



# ROTARY GRIQUA

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**District 9370, Northern Cape, South Africa: Chartered - 20 August 1951: ID 17458**

					
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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

07 March 2024 – Thursday Meeting: 12H45 for 13H00 – Board Meeting  
 11-17 March — World Rotaract Week  
 21 March 2024 – Thursday Meeting: 12H45 for 13H00  
 11 April 2024 - Thursday Meeting: 12H45 for 13H00 – Board Meeting  
 25 April 2024 - Thursday Meeting: 12H45 for 13H00

## Duties:

**President:** Johan Cronje  
**Sergeant:** Vernon Daubermann  
**Grace & TP:** Brenda Booth  
**Setup & Welcome:** Brenda Booth & Colleen Fairweather  
**Fetch Meal:** Ken Quinn

**Club Meetings:** The Blanckenberg Hall, Memorial Road - Thursdays 12H45 for 13H00

**INFO:** 083 621 9911

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

Wheelchair Project / Rotary Wellness Days / Old Age Homes / Tree of Joy / Platfontein / Lesedi Trust / Ebenezer

### Rotary District 9370:

The Rotary Club of Kimberley is a member of Rotary International - District 9370:

District 9370 encompasses the entire South African provinces of KwaZulu-Natal, the Eastern Cape and the Free State, parts of the Northern Cape and North West provinces and the entire Mountain Kingdom of Lesotho.



**Our mission:** We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

**Vision statement:** Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:** As a global network that strives to build a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change, Rotary values diversity and celebrates the contributions of people of all backgrounds, regardless of their age, ethnicity, race, colour, abilities, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

## **MARCH – ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME: WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE MONTH**

Clean water is a basic need for human beings. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives. However, at least 3,000 children die each day from diseases caused by unsafe water, which is what motivates our members to build wells, install rainwater harvesting systems, and teach community members how to maintain new infrastructure.

## Clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education, are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life.

Clean water is a basic human right that many are often denied.

When people have access to clean water and sanitation, waterborne diseases decrease, children stay healthier and attend school more regularly, and mothers can spend less time carrying water and more time helping their families.

Through water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs, Rotary's people of action mobilize resources, form partnerships, and invest in infrastructure and training that yield long-term change.

*The Rotary Foundation is changing the world by providing grants for projects and activities around the globe and in your own backyard:*

**WASH Global Grant Projects:** Since 2013, The Rotary Foundation has invested in more than \$130 million in over 2000 projects worldwide. Through this investment, our volunteers of action have improved access to safely managed and basic WASH services to communities, schools and healthcare facilities, while protecting and conserving water resources.



The UN's theme for this year is "Water for Peace", focusing on the critical role water plays in the stability and prosperity of the world.

2.2 billion people lacked safely managed drinking water  
2.4 billion people live in water-stressed countries  
81% of species dependent on inland wetlands have declined since 1970

At all levels, the various actors must ensure the effective participation of rights-holders, particularly of riparian (which means adjacent to the water body) communities, to prevent internal and cross-border conflicts. Transparency, accountability and open availability of information are also key to guarantee a human rights-based approach to water management.



Jahn Hohne and his brother Peter Hohne who is a **Honorary Member of the Rotary Club Kimberley**



IN WORKING to resolve the issue of water wastage in Kimberley, Sol Plaatje Municipality and eKapa Mine, a local diamond mining company, made a shocking discovery of deliberate damage to two major pipelines, which has resulted in the loss of between 30 to 40% of clean drinking water.

"We have assisted the municipality with a drone overfly scanning and have identified two big water pipes running to Kimberley. We have, however, identified 17 major leaks on that pipeline. Those leaks are running into the wild veld in and around Kimberley. We have inspected some of the leaks ourselves and found to our absolute horror that those leaks were sabotage leaks," said Jahn Hohne.

"The pipes have been tampered with by humans who have cut and struck the pipes open with the use of picks and chisels. This was done in order to let the water leak and flow into the veld to grow the grass to feed the cattle, sheep and goats".

**MORE THAN A BASIC NECESSITY** - Rotary efforts to connect people with clean water go beyond providing a basic necessity. We are paving the way for healthier communities and brighter futures, and doing so in a sustainable manner. With access to water, communities enhance education levels, improve health, and further development.

When we talk about partnerships, we can't forget our closest ally, right here in the family of Rotary: Rotaract. The engagement, energy, and ideas of Rotaract complement the experience of Rotary clubs and increase our collective impact.

Yet many Rotary members still do not know that, as of 2022, Rotaract club activities can be included in district grants, and they are eligible for global grants, expanding avenues for collaboration.

I encourage all Rotary and Rotaract clubs to foster closer collaboration and engagement in our Foundation, whether it's rolling up their sleeves on a project or giving.

We all know that in Rotary, great opportunities are always around the corner. When you combine water and sanitation projects, Rotaract, and the Foundation, all will become a big part of your life, as they have in mine — and not just this month, but forever. **BARRY RASSIN - *Foundation trustee chair***



### Wednesday 1 May 2024

14h00 - 18h00      Registration  
15h00 - 17h00      Pre-conference Tour

**18h30 - 22h00      Meet & Greet Supper      Dress Code: Casual**

Join us from 2-4 May 2024, at the breathtaking **Thaba Bosiu Cultural Village in Maseru, Lesotho** for an immersive Rotary experience.

[Register here](#)

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### ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

The following code of conduct has been adopted for the use of Rotarians:

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
5. Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities, report any suspected harassment, and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment.



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### Grants by Rotary Club of Carroll Creek

The Rotary Club of Carroll Creek in Frederick, Maryland USA, is very active in supporting international projects. This year they are donating \$31 500 to 7 international projects. Three of these, totalling \$16 500 (circa R300 000), are in geographical areas covered by the Rotary satellite eClub of the Karoo Region.

The HiSA grant is in Richmond where one of Rotary club members (and a Paul Harris Fellow), Ovetin Ferris is the executive manager for Grassroots Hope in South Africa.

**The Bikes for the World grant** is for the project our club is involved in with RC Empangeni. We hope to install a bicycle Container workshop in Galeshewe during the first half of 2024. This project is being pioneered in locally by Rotary club member Kenneth Niewenhuys. We hope to follow this with bicycle container workshops in Colesberg and Richmond.

The Prevention of Violence in Schools project will provide a series of workshops for 80 schoolchildren in Galeshewe. This project is being pioneered by Rotary club member Joel Setlhabi.



#### PROJECTS SUPPORTED In 6 of 7 Areas of Focus

PROJECT	AWARDED
El Salvador Solar Panels	\$1,500
Cambodia Reads	\$1,000
HISA - Water & Sewer	\$6,250
Bikes for the World	\$6,250
Prevent Violence In Schools	\$4,000
Honduras Classroom	\$6,250
KIVA	\$6,250
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$31,500</b>

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#### \$31,500 INTERNATIONAL GRANTS REWARDED



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### Bikes for Africa

In a global community development initiative spanning three continents, the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek (D7620) has sent the first shipment of used bicycles from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, bound for the port of Durban.

The lead project coordinators, Stephen Bamonti of the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek in Frederick, MD US and Jonathan Moore Warner of the Rotary E-Club of the Karoo Region who is based in Frederick, MD US, are spearheading the efforts. The team also includes Andrew Killick and Fulvio Pace of the Rotary Club of Empangeni and Richard Jones of the Satellite E-Club of Kimberley - The Karoo Region



**The Object of Rotary is to "encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise." Rotary is a service organization. Since 1910, the Rotary Motto has been "Service Above Self."**

Rotary strives to achieve its objective of "Service Above Self" through activities in four primary areas. These are often referred to as the Five Avenues of Service.

### **Club Service**

This "Avenue" promotes the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service. It involves the activities necessary to make the Club function successfully and achieve its goals.

### **Vocational Service**

This area represents the opportunity that each Rotarian has to represent the dignity and utility of one's vocation as an opportunity to serve society. Rotarians promote and foster high ethical standards in business and professions and promote the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations.

### **Community Service**

This "Avenue" relates to the activities that Rotarians undertake to improve the quality of life in their community. Particular emphasis is given to helping children, needy families, the aged, the handicapped, and those most in need of assistance. Rotarians strive to promote the ideal of service in their personal, business, and community lives.

### **International Service**

In this area, Rotarians strive for the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service. International Service Projects are designed to meet the humanitarian needs of people in many lands, with particular emphasis on the most underprivileged children and families in developing countries.

### **Youth Services**

The Avenue of Youth Services recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults.

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The Four-Way Test, Object of Rotary, and the Avenues of Service express our commitment to **service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership.**



### **FELLOWSHIP**

Steve Sanderberg (Left) and Peter Odell in front of an operationally restored steam locomotive.

At a presentation at the Kimberley Rotary Club, Peter informed the club members that there are restored steam locomotives at the Beaconsfield station in Kimberley. These engines have the potential to pull tourist carriages over the province's magnificent landscapes, resulting in much-needed tourist income and job opportunities.

Odell recently met with Steve Sanderberg, an American locomotive engineer, and his wife Megan, who managed to spend a precious half an hour with Odell and Ian Mandy, a volunteer. Together they viewed the collection of locomotives in the depot. Two of the locomotives have been operationally restored. On one of them Odell worked more than 800 hours, the volunteers even more.

Odell was a steam train driver for 40 years in South Africa. His old locomotive, the Karoo Conqueror, is still in the depot. It carried up to 18 tons of coal and 50 000 litres of water. The 12 locomotives in the collection are all historically connected with and operated in the Northern Cape.

**The ideal opportunity to build Fellowship when on such a trip.**

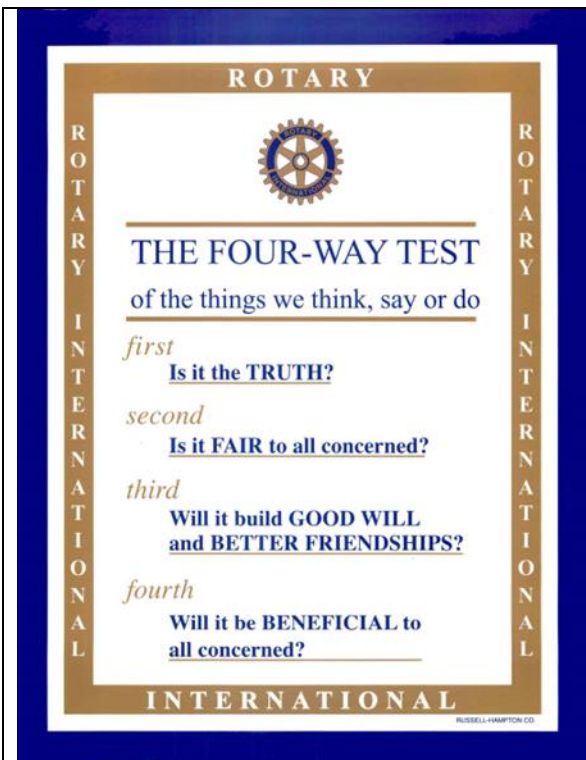
# CELEBRATIONS



## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



BIRTHDAYS			WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES	
29 March Andries Erasmus			09 Mar	Charles & Marie Parsons
			26 Mar	Peter & Amanda Van Zyl
COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS			INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES	
March	27th	Keith Diener		
March	28th	George Lodder		
March	31st	Charles Burton.		



**Sam Goldblatt**

Your journey through life is an inspiration to us all. May this special day bring you happiness, health, and the fulfilment of all your dreams."

On 28 February 2024, Sam Goldblatt celebrated his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Sam and Pem Rodger (97) are at the moment the youngest members of the Rotary Club of Kimberley.

- On a flight, off on holiday: The cabin crew member asked what I wanted to drink. – "Water". "Still?" "Well, I haven't changed my mind..."
- There are two reasons why you should never drink toilet water. – Number one. And number two.
- Why does the river have problems remembering things? – Because she is becoming sea nile.
- If you ever feel blue, try drinking a gallon of water before going to sleep. – That will give you a reason to get up in the morning.

**What is the process of throwing money in the river called – Cash Flow**

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE ROTARY GRIQUA ARE WELCOMED. PLEASE E-MAIL TO:

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