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WELCOME

Sarah van Heerden - Editor in Chief

As a person who is born and bred in KwaZulu-Natal, seeing the devastation the floods caused in April and May was horrific. I remember the 1987 floods, but it's different when you witness it as an adult because you are not shielded from the full extent by concerned parents and youthful ignorance.

This was eased when I saw how the clubs and districts banded together in support of those in the flood affected areas. Rotarians opened their hearts and wallets - some even drove for hundreds of kilometres to take part in the relief efforts. Interactors in Cape Town collected and sent water - some flood-stricken communities spent weeks without water, so this was a really big deal.

We had clubs sending tankers full of water into desperate communities. Others sent food, toiletries, blankets and clothing. Some of the most heart-wrenching pictures taken after the floods were those of the debris on our once pristine beaches - whole trees, building materials, rubble, litter (so much litter) and then the occasional item of clothing, children's toy or random household utensil. A poignant reminder that people literally lost everything as entire homes were washed away.

This sadly, is not the first time that those of us living in KZN have needed help. The civil unrest and following food shortages of last July caused great hurt, fear and trauma for many of us here - and then, just like in recent months, our neighbours stepped up and pitched in. Our relief activities were bolstered by the support of our extended Rotary family.

For this I am grateful.

Being a community or family, as we are in Rotary, will often lead to differences of opinion and minor conflicts, but when it counts we are able to put them aside and stand together. I think that in this day and age that is an example that many could learn from. We don't always need to agree with each other to support each other.

So, thank you.

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the things we think,
say or do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all
concerned?

Will it build
GOODWILL and BETTER
FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to
concerned?



President's Message

Greetings, my dear changemakers,

What a year it has been for Rotary. You have lived up to every challenge, including to grow more, do more. This year Rotary has grown in a way that we haven't seen in many years. The year saw life-changing new projects across all areas of focus, as we took up important work at the highest level - with UNICEF, the Commonwealth and global leaders. These efforts have opened new opportunities to empower girls, improve the environment and advance literacy and health. I want to thank each of you for your proactive service. I also want to thank the wonderful Rotary staff for ensuring that we can work with care for our fellow human beings, with peace in our hearts. Personally, this has been an extremely enriching year for Rashi and me. We've met with thousands of Rotarians and been inspired by their great work around the world. We also could showcase Rotary's work at the highest level, during meeting with heads of state, leaders and other officials and offering to work with them to show that Rotary cares and brings peace in this world. With our swan song, Rashi and I wish you the very best as you Serve to Change Lives.

Shekhar Mehta

Shekhar Mehta,
Rotary International President (2021/22)

From Top: President Shekhar Mehta sits at the Rotary International president's office in Evanston, Illinois, humbled at the opportunity to Serve to Change Lives. Shekhar and Rashi Mehta pose in front of the Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro. Mehta answers questions at a press conference in Nigeria.





From top: Mehta “kicks out polio” in front of Urbano Caldeira Stadium in Santos, Brazil, where Pelé, the legendary professional soccer star, used to play. Mehta speaks at Rotary Day with UNICEF in New York City in March. In Korea, Mehta poses with Rotarian scuba divers who haul debris out of the ocean. While visiting Poland, Mehta consoles a Rotary member from Ukraine as she narrates stories about her war-torn country. Mehta visits an Empowering Girls project in Nigeria. Mehta meets with President Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya to discuss various Rotary initiatives, including plans to provide free heart surgeries.





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2023 Rotary International Convention Countdown

The 2023 Rotary International Convention is headed down under – that’s right mate, it’s in Melbourne, Australia!

Melbourne has consistently ranked as one of the world’s most liveable cities since the Economist Intelligence Unit’s Global Liveability Index began in 2002. Its cohesive and stable society, healthcare, education and world-class infrastructure make it a magnificent city in which to live, work and study.

Venues: Convention plenary sessions will be held in the Rod Laver Arena (RLA), home of the Australian Open. Located in Melbourne’s sporting precinct, RLA is a short tram ride or a pleasant walk from the central business district. Breakout sessions and the House of Friendship will be located in the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC), a world-class facility hosting over 1 000 events annually.

The logo: To create a familial relationship between the presidential logo and the 2022 International Convention logo, and to acknowledge the destination, a renowned indigenous Australian artist Riki Salam was commissioned to design a convention logo that symbolises not only key elements of Rotary but honours the native culture.

The symbolism can be explained as follows:

- The circle in aboriginal culture signifies connections to one another.
- The dots around the circle represent people - seven to match our areas of focus.
- The circle and the dot together become a navigation star which is Rotary’s guiding light.
- The arches represent the multi-generational and diverse nature of Rotary.
- The solid line underneath is a digging stick and used for hard work. For Rotary’s people of action – it represents a tool for getting things done.



Foundation Trustee Chair

John Germ

“Time can be an ally or an enemy,” author Zig Ziglar once wrote. “What it becomes depends entirely upon you, your goals and your determination to use every available minute.” Every June, as we wind down another year in Rotary, I ask myself if we have used the past 365 days well. To answer, let’s look at what we have accomplished.

Cases in the remaining wild-polio endemic countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan, are at their lowest level in history. Of course, challenges to global eradication remain and our work is not yet finished, but we are making encouraging progress, which wouldn’t be possible without your support. Rotary must raise \$50 million each year for polio eradication and doing so during a pandemic is no easy task. But Rotary clubs are smart and adapt fast. When in-person events weren’t possible, many clubs successfully transferred their fundraising efforts online.

We hit another memorable mark during Giving Tuesday in November, when The Rotary Foundation got a boost by raising \$1.2 million. We reached out to more current and prospective donors than ever before - almost 500 000 members across 40 countries. Some of our most engaged clubs were located in the Bahamas, India, Singapore, Taiwan and the United States. We thank all of those who made Giving Tuesday a success.

Due to travel restrictions this year, Rotary representatives couldn’t visit potential host universities as part of our ongoing effort to establish our next Rotary Peace Centre in the Middle East or North Africa. But nothing stands in the way of our pursuit of peace; plans are still on for the Rotary Presidential Conference in Houston, 3-4 June, which will focus on peace - and I look forward to being there.

This year, Rotary made another contribution in our commitment to peace, in the form of more than 1 000 global, district and disaster response grants approved to fulfil the needs of thousands around the world. For until hungry people are fed, families have access to clean water and children everywhere are educated, we won’t truly have peace in the world. We have used our time well this year, but our work is never complete. We always need and welcome more Rotary and Rotaract members who bring their hands, minds and gifts, so that Rotary-led Foundation projects will create lasting change for those who need it most.

As we approach 1 July, let us heed Ziglar’s words, remembering that how we spend the next 365 days largely depends on us and our determination to reach our goals. So let us do the best we can with the time we have been given, today. And let us begin again, every day.





Changemakers

DR PATRICK COLEMAN

ROTARY E-CLUB OF SOUTHERN AFRICA D9400

CHANGEMAKERS IN OUR HISTORY

All of us have those particular people in our lives who have been the catalysts for change for us as individuals and as Rotarians. I have mentioned before my personal friend and Rotary mentor, Past District Governor Dennis Figov. The list, of course, goes on... and many have since been “promoted to higher service” as we say.

The list of Changemakers is extensive, but we must start with our first (and so far only) RI President from Africa, Jonathan Majiyagbe of Nigeria. I have a personal connection with him from when he visited Malawi in 2003. When District Governor William Nyirenda (D9210) heard that the RI President was on his way to Malawi, he telephoned me and insisted that I get to Lilongwe as soon as possible! I hopped on a plane (actually two of them) and arrived in Lilongwe about the same time as the president. We spent a few days travelling through Malawi, visiting projects, interacting with Rotarians and several of us were invited to dinner at the home of State President Elson Bakili Muluzi in Blantyre. The next day we were allowed to take the presidential plane to Lilongwe so that President Jonathan could catch a flight to his next stop.

As we know, the first lady of Rotary passed away while the Rotary Assembly was being held. Jonathan chatted with me about his process of mourning because I had been in his shoes just about a decade earlier. I told him that grief was a personal journey and he should progress at his own pace. I encouraged him to focus on the parts of his life that brought him the most joy. He told me that many people were telling him to find somebody to take

Adeola’s place. I further explained that there was no one who could do that, but if God allowed, He might bring someone into his life and he could love again. The following year Ayo came into his life and Jonathan was, indeed, privileged to love again.

Jonathan has encouraged Rotarians by advising: “One of the core values of Rotary is diversity. Our strength is to bring in all kinds of people, there is no barrier. And diversity is one thing I have come to admire. One past Rotary president had as his theme, ‘Mankind is one.’ As RI president I emphasised that as well. Every month in the The Rotarian magazine, I wore a different costume and hat to show that although we wear different garments, it is the same person. That’s what we need in Nigeria. Politics should not divide us, nor should religion drive us apart.”

As we continue to talk about our African change makers, we see my good friend Past RI Director Sam Okudzeto from Ghana. I first met him in an airport as we were all heading to our various homes after a presidential conference in Cape Town in 1999. I was immediately impressed by his passion and his willingness to talk to a young Rotarian and encourage me to get involved and stay involved. Several years later I was honoured to serve as Sam’s aide during the Rotary Institute in Livingstone, Zambia. He still had that same passion and drive that has kept him active as a Rotary leader in Africa and across the globe. I helped to celebrate his birthday during another Rotary Zone Institute in Accra, Ghana. He is still a force in Rotary.

Past RI Director Tony Serrano (D9300) was promoted to higher service on 16 July 2020. He

visited the Rotary Club of Luanshya (D9210) and showed that he was truly dedicated to the cause of Rotary. His contribution to the eradication of polio on the African continent was quite significant. He is remembered with admiration and gratitude. It is said that he adored his family and Rotary and the accolades at his passing demonstrated that he was truly admired by his Rotary family.

No list can be made without mentioning Past RI President-Elect Sam Owori from Uganda. Some make the mistake of calling him “Little Sam,” but he was indeed a giant among Rotary leaders. His early passing left the Rotary world – and especially Africa – in shock. Both Sam and Norah are greatly missed!

A few weeks ago I visited PDG Chris Molam (D9210) in his assisted care home in Harare. As they brought him from his room to the visiting area, he saw us and wept. The memories started to return and

we talked about the effect that he had on so many Rotarians in Africa. He was a trainer of trainers in his heyday and we are still reaping the benefits of his energy from years past.

As I said, we all have particular Changemakers in our lives. They have helped make us develop into the Rotarians that we are today. Let me encourage each of you to recognise and remember your Rotary mentors. Let them know how they were the Changemakers in your Rotary experience. Don’t wait for the eulogy... Do it today!

Finally, as we come to the end of this Rotary Year where we were to Serve to Change Lives, be the Changemaker in someone’s life. Encourage a friend, talk to a stranger, be present when someone you know is going through a difficult time.

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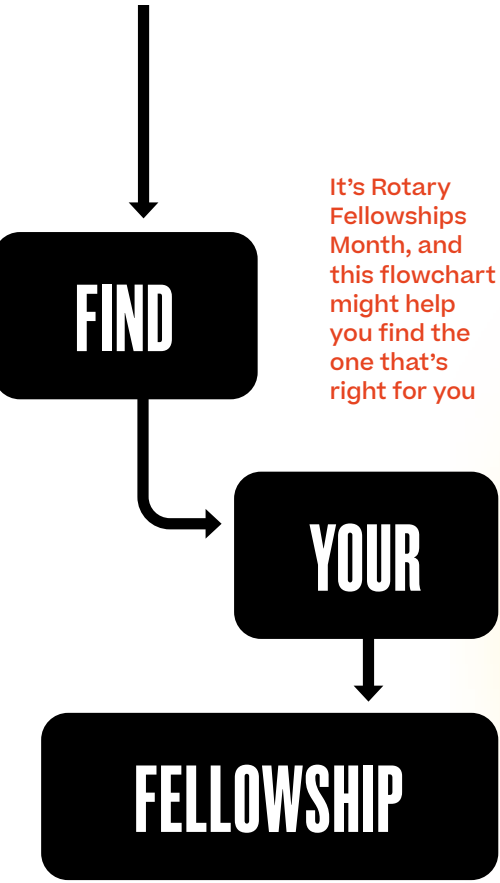


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It's Rotary Fellowships Month, and this flowchart might help you find the one that's right for you

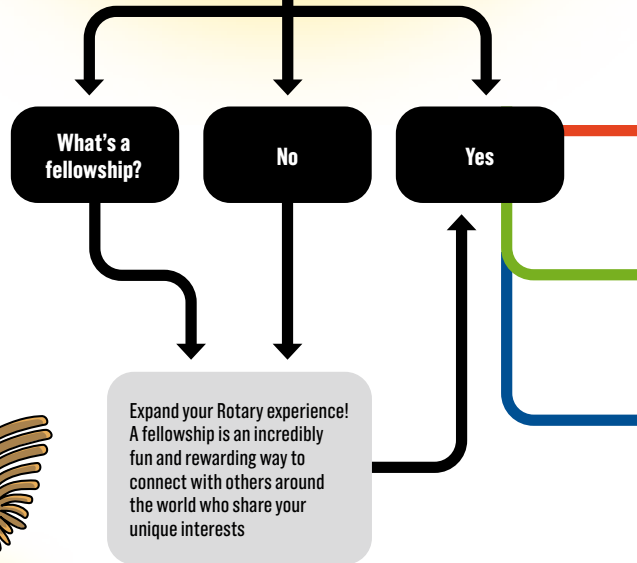
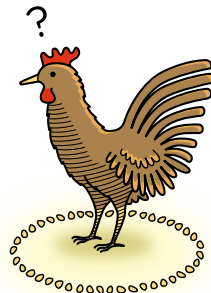


A lectryomancy, a form of divination involving chickens, was popular among ancient Etruscans looking to predict the future. They would place a chicken inside a circle of grain that had been divided into sections, each representing a letter of the alphabet. Whichever kernels the chicken ate first revealed answers to trained soothsayers.

This method might still suffice for simple questions like, “Will Tom Brady play until he’s 60?” or “Should I binge-watch *Keeping Up with the Kardashians*?” For matters of greater consequence, however, the dietary choices of poultry won’t do.

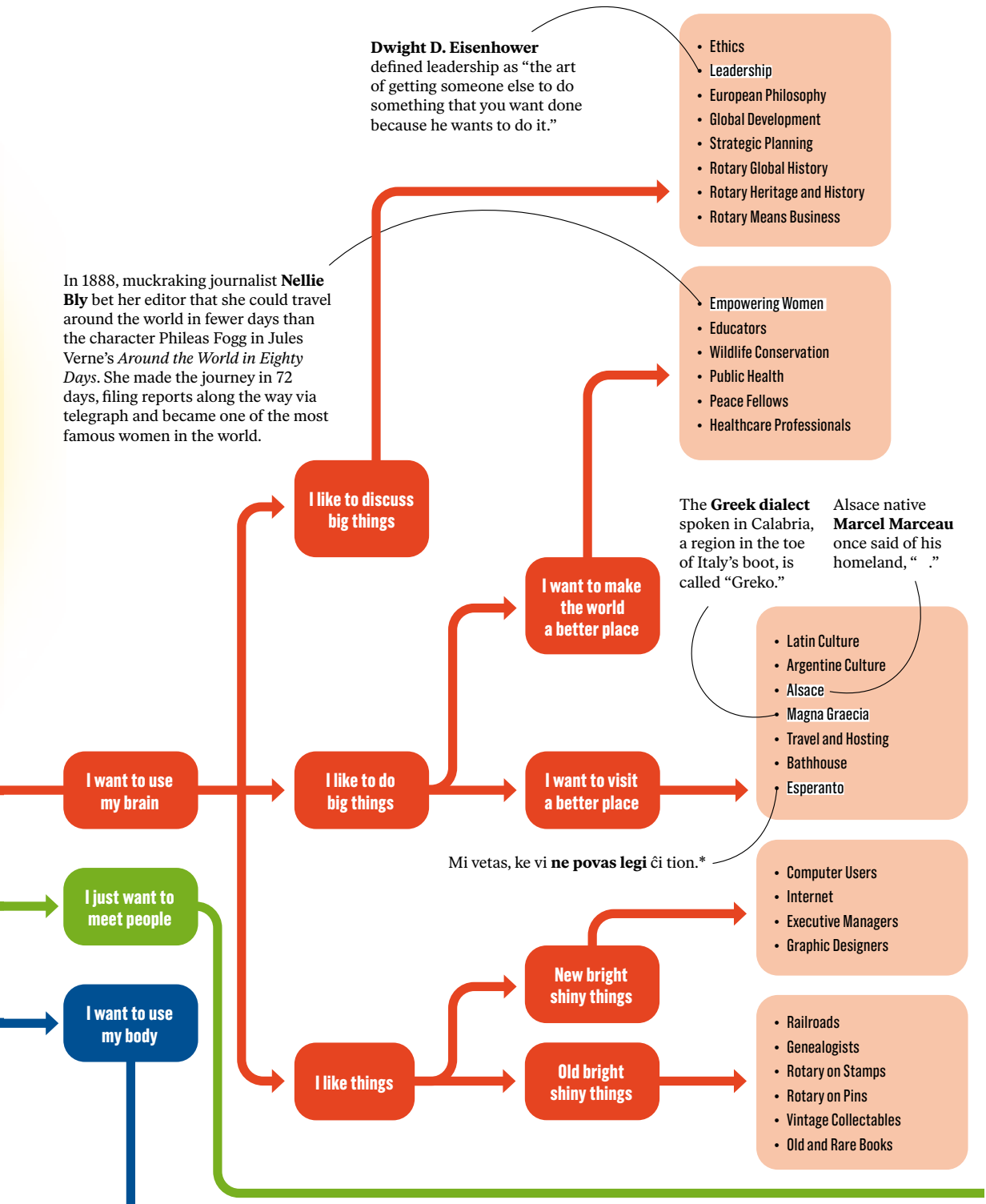
That’s why, to help you choose which Rotary Fellowship is right for you, we’ve created a “highly scientific” flowchart, guaranteed to steer you in the right direction. If you’d prefer the chickens, consider starting a poultry fellowship.

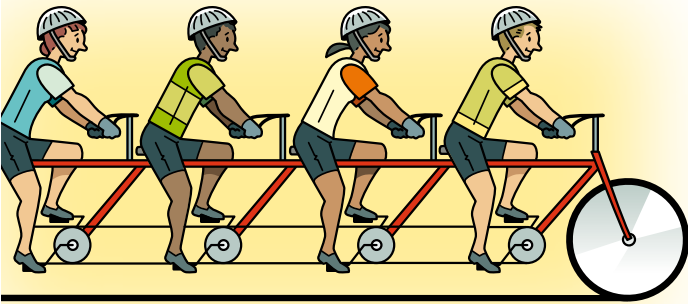
New fellowships are added frequently; for the most recent list and more information, see rotary.org/fellowships.



By Pete Nelson

Illustrations by Peter Hoey





If 99 percent of Earth's population doesn't like you, that still means that for **79 000 000** people, you're their jam.

New York City and Sao Paulo have hosted the largest **Pride parades** in the world; each attracted about 5 000 000 people in a single year.

- LGBT+
- Singles
- Social Networks
- Music
- Comedy
- Metalhead
- Beard and Moustache
- Past District Governors
- Military Veterans

When **Bob Hope's** wife asked him where he wanted to be buried, he said, "Surprise me."

I want to socialise responsibly

With fun people

Other

During his first term as president, **Thomas Jefferson** spent (in today's dollars) \$140 000 on wine.

Fermentation is civilisation

I just want to socialise

I like life distilled to its essence

- Lawyers

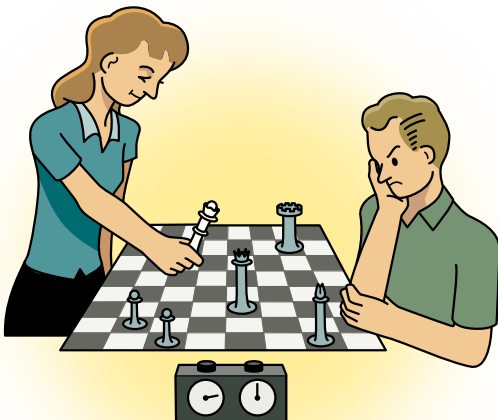
- Beer
- Wine
- Palmwine

- Gin
- Rum
- Whisk(e)y

High cardio

Medium cardio

Cardio schmardio



An ancestor of gin was distilled in the 11th century in Salerno, Italy, by **Benedictine monks**, whose monastery was surrounded by junipers.

Palmwine is made from the **sap of palm trees**, which ferments and becomes alcoholic in two hours.

It is estimated that **Viking longship rowers**, working in two-hour shifts, maintained a speed of 10-12 strokes per minute.

American Alyssa Amos Clark ran **95 marathons** in 95 days in 2020.

The **fastest speed** ever achieved by a human without the aid of an engine was 89.59 mph by Todd Reichert in 2016, riding an experimental aerodynamic bike on a flat, straight stretch of Route 305 in Battle Mountain, Nevada.

I like to sweat in large groups of strangers

I like to sweat in small groups of friends

- Hunting
- Surfing
- Fishing
- Birdwatching
- Hiking
- Golf
- Yoga

Indoor

Outdoor

Motorized

Nonmotorized

- Marathon Running
- Triathlon

- Badminton
- Cycling
- Rowing
- Skiing
- Tennis
- Pickleball

A study of 82 North American **bird species** found that the population of 80 percent of them increased during the initial months of the COVID-19 pandemic, due to the decrease in human activity.

- Quilters and Fiber Artists
- Amateur Radio
- Chess
- Go

Invented more than 2 500 years ago in China, **Go** is one of the world's oldest board games.

I like cheetahs

I like Cheetos

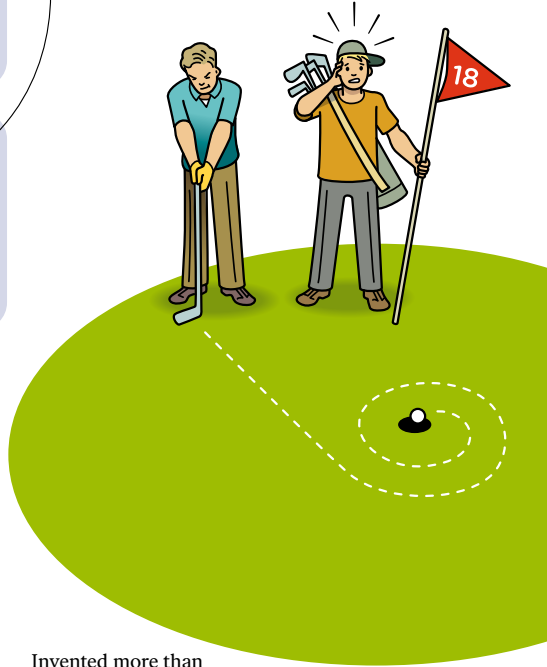
- Flying
- Motorcycling

- Yachting
- Recreational Vehicles
- Caravanning

- Shooting Sport
- Cricket
- Curling
- Bee
- Urban Gardening
- Kites
- Scouting

In Nyeri, Kenya, the tombstone of **Robert Baden-Powell**, founder of the Boy Scouts, has a carving of a circle with a dot in the middle, the trail sign for "I have gone home."

The International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians has **27 chapters** covering more than 50 countries around the world. It operates on the principle "Four wheels move the body, two wheels move the soul."





1961/62 District Governor Mark Markson presents the charter certificate to Charter President Rory Condon at the charter dinner on 9 June 1962.

Koos was there

On 4 May 1962, the Rotary Club of Knysna (D9350) was chartered. The charter dinner, held the following month, was attended by Koos van Eeden who at the time was a member of the Rotary Club of Ceres and transferred to the Knysna club in 1993 when he moved to the town. To celebrate, the club held an anniversary lunch and invited Koos to share his memories of the charter dinner.

"I became a Rotarian at an early age, as my father was president of the Ceres Rotary Club, and like all presidents, he needed more members, so who is easier to get than your son? In 1962 I was the secretary of the Ceres Club and was compelled to attend the Rotary District Conference in Bloemfontein, just before the Knysna Charter Dinner. There DG Mark Markson informed all the clubs in his district of the coming charter dinner at Plettenberg Bay and asked who could attend. I volunteered to attend on behalf of the Ceres Club as the date coincided with my mother-in-law's birthday. She, Lucy Duthie, lived in Knysna.

"Our club gave me a gift (I think a wooden mallet) to present to the new club. It was a formal function with dinner at the Beacon Isle Hotel in Plettenberg Bay and was attended by many representatives and their partners from other clubs. After the induction I went to congratulate Rory Condon on being the charter president. Rory introduced me to Jack Case from Plettenberg Bay. I told them of the importance of attending District Conferences and I invited the two of them to accompany me to the next year's District Conference in Bethlehem.

"The next year I drove to Knysna and from here the three of us drove together to Loch Athlone near Bethlehem to attend DG James Gilliland's conference."



Koos van Eeden is the only current Knysna member to have attended the charter dinner in 1962.



Rotaract President-Elect Christian Jacobs with Rotarian Julie Staub.

Extreme storms: 3 stories of survival you should read

Climate change is making extreme storms even more menacing. And as the climate crisis intensifies, these storms are getting even more destructive. In fact, it's estimated that in the next 20 years, extreme storms will uproot more than 200 million people. Communities in some of the most vulnerable places around the world are witnessing the reality of this right now. But amongst the chaos shines a small glimmer of hope, writes *Yiota Liopetriti*, ShelterBox Digital Marketing Executive.



“We hid our children under the bed” – Shelley’s story

When Cyclone Harold hit the small pacific islands of Vanuatu in 2020, it wrecked homes, gardens and anything else in its path. Shelley was one of the people who was affected.

It was just getting dark on Pentecost Island when the residents realised this was not your average cyclone. As the eye of the storm passed directly over them, Shelley and her neighbours sheltered together in one house.

As the children hid under the bed, their eyes kept watching the roof. The men in the group tried to hold it down, but the force of the wind was so strong it lifted their feet off the ground.

Eventually, they knew they had to let it go. Like a wave, the roof peeled back across the house until it was completely gone.

The house was now disintegrating into debris around them. After a brief scouting mission, one of

the young men found Shelley's kitchen still intact and the group decided to move.

Earlier in the evening Shelley had reinforced the natungura thatched roofing of her kitchen. She used pieces of cloth, tying the beams to fixtures on the ground. The effort had paid off.

But as Shelley and her community huddled shoulder to shoulder in her kitchen, the cyclone raged on. A flying piece of tin roofing smashed a hole in one of the walls. Every adult who was not holding a child or heavily pregnant, was holding on

to the house. "When the wind came, I was shouting 'Hold on! hold on! hold on!'" It went on like this until daylight.

After the cyclone had passed, the community came together again. They agreed to rebuild each damaged house one by one, including the gardens, which was their main source of income.

Shelley's family were one of 2 000 households who received ShelterBox aid after the storm. She used the tools, fixings and tarpaulin to reinforce and repair her home.



"The water level was up to my neck ... there were crocodiles in the water" – Grace's story

In March 2019, Malawi saw the worst rainfall in years, causing extreme flooding across the southern part of the country. Then Cyclone Idai tore through the region, causing even more destruction.

90,000 people lost their homes – including Grace, a widowed mother of six. The fast-flowing water washed away her entire home and all her belongings.

"It was dark, and I had to rescue the children; we had to run to the higher shelters. I came back to my house and found that it had been destroyed and everything in it had been destroyed as well. I rushed back to my children and the water level was up to my neck... we had to run again because the water level was rising fast", said Grace.

As the storm raged on, the floodwater gathered momentum, sweeping away everything in its path.

"I was panicking because the water was running fast and I had nothing left, I lost everything. We even tried to climb the trees to get away from the water". Her youngest child Miracle was on her back at the time. But it wasn't just the flooding she was fearful of. "It was very scary, there were crocodiles in the water."

Grace and her family survived the storm and when the flooding subsided she built a makeshift shelter next to her damaged house. Using ShelterBox aid, she was able to start recovering from this life-changing experience.



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“We covered my small baby with a blanket and I carried her.” – John’s story

When Cyclone Harold hit Vanuatu, John and his family stood together in their house. But the bamboo walls and tin roofing were no match for the terrifying cyclone raging around them.

Scared for his family’s life, John decided they would join his brother who had a brick house. It was the right decision to make, as not long after that the storm ripped John’s roof off its rafters.

“When I looked down the hill [to my place], I saw that the light was no longer there. Then I knew [the roof] had all flown away.” But even in the brick house, they couldn’t escape the extreme storm. One of the shutters flew open and rain poured in, making everything wet. Using buckets, the men emptied the water from the house. And when the storm lulled, they ran outside to nail back the window shutters. John recalls:

“We got a fright when the [wind suddenly changed]”. The eye of the storm had passed and the intensity of the wind coming from the ocean was now reaching full force. John had just made it back inside when the first piece of tin flew off the roof.

“The rain came inside. We waited and waited, then the veranda blew away.” John knew the door would blow out too. “The two of us held the door, we put a bookshelf against the door [and] we nailed it in to hold it there. We held tight all the way until morning.”

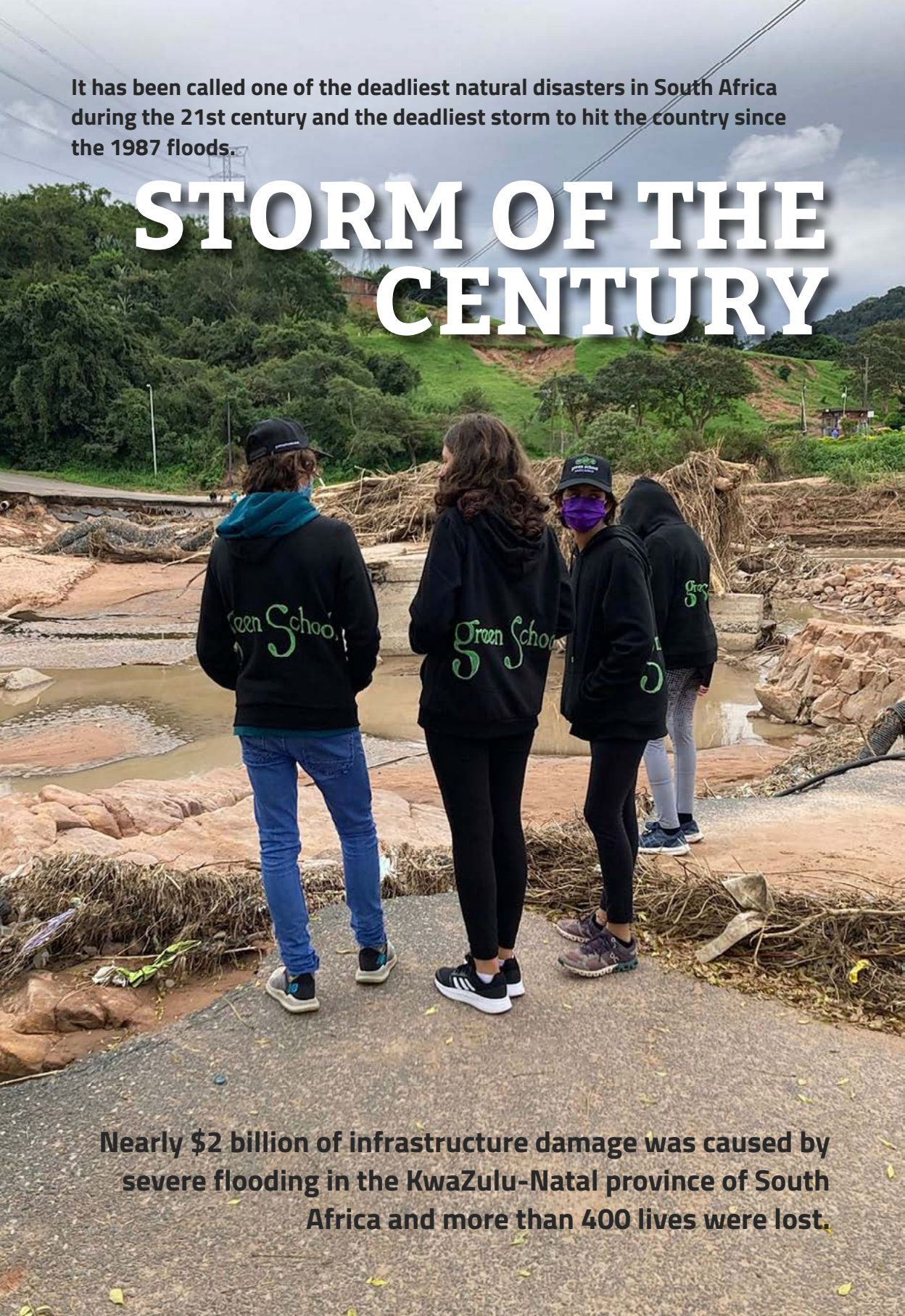
The next day, John had to climb over fallen trees and piles of debris to reach his parent’s home and check if they were safe. Using the tarpaulins and tools he received from ShelterBox, he was able to fix his home and move back in with his family.

Extreme storms won’t stop

As the climate crisis intensifies, so does the need for our work. We will continue helping people on the frontline of extreme storms and climate change as long as it’s needed. But we can’t do it without your help. To get involved see: www.shelterbox.org

It has been called one of the deadliest natural disasters in South Africa during the 21st century and the deadliest storm to hit the country since the 1987 floods.

STORM OF THE CENTURY



Nearly \$2 billion of infrastructure damage was caused by severe flooding in the KwaZulu-Natal province of South Africa and more than 400 lives were lost.



Above: Scenes from the flooding in KwaZulu-Natal. Opposite page: Learners from The Green School survey the debris the waters left after washing away a large section of the road surface.

The first wave of flooding struck in April and a few weeks later, on 21 May, an almost-unheard-of level 10 weather warning was issued and authorities warned people in the flood stricken areas of the potential of additional flooding and damage. Mass evacuations, sinkholes, landslides and collapsing roads occurred again in the areas that were still unstable from the floods less than 6 weeks earlier.

Thanks to the effects of La Niña, South Africa has seen above-average precipitation in 2022. In January, many regions experienced their heaviest rains since reliable records began in 1921. Southern Africa as a whole experienced multiple devastating tropical cyclones and floods in the summer of 2021/22.

The heavy rainfall began around April 8 and persisted for days; rivers across the province swelled and dams started to overflow. By April 11, the situation worsened and the South African Weather Service issued a level 5 warning for the coast and adjacent interior of KwaZulu-Natal – which was later upgraded to a level 8 then a level 9 warning.

The most intense rain fell in eThekweni, iLembe and Ugu municipalities. During the period of April 8-12, most of KwaZulu-Natal saw more than 50 mm (2.0 in) of rain, with coastal areas recording more than 200 mm (7.9 in). In the 24-hours from 11 to 12 April, Virginia Airport near Durban North recorded 304 mm (12.0 in) of rain. Areas along the coast of KwaZulu-Natal recorded 450 mm (18 in).

Due to its structure and the presence of gale-force winds, the low-pressure system was classified as a subtropical depression and designated Subtropical Depression Issa on 12 April. Following its south western trajectory along the South African coast and after reaching the north-eastern coast of the Eastern Cape on the morning of April 13, the system turned northward, continuing back along the South African coast in a north-easterly direction before moving out to sea and further weakening.

The torrential rains destroyed dozens of homes, washed away roads and triggered mudslides. The exact number of people missing is unknown. The vast damage hampered recovery and rescue efforts as well as vital supply chains. KwaZulu-Natal Premier Sihle Zikalala stated at least 2 000 homes and 4 000 shanty homes (shacks in informal settlements) were damaged or destroyed.

Nearly 300 rural and urban schools were damaged in the storm. Rolling blackouts (loadshedding) were implemented as the storm hampered electrical power production, downed powerlines and flooded substations. A hydroelectric dam was rendered



After the floods destroyed large parts of its community, the Rotary Club of Chatsworth (D9370) and its Anns reached out to their team of sponsors and donors. The Rotary Clubs of Claremont and Knysna (D9350) sent funds to help the club support the flood victims. Together with other sponsors and donors, the club was able to provide blankets, clothing and 50 hampers to those who were affected by the floods. A team from the Green School SA, flew in from Cape Town to assist with beach clean ups and brought 257 reusable sanitary pad packs and clothing for the flood victims who were sheltering in community halls. The Rotary members provided a hot meal at the Queensburgh Community Hall, Legacy Shop Fitting from Johannesburg sent 110 five-litre bottles of water that were distributed in Marianhill and Tongaat.

inoperable after rising waters overwhelmed it. At the Drakensberg Pumped Storage Scheme facility, excessive debris blocked the grids protecting the turbines.

The water supply was also affected and communities had no water for weeks after the storm as feeder lines were broken and later repaired. Water tankers were used to supply people with water and strict rationing of water from these tankers was imposed.

Much of the area around the Durban harbour was impacted with shipping container stacks in storage yards being knocked over and floating out onto the surrounding freeways. Some looting of damaged shipping containers was reported. Harbour operations and shipping into the port were suspended.

Freight transport companies were told to cease transporting cargo to the city and roads into Durban were closed. Flooding and debris closed the N3

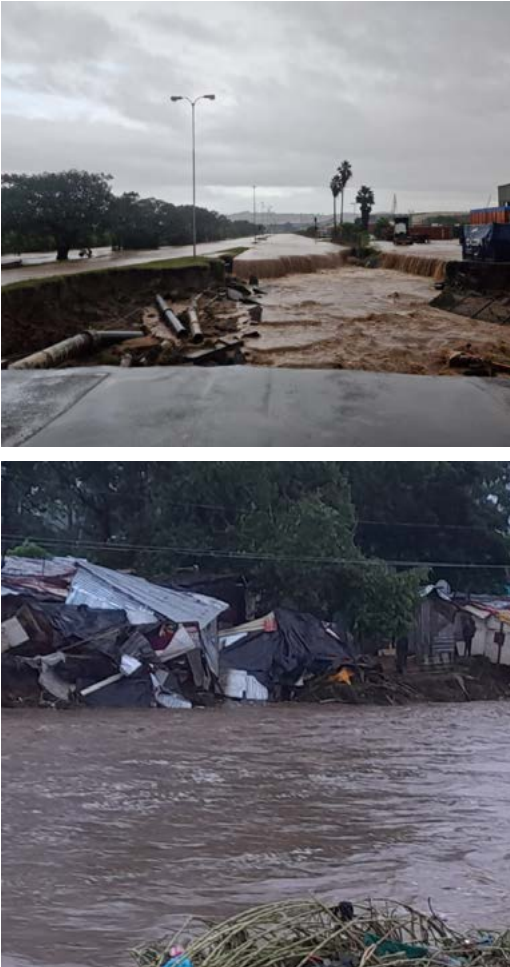
freeway (connecting Durban to Johannesburg) and the coastal N2 freeway collapsed in places and bridges were destroyed.

The Amanzimtoti, Umbilo and Umgeni rivers topped their banks, inundating surrounding communities. Shanty towns (locally called informal settlements) constructed along the banks of these rivers saw extensive damage.

A provincial state of disaster was declared on 13 April to allow the province to access emergency funding.

It was declared a national disaster and early assessments valued the damage to provincial roads at R5.7 billion and it was reported that 13 500 households had been affected, with nearly 4 000 houses destroyed and another 8 097 partly destroyed.

R1 billion would be needed to repair buildings and build temporary shelters.



Deadliest flood of the year (human fatalities): 2000-2022	Reported fatalities	Year
KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa	450	2022
China	398	2021
India, Bangladesh	1 922	2020
Pakistan	140	2019
East Africa	500	2018
India	514	2017
North Korea	525	2016
India	500	2015
India, Pakistan	557	2014
India	5 748	2013
Pakistan	455	2012
Southeast Asia	2 282	2011
China	3 189	2010
India	299	2009
India	2 400	2008
South Asia	2 000	2007
North Korea	844	2006
China	1 624	2005
Haiti, Dominican Republic	3 363	2004
Indonesia	313	2003
China	1 532	2002
Algeria	827	2001
Mozambique	800	2000

The Rotary Response

KwaZulu-Natal falls into Rotary District 9370. District Governor Madelaine Webber sent out an urgent appeal for people to support clubs in the affected areas.

Rotary support from clubs within the district was tremendous, funds were transferred and goods such as supplies and blankets were shipped into the affected areas. Neighbouring districts also rallied in support.

Describing the response from District 9400, DG Stella Anyangwe referenced a quote from RI President, Shekhar Mehta: We have the power and the magic to change lives. “When our Rotary year as district governors started, we never dreamt that these words of our Changemaker president would come to life this quickly. The damage caused by the civil unrest in July 2021 and the catastrophic floods in April/May 2022 in KZN (D9370), pushed our DG classmate, DG Madelaine Webber, to send a distress

call to us.

District 9400 members quickly responded in cash and in kind, with some of our Rotarians physically going over to KZN to support the communities of sister clubs. Others provided transportation to ferry donated goods to KZN. Inter-District collaboration has never been stronger.

Support came not only from Rotary clubs, but from all parts of the Rotary family. The Interact Club of Milnerton High School, which is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Blouberg (D9350), initiated a collection of 5 litre bottled water to support a national campaign launched by The Gift of the Givers. People donated bottled water or cash to buy water and by the end of their collection day, the Interactors had collected 1 128 bottles that were sent to KZN.

With summer over and the autumn chill setting in, blankets became a priority and Rotary clubs responded. The Rotary Club of Chatsworth High Noon (D9370), based in one of the flooded areas, and the Rotary Club of Mandini (D9370), based about

100 kilometres north east from Durban, were among those that collected and distributed blankets. The Mandini club also sent regular loads of water down to support families in Phoenix, one of the hard-hit areas that was left without water.

Aid continues to reach the district and it will take time to rebuild these communities. Sadly, among the hardest hit are the low to middle income families. Rotary clubs are partnering with organisations to ensure a continuation of support.



Water from the Interact Club of Milnerton High School.



The Rotary Club of Mandini did a number of large scale water deliveries to flood victims.





Spar and more than R42 000 worth of non-perishables were collected for the Combined Westville Foodbank for distribution. A call was made to patrons of our monthly music event and further donations of blankets, sanitary wear and non-perishables were received and distributed to needy residents and Home Ground. The club also received R860 in cash donations and R10 000 from the Rotary Club of Hermanus (D9350).

For Su Boertje, a member of the club, this was more than your ordinary relief project. “I simply couldn’t sit by and do nothing when I found out that two of my staff had lost their homes and absolutely everything they owned. One staff member has a wife and two little girls... they had nothing but the clothes on their backs, which they wore for four days straight.

“While we could help with small staff loans, it simply wasn’t going to be enough. I sent out a plea to members of our club and visited Home Ground. The result was the most heart-warming response I’ve ever seen!”

Home Ground gave Su a black bag and told her to fill it with clothing, shoes and blankets for the family. When she could not find shoes that would fit the children, Home Ground gifted brand new takkies (sneakers) and slippers for the little girls. A fellow Rotarian cleaned out her cupboards and gave Su four large bags of clothing and shoes for adults, and even a couple of ladies handbags. Su also collected blankets, non-perishable foods, nappies and sanitary wear.

With her small car stuffed full of donations, Su headed to her office and set up a ‘pop up store’ in the reception area for the affected staff. “Their tears of joy, overwhelming gratitude and happy faces will stay with me forever. As we were closing for the long weekend, I handed over the keys to the offices and the staff brought their wives to ‘shop’ over the Easter weekend.

“One moment that will stay with me forever was when my supervisor, Lekoh, asked that I thank the Rotarian who had donated most of the clothes and commented that he now had better church clothes than he ever had before! He and his family were able to attend Easter services with their heads high and tummies full – all thanks to those who continue to serve to change lives.”

More than a relief project

Westville and surrounds were hit particularly hard during the April floods. A co-ordinated effort was made by the Combined Westville Churches and Home Ground at the Westville Baptist Church with support from the Rotary Club of Westville (D9370). Eighty-five blankets were purchased and donated to Home Ground for distribution.

A grocery collection was held at Westville

To contribute to the flood relief efforts, contact:

District 9370

Rotary International D9370
Nedbank, Branch Code: 134025
Account: 1340408813
Ref: Disaster (your name)
Swift Code: NEDSZAJJ

Rotary Club of Durban North

Standard Bank
Savings account: 35-532-582-9
Durban North Branch
Ref: Flood (your name)

Rotary Club of Chatsworth

First National Bank
Account: 6286 4853 041
Branch Code: 223526
Ref: Flood (your name)

Sunflowers for Ukraine

Soon after war broke out in the Ukraine, Rotarians from across the world decided to act in supported of the millions of people fleeing the war to find refuge in other countries

The members of the Rotary Club of Uitenhage South (D9370) were among those. The club arranged for a presentation from PDG James Onions of the Rotary Club of Kew Gardens (D1145), who explained the Rotary response and offered suggestions on how South African clubs could assist.



Her Excellency Ms Liubov Abravитova Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to the Republic of South Africa addressed members of eight Rotary clubs at a breakfast organised by the Rotary Club of Waterfront (D9350). The Ambassador spoke about how the war has created immense human suffering that will have an economic ripple effect throughout the world, especially in Africa.

Sadly, most of their efforts, which included sending truckloads of clothes, medical supplies and food from their clubs or importing body armour from USA, were impractical for South African clubs to replicate.

Fortunately, what clubs could do was make use of the crowdfunding that was being undertaken by Rotary. Everything contributed to it would be doubled and then made instantly available to Rotary within the European countries that were receiving refugees.

Members decide to replicate a project called Sunflower Seeds for the Ukraine that had been implemented in Australia. Soon, hundreds of small packets of sunflower seeds with explanatory labels on them were packed and sold for a minimum donation of R10 for each.

Word spread and several clubs in District 9370 became involved. Money poured in from all over and was transferred. By the middle of May, more than R20 000 had been sent by D9370 to help with the Ukrainian humanitarian relief effort.

Rotary's response to the Ukrainian humanitarian crisis

Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation stand with the United Nations General Assembly in "expressing grave concern at the ongoing human rights and humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, particularly at the reports of violations and abuses of human rights and violations of international humanitarian law by the Russian Federation."

As a global humanitarian organisation, Rotary takes a proactive stance toward peacemaking by addressing the underlying causes of conflict.

We support recent UN General Assembly resolutions calling for an immediate ceasefire and withdrawal of Russian military forces from Ukraine.

This aligns with Rotary's deep commitment to promoting peace through dialogue and conflict resolution.

We are working beside our partners in the international relief community to help provide resources to the more than 10 million Ukrainian refugees forced to flee the field of battle.



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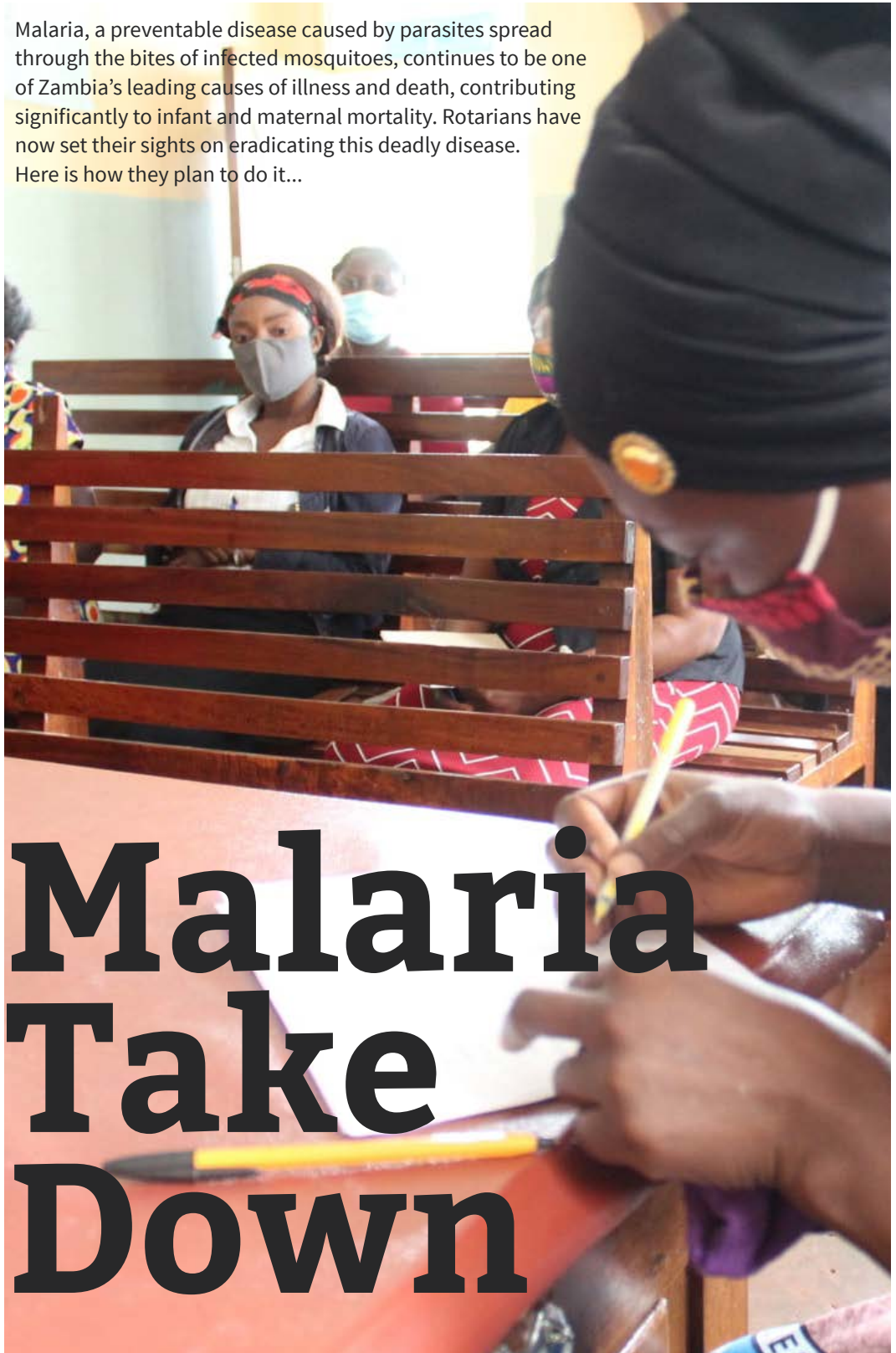
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Malaria, a preventable disease caused by parasites spread through the bites of infected mosquitoes, continues to be one of Zambia's leading causes of illness and death, contributing significantly to infant and maternal mortality. Rotarians have now set their sights on eradicating this deadly disease. Here is how they plan to do it...



Malaria Take Down

It's Personal

Did you know malaria is among the leading causes of death in children under five in sub-saharan Africa? Did you also know, malaria is deadly in pregnancy? This preventable and treatable disease continues to ravage families indiscriminately killing providers and leaving families in a cycle of perpetual poverty and suffering. It's personal, writes Eric Liswaniso, Programmes Manager, Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia project, Malaria Partners Zambia (MPZ)

FOR MOST OF US, THIS IS PERSONAL!

Not many people can call their work their calling, but that's how we feel at MPZ. We are literally living our calling. Sometimes our work takes a lot of sacrifice and we spend more than 75% of the month away from our families, but this pales in comparison when we meet and interact with the volunteers who sacrifice way more than any of us to provide health services to their neighbours – for free. They do it because they have witnessed, first-hand, the carnage that malaria causes in these communities. They, too, want it to end.

Two years ago, our Executive Director Martha Lungu lost her son to malaria. She is now raising her orphaned grandchild. When you hear how she talks about her work as the leader of Rotary's malaria elimination efforts in Zambia, you can easily see how that loss has strengthened Martha's resolve to lead this great effort and mobilise Rotarians everywhere to get involved. She has spoken at Zone Institutes in Africa, made presentations to clubs in Europe, Australia, USA and Africa – and she's not slowing down.

She's given interviews to Voice of America, the Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation, the Zambia Daily Mail newspaper and several local radio stations. Martha lives and breathes malaria elimination – and that rubs off on all of us at MPZ.

Following Martha's lead, I mobilised Rotarians and Rotaractors from provinces in Zambia to volunteer on the malaria project and buy into this work. We ensured that we understood how Rotarians could best contribute to the effort and be included. We surveyed Zambian Rotarians to assess their knowledge levels in malaria prevention, control and treatment to ensure they were prepared to be active participants in the Partners for a Malaria-free Zambia (PMZ).

By August 2021, the PMZ project had trained 2 500 community health workers (CHWs) who provide primary healthcare services to more than 1.2 million people. They give hope, save lives, reduce poverty and ease the suffering caused by the loss of income-earners in most rural areas of the country.

2500. To many this is just a number, but these are angels that I have the honour of frequently interacting with. The privilege of sharing the

stories they are normally too shy to tell. Like the story of how the bicycle we provided helped save a mother in labour in one village in Masaiti on the Copperbelt province.

Our angels do more than just fight malaria. They are helping to mobilise communities for the door-to-door polio immunisation campaign. They participate during child health week, antenatal clinics and malaria prevention efforts, like indoor residue spraying.

At two, my daughter is too young to understand. But when she's older, I want her to know why my work is so important. If a part of my life inspires my Xaria, I want her to say, "Dad chose a path that saves lives. Every time he's not home, he's helping other families access quality healthcare so their children too can live long healthy lives."

I tell this to Rotarian volunteers on the project: We're building a chain reaction. We're stimulating the caring hearts of Rotarians to respond with the force that has almost ended polio and channel our resources, time and effort towards the elimination of the world's most endemic killer. We're serving to change lives.

THE PROGRAMME IN DETAIL

The grant proposal included pledges from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and World Vision US to match Rotary's \$2 million grant, for a total of \$6 million for the initiative. With this first \$2 million Programmes of Scale grant, Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia (as the initiative is now known) is seeking to help reduce the incidence of malaria over time by 90 percent in 10 heavily affected districts in the Central and Muchinga provinces.

Thanks to this programme, the 2 500 community health workers



MPZ Executive Director Martha Lungu at working promoting the project.

will be equipped with the necessary medicine and supplies, will respond to malaria cases, work to prevent transmission and provide other needed health care interventions - which will in turn reduce the burden on clinics.

ROTARY MEMBERS EXPAND ON A PROVEN CONCEPT IN ZAMBIA

Bill Feldt recalls the first conversation he had about solving Zambia's malaria problem at scale. It was in 2012, after he worked on his first matching grant for malaria with Mwangala Muyendekwa, a physician and a member of the Rotary Club of Kalulushi, Zambia (D9210). It was a \$57 000 project distributing 6 500 bed nets in Zambia's Copperbelt province. "By the time they were distributing those nets, Mwangala emailed me and said, 'This is good, but not sufficient. We've got to go to scale up,'" recalls Feldt, a member of the Rotary Club of Federal Way (D5030, USA). We asked Feldt for his insights about the application process and about the project.

WHAT MAKES THIS PROJECT A PROGRAMME OF SCALE?

It's expanding on a proven concept, which I think is really important and was compelling to Rotary in awarding this grant. We'll be impacting about 1.3 million Zambians who will have health care in their communities for the first time. That means testing for, treating and preventing malaria and that also

means treating diarrhoea and pneumonia as well as providing information about COVID-19. We think that's a programme of scale. We're very excited about that.

HOW DOES THIS GROW OUT OF PREVIOUS WORK ROTARIANS HAVE DONE?

We've undertaken three global grants in the past two years. When the third grant project is complete, we will have trained more than 1 500 community health workers in the Copperbelt province. That gave us credibility with The Rotary Foundation. We think we're pretty good at it. What we're really doing is supporting the government in Zambia, which has a superb 6-day training curriculum. There are about 12 000 community health workers trained under the auspices of the Ministry of Health. With the global grants and Programmes of Scale grant, we are adding about 33 percent more.

HOW DID YOU ADAPT WHAT YOU LEARNED IN PREVIOUS PROJECTS?

We're going into areas where there are no community health workers. Once the new workers are trained, doctors and nurses need to learn how to interact with them. We're paying for some of those strengthening activities in the global grants and now even more with the Programmes of Scale grant because we've learned that's such a vital component of sustainability.



Copperbelt Phase 1A project group 3 field work. The group was joined by the Provincial Health Director for the Copperbelt.

Another thing we've learned is that the best community health workers are people who are established in their communities. They aren't getting paid. It's really about prestige. A study concluded that people do this because it's a good thing to do and it makes them a leader.

WHY IS THIS THE RIGHT PROGRAMME TO TACKLE MALARIA IN ZAMBIA?

Not just Zambia. Sub-Saharan Africa too. One key success factor is that there is a supportive, committed government in Zambia.

If the government isn't committed, it's going to go nowhere. One of our project partners, an organisation called PATH - which is based in Seattle and receives funding from the Gates Foundation - supported the Zambian Ministry of Health and the National Malaria Elimination Centre in the launch of the government's community health worker initiative.

This is a concept that UNICEF and the World Health Organisation have been defining and encouraging. Between 2012 and 2015, the Ministry of Health and the National Malaria Elimination Centre, with support from PATH, did its first real project in the southern province of Zambia and they drove malaria rates down to near zero using community health

workers. That's really the proof of concept. The model seems to work, the government is committed and obviously the Gates Foundation thinks it's a good model because it's been supporting the PATH programme in Zambia for nearly a decade.

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR ROTARIANS LOOKING FOR PARTNERS?

Make organisations aware of what you're doing. Connecting is the whole game. I think that's what Rotary wants to do through Programmes of Scale. In Africa and all over the world, local Rotarians can open doors through their connections. My view is that we have a leg up on a lot of people looking for money because of what Rotary has done with polio. It is central to our credibility.

IF WE VISIT THE PROJECT IN 2026, WHAT SHOULD WE SEE?

I would hope we would see a dramatic reduction in malaria incidence. We'd want to see a self-sustaining health system that is fully utilising community health workers, where they are diagnosing 60 to 70 per-cent of whatever small number of cases of malaria there are. They will probably be working on pneumonia and diarrhoeal diseases more than they



MPZ Projects Accountant Andrew Mikandu with some government officials and Rotaractor Liston Musachi take time to relax after a long drive in Shiwangandu

had been. Hopefully, they'll be doing telemedicine. We'll see that turnover for community health workers is low and that there's retraining. They'll have been retrained twice by that time and they'll be a core part of the health system. They will represent the last kilometre of a health system that's very successful.

WHY WAS PARTNERS FOR A MALARIA-FREE ZAMBIA AWARDED THE FIRST \$2 MILLION GRANT?

A number of factors contributed to the success of this proposal. Among them are that the programme:

- Is expanding on an innovation that is backed by clear evidence and has worked in the past.
- Has a high likelihood of working on a larger scale.
- Is logically organised and grounded in experience.
- Has partners that have the experience, trust and strong respect needed to successfully scale up the programme with Rotary.
- Has co-funders - the Gates Foundation and World Vision US - with the ability and desire to support the programme with Rotary.
- Is set up for sustainability and aligned with government efforts.



A team from the Gates Foundation USA, supporting the digital community health transformation grant visited Zambia and consulted with the MPZ Executive Director and Rotary representative on the Partners for a Malaria free Zambia project.

- Has clear indicators of programme success and systems set up to measure them.
- Has strong demand; malaria is a leading cause of death in Zambia.
- Allows Rotary members to interact with the programme by volunteering, raising money, mobilising communities and conducting national-level advocacy work.
- Has the potential to expand further to combat malaria across Africa.

Source: Rotary International



More than 140 people turned up to help feed the hungry.

What does it take to feed 20 000 people? A day of fun, youth, lots of bread, peanut butter and polony!

Feed the Hungry

My name is Rex Oameh and I am very passionate about fighting hunger. I have celebrated my birthday for the last 3 years by holding a sandwich drive to feed the hungry. In this time more than 100 000 sandwiches have been made and given to hungry people.

On Saturday 7 May 2022, a couple of days after my birthday, I hosted a sandwich drive project that I called Together we can End Hunger in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Blouberg's (D9350) youth division, which is made up of Earlyact, Interact, and Rotaract clubs. We were supported and sponsored by Albany Bakeries, Dianne Barclay, Janet's Junction Community Hub and other donors.

More than 140 people gathered at Milnerton Methodist Church Hall, the use of which was donated to us, to make 15 000 sandwiches for the Milnerton community and surrounding areas.

This event was planned not only to address

hunger, but also to engage youth who are passionate about making a difference. Volunteers spent the day making and packing sandwiches, which were counted and packed for distribution.

Between 8am and 4pm, the volunteers made more than 21 000 sandwiches – the initial target was 15 000 sandwiches and I had secretly set a personal goal of 20 000 and made arrangements for the extra items.

The Milnerton Community Action Network distributed more than 7 000 sandwiches and the rest went to beneficiaries; Christine Revell Children's home, the Heaven Night Shelter, Atlantis Heart Ministries, Manna from Heaven and Brooklyn Rising.

President David Bowoto of the Rotaract Club of Blouberg and I personally delivered the other half of the sandwiches on Mother's Day from 11am until 23:15pm. We were able to connect directly with the



Rex Omameh

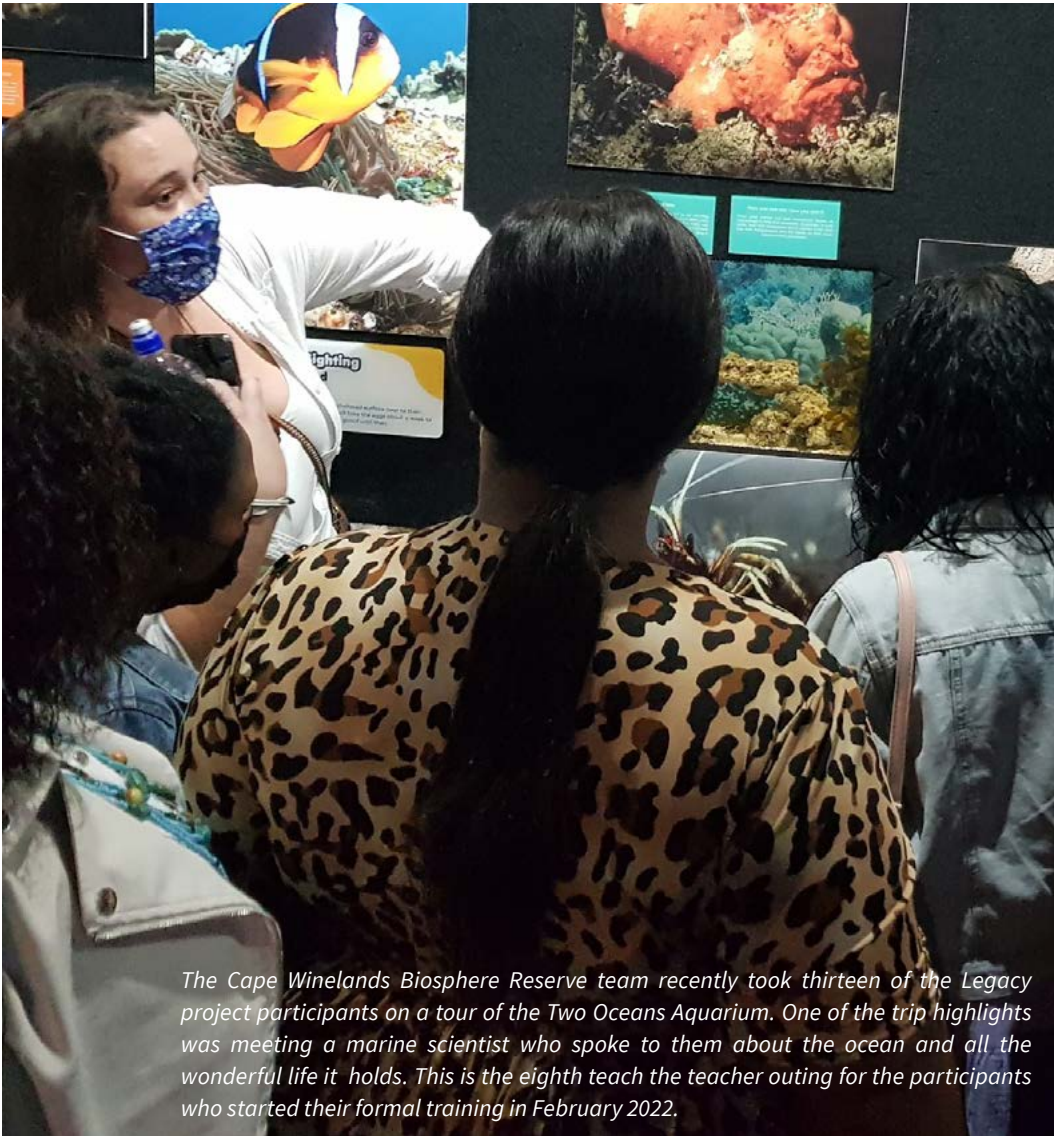
recipients, mostly homeless people living in the tents around Cape Town who were happy to see us. We used this opportunity to connect with mothers and wish them a Happy Mother's Day. It was a surreal experience.

People often discriminate against homeless people and have this misconception that they are 'druggies' or dangerous people. Having connected with them, I realised that not all homeless people are 'druggies' or dangerous. They are rather ordinary citizens trying to survive.

It was great to see Earlyactors (aged 5 to 13) in action. Another special moment was the sudden arrival of six boys who were walking past, saw what we were doing and joined us. They were excited to help and each took 10 sandwiches home.

And that's exactly what it takes to feed 20 000 people – happy faces, helping hands, good music and lots of elbow grease!





The Cape Winelands Biosphere Reserve team recently took thirteen of the Legacy project participants on a tour of the Two Oceans Aquarium. One of the trip highlights was meeting a marine scientist who spoke to them about the ocean and all the wonderful life it holds. This is the eighth teach the teacher outing for the participants who started their formal training in February 2022.

The Rotary Club of Franschhoek and Drakenstein Valley (D9350) is working to smash the cycle of poverty by creating a

A legacy of learning



The Rotary Club of Franschhoek and Drakenstein Valley (D9350) has undertaken projects that will improve the quality of education in its community.

LEGACY PROJECT

A million rand was invested in early childhood development (ECD) by the Franschhoek and Drakenstein Valley club and its global grant partners through the Legacy Project.

The project is educating and developing 30 local ECD educators at the Boland College. They will graduate as qualified level 4 ECD practitioners and be able to formally register as ECD Practitioners as required by the relevant government departments.

Impact assessments have found that these qualified educators will benefit as many as 600 children and their families each year and help to break the cycle of poverty. The young children and babies will have a better chance of success in life as access to qualified ECD Practitioners will improve their development. Qualified practitioners will create opportunities for personal growth and development for a few to make a difference in the lives and the futures of many.

The global grant partners included the Rotary Clubs of Karlsruhe Fächerstadt (D1930, Germany), Molde (D2305, Norway), Groningen-Oost (D1590, Netherlands), Herndon (D7610, USA), Zuidlaren-Anloo (D1590, Netherlands), Gately (D9370) and Waterfront (D9350) and their districts.

MBEKWENE MUSIC ACADEMY PROJECT

There are several community support programmes in the region but nothing that involves music. Schools in informal settlements have no funding for musical instruments or educators and as a result,

their cultural arts curriculum is only partially met. Music drives collaboration, commitment, routine and discipline as well as nurturing creativity in these deserving areas.

The club gathered a collection of unused instruments, sourced funding to pay music educators and formed a partnership with Hope Through Action charity that provides a secure space for a teaching studio.

It also formed collaborations with local school principals to identify talented children at their schools. School timetables were adjusted to accommodate teaching in curriculum schedules and individual private tuition was offered after school hours.

The club anticipates more than 100 learners will be involved in the academy during its first year and additional funding is being sourced to ensure continuity and to provide sustainability for future years.

PHONICS FOUNDATION LITERACY PROJECT

The Franschhoek Primary School volunteer programme is now in its second year and the club used a district grant to purchase learning packs and word books. Jolly Phonics, a leading and globally-supported programme, was identified as being suitable for implementation at the school. The resources purchased are being used multiple times to assist learners failing at foundation reading level. A measurable improvement in children's reading competency has been reported. The school staff support the programme and additional funding was provided by a donation of R18 000 donation from a foundation of Dutch Rotary clubs.

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Jean Bernardo at one of the collection points.

Warming Winter

As soon as the nights get longer and the temperatures start dropping, the Rotary Club of Rosebank (D9400) starts preparing for its annual contribution towards District 9400's endeavours to keep the most vulnerable people warm.

The driving force behind making things happen is long-time member David Bradshaw who negotiates and liaises with the district and blanket suppliers. This year he also took on the task of rallying members, Anns and Friends of Rotary to volunteer at collection points at a very busy supermarket.

Soon the roster was filled and on their allocated days, members donned their bright orange Rotary bibs and appealed to people to donate towards buying a warm blanket for the needy. This year a blanket costs R85 but most people rounded it up to R100.

Over and above the physical blanket drive, the club also received a donation of R5 000 from the outreach programme at the King Edward VII School and further funds came from the corporate social responsibility programmes of various companies.

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Partnership to empower girls

A project to keep girls in school by providing them with sanitary packs is being driven by the Rotary Club of Randburg (D9400) and a number of organisations that it has collaborated with. Research has shown that most girls miss up to 7 days of schooling a month due to a lack of sanitary packs. The project provides 30 girls at Khensani's Collection, an organisation that offers extra lessons in Diepsloot township, with sanitary packs for the whole year.

For its final sanitary pack distribution, the club received \$1 000 from the Rotary Club of Belleville (D7070, Canada), bras from Bras & Books, panty liners and menstrual cups from the Million Girls Foundation and sanitary pads from Dainfern Square Property Management.

The packs were distributed in May and the event included lessons on menstrual cycles, how to use menstrual cups and the impact of teenage pregnancy. The packs included menstrual cups of three sizes, a three month supply of panty liners and pads, underwear, soap, lotion, deodorant and a towel.

The menstrual cups are reusable for 10 years and for the next 4 months, the club will give the girls lessons on



Top: This project has distributed comprehensive sanitary packs (above) to school girls at Khensani's Collection.

how to use and clean them as well as deal with any issues they might be experiencing with their cycles. The programme will be extended to include teenage mums when they return to school after the delivery of their babies.

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Celia Cloete, a Rotary Ann of the Rotary Club of Swellendam (D9350), DGND Stephen Young, Matron Elvira Whittles and Pastor Joseph Dyanti at the handover of baby clothes and blankets to the Swellendam Hospital. The knitting was done by the members of the club's Railton Coffee Morning knitting project and Pauline O'Neil, a regular donor who resides in England.



Rotary Club of Polokwane (D9400)was visited by its District Governor Nominee Designate, Dr George Senosha and Rotarian Dr Isaac Boshomane, who proposed community corps near Polokwane. At the meeting are Isaac Boshomane, George Senosha, Assistant Governor Horst Meyer and President Mxolisi Bambo.



The Rotary E-Club of South Africa One (D9370) donated 40 activity packs to the children of the Paediatric Oncology Unit at Inkosi Albert Luthuli Hospital in Durban, courtesy of Dr Indran Naidoo who is based in Rome, Italy. These young patients are from marginalised communities in Durban and surrounding areas and arrive at the hospital in the early hours of a Tuesday morning to receive their oncology treatment. Many hours are spent waiting before and after they receive their treatment, and these activity packs will help keep them engaged and happy during the time they are at the hospital. Top: Sister Chamane received the packs from Rotarian Logie Naidoo.



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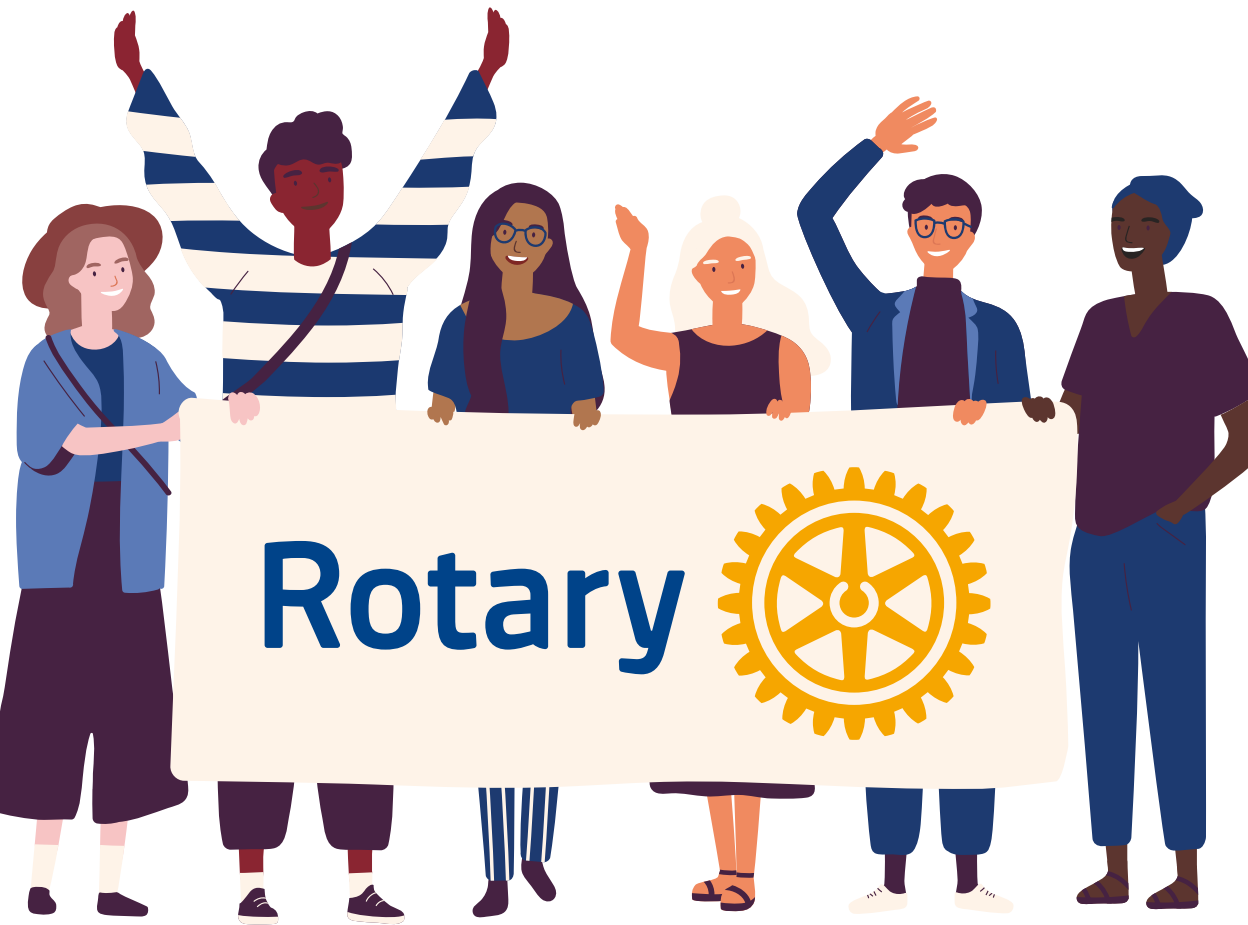
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