

OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KIMBERLEY – 15 OCTOBER 2026
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District 9370, Northern Cape, South Africa: **Chartered - 20 August 1951: ID 17458**

					
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

15 October 2026 – Club Meeting – 14H15 for 14H30
05 November 2026 – Club Meeting – 14H15 for 14H30
19 November 2026 – Club Meeting – 14H15 for 14H30
03 December 2026 – Club Meeting – 14h15 for 14h30
17 December 2026 – Club Meeting – 14h15 for 14h30

Duties:

President: Mary-Anne Daubermann
Sergeant:
Grace & TP:
Setup & Welcome:
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.

OCTOBER – ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME - ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH (ALSO REFERRED TO AS COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONTH)

Core Focus Areas

- **Empowering Entrepreneurs:** Building the capacity of local business owners, community leaders, and networks.
- **Job Creation:** Developing productive work opportunities and sustainable livelihoods.
- **Poverty Reduction:** Supporting underserved communities through long-term economic solutions rather than immediate charity.
- **Vocational Studies:** Funding training, mentorship, and career-minded education in economic development.

Key Observances in October

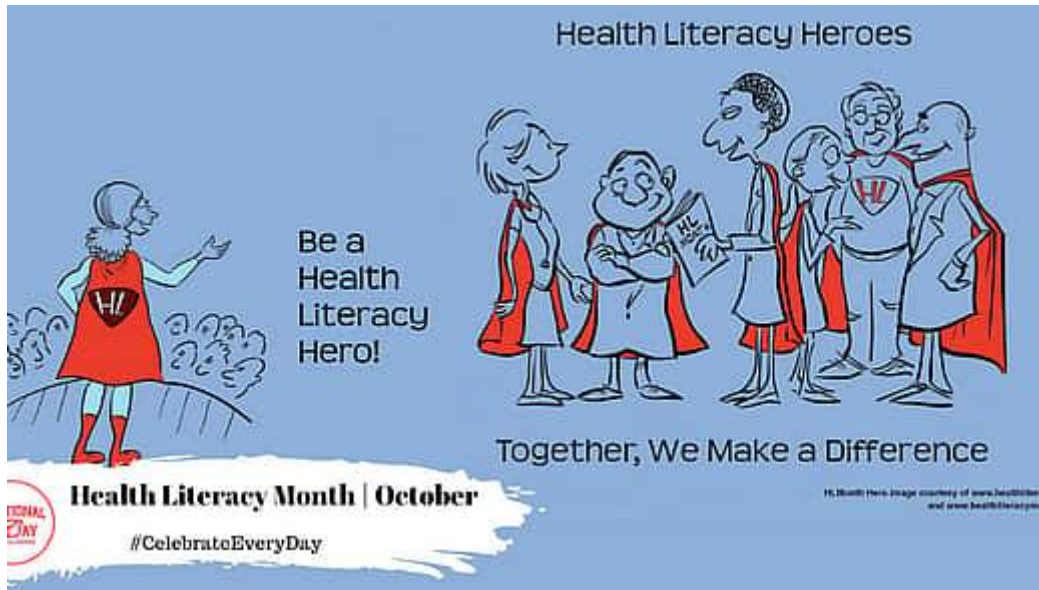
- **World Polio Day:** Observed globally on **October 24** to raise awareness and funds for polio eradication.
- **World Interact Week:** Celebrated during the week of **October 28** for Rotary-sponsored youth service clubs.
- **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty:** Observed on **October 17**.



Rotary supports investments in people to create measurable and enduring economic improvement in their lives and communities.

The Rotary Foundation enables Rotarians to invest in people by creating sustainable, measurable, and long-term economic improvements in their communities and livelihoods by:

1. Building the capacity of entrepreneurs, community leaders, local organizations, and community networks to support economic development in impoverished communities;
2. Developing opportunities for productive work;
3. Reducing poverty in under-served communities;
4. Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to economic and community development.



Major National and Global Themes for October

- **Cybersecurity Awareness Month:** Focused on digital safety, infrastructure resilience, and online security guidance through the [Cybersecurity Awareness Month Toolkit](#).
- **Breast Cancer Awareness Month:** Dedicated to education, early detection, and supporting those affected by breast cancer.
- **National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM):** Highlights disability inclusion and equal employment opportunities in the workplace.
- **Domestic Violence Awareness Month:** Raises safety awareness, education, and resource access for individuals impacted by abuse
- **Mental Illness Awareness & Mental Health Support:** Features [Mental Illness Awareness Week](#) and [World Mental Health Day](#) (October 10) to expand emotional well-being education.
- **Cultural and Heritage Months:** Includes LGBTQ+ History Month, Filipino American History Month, Italian American Heritage Month, Polish American Heritage Month, and UK Black History Month.



P. J. (Pem) Rodger – Century 5 November 2026

He is a deeply respected, long-standing member and centenarian-approaching member of the Rotary Club of Kimberley. Over the decades, he has remained highly active in local charity work, environmental cleanups, and community outreach programmes well into his late nineties.

He was Regional Manager of the Eskom Northern Cape Region from January 1, 1975, to August 31, 1986. He took over the role during a foundational period for regional utility infrastructure when his predecessor, Lood Rothman, moved to Eskom's Head Office.

The Tree of Joy Project.

Each year Rotarians and friends buy Christmas presents for Sinothando and Bophelo children's homes.

Sinothando around 26 children. Bophelo 18 children. Ages range from 3mths to 16yrs.

Rotary members and friends buy presents to the value of around R250 per child.

We will have the Xmas cards ready in October and presents will need to be handed in middle November.

The homes have their party early December. We also provide their party eats and treats.

So, an appeal to all to start looking at how many gifts you can provide for.

Sinothando Kids Haven (also known as **Sinothando Child Welfare** or the **Sinothando Child and Youth Care Centre**) is a non-profit organization and child and youth care facility located in Galeshewe, Kimberley, in the Northern Cape, South Africa.



Bophelo - Long term care is provided for children with disabilities and special needs. Babies who have been abandoned or neglected are placed for adoption to provide them with a 'forever' home.

Support in crises pregnancies is offered to mothers who want to place their children for adoption. The organization follows a 'Pro-Life' approach.

WHEELCHAIR PROJECT



Second-hand wheelchairs are obtained from other Rotary Clubs and specially from clubs overseas. An amount of 40 chairs was obtained from the UK earlier this year and are almost all distributed and handed out by now.

Another load of 40 chairs is on its way from the UK. They will be shipped to Durban Harbour and moved from there to Johannesburg. If the arrival of the chairs is confirmed from Johannesburg, the transport from there to Kimberley will be arranged and the conditioning of the chairs will be done to get them ready for distribution.

Two types of wheelchairs are normally available: the ordinary wheelchair which can be driven by the person occupying it and the pushchair, needing a handyman to push the handicapped person where he or she needs to be.

SUPPORT ST THERESA'S HOSPICE – GROWING INTERACT IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP



Johann Aucamp, Jani Louw, Mary-Anne Daubermann and Dr Wicus Grove supporting the Interacts in obtaining some entrepreneurship.



**Rotary Club
supplying
some
hamburgers
to financially
support
Hospice.
Leftover
patties and
ingredients
handed over
to Hospice
as well.**



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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 Supporting the Nappy Run in Galeshewe! ❤️ ♿ 🚴

A wonderful display of community spirit and collaboration took place in Galeshewe when Ekhaya Private Hospital, together with the National Council of and for Persons with Disabilities (NCPD), Brotherhood, MTN and other community partners, organised a 5 km Nappy Run in support of the Helen Bishop Home.

The Helen Bishop Home cares for 65 people with severe and profound disabilities, many of whom require three to four nappies every day. The Home spends more than R80,000 every month on nappies alone, making community support essential.

Despite the scorching Kimberley sun, approximately 50 participants, including 15 wheelchair users, completed the 5 km route from Ekhaya Private Hospital to the Pick n Pay circle and back.

The Rotary eClub of the Karoo Region, together with the Robert Sobukwe Cycling Club, was delighted to be invited to support the event, with cyclists assisting with traffic management and helping to keep participants safe along the route.

It was also a valuable opportunity to learn from the Department of Traffic and fellow cyclists about safely supporting community events.

Above all, the day was a powerful reminder of what can be achieved when organisations, volunteers and communities come together for a common cause.

Congratulations to Ekhaya Private Hospital and all the organisers, partners, volunteers and participants for making this such an inspiring event!

Together, we can make a difference. ❤️



“Today, as we celebrate Heritage Day, we honour the spirit of togetherness that defines Galeshewe. Our 20km ride to Camelot Eco Estate and back was more than a physical journey — it was a celebration of who we are, where we come from and how we move forward together.

Led by Senior Bike Technicians John Makaties and Kekeletso (‘KK’) Sebolai who ensured every safety measure was in place, this ride became a symbol of discipline, care and community pride.

To our youth, you are the heartbeat of this community. To our partners — Rotary hKaroo E-Club, Rotary Club of Carroll Creek. Gratitude also goes to A-Z for their generous donation of fruits and water, keeping our riders refreshed along the way. And to Mr. Mafura, your unwavering support continues to inspire us all. Let this Heritage Day remind us that unity is our greatest strength — and that when we ride together,

Let us continue to ride with purpose, live with pride and build bridges of unity across generations. Heritage is not just our past — it’s the path we pedal toward a brighter future.”



#CelebratingOurLivingHeritage #StrengtheningTiesThatBindsUs

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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



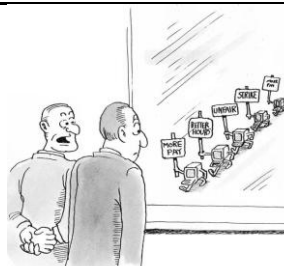
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



BIRTHDAYS	WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES
04 October – Peter Hohne 14 October – Colleen Fairweather 22 October – Laura Arnold 24 October – Corlia van Tonder 27 October – Kevin Fairweather	14 October 1983 – Kevin & Colleen Fairweather
COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS	INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES
	19 October 2012 – Mary-Anne Daubermann 19 October 2012 – Vernon Daubermann

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 servers are on strike."

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

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Johann Aucamp



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