



District 9350

Connecting the World"

Governors Newsletter 2019/20

2 – August 2019



Personal Message from our Governor David Holtzhausen

Greetings Rotarians

As we work our way through **Membership month**, exciting things are happening. Our e-club more than DOUBLED their membership in one go – see the story on page, and we are well on our way to launching Greyton as a satellite club (thanks Hermanus), have serious traction in Prince Albert (yes, you read that correctly!) and Atlantis have set their sights to charter as a full club early in 2020 – and those are only three of the new club initiatives currently underway.

The real message here is you can make it happen! As I continue my club visits, there is an air of positivity at every club I have seen to date, as they realise the opportunities that lie before them. It is going to be a great year!

We are also hard at work with providing the tools you need to showcase our incredible organisation. Rotary International has released new videos on Polio.
<https://vimeopro.com/rotary/polioplus-video-resources>.

We are about to declare Africa Polio free, but the job is not done yet... Our District videos will be available shortly, and our District Data Project puts the efforts of our entire district at your fingertips to showcase how effective Rotary is as an organisation in our District. Combine that with exciting developments on linking with corporates to simplify their funding of our projects (watch this space – details to follow as soon as the registration is complete) and we are in a good space to increase our effectiveness as an organisation. **Read the story on the Data Project** on page 7 for more context.

And the final good news is we have now launched our new Regional Facilitators who will be the liaison with Local government in terms of our partnerships. We have started with the Western Cape, and as soon as we have ironed out the practical issues will be expanding to the other regions in our district. Read the story on page 6.

For those observant last month – the outline of the Foundation committee is included this month on page 2, as well as one of the youth committees not detailed last month either!

We are well into a true reflection of how **Rotary Connects the World** in this Rotary year, and I look forward to reporting the success stories from each of your clubs as they happen.

Yours in Rotary

David

Upcoming Events!

- 14 September
RFHD Training in Swellendam

- 14 September New Member
seminar at Intaka Island

20-24 September – RYLA Cape
Town

- 28 September
RFHD Training at Intaka Island
26 October

2-4 October – RFHD
Multiple Sites

5 October – Movie Night at
Kirstenbosch

26 October- Mini Conference –
Beaufort West

Rotary Foundation

Our foundation committee covers a number of areas, and works with clubs to ensure we get the maximum benefit from our support of the foundation. Our strategy for the year is to get every club involved in Foundation on some level – supporting and receiving benefit from them



Foundation Chair – AG Jeromé O’Ryan

Our Foundation chair has the task of overseeing the activities of all the committees and ensuring we are all working to the same objectives



Global and District Grants

Under the able leadership of PDG Peter Hugo, the team assist clubs with completing global grants, and manage the annual District Grants program



Vocational Training Teams

VTT is led by DGN Ian Robertson, and the team help put together and facilitate the various VTT teams that we work with – inbound and outbound. The committee has about 9 current VTT’s in planning or proposal stage at present

Scholarships.

PP Helene Visser coordinates inbound Global Grant Scholars, and assists applicants for scholarships for outbound students when they arise



Peace Scholars

PP Mike Walwyn helps look at applicants for the Peace Scholar program. With the new peace scholar program for Africa being launched this Rotary year, more opportunities will become available

Annual and Permanent Fund Contributions

PDG Johann Gerber leads this section of foundation, encouraging contributions to the Rotary Foundation by clubs and individuals. With the launch of the Paul Harris Society for D9350, and a focus on Endowments, we know this will grow and enable us to fund more projects in the future



Change for Success.

The Change for Success team are there to help clubs with community assessments – ensuring that projects undertaken by clubs meet the requirements of the foundation and are sustainable and measurable. PDG Ian Pursch heads up this team

Inter Country Committees

While not strictly part of Foundation, the Inter Country Committee team work on developing partnerships with countries around the world so we can partner with them on multiple fronts. Helene Visser and DGE Carl-Heinz are active in this committee



Youth Pillar

New Generations Exchange



A new portfolio under youth is our New Generations Exchange, which is being led by PP Joke Young.

The New Generations Exchange is a program aimed at developing skills in young adults (18-30), through an international exchange around their vocation. They are responsible for airfares, and the host club arranges accommodation and ensures they are placed at a suitable company to develop their skills. A number of inbound exchanges are in the planning stages at the moment



ROTARY FAMILY HEALTH DAYS (RFHD) are scheduled for the 2 - 4 OCTOBER 2019

Some Clubs have extended these dates around the set 3 days, or are doing more than one site whilst other clubs have joined forces for better impact.

I am encouraged by the groundswell of interest and enthusiasm evident in so many of the Clubs in our District that are ready to **'Connect their clubs to the world in their own communities'** by means of the RFHD in their areas.

We received the official 'go ahead' from Government via a **"Letter of Authority"** which cleared communication with the Departments of Health and City Health, with the full confidence of their support, and are now getting into the nuts and bolts of the event planning.

My wish is, that not only are we focusing on the RFHD and the various services that we will be providing, but also using the RFHD programme to advertise Rotary – following on this year's theme of "Connecting the World".

We have a bonanza amount of 37 Sites in our district which is the most we have ever had!!

I was pleased to be able to distribute the **marketing and artwork** for printing and advertising so that each Club can print their own fliers and posters with individualised information. This is a new approach we hope will work well.

I wish all the clubs and Rotarians all the best for a successful RFHD – I know you are all going to make us proud and **we look forward to hearing and seeing all the pictures and videos on our the RFHD and District Face book pages.**

Bev Frieslich – Steering Committee Chair for RFHD in D9350



Interact Newsletter from Peter Sharples - District Interact Chair -

At an Interact Training Session, the Goodwood Rotarian, Wally, told me what seemed to be a tall story involving Goodwood Rotary Club and Poland. It was so interesting that I followed this story through and these are the facts.....

Between 1 & 6 September 1939 the Germans and Soviets attacked and defeated Poland. This was the start of WW2. All Rotary Clubs in Poland closed.

In August 1944 the South African Air Force (SAAF) was heavily involved in the dropping of supplies to support the Warsaw Uprising against Nazi Germany.

Thirty nine (39) South African airmen died in action, and were buried in Warsaw.

In 1962, Goodwood Rotarian Igo Nitoslawski (known as “Nito”) visited Poland and was given the only Warsaw Rotary Club Banner to take back to South Africa for safe-keeping, due to the positive impression that the SAAF had made. Three copies were made: one was sent to RI Headquarters in Chicago, one to the SAAF Museum, and the third copy was returned by PDG Michael Johnson to Warsaw in 1989 when the Warsaw Rotary Club reopened, after the fall of Communism.

In September 1997, Newlands Rotarian Roy Zazeraj visited Poland to see his brother Vic, who was South Africa’s Polish Ambassador, and they visited the Warsaw Rotary Club and were asked to find the original banner...

An appeal was made in **Rotary Africa** if anyone knew where the original banner was.

In December 1997, ex-Goodwood Rotarian, Ralph Johansson (now living in Australia), was in Hermanus on holiday, enjoying a braai with PP Oom Johnny Van Niekerk and PP Andre Minne when the conversation came round to the missing banner. Ralph choked on his beer and said he had the banner in his safe at his flat in Sea Point...

It was with much excitement that these three Goodwood Rotarians (Ralph, Oom Johnnie, and Andre) returned the banner to the Warsaw Club on Tuesday 10th November 1998. Andre said grown men were weeping they were so emotional at getting their original banner back. Oom Johnny said every dignitary you could imagine was there.

This was shown on two Polish TV programmes, and on the Carte Blanche TV programme

Membership – SEMINAR FOR NEW MEMBERS

14 SEPTEMBER, INTAKA ISLAND CENTURY CITY - Register now!!!

This Seminar is for new and not so new members.

For those who are feeling their way in the Rotary fog, attendance **is a MUST**.

Personal growth, Public speaking, Guidance on how to get involved in the district’s many community projects aligned to Rotary’s Areas of Focus, are just some of the topics listed for discussion.

Why attend?

Good fellowship and networking opportunities are an added bonus.

Booking on Club Runner – R50 per person by 12 September 2019

(Rotarians can pay at the door). **Booking essential.**

FOR THOSE CLUBS NEEDING R&R (Rescue & Resuscitation)

Contact June Webber 082 460 7505 or corpcon@global.co.za

For more on Membership open this link



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Rotary Club E- Club of Greater Cape Town Induction Night



Coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the landing of the first man on the moon on the 20th July, the Rotary E-club was 'over the moon' when PP Peter Dekker handed over the chain to E- President Koos



Stassen, who then **inducted 18 new Rotarian members** and the Board of the new **Curro Sitari Interact club PLUS..** Trevor Paget received 2 PHFs from 2 different leaders in other Rotary countries



MADIBA DAY PROJECTS - 18 July 2019

Some MANDELA 'Madiba' Day Efforts in the District

The Rotary Club of George

Thanks to a generous donation of 1000 food parcels donated to George Rotary Club, Rotarians took the opportunity to do their 67 minutes for Mandela day by donating them in turn to those less fortunate in the local community, and reaching out to clinics and crèche's in the local communities of Blanco, Thembaletu, and Sedgefield in the George municipality.



The Rotary Club Cape of Good Hope

Thanks to the initiative of the Neighbourhood Gardens and Braai Master, Justin Bonello, who is also a local resident, the Rotary Club assisted by volunteers from the community and business sector, helped to plant an innovative '**Rain Garden**' in the grounds adjacent to the Fish Hoek Municipal offices. Plants and mulch were donated by Justin Bonello and members of the Fish Hoek community. The garden gets its water from the rain water run-off in the street, where a channel is made for the rain water to detour into the furrows around which the plants in the center are planted.

A pathway of mulch was laid to add to the ambiance of the garden. More work is needed but an excellent start was made



Update on the MOU with the Western Cape Department of Education

Educational Pillar co-ordinator, Geraldine Nicol

In August we took the next step in supporting the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) which D9350 signed with Western Cape Department of Basic Education (WCDBE).

Our Rotary District has appointed six Regional Educational Facilitators thus far and done their first round of training, who will work in partnership with the WCDBE District Managers and the Rotary Assistant Governor and Rotary Clubs in each of the Educational Districts below:-

Metro North - Isolet Jansen (Melkbos RC); Metro Central - Janet Kriseman (Waterfront RC) **Metro South-**
Geraldine Nicol (Newlands RC); **Eden & Central Karoo District** (Di Kershaw George RC) **Cape Winelands** – Lorna
Reade (Worcester RC); **Overberg District** – Noelene Cole (Swellendam RC)

The role of the Rotary District Facilitators is initially to develop and / or strengthen existing relationships between Educational District Managers and Rotary / Rotaract clubs in the relevant districts in respect of new projects which clubs wish to initiate which involve a partnership with a government institution / school - or approaches from government institutions (schools) to partner with a local Rotary club for a local community need – education or otherwise.

In addition the Regional Facilitators will act as the go between in terms of clubs new and existing projects to avoid duplication of effort, and share information and experience which clubs have gained through their current and previous projects.

The role specifically excludes being directly involved in existing projects between clubs and institutions, unless specifically requested by the clubs involved. The Regional Facilitators will in the next few months be contacting the Rotary clubs in their areas to find out about the wide range of educational projects clubs are involved in - from ECD through to computers, science and language and library support and any other aspect of education where there is a need.

We hope this will improve the liaison with the Department of Education as we all need to work together to tackle the educational challenges facing the country, not least of which is a 78% illiteracy and innumeracy rate in our Grade 4 children, national wide !!

For more information on this please contact Geraldine Nicol on geraldinehnicol@gmail.com

District Resource Network – The importance of information

Modern society is driven by a need for accurate information – and Rotary is no different! At an international level, Rotary has incredible respect and standing in the world community due to the work we do, but struggle to get the information needed to back this up.

We need to raise our profile locally with business and government – and have the perfect tool already operational in our District!

The information you provide gives us the influence needed to help your club be more effective. In addition, we are working to make this data accessible to clubs to allow better collaboration, and effective sharing of experience and results of our projects – helping us to fulfil the twin goals of doing projects with long term impact for the community, as well as using our major resource (members time) by sharing experiences and knowledge to avoid making mistakes and duplicating effort!

Please get your reports to Tony by 30 September, so we can use this to help your club!

