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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Next Board Meeting to be announced

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

07 May 2026 – Club Meeting – 12H45 for 13H00

21 May 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.

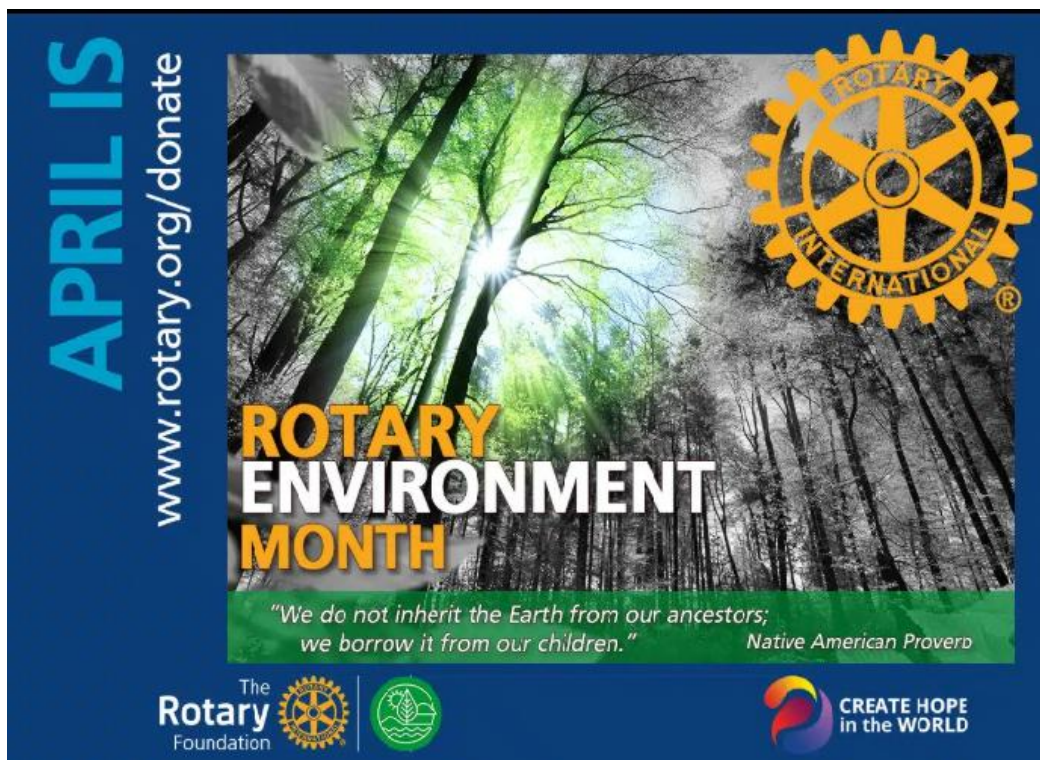
APRIL – ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME – ENVIRONMENTAL MONTH

April is dedicated as **Environmental Month** in Rotary International, focusing on protecting, preserving, and sustaining the environment through initiatives like tree planting, waste reduction, and water conservation. As a key area of focus, clubs are encouraged to engage in projects that promote long-term environmental stewardship.

- **Theme:** Supporting the Environment.
- **Key Action Items:** Reducing single-use plastics, supporting reforestation, and enhancing community ecosystems.
- **Significance:** April 22 is Earth Day, which often anchors these activities.
- **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.

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.

Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 110 years, Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects.

From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end.

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.



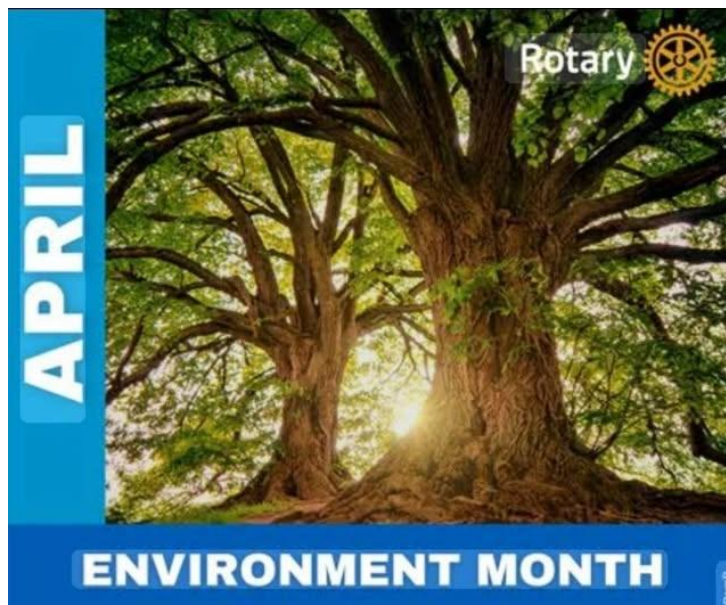
<https://www.rotary.org/en/to-catch-a-killer-parasite>

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.

For April 22 (Earth Day), the designated Rotary International monthly theme is Supporting the Environment.

- Focus Area: April is recognized as Environment Month within the Rotary calendar, emphasizing the 7th area of focus: Supporting the Environment.
- Action for 22 April: Rotarians are encouraged to take action on Earth Day by initiating projects such as tree planting, coastal/community cleanups, and educational programs on environmental sustainability.
- Context: This month focuses on protecting natural resources and fostering harmony between communities and the environment.





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.

**A Call to All Rotarians: Be Part of a Historic RIPE Olayinka Hakeem Babalola Visit to District 9370
Mountain Kingdom of Lesotho from 11th to 14th May 2026**

There are moments in Rotary that transcend the ordinary—moments that remind us of who we are, what we stand for, and the legacy we are building across generations. May 2026 presents one such moment.

It is with immense pride and excitement that we prepare to welcome the Rotary International President-Elect (RIPE), a true son of Africa, to District 9370. His visit to our region, set against the breath-taking backdrop of the Mountain Kingdom of Lesotho from 11th to 14th May 2026, is not merely a programme of events—it is a celebration of African leadership, service, and impact on the global Rotary stage.

A highlight of this visit will be the official dinner to be hosted at the Avani -Maseru on 14th May 2026 at 18h30. This promises to be an evening of fellowship, inspiration, and pride in what we have collectively achieved.

Let us not allow this moment to pass us by. Let us rise, participate, and showcase the very best of Rotary in our district.

For further information and coordination, please contact:

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Together, let us make this a defining chapter in the history of our district.

Yours in Rotary Service,

DG Steve Shone

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I extend a heartfelt and earnest appeal to each Rotarian across our district: be present, be visible, and be part of this historic and memorable occasion. Your attendance will not only demonstrate our unity and strength as a district but will also affirm our commitment to the ideals of Rotary at the highest level.

Equally important is the unique opportunity this visit presents for our clubs. I strongly urge all Club Presidents to seize this moment by submitting short video presentations showcasing your club's impactful projects. This is your platform to tell your story—your service, your innovation, your community transformation—to a global audience. Let us ensure that District 9370 stands tall as a beacon of meaningful and sustainable service.

DG Steve Shone

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We are launching a strong, focused, District-wide drive to get every Rotarian actively promoting domino sponsorships for the Global Domino Challenge 2026. This is one of the easiest and most impactful ways you can support our young HEROES while raising meaningful funds for Rotary community projects, all from the comfort of your armchair.

We warmly invite you to put real energy behind this exciting project and help our young HEROES succeed.

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A REAL IMPACT?

It only takes a few minutes of your time to create an incredible ripple effect. Here's how:

Visit the **Global Domino Challenge 2026 Leaderboard** and search for the team you want to support.

Click on any team's **"View/Sponsor"** link.

Share that team's sponsorship link widely and appeal for domino sponsorships at just R10 each

WHO SHOULD YOU INVITE TO SUPPORT OUR YOUNG HEROES?

Everyone! Here are the best places to start:

- Other Rotary Clubs (locally and internationally) - Let the amazing Rotary network UNITE FOR GOOD. We all have contacts with amazing Rotarians around the world. **A R10 domino sponsorship** is only GBP 0.45, US\$ 0.61 or EUR 0.52 per domino, an incredibly affordable way for any Rotarian to make a big difference in South Africa. All sponsorships are done online with their Credit Card from anywhere in the world. All we need to do is let our fellow Rotarians know about the Global Domino Challenge and appeal for their support of our young HEROES.
- Local Businesses - There's a fantastic opportunity for businesses to support our young HEROES and gain great visibility. They can even have their company logo included in the domino topple pattern! eMail info@globaldominos.org and we'll happily connect you with an excited team.
- Your WhatsApp, Phone and eMail Contacts - Reach out to your family, friends, and colleagues. Send them a personal appeal with the link to your favourite team or let them choose one at www.globaldominos.org.



Finding just one person or business to sponsor 10 or 20 dominos can create a wonderful chain reaction that helps teams reach their goals, strengthens Rotary's visibility, and brings real joy to our young HEROES.

To make it even easier, browse and choose a registered team to champion here: [Registered Teams – www.globaldominos.org](https://www.globaldominos.org).

SOCIAL MEDIA IS YOUR MEGAPHONE

Share your favourite teams profile link with the attached little 8 Sec video clip on your social media to appeal for support of your young HEROES.

You are also encouraged to follow the projects social pages so you can simply share the posts created for you and tag #GDC2026

WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK

It's still not too late to register a new team under your club. The more teams we have, the bigger the impact!

Let's come together and make the Global Domino Challenge 2026 a fantastic success. Join the HEROES and get a domino sponsored today!

Thank you for your strong and continued support. Together, we can achieve something truly special

Warm regards and Rotary greetings,
The Global Domino Challenge Team

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Your Dominos Can Change the World!





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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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Lupus Classic Bicycle Event



A prominent charity cycling event held annually in Kimberley, Northern Cape, dedicated to raising awareness and funds for those living with lupus. Beyond the physical challenge, the event serves as a vital community platform for health education and support, often coinciding with global awareness initiatives to highlight the complexities of diagnosing and managing this autoimmune disease.

Key Event Details: Lupus Classic 2026

- **Date:** Saturday, 09 May 2026
- **Location:** Start/Finish at Flamingo Casino N12, Kimberley, Northern Cape
- **Distances:** 20km, 50km, and 100km options
- **Entries:** Close at midnight on 3 May 2026, with late entries accepted from 4-7 May (with a R50 penalty).
- **Race Pack Collection:** 8 May 2026, 16:00 – 19:00 at Shell Ultra City Kimberley.
 - **Start Times:** 100km (07:00), 50km (07:05), 20km (07:10).
 - **Categories:** The event caters to road cycling, families, and casual riders.
- **Purpose:** Proceeds support lupus education and medication, with efforts highlighting the need for support for those living with the autoimmune disease.

<https://entries.chiptimer.co.za/entries/2026-lup/>

REFRESHMENTS STATIONS & MEDICAL FACILITIES

Refreshment stations (± 13 km) will be provided.

Medical support on route and medical services available at the finish line.

Refreshments will also be available at the finish point at Shell Ultra City

FINISH

The race will finish at Shell Ultra City Kimberley

Fun Riders: 5 hours

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).

Galeshewe Youth Network, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of the Karoo Region and FAMSA, has successfully launched a dynamic health awareness programme on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).

The initiative empowers young people with essential knowledge, leadership skills, and advocacy tools to address FASD within the Kimberley and Galeshewe communities. The programme focuses on raising awareness among youth about the importance of avoiding alcohol during pregnancy and understanding its effects.

A dedicated team of six facilitators — Omogolo Sekee, Thato Maile, Gomolemo Tsiane, Mamotshewa Berries, Nihonipho Khoza and Dominique Kies — supported by coordinator Motshidisi Mofokeng, has delivered the first two sessions with great enthusiasm.

The team remains fully committed to expanding awareness and building lasting community impact.



New FASD Projects

1.

	Emang Mmogo Comprehensive School (Kimberley) Public High school 1 182 Learners 39 Educators 80.2% Pass Rate Start with the FASD Programme on 21st April 2026
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2.

Tshireleco Secondary Public School, situated at 299 Ethel Street, Homestead, Kimberley, 8330, operates as a public secondary school within the Galeshewe, Kimberley urban suburb of Northern Cape Province, South Africa.

3.

The team has actively connected with the following partners to broaden awareness and recruitment:

1. Radio Teemaneng Station
2. Hearts Of Lavender
3. Drugs & Rehabilitation Centre, Northern Cape
4. Sinothando Kids Haven & Lerato Place of Safety
5. St. Martin Lutheran Church
6. Church of Christ Mission
7. Galeshewe Ward 18 Community

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 04 May – Johann Aucamp 08 May – Ken Quinn 10 May – Mary-Anne Daubermann 16 May – Barry Downs	14 April 1991 – Trevor & Hubré Datnow 22 April 1972 – Ludi & Elize von Bezing 17 May 1969 – Philip & Shirley Maritz
COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS	INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES
19 April – Pierre Hugo May 4th – Johann Aucamp May 5th – David Allen May 25th – Bill Fair	07 April 2006 – Trevor Datnow 15 April 2005 – Johan Cronjé 15 April 1994 – Pem Rodger 29 April 1993 – Ken Quinn

Some dog I got. We call him Egypt. Because in every room, he leaves a pyramid.

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

Two old people sitting on a bench, one turns to the other and says "My but fell asleep". The other says "Yip, I heard it snore a couple of times"

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

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Johann Aucamp



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