

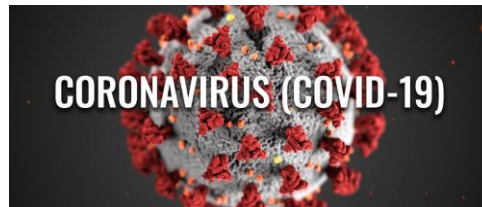


District 9350

Connecting the World"

Weekly Newsflash – Covid-19

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A weekly update during this time of crisis

As we move through this unprecedented time in our Rotary history, here are some of the announcements and stories about what is happening.

Family Health Days POSTPONED

Hot off the press – the Family Health Days have been postponed until February 2021. To use the words of the new program director, Martin Scholtz: The COVID-19 reality is like a moving target which is impacting on a lot of activities within Rotary and I do hope that we are able to collectively find a way of accommodating this change.

Rotary Foundation Disaster Grant

Our application for a disaster grant was approved, and we expect the funds by the end of this week. This enables us to support 44 clubs with funding of R10 000 ea towards food and medical supplies. Applications are streaming in and we look forward to paying these out next week.

Club activities

I asked clubs to advise what they are doing to assist their communities. From the replies received so far, it is clear that food security is the primary concern throughout the district. Replies from just 10 clubs cover donations for food exceeding R250 000, as well as partnering with NGO's to find further donations of food totalling another R350 000

Well done to all clubs who are working to alleviate the problem of food in their local community.



Newlands Club Corona Virus project ; Sorting 3 tons of food into 778 parcels for 778 families of non registered ECD centres in Langa

If you are looking for ideas on how your club can help, please feel free to ask. We can connect you with clubs who are busy with projects to help understand how you can make a difference.

Club Meetings

From feedback to date, most clubs have moved to on line meetings using Zoom. This is likely to be the standard for the near future, and handled correctly can make clubs more effective in dealing with projects (even though we miss the fellowship.....). If you need assistance with how to make this work, please contact me and I will connect you with someone who can help, or direct you to on line assistance (The zoom website is very helpful)



Waterfront Rotary Clubs first Zoom meeting..

Staying Connected

During this time, the most important aspect of Rotary is to stay connected. We cannot physically meet (and will not be able to for a while yet...), but can still interact with each other, help communities and plan for the future. Rotary is more relevant than ever, and your contribution is going to help us emerge from this time stronger, more relevant and better prepared for the new future that awaits us. Here is some detail from Rotary International

4 ways to engage members online

Are you looking for ideas to engage members while we're physically distancing ourselves from each other? Has your club started meeting online? Here are some of our favorite resources to help:

Watch membership webinars and speeches from recent conventions and the International Assembly in the new [Club Programming collection](#) on Vimeo.

- Share the updated [State of Membership](#) presentation at your next meeting.
- Discover the professional and personal development opportunities in the [Learning Center](#). From [Leading Change](#) to [Building Rotary's Public Image](#), these online courses allow you to learn new skills from your home.
- Encourage your members to exchange ideas in the [Meeting Online learning topic](#) in the Learning Center.

Find more resources at rotary.org/membership.

Please stay safe, stay connected and let's keep up the great work!

Yours in Rotary

DG David