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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Next Board Meeting to be announced

09 April 2026 – Club Meeting – 12H45 for 13H00

23 April 2026 – Club Meeting – 12H45 for 13H00

Duties:

President: Ken Quinn

Sergeant: Brenda Booth

Grace & TP: Pem Rodger

Setup & Welcome: Brenda Booth & Johann Aucamp

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.

APRIL – ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME – ENVIRONMENTAL MONTH

April is designated as **Environmental Month** in the Rotary International calendar. This month focuses on supporting the environment, one of Rotary's core areas of focus, encouraging clubs worldwide to take action on sustainability, conservation, and ecological protection.

Key Aspects of April (Environmental Month):

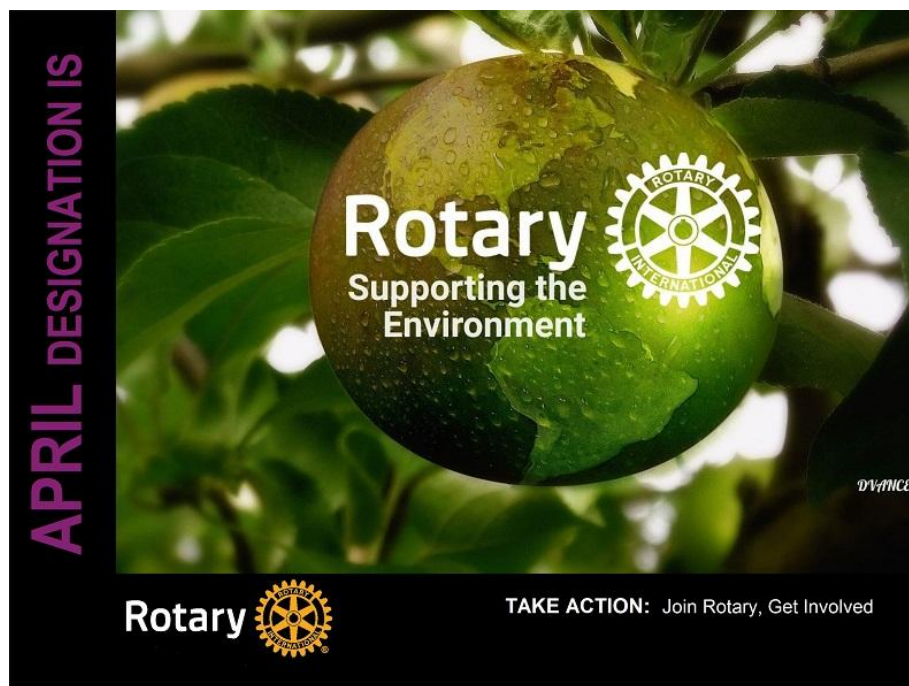
- **Focus Area:** Activities often align with the "Supporting the Environment" area of focus, encouraging projects that protect and restore our natural resources.
- **Action & Sustainability:** Clubs promote projects such as tree planting, community clean-ups, and sustainable environmental practices.
- **Earth Day:** This month features Earth Day on April 22nd, a key date for global environmental action.

This monthly theme encourages Rotary clubs to focus their service efforts on creating sustainable, greener communities.

As People of Action, Rotarians have been shaping the conversation on the environment for years. Fifty years ago, the first Earth Day was held on 22 April, 1970, launching a wave of action to protect our environment, including the passage of landmark environmental laws in the United States. Other countries soon followed suit. Every year since, the day has been set aside to focus on mobilizing for action to protect our planet.

As people of action, Rotarians have been shaping the conversation on the environment for years, from addressing climate change that threatens entire food systems to fighting pollution that clogs our air and water. Rotarians are well-suited for the challenge. They use their connections to find creative solutions and take action to safeguard our vital resources.

The **Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group** (ESRAG) assists Rotary clubs, districts and multi-districts in building awareness, inspiring action, and planning service projects that focus on environmental sustainability, awareness of climate change, and actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



Rotary shares an interest in protecting our common legacy: the environment.

We are committed to supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and foster harmony between communities and the environment.

We empower communities to access grants and other resources, embrace local solutions, and spur innovation to address the causes and reduce the effects of climate change and environmental degradation.

Rotary is a global network of over 1.26 million neighbours, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

The Rotary Foundation in Foundation global grant funding has allocated 18.4 million USD to environment-related causes in the past five years through their support of community economic development and water, sanitation, and hygiene projects.

Some of the ways we can work on environmental challenges by:

- Protecting and restoring land, coastal, marine, and freshwater resources
- Enhancing the capacity of communities to support natural resource management and conservation
- Supporting sustainable agriculture, fishing, and aquaculture practices
- Addressing the cause of climate change by reducing the emission of greenhouse gases
- Strengthening ecosystems and communities affected by climate change
- Supporting education initiatives that promote behavior that protects the environment
- Advocating for sustainable consumption to build an economy that uses resources more efficiently
- Addressing environmental justice issues and public health concerns

Rotary makes change happen

We work with communities to implement service projects that improve the environment and transform lives. Thriving ecosystems can support people's health, create economic opportunities, and help build peace.

Supporting the environment is Rotary's seventh area of focus. It joined peace-building and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development.

WORLD MALARIA DAY: APRIL 25, 2026

An age-old danger

Malaria has bedeviled humankind for millennia. Caused by a mosquito-borne parasite, the disease has afflicted generations stretching back to the likes of Alexander the Great, believed to have been killed by the illness on the banks of the Euphrates. Traces of malaria parasites have been found, too, in mummified remnants of Tutankhamen's blood.

Today, though the disease is preventable and treatable, malaria remains a deadly and destructive force in large swaths of the world, nowhere more so than in Africa, home to 95 percent of cases and deaths. In 2024, malaria is estimated to have sickened 282 million people and killed 610,000, about 75 percent of them under the age of 5.

The disease is spread to humans through the bite of some female Anopheles mosquitoes. The most common symptoms are fever, headache, and chills. If left untreated, the infection can lead to severe illness with fatigue, seizures, and difficulty breathing, and may cause coma or death in as little as 24 hours from the onset of symptoms. Though malaria is not contagious or spread directly from person to person, mosquitoes feeding on an infected person's blood can pick up the parasite and spread it to other people.



<https://www.rotary.org/en/to-catch-a-killer-parasite>

What are the 4 pillars of Rotary?

Its universal principles of truth, fairness, goodwill, and benefit offer a reliable framework for making decisions that positively impact individuals and communities alike.

President Mary-Anne and husband Vernon Duabermann attended the Club Meeting of the Rotary Club of Brisbane in Australia. They were welcomed and accompanied by Dan Adler, the President of the Club. A very insightful and well run meeting.



[Rotary International](#) has announced the 2026–2027 Presidential Theme:
Create Lasting Impact,
 effective 1 July 2026



Key Aspects of the 2026-27 Theme

- **Focus on Sustainability:** The theme pushes for solutions that last for generations, focusing on projects with measurable, long-term impact.
- **Action-Oriented:** It calls on members to act as "people of action" who turn strong community connections into tangible results.
- **Welcoming Atmosphere:** Clubs are encouraged to be welcoming hubs for new friends to support these initiatives.

Building on **Unite for Good** (2025–2026), **Create Lasting Impact** calls on Rotarians, as people of action, to turn strong connections into collective action that delivers sustainable change — locally, globally, and personally.



Olayinka Hakeem Babalola, a member of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria, has been selected by the Board of Directors to become **Rotary International's president for 2026-27**. His term will begin on 1 July 2026. Babalola began his Rotary journey in 1984 as a Rotaractor. He joined the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi 10 years later. Babalola and his wife, Preba, live in the city of Port Harcourt. He supports The Rotary Foundation with a named endowment and as an Arch Klumph Society member. A trustee of ShelterBox UK, he is a recipient of the Africa Centennial Heroes Award, the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World, the RI Service Above Self Award, and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service.



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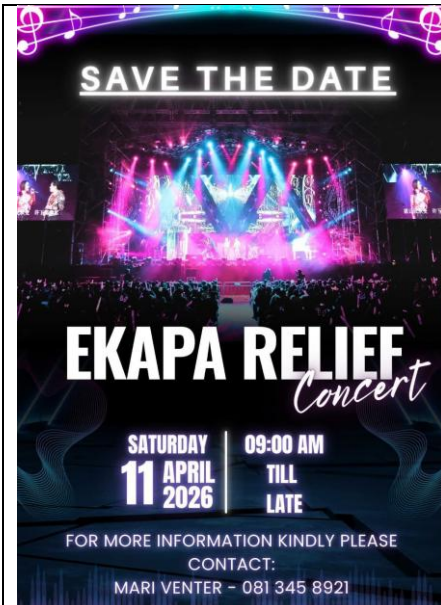
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A Rotary e-club with local and international membership, with a geographical focus on the Karoo Region of South Africa.



Kenneth Niewenhuis
Chairperson
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	6 Moore Street Diamond Park Kimberley 8301 NPO Registration: 2025 / 124431 / 08	
DONATION RECEIPT		
Receipt Number: ERF 007		
Date: 4 April 2026		
Donor: Rotary E-Club of the Karoo & Rotary Club of Carroll Creek		
Donation Type: Monetary donation		
Amount: R20 000		
Received by: Kimberley Rugby Club (NPO)		
Your generous support will help provide essential food and humanitarian relief to families affected by the Ekapa mine closures in Kimberley.		
“Thank you for making a difference!” 🙏		
“This receipt confirms your donation but is not a Section 18A tax certificate.” Mari Venter 081 345 8921		

♥ **GRATITUDE THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE**



THANK YOU

FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION OF R20 000 TO THE EKAPA RELIEF FUND

Your kindness and willingness to stand with our community during this challenging time is truly inspiring. Because of your support, we are able to bring relief, hope, and dignity to families who need it most.

This is more than just a donation — it is a powerful reminder that compassion knows no distance and that together, we can make a real impact.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us.

Ekapa Relief Initiative
compassion in action.

ROTARY CLUB OF CARROLL CREEK RESPONDS WITH HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

To Ekapa Mine Disaster in Kimberley, South Africa

Club Grants \$1,150 to Rotary Partners in South Africa

The effects ripple far beyond the mine itself. For 158 years Kimberley's identity and economy have been tied to diamonds. The closure of Ekapa removes a critical pillar of the local economy, threatening small businesses, suppliers, transport operators, and community services that depend on mining activity. In a province with limited economic diversification and a nation already grappling with extremely high unemployment, the loss of a major employer carries profound consequences for thousands of households.

At this difficult moment, the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek has a unique opportunity to respond. For more than two decades our club has cultivated strong, collaborative relationships with Rotary partners in Kimberley, Colesberg, and the Karoo region of South Africa (Rotary club of Colesberg, Rotary E-Club of Karoo Region D9370, and Rotary Club of Kimberley)

Those partnerships have produced impactful humanitarian and educational initiatives, built on trust and shared commitment to service.

Now our friends and partners face a crisis affecting families, workers, and the broader community. A humanitarian contribution from the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek provides urgently needed support — helping local Rotary partners assist affected families with immediate necessities, emotional support, and community stabilization.

This is Rotary at its best: transforming long-standing relationships into meaningful action when it matters most. The people of Kimberley have given the world diamonds for generations. In their hour of need, we have the opportunity to stand beside them with compassion, solidarity, and hope.

Service Above Self calls us to respond.



Submitted by Richard Foot, Rotary Club of Carroll Creek in Frederick Maryland USA.

Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers — Through Sport and Service 🌍

On this [International Day of Sport for Development and Peace — April 6](#) — we celebrate the unifying power of sport to transcend differences, spark dialogue, and build lasting connections across cultures and communities.

This year's theme, "Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers," comes to life through the work of the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek, a proud Peacebuilder Club recognized by the Rotary Action Group for Peace.

In partnership with Hope in South Africa and the Rotary E-Club of Karoo Region D9370, the Carroll Creek club is advancing a transformative sports-based education and prevention initiative in Kimberley, Northern Cape, South Africa — tackling the devastating impact of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD).

⚽ **Why Sport?**

Because sport creates safe, inclusive spaces where young people learn teamwork, self-worth, and life skills — opening doors to healthier choices and brighter futures.

🌱 **How This Work Builds Peace — and Changes Lives:**

- [Maternal and Child Health](#): Educating communities about the risks of alcohol use during pregnancy, helping prevent FASD and protect future generations.
- [Disease Prevention and Treatment](#): Using sport as a platform to deliver critical health messaging in accessible, engaging ways.
- [Basic Education and Literacy](#): Integrating life skills and awareness into structured sports programming.
- [Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention](#): Fostering respect, inclusion, and shared purpose among youth from diverse backgrounds.

Across continents, this collaboration reflects Rotary's belief that every act of service is an act of peacebuilding.

Today, as we honour the global language of sport, we celebrate not only the games played — but the lives uplifted, the barriers broken, and the bridges built.

🌍 ⚽ **Service Above Self — in every field, on every field.**

Thank you to:

Emily Dorr, chair, International Committee

Barbara Kershner Daniel, chair, Peacebuilder Committee

Bill Barrie, chair, Rotary Foundation Committee

Richard L Jones, Secretary, Rotary E-Club of the Karoo Region

Mary Nagle, President, Hope In South Africa.

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
16 April – Gill Downs 19 April – Pierre Hugo 26 April – Hubré Datnow	14 April 1991 – Trevor & Hubré Datnow 22 April 1972 – Ludi & Elize von Bezing
COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS	INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES
19 April – Pierre Hugo	07 April 2006 – Trevor Datnow 15 April 2005 – Johan Cronjé 15 April 1994 – Pem Rodger 29 April 1993 – Ken Quinn

Why Join Rotary?

Realization of "Service Above Self"

O pportunities to be involved with community and international projects

T eam up with other volunteers to make a difference

A ppreciation for your contribution

R espect, fellowship and fun

Y our skills and talents are shared

So much in life depends on our attitude.
The way we choose to see things and respond to others makes all the difference.

President Thomas S. Monson



The Four Way Test

of the things we think, say and do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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

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