



Heart & Soul of D9350

May 2024 Edition 11

District Governor's Monthly newsletter



Message from DG Ann Wright



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we near the end of a vibrant Rotary year, our clubs are alive with service and fellowship.

Our impactful projects and the warmth shown to new members have created a palpable energy. Each project, meeting, and act of kindness reflects our steadfast dedication as Rotarians. Remembering Sir Robert Baden-Powell's words, 'The most worthwhile thing is to put happiness into the lives of others.'

Polio Eradication Efforts

Thank you to all who contributed to the Polio fund. Special gratitude to our Angolan Rotarians who delivered drops to children. If you have remaining budget, consider supporting this vital cause. Our fight against Polio, initiated in the Philippines in 1979, continues to gain visibility worldwide. Dr Carrie Minnaar, Guest Speaker at DISCON24, is currently in the Philippines training South East Asian doctors on how to use her hyperthermia treatment for cervical cancer. She sent me a message to say she could see lots of Rotary signs wherever she goes. The power of brand recognition!

Youth Engagement

May was a bustling month, celebrating our youth. Kudos to clubs organizing Interact workshops. The Claremont RC's Interact report back with five clubs was inspiring. I was captivated by their commitment and passion and their presentations were excellent. RC Durbanville's revival of Interact Clubs at Fairmont High and Reddam House deserves applause. As Angus S. Mitchell (RI President 1948-49) once said, the potential in our youth is immense, and nurturing it is more crucial than ever.

George tragedy

The recent George construction site tragedy has deeply affected us. We extend our condolences to the RC George member who lost four staff members. Rotarians moved quickly to offer support and aid and President Di expressed her deep appreciation to the clubs for their overwhelming generosity.

Counselling and educational support is their focus and they will keep clubs informed of how the funds are being used.

Membership

Our district's spirit drives us to grow and maintain our unique identity as 9350. Good luck to RC George as they're hoping to charter a Rotaract club this month. Lubango is still looking to charter a Satellite this year and on 15 June RC Keetmanshoop, Namibia will launch with a special dinner event. Next club Charter will be Malmesbury.

We were well prepared for our discussions with RI leaders in Singapore where we highlighted our geographical and economic challenges. Discussions around a table are far better than a trail of emails. We have 'won' this round BUT we ALL must ensure that we keep inducting new members and retaining those we have. The ball is in our court and we have to play fair.

Our current membership stands at 1,133, including 24 new Rotarians from Keetmanshoop. Please ensure new members are added to the RI database promptly.

Singapore Convention

Attending a Convention can be transformative, revealing the vastness of our organization. I encourage you to visit local clubs and attend inductions to experience this firsthand. More insights on the Convention will be shared separately.

June is a time for Fellowship and Fun. Let's enjoy and embrace the true joy of being a Rotarian.

Warm wishes

Ann



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Caros Companheiros Rotários

À medida que nos aproximamos do final de um ano Rotário vibrante, nossos clubes estão vivos com serviço e companheirismo. Nossos projetos impactantes e o calor demonstrado aos novos membros criaram uma energia palpável. Cada projeto, reunião e ato de bondade reflete nossa dedicação inabalável como Rotários. Lembrando as palavras de Sir Robert Baden-Powell, 'A coisa mais valiosa é colocar felicidade na vida dos outros.'

Esforços de Erradicação da Pólio Obrigado a todos que contribuíram para o fundo da Pólio. Gratidão especial aos nossos Rotários Angolanos que entregaram gotas às crianças. Se você tem orçamento restante, considere apoiar esta causa vital. Nossa luta contra a Pólio, iniciada nas Filipinas em 1979, continua a ganhar visibilidade mundial. A Dra. Carrie Minnaar, Palestrante Convidada no DISCON24, está atualmente nas Filipinas treinando médicos do Sudeste Asiático sobre como usar seu tratamento de hipertermia para câncer cervical. Ela me enviou uma mensagem dizendo que podia ver muitos sinais do Rotary onde quer que fosse. O poder do reconhecimento da marca!

Engajamento Juvenil Maio foi um mês agitado, celebrando nossa juventude. Parabéns aos clubes que organizaram oficinas Interact. O relatório do Interact do RC Claremont com cinco clubes foi inspirador. Fiquei cativado pelo compromisso e paixão deles e suas apresentações foram excelentes. A revitalização dos Clubes Interact pelo RC Durbanville na Fairmont High e na Reddam House merece aplausos. Como Angus S. Mitchell (Presidente do RI 1948-49) uma vez disse, o potencial em nossa juventude é imenso, e nutri-lo é mais crucial do que nunca.

Tragédia em George A recente tragédia no canteiro de obras de George nos afetou profundamente. Estendemos nossas condolências ao membro do RC George que perdeu quatro funcionários. Os Rotários agiram rapidamente para oferecer suporte e ajuda e a Presidente Di expressou sua profunda gratidão aos clubes por sua generosidade esmagadora. O foco agora é o aconselhamento e apoio educacional e eles manterão os clubes informados sobre como os fundos estão sendo usados.

Membros O espírito do nosso distrito nos impulsiona a crescer e manter nossa identidade única como 9350. Boa sorte ao RC George, pois eles estão esperando fundar um clube Rotaract este mês. Lubango ainda está procurando fundar um Satélite este ano e em 15 de junho o RC Keetmanshoop, Namíbia será lançado com um evento especial de jantar. O próximo clube a ser fundado será Malmesbury.

Estávamos bem preparados para nossas discussões com os líderes do RI em Singapura, onde destacamos nossos desafios geográficos e econômicos. Discussões em torno de uma mesa são muito melhores do que uma sequência de e-mails. Ganhamos esta rodada MAS todos nós devemos garantir que continuemos a induzir novos membros e a reter os que temos. A bola está em nosso campo e temos que jogar limpo. Nosso atual número de membros está em 1.133, incluindo 24 novos Rotários de Keetmanshoop. Por favor, certifique-se de que os novos membros sejam adicionados ao banco de dados do RI prontamente.

Convenção de Singapura Participar de uma Convenção pode ser transformador, revelando a vastidão de nossa organização. Encorajo você a visitar clubes locais e participar de induções para vivenciar isso em primeira mão. Mais insights sobre a Convenção serão compartilhados separadamente.

Junho é um tempo para Companheirismo e Diversão. Vamos aproveitar e abraçar a verdadeira alegria de ser um Rotário.

Votos calorosos,
Ann



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Flushing with Pride....Rotary's first public service project was also rooted in Vocational Service.

In 1907, the Rotary Club of Chicago, under the leadership of Rotary International Founder Paul Percy Harris, initiated the first Rotary public service project: creating a public comfort station (also known as a public toilet).



This step transformed Rotary into the world's first Service Club. The club called a meeting of civic organisations to establish a committee for installing city comforts stations, or public toilets, to improve sanitation.



WATER,
SANITATION
AND HYGIENE

"We support local solutions to bring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to more people every day. We don't just build wells and walk away.

We share our expertise with community leaders and educators to make sure our projects succeed long-term."

RI CONVENTION



DG Ann with guest speaker Tayyaba Gul from Pakistan.



President Gordon hits the Bell to signify the end of one year and the beginning of the new one.



PDG Carl-Heinz and Caroline from RC Helderberg Sunrise.



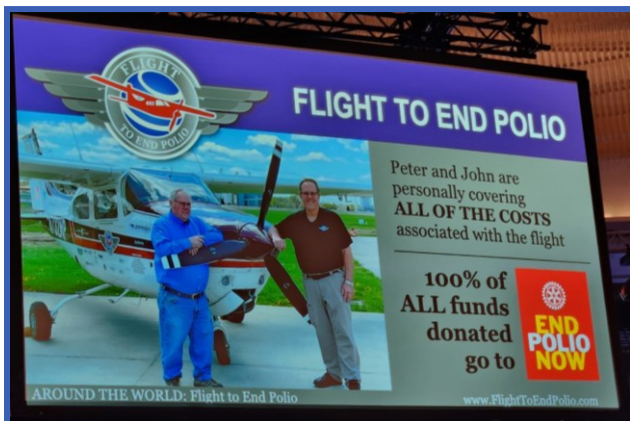
Why was Jack Sim one of the stand-out speakers? For the phenomenal work he has done supplying toilets and sanitation all over the world and for his excellent, humorous presentation style.



Opening Plenary Session.



DG Ann, DGE Steven and his wife Jackie.



Two cousins flew around the world to raise money for Polio.



District Leaders met with RI Directors to discuss redistricting.

RI CONVENTION



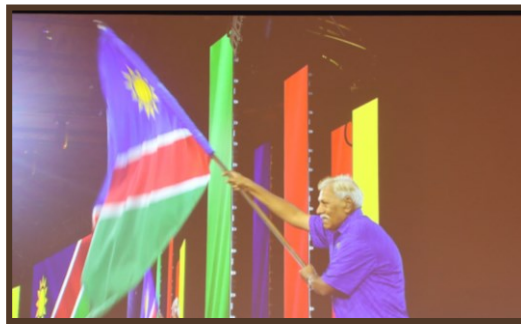
DG Ann with DG Gabs from Harare.



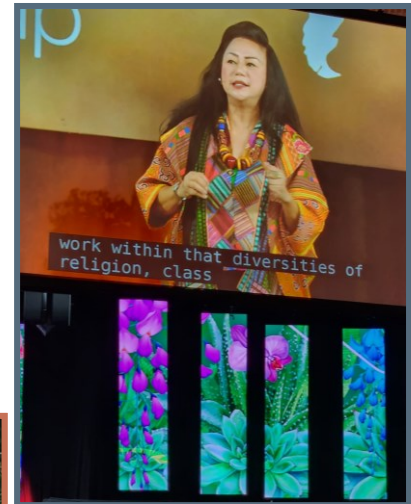
Interesting talks and presentations were hosted at the Peace Park stand within the House of Friendship.



Level 3 corridor for breakaway sessions.



Flag ceremony



Claire Chiang. A powerful woman with a commanding presence.



A view from the Marina Bay.



Caribbean flamingoes.



Past RI President Jennifer Jones hosted a breakaway session on the value of partnerships.



John and Lorraine Winship RC Newlands.



DG Ann having Sundowners with our RIPR, Phil, on the Marina Bay hotel top deck.

RI CONVENTION



PDG Carl-Heinz, DG Ann, PDG David, DGE Steven and his wife Jackie.



The traditional banner handover from outgoing President to incoming President.



Callum singing 'Dancing on my own'.



A collection of Rotarians from 9350 and 9370 at the Calgary stand.



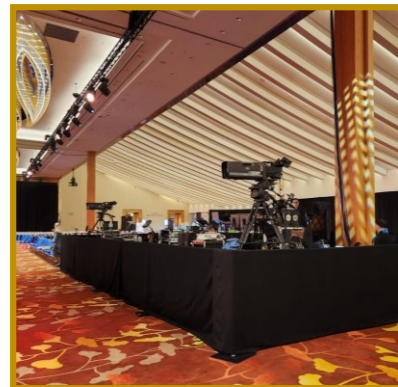
Bill Gates congratulated the Rotarians on their fight to stop Polio, but appealed for continued support.



MRT station.



India announced as the Programme of Scale Award winner.



The Tech staff in the General Assembly room.



Former SA First Lady, Graca Machel.



Virtual tour at the End Polio stand.



Entertainment



Rtn Farhat from RC Sea Point with past RI President Holger Knaack and his wife.

RI CONVENTION



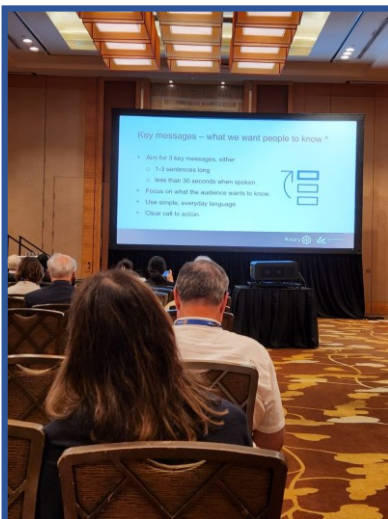
The Dragon Dance at the Opening of the House of Friendship.



DG Ann with PDG Maddie D9370 and PP Charlie D9370 at the closing ceremony.



Helene Visser, Max Ahmen RC Blouberg, DG Ann with D9370 PDG Maddie.



Breakaway session.



Peace tree with messages for Peace in the world.



Imagine meeting a Kenyan Rotarian working in Switzerland in Singapore.



Chris and Patricia Pargiter from RC George.



President Stefan and Rtn Claude

RI CONVENTION

Rotary International Convention in Singapore, May 2024

For those who have not attended a convention before..

Eighteen Rotarians from D9350 attended Convention this year and we each have a story to tell. This is mine.

Let's separate the stunning city from the Convention. Singapore is a sunny, humid tropical island in SE Asia with the world's busiest port. It's also known as the Garden City, a cosmopolitan, green city which is efficient and superbly run, super clean and very expensive. It's transport system is superb.

I attended Convention this year to reconnect with my DG classmates and to honour President Gordon, whose inspirational leadership and focus on Peace and Mental Wellness have taught me invaluable lessons.

The vibey House of Friendship was the heart of the event bustling with Rotary Retail therapy, Polio stands, coffee bars and food kiosks. It was a microcosm of Rotary's global reach, with club project displays, RAGs, meeting spaces, lounges, entertainment and Rotarians from every corner of the world mingling and forging new friendships.

The conference venue was humongous. The General Session venue on level 5 seated +9,000 people. This was the venue for the daily General sessions as well as for the Grand Opening and the Grand Closing events. The breakaway venues were on level 3 & 4 – each level had a long passage with numerous rooms leading off it.

Brief personal highlights.. President Gordon's humility and story telling prowess were unmatched. His theme of Peace and Mental wellness was reflected in most of the topics at convention. The First Lady, an opera singer and singing teacher, provided moments of magic with her rendition of the Scottish national anthem as was her duet with an RI Director at the closing ceremony.

Among the many distinguished speakers over the 5 days, Claire Chiang, co-founder and Senior Vice-President of the Banyan Group stood out as a powerful business woman and Rotarian, alongside Jack Sim, whose humour and dedication to sanitation and toilets captured our imaginations. Tayyaba Naheed Gul, CEO Youth Catalyst, an inspirational Rotarian from Pakistan reminded us of the ongoing battles we face in certain countries. The entertainment was top class: Callum Scott from the UK – so goodlooking! He sang 'You are the Reason.' And the fabulous Red Hot Chili Peppers from Scotland were my favourite performers.

Comments from random Rotarians

- Carl-Heinz Duisberg. I appreciated Graca Machel's belief that it is high time to pay women equally when they are doing the same work as their male colleagues and Claire Chiang is an absolute role model for successful female entrepreneurs.
- I left the convention with a comprehensive experience. It was bigger than my imagination.
- I see RI in a new light. Exemplary service.
- The big screens were amazing and I felt as if Bill Gates was in the room with me.
- I learnt more about Rotary in these 5 days than I've learnt in my club these past 6 years.

I hope my tapestry of experiences has enticed you to save for future conventions: Calgary next year, or Taipei in 2026 or Honolulu in 2027.

Ann Wright

#Rotary24



SINGAPORE | 25-29 MAY 2024



Why should Rotarians attend at least one Convention in their lifetime?

A Rotary Convention combines fellowship with Rotary business and inspires attendees with noteworthy guest speakers, entertainers, workshops and the inspiring messages from our RI leaders. Members meet fellow Rotarians from around the world, find solutions to global challenges and celebrate the successes created by our actions.

What does this message not tell you?

- You will feel like a tiny drop in the ocean.
- RI Admin is there and service is superb.
- Rotarians are incredibly easy to talk to even if English is not their home language.
- The organization is impeccable with great attention to detail.
- There is a niche for everyone.
- The tech stuff will even impress your grandchildren.
- Be prepared to pay for everything in US Dollars – see it as an investment in personal growth.
- Dress etiquette – what does this actually mean.
- You will find Rotarians from Mongolia, Russia, Ukraine, Morocco with unique stories to tell.
- You need to save for 2 years – Convention destinations are published 8 years in advance.
- You pay for registration, plus all food and refreshments, evening socials (\$125USD each) flights and accommodation.
- Attending a convention is an act of selfcare, a reward for the incredible service you deliver to humanity.



Added benefits of Convention

- Meeting Rotary world leaders
- Listening to world class leaders
- Experiencing a new place
- Having well organized local tours
- Having good packages around the country
- The Internationality of Rotary, 529 districts from across the world

CLUB NEWS

RC LE CAP DES TEMPETES



Members of Club Le Cap des Tempetes. Claude and President Stefan with DG Ann.

RC CLAREMONT



RC Claremont invited their 5 Interact clubs to present their year end reports. Exceptional work is being done by Bishops, Claremont High, Herschel, SACS and Sans Souci clubs.

RC BLOUBERG



Exchanging banners with Dinko from RC Haskovo D2482 and RC Blouberg in his toy shop and with him are Max Ahmen, Helene Visser, and Pam Scott.

ROTARACT LUANDA



Luanda Rotaract Club members invited the girls from an orphanage to join them for a fun day. They visited the Science Centre, took part in fun activities and enjoyed special treats.



Having fun: President Ruvi, DG Ann, AG Tsie, AG Lisa and PDG Ian.

RC CLAREMONT



President Ruvi handed over the District Koos Burger Environmental Award to their partners at Green Anglicans & Hope Africa.

RC AM KAP



DG Ann presented a Certificate of Appreciation signed by President Gordon to Rtn Margit Pilz for her dedication to her Club, Am Kap, and Rotary. President Michael is on the left.

CLUB NEWS

RC MELKBOS



RC Melkbosstrand participated in a Quiz evening hosted by their local Neighbourhood Watch. They flew the Rotary flag high walking off with top honours.

RC SIGNAL HILL



Congratulations to RC Signal Hill who in May celebrated 53 years of service to the community.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

RC HOUT BAY



Returning member Matt (left); new member Hanna (right) with President Ralph.

RC HOUT BAY



Club President Ralph Tobergte (right) handed over badges and "the orange book" to Paola Bellomusto (left) and Helen Bauriedl (centre).

RC OUDTSHOORN



(From left to right) Arend Brink new member, Keith and Ursula Moodie new members, President Leon Coetzee, AG Sunè Ruppung and Johan Leach new member.



RI CONVENTION



DISTRICT GRANTS

*Funding for
small-scale, short-term activities
that address needs in your community
and communities abroad*

You can use district grants to fund a variety of district and club projects and activities, including:

- Humanitarian projects, including service travel and disaster recovery efforts
- Scholarships for any level, length of time, location, or area of study
- Youth programs, including Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Rotaract, and Interact
- Vocational training teams, which are groups of professionals who travel abroad either to teach local it themselves

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
rotary.org/districtgrants



GLOBAL GRANTS

*Funding for
large international activities with
sustainable, measurable outcomes
in Rotary's areas of focus*

Global grants can fund:

- Humanitarian projects
- Scholarships for graduate-level academic studies
- Vocational training teams, which are groups of professionals who travel abroad either to teach local professionals about their field or to learn more about it themselves

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PROGRAMS OF SCALE GRANTS

*Funding for
Rotary member-led, evidence-based
programs that have already
demonstrated success*

As people of action focused on increasing our impact, we must continue to invest in relationships, make decisions grounded in evidence, and mobilize our networks to create solutions that last. Scaling proven programs will benefit more people and foster policy development and sustainable programs.

2023 award recipients:
United to End
Cervical Cancer
in Egypt

2022 award recipients:
Together for
Healthy Families
in Nigeria

2021 award recipients:
Partners for a
Malaria-Free
Zambia

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DISASTER RESPONSE GRANTS

*Funding for
short-term activities
focused on recovery*

Districts that have been affected by natural disasters can use Rotary disaster response grants to launch their own projects or work with established relief organizations to help their communities recover.

Grant funds can be used to provide basic items such as water, food, medicine, and clothing. Districts should work closely with local officials and groups to ensure that the funding will meet a specific community need.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
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CLUB SNIPPETS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

RC Greyton Induction
June 7, 2024 17h30

RC Knysna Induction
June 15, 2024 12h30

Keetmanshoop Induction
Jun 15, 2024 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

RC Newlands Induction
June 17, 2024 19h00

RC Riebeek Valley
June 20, 2024 18h00

RC Cape of Good Hope
June 22, 2024 12h30

RC Claremont
June 25, 2024 18h00

D9350 Food Garden Webinar
Jun 26, 2024 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Stellenbosch Induction
Jul 01, 2024 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

D9350 Food Garden Webinar
Jul 24, 2024 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

KEEP UPDATED



Important changes to the Rotary Citation

The Rotary Citation will become known as the Club Excellence Award starting in 2024-25. The RI Board approved this change to better convey the award's purpose as recognition of club excellence. Although the name of the award is changing, the criteria for earning it are not. Also starting next year, Rotaractors will be able to set their goals and report their achievements in Rotary Club Central, and they'll need to do so by 30 June 2025 to earn the Club Excellence Award. Write to our Awards staff at riawards@rotary.org with any questions.

What are international clubs doing?

The Rotary Club Naples North and 11 other clubs in District 2101 supported and financed for the 2nd year, the restoration of the twin organs of the Church of Saint Gregory the Armenian in Marco Naples. The RC Pandamaran in Malaysia held a free one day medical camp for mothers and children. In between fun activities they had talks by medical professionals, free health examinations and treatments.

Why not post your club projects on Rotary International Showcase page where clubs can see what you are doing? You can invite clubs to help you with funding or to give you advice.

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Inspire your community.**

Visit the Brand Center to access promotional materials and resources to share your club's stories of impact and show your community we're people of action. You'll find:



Templates to create club logos and custom promotions



Ads, photos, and videos that show Rotary in action



Guidance to apply Rotary colors and design elements

Use these tools to update your website, social media accounts, and community outreach materials. Get started at rotary.org/brandcenter.



MAY

YOUTH SERVICE



The youth of today are
the leaders of tomorrow

Rotary 

Doing Good In The World

Basic
Education
& Literacy

Maternal
& Child
Health

Peace & Conflict
Prevention
Reduction

Disease
Prevention
& Treatment

Water,
Sanitation
& Hygiene

Community
& Economic
Development

Support the
Environment

May is Rotary’s Youth Service Month!

Throughout the month, Rotarians, Rotaractors, and younger members of the Rotary family, including Interactors and RYLA and Rotary Youth Exchange participants, celebrate the service, leadership development, connections, and FUN of Rotary’s programs for young leaders. Every year, over 350,000 young leaders participate in Rotary’s youth programs across [Interact](#), [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards \(RYLA\)](#), and [Rotary Youth Exchange](#).

Rotary’s Youth Service Month is an opportunity to promote our young leaders’ local and global impacts and the Rotary and Rotaract clubs that make these programs possible.

EarlyAct 

Primary schools

Interact 

High schools

Rotaract 

Young adults



Adventures into Citizenship



Leadership camp for high school
leaders



rotary
youth
exchange

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in the WORLD

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ROTARY'S VISION STATEMENT

TOGETHER WE SEE A WORLD
WHERE **PEOPLE** UNITE AND TAKE
ACTION TO **CREATE** LASTING
CHANGE ACROSS THE GLOBE
IN OUR COMMUNITITES AND IN OURSELVES

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TOGETHER, WE

CONNECT

Rotary  PEOPLE IN ACTION