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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

08 January 2026 – Club Meeting – 12H45 for 13H00
Next Board Meeting to be announced
22 January 2026 – Club Meeting – 12H45 for 13H00

Duties:

President: Mary-Anne Daubermann
Sergeant: Johann Aucamp
Grace & TP: Johan Cronjé
Setup & Welcome: Johann Aucamp & Vernon Daubermann
Fetch Meal: Ken Quinn

Club Meetings: The Blanckenberg Hall, Memorial Road - Thursdays 12H45 for 13H00 **INFO:** 083 340 1257

COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

	 	
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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.



DECEMBER – ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME – DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH

Since 1917, The Rotary Foundation has been the engine that drives Rotary International's mission to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. Through the generosity of Rotarians and friends worldwide, the Foundation funds life-changing projects that promote peace, save the environment, fight disease, provide clean water, support education, save mothers and children, and grow local economies.

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

Rotary is dedicated to fighting and preventing disease. Disease Prevention and Treatment is one of Rotary's Seven Area of Focus. Disease and illness result in pain and injury. Prolonged severe illness may result in loss of employment and income. It affects families. It affects quality of life.

Key Activities & Focus Areas for December:

- **Polio Eradication**: Rotary's flagship initiative, working towards a world free of polio.
- **Water & Sanitation**: Providing clean water and sanitation to prevent waterborne diseases.
- **Maternal & Child Health**: Supporting mothers and children with better healthcare access.
- **Health Education**: Training local health workers and promoting healthy lifestyles.
- **Disease Combating**: Fighting HIV/AIDS, malaria, and noncommunicable diseases.

As you know, every month is dedicated to one of the major themes of our Rotary lives; this month the theme is that which Rotary International is perhaps best known for, at least among non-Rotarians.

The eradication of polio has of course been Rotary International's s major worldwide, corporate effort since the early 1980's. And remarkable progress has been made. The job is not finished however and you can rest assured that we will not, cannot, set this torch down until that job is finished.

Disease prevention and treatment is one of the Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus. And for good reason. The health and vitality of a person, a family and a community can be seriously impaired by what in many cases is a preventable disease. Disease prevention is really a keystone to progress in other areas as well because of the interplay with other areas of focus like Water and Sanitation and Maternal & Child Health.

Good health care is everyone's right. Yet 400 million people in the world can't afford or don't have access to basic health care.

Disease results in misery, pain, and poverty for millions of people worldwide. That's why treating and preventing disease is so important to us. We lead efforts both large and small. We set up temporary clinics, blood donation centers, and training facilities in underserved communities struggling with outbreaks and health care access. We design and build infrastructure that allows doctors, patients, and governments to work together.

Our members combat diseases like malaria, HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, and polio. Prevention is important, which is why we also focus on health education and bringing people routine hearing, vision, and dental care.

Rotary makes amazing things happen, like:

Providing clean water: Rotary has worked with partners to provide more than 80 percent of Ghana's people with clean water to fight Guinea worm disease.

Reducing HIV infection: In Liberia, Rotary members are helping women get tested for HIV early in their pregnancies. They used prenatal care to reduce new HIV infections in children by 95 percent over two years.

Ending polio: Rotary members have played a key role in bringing the world to the brink of [polio eradication](#). Their efforts have not only ended polio in 122 countries but also created a system for tackling myriad other health priorities, such as Ebola.



TREE OF JOY – CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR KIDDIES AT CHILDRENS HOMES

Sinothando Children's Home in Galeshewe

Sinothando Staff collecting Tree of Joy gifts and party goodies.

The collection of the presents were arranged by Brenda Booth and Colleen Fairweather, with the support of the Rotary Club Members and some public members.

Sam Goldblatt, Colleen Fairweather, two Sinothando Staff Members, Brenda Booth, President Mary-Anne Daubermann and another Sinothando Staff Member.



Bophelo Child and Youth Care Centre

Brenda Booth handing over the presents collected for the children at Bophelo to the Bophelo Staff Members.

THE TREE OF JOY PROJECT, is run by the Rotary Club of Kimberley every year during December to ensure that the children, being cared for at certain Childrens Homes, will receive a present at Christmas time.

The amount of children who will be at the Care Centre at Christmas Time, are determined and the presents are then supplied according to the age and gender of the children. Donations for the purchasing of the presents are also welcome and the Rotary Members will then buy and supply as needed.

Wheelchair Community Project



Secondhand wheelchairs are available at the Rotary Club of Kimberley for people in need of a wheelchair. Wheelchairs and Pushchairs are available and the needy person can collect according to their needs.

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Goodbye to 2025

On Sunday , 7 December 2025 the Rotary Club Members gathered on the farm of Brenda Booth, next to Kamfers Dam, to celebrate 2025 and all the achievements.



Hostes Brenda Booth with guests

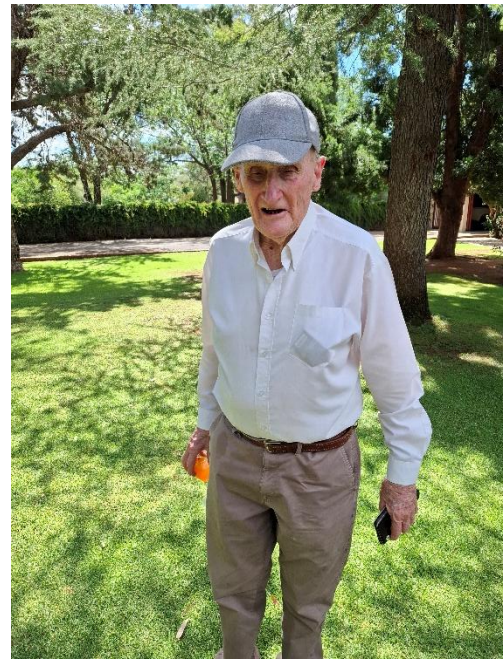
Dee Murugasan, Elize von Besing, Gill Quinn and Helen Hugo with her.

Dee Murugasan attended with Elize von Besing to meet the other club members and to consider joining the Rotary Club of Kimberley in the new year ahead.





Vernon Daubermann, Sam Goldblatt (still an active member at 99 years of age). Helen Hugo, Gill Quinn, President Mary-Anne Daubermann and Heleen de Klerk.



Brenda Booth, Ken Quinn, Pem Rodger and Pierre Hugo. Pem Rodger also at 99 years of age, still an active member of the Rotary Club.

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The flamingos of [Kimberley's Kamfers Dam](#) offer a rare and lovely sight – thousands upon thousands of these pink birds stretching for as far as the eye can see. This area is one of only four breeding sites in Africa for lesser flamingos and is a must-see for any birder.

These flamingos are a spectacularly memorable sight, even if you're not a serious birder.

[Kamfers Dam](#) is a permanent wetland just minutes by road from the iconic old diamond mining town of [Kimberley](#). Some years there are around 20 000 birds at the dam; but sometimes the population can rocket up to 50 000 birds and more.





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A Rotary e-club with local and international membership, with a geographical focus on the Karoo Region of South Africa.



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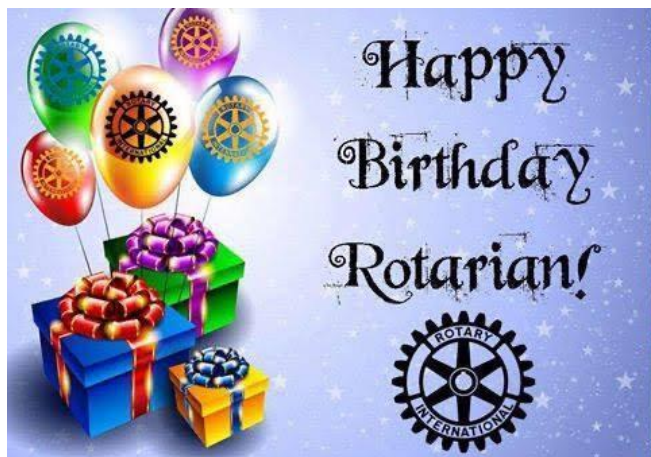
Happy birthday and best wishes this December go to:

16 December – Kenneth Niewenhuis

16 December – Zuki Jones

19 December – Jonathan Warner

23 December – Joel Setlhabi



Jonathan Warner



Rotarian Richard Foot (right) with his wife and two grand-children

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

These principles have been developed over the years to provide Rotarians with a strong, common purpose and direction. They serve as a foundation for our relationships with each other and the action we take in the world.

Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

CELEBRATIONS



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



BIRTHDAYS	WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES
15 January – Maryna Thomas	08 January – Richard and Zuki Jones 22 January - Ken and Gill Quinn
COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS	INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES
07 January – Dave Thomas 13 January – Jannie Jacobs	27 January 2012 – Richard Jones

"There's no point in running away. Running away only wears out your shoes"



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