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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Next Board Meeting to be announced

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

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

Duties:

President: Mary-Anne Daubermann

Sergeant: Colleen Fairweather

Grace & TP: Vernon Daubermann

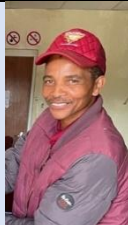
Setup & Welcome: Vernon Daubermann & Lorraine Thompson

Fetch Meal: Ken Quinn

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES

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.

MAY – ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME – YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

May is designated as **Youth Service Month** in Rotary International's calendar, focusing on celebrating and empowering the next generation of leaders. During this month, clubs highlight their youth-focused initiatives, including Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and Rotary Youth Exchange programs

Key Focus Areas for Youth Service Month:

- **Celebrating Young Leaders:** Recognizing the contributions of young leaders and the impact of Rotary's programs.
- **Youth Programs:** Highlighting Interact (for youth ages 12–18), RYLA, and Rotary Youth Exchange.
- **Promoting Mentorship:** Encouraging Rotarians to engage with younger generations and foster leadership development.

In May, Rotary celebrates **Youth Service**. This month is dedicated to empowering young leaders up to age 30 and recognizing the incredible impact they have on our local and global communities. From the classroom to the boardroom, Rotary provides the foundation for young people to lead with integrity.

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.



UNITE FOR GOOD

YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

Every year, over 350,000 young leaders participate in Rotary's youth programs across [Interact](#), [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards](#) (RYLA), and [Rotary Youth Exchange](#). Rotary's Youth Service Month is an opportunity to promote our young leaders' local and global impacts and the Rotary and Rotaract clubs that make these programs possible.

Four ways to participate:

- 1. Partner with young leaders.** Invite youth participants to your Rotary or Rotaract club meetings and together create opportunities for collaboration. Young people are looking for a way to make a difference. Show them how Rotary equips them to do so and join forces as you serve your shared community.
- 2. Start your service-learning journey.** Rotary's approach to youth service, service-learning, is youth-led, hones life skills, and has a lasting impact on communities. Interactive courses and downloadable workbooks are available in Rotary's Learning Center for adult advisers and youth participants ages 16 and older. Watch this informative [video](#) and get started on your service-learning journey today at rotary.org/learn.
- 3. Attend a webinar.** As part of the Cultivating Effective Projects webinar series, Rotary International is hosting a webinar titled [Expanding Reach: Partner with Youth in Service](#). Learn how to connect and collaborate with youth to increase the impact of your projects and develop youth into leaders.
- 4. Follow along for youth-centered stories.** Throughout the month of May, Rotary's young leaders will be featured across multiple Rotary International platforms. Read the [Rotary magazine](#) feature about Interact's 60th anniversary, subscribe to the [Young Leaders in Action](#) newsletter, visit Rotary's blogs [Service in Action](#) and [Rotary Voices](#) each week, and follow Rotary's social media channels to hear directly from youth participants about their Rotary experiences!

Every other month, Rotary International shares regular updates, news, and inspiration about Rotary's youth programs and young leaders. Stay informed, gain insight into facilitating meaningful programming, and feel inspired by stories that keep you connected to Rotary's global youth leadership community.

Subscribe to the [Programs for Young Leaders newsletter](#)



INTERACTORS IN ACTION

The Northern Cape High School Interact club members getting ready to hand over food parcels to 11 families in need in Beaconsfield.



Debbie Smith and Mary-Anne Daubermann

Follow the youth

Shoki Wafula did not know what to expect when he was forced to leave his birth country of Uganda for South Africa. What he found was a Rotary community that welcomed him with warmth and friendship. That experience inspired him to help create a Rotaract e-club where young leaders from around the world could connect, develop their skills, and serve together.

Today, that community includes members across multiple continents who collaborate on leadership development, peacebuilding, and service initiatives. For Wafula, the experience reinforced the lesson that meaningful service begins with people who feel connected, valued, and empowered to lead.

His story reminds us why Youth Service Month is so important. Through Rotaract and programs like Rotary Youth Exchange, young people build leadership skills, develop global understanding, and discover the impact they can make through service.

Rotary's Action Plan calls on us to enhance participant engagement. At its heart, that goal asks a simple question: How can we ensure that participation in Rotary is meaningful and fulfilling for everyone? Youth programs and Rotaract provide a powerful answer.

When clubs mentor Rotaractors, host exchange students, or support youth leadership initiatives, they create opportunities for members to share their experience in ways that feel personal and rewarding. These connections deepen members' sense of purpose and strengthen the bonds within our Rotary family.

They also create lasting pathways into Rotary. Thousands of young people complete Rotary programs each year, and they carry those experiences with them throughout their lives. Many remain eager to stay connected.

Organizations such as Rotex International, an association of former Youth Exchange students, help Rotary program alumni continue serving as mentors, leaders, and advocates for our youth programs. As Rotex co-founder Hans Lee wrote in a recent reflection on Youth Exchange alumni, "exchange doesn't end when you return home."

When we welcome these young leaders into our clubs and activities, we strengthen the continuity of Rotary across generations.

During Youth Service Month, I hope every Rotary club reflects on how youth programs can enhance engagement for new and longtime members. Collaborate on service projects and invite youth voices into your planning and decision making.

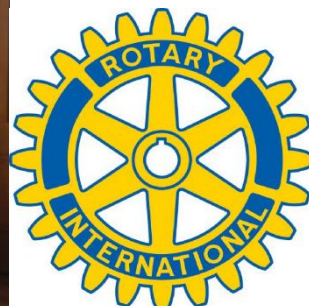
Rotary's message to the world is that we can Unite for Good. Youth programs show us how that happens in practice — when generations come together, share ideas, and work side by side in service.

When we invest in young people, we are not only shaping future leaders. We are building a stronger, more connected Rotary today.

Follow the youth

FRANCESCO AREZZO

President, Rotary International





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



Kenneth Niewenhuis
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FASD FACILITATORS VISITING SCHOOLS

TSHIRELECO HIGH SCHOOL



The session was successful, and the learners showed interest in learning more. They had 26 learners who stayed after school to attend the session, and they will have a session every Friday.

EMANG MMOGO HIGH SCHOOL



Young people from the Emang Mmogo High School joined the Prevention of FASD Project

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	
04 May – Johann Aucamp		17 May 1969 – Philip & Shirley Maritz	
08 May – Ken Quinn			
10 May – Mary-Anne Daubermann			
16 May – Barry Downs			
COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS		INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES	
May 4th – Johann Aucamp			
May 5th – David Allen			
May 25th – Bill Fair			



What is the worst combination of illnesses?
Alzheimer's and diarrhoea.

You're running but can't remember where.

"My husband and I have reached the difficult decision that we do not want children.

If anybody does, please just send me your contact details and we can drop them off tomorrow."

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

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Johann Aucamp



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