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The Foundation of SA Rotary Clubs

The Foundation of Southern African Rotary Clubs (FSARC) is a non-profit Company whose exclusive purpose is to solicit and raise funding from Corporates and/or individuals in the interest of assisting Rotary Clubs with worthy projects. FSARC comprises District 9400, 9370 and 9350, each District being represented by 3 Directors / Board Members. Corporate Social Investment (CSI) is one of the key terms being used today in South Africa by both government and the business sector. FSARC believes that it can act as a conduit and facilitator of CSI funds given that the concept of Social Investment is and has been the business of Rotary Internationally since 1905.

Rotary Clubs of Southern Africa have been serving communities since the first Rotary Club of South Africa and Africa was chartered in Johannesburg in 1921. Since such date many clubs were chartered with amazing results in terms of raising money for the benefit of the communities they serve. Rotary Clubs identify pressing social needs and then work towards solving the needs. Many communities would be much poorer if Rotary had not assisted them since 1921 in Africa.

The Primary Objects of FSARC shall be to source and solicit funding for and perform any benefit activity which are endorsed or supported by Rotary International and are considered to be of a benevolent nature taking into account the needs, interests and well-being of the general public and shall, by way of example and without limitation, include one or more of the following benefit activities, including activities related thereto:

- Welfare and Humanitarian Activities.
- Land and Housing Activities.
- Education and Development Activities.
- Cultural Activities.
- Conservation, Environment and Animal Welfare Activities.
- Sport Activities.
- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution Activities.
- Disease prevention and treatment Activities.
- Water and sanitation Activities.
- Maternal and child health Activities.
- Basic education and literacy.

- Economic and community development.
- Any other activity which may qualify as a Public Benefit Activity in terms of the Law.

The District Training Teams are currently hard at work developing the training material which will be used to launch FSARC to the Clubs during the first quarter of 2024. More detailed information will be shared with Clubs soon and additional information will be made available during the POETS Sessions scheduled for February and March 2024.



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Rotary Family Health Day 2023

Following months of planning, arrangements, changes of dates and venues, the 2023 edition of the Rotary Family Health days was finally launched in the Free State on 8 November 2023. Eighteen Clubs participated in this year's event and while several of our Clubs hosted Wellness Days in 2023, it is hoped that in 2024, we can all focus on the same theme and date. DGN Steve Shone is the coordinator for the 2024 event and is already busy putting plans together. Our heartfelt thanks are extended to DGE Raj and his team for the hard work they put into getting the RFHA Days off the ground again following their absence during COVID-19.



District at a Glance

Total membership	1 July	30 Nov	Change
Rotarians	1 128	1 153	+25
Rotaractors	52	52	-
Honorary members	238	235	-3
Total Clubs			
Rotary Clubs	81	81	-
Rotaract Clubs	11	11	-
Satellite Clubs	2	2	-

Presidents, Secretaries and Executive Secretaries are reminded to ensure that their membership information is correct on Club Runner by NO LATER than 15 December 2023 as Clubs WILL be billed according to their recorded members. Furthermore, can all newly inducted members also be uploaded before 25 December as I have attended numerous inductions, but the figures have not changed.



DISCON 2024 Registration has opened and information regarding accommodation reservation has also been circulated to all members. Please ensure that you register soon to avoid disappointment. Please remember that accommodation is reserved on a first come, first served basis. PDG Maud and her Host Organising Committee are looking forward to welcoming you to the *Heart of Southern Africa*, Thaba Bosiu.

"Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see". - Mark Twain

Dundee Celebrates 70 Years

The Rotary Club of Dundee celebrated their 70th anniversary on Saturday 4 November 2023 which was a great experience and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended the functions.



DG Jacques, President Bev Garner and AG Christo Brockman

The weekend kicked off with the official DG Club visit and dinner on the Friday evening. Saturday morning saw the Club hosting a very successful R2-00 project at the local Pick 'n Pay where 7 trolleys of food were collected for 5 various beneficiaries in Dundee.



The donation table at the very successful R2-00 Project.

The Project was followed by a light lunch and an afternoon spent reminiscing about the past 70 years of Rotary in Dundee. Past Presidents, former Exchange Students and members all had the opportunity to share fond memories made in the Club.

During the course of the weekend, a number of trees were planted to commemorate the milestone.



Elisabeth Durham and her helpers who assisted with the planting of the +/- 40 trees in and around Dundee.

The Club is congratulated on this milestone and wish them many more years of serving their community.

The Month that was!

November has been the busiest month of my term as District Governor so far. I drove 4 344km, flew 1 760km, spent 22 nights away from home, visited 20 Clubs and attended 1 Club Celebration. To date I have completed 59 Club visits with only 22 to go. Once again, I have been blown away with the wonderful project we are busy with and the difference we make in our communities.

The visit to Dundee had many highlights which I will remember for many years to come.



The SPCA in Dundee received almost a bakkie load of food and supplies following the Dundee R2-00 Project.



The Dundee Early Act Wishing Well at the Dundee Primary School which has the following message on the wall: *"This wishing well is a symbol of kindness, fairness, honesty, goodwill, and friendship. Wishing someone well, will fill your heart with peace and kindness."* If this does not create "Hope", nothing will.



Pictured with Councillor Nicole Bollman and AG Ash Maharaj.

During my visit to the Rotary Club of Durban North, I was privileged to be witness to the recognition of a Community Member by the Club. Nicole Bollman, a former Rotaractor and current Councillor was awarded the Club's annual "Wheel of Service" Award for her involvement and commitment to their community.



Members of our only Breakfast Club in the District. The Rotary Club of Durban Umhlatuzana who meet at the Durban Surf Life Saving Club on Thursdays at 07h00.

The month ahead

With the onset of the Festive Season, my programme slows down for a couple of weeks with only 6 Club visits scheduled for the month.

Day	Date	Club / Event
Monday	04-Dec	Aliwal North
Monday	11-Dec	Uitenhage South & Uitenhage
Tuesday	12-Dec	Algoa Bay
Tuesday	12-Dec	Port Elizabeth South
Wednesday	13-Dec	
Thursday	14-Dec	Port Elizabeth West



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Odds and Ends



District 9370 Delegation at the launch of the 2023 Rotary Family Health Days in Bloemfontein lead by PDG Maud Boikanyo and DGN Steve Shome on far right of the picture.



RFHA Day launch in Bloemfontein.



Nelson Mandela capture site near Howick in KZN.



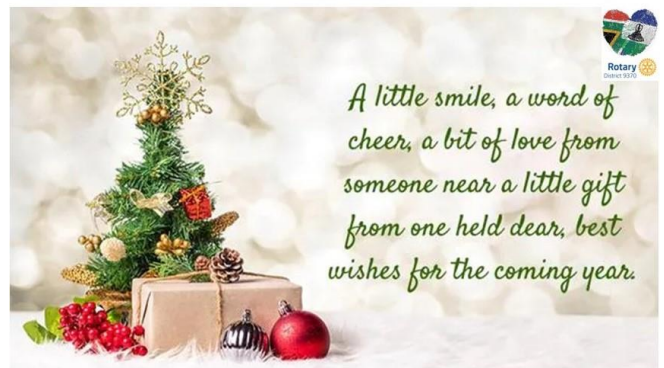
Past outgoing and present incoming Youth Exchange Students attending the Dundee 70th celebrations.

In conclusion

As the year draws to a close, all that is left to say is Merry Christmas / Happy Holidays and I hope that everyone has a Happy New Year!

**WISHING YOU ALL THE GREAT THINGS
THIS SEASON HAS TO OFFER**

JOY LOVE PEACE WONDER HOPE
HAPPINESS SMILES **fearlessness**
WARMTH COMFORT LAUGHTER SERENITY
TOGETHERNESS GRACE KINDNESS



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Thank you for giving our community the gift of hope.
Wishing you peace and joy this holiday season.