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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

05 February 2026 – Club Meeting – 12H45 for 13H00
Speaker – Theresa Brink
Next Board Meeting to be announced
19 February 2026 – Club Meeting – 12H45 for 13H00

Duties:

President: Mary-Anne Daubermann
Sergeant: Johann Aucamp
Grace & TP: Brenda Booth
Setup & Welcome: Vernon Daubermann & Lorraine Thompson
Fetch Meal: Ken Quinn

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES

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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.

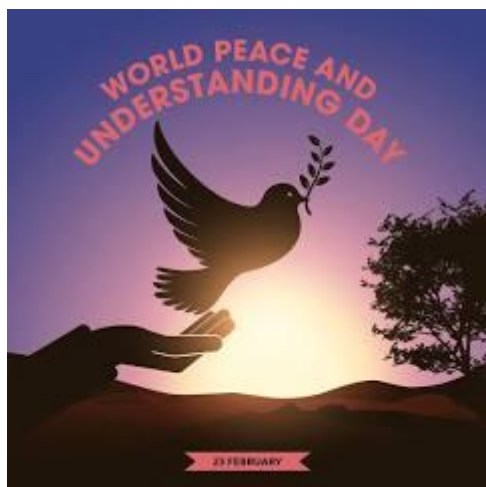
Vision statement: Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

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.

FEBRUARY – ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME – PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH

February is designated as
Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month
 in the Rotary calendar.

This month highlights one of Rotary's key areas of focus, encouraging clubs to support peacebuilding, address root causes of conflict, and celebrate the *anniversary of the first Rotary meeting on February 23, 1905*, also known as *World Understanding and Peace Day*.



World Understanding and Peace Day is celebrated annually on February 23, marking the anniversary of the first [Rotary International](#) meeting in 1905. It encourages Rotary clubs worldwide to host programs promoting goodwill, international understanding, and peace. This day emphasizes dialogue, empathy, and conflict resolution as essential components for global harmony.

Key Details for 2026

- **Date:** Monday, February 23, 2026.
- **Significance:** It commemorates the 121st anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary International.
- **Theme:** The focus is on promoting peacebuilding and conflict prevention, often referred to as the "[Fourth Avenue of Service](#)" within Rotary.
- **Activities:** Rotary clubs, and sometimes [UNESCO clubs](#), organize special events and projects to foster global understanding

- ❑ **Key Focus:** Promoting peace, resolving conflicts, and supporting international understanding.
- ❑ **Significance:** February 23 marks the anniversary of the first Rotary meeting (1905), which is celebrated as World Understanding and Peace Day.
- ❑ **Actionable Ideas:** Clubs are encouraged to hold special events, invite guest speakers on peace topics, and focus on service projects that foster community harmony.
- ❑ **Context:** This month focuses on the underlying causes of conflict, such as poverty, inequality, and lack of resources.



Remember, **peace is not just the absence of conflict, but the active pursuit of cooperation, tolerance, and shared prosperity.**

[World Peace and Understanding Day](#) is a call to action. By embracing understanding, empathy, and collaboration, we can build a more peaceful and harmonious world for everyone.

Today, over 120 million people are displaced as a result of conflict, violence, persecution, and human rights violations. Half of them are children.

PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION

Rotary awards up to 170 funded fellowships a year for dedicated leaders from around the world to study at one of our eight peace centers.

Through academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities, the Rotary Peace Centers program develops the capacity of peace and development professionals to become effective catalysts for peace. The fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and internship and field-study expenses.

Since the program began in 2002, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,800 fellows who now work in over 140 countries. Many serve as leaders in governments; NGOs; education and research institutions; peacekeeping and law enforcement agencies; and international organizations like the United Nations and the World Bank.

Our fellowships

The Rotary Peace Fellowship is designed for leaders with work experience in peace and development. Our fellows are committed to community and international service and the pursuit of peace. Each year, [The Rotary Foundation](https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships) awards up to 50 fellowships for master's degrees and up to 120 for certificate studies at premier universities.

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Master's degree programs

Accepted candidates study peace and development issues with research-informed teaching and a diverse student body. The programs last 15 to 24 months and include a two- to three-month field study, which participants design themselves.

Professional development certificate program

During the one-year blended learning program, experienced peace and development professionals with diverse backgrounds gain practical skills to promote peace within their communities and regions. Fellows complete field studies and design and carry out a social change initiative. This postgraduate certificate program is intended for working professionals.

“Rotary is an organization founded on the principle of advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace. It is our responsibility to promote peace,” says past President Urchick, who has made this topic a focus of her presidency.

The Rotary International theme for 2025-2026 is **"Unite for Good"**. This message encourages Rotary members to work together to create positive change in their communities and around the world. The theme emphasizes the power of unity and collaboration in achieving Rotary's goals of service and impact.



Rotary's focus on unity is particularly relevant in a world often divided by various factors. By emphasizing the power of collaboration, Rotary aims to demonstrate that people from diverse backgrounds can come together to address global challenges and make a positive impact. The theme encourages members to connect with others, build relationships, and work together to achieve common goals.



President Mary-Anne: We had a most enjoyable first meeting with Celeste van Tonder, giving us a interesting and informative talk on her travels and experiences in Germany.
Our next meeting be on 5 February 2026 and Our speaker will be Theresa Brink ex Girls High Girl. Matriculated 1998 then went on to Further her tertiary education. Today she is librarian and works for the legal department of the state.
RE - Interactor Growth. I have been in contact with 5 additional High Schools. Mainly in the Township and that is to introduce the High Schools to Rotary.

POETS / LEAD

Details for POETS and AG training is as follows :

Port Alfred - - POETS - 7 February 2026; AG TRAINING - 8 February 2026

Stenden SA, 1 Grand Street, Port Alfred

Bloemfontein - POETS - 21 February 2026; AG TRAINING - 22 February 2026

Sewe Damme Retirement Village, 29 General Beyers Street, Bloemfontein

Durban - POETS - 7 March 2026; AG TRAINING - 8 March 2026

Rosehill Primary School, 225 Buttery Road, Umgeni Park, Durban North

One shared leadership learning experience - Come ready to engage - Leave ready to lead.

Registration

The President and Officers Elect Training programme has been arranged for one day only - starting 8.00 a.m. for 8.45 a.m. and will be over by 4.00 p.m. to enable you to drive home.

Assistant Governors Training will start at 8.15 a.m. for 8:45 a.m. and will close with lunch at 12:00

Registration fees

- Club Delegates (Saturday only): R350 per person
- Assistant Governors (Saturday & Sunday): R500 per person
- You will leave **energised, equipped, and aligned** — not overwhelmed.
- At its heart, Rotary LEAD is about something simple, yet profound:
- Investing in people, because people are how Rotary changes the world.

The link to register is : [Registration 2026](#)

For further information please contact Hilary Augustus - aug@iafrica.com 082 556 0299

Taking Action With Rotary slide deck

Use our new, Rotary-branded PowerPoint presentation to give potential members or community partners a concise overview of what Rotary is and what our members do. Customize the notes depending on your audience. You can share the slides in person or virtually. [Download the PowerPoint presentation in English.](#)

Annual report available online

Look back at memorable moments, discover inspirational stories of clubs making a difference, and learn why donors contribute to The Rotary Foundation in the [2024-25 annual report](#).

AWARDS

Distinguished Service Award nominations open in January

The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award honors Rotarians and Rotaractors who have demonstrated exemplary service to the Foundation and have received the Citation for Meritorious Service at least four years prior. District governors may nominate one candidate from their districts each Rotary year by submitting an [online nomination form](#) in January.

GRANTS

Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia: Annual impact report now available

A new report shows how Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia, the 2021 Programs of Scale grant recipient, has improved health outcomes for people across Zambia. Program organizers continue to promote the community health worker model to reduce severe malaria cases and deaths. Rotary members in Zambia traveled to health offices in all 10 target districts in 2025, one year after the program's funding ended, to gather data. Review the [Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia Annual Impact Report](#) to learn more about how this program has helped.

The report's PowerPoint format makes it easy to share during a club meeting or with potential partners. You can also share the presentation with prospective members to inspire them to join Rotary and make a real difference in the world. Questions? Write to programsofscale@rotary.org.

Rotary seeks peace fellow candidates

The Rotary Peace Centers will [accept applications](#) for 2027-28 Rotary Peace Fellowships from 1 February through 15 May 2026. For the first time, candidates will be able to apply to study at [Rotary's next peace center](#) opening at Symbiosis International University in Pune, India. Rotary and Rotaract clubs can work with their district Rotary Foundation chair or Rotary Peace Fellowship subcommittee chair to [recruit and recommend experienced peacebuilders for the fellowship programs](#).

The Rotary Foundation will select up to 170 peace fellows this year to attend one of our nine partner universities with leading programs in peace studies, sustainable development, and conflict prevention and transformation. The fellows will be able to participate in a one-year professional development certificate program to learn advanced peacebuilding skills or earn a master's degree in a variety of disciplines related to peace and development.

The Foundation pays for tuition and fees, housing and meals, round-trip transportation, and internship and field-study expenses. Clubs and districts do not need to provide funding to recommend fellowship candidates. [Use this referral form](#) to have information sent to potential candidates.



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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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Project Name: Sports-based education curriculum to teach schoolchildren in South Africa about the dangers of drinking alcohol during pregnancy (Part 2).

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) are a group of conditions that occur in individuals exposed to alcohol during gestation. FASD is caused by maternal alcohol consumption during pregnancy. It is entirely preventable by avoiding alcohol while pregnant. Symptoms include developmental delays, intellectual disabilities, facial abnormalities, and issues with memory, attention or social skills.

South Africa has the highest prevalence of FASD globally. In the most recent study, 3001 children were screened, and 495 were confirmed to have FASD. From this cohort, 309 were diagnosed with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS), the most severe form of FASD. The highest prevalence of FASD was in the Northern Cape province, with nearly 20% of children affected. This highlights a pressing national and local public health imperative.

This project utilises a proven sports-based education curriculum developed jointly by the Rotary Clubs of Kimberley and Carroll Creek through a 2015 Global Grant. The project focuses on Rotary's Maternal and Child Health Area of Focus. We will collaborate with local partners, including the Galeshewe Youth Network (GYN) and Families South Africa (FAMSA), with developmental support from Grassroot Hope in South Africa (based in Richmond). The project will integrate the skills and knowledge of two interns (a Social Worker and a Community Development Worker) who are placed at GYN and are funded by FAMSA. Local Rotarians will actively supervise and guide the project's implementation, while volunteers from GYN and FAMSA will facilitate it.

We are extremely grateful to the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek (Frederick, MD, US) for the initial grant allocation, and to the NGO Hope in South Africa (Frederick, MD, US), which will match this grant, dollar for dollar.

We will be distributing infographic A5 leaflets at larger community events and school assemblies.



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
05 February – Peter Thomas 16 February – Ova Ferris 17 February – Brenda Booth 28 February – Sam Goldblatt 28 February – Trevor Datnow	13 February 2003 – Ivan & Ronelle Steenkamp
COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS	INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES
	01 February 2024 – Kenneth Niewenhuis 01 February 2024 – Joel Setlhabi 18 February 2005 – Wendy Peine 24 February 2014 – Colleen Fairweather

The reason I talk to myself is because I'm the only one whose answers I accept. [George Carlin](#)

A homeless guy came up to me on the street, said he hadn't eaten in four days. I told him, "Man, I wish I had your willpower."

**UNITE
FOR
GOOD**

Rotary

Your value doesn't decrease based on someone's inability to see your worth.

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

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