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WELCOME

Sarah van Heerden - Editor in Chief

Every month, as I sit down to prepare an issue, I am struck by the same thought: Rotary is not just about projects. It is about people. It is about the hands that plant seeds, the voices that raise awareness, the quiet hours given freely to build a better world. And this month, that truth rings more loudly than ever.

In these pages you will find stories that remind us of the breadth of Rotary's reach. A school garden that feeds hungry children. A peace concert that unites voices across continents. A recycling initiative that keeps harmful waste out of our environment. At first glance, these may appear to be very different activities. Yet beneath them lies the same thread: a commitment to serve.

What makes Rotary unique is not only what we do, but how we do it. We listen first. We work alongside our communities, not above them. We value partnerships, whether with governments, businesses, or other civic organisations, because we know that no challenge is solved in isolation.

This issue also celebrates leadership. From Rotarians honoured for Service Above Self,

to clubs welcoming new members, we are reminded that service begins with people willing to step forward.

Leadership in Rotary is not defined by titles, but by action. It is found in the Rotaractor who rallies friends for a vaccination campaign, or the club member who organises a fundraiser so that a child can see clearly with a new pair of spectacles.

As an editor, I have the privilege of seeing these stories first. They are a mosaic of compassion and creativity. They remind me that service is not a grand gesture, but a steady rhythm. A bag of recycling, a musical note sung for peace, a bicycle ride to raise funds – each is small on its own, but together they create movements that change lives.

In the months ahead, may we all look for ways to contribute to that rhythm. Whether through our clubs, our professions, or our personal choices, each of us has the chance to add a note to Rotary's ongoing song of service.

Thank you for continuing to share your stories with us. They are what give life to these pages.

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October is Rotary's Community Economic Development Month, a time to spotlight our efforts to help communities build thriving and sustainable futures. This month's observance aligns perfectly with the Rotary core value of leadership.

Leadership means empowering people to guide their own progress. That is precisely the aim of Rotary's economic development projects.

In southern India, Rotary members helped restore dignity and opportunity to women of the Adivasi tribal groups, many of whom face ostracism and loss of social standing after widowhood or abandonment. The Rotary Club of Windsor Roseland (D6400, Canada) partnered with clubs in Districts 3203 and 3234, along with the Sevalaya Trust, to provide sewing machines and training to 80 women. Participants learned to stitch saree blouses, kurta tunics and salwar suits, gaining the skills to support themselves and their families. Each woman graduated with a certificate, and the sewing-machine provider committed to free long-term maintenance. For women once excluded from society, the project offered both vital income and renewed dignity.

This story is one example of Rotary leadership in action: local people guiding solutions that address their community needs. Our role is not to deliver charity or to impose outside models, but

to foster self-reliance by investing in leadership, skills and sustainable enterprise.

This October, I invite Rotary members worldwide to reflect on economic leadership in their communities. Who is stepping forward to lead local economic initiatives? Where is there untapped talent that could be supported with training or mentorship? How can your club catalyse opportunity through partnerships with local businesses, vocational schools, or savings groups?

Leadership is not always about being visible. Sometimes it means listening, working collaboratively and amplifying the voices of others. That approach lies at the heart of Rotary's philosophy and our lasting impact on economic development. By building capacity, we enable communities to lead their own transformation. When people take ownership of their progress, change becomes sustainable.

Let us lead with good intention and provide support with heart. By nurturing local leadership, we can create opportunities that ripple through communities, empowering individuals, families and societies. Together, we can support economies that work for everyone and enact community development projects that last.

FRANCESCO AREZZO

President, Rotary International

Foundation Trustee Chair's Message

Born of friendship

Friendship in Rotary often bears fruit that can change the world. When I was Rotary president-elect, I served on the Board of Directors alongside then Vice President Olayinka “Yinka” Hakeem Babalola from Nigeria. My wife, Susanne, spent time with Yinka’s wife, Preba “Precy” Babalola. Yinka and Precy support The Rotary Foundation, not only as Arch Klumph Society members, Benefactors and Major Donors but also as Rotary members who are deeply involved in Foundation projects.

Susanne and Precy’s friendship led to their clubs joining forces. As Rotary celebrates Community Economic Development Month, I asked Precy to share the impact of their collaboration:

“Obuama, Nigeria, was hit hard by COVID-19. Many families, especially women and young adults, were left without stable income or opportunity. The community urgently needed practical support and long-term solutions.

My club, the Rotary Club of Port Harcourt Passport, decided to respond. We partnered with the Rotary E-Club of Hamburg-Connect and our districts to launch a global grant project focused on empowering people with skills that restore hope and dignity.

Over 250 women and young adults were trained in farming fish, poultry and snails as well as bead making. Local facilitators led hands-on workshops, equipping participants with skills to start enterprises.

Families are now generating income and mothers can send their children to school. Youths are earning, teaching others and contributing to the local economy.



Women, once stuck, are now leading their own businesses, training others and finding a new sense of purpose. The project continues to ripple, creating not just jobs but confident community leaders.”

This is what change looks like when dedicated Rotarians work together with the support of The Rotary Foundation.

Community economic development is an area of powerful projects for many reasons. We have experts in our clubs who know how businesses can strengthen their local economy. Such projects can be adapted nearly anywhere and often show early signs of success. Our Foundation, too, provides the expertise of an engaged professional staff and the Cadre of Technical Advisers.

What began as dinner conversation led to a life changing global grant. Isn’t it remarkable that in Rotary, the friendships we make can create opportunities that transform lives for generations?

HOLGER KNAACK
Foundation Trustee Chair



Once centred on tales of heroes, myths and historical events, Taiwanese opera has evolved to embrace romance and emotion. Modern televised operas now draw audiences with gripping plots, intense drama and the complexities of love-hate relationships.

CONVENTION COUNTDOWN

Culture, Fellowship and Action

The Rotary International Convention is always a highlight of the year, and Taipei 2026 promises to be unforgettable. Alongside inspiring plenary sessions and the House of Friendship, the Host Organisation Committee has curated a programme of signature events that showcase the best of Taiwan's culture, energy and hospitality.

Cycling enthusiasts can join the End Polio Now Taiwan Cycling Tour from Kaohsiung to Taipei, a week-long ride along the island's breathtaking east coast. For those who prefer running shoes, the End Polio Now 3K and 12.5K Run will take over the Presidential Hall Plaza, uniting members in the global fight to end polio.

Evenings offer a different kind of magic.

Experience the colour and tradition of the Tang Mei Yun Taiwanese Opera Company at the National Theatre, or join friends at Host Hospitality Night for exquisite cuisine, fine wine and fellowship in the heart of Taipei. Music lovers will not want to miss the NSO Rotary Evening Gala at the National Concert Hall, where the National Symphony Orchestra will deliver a performance crafted especially for Rotary.

From sport and service to art and fellowship, these events make Taipei 2026 more than a convention, it's a once-in-a-lifetime celebration of Rotary's spirit in one of Asia's most vibrant cities.

Learn more and register at:

convention.rotary.org or rotarytaipei2026.org



Give Peace a Chance

PDG Patrick Coleman, Member of the Rotary Action Group for Community Economic Development

“All we are saying is give peace a chance.” The words of John Lennon still play in my head, and I often wonder if the world has really listened.

Violence is all around us. The World Health Organisation describes it as “the intentional use of physical force or power, threatened or actual, against oneself, another person, or against a group or community, that either results in or has a high likelihood of resulting in injury, death, psychological harm, maldevelopment or deprivation.”

Nations affected by violence face economic disruption, human development setbacks and rising inequality. It destroys infrastructures, diverts resources, fuels insecurity and drives up costs in health care, law enforcement and results in lost productivity. The impacts are long-lasting, hitting vulnerable populations hardest, perpetuating poverty and instability, and causing often-overlooked environmental damage.

Violence inflicts physical, psychological and biological harm, leading to depression, anxiety, PTSD, chronic illness and even premature death. It can alter brain structure, trigger chronic inflammation and damage relationships. Childhood exposure heightens the risk of substance abuse, other risky behaviour and later, becoming a perpetrator.

Effects on Mental and Emotional Health

- Psychological Trauma

- Emotional Distress
- Behavioural Changes

Physical and Biological Effects

- Brain and Body Changes
- Chronic Health Issues
- Physical Harm

Social and Relational Impacts

- Damaged Relationships
- Social Disadvantage
- Intergenerational Effects

Effects on Children

- Early Trauma
- Developmental Impact
- Caregiver Stress

Rotary engages in peace and conflict resolution through its Rotary Peace Centres that offer fully funded fellowships for master’s degrees and certificate studies in peacebuilding.

Rotary also trains its members through programmes like the Mediators Beyond Borders International partnership, enabling them to address conflict within their communities.

Rotary’s Role in Peacebuilding

- **Addressing Root Causes:** Rotary projects and fellowships target poverty, discrimination and lack of education.
- **Promoting Peace:** Members work to build cultures of peace, tolerance and understanding through dialogue and conflict resolution.
- **Global Impact:** Rotary develops leaders

who create lasting impact and promote a more peaceful world.

You can be part of Rotary's Peace Building initiative. The Rotary Action Group for Peace (RAGFP) is a global network dedicated to advancing peace through sustainable initiatives. It supports Peace Centres, Fellows and Positive

Peace Activators, empowering individuals and communities to become peacebuilders. RAGFP builds a global movement by establishing Peacebuilder clubs, developing chapters and providing resources to teach Positive Peace principles and engage members in meaningful projects.

**Together,
we end polio**



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Olayinka Hakeem Babalola will take office as
Rotary International President in 2026-27.

Africa's Leading

Rotary members across Africa were swept up in excitement and joy with the announcement that Yinka Babalola will assume office as Rotary International President on 1 July 2026.

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola, a member of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria, has been elected to serve as president of Rotary International for the 2026–27 term. He will assume office on 1 July 2026, becoming only the second African to lead the organisation after Jonathan B. Majiyagbe of the Rotary Club of Kano, who served in 2003–04. Babalola has been a Rotarian for more than 30 years and first became involved through Rotaract in 1984.

“Rotary transforms lives, not only through the projects we deliver, but through the hope we share, the meaningful relationships we build, and the shared purpose we inspire,” he said. “In a world that urgently needs dialogue and understanding, I’m committed to helping Rotary advance peace, expand opportunity and support communities.”

Throughout his Rotary service, Babalola has championed peacebuilding and community development. He has been deeply involved in Rotary’s Peace Centre at Makerere University in Uganda, where Peace Fellows apply their training through local initiatives. He has also played a significant role in the organisation’s long-standing mission to end polio, serving on the End Polio Now Countdown to History

This is more than a personal honour. It is Africa’s moment. It tells the world that Rotary in Africa is strong, our service is relevant, and our potential is limitless.
Director Daniel Tanase, Zone 22.

Campaign Committee and advising the Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee.

As president, Babalola will lead Rotary’s 45,000 clubs worldwide in tackling global challenges, with the eradication of polio remaining the organisation’s top priority. Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative have reduced

cases by 99.9 percent, contributing more than US\$2.9 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunise more than three billion children.

Outside Rotary, Babalola has held senior leadership roles in the oil and gas sector, including at Shell PLC, and later founded Riviera Technical Services Ltd. and Lead and Change Consulting. He is also a trustee of ShelterBox UK, Rotary’s disaster relief partner.

His many Rotary honours include the Service Above Self Award and the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World. Babalola and his wife, Preba, are strong supporters of The Rotary Foundation, contributing through a named endowment and as members of the Arch Klumph Society.

Miles Against Malaria:

Take action to save lives

Malaria claims around 600,000 lives every year, with young children in sub-Saharan Africa most at risk. The region accounts for 95 percent of global cases. Despite being preventable and treatable, the disease continues to claim a child's life every minute.

Endemic countries often lack the financial resources and access to essential healthcare needed to fight the disease effectively. Rotary International, together with partners, medical experts and local governments, is addressing the epidemic with the aim of achieving eradication within our lifetime.

To mark the 20th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Chicago Lakeview, the club is launching a global fundraising campaign, Miles Against Malaria, in which participants can walk, run, jog, cycle or swim

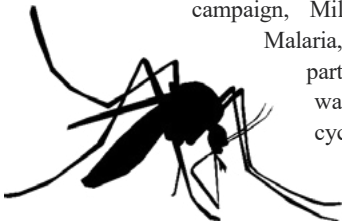
a distance of 5km at their own pace. The activity symbolises how People of Action can set a goal and go the distance to make a difference.

A registration fee of \$25 or any donation amount, will go towards a fundraising target of \$20,000. The funds will support projects that protect and save children from the impact of malaria. Participation is open to individuals, communities and Rotary clubs. Organisers encourage creative activities that raise both awareness and support.

Donated funds will be directed to organisations such as Rotarians Against Malaria, the Global Rotary Action Group (RAM-Global) and The Rotary Foundation to strengthen their ongoing efforts. These include distributing treated bed nets, providing malaria education, diagnostics and medicines, and training community health workers. Branded backpacks and bicycles will be supplied to help shorten the journeys of health workers, equipping them to reach more households. These tools are proven to help communities fight malaria and reduce deaths.

For more information, please visit:

www.chicagolakeviewrotary.square.site/



Coming up...

NOVEMBER 2025

8 November - ROTARACT DISTRICT 9350 Africa Unite: A Gala for Peace and Polio. This African-themed gala supports The Rotary Foundation and polio awareness. Enjoy a welcome drink, three-course meal, DJ, auction and raffle. Dress code: Black Tie, Cultural Formal or Afro-Chic. Tickets: R700 at Quicket.

Red carpet from 5pm, and main event starts at 6pm. Contact Rex on 073 125 0398 or by email at: annualendpolioevent@gmail.com

JANUARY 2026

23 January - ROTARY CLUB OF WORCESTER D9350 Charity Golf Day: Worcester Golf Club. Fourballs R3,000, includes steak braai and evening function, live music and lots of prizes. Contact Mark Pelteret at +27 71 889 1413

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

QUIZ TIME!

How much do you know about Rotary's campaign to end polio? Test yourself or hold a polio quiz at your next meeting!

1. In how many countries does wild polio remain endemic?

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) 4

2. How many children did polio paralyse each year before 1988?

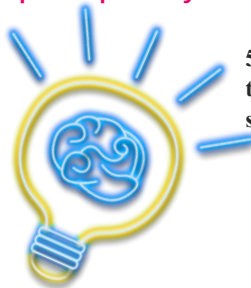
- a) 100,000
- b) 175,000
- c) 250,000
- d) 350,000

3. Which vaccine is primarily used in countries where polio is endemic?

- a) Inactivated polio vaccine
- b) Injected polio vaccine
- c) Oral polio vaccine
- d) Osmosis polio vaccine

4. When did Rotary launch the PolioPlus programme?

- a) 1979
- b) 1985
- c) 1988
- d) 1990



5. How many ways does the polio programme do surveillance?

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) 4

6. Which WHO region was the most recent to be certified free of wild poliovirus?

- a) African (AFRO)
- b) Americas (PAHO)
- c) Eastern Mediterranean (EMRO)
- d) South-East Asia (SEARO)

7. What is the name of the newest vaccine approved for fighting variant poliovirus?

- a) IPV
- b) nOPV1
- c) nOPV2
- d) OPV



8. Who developed the inactivated polio vaccine?

- a) Marie Curie
- b) Albert Sabin
- c) Jonas Salk
- d) Peter Salk

9. In what country did Rotary first do a polio vaccination campaign?

- a) Brazil
- b) Indonesia
- c) Nigeria
- d) Philippines

10. How much does Rotary have to raise each year in End Polio Now donations to get the full 2-to-1 match from the Gates Foundation?

- a) US\$50 million
- b) US\$70 million
- c) US\$100 million
- d) US\$150 million

11. How many core partners make up the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI)? Bonus point if you can name them all!

- a) 4
- b) 6
- c) 7
- d) 8

12. Which types of wild poliovirus have been eradicated?

- a) Types 1 and 2
- b) Types 1 and 3
- c) Types 2 and 3
- d) Types 2 and 4

13. What is Rotary's primary role in the GPEI?

- a) advocacy, research and social media
- b) fundraising, advocacy and raising awareness
- c) media relations, vaccinations and documentation
- d) vaccinations, fundraising and research



ANSWERS!

1. b (Afghanistan and Pakistan)

2. d

3. c

4. b

5. b (environmental surveillance and acute flaccid paralysis surveillance)

6. a

7. c

8. c

9. a

10. d

11. b (Rotary, the World Health Organisation, UNICEF, the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, the Gates Foundation and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance)

12. c

13. b





While in office, Rotary International President Jennifer Jones attended an Africa Peace Concert and helped inspire one of the event's biggest achievements – raising US\$1.2 million for the Makerere University Rotary Peace Centre.

Concert for Peace

Imagine thousands of voices rising together across continents – Rotarians, Rotaractors and friends tuning in from their homes, clubs and communities, all connected by the power of music and a shared mission of peace. That's the promise of the Africa Peace Concert, taking place on 31 October 2025, when Rotarians can join online from anywhere in the world or in person at Kampala's Speke Resort Munyonyo.

The concert has grown into a signature event on the Rotary calendar, combining world-class performances with fellowship and fundraising. Its purpose is clear: to support the Makerere University Rotary Peace Centre – the first and only Rotary Peace Centre in Africa – and ensure it continues training future peace fellows who will serve around the globe.

Rotarian Jane Kabugo, one of the concert organisers, recalls the impact of previous years. "One of our biggest achievements was raising \$1.2 million when Rotary International President Jennifer Jones attended... a significant contribution to the Peace Centre's work."

This year, organisers are aiming higher, with a fundraising target of \$500,000. Registration for online participation is set at US\$100, with all proceeds channelled through The Rotary Foundation and earmarked for peacebuilding and the Makerere Peace Centre. "If every country can bring just a handful of supporters – ten, twenty, thirty people – it will make a huge difference," Kabugo said.

While fundraising is at its heart, the Africa Peace Concert is also a celebration. The Host Organisation Committee has lined up renowned African musicians, cultural performances and celebrity appearances. Online participants will experience the same energy as the audience in Kampala, with live streaming designed to bring the atmosphere straight into living rooms, club gatherings and community halls worldwide.

Beyond entertainment, the event will also foster connections. Whether in Kampala or online, attendees will be part of a network of peacebuilders, sharing in Rotary's commitment to dialogue, education and collaboration as tools

for conflict transformation.

Kabugo noted that mobilisation is happening across the continent, “This is Africa’s concert,” she said. “We want every country represented, because this is about building peace together.”

Tickets (in-person and online) are available at

www.africapeaceconcert.org.

For Rotarians unable to travel, the message is clear: you don’t need to be in Kampala to be part of this movement. Join online, experience the concert in real time and add your voice to Africa’s call for peace.

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Jenna-Lee brings something special into her work abroad: the spirit of Ubuntu. "Ubuntu helped me to be open-minded and see others as part of myself, regardless of their background. Ubuntu teaches us how our individual humanity is tied to the well-being of others, emphasising collective responsibility and empathy in society. I am because we are."

Turkish Delight with the **Spirit of Ubuntu**

Interview by Gülin Eva Geloğulları – Journalist & Rotary Peace Fellow

In Somalia, where online hate speech and misinformation often spill into real-world violence, a new peacebuilding project is harnessing data to make a difference.

Rotary Peace Fellow Jenna-Lee Strugnell and her Somali classmate Mohamud Dhagacade are helping to analyse big data, identify harmful narratives and train communities to use digital dialogue for peace. Their initiative empowers grass-roots organisations and volunteers to counter disinformation and amplify positive messages, while equipping key stakeholders to use social media responsibly.

After a successful pilot, the team is fundraising to expand in Somalia and replicate the model in Syria with support from Mediators

Beyond Borders International.

This innovative work reflects Jenna-Lee's commitment to healing and transformation, a commitment rooted in her upbringing in Durban, South Africa. Raised by a psychologist mother and a manager father, she describes her parents as "gentle, loving, kind, and deeply caring for the well-being and justice for everyone." Growing up in the aftermath of apartheid, she became acutely aware of the collective trauma and scars that society carried from its turbulent past.

Determined to respond, Jenna-Lee studied psychology and narrative therapy. After completing her honours degree in psychology, she travelled and volunteered on different

continents. “I wanted to widen my perspectives and experience different ways of being in the cultures I wasn’t exposed to,” she recalls. On her return, she pursued a master’s degree in peacebuilding and realised just how inaccessible psychotherapeutic services remained within many layers of South African society.

Her experiences led to the creation of Tales of Turning, a NGO she co-founded with peacebuilders Stefan Snel and Geoffrey Mamputa. The NGO uses storytelling, dialogue and collective reflection to address social injustice and digital harms. Central to its approach is the belief that people are the experts of their own lives. Tales of Turning honours that wisdom by building digital ecosystems where communities can listen, reflect and take ownership of the changes they want to see.

The team has become known for its digital peacebuilding expertise, focusing on issues such as preventing hate speech, misinformation and toxic polarisation. They also work to address xenophobia, technology-facilitated gender-based violence and online safety for children. Beyond project work, Tales of Turning provides consultancy services for community-based organisations, philanthropists and companies to help broaden impact across society.

Jenna-Lee’s path took another important turn when she was selected as one of the first participants of the Otto and Fran Walter Rotary Peace Centre at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul, Türkiye. The centre opened earlier this year and trains peacebuilders from diverse backgrounds. While its curriculum focuses on the Middle East and North Africa, its lessons are transferable, encouraging fellows to collaborate on global challenges.

It was here that Jenna-Lee met Mohamud, with whom she now collaborates in Somalia. Their project is an example of how Rotary Peace Fellows take classroom learning into the real world, combining research, technology and community dialogue to create sustainable interventions. “We aim to create a sustainable model of peace that can be scaled up and replicated in other contexts in different parts of the world,” Jenna-Lee explains.

Her fellowship has also given her the chance to



Whether in South Africa, Somalia or Türkiye, Jenna-Lee continues to embody the idea that peace begins with people willing to listen, connect and build together.

experience Türkiye’s culture and history first-hand. She speaks warmly of her time there: “Istanbul is an incredible city with centuries-old history, beauty and diversity. Visiting Anitkabir and governmental departments in Ankara helped us to understand Turkish history from different time periods. Our time in Gaziantep, Mardin and Antakya was remarkable, as each Turkish city is distinct. Turkish Rotarians were kind and caring. I loved Turkish delight and trying different flavours was fun!”

For Jenna-Lee, peace is not an abstract concept. It is woven into daily interactions, community relationships and digital spaces that increasingly shape the modern world. Before concluding our conversation, I asked her how she defines peace. She paused, smiled gently, and said: “Peace is deep listening, empathy, and understanding the perspectives of others to create communities where everyone is seen, heard, and experiences a sense of belonging.”

CLUB PRESIDENTS

2025/26

A warm welcome to our new club presidents!



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(Rotaract)
Hermanus, 9350



William Fonseca
Lima, Rotaract
E-Club of South
Africa, 9350



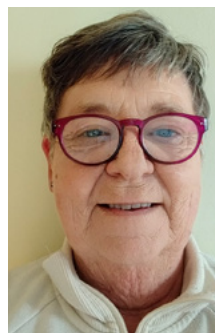
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Benoni van Ryn, 9400



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THANK YOU!

To the very, very many clubs that sent in photos of their presidents for this year's New Presidents feature, thank you!

The support has been overwhelming and among the highest in a number of years. Sadly, this will be the last issue we run new presidents as we desperately need the space for all of the other stories you have sent us!

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For Rotary in Ethiopia, this meeting symbolised both continuity and renewal, continuity in honouring seven decades of service and renewal in strengthening ties with national leadership to amplify future impact.

Presidential Meeting

Rotary Ethiopia's leadership recently met with H.E. Taye Atske Selassie, President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, in a high-level engagement that marked a milestone in strengthening ties with government and enhancing Rotary's visibility. The meeting is expected to inspire greater public engagement and fuel membership growth.

The session opened with a presentation by Rotary Ethiopia Board Chair, Dr Seble Hailu, who outlined Rotary International's journey since its founding in 1905 and its growth into a network of 1.4 million Rotary and Rotaract members worldwide. She also highlighted Rotary Ethiopia's outreach programmes, which reflect Rotary's global vision while remaining rooted in local priorities.

President Taye engaged with senior leaders in discussions focused on Rotary's global polio campaign, raising public awareness of humanitarian efforts, and expanding youth mentorship and skills development in partnership with government ministries.

Rotary Ethiopia has a proud history of more than 70 years. Since the chartering of its first

clubs in the 1950s, members have addressed community needs in education, health, water, sanitation and economic empowerment. Projects have ranged from scholarships and medical outreach to vocational training, maternal and child health and environmental sustainability. Despite political and economic challenges, Rotary clubs have adapted to address drought, displacement and healthcare needs, remaining a consistent presence in communities.

The meeting with President Taye also acknowledged the encouragement Rotary has received from Ethiopia's leaders over the years, including the late President Girma Woldegiorgis, President Dr Mulatu Teshome and President Sahlework Zewde. Their support affirmed Rotary's mission of service and civic engagement, providing a foundation for today's partnerships.

The engagement underscored the importance of stronger public-private partnerships to expand Rotary's reach in healthcare, education and youth empowerment. Leaders stressed the need to celebrate Rotary's legacy while setting ambitious goals for the future.



When the world stopped, we started:

My Rotary journey

By Past President Makhetha Motsoari, PHF

In June 2021, while the world seemed to stand still under the weight of Covid-19, something new began for me and a determined group of friends. That was when the Rotary Club of Mantsopa-Maseru (D9370) was chartered. At a time of uncertainty, we chose to act, guided by the spirit of Service Above Self.

My journey started years earlier. In 2012, I was charter president of the Rotaract Club of Qiloane. Wherever I travelled, Rotary gave me a sense of belonging, as though I had found a home everywhere I went.

In 2018, I tried to start a Rotary presence at Liqhobong Mining Development Company. It didn't work out, but it deepened my commitment to finding opportunities to serve. That commitment carried me into May 2021, when at the District 9370 Conference in Lesotho I was asked to start a club that could attract and retain young adults. It was daunting, but I knew the need was real.

Founding a club during a pandemic was not easy. Virtual meetings and online projects became our tools, helping us connect and build momentum. We supported vulnerable families, promoted health and education and reminded ourselves that even when the world slows down, service never stops.

From those beginnings, the Rotary Club of Mantsopa-Maseru grew into a vibrant club. Together, we built a foundation for lasting service. Being recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow has been an honour, one that reflects not just my own journey but the collective efforts of everyone who walked this path with me.

Rotary has shown me resilience, belonging and purpose. Our story is still young, but it carries the promise of many more years of Service Above Self. Wherever I go, I know Rotary will always be my home.



District Governor Steve Shone and PDG Raj Ramchunder (second from right) with the five Service Above Self Award recipients from District 9370. Andrew Killick (Empangeni), Charlie Panday (Chatsworth), Patricia Shezi (Melmoth-Ulundi), Ivan Steenkamp and Richard Jones (E-Club of Kimberley - The Karoo Region) received their awards at a special ceremony in Durban.

Service Above Self

Rotarians from across District 9370 travelled from as far as Kimberley, Lesotho, the Free State and Melmoth to Durban for a night of recognition and fellowship. On 23 August, the Pavilion Hotel provided the setting for the Rotary International Avenue of Service and Club Excellence Awards.

The annual event honoured service and achievement across the district and celebrated the spirit of Rotary's motto, Service Above Self. The evening's programme combined formal recognition with the fellowship and celebration for which Rotarians are known.

Club presidents and representatives stepped forward to receive Club Excellence Awards, each acknowledgement reflecting collective effort and dedication to reaching goals for the 2024-25 Rotary year. With each name announced, the Pavilion filled with applause and encouragement, underscoring the teamwork that drives Rotary projects and initiatives.

The evening's highlight was the presentation of the Rotary International Avenue of Service Award, one of Rotary's most respected

honours. Unlike titles or positions, the award recognises personal commitment to meaningful service that changes lives. Five Rotarians were acknowledged for their contributions: Patricia Shezi of the Rotary Club of Melmoth-Ulundi, Ivan Steenkamp and Richard Jones of the Satellite E-Club of Kimberley-The Karoo Region, Charlie Panday of the Rotary Club of Chatsworth, and Andrew Killick of the Rotary Club of Empangeni.

District Governor Steve Shone praised the recipients in his keynote address, noting the significance of their service. "We gather here not only as members of Rotary, but as a family united by a single purpose, to serve humanity and to make our world a better place through the ideals of Service Above Self. This is not an award that comes easily. It is not for titles, nor for position, but for sacrifice, vision and compassion. Our recipients stand before us not only as honourees, but as beacons of inspiration. They remind us why we serve, why we sacrifice and why we remain committed to the ideals of Rotary."

Dental Day

The Rotary Club of Durbanville (D9350) hosted its second Dental Day of the year at Fisantekraal clinic in August, providing essential care to community members who would otherwise go without.

Volunteer dentists and dental students from the University of the Western Cape dedicated their Saturday to serving 130 patients. Services included oral hygiene treatments, extractions and fillings, delivered with professionalism and compassion. For many, it was their first visit to a dentist, making the experience especially significant.

A mobile dental clinic was stationed on-site, ensuring patients received treatment in a safe and efficient setting. Careful planning by the Durbanville club meant there were no long queues, with each person attended to in an organised and timely way.

The day was not only about treatment but also about creating a positive and welcoming atmosphere. Volunteers were thanked with hearty refreshments, including soup prepared by the club, pizzas from Rachel's Wishes, hot chocolate and coffee from Caffelux, and muffins donated by Better Batter.

Beyond the immediate relief provided, the initiative raised awareness of oral health and encouraged patients to take better care of their teeth.

The Durbanville club continues to strengthen its partnerships with local organisations and sponsors to ensure that future dental days remain a success.



A woman has her blood pressure checked by a volunteer. Below: A patient receives treatment in the mobile dental clinic.



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NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 21 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 09H00

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Rotary in Africa will be held at 728 Main Road Northdene, Durban, KwaZulu Natal, South Africa on Friday 21 November 2025 commencing at 09h00. A zoom meeting link will be made available to those who wish to join the online meeting. Kindly send your zoom link request to rotaryafrica@mweb.co.za

AGENDA

1. Call to order and announcements
2. Confirmation of the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 15 November 2025.
3. Chairman's report
4. Editor's report
5. Treasurer's report and submission of annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.
6. Appointment of Auditors
7. Election of directors to serve on the Board for a period of 2 years. In terms of the Company's Article of Association, the following directors are due to retire from the Board:
 - i. Greg Cryer D9370
 - ii. Peter Hugo D9350
 - iii. Joe Otin D9212
 - iv. Jankees Sligcher D9400

Being eligible, the abovenamed individuals make themselves available for re-election together with any other nominations that may be submitted to the Secretary by close of business on Friday 14th November 2025. Nominations must be emailed directly to Rotary in Africa at rotaryafrica@mweb.co.za.

8. To conduct or transact any other business pertinent to an Annual General Meeting.

**All District Governors, District Governor Elects and Past District Governors of Rotary District 9200, 9210, 9211, 9212, 9213, 9214, 9220, 9250, 9270, 9350, 9370 and 9400 are ex officio members of Rotary in Africa. A member may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on their behalf, provided that such appointment is advised to the Secretary at the offices of the company at least 48 hours before the meeting.*

Members can also attend online (contact us for a link).

PDG Natty Moodley

Secretary

19 September 2025

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For many Rotaractors in District 9350, polio once felt far away... until funds from their first gala in 2018 took them to Nigeria to join a vaccination campaign.

Polio and Peace

What began as a simple dinner with friends has grown into one of District 9350's most anticipated events. The Annual End Polio Gala started as a small gathering, where Rotarians and community members came together with one purpose, to support Rotary's commitment to ending polio.

Over the years the gala has grown steadily, filling ballrooms and attracting support from beyond the Rotary family. People such as the mayor of Cape Town, provincial health officials, past Rotary International Presidents and local celebrities have added their voices to the cause.

The questions raised at each event remain the same: Isn't polio already gone? Why do we still raise money for it? The reality is that polio is not yet eradicated. While only 19 cases of wild poliovirus have been reported this year, in Pakistan and Afghanistan, as long as the virus exists, children everywhere remain at risk.

Polio is entirely preventable, yet not long ago Africa saw 75,000 children paralysed by the disease each year. That figure has dropped

to almost zero thanks to vaccination campaigns supported by Rotary.

Funds raised at the first gala enabled a group of young leaders to travel to Nigeria for a vaccination campaign. Later trips to Nigeria and Uganda gave further opportunities to experience Rotary's mission to end polio first-hand. These experiences proved transformational, inspiring a deeper commitment to service and to ensuring the fight against polio is not forgotten.

This year the event takes on a new name – the Polio & Peace Gala. The addition reflects Rotary International's recognition that the fight for global health and the pursuit of peace are closely connected.

The gala continues to deliver tangible results. Each year it raises at least 1,000 US dollars for The Rotary Foundation and has also funded wheelchairs and other health initiatives that benefit communities beyond local borders.

For more about the project, email at:

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Community members receive vegetables harvested the same day at Ikhaya da Luz.

ROOTS OF CHANGE

The Garden of Life, established by the Rotary Club of Benoni Aurora (D9400) in 2019, continues to grow as a vital source of fresh produce for communities around Benoni. What began as a District Grant project has become a sustainable programme with lasting impact.

The initiative started with the installation of two garden tunnels at Ikhaya da Luz, a place of safety in Jatniel, just outside Benoni. The second tunnel, opened in March 2024, has allowed the club to increase both yield and reach. Managed by Environmental Chair Charles van Rooyen, alongside resident gardener Lafa, the project now produces two harvests a month.

Spinach, tomatoes, carrots, cabbages, kale and even chillies are grown using borehole water and natural compost. The produce is harvested and distributed on the same day, ensuring fresh food reaches those who need it most. Recipients

include the Barcelona Community Centre, which feeds 50 to 100 people, Angel Wings, a community of 70, and the Rotary Community Corps of Daveyton, which uses the vegetables in soups that serve up to 200 people at a time.

Ikhaya da Luz also benefits directly from the crops. To strengthen the project's sustainability, the club added a water tank, transfer pump and solar panels to assist with irrigation and water supply.

The Garden of Life has become a reliable partner in food security for vulnerable households. It has also fostered collaboration, with surplus produce shared with Rotary Anns from Benoni Aurora and Benoni van Ryn.

What began as an ambitious vision is now a flourishing example of Rotary's commitment to practical solutions for community needs.



Rotary members and exchange students join in the fun by trying on novelty glasses.

Rotary Brings Clarity

The Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark (D9400) has launched an eye care project that aims to change lives by providing free eye tests and new spectacles to those in need.

The initiative was introduced by new member Gerrit van Bommel, who drew on his background as an educator to highlight how poor eyesight can hold back children in their studies. Recognising the importance of vision in learning, he developed the project as a way for Rotary to make a practical and lasting impact in the community.

At a recent club meeting, Gerrit presented the project to Rotarians, friends, exchange students

and host parents. He explained that he had secured the support of local ophthalmologists, who agreed to perform the tests and supply spectacles at reduced rates. To meet the costs of providing the service, the club has also embarked on new fundraising efforts.

The meeting was both informative and entertaining. Attendees enjoyed posing with novelty glasses, with the exchange students leading the way in trying on different styles. The light-hearted moment underscored the serious message behind the project, that restoring sight and improving vision has the power to transform lives, especially for learners.



District Governor Angelica Salomão of D9400, accompanied by Assistant Governor Fiona Brokensha, visited the club to see several projects in action. At Kanguru School for physically and mentally challenged children, Rotarian Sam Boshiela and his team showcased their work in caring for the learners. The club supports the school's new Therapeutic Garden, Memorial Corner and vegetable garden, which provides healthy meals.



Children who received bicycles donated by the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek through the Bikes for Africa project.

KAROO CONNECTIONS

Cyclists pedalled through the wide-open landscapes of the Karoo, their bright jerseys flashing against the rugged hills as laughter and cheers followed them along the road. Over the weekend of 1 August, the Rotary Club of Colesberg (D9370) turned its town into a hub of international fellowship, welcoming visitors from Carroll Creek in Maryland, USA, the Rotary Club of Empangeni, and cycling enthusiasts from Richmond and Kimberley for a celebration of service, sport and friendship.

The weekend was months in the making and combined cultural exchange with Rotary's commitment to service. A highlight was the joy on children's faces as they received bicycles donated by Carroll Creek through the Bikes for Africa project, part of the club's effort to encourage mobility and opportunity in South African communities.

Events began on Thursday evening with a traditional South African dinner where guests were treated to local cuisine and wine. On Friday, Rotarians transformed scrap materials

into an obstacle course for bicycle games and icebreakers before the route was put to the test.

Saturday brought perfect cycling weather as groups set out on scenic rides through the Karoo. Riders included both seasoned cyclists and casual participants, supported by vehicles and regular water breaks. The open-road experience was matched by the fellowship off the bikes, where conversations, laughter and shared meals strengthened bonds between clubs.

"This weekend reminded us that Rotary is truly a global family," said Maryke Jeffrey, president of the Colesberg club. "We may live thousands of kilometres apart, but we share the same values – community, friendship and service."

The weekend closed with a relaxed potjie and more stories shared around the fire. By then, plans were already being discussed for Colesberg members to travel to Maryland, continuing the connection sparked on the roads of the Karoo.



Top: Rotarians Kathy Jackson, Louise Pannell and Margi McAlpine hand out recycling lists. Above: The Henque truck fills up during the September E-Waste Collection Day. Knysna Rotary Environmental Committee member Riaan van der Merwe assists at Loerie Park.

Knysna's Clean Tech Drive

The Rotary Club of Knysna (D9350) continued its commitment to environmental sustainability with its 15th E-Waste Collection Day, held on 6 September at Loerie Park.

Protecting the environment is one of Rotary International's key focus areas, and the Knysna club has been addressing this need since piloting its first collection in February 2022. The initiative encourages residents to dispose of unwanted electronic and electrical items in a safe, responsible way.

The club partners with George-based recycling and waste management company Henque, which provides a truck and team to assist with sorting and transporting goods. Rotarians manage the logistics on site, while

also handing out approved household recycling lists and selling clear plastic bags to promote the town's weekly glass, paper and tin collection system.

While the project generates no direct income for the club, residents are invited to make voluntary donations, which go toward funding other environmental initiatives. Publicity through social media, local newspapers and community WhatsApp groups ensures each collection day is well supported.

E-Waste Days are now a regular fixture in Knysna, taking place quarterly on the first Saturday of March, June, September and December.



Rotarians Jenny Thole and Lorraine Lukele, learners and staff at Sebenzakuzakhanya.

LEMON LEGACY

The Rotary Club of Dundee (D9370) is nurturing more than just service. Following the success of its recent Winter Warmth campaign, which saw the distribution of 150 fleece blankets and beanies to those in need, the club turned its focus to sustainability and health.

Armed with 26 citrus trees, including navel oranges, Satsuma naartjies and lemons, club members visited local schools and centres, where they either helped plant the trees or observed as the holes were filled and roots settled in. Each site received guidance on watering schedules and future fertilisation to ensure the young trees are well maintained.

The total number of citrus trees planted now

stands at 72, aligning with the club's 72 years of Rotary service. A similar planting initiative took place two years ago, and the recent effort adds to that growing total.

"Every granny, gogo, ouma and auntie has their own remedy for flu that includes lemon," said one club member. "Most of these have been passed down for generations."

With climate concerns and health in mind, the project is intended to promote accessible nutrition and environmental awareness in a practical way. The club encouraged others to follow suit, saying, "Just do it folks... plant a tree or three."



The dementia project brings knowledge and comfort to families in Paarl and offers guidance for carers of dementia patients.

Critical Help for Families and Carers

The Rotary Club of Paarl (D9350) has placed a strong focus on dementia awareness and support through its project, The Labyrinth Circle. This year the club has hosted a series of initiatives designed to inform the public and assist those caring for loved ones with dementia.

Three information sessions were presented by DementiaSA and drew excellent attendance from the local community. Attendees received valuable insights into dementia and learned about the support groups established by the club for next-of-kin carers.

The screening of the documentary *Human Forever* at a local cinema added another dimension to the project. The film, which attracted an audience of around 100 people, highlighted approaches to dementia care from around the world. The key message was clear – while funding plays a role, it is the human connection that makes the greatest difference in the lives of patients.

The Labyrinth Circle also hosted its second seminar in Paarl, attended by 15 carers. Speakers included Madelein Duyvehaeghe, who explained the nature of dementia and cognitive impairment; Yolande Brandt, who shared insights from the book *Dementia and Now?*; and Rayne Stroebe, who spoke about the experience of living with a dementia patient.

From this seminar, a new support group was formed, bringing together carers who could draw strength and guidance from one another. Two of the sessions were recorded for use in training and awareness as the support group model expands to other parts of the Western Cape through Rotary.

For many participants, the initiative has provided much-needed encouragement, reassurance and practical advice. By building networks of support, the Paarl club is ensuring that carers are not left to face the labyrinth of dementia alone.



Speakers and dignitaries joined the Rotary Club of Waterfront's National Women's Day celebration, which highlighted women leading transformation in a digital world.

WOMEN DRIVING CHANGE

The Rotary Club of Waterfront (D9350) partnered with Adinga (Pty) Ltd, Soroptimist International Cape of Good Hope and Za.Accelerate to host a National Women's Day celebration on 8 August at Metropolitan Golf Club, Green Point.

Themed "Unite for Good | Women Leading Transformation in a Digital World", the event brought together business leaders, innovators and non-profit organisations to address the challenges facing women in today's fast-changing environment.

In her opening remarks, Past President Mymoena Ismail said Rotary's role was to be "a catalyst, creating spaces where purpose-driven business and community leadership meet".

Speakers included Rachel Kolisi, who spoke on mental health and motherhood; Erica Terblanche, who highlighted women's resilience and endurance; Sovash Hafele, who explored the impact of digital burnout; and Dr James Liddell, who emphasised the importance of self-care. Three awards recognised women's contributions to their communities: the Women in Hope Award went to Christine Revell Children's Home, the Empower HER Award to Jo da Silva of SIYP Stitch Ahead, and the Women in Legacy Award to June Webber for three decades of Rotary leadership.

President Tony Austen said the event created "a space of authenticity, inspiration and connection".



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Residents Spasie Barnardo and Clarina Miller receiving hand massages

Joyful Women's Day

Residents at the Rosemoor Home for the Aged in George had more than one reason to smile on Women's Day, thanks to a joyful visit from the Rotary Club of George (D9350) and its community partners.

The club joined forces with Nikki Jackman of the UPliftment Programme to deliver a lively morning filled with music, laughter and heartfelt connection. Armed with headphones and an uplifting playlist, Nikki led sessions of chair dancing, laughter exercises and soothing hand massages, sparking pure delight among

the residents.

The feel-good energy carried through to the afternoon as the Bramble Hill and George High Interact clubs arrived with trays of treats. These clubs, sponsored by Rotary and aimed at youth aged 12 to 18, focus on leadership through service and this occasion proved a perfect introduction for George High's new Interact team.

"We are proud of the Interactors and their involvement," said club president Wilhelm van der Vyver. "This was George High Interact club's first project and both Interact clubs exceeded expectations."

Board member Di Kershaw expressed her gratitude, saying, "We are thankful for passionate young people and committed teachers!"

Fellow board member Jacqueline van den Heuvel added, "The George club is committed to serving our community as best we can. We need able-bodied Georgians to partner with us so that we can have a greater impact!"

AFRICA IN BRIEF



Guided by teacher Danielle Barnard, members of the EarlyAct Club at Outeniqua Primary School, sponsored by the Rotary Club of George (D9350), visited George Night Shelter to deliver a donation of pillows, blankets and linen, including a generous contribution from Mediclinic. About 30 EarlyActors, supported by their parents, toured the facilities with staff member Rina Smith, who explained how the shelter provides food, beds and ablution facilities to about 150 people every night. The visit gave learners the chance to see first-hand how their efforts make a difference and reinforced the club's mission of developing young leaders through service.



Age is just a number for Sylvia van Zyl, a friend of the Rotary Club of Algoa Bay (D9370), who at 90 years old continues to spread joy through her craft. Each of these hand-knitted bears is destined for preschoolers in Zwide, Port Elizabeth, where they will bring comfort, companionship and a reminder that kindness is stitched into every gift.



Môreson Child and Youth Care Centre was visited by the EarlyAct Club of Outeniqua Primary School, sponsored by the Rotary Club of George (D9350). The EarlyActors delivered fresh fruit, cereals, snacks, clothing and household supplies. Mediclinic contributed towels, curtains and linen, adding to the collection. About 20 EarlyActors took part in the visit, where they also spent time playing with the pre-schoolers. Môreson, founded in 1917, provides a safe home for about 100 children aged 3 to 18, many of whom come from backgrounds of abuse or neglect. The centre relies on community support to meet the physical, emotional, social and educational needs of the children.



Happy Birthday!

Bertie Komme recently celebrated his 90th birthday and more than 53 years of Rotary membership. A charter member of the Rotary Club of Port Elizabeth South, past president of the Rotary Club of Port Elizabeth and former assistant governor, Bertie is now a member of the Rotary Club of Algoa Bay (D9370). Helping Bertie cut his birthday cake is President Deradie Lombard



Johann du Plessis

handing out beanies and blankets as part of the Rotary Club of Dundee (D9370) Winter Warmth campaign.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS



Rosemary Anderson was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark (D9400).



Douw Steyn was recognised by the Rotary Club of Brits-Hartbeespoort (D9400) for his environmental work.



Dion Mostert was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Brits-Hartbeespoort (D9400).



Rod Genricks was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Brits-Hartbeespoort (D9400).

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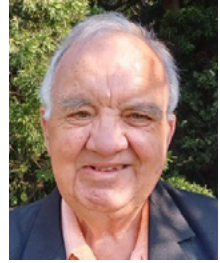
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Rotary International held its very first convention in Chicago in 1910, just five years after the organisation was founded. Only 16 clubs existed at the time, yet 60 Rotarians from across North America made the journey by train to attend. Today, Rotary's annual convention draws tens of thousands from more than 200 countries and territories, making it one of the most internationally diverse gatherings in the world; all rooted in that modest first meeting more than a century ago.

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