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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Next Board Meeting to be announced

26 March 2026 – Club Meeting – 12H45 for 13H00
09 April 2026 – Club Meeting – 12H45 for 13H00
23 April 2026 – Club Meeting – 12H45 for 13H00

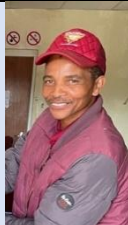
Duties:

President: Ken Quinn
Sergeant: Vernon Daubermann
Grace & TP: Brenda Booth
Setup & Welcome: Johann Aucamp & Colleen Fairweather
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.

MARCH – ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME – WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH) MONTH

There are 2.2 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.



Key aspects of Rotary's WASH month include:

- **Significance:** March 22 marks World Water Day, highlighting the global need for safe water and sanitation.
- **Core Initiatives:** Projects often include installing rainwater harvesting systems, building toilets/latrines, and providing sanitation infrastructure to schools and communities.
- **Impact:** Rotary has invested over USD 148 million into these initiatives, aimed at reducing waterborne diseases, which are a major health crisis in many areas.
- **Goal:** To ensure sustainable, locally-led water solutions that improve health and reduce disease.

March is recognized as Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month.

Water is life, and this month brings into focus the lack of access to clean and potable water that still exists in many parts of the world. Poor hygiene and sanitation leads to the risks of illnesses and disease, a serious public health concern that needs to be fiercely combatted.

Rotary has been at the forefront of this fight worldwide initiating projects like HANWASH, installing wells, rainwater harvesting, installing water tanks and toilets in communities investing over USD148 million.

BARRY RASSIN
 Foundation trustee chair



More than a basic necessity **In Section: Trustee Chair's Message**

Rotary's focus turns to two themes this month. March is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month, and we celebrate World Rotaract Week 11-17 March. Both WASH and Rotaract are near and dear to me.

Clean water, basic sanitation, and proper hygiene are fundamental human rights, yet a staggering 2.2 billion people still lack access to safe drinking water. We're taking action. Over the past decade, your Rotary Foundation has invested more than \$180 million in over 2,500 water and sanitation projects worldwide. Rotary is on the ground making a difference through global grant-supported projects funded by your contributions to the Foundation. But Rotary can't do it alone. We have partnered with organizations like USAID to deliver large-scale solutions. The Rotary-USAID Partnership has helped thousands access water and sanitation services in the Dominican Republic, Ghana, the Philippines, and Uganda.



President's message
**The reach of
community**

Water connects us all.

From a river in a remote forest to a stream running past a city neighbourhood, freshwater ecosystems sustain humanity. Yet these waters are increasingly under strain. Pollution, overuse and climate pressures remind us that protecting freshwater is a global challenge. Rotary has always believed change begins within communities. Now we are working to see how far the impact of community action can travel. When local service is connected, measured and shared, it becomes a force that extends beyond geography and borders.

A water project led by the Rotary Club of Panamá Nordeste exemplifies this idea. The project served indigenous communities in Panama's Darién province, a region accessible only by canoe and small boat. With no roads, limited electricity and reliance on untreated river water, families faced serious health risks. To reach these communities, Rotarians had to rethink how supplies and services could be delivered. Working with a partner club in the United States and a specialised water organisation, they introduced solar-powered water treatment systems for an area without access to an electrical grid. Local leaders were trained to operate and maintain the system, ensuring that clean water would flow long after installation crews departed.

The results were immediate. Children who once missed school due to illness returned to classrooms. No longer needing to haul water from rivers, adults gained time and strength to work and support their families. What began as a water project became a foundation for healthier, more resilient communities. This is how we extend our reach: combine local leadership with global partnerships, technical expertise and long-term thinking.

That same spirit is at the heart of Rotary's partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme through the Community Action for Fresh Water initiative.

Around the world, Rotary and Rotaract clubs are restoring waterways, protecting wetlands and safeguarding vital freshwater sources. By collecting data to map and measure this work, we can better understand its impact and show how local service contributes to worldwide solutions. Data is not an end. It is a tool that helps us learn and improve so that Rotary's service delivers real, measurable change. Each project entered and waterway restored adds to a shared story of stewardship and responsibility (for more, see communityactionforfreshwater.org).

As we observe Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month, I encourage you to reflect on the freshwater systems that sustain your community and the role Rotary can play in protecting them.

When we connect local action to a global vision, we strengthen Rotary's ability to make lasting change. Together, by extending our reach and working side by side, we truly

Unite for Good

FRANCESCO AREZZO

President, Rotary International



PEACEBUILDING AND
CONFLICT PREVENTION



DISEASE PREVENTION
AND TREATMENT



WATER, SANITATION,
AND HYGIENE



MATERNAL AND
CHILD HEALTH



BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENT



Distribution of second hand wheelchairs and pushchairs by the Roatary Club of Kimberley:

Fatima Malo: an ordained Reverent of the United Lutheran Church in Santa, Kimberley, collected two chairs for people in need in the community.

The chairs were supplied by the Rotary Clubs in the United Kingdom and send to the Rotary Club of Kimberley by ocean freight: delivered in Durban and transported from there by road to Kimberley.



The Northern Cape High School Interact Club getting ready to hand over eleven food parcel to families in need in Beaconsfield. Recipients most greatfull did not want photos taken.

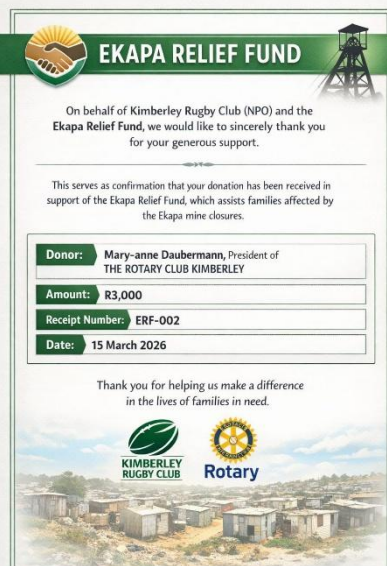
Txs to Debbie Smith and her team.



Debbie Smith

Mary-Anne Daubermann

The NCHS have also given food and water to eKapa Mine people.



EKAPA RELIEF FUND – – DONATIONS –



Support families affected by the
Ekapa mine closure.

Any donation will make a difference.

— BANK DETAILS —

Beneficiary: Ekapa Relief Fund
Bank:  Capitec Bank
Account Number: **1055063021**
Branch Code: **450105**

♥ Thank you for supporting the Ekapa families.

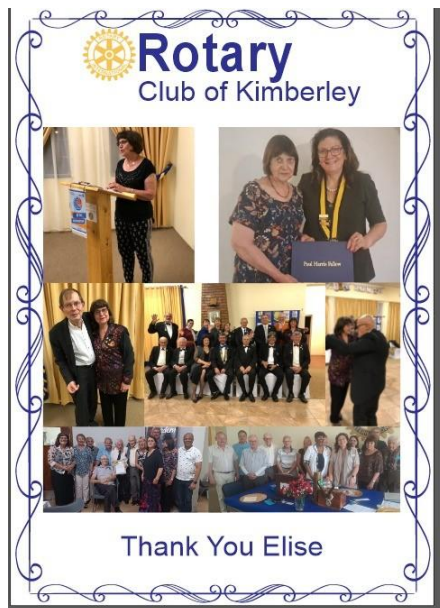
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GOOD-BYE TO LIFELONG ROTARIANS

Dr Elise von Besing moving from Kimberley to Pretoria.



L2R – Brenda Booth, Ken Quinn, Johann Aucamp, Pem Rodger, Elise von Besing, Mary-Anne Daubermann, Johan Cronje, Colleen Fairweather, Vernon Daubermann.



Certificate designed by Mary-Anne Daubermann and handed over by her to Elise von Besing.

Condolences to Family and Friends of a Rotarian, Trevor Datnow who passed away recently.



Trevor and Hubré Datnow



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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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FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders)

A sports-based education and prevention programme for children and young adults, addressing the scourge of FASD (fetal alcohol spectrum disorders)



We are very grateful to the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek and Hope in South Africa for each contributing \$5000 towards this Sports-based FASD Awareness project. We have split the project into two halves, each focusing on the active participation of 100 young people. We will facilitate a 10-session programme during the first 3-month cycle (March to May) and repeat it during the second cycle (June to August). In each cycle, 100 participants aged 13-25 will engage in structured discussions, awareness activities, and educational workshops focused on prevention, understanding the effects of FASD, and promoting healthier choices.

The aim is to use a range of sports-based activities to engage participants while simultaneously imparting like skills messages, with an emphasis on avoiding alcohol when pregnant. We will make the learning process fun and engaging so that participants are more likely to remember the life-skill messages as they grow up. We have developed 13 questions to test participants' knowledge before and after the programme.

The programme will also include general awareness events, culminating in activities leading up to the International FASD Awareness Day on the 9th of September.

We have identified a FASD programme coordinator who will ensure all aspects of the project stay on the straight and narrow. We have also identified 6 facilitators from amongst the ranks of GYN and FAMSA. We have printed 40,000 double-sided A5 leaflets which explain the importance of avoiding alcohol during pregnancy, and give advice on how to avoid alcohol during these nine months. We will give 5,000 leaflets each to Richmond and Colesberg for use in September, with the rest distributed in the greater Kimberley area. We have had T-shirts printed. Each of the 2 x 100 participants will get a shirt. This will leave us with 200 additional shirts for distribution on FASD Awareness Day.

FASD PROJECT LAUNCH - 14 March

Purpose of the day: The launch session aimed to introduce the FASD program to the community and participants. The main theme of the day was Community, with values aligned with respect, participation, and leadership. This was the introductory theme to FASD and the introduction of potential risk factors that may lead to FASD.

Report of the program: The team executed a well-rounded and inclusive program and delivered the content exceptionally. Due to the different age groups of the GYN centre's regular scholars which are usually kids ranging from age 5 to 10 which prohibited us from going into depth about the content, as well as the differences we faced with the targeted age groups with regards to the 13 year olds being more playful and distracted than we had anticipated - the team had to adapt to the given circumstances by ensuring that the core messages are delivered to everyone however still preserving sensitivity toward the younger kids.



We divided the facilitators into 2 groups of 3 each. One group (Green Team) was focused on the smaller audience while the other group (Purple Team) was focused on delivering the content to the targeted age groups. The green team (Gomolemo, Thato, Nhlonipho) delivered the content through interactive games and Q&As linking to the content. The purple team (Omogolo, Mamotshewa, Dominique) followed the program manual as is, as well as including the activities and games that are in the manual.

On Monday, 16th March, Rotarian Zoleka Bula (FAMSA), accompanied by four members of the Rotary/FAMSA/GYN/HiSA FASD project team (Mamotshewa, Motshidisi, Dominique and Omogolo), participated in a FASD Prevention and Awareness Program in Roodepan. This was organised by the Department of Social Development.



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

What do lawyers wear to work?

Their lawsuits!

Why did the invisible man turn down the job offer?

Because he couldn't see himself doing it!

What did one wall say to the other?

"I'll meet you at the corner."

A guy's driving down the road. Suddenly the lug nuts pop off. As he skids to the side, he watches his tyre bounce down the road and he says "You picked a fine time to leave me loose wheel."

A man is driving down the street when a cop pulls him over. The cop says, "Hey, your wife fell out of the car a mile ago!" The man says, "Thank God, I thought I was going deaf."

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

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