



**District 9350**  
**Connecting the World"**  
**Governors Newsletter 2019/20**  
**# 6 – January/February 2020**



**Personal Message from our Governor David Holtzhausen**

Greetings Rotarians

We are already well into 2020, and the pace at Rotary is heating up!

With our District Conference fast approaching (see details below), the Rotary International Convention in Honolulu in June and all the local events and projects you are busy with in your Clubs, we are going to have an amazing Rotary year in 2020

As Governor, I get to see a lot of what is happening throughout the District, and share some thoughts in my report below

A few real highlights have already taken place since we returned from our Christmas break namely, the charter of Atlantis Rotary Club, the launch of the Greyton Satellite club by Hermanus and the charter of Swartland Rotaract club – the pace is hotting up.

I am looking forward to a great second half of the Rotary year as we continue to Connect the World

Yours in Rotary,

David

**Upcoming Events!**

- 8 March 2020**  
**Cape Town Cycle Tour in** Cape Town
- 15 and 16 March – Last Night of the Proms** Wynberg Club
- 21 March – Dragon Boat Regatta** Cape of Good Hope
- 28 March Membership workshop** at Kelvin Grove
- 26-29 March – RYLA Camp** Cape Town
- 30 April POETS** Melkbos Country Club
- 1 May – Assembly** Melkbos High School
- 1 and 2 May – District Conference** Melkbos High School
- 6-11 June – International Convention–** Honolulu



## District Conference – Discon 2020

### Registration opens this week!

Check details on our website – [www.rotary9350.co.za](http://www.rotary9350.co.za)

Take advantage of the early registration fee – register and pay before 31 March for the lower fee.

Programme details to be posted outline before 21 Feb

**For accommodation, we recommend the following** (Watch for updates on the website)

- Blouberg Beach Hotel - +27 21 205 7555 – [info@blaauwbergbeachhotel.co.za](mailto:info@blaauwbergbeachhotel.co.za)
- Airbnb website – [Melkbosstrand for all enquiries](#)
- Booking.com – [Melkbosstrand – Bnb's, Guest Houses, Holiday Homes for rental](#)

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

## **DISTRICT GOVERNOR CLUB VISITS 2019-20**

A question I get asked a lot after your club visits, and probably every Governor before me as well, is:

“Which club is the best in District?” The answer is – **you all are!**

Each club is unique, each club is dealing with similar problems and concerns, and each club has its own achievements. The clubs that acknowledge they are struggling are still going and are aware of, and taking action to address these concerns – so you are still a great club!

A few highlights for me as Governor:

**Angola** This was my first ever visit to Angola, and I now appreciate the vastness of the country and challenges faced by our three (current) clubs in the country. Project visits brought home the reality of the issues in the community, but at the same time I saw an attitude of positivity and determination that I am sure will help the country change its path rapidly and see improvements. The commitment to growing Rotary and Rotaract is great, but brings with it new challenges for support – which DGE Carl-Heinz and I are busy addressing at the moment.

**Namibia** I have been to Namibia a few times before on Rotary business, but this was an opportunity to engage more closely with the members and see a few examples of the projects being tackled by our clubs. The most exciting part of the visit is the potential to grow Rotary in the northern parts of Namibia (where we have little representation), the new Rotaract club in Oshikati, and expansion opportunities through satellite clubs that should still happen this year (Keetmanshoop and Oranjemund)

**Garden Route** Again, an area I thought I knew well – but the opportunity to get away from the tourist part and see the community needs was enlightening. There are some amazing projects already happening, and great opportunities to expand with satellite clubs in smaller communities

**Cape Town** When the new foundation model of Global Grants was announced over 10 years ago, I was an Assistant Governor and heard a lot of complaints that we (D9350) would not be able to get as much support as we enjoyed under the old matched grant system. The reality has been the opposite – if I see the grant projects that have come through over the past 12-18 months, we have embraced the new system and benefited in being able to tackle far bigger and more meaningful projects than ever before. This makes me proud to be part of Rotary and to expand our reach even further.

**To every club, every president and every Rotarian – well done and keep up the great work!**

## We have lift off! .... What a week – 2 new clubs well on their way.

*I will leave the detailed reports for June Webber in her next 'Membership Energizer', but just have to celebrate...*



### **The Rotary Club of ATLANTIS Chartered – 10 February 2020**

The Rotary Club of Atlantis was admitted into Rotary International on 31 January 2020, and celebrated their charter dinner on 10 February. With 22 Charter members and a number of additional members on the way, we wish them every success

**Pictured: Charter members with sponsor club(s) and District leadership at the Charter dinner**



### **The GREYTON Satellite Club - 12 February 2020**

At their interest meeting on Wednesday 12 February, the satellite club of Greyton (a Satellite club of Hermanus) elected their club leadership and committed to launching the club as soon as possible. They met this week to get the members signed up and proceed with plans to formally launch soon!

**Pictured: (from left) Keith (Club Secretary), Irmela (Vice Chair), Leon (Chairperson), Ann (Hermanus Club), Rowan (Treasurer) with DG David**

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## Some interesting information about District Governors

### **Choosing a new District Governor**

*Most Rotarians are not aware of the process and the importance of this process involved on selecting a District Governor, so here is a short overview and explanation*

In terms of Rotary International Bylaws, a district must select their future Governor **not less** than 24 months, and **not more** than 30 months, before they take office. Beyond that, the District has to agree which process to follow in the selection of a Governor Nominee. **Our District voted many years ago to use a nominating committee process.** This comprises the representation of the current District leadership (Governor, Governor Elect and Governor Nominee), past District leadership (Three past governors selected by the District Advisory Council) and three Past Club Presidents – representing the District and nominated by the District Advisory Council. (The last two categories may only serve one year on the committee) Their brief is simple – **to identify, interview and select the best candidate for District Governor in District 9350.** The committee identifies candidates in three ways – from suggestions put forward by clubs, from previous candidates that were interviewed and considered for future participation and from suggestions from the committee members.



This results in a list of possible candidate for consideration.

These candidates (if not put forward by their club) are approached to see if they are willing to be considered as a future District Governor. Many of the potential candidates are not available for various reasons, and the list is reduced until we have a shortlist of those who are making themselves available to be considered (4 or 5 candidates)

These are interviewed by the full committee, then each member votes on their top 2 candidates from those interviewed. These top two are discussed, and a second vote takes place to agree the top candidate – who is then our nominee for District Governor. *It is worth noting that where a candidate is from a committee member's club, the committee member abstains from commenting or voting until the other members have done so, and it is not announced that they are from the same club.*

This year we interviewed 5 superb candidates, all of whom are potential future candidates for the role. The committee reached the unanimous decision that **Tracey Wilson is the best candidate for District Governor, so we have a Governor Nominee for 2022/23!** We look forward to working with her in the year(s) ahead ....

### ***Why so far ahead of time?***

The **District Governor Nominee Designate** (to use the full title) is selected now to start a process of training which takes place over the next 28 months to prepare them for their year as Governor. We have a Governor team that meet monthly to update everyone, and discuss issues and plans, and ensure we are working on the same path going forward. The success of this can be seen when candidates attend Governor Training (GETS and Assembly), where our incoming D9350 Governor arrives better informed, resulting in them being better informed and better prepared than many other incoming Governors around the world.

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## **Governor's Council of Southern Africa (COSA)**

Another body not known to the majority of our Rotarians is COSA, or the ***Governor's Council of Southern Africa***

A challenge we face is that the four Districts in Southern Africa represent 10 countries, with South Africa being in three separate Districts. The reality is, that decisions made in one District can impact others, as people not currently in Rotary do not understand how we are part of the same organization but work independently.

The Governor's Council address this with an annual conference ( held in rotating Districts) of current, future and past district leadership who to agree strategies and action plans on issues relevant to all four Districts, and to exchange ideas and celebrate where we are now.



This year we were privileged to host COSA at the Rotary Glencairn Youth camp on the weekend of 14 and 15 March. With 40 delegates, from six different countries, this was an interactive and lively discussion between the delegates on a number of issues, which resulted in action plans which will help propel all our district forward into the future.

Next year's event will be in Johannesburg to coincide with their celebration of 100 years of Rotary in Africa!

**Left: COSA delegates at the Gordon's Conference room in Glencairn at the end of the conference (32 representatives – some had already had to leave)**



Rotary District 9350

Reddam Field, Green  
Point Urban Park  
1pm to 9pm  
R50 entrance

# Rotary at Cape Town Pride 2020

29 February 2020

Rotarians across Cape Town will be at Pride 2020 dishing out FREE MOM & DAD hugs and enjoying a day celebrating YOU! We believe that everyone deserves love and respect and we'll be there to walk the talk. ♥

Please buy your tickets from Quicket before 10 February 2020 before they sell out.



Join the crowds on **29 February** and "build goodwill and better friendships" by handing out FREE MOM & DAD HUGS to members of the LGBTQI community whose parents may not be accepting of their identity.

Wear your Rotary shirt and bring along a rainbow flag and/or placard. Invite your friends and family to join us! This will be a wonderful day out together for those of you with LGBTQI family members. ♥

## Save the Date

14 & 15 March 2020





### LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS

*Roccover Beethoven*

ROTARY CLUB  
OF WYNBERG  
PRESENTS

RICHARD COCK  
JORDAN BROOKS  
ROCCO DE VILLIERS

#### THE ROTARY CLUB CAPE of GOOD HOPE - 13<sup>TH</sup> Annual Dragon Boat Regatta

**Revised date - SATURDAY 21 MARCH @ Imperial Yacht Club – Zandvlei, Near Muizenberg**

The format of this fundraising event is a fun day in the sun, with teams of **10 paddlers + Drummer** in a Dragon boat, competing in elimination heats for the **winners floating trophy**

**For more information or to secure your boat / seat in the regatta**

Contact: Bev Frieslich – 021 782 8062 or 082 825 6053 or [bevrieslich@telkomsa.net](mailto:bevrieslich@telkomsa.net)



#### Tail piece.... How some Rotarians understand computers

**LOG ON & LOG OFF:** Adding wood to the braai hotter – or NOT adding wood

**MONITOR:** Keeping an eye on the braai

**DOWNLOAD:** Getting the wood off the bakkie

**HARD DRIVE:** Making the trip home without any cold beers

**KEY BOARD:** Where you hand the bakkie keys

**SCREEN:** What you shut in the mozzie season

**MEGA BYTE:** What the KZN mozzies do!

**CHIP:** A pub snack **LAPTOP:** Where the car sleeps

**SEARCH ENGINE:** What you do when your car won't go

**CURSOR:** What you do when your car won't go

**HARDWEAR:** Stainless steel knives and forks.

**SOFT WEAR:** Plastic knives and forks

**WEB:** What spiders make and finally..... **WEB SITE:** Usually in the shed or under the verandah