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Presidential Initiative



Empowering girls

RI President Gordon McNally continues the initiative launched by Past RI President Shekhar Mehta and carried on by Past RI President Jennifer Jones that focuses on elevating the voices and unlocking the power of girls and women around the world. He encourages members to keep finding ways to improve girls' health, well-being, education, economic security, and self-determination. Empowered girls become empowered women who can change the world.

Resources for clubs and members which are available on **My Rotary** to learn more about empowering girls include the following:

- [Empowering Girls Overview](#)
- [Empowering Girls Brochure](#)
- [Empowering Girls Presentation](#)
- [Empowering Girls Talking Points](#)
- [Rotary Youth Protection Guide](#)

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OCTOBER IS

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

"To the world you may be one person; but to one person you may be the world."
Dr. Seuss

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End Polio Now

In 1988, the World Health Assembly passed a resolution to eradicate polio, leading to the establishment of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) (GPEI). As a result, partners including Rotary International are working together to ensure that every child receives several doses of polio vaccine.

Since the launch of GPEI, polio cases have decreased by more than 99%. In addition, polio vaccines have prevented an estimated 20 million cases of paralysis in children since 1988.

Vaccines have stopped the spread of wild poliovirus in all but [two countries](#): Afghanistan and Pakistan. However, other countries have experienced outbreaks of [poliovirus variants](#), which can emerge in areas where immunization rates are low.

GPEI set a goal of ending all types of polio in 2023 and is working to address barriers to reaching this goal. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, [routine childhood immunization programs](#) and [global polio vaccination campaigns](#) were disrupted. GPEI is working to increase global polio vaccination to make up for lost ground.

Success in eradicating polio will mean that no more children will have to experience the devastating effects of the disease. Failure to eradicate polio could cause poliovirus to reappear around the world with an estimated 150,000-200,000 new cases expected every year within 10 years. © Centres for Disease Control & Prevention

Together, we end polio

WORLD POLIO DAY
24 OCTOBER

Register your
World Polio Day event

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State of our District

Total membership	1 July	30 Sept	Change
Rotarians	1 128	1 154	+26
Rotaractors	52	52	-
Honorary members	238	235	-3
Total Clubs			
Rotary Clubs	81	81	-
Rotaract Clubs	11	11	-
Satellite Clubs	2	2	-

Club Presidents / Secretaries are reminded to please update Club Runner with all Inductions and Resignations on a regular basis to ensure that our figures are always correct.

5th All Africa Zone 22 RI Institute

Each year, past, present, and incoming District and senior leaders attend Rotary institutes to share information, build connections, and exchange ideas about Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation. The 5th All Africa Zone 22 RI Institute took place in Lusaka from 8 – 10 September 2023 and was attended by 600 delegates from across the Africa continent.



RI President Gordon McNally and his wife Heather were also in attendance as Guests of Honour. This year's programme focussed on The Rotary Foundation, Membership, Club Visioning, Family Health Programmes, Public Image, Environment and Renewable Energy. Presentations were done by Local and International Speakers sharing information on the relevant topics who were not only knowledgeable, but also extremely inspirational. Attending a Zone Institute also offers one the opportunity to network, reconnect with friends, and find inspiration for continuing one's service and leadership in your community. Besides for the Plenary Sessions, there are also a few Break-out

Sessions covering other areas of Interest, social events, and entertainment.



D9370 was represented by DGE Raj Ramchander, PE Thakane Masupha-Tau, DG Jacques Venter, PP Yande Sikazwe-Mothae and PDG Maud Boikanyo.

The annual Zone Institutes are open to all Rotarians who wish to attend, and everyone is welcome. The 6th All Africa Zone Institute will take place in Mauritius. Go to www.rotaryinstitute.info for more information.



GREAT CLUBS DON'T HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT

Be intentional about providing your members with a great club experience. Our MEMBERSHIP ASSESSMENT TOOLS can help you get started.



Get to know new and prospective members with the **member interest survey**.

Identify groups in your community that are underrepresented in your club using the **diversity assessment**.

Create a plan to invite more people to visit or join your club with the **prospective member exercise**.

Meet members where they're at in their membership journey using the **retention assessment and analysis**.

Learn what your members want and keep your club relevant with the **member satisfaction survey**.

Understand why members are leaving your club with the **exit survey**.



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The month that was

September was a relative quiet month as besides for the All Africa Zone Institute, I only visited 6 Clubs in and around East London.



RI President Gordon with the South Africans prior to the Boks vs Scotland rugby match. DGE Stephen Young (D9350), PDG Patrick Coleman (D9400) DG Ann Wright (D9350) RIP Gordon, DG Riana Pretorius (D9400), DG Jacques Venter (D9370), DGE Raj Ramchunder (D9370) & DGE George Senosha (D9400).

Once again, I was left speechless at the wonderful work we as Rotarians do in our communities. During the week in East London I was shown some awesome projects which we are involved with, ranging from the McClelland Adult Centre For Intellectually Impaired, where Rotary has been involved with the supply of water tanks and plumbing, to the Fort Grey Primary School where Rotary donated books and a container in which a library and Chess Club has been established, to the Guardians of Hope Centre for Vulnerable Children where Rotary assists, not only with funding, but also with manpower with the caring of abandoned and vulnerable young children aged between new born and 4 years of age.



Grade 3 Learners busy with a reading presentation.

During our visit to Fort Grey Primary School, the Rotary Club of East London presented Mr Khanyiso Petse with a Vocational Award for the wonderful work he is doing with the learners encouraging them to read by establishing a Bookworm Reading Club, and the progress made with the newly established Chess Club. With his guidance several learners have been chosen to attend the Provincial Chess Championships in Port Elizabeth during the school holidays following their success at local competitions in East London.



DG Jacques Venter, AG Pam Way, Khanyiso Petse, Rt Janet Young and the School Headmaster following the handover of the Vocational Award.

A wonderful fellowship evening was arranged by the RC of Gately which was attended by members from Arcadia, East London, Gately, Bonza Bay and King Williamstown. During the evening, I was honoured to pin a District Pin to one of our outgoing Youth Exchange Student. Christine Davies will be leaving for Europe shortly on a long-term exchange which she is really looking forward to.



Christine proudly wearing her 1st of many pins along with the DG Couple.

Being District Governor certainly has its perks, in that quite often, we are given wonderful gifts. Our visit to the RC of East London was no exception, and Lynda and I were presented with unique gifts. The Club adopted two penguins at the EL Aquarium and in so doing helped one of their other projects. We are now the proud parents of Oscar and Skye, our penguin kiddies.



Our official Adoption Certificates with a photo of our little ones. (In case you were wondering, Skye, the female, is the one with her mouth open!) 😊

A wonderful and unique gift that we appreciate endlessly.

The Month Ahead

As I enter the second quarter of my term as DG, my Club visits intensify in October spending two weeks in KZN visiting 9 Clubs and joining Richards Bay in celebrating their 40th Anniversary. My travel dates are as follows:

Monday	09-Oct	Empangeni
Tuesday	10-Oct	Umhlanga
Wednesday	11-Oct	Kwa Dukuza Stanger
Thursday	12-Oct	Zimbali
Friday	13-Oct	Eshowe
Saturday	14-Oct	Richards Bay 40th
Sunday	15-Oct	KZN Stayover
Monday	16-Oct	Hibiscus Coast
Tuesday	17-Oct	Durban Morningside
Wednesday	18-Oct	Durban Merewent
Thursday	19-Oct	Amanzimtoti
Tuesday	24-Oct	World Polio Day

Save the Date

Rotary District Conference 2024
District 9370

Creating Hope in the Heart of Southern Africa

Venue: Thaba Bosiu Cultural Village,
Mountain Kingdom of Lesotho
Date: 2 – 4 May 2024

THE 2024 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

SINGAPORE | 25-29 MAY 2024

REGISTER AND PAY BY 15 DECEMBER 2023 BEFORE PRICES INCREASE

**BUILDING IDEAS FROM HOPE.
SETTING COURSE TOWARD A BETTER FUTURE.
SHARING HOPE WITH THE WORLD.**

Be a part of Rotary's biggest event of the year!
Register and pay by 15 December 2023 before prices increase.

Register today at convention.rotary.org

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Odds and Ends



Receiving our Adoption certificates from President Melonie Gobel.



Another beautiful gift: a handmade clock from McClelland's and two fantastic bottles of wine from RC of Gately.



A very special project in East London supported by RC of Gately.