of love and unity beyond ethnic and religious differences. Our society has an accommodating nature. Travellers, expatriates and immigrants are welcomed with an open and welcoming attitude.

How do you define peace?

Peace is a relative term depending on how it is used; for some people, the death of an individual (an enemy) is peace, while for others, a death is the loss of a human life.

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Amplifying Impact

Wen Huang, Editor In Chief, Rotary Magazine, USA

Mykola Stebljanko publishes Rotariets, the Ukrainian magazine for Rotary news, from his home in Odesa, a port city on the Black Sea. In February three years ago, when Russia began an all-out war against his country, Stebljanko, a member of the Rotary E-Club of Ukraine, kicked into high gear. Amid the barrage of missile attacks against his city, he coordinated relief efforts with his fellow Rotary members in Ukraine through video calls. At the same time, he reached out to the other editors of the Rotary Global Media Network, which consists of the flagship Rotary magazine and 33 independent regional publications, briefing us weekly on the situation and the extensive relief efforts launched by The Rotary Foundation and Rotary clubs around the world.

We, the members of the Rotary Global Media Network, responded vigorously with in-depth coverage of the war, its devastating humanitarian crisis and the importance of Rotary's help. The stories we published reached millions of Rotary members worldwide, galvanising them into action. By the end of 2024, The Rotary Foundation and Rotary clubs had raised tens of millions of dollars in contributions that helped provide essential support to people in Ukraine.

This is one of many examples of the effectiveness of Rotary and our sister regional magazines in rallying Rotary clubs worldwide.

In the spring of 2022, an article about a Rotary-supported programme in California called Music Mends Minds, caught the attention of the Rotary community. The initiative promotes the use of music as a viable therapy to delay the symptoms of neurodegenerative dementia. Soon after publication, similar projects cropped up in other

parts of the US and the world.

Similarly, after flooding struck Brazil in April 2024, the reporting by the Rotary regional magazines in Brazil as well as in Great Britain and Ireland prompted an outpouring of support.

The list goes on. Each story is meticulously researched, written and produced. We are a network of professional writers, photographers and graphic designers who are passionate about telling your stories - to amplify the positive change you are creating in the world. For me and my fellow editors, it's been rewarding to see that our high-quality publications help strengthen our organisation by fostering a sense of belonging for our members, increasing our membership and offering a window into the Rotary world for the general public.

Surveys show that a majority of readers feel the flagship and regional magazines strengthen their connection with Rotary, allowing them to understand the organisation better.

"The magazine is a primer for Rotary members, keeping us informed on the who, what, when, where, why and how of the world," says Sylvia Whitlock, a trailblazer who was the first woman to serve as president of a Rotary club. "Without the magazine everything is just happenstance. Any good primer is beside you all the time."



What readers want

Rotary Global Media Network

With the changing media landscape, we are reinventing ourselves with technology and constantly finding ways to improve the quality of our publications so we can meet the needs of Rotary readers better.

To help us understand our audience better, RI's Research and Evaluation team surveyed more than 10,000 readers of Rotary and the

33 regional magazines, including Rotary Africa. The research focused not only on readers' opinions and their suggestions for the publications but also their general interests and reading habits. It was conducted in the winter of 2024.

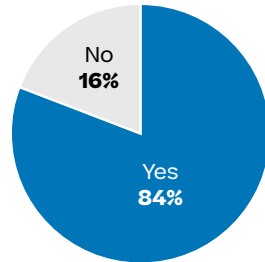
Here are results for Rotary Africa (some numbers are rounded off):

In what format do you read your magazine?

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7%

DIGITAL
93%

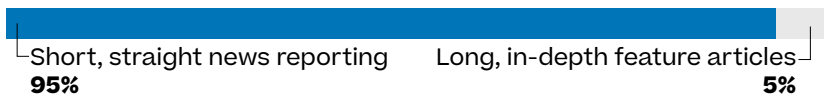
Do you regularly read your magazine?



On average, how much time do you spend reading each issue?

1 hour+	31-60 minutes	11-30 minutes	10 minutes or less
8%	12%	68%	12%

Which kind of articles do you prefer?



What would you most like to see more of in your magazine?

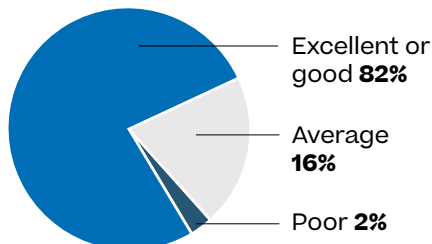
Information on club projects

Do you agree or disagree that the magazine allows you to understand our global organisation better?

Agree
70%

Disagree
7%

How would you rate the overall quality of your magazine?



Rotary Global Media Network

A 114-YEAR LEGACY

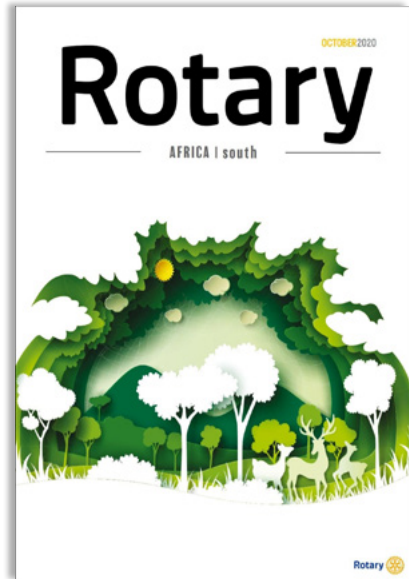
Not long after Rotary's founding, Paul Harris and Chesley Perry, Rotary's first general secretary, launched a magazine to share news and information with the growing number of Rotarians. The first issue was published in January 1911 as *The National Rotarian* with news from existing clubs, announcements of new clubs and an essay in which Harris discussed the purpose of Rotary clubs.

Perry became the magazine's first editor and held the position until 1928. As Rotary reached Canada and England, the magazine adopted the name *The Rotarian* in September 1912 and more recently, it became known as *Rotary*.

As Rotary clubs formed around the world, regional magazines appeared, each offering Rotary news from a local perspective. The first regional magazine was published in Great Britain and Ireland in 1915.

First published in 1927, to serve Rotary's growing presence in Africa, *Rotary Africa* is one of the longest-running Rotary regional magazines. Founded by 'Rusty' Rusterholz, a charter member of the Rotary Club of Johannesburg and the first governor of District 55, the magazine was initially named *South African Rotary*. It began as a modest four-page paper, but it quickly grew as Rotary expanded across the continent. By 1930, the magazine was renamed *Rotary in Africa* to reflect the growth of Rotary beyond South Africa, encompassing clubs in Kenya, Zimbabwe and other English-speaking African nations. Over the decades, the magazine has played a crucial role in uniting and informing Rotarians, adapting to regional needs while maintaining its connection with the global Rotary movement.

Throughout its 98-year history, *Rotary Africa* has been shaped by a series of dedicated editors, each leaving a lasting impact. The



The magazines of the Rotary Global Media Network, including *Rotary Africa*, have a combined circulation of more than 1 million.

publication navigated significant milestones, from the redistricting in Africa in the 1950s to the formation of Rotary in Africa as a not-for-profit company in 1970. In 1983, the magazine adopted its current name, *Rotary Africa*.

Under the leadership of editors such as Peter Wrinch-Schulz and Derrick Couper, the magazine embraced advancements in publishing technology. In 2009, newspaper journalist Sarah van Heerden took the helm, becoming the eighth, and first woman, editor in its history.

Today, while the official flagship magazine, is published by Rotary International, the regional publications are produced independently by Rotarians and distributed in more than 130 countries and in 26 languages.

While all regional publications focus on reporting about Rotary activities in their areas, they also carry articles from the flagship magazine, including messages from Rotary headquarters. Each publication is an integral part of the Rotary Global Media Network.



Malan Moodley (second from left) with Thobile (right) and friends.

A Stitch in Time

Rotarians are no strangers to the saying, “Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach him how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.” It is a philosophy that often underpins the work of Rotary - creating sustainable solutions that empower individuals and uplift communities.

For Thobile Dlamini, a young woman in KwaZulu-Natal, this philosophy became a reality through a simple conversation and the rapid response of Rotarians determined to make a difference.

It all began when Thobile’s father, Zolani, approached Mercia Strieman to ask if there was any work available for his daughter at the Car Boot Market in Greyville, which her son organises. Unfortunately, there were no positions available. However, in passing, Mercia asked Thobile if she could sew. Her enthusiastic

response was met with an obstacle - she had the skills but no sewing or overlock machine to put them to use.

Determined to help, Mercia’s mind raced through possible solutions. Then, an idea struck - why not contact Rotary?

Rotary Africa magazine frequently serves as a bridge, connecting people with Rotary clubs and districts that can provide support. In this instance, Mercia’s research led her to Rotary Africa’s Sharon Robertson, who quickly referred her to Hilary Augustus, Secretary of Rotary District 9370.

Hilary wasted no time, sending out a request to the district’s clubs in Durban. Within days, the Rotary Club of Chatsworth’s Malan Moodley stepped forward, offering not just an industrial sewing machine but also an overlock machine,

fabric and spare needles.

What might have seemed like a daunting challenge was resolved within a week. Thobile, who had once only dreamed of having the tools to build a career, now had everything she needed to start her journey as a seamstress.

The speed and generosity of the response left a lasting impression. Having worked voluntarily on numerous fundraising projects, Mercia described this as the fastest and most effective response she had ever seen.

It was particularly fitting that, just two days after this initiative was set in motion, the Atlantic Sun newspaper in Cape Town ran a headline that read: “Rotary Celebrates a Century of Community Service.”

For Thobile, this was more than just receiving a machine - it was the realisation of a dream. She expressed her gratitude with heartfelt words:

“I was so excited, everything seemed like a miracle. I couldn’t believe that it was happening. Finally, my dream has come true. I’ve got the machine now and everything.”

This story is yet another example of how Rotary’s global network, when mobilised, can create immediate and meaningful change.



Malan Moodley ensured Thobile had everything she needed, from needles to machines.

Through connections, generosity and action, Rotary helped turn Thobile’s potential into opportunity - ensuring that, with every stitch, she builds a future for herself.



DID YOU KNOW?

To support long-term planning, RI directors will appoint regional plan team leads to coordinate customised plans for their regions, aligned with Rotary’s Action Plan. District leaders will share their region’s plan with presidents-elect to use in their goal setting. Start planning your club’s future at rotary.org/clubcentral

Coming up...

25 APRIL 2025

ROTARY CLUB OF WORCESTER (D9350) 25th of April 2025. The GiGi Classic is a golf tournament for ladies who CANNOT play golf. It is a day filled with loads of prizes and lots of laughs. For more information please contact Marcelle 083 290 9677 or Leonie 072 268 3299. www.gigiclassic.co.za

Email info about your club’s upcoming events to rotaryafrica@mweb.co.za

Sailing into History

By Dave King, editor: Rotary Magazine (Great Britain & Ireland)



Jasmine Harrison, a 25-year-old from Thirsk, United Kingdom, is not a typical Rotarian. Her adventurous spirit and remarkable achievements have set her apart, earning her a place in history and the Rotary community.

At just 21, Jasmine became the youngest woman to row solo across an ocean, completing a 4,828-kilometre journey across the Atlantic from the Canary Islands to the Caribbean. Through this feat, she raised R360,000 for ShelterBox and a further R240,000 for the Blue Marine Foundation.

A year later, in 2022, she took on an even greater challenge - becoming the first woman to swim the entire length of Britain. It took her 110 days to complete the 1,448-kilometre swim from Land's End to John O'Groats.

Now a proud member of the Rotary Club of Thirsk (D1010), Jasmine has set her sights on her next challenge - sailing around the world in a 5.8-metre boat as part of the 2025 Mini Globe Race. Competing against up to 20 other yachts, this 14-month adventure began on 23 February in Antigua and will take her across the globe, with significant stops in Panama, Fiji, Mauritius, Durban (November 2025) and Cape Town (December 2025), as well as St. Helena and Recife.

"This race is the perfect combination of history, adventure and world firsts," Jasmine said. "There has never been a race of hand-built boats on this scale to circumnavigate the world!"

The concept of this affordable, build-it-yourself mini class yacht race was introduced in 2019 by Australian adventurer Don McIntyre.

He built one himself and sailed it solo across the Atlantic in 2021. Now, the race brings together sailors from around the world, each seeking to prove something to themselves and inspire others in the process.

The adventure officially began on 28 December, when Jasmine joined ten men and one other female sailor in Marina de Lagos, Portugal, for the first stage of the 45,062-kilometre solo odyssey. Aboard ALMA Globe 580 home-built plywood 19-foot yachts, they undertook an 805-kilometre qualifier to Lanzarote in the Canary Islands.

The qualifier was not without its challenges. Early on, Jasmine was struck on the head by the boom but fortunately avoided serious injury. Later, facing tricky headwinds, she required a tow into Lanzarote for the final few miles due to equipment issues. However, she had already met the qualifications needed for the Transatlantic race.

Reflecting on the experience, Jasmine said, "This week was definitely harder than anything I've done before. With swimming and rowing, I know what I'm doing - there are a lot fewer ropes when you're swimming!"

Jasmine is sponsored by Rotary Great Britain & Ireland, with Rotary branding prominently displayed on the side of her yacht and on her spinnaker sail.

Jasmine has been sharing updates from the Atlantic on Facebook, detailing the varied sailing conditions, witnessing plastic waste drifting in ocean currents and even enjoying some creative onboard meals - including a spam, mayonnaise and Pringle crisp wrap!

WELCOME JASMINE TO OUR SHORES!

Rotarians and Rotaractors in Durban, Cape Town and other ports where Jasmine will stop, are encouraged to welcome her into port, support her journey and share their experiences with us! To learn more or to track her progress go to www.facebook.com/thefulllength. Alternatively, go to the Mini Globe Race website: www.minigloberace.com. If you meet Jasmine along the way, take photos and share your stories with Rotary Africa by emailing rotaryafrica@mweb.co.za.

About Rotary Anns

By Frances Hyson, District 9400

The term Rotary Anns originated with delegates on a train trip from San Francisco to the Rotary Convention in Houston in 1914. A woman named Ann had joined her Rotarian husband for the trip and became known as the Rotarian's Ann. When a second Ann boarded the train, the name quickly morphed into Rotary Ann. In 1928, the Rotary Anns became an organisation to help support Rotarians with social, fundraising and service activities. The term Rotary Ann was always intended to be a term of affection and respect for the wives of Rotarians.

After Rotary International allowed women to join, many women became full members of Rotary clubs and the need for a spouses club or group diminished. However, Anns are still active in certain countries, particularly in South Africa.

In the last 20 to 30 years, Anns clubs have changed dramatically. Traditionally, the Anns were the spouses of Rotary club members and while this is still the case in a few clubs, this has changed in most others. Some clubs are open to anyone interested in supporting the work of Rotary, especial for people who support the

ideals and work of Rotary, but either can't afford the Rotary fees or don't want to commit to a Rotary club. Membership is increasingly based on shared values and a commitment to service to the community.

A strong link still exists between the Rotary clubs and their Anns. In many cases, the Anns undertake independent projects rather than playing a supporting role in Rotary club activities. As with Rotary clubs, there is a strong emphasis on leadership and personal or professional development and the Anns' clubs offer the opportunity to take on leadership roles. Rotary International has several specific areas of focus and many Anns' clubs align their projects to them.

There are still a few clubs where the women are predominantly wives (or widows) of Rotarians and one of the challenges for the new thinking about Anns clubs is a resistance to change in these clubs. They are reluctant to open their doors to women outside of Rotary who wish to contribute to helping communities.

While the face of the Rotary Anns clubs has changed, the trend in modern society of inclusivity, means that Rotary Anns clubs can grow and remain relevant in their communities.



The Anns of the Rotary Club of Helderberg (D9350) settled eight outstanding book accounts for students of Strand High School. This was possible thanks to one of the club's Dutch donors. The team behind this project included Ann President Rejane van der Grijp, Joey Lotter of Helpende Hande and Past President Mieke MacDonald.

Rotary D9400 Girls' Empowerment
twinned with The My Body is My Body
Foundation

Crossing Borders

In a groundbreaking initiative, Rotary clubs in District 9400 have twinned with the My Body is My Body (MBIMB) Programme to champion the safety and empowerment of children across the region. This collaboration is an inspiring example of how community-driven efforts can make a tangible difference in the lives of young children, fostering resilience, confidence and awareness.

District Governor George Senosha is committed to reaching children across the region. By personally visiting schools such as Krugersdorp High School, Salesian High School and Siloe School for the Blind, he has demonstrated the importance of being present and actively engaged.

The twinning with MBIMB addresses a pressing need to create a safe environment for children and equipping them with the skills to navigate challenges in their communities. By integrating MBIMB's internationally acclaimed resources into Rotary's grassroots efforts, the collaboration achieves:

- **Increased Awareness:** Educating girls on their rights and the importance of personal safety.
- **Capacity Building:** Training Rotary members to become MBIMB Ambassadors ensures the programme is sustainably implemented in schools, clubs and community centres.
- **Breaking Barriers:** Opening channels of communication around difficult subjects, like abuse and exploitation, in a way that is



District Governor George Senosha has been actively promoting this campaign.



The programme's district chair, Margaret Moruntshi, has assembled a dynamic team to drive the programme's success.

- age-appropriate and empowering.
- **Cross-Border Collaboration:** Sharing best practices and strengthening ties between the participating countries, uniting them in a common cause.

This partnership is already showing promising results. Through engaging music, activities and animated videos, MBIMB is providing girls with the confidence to identify unsafe situations and to seek help.



The day began with bicycle maintenance and servicing at Galeshewe Bicycle Resource Centre.

A Fun-Packed Day

In January, the Galeshewe Youth Network (GYN) in Kimberley hosted a cycling and heritage tour event that attracted 50 young people under the age of 18.

This initiative was made possible by the collaborative efforts of several Rotary clubs and partner organisations. The Rotary Clubs of Carroll Creek (D7620, USA) and Empangeni (D9370) led the project to donate used bicycles to Kimberley. Bicycles for Humanity in Charleston (USA) collected and shipped the bicycles. The shipment was cleared by Rotarian Charlie Panday of Charpan Cargo. Hope in South Africa (USA) generously donated safety helmets. Johnson Clothing (RSA) contributed reflective belts to enhance rider safety.

Using the resources provided by Rotary clubs, through the Galeshewe Bicycle Resource Centre, the event began with bicycle maintenance and servicing to ensure they were

ready for the day's activities.

The Galeshewe Heritage Township tours, led by Joy Phiri of Native Minds heritage NGO, started at midday with 25 young participants setting off on the first ride.

Due to extreme heat, which reached 40°C, a second tour was scheduled for 5:30pm. The young cyclists were taken on a short historical tour of Galeshewe, exploring its rich heritage, before concluding the ride at 6:30pm. Two additional township rides were organised for 12 children under the age of 10, who were closely supervised by bicycle mechanic John Makatees.

Volunteers from the Galeshewe Youth Network also provided cycling lessons and safety education to ensure the young riders gained essential skills and confidence.

The Satellite E-Club of Kimberley - The Karoo Region (D9370) provided refreshments, which were served throughout the day.



Piper Eric Cleaver watches as Alan O'Hara recites The Ode to a Haggis and prepares to slice it open.

Burns Nicht Celebration

Every year, the Rotary Club of Knights Pendragon (D9400) hosts a Burns Nicht at The Country Club Johannesburg and this year's event took place on the official date, Saturday, 25 January, the birthday of Scottish poet Robert Burns, who was born in 1759.

The evening is one of the club's major fundraising events, supporting key projects throughout the year, including its work with Bethany Home for Abused Women and their Children. Unfortunately, the club's honorary members, Michael John Bruce Murray, Marquis of Tullibardine, the heir to the Duke of Atholl

and his brother, Lord David Nicholas George Murray, were unable to attend this year due to business commitments. However, they remain strong supporters of the club's initiatives.

The event was well supported, as always, by the Transvaal Scottish Regiment. For the first time, the Scottish Constitution of Freemasons joined in, not only lending their support but also providing the recitation of Address to a Haggis and a piper for the occasion.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening, blending tradition with fundraising through a raffle and the auctioning of rare whiskies.



WHICH CLUB MEETS TODAY

Please send us your club meeting and leadership information for the 2025/26 Which Club Meets Today directory. Email: rotaryafrica@mweb.co.za.



Fidget sleeves are a sensory tool for the elderly and help calm restless hands and reduce agitation.

Bringing Comfort

What started as a simple idea during an Easter visit to The Cosmos Old Age Village has grown into a heartwarming initiative by the Rotary Anns of the Rotary Club of Benoni Aurora (D9400). While handing out Easter treats, the Anns learned that Cosmos cares for around 30 patients living with dementia to varying degrees.

Determined to help, the Anns researched ways to support these patients and discovered that those with dementia often experience anxiety and restlessness. A simple yet effective way to soothe them is to provide something to fidget with, helping to keep them calm and engaged.

This led to the introduction of fidget sleeves, also known as twiddle sleeves. After learning about their benefits in occupational therapy, the

Anns embraced the concept and began making them in May 2024. With the support of many dedicated volunteers, the sleeves have been knitted and crocheted at work parties or while relaxing at home.

To date, 115 fidget sleeves have been donated to various old age homes and individuals in Boksburg and Benoni. Following an article in the local newspaper, Ann President Janice Carter received numerous calls from women eager to assist, including some as far away as Hartenbos in the Western Cape.

This initiative is set to continue, with the Anns planning to distribute fidget sleeves to elderly residents across Ekurhuleni, ensuring that more people living with dementia can benefit from this thoughtful project.



Rotarian June Kroukamp (centre) and Interactors Hendrunice Wagner and Eulynne Skippers gave the marshals a hand.

Cycling for Good

Almost 2,000 cyclists took part in the Rhodes Quality Winelands Cycle Race, an annual event presented by the Rotary Club of Paarl (D9350) as a key preparation race for the Cape Town Cycle Tour in March.

Riders set off early on 26 January for the 102-kilometre race from Wellington to the neighbouring town of Riebeek Kasteel and back, hoping to beat the summer heat. Families and less experienced riders participated in the shorter 52-kilometre race. Both routes took cyclists through scenic landscapes of green vineyards and golden wheat fields before finishing at a local primary school, where refreshments, medals and a lucky draw prizegiving rounded off the day.

Since its inception in 1993, the race has grown steadily in popularity and serves as an important fundraiser for the club's welfare projects.



First home in the 102 km race was winner Sascha Weber in a time of 2:23:30.



WITH HELP FROM FRIENDS

For several years, the Rotary Club of Arcadia (D9370) has provided financial support to the New Kwanda feeding scheme in Pefferville, East London. This initiative ensures that children and some adults in need, receive meals at least twice a week.

Each year, the club also spreads festive cheer by hosting a Christmas party and providing special treats for the community. Recently, the club expanded its efforts by donating school shoes to 119 children. The list of recipients was compiled with the help of local non-profit

organisation Isibindi, which provided the necessary details of each child in need.

In January, the first handovers took place, with the children and their parents invited to collect their new shoes. This initiative was made possible through a collaborative effort. Special thanks go to New Kwanda Chairman Mark Stewart and Secretary Nathan Miles for their ongoing dedication to the community. Appreciation is also extended to Jumbo Clothing for providing a discount on the purchase of the shoes.



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New Club for D9370

The Rotary Club of Widenham (D9370) held its charter dinner at the Blue Marlin Hotel in January. The event was graced by the Deputy Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, Narend Singh, Member of Parliament Shara Singh, members of the Lions Club of Scottburgh, Councillor Jane Naidoo and past and present district governors, presidents and Rotarian members from around the country, including a member from Scotland.

District Governor Raj Ramchunder shared a congratulatory message and encouraged the new club members to go out and serve. He presented the presidential chain of office to Past District Governor Greg Cryer. Twenty new members

were officially introduced and inducted.

The Rotary Club of Widenham was formed in November 2024 and has already been hard at work with a service project in a children's home of safety in Umkomaas. Rotarians make a difference in communities by actively participating in projects to improve the lives of people in need.

The new club was presented with gifts by the visiting clubs and President Greg Cryer expressed his appreciation to all those who were instrumental in establishing the new club, including Rotarians Charlie Panday and Suresh Autar, the Rotary E-Club of South Africa One and everyone who assisted.

Join the Movement for Peace

2nd Africa ICC Peace Forum, Cape Town 2025

The Rotary Inter-Country Committee invites all Rotarians to attend the 2nd Africa ICC Peace Forum, at Cape Town's Vineyard Hotel from 25-27 April, 2025. This event will bring together thought leaders, Rotarians and changemakers dedicated to fostering peace and sustainable development across Africa and beyond. Attendees can look forward to dynamic discussions, inspiring keynote addresses, expert panels, impactful networking opportunities and guided tours, including the 'Footsteps of Africa' bespoke tour and a visit to the Nelson Mandela Exhibition at Cape Town City Hall. Be part of a movement to shape Africa's future. Book your place today: <https://iccpeaceforum-capetown.org/>

AFRICA IN BRIEF



District Governor George Senosha accompanied Past President Lololo Kopanye to a conflict resolution workshop presented by the Rotary Club of Pretoria Hatfield (D9400) in partnership with the University of South Africa's College of Law. The workshops are designed to equip non-profit organisations with practical tools to manage and resolve conflicts within their communities and daily lives. Recognising the impact of this initiative, DG George described it as a shining example of "Breaking New Ground." With DG George (second from right) at the workshop are Macdonald Rammala from the College of Law and club members Mems Ramaila and Lololo Kopanye.



President Aneska Dupont proudly introduced Siphokazi Mdlazi, a Grade 11 learner from Esizibeni Comprehensive High School near Umgababa, to the members of the Rotary Club of Amanzimtoti (D9370). Joining Aneska was Past President Neil McDonald, whose farewell was also celebrated at the same event. Siphokazi was one of the learners who attended the 59th Annual Leadership Course, hosted by the Rotary Club of Port Shepstone last year.



The Rotary Club of Stellenbosch (D9350) contributed to the district's eye-catching #Act4Impact exhibition at the V&A Waterfront. President Stuart Hunter and Rotarian Jackie Hunter, the club's Director of Public Relations and Media, recently visited the vibrant exhibition with Rotary Exchange student, Beatrice Atturo, who is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Roma Nord (D2080, Italy) and hosted by the Stellenbosch club. This lively and interactive exhibition drew both Capetonians and international visitors, offering valuable insights into the work Rotary clubs do to support communities. At the #Act4Impact Rotary Exhibition in Cape Town are President Stuart Hunter, Rotary Exchange student Beatrice Atturo (Italy) and District Governor Stephen Young (D9350).



A significant milestone was celebrated by the Rotary Club of Mantsopa-Maseru (D9370) with the successful charter of the Rotaract Clubs of CAS-Maseru, NUL-Maseru and Qiloane-Maseru. In total, 81 new members were inducted at a vibrant and inspiring ceremony that was attended by members of the Rotary Club of Mantsopa-Maseru, local community leaders and newly inducted Rotaract members. Also in attendance were PDG Maud Boikanyo, DG Rajan Ramchander, his family and DGN Melonie Gobel.



The Rotary Club of Helderberg (D9350) Anns brought early Christmas cheer to the residents of Kay's Community (formerly known as Kay's Caravan Park) today, thanks to the generous donation of an overseas supporter. The club delivered gifts and essential items worth R20,000 to the community. At the handover are Rotary Anns Mieke MacDonald and Gayl Boon.



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WALL OF HONOUR



Joshua (Josh) Soal is a new member of the Rotary Club of Rosebank (D9400).



Lindi Ellis is a new member of the Rotary Club of Dundee (D9370).



Mandy Shawe is a new member of the Rotary Club of Dundee (D9370).



Coleen Balie is a new member of the Rotary Club of Durbanville (D9350).



Richard Jones is the new secretary and treasurer of the Rotary Satellite E-Club of Kimberley – The Karoo Region (D9370).



Kenny Niewenhuis is the new chairman of the Rotary Satellite E-Club of Kimberley – The Karoo Region (D9370).



Ron Ellmore was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Estcourt (D9370).



Joy Solomon is a new member of the Rotary Club of Knysna (D9350).



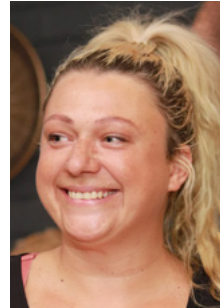
Gerrit van Bemel is a new member of the Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark (D9400).



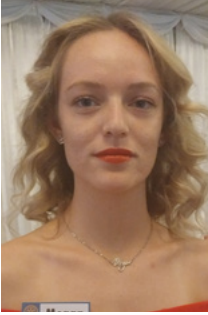
Sharon Gordon is a new member of the Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark (D9400).



Paula du Preez is a new member of the Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark (D9400).



Liza Badenhorst is a new member of the Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark (D9400).



Megan van Schalkwyk is a new member of the Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark (D9400).



Nicolene Jansen van Rensburg is a new member of the Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark (D9400).



Khanyisa Ndhukwane is a new member of the Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark (D9400).



Esme Young is a new member of the Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark (D9400).



Kathy Knott, Michelle Mitana and Caro Holland are new members of the Rotary Club of White River (D9400).

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