



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

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Rotary
District 9370

Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation
has been awarded

Charity Navigator

100%
Four-Star Charity

for 15 Consecutive Years

2022 2021 2020 2019 2018 2017 2016 2015
2014 2013 2012 2011 2010 2009 2008

NOVEMBER IS
ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

"If we can conquer space, we can conquer childhood hunger."
Buzz Aldrin

BECAUSE WE CARE
MAKE A CONTRIBUTION, BE THE DIFFERENCE

Rotary

TAKE ACTION: rotary.org/contribute

During my Club visit to the Rotary Club of Umhlanga, the Club kindly donated R20 000 to the Foundation as their contribution to the 2023 / 24 Rotary Year.



President Vanessa Champion handing over the cheque.

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.

With your help, we can make lives better in your community and around the world.

Our mission

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

What impact can one donation have?

- For as little as 60 US cents, a child can be protected from polio.
- \$50 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness.
- \$500 can launch an antibullying campaign and create a safe environment for children.

Please donate today!



State of the District

Total membership	1 July	31 Oct	Change
Rotarians	1 128	1 152	+24
Rotaractors	52	52	0
Honorary members	238	236	-2
Total Clubs			
Rotary Clubs	81	81	0
Rotaract Clubs	11	11	0
Satellite Clubs	2	2	0

Club Presidents / Secretaries are reminded to please keep membership details updated on Club Runner at all times. Failure to do so will result in new members being excluded from RI and District communication and notifications.

Richards Bay Celebrates 40 Years

The Rotary Club of Richards Bay celebrates their 40th year of existence in 2023. A Black-tie Event was held on Saturday, 14 October 2023, and was attended by Charter Members, former members, friends of Rotary and a couple of special Rotary Guests. An evening of fun, entertainment and story telling was enjoyed by all.



Pres Andrew Killick (Empangeni), AG Lawrie vd Merwe (Mtunzini), DG Jacques & Lynda Venter (Aliwal North), Pres Richard Chennels (Eshowe), Charlotte and Pres Francois Fourie (Richards Bay).

Master of Ceremonies, Dave Savides, had everyone in stitches with his quirks and jokes and the entertainment was provided by the Charter Members and their Ann's.



The Ann's performed a medley of ABBA song and the men performed a few Three Tenor's songs. All of them being suitable dressed for the occasion.

The highlight of the evening was the Charter members speaking of the earlier years of the Club, the good & bad times and all the fellowship that was enjoyed through the years. The evening was wrapped up with the lighting of the 40th birthday cake.



Charter members address and story telling and the birthday cake.



The Month that was!

October was a busy month as District Governor. I travelled 3 160km by car, visited 9 Clubs, attended the Richards Bay 40th Celebration and spent 12 nights away from home. Once again I was blown away by some of the projects that our Clubs are involved with. From Creche's for autistic kids, Early Childhood Development Centres, Girl Empowerment Initiatives and numerous others.

The Rotary Club of Hibiscus Coast (Margate & Uvongo) support the CS Learning Centre which caters for children with Autism. The work being done by these educators and carers is absolutely wonderful.



“The work being done by Principal Tammy Smulders and her staff at CS Learning Centre is truly inspirational. Their love, caring and passion for what they do are clearly evident when walking through the Centre and seeing the attention given to these young children. The CS Learning Centre is the perfect example of our Rotary Theme for 2023/24: Creating Hope in the World! These young children have been given hope for a future in their lives.”

DG Jacques Venter - Rotary District 9370

Principal Tammy Smulders, COB Sheryl Mulder, PAG Anne Thompson, DG Jacques Venter, AG Rowan D'Archi, President Mike Macrae

The Rotary Club of Zimbali host the annual Miss Ballito Pageant, which is not a beauty pageant, but a Woman Empowerment Programme where participants have to run projects which includes a commitment to community service. Every annual event runs over several weeks of hard work and dedication following which the winner is announced based on the results of the projects undertaken and the success thereof. The nett result is that many of the participants end up joining Rotaract as they are committed to “Service Above Self”.



Rotaract President Mel (Miss Ballito 2022) DG Jacques, Rotaract President Elect Shay (current Miss Ballito) and Zimbali Club President Kasalen Thaver.

I was also witness to a few young leaders who gave feedback to their various sponsor Clubs having attended the RYLA which was hosted in Port Shepstone recently. It is amazing how these children's lives have been changed.



Dinga Ngumbela from Kingsway High School, Aneska Dupont (RC of Amanzimtoti) and DG Jacques following Dinga's presentation.

The month ahead

November is due to be the busiest month of my DG year. My schedule takes me to the KZN Midlands and then to the Goldfields.

Day	Date	Club
Tuesday	31 Oct	Ladysmith
Wednesday	1 Nov	Newcastle
Thursday	2 Nov	Estcourt
Friday	3 Nov	Dundee
Saturday	4 Nov	Dundee's 70 th
Monday	6 Nov	Hilton & Howick
Tuesday	7 Nov	e-Club of SA 1
Wednesday	8 Nov	Underberg
Thursday	9 Nov	Bethlehem
Friday	10 Nov	Ficksburg
Saturday	11 Nov	Ficksburg Imperani
Thursday	16 Nov	Lukhanji Sunset
Tuesday	21 Nov	Durban North
Wednesday	22 Nov	Phoenix
Thursday	23 Nov	Durban Umhlatuzana
Thursday	23 Nov	Durban Berea
Monday	27 Nov	Bothaville
Tuesday	28 Nov	Flamingo Welkom
Tuesday	28 Nov	Goldfields Sunset
Wednesday	29 Nov	Odendaalsrus
Thursday	30 Nov	Kroonstad.

Odds and Ends



Members of the Rotary Club of Kwa Dukuza-Stanger with AG Peter Harmsen.

Tips for Running Effective Meetings

Email an agenda 24 hours in advance.

Arrive 5 minutes early

Start and end on time.

Come prepared.

Bring paper and a pen.

Share all relevant data.

No smartphones.

Stay on topic.

No interrupting.

Be brief and concise.

Silence = agreement

No side conversations or comments

Disagree without being disagreeable

Challenge ideas rather than people.

Everyone participates.

Follow-up by email within 24 hours.



Amanzimtoti new inductee, Mkhululi Dlamini with AG Logan Pillay.