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The Concept of Vocational Service

The Object of Rotary is a philosophical statement of Rotary's purpose and the responsibilities of Rotarians. The concept of vocational service is rooted in the second object, which calls on Rotarians to encourage and foster:

- High ethical standards in business and professions
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations
- The dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- First** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- Second** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- Third** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- Fourth** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

As a Rotarian, how can you put these ideals into action? Consider these suggestions:

- Talk about your profession in your club and take time to learn about fellow members' occupations.
- Use your skills and expertise to serve a community.
- Practice your profession with integrity and inspire others to behave ethically through your words and actions.
- Help young people achieve their career goals.

- Guide and encourage others in their professional development.

By undertaking these activities, you bring vocational service to life. Vocational service is the essence of Rotary and serves as the foundation from which we serve our communities around the world.

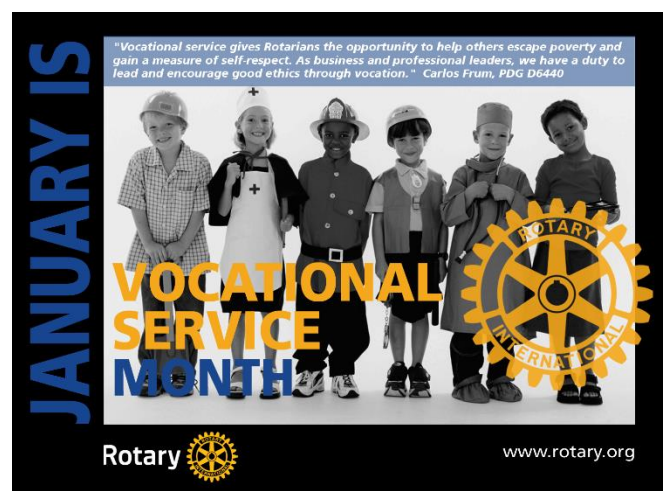
Rotary emphasizes integrity and high ethical standards. Two standards developed by Rotarians — The Four-Way Test and the Rotarian Code of Conduct — provide a road map for ethical behaviour in the workplace and other areas of life.

What is the Rotarian Code of Conduct:

As a Rotarian, I will:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life.
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect.
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world.
4. Avoid behaviour that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians.

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District at a Glance

Total membership	1 July	31 Dec	Change
Rotarians	1 128	1142	+14
Rotaractors	52	46	-6
Honorary members	238	235	-3
Total Clubs			
Rotary Clubs	81	81	-
Rotaract Clubs	11	11	-
Satellite Clubs	2	2	-

Unfortunately, our membership figures fell below the 1 200 minimum benchmark in December. This is understandable as Clubs would have removed the names of those individuals who resigned in the second semester of 2023. Clubs are reminded to upload all new inductees on Club Runner as soon as possible and also to ensure that new members are billed for their dues as from 1 January 2024.

Hero of the Month

I have previously stated how blown away I am with the wonderful projects which our Clubs are running in our District. This past month was no exception, however, this month I would like to acknowledge an individual who goes beyond "Service Above Self". Young Cody Joubert, a Grade 11 learner at the Aliwal North High School, took it upon himself to provide a Christmas meal for almost 100 poor aged pensioners in our low-income community. He approached sponsors, did fundraising and prepared the meal all by himself, as he has a passion for cooking.



Cody dishing up the Christmas meals for the Community members.

Each meal contained lamb stew, a chicken drumstick, pumpkin, rice, and roast potatoes. Everyone also received a slice of cake, a chocolate and a cooldrink.



The delicious home cooked meal ready for delivery.

Cody, who has been elected as Head Boy at ANHS for 2024, is also the President of the Alies Interact Club. Once he has completed his Matric in 2024, he hopes to study Medicine following which he would like to specialise in Paediatrics. We wish this inspirational young man all the best for his Matric year and will follow his Professional and Service career with interest.

The Month that was!

December was a quieter month regarding Club visits with only six Clubs being visited. The first Club was my Home Club of Aliwal North, the first meeting I could attend in about 2 months. The Club has come off a busy period of projects, the highlight of which was the distribution of 355 pairs of school shoes to underprivileged scholars at 6 schools in our community. This project was done in collaboration with Bata Shoes and Spar.



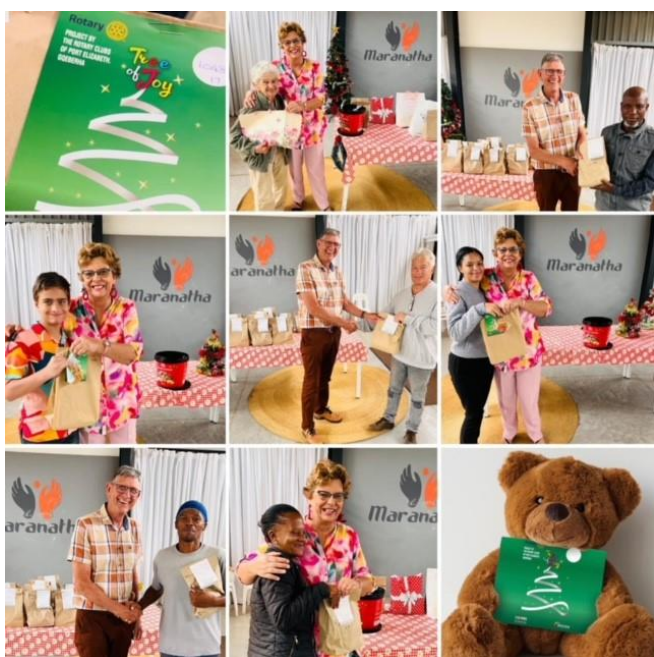
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I was also able to attend their annual Christmas with Santa at 4 Early Childhood Development centres where the kids each get given a gift, cooldrink and some cake.



The kids from Gummy Bears with Santa and some of the Rotarians.

The final 5 Club visits of the year took place in Uitenhage and Port Elizabeth. Once again, I was very impressed with the wonderful projects that our Club are involved with. Four of the Clubs were involved with the "Tree of Joy" Project, one in Uitenhage and one at Greenacres in PE.



One of the very happy Tree of Joy beneficiary Organisations.

The Rotary Club of Algoa Bay took us on a visit to the Khayaletu Childrens Centre which was the beneficiary of a Global Grant which was used to build a state-of-the-art Ablution facility, which is also off the grid. Friday 15th arrived and I was officially on leave. 65 Clubs visited, and 16 to go!

The month ahead

My Club visits continue in January as I face the final semester of my term as District Governor. Two trips are planned for January, and are as follows:

Monday	15-Jan	Viljoenskroon
Tuesday	16-Jan	Orkney
Wednesday	17-Jan	Parys
Thursday	18-Jan	Potchefstroom
Thursday	18-Jan	Potchefstroom Mooi
Friday	19-Jan	Klerksdorp
Monday	29-Jan	Hillcrest
Tuesday	30-Jan	Kloof
Wednesday	31-Jan	Reservoir Hills
Thursday	01-Feb	Durban Bay
Friday	02-Feb	Pietermaritzburg Azalea

Save the Date

Please diarise the following important dates:

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| 31 January | Dues to be paid |
| 16 – 18 February* | POETS, Port Elizabeth |
| 23 – 25 February* | POETS, Bloemfontein |
| 15 – 17 March* | POETS, Durban |
| 1 – 4 May | DISCON, Lesotho |

These dates * have been provisionally booked and will be confirmed shortly.



Rotarians who may be interested in attending RICON in Singapore may contact Charlie Panday for more information. His contact details are as follows:

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Odds & Ends



It's not Christmas if there is no cake!



Two more schools who benefitted from the Shoe Project.



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The rather bare Tree of Joy as the project is wrapped up.



Members from the RC of PE South & West assisting with the present wrapping service offered at the Tree of Joy.



Team photo with the RC of PE South.

Message from RID Patrick Chisanga

“As we stand on the threshold of the New Year 2024, and as we observe the developments in Ukraine, in Gaza, in Iraq and other trouble spots in the world, my greatest fear is that we also stand on the threshold of losing world peace! I therefore urge all Rotarians, Rotaractors, family, friends, and partners of Rotary across Africa to continue the quest to create HOPE in the world. Especially for children in these areas and for those who may have lost hope, we must continue to bring humanitarian assistance and work towards lasting positive peace as #PeopleOfAction. As Rotarians across the world therefore, we need to walk that extra mile to CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD”.

