

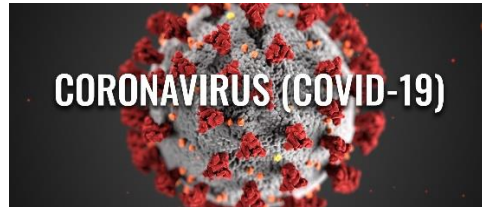


District 9350

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Weekly Newsflash – Covid-19

30 June 2020



A weekly update during this time of crisis

Always look on the bright side of life – Monty Python

Perhaps a slightly cynical choice of song today (for those who know Monty Python), but the first line is a great life philosophy (The song is from 1989)

On this last day of my year as Governor, a reflection on the past year. As has been stated many times before, when we attended training last year, we had no idea what lay before us, and how the nature of who we are as Rotarians was about to be tested to the extreme!

Looking back, it has been an honour and a privilege to serve as your Governor – because of who YOU are. The incredible achievements of our clubs over the past year would not have been possible without every one of our members. Not to mention the warmth and fellowship I experienced at every interaction with members over the past few years.

My club visits were an experience I will never forget (even with the drama of my trip to Namibia destroying two tyres en route....) and it was a pleasure to meet members, and get to understand what makes each club unique. Thank you everyone for welcoming me so warmly during my visit to your club.

The mini conference in Beaufort West was a highlight of the year. Great venue, great fellowship and great engagement with the members present, and everyone left inspired.

How you have responded during the current crisis does credit to everyone in this district. We were all propelled into a world we were not expecting, faced with challenges personally, in our business and in our Rotary life. Through all this, clubs have responded and proven their ability to adapt – one aspect of the Rotary International strategic plan that shot into significance very quickly this year.

Our District Assembly and District Conference stand out as well, as they were very different, out of necessity rather than being planned that way, and in many ways have changed our perspective on how we work as an organization.

The virtual inductions I have been privileged to attend form a fitting end to the year, getting updates on what clubs have achieved and plan for next year. Thank you for including me – I am just sorry I cannot attend all of them!

As I hand over to Carl-Heinz tonight, I know that we are ready to face the future, to adapt to the changing environment we operate in and to engage in our activities in the new reality with the same passion and commitment we all have as Rotarians. While the way we operate will never be the same again, who we are as Rotarians will not change, and that fact alone ensures we will remain relevant in today's society.

To every outgoing President – my thanks for your leadership of your club over the past year. To my district team – your commitment and dedication to Rotary made my role as District Governor an absolute pleasure.

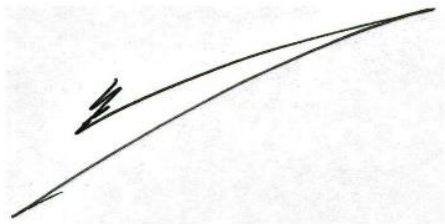
To the incoming club leadership and District Leadership – We celebrate who we are, and look forward to embracing the challenges ahead, having come through the challenges of the past few months stronger and more committed than ever. It is my honour to hand over knowing you are ready for the year ahead, and to live the new theme, Rotary Creates Opportunities!

I remain part of the district team for the year ahead (as you may have noted from the new District Directory) and look forward to engaging with everyone over the next few months. So for the last time as District Governor,

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

Yours in Rotary

DG David



Inductions update

Here is the latest update I have on inductions

Inductions: Please send me your details as they become available

Date/Club	Incoming President	Time	RSVP to:	RSVP Date
30 June				
Paarl	Bryan Anderson	18h00	bryana@winesolutions.co.za	
Cape Town	Hein Wolvaardt	18h30	rgraemesmith@gmail.com	
Century City	Diedre Crouser	19h00	stephan@lahausse.co.za	25 June
Constantia	Peter Rogers	19h00	gvk@iafrica.com	
Claremont	Monique Stuart-Fox	19h00	claremontclub@rotary9350.co.za	1 June
Cape of Good Hope	Koos Burger	19h00	susan@jap.co.za	
Groote Schuur 70th	Graham Falken	19h00	AVANTHIMOODLIAR@GMAIL.COM	
1 July				
Noon Gun	Claire de Trevou	19h00		
Swellendam	Johan Kriek	18h00	nigelcoley@gmail.com	
2 July				
Blouberg	Richard Wade	18h30	jeanfreebs@iafrica.com	30 June
Blouberg Rotaract	Sai Girish Gandepalli		Combined induction!	
Wynberg	Justin Schongevel	18h00	stacyed@gmail.com	27 June
4 July				
Claremont Rotaract		11h00	RotaractClaremont@outlook.com	
Klein Windhoek Valley	Martina Schwardmann	14h00	charly@skydancer-cc.com	
6 July				
Pinelands	Peter Sharples	18h30		
7 July				
E-Club	Koos Stassen	18h30	https://bit.ly/2NejmjP	1 July
14 July				
Bellville	Pam Rawbone	18h30	rawbone@mweb.co.za	