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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Next Board Meeting to be announced

18 June 2026 – Club Meeting – 12H45 for 13H00
02 July 2026 – Club Meeting – 12H45 for 13H00
16 July 2026 – Club Meeting – 12H45 for 13H00
30 July 2026 – Club Meeting – 12H45 for 13H00

Duties:

President: Mary-Anne Daubermann
Sergeant: Brenda Booth
Grace & TP: Pem Rodger
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.

JUNE – ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME – ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

June is designated as Rotary Fellowships Month. It serves as a fitting finale to the Rotary year, celebrating the core value of friendship that unites members globally through shared hobbies, sports, and vocational interests.

Rotary Fellowships are independent, international groups of Rotarians and their families who unite around a common interest, vocation, or recreational activity.

“Fellowship is wonderful; it illuminates life’s pathway, spreads good cheer, and is worth high price.” Rotary Founder, Paul Harris

The Purpose of Fellowships

- **Share Interests:** Engage in hobbies like cycling, photography, marathon running, and music.
 - **Advance Vocations:** Connect with professionals globally to share best practices.
 - **Build Goodwill:** Cultivate international understanding across borders

Focus for Local Clubs During June

- **Strengthen Bonds:** Clubs often host social gatherings and informal events to nurture internal relationships.
- **Leadership Transition:** June is the time when clubs reflect on outgoing leadership and transition to incoming teams

Rotary Fellowships consist of people who share a common interest in recreational activities, hobbies, professions, or cultural identity. These groups help expand skills, foster vocational development, and enhance the Rotary experience by exploring interests while developing connections around the world.



OVERVIEW

- Organized internationally by at least 25 individuals from five countries with the purpose to further friendship and build community around a shared passion and interest.
- Help participants make lasting friendships outside their own club, district, or country.
- Welcome any interested individual, regardless of Rotary affiliation.
- Provide fun and diverse ways of participating in Rotary International.

JOIN A FELLOWSHIP!

Visit rotary.org/fellowships to see a full list of current Fellowships and build your community.

ORGANIZATION

- Affiliated with Rotary International but establish their own administrative structures and plan and oversee their activities and events.
- Offer platforms for in-person and virtual networking by illustrating Rotary’s inclusivity of many vocations, interests, cultures, and identities.
- Maintain a global presence and offer engaging, meaningful events and activities to fellowship members.

BY THE NUMBERS

If your recreational or vocational interest isn’t represented by Rotary’s current fellowships, visit

rotary.org/fellowships
or email
rotaryfellowships@rotary.org
for more information about starting a new group.

150+ COUNTRIES are home to fellowship members.

JUNE IS



ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

The final month of every Rotary year is Rotary Fellowship month and it is a fitting finale because "fellowship" is such an important part of Rotary. The word "fellowship" is right there at the top of the current core values of Rotary. It's the reason why we have Rotary "clubs", so we can do our good in the world alongside fellow Rotarians and not just by ourselves. For many Rotarians, the highlights of their Rotary experiences usually revolve around doing projects with others. It is probably the reason why so many Rotary Fellowships have developed where Rotarians from around the world can join together doing activities they enjoy. (See the article below) We often hear Rotarians say that they joined Rotary to "make a difference", but they stay in Rotary "because of the fellowship".

The heartbeat as your incoming District Governor – Dr Melonie Gobel.



In just over two weeks, the hands of time will turn, and we will officially step into a brand-new Rotary year.

My greatest hope is that when our season concludes and we hand over the baton, we will leave behind a stronger district, more dynamic and vibrant clubs, and enthusiastic Rotarians and friends ready for the next generation of leaders.

Our Calling for the Year Ahead

It is my deepest desire that we serve with absolute excellence in the year ahead. When all is said and done, and the final curtain closes on our leadership season, I want us to be able to stand tall, look back, and say: *"Well done, good and faithful servants."* If you give it all you have, that will always be enough.

I hope that over the next twelve months, you will feel an immense sense of pride in being part of this Rotary family. With the great honour of being a Rotarian comes an equally wonderful responsibility—to honour that calling and to truly embrace why you were placed on this earth. May we wholeheartedly live out our ethos of **Service Above Self**, celebrating the absolute privilege and pleasure it is to be a blessing to our local communities, our countries, and the world around us.

"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go with others."

This old African adage holds so much truth for us. I am inviting you to lock arms and walk with us in the year ahead. Together, let's unite in action to create a lasting impact that will echo for generations to come. Thank you for your tireless service, your immense generosity, and your commitment to our beautiful district. I am already counting down the days until I can visit your clubs, celebrate your incredible work, and witness firsthand the profound impact you are making on the ground.

Let's make this an unforgettable year of purposeful service!

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Let them know you care

Three ways to show new members they matter

Jeff Stefek, president of the Rotary Club of Pflugerville, Texas, has seen his club grow 50 percent since he joined in 2010.

He says that's because the club's leaders strive not just to attract new members but to make them want to stay.

"It's something that's top of mind. We bring it up on a weekly or biweekly basis," Stefek says.

1. Get together more, and make get-togethers more fun.

The Pflugerville club offers lots of opportunities for members to hang out. "We're part of a community of people that share the same passion, and you don't learn that if you're just sitting in a chair every Wednesday, listening to different speakers", Najera says. "You often learn it outside of meetings, whether you're getting your hands dirty or doing socials or fundraisers."

Stefek and the club's social chair make sure to schedule a service activity every month and a purely fun event at least every other month — activities like a pool party, a tapas cooking class, and an escape room. At such events, "you're able to engage one-on-one, find out what's going on in members' lives, and really develop those relationships," Stefek says.

Plus, these gatherings give members ways to connect even if they miss a meeting.

2. Standardize your methods, but take a personal approach.

The Pflugerville club has created a set of best practices for orienting new members, and Stefek makes sure everyone knows what to do.

"If you walk through the door as a new member and we've never met you, you will immediately be bombarded with attention to make sure you feel included in that room," he says. "It's a job for every member of our club."

The club's leaders have created a series of follow-up emails to send visitors after each meeting they attend. And before members are inducted, Najera makes sure they know all the ways to get involved. "I tell them what all our club's committees do, what the responsibilities are, and the last question I ask is, 'Which of these do you feel most connected to, do you want to be a part of?' And I will not go to bed at the end of that day without connecting them to those committees' chairs."

3. Make onboarding a game.

Many clubs give new members a list of orientation activities, such as going out to lunch with another member, serving as the greeter at a meeting, or registering for an account on the My Rotary website, which is full of resources.

The Pflugerville club puts a fun spin on it with a new member bingo card. It has 40 squares with different tasks. "They only have to complete 10, but they can win prizes with different bingos,"

Najera says. "That's how we keep them engaged. By the end of it, they've hopefully connected with past presidents and Paul Harris Society members, visited other clubs in our district, and gone to district events."

Ultimately, Najera says, you have to make new members feel like they matter. "Never let somebody sit by themselves. Never let somebody walk into a room and not have somebody talking to them," she says.

"Because we all want to belong, right? We all want to be a part of something."

USE ROTARY VIDEOS TO TELL OUR STORY

The Rotary Brand Centre has dozens of videos for you to use to enhance your meetings, engage with your community and help tell the Rotary story. These high quality videos promote our campaigns and causes, showing that we're people of action and saving you the time and expense of creating them.

Visit brandcenter.rotary.org and explore our video section today.





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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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Rotary President Francesco Arezzo and his wife, Anna Maria Arezzo-Criscione, during a tour of Africa.

Let's carry the momentum

As my year as president of Rotary International comes to a close, I offer my heartfelt thanks to each member of our global Rotary family. Your kindness, warmth, and dedication have changed my life.

During this year, I had the privilege of traveling across our world, from San Francisco, birthplace of the United Nations, to the innovative Rotary clubs of Nigeria. In every place, I saw Rotary members and our partners working side by side to create lasting, positive change, reminding me that our strength lies in shared purpose.

That spirit leads naturally to a simple truth: Rotary is not something we attend, but something we do. We are not spectators.

We act, and through that action, we transform our communities and ourselves. As we continue this work, we must keep our focus on building conditions for peace.

Rotary is, at its core, a peace machine. But maintaining that machine requires intention, commitment, and steady effort.

That same resolve is needed now as we push toward polio eradication. The final mile is often the hardest, but we cannot falter in our promise to the children of the world.

You have shown that when we **Unite for Good**, there is no challenge we cannot meet if we stand together. Let us carry this momentum forward with courage, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to the safety and prosperity of all.

Let's carry the momentum.

FRANCESCO AREZZO

President, Rotary International

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
02 June – Helen Hugo 08 July – Yvonne Magxala 08 July – Charles Parsons 08 July - Shirley Dally 14 July – Ronelle Steenkamp 21 July – Wendy Peine 24 July - Dries van Tonder 25 July – Johan Cronje 25 July – Troy Campbell	16 June 2000 – Peter & Charlene Daubney 28 June 1980 – Barry & Gill Downs 05 July - Brenda & Herbert Booth 16 July - Gordon & Shirley Dally
COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS	INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES
13 June – Jock Robey 04 July – Gunter Bartch 09 July – Stan Harvey 17 July – Robbie van der Nest 17 July – Philip Vorster	06 Jun 2005 Gill Quinn 13 July 2015 – Brenda Booth

All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt. Charles Schulz

Accept who you are. Unless you're a serial killer. Ellen DeGeneres

When angry, count to four; when very angry, swear. Mark Twain

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

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