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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

06 August 2026 – Club Meeting – 12H45 for 13H00
20 August 2026 – Club Meeting – 12H45 for 13H00

Duties:

President: Mary-Anne Daubermann
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Grace & TP:
Setup & Welcome: Vernon Daubermann & Lorraine Thompson
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Club Meetings: The Blanckenberg Hall, Memorial Road - Thursdays 12H45 for 13H00 **INFO:** 083 340 1257

COMMUNITY SERVICES

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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.

AUGUST – ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME – MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH



Membership and New Club Development Month is celebrated annually in August by Rotary International. It focuses on growing membership, starting new innovative clubs, and celebrating current members.

Key Goals

- **Celebrate current members** for their local and global community impact.
- **Grow the movement** by inviting prospective members to meetings and launching new clubs.
- **Strengthen engagement** and improve member retention by fostering a culture of belonging.

Common Club Activities

- **Host open houses** and fun get-togethers for potential new members.
- **Share personal stories** and highlights on social media using official campaign tags.
- **Update club details** on community portals so interested locals can easily find meeting times and locations.



Consider Becoming a Rotarian....Today

Potential club members are everywhere. But to get them to join Rotary, clubs must use creativity and imagination, says Past RI President Cliff Dochterman.



"Rotary International leaders keep emphasizing membership growth and extension because Rotary's very survival depends on it," says Dochterman, a member of the Rotary Club of Moraga, California, USA, and author of [The ABCs of Rotary](#), a resource for new members. "If Rotary is to grow, we all must take action."

Dochterman believes clubs can thrive by seeking new members, retaining current ones, and sponsoring new clubs in the community. He offers the following tips:

Seeking new members

Clubs must have a specific plan in place, says Dochterman.

- Use a team approach. Teams should have several members who meet with qualified business and professional leaders to discuss the benefits of joining Rotary.
- Set aside one club meeting per month to be a "visitor day," to which all club members would invite a friend or prospective member.
- Seek out natural prospects, including Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotaractors, and Group Study Exchange (GSE) team members.

Retaining current members

"Keeping current club members is just as important as bringing in new ones. The key is to adapt and change," says Dochterman.

- Make sure club meetings, service activities, and social events are interesting, fun, and worthwhile.
- Initiate more hands-on projects so club members will feel that they're making a difference.
- Eliminate 100 percent attendance requirements.
- Be alert to the symptoms that lead to resignation. Club leaders should be considerate to members' personal problems.

Sponsoring a new club

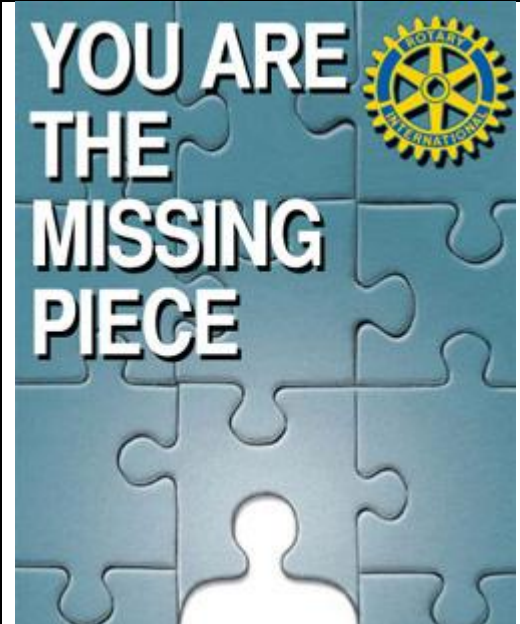
"Don't think about cloning your existing club. The new century of Rotary requires and permits a new vision of fellowship and service," says Dochterman. "It's time to think about sponsoring a new kind of Rotary club." For example:

- A club composed entirely of executives and professionals under the age of 40. The nucleus could be former Rotaractors, GSE team members, and Foundation program alumni.
- A club in an ethnic or minority section of the community, with members who share common economic and cultural interests.
- A club that meets in a shopping mall, airport, high-rise office building, golf course, or other nontraditional but convenient location.

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/4124/stories/membership-and-new-club-development-month-this-is-rotary>

<https://vimeo.com/17537785?fl=pl&fe=cm> (Right click and open Hyperlink)

Focus on happiness: happy members are those that are motivated to do good for the club. There are many ways to keep members happy. Sometimes just being asked means a lot, so in your next meeting, have every member anonymously write changes that they would like to see in the club which would make them happy. Such a simple act shows your members that you care about their presence in the club.

	All of us know at least one person that might be a good fit for Rotary, whether that person be a colleague, family member or friend - all we have to do is ask. Many Rotaractors tend to leave Rotary altogether. Team up with a local Rotaract club and speak more on the benefits of joining your club, so that you can create a smooth transition for them to join your club when they are ready. Propose a 'trial' period - offer a 3 month membership plan where members can pay only for those months to get a better feel for what it means to be part of your club. This way, they don't have to worry about investing money/time for the entire year. Ask your guests and speakers to join your club, even if they choose to join as honorary members.
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Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact form

a global network of community service organizations sponsored by [Rotary International](#), scaling from high school students to adult professionals. They focus on leadership, ethical standards, and hands-on volunteer projects under the core motto **"Service Above Self"**.

Rotary Clubs

- **Target age:** Adults (18 and older, typically professionals and community leaders).
- **Focus:** Addressing local and global humanitarian issues, promoting peace, and providing mentorship.
- **Structure:** Autonomous adult members who fund, guide, and sponsor local Interact and Rotaract chapters.

Rotaract Clubs

- **Target age:** Young adults ages 18 and older (frequently university students and young professionals).
- **Focus:** Building professional and leadership skills while executing local and international service projects.
- **Structure:** Self-governing and self-supporting, acting as full partners alongside sponsoring Rotary clubs.

Interact Clubs

- **Target age:** Youth ages 12 to 18 (typically middle or high school students).
- **Focus:** Completing at least two major community projects annually—one to help their local school or town and one to promote global understanding.
- **Structure:** Organized locally in schools or communities with direct guidance from a sponsoring Rotary club.



NCHS INTERACT - DUMP VISIT.

The pupils Collected heaps of clothing and shoes and handed to the Folk at the Dumps. Delicious nourishing soup and buns were served. It was very well organized and the crowd that attended were quite orderley. There was also a strong presence of Municipality Security. Thanks again to Debbie Smith and the pupils of NCHS

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA)

Each year, thousands of young people are selected to attend Rotary-sponsored leadership camps or seminars through Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA).

In an informal atmosphere, groups of outstanding people ages 14-30 spend several days in a challenging program of leadership training, facilitated discussions, inspirational addresses, and social activities designed to enhance personal development, leadership skills, and good citizenship.

RYLA events instil values of service and leadership at an early age.

PLATFONTEIN ECD CENTRE:

Dear all A most interesting and rewarding walkabout we had at the New ECD centre built and all contents supplied by Palms for Life. We were well received and we had the opportunity of meeting Natalie who supervises the project. We were all very impressed. Thanks to those who attended. We also established some equipment needs which we will address. Warm regards. Mary-anne Daubermann.



SUPPORTING ST THERESA'S HOSPICE – CHRISTMAS IN JULY FUNCTION



Stalwards of the Rotary Club of Kimberley supporting St Theresa's Hospice in Kimberley by attending the Christmas in July function presented by Hospice.



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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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Young Voices Shape the Future at Skillz Together FASD Monitoring & Evaluation Workshop

Community partnership brings together young people, facilitators and international supporters to reflect on the impact of FASD education in Kimberley.

On Friday, 31 July 2026, the dining hall at the Solomon Edwardian Guest House in Beaconsfield, Kimberley, became a place of learning, reflection and hope as young people and community leaders gathered for the **Skillz Together Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Workshop**.

The workshop formed part of the **Skillz Together Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Project**, an initiative designed to educate young people about the dangers of alcohol use during pregnancy while promoting healthy choices, responsibility, communication, teamwork and respect. Rather than a formal evaluation, the afternoon encouraged participants to share their experiences, discuss what they had learned and explore how the programme had influenced their lives and the lives of those around them.

The **Skillz Together FASD Project** is run by the **Rotary eClub of the Karoo Region** and is made possible through generous international support. Funding for the programme has been provided through grants from the **Rotary Club of Carroll Creek (International Committee)** in Frederick, Maryland, USA, and **Hope in South Africa (HiSA)** in Washington, DC. Their investment has enabled local organisations to deliver meaningful education and life-skills training to young people in Kimberley, demonstrating how international partnerships can create lasting change at community level.

The project is delivered through a partnership between the **Rotary eClub of the Karoo Region**, **FAMSA (Families South Africa)** and the **Galeshewe Youth Network**. The workshop was organised by **Richard Jones** of the Rotary eClub of the Karoo Region, **Zoleka Bula** of FAMSA and **Joel Setlhabi** of the Galeshewe Youth Network, with **Motshidisi Mofokeng** serving as Project Manager and lead facilitator for the day's activities.

The afternoon began with registration, welcoming remarks and an introduction to the purpose of the monitoring and evaluation process. Participants were reminded that their opinions and experiences were essential in helping shape future programmes and ensuring that the project continued to meet the needs of young people in the community.

One of the opening activities challenged participants to create "freeze frame" scenes illustrating the core values promoted throughout the programme. Through teamwork and creativity, the groups portrayed concepts such as respect, responsibility and healthy decision-making, providing a lively and engaging start to the afternoon.

The main discussion sessions saw participants divide into groups to reflect on the themes they had explored during the project. They spoke honestly about what they had learned, how their understanding of FASD had grown and how they had shared this knowledge with friends, classmates and family members. Many described how the programme had encouraged them to think differently about alcohol, relationships and personal responsibility.

Throughout the workshop there was a strong sense of mutual respect. Facilitators encouraged every participant to contribute, ensuring that quieter voices were heard alongside more confident

speakers. Interactive exercises, open discussions and practical activities kept the young people engaged and created an atmosphere where everyone felt comfortable sharing their experiences. A short wellness break gave participants an opportunity to relax before returning for an extended floor discussion. This final session allowed everyone to reflect on the strengths of the programme and offer practical suggestions for future improvements. The honest feedback collected during these conversations will help guide the next phase of the project and strengthen future community interventions.

The workshop concluded with closing remarks that celebrated the commitment shown by every participant. Facilitators thanked the young people for their openness, enthusiasm and willingness to become ambassadors for healthier communities. They also acknowledged the dedication of the partner organisations and international donors whose support makes the programme possible.

The Skillz Together FASD Project demonstrates what can be achieved when local organisations, community volunteers, Rotary clubs and international partners work together towards a common goal. By equipping young people with knowledge, confidence and practical life skills, the programme is helping to build stronger families and healthier communities while raising awareness of one of South Africa's most preventable developmental disorders.

The Rotary eClub of the Karoo Region, together with FAMSA, the Galeshewe Youth Network, the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek and Hope in South Africa, remains committed to ensuring that young people continue to receive the education, support and encouragement they need to make informed decisions and become positive leaders within their communities.



Prenatal alcohol exposure causes FASD, a complex disorder, that encompasses a range of physical, cognitive, and behavioural impairments and can have lifelong consequences for affected individuals and their communities. Despite the well-documented burden of FASD in certain regions of SA, particularly the Western and Northern Cape provinces, the urgent need for comprehensive prevention, early diagnosis, and community-based interventions persists.

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 August – Dan Dowel 13 August – Richard Jones 30 August – Elize von Bezing 20 August 1951 – Rotary Club of Kimberley	04 August 2012 – Troy Cambell & Laura Arnold 13 August 1983 – Des & Wendy Peine
COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS	INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES
08 August – Derek Preece	12 August 2011 – Sam Goldblatt 18 August 2017 – Johann Aucamp 26 August 2011 – Ivan & Ronelle Steenkamp

- Did you hear about the guy who got the left side of his body amputated?
He's all right now.

"Don't watch the clock; do what it does. Keep moving forward, and occasionally take a nap." – Dave Grohl

"The road to success is always under construction. But don't worry, detours often lead to the best adventures!" – Lily Tomlin

"The only way to do great work is to love what you do. Or at least tolerate it enough to get through the day!" – Steve Jobs

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE ROTARY GRIQUA ARE
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