

OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KIMBERLEY – 12 MARCH 2026
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District 9370, Northern Cape, South Africa: Chartered - 20 August 1951: ID 17458

					
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Next Board Meeting to be announced
12 March 2026 – Club Meeting – 12H45 for 13H00
***Vote for new Board Members for 2026-2027**
26 March 2026 – Club Meeting – 12H45 for 13H00

Duties:

President: Mary-Anne Daubermann
Sergeant:
Grace & TP:
Setup & Welcome:
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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Richard Jones Secretary 066 232 8144		Kenneth Niewenhuis Chairperson

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 (WASH) MONTH

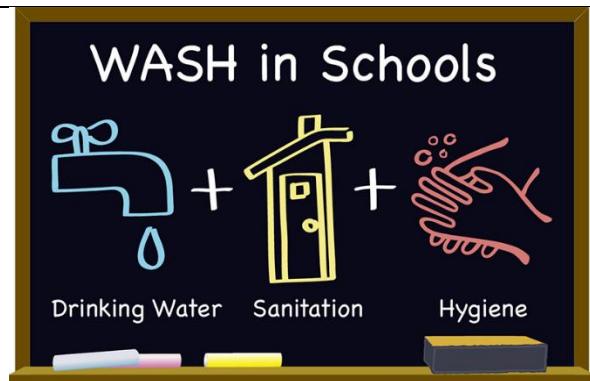
This month highlights one of Rotary's core areas of focus, dedicated to providing sustainable access to clean water, building sanitation infrastructure, and promoting hygiene education to improve community health and prevent disease.

Key Aspects of WASH Month:

- **Significance:** Focuses on reducing waterborne diseases, improving school attendance, and aiding in hygiene education.
- **Activities:** Rotarians often install borewells, build sanitation facilities, and initiate menstrual hygiene programs.
- **Key Date:** [World Water Day](#) is observed on March 22nd.
- **Goal:** To strengthen communities by ensuring access to safe water and, in many cases, marking World Rotaract Week (March 11–17).

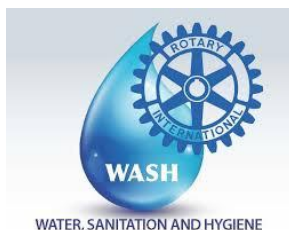
There are 2.5 billion people in the world that lack access to improved sanitation and 748 million people that don't have clean drinking water. Nearly 1400 children die each day from diseases caused by the lack of sanitation and safe water.

"When people have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives."



Key Aspects of Clean Water & Sanitation (SDG 6)

- **The Goal:** Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all by 2030.
- **Current Crisis:** Roughly 1 in 4 people lack safe water, and 2 in 5 lack safe sanitation. Over 40% of the global population faces water scarcity, a figure projected to rise.
- **Health Impact:** Unsafe water and lack of sanitation cause fatal diseases like diarrhea. Proper WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) is essential for health, especially for children and, in, reducing, diseases.
- **Environmental Impact:** 80% of wastewater from human activity is discharged into rivers or seas without treatment.
- **Solutions:** Improving infrastructure, treating wastewater, increasing water efficiency, and protecting water-related ecosystems like mountains and rivers





Juanita Khumalo

Keynote speaker, wellness entrepreneur, and brand strategist had a talk about “A Purpose for every season”.

Presentation at the Rotary Club Meeting on 19 February 2026:

Keynotes:

- Wisdom
- Mentorship
- Guidance
- Legacy of strong minded people.

Northern Cape High School:

The Intereact Club paid a visit to Sinothando after school to learn more about the facility.

[Sinothando Child and Youth Care Centre](#)

(often referred to as Sinothando Kids Haven) in Galeshewe, Kimberley, is a facility caring for vulnerable children.

“Our Primary Purpose in this Life is not Hurt the Child but to Protect and Love them.”



Re – POETS:

Brainstorming was done on innovative ideas of how to bring in members. It has been suggested that every member in the Club organizers at least 1 guest speaker per year. An invite to be sent out to the public for instance on Facebook or Instagram and our Rotary Social or any other social groups to invite. In this way we will bring in new and hopefully young members.

EKapa Mine Disaster

Funds to be raised to support the people affected by the closing of the mine.

Bank; Standard Bank

Name: Rotary Club of Kimberley

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ROTARY MEMBER – SAM GOLDBLATT – 100 YEARS CELEBRATION



President Mary-Anne Daubermann, Rotary Member Pem Rodger (99y) and birthday boy, Sam Goldblatt.



Members of the Rotary Club of Kimberley and the Karoo E-Club celebrating Sam's 100th Birthday.

President Mary-anne Daubermann, Helen Hugo, Pierre Hugo, Johann Aucamp, Sam Goldblatt, Pem Rodger, Colleen Fairweather, Vernon Daubermann, Brenda Booth, Elize von Bezing, Ivan Steenkamp (AG) and sitting: Richard Jones, Secretary of the E-Club.



Members of the Coffee Club arranged a surprise celebration and party at the Oleander Restaurant.

Sam and Eleen de Klerk celebrating his birthday at the official function at Acacia Park





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Rotary **the Karoo Region**
Satellite E-Club of Kimberley

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



Kenneth Niewenhuis
Chairperson
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E-Club Rotary Members Celebrating Sam Goldblatt's century with him. AG Ivan Steenkamp, Sam Goldblatt and Richard Jones.



eClub Members attending the century celebration:

Left is Zuki Jones, Ronelle Steenkamp and AG Ivan Steenkamp.

From the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek, Frederick, MD USA



Richard Foot

Proud Member of the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek and proud supporter of the Rotary eClub of the Karoo Region.

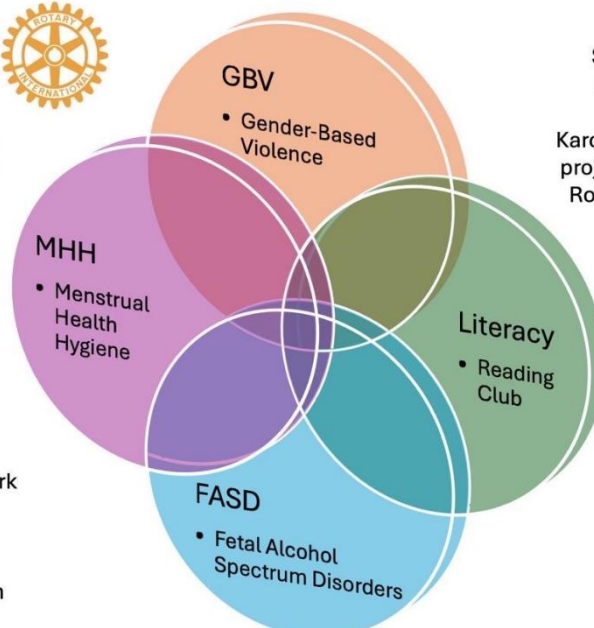
ADVANCING PEACE

Over the past four years, the International Committee of the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek has partnered with the Rotary E-Club of Karoo Region D9370 to support four impactful initiatives in Kimberley. Addressing Gender-Based Violence prevention, Menstrual Hygiene Management, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders education, and literacy development, these projects confront root causes of instability and inequity in communities.

Together, they embody the mission of The Rotary Foundation by advancing multiple Rotary Areas of Focus—including basic education and literacy, maternal and child health, disease prevention and treatment, and community economic development. Most importantly, they reflect Rotary's understanding that peace is built not only through diplomacy, but through healthier families, educated children, empowered women, and safer communities.

By investing in these initiatives, the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek is living out its commitment as a Peacebuilding Club—demonstrating that sustainable peace grows where dignity, opportunity, and wellbeing take root in everyday life.

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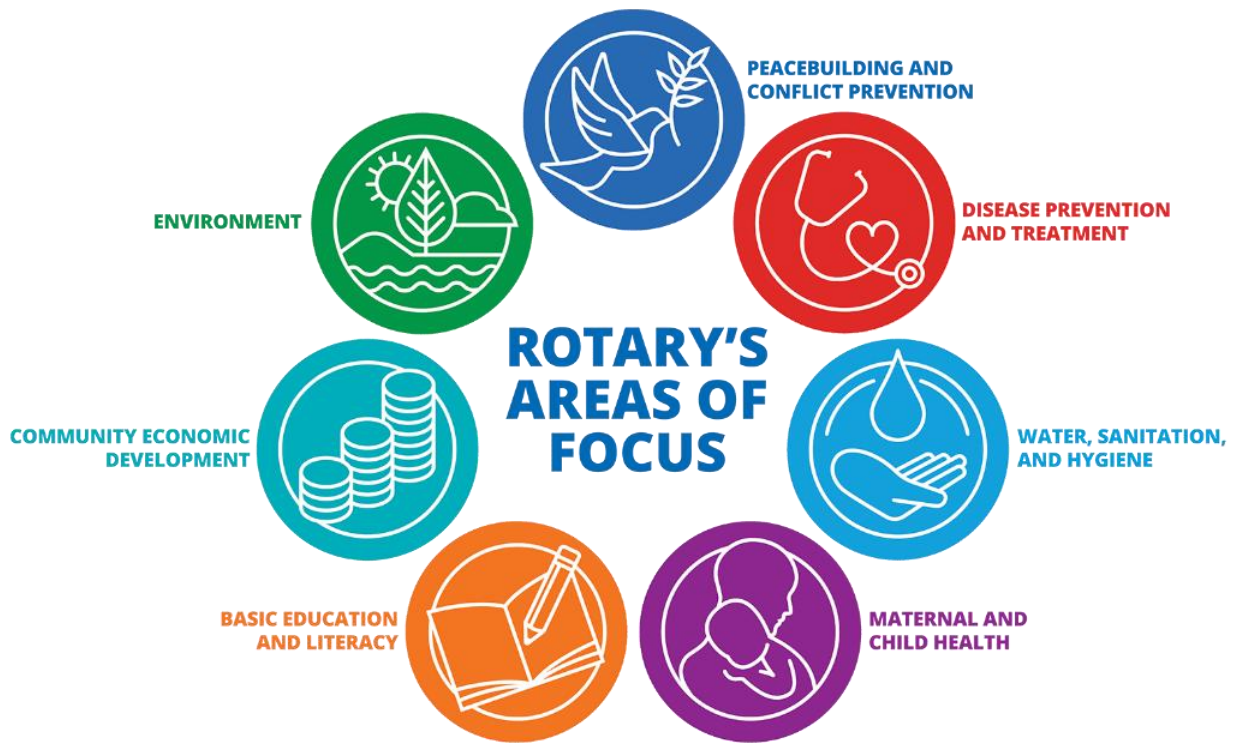


Club Themes 2025-26
Working in partnership with the Galeshewe Youth Network and Families South Africa, projects with children and young adults are being successfully implemented in South Africa's Karoo region.

Thanks to the RCCC
Since its establishment in 2022, the Rotary Satellite E-Club of Kimberley - the Karoo, has gratefully received project sponsorship from the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek in Frederick, MD USA.

Rotary
PEOPLE of ACTION
Working with Children & Young Adults





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
29 March – Andries Erasmus	09 March 1974 – Charles & Marie Parsons
COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS	INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES
27 March – Keith Diener 31 March – Charles Burton	29 March 2022 – Zoe Bula 29 March 2022 – Dan Dowell 29 March 2022 – Ova Ferris 29 March 2022 – Yvonne Magxala

"The doctor gave me one year to live, so I shot him with my gun. The judge gave me 15 years. Problem solved."

Son: "Dad, did you get the results of the DNA test back?" Dad: "Call me George."

"My girlfriend dumped me, so I stole her wheelchair. Guess who came crawling back?"

Priest: "Do you have any last requests?" Murderer sitting in the electric chair: "Yes. Can you please hold my hand?"

"It turns out a major new study recently found that humans eat more bananas than monkeys. But, I can't remember the last time I ate a monkey."

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

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Johann Aucamp



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