



**“Service Above Self –  
Building Community,  
Changing Lives”**

By President Jennifer Grefen

## **President's Corner**

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

This is my first newsletter as the President of the Rotary Club of Morningside, and I am very excited to serve with you in the year ahead, together with Jack Stroucken as the President Elect, and our newly appointed Board.

I would also like to make special mention of our outgoing president Simon Chikumbu, who has led and guided our club with passion and dedication over the past year.

## **Induction Lunch & Awards**

I would like to thank everyone for the fabulous induction lunch on the 21st of June 2026, and extend my congratulations to John Thornhill, David Ceruti, Safouratou Kamupira and CCJ who won awards for their ongoing positive impact in the community.

A special congratulation goes to our Paul Harris award recipients, Diana Musara, Graeme Holmes and Geoff Verschoor. A Paul Harris award honours Rotarians who exemplify the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self".





The RCOM 2026/2027 Board

## Meet Your New Board Members

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| President:             | Jennifer Grefen |
| President Elect:       | Jack Stroucken  |
| Past President:        | Simon Chikumbu  |
| Projects:              | Felix Ndlovu    |
| Membership/Vocation:   | Geoff Verschoor |
| Treasury:              | Andrew Kemp     |
| Exec Secretarial & RI: | Terry Mackey    |
| Youth:                 | Diana Musara    |
| Fund Raising:          | Jack Stroucken  |

We look forward to an exciting year ahead.

## 40th Anniversary

The Rotary club of Morningside celebrated 40 years with a sustainability theme!

Activities included tree planting in Diepsloot on Youth Day and creating 40 eco bricks for eco-friendly building projects, to be used for learning and empowering future generations.

Thank you to everyone who gave of their time on June the 16<sup>th</sup> we will be communicating more service opportunities shortly.

Service is not only about immediate impact, but about creating a legacy that endures.

### Service Spotlight

## Giving Back



In partnership with Jack Chen & the E Club we collected R5,000 worth of soup and non-perishable food for those in need via collections at the Morningside shopping centre on Saturday.

This is service above self in action!



A legacy of service, sustainability, and community impact.

## Exchange Student

# Welcome Viola!

We are delighted to welcome Viola, a short-term exchange student from Sardinia, Italy. Viola will be spending time with our club and experiencing South African culture and Rotary fellowship.



## Upcoming Projects

# Projects Portfolio

Under Felix Ndlovu's leadership, we have an exciting lineup of community projects planned for the year ahead. Stay tuned for updates on how you can get involved and make a difference in our community.

Our focus areas include sustainability, water & sanitation, woman & youth development, maternal care & young mothers & babies, & community upliftment.



## Upcoming Events

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## Women's Day Conference

31 July - 2 August 2026

Join us for this inspiring event celebrating women in leadership and service.

Please mark your calendars and spread the word to fellow Rotarians and friends of Rotary.

Our Club will be hosting the Gala dinner on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of August, please join us for a fabulous evening with Faith Mangope, an honorary member of our Club, who is MC for the evening.

**WOMEN'S MULTISECTOR CONFERENCE 2026**  
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**Rotary Club of Morningside**

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**CONFERENCE VENUE:** Johannesburg Country Club, Woodmead, SA

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**  
• Entrepreneurs & Start-ups  
• SMEs & Business Owners  
• Women in Business  
• Youth Entrepreneurs  
• Investors & Funders  
• Professionals & Leaders  
• Community & NGO Leaders

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• **CAPITAL & INVESTMENT**: Access funding, investors & partnerships  
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• **INNOVATION & AI**: Future proof your business with technology & skills  
• **GREEN ECONOMY**: Build sustainable businesses & create lasting value  
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• **SOCIAL IMPACT**: Turn purpose into powerful opportunities  
• **WELLNESS & WELLBEING**: Mental health, resilience & founder wellness  
• **BEAUTY, CONFIDENCE & LEADERSHIP**: Presence, image & leadership excellence

**WELLNESS DAY**  
2 AUGUST 2026  
WALTER SISULU BOTANICAL GARDENS  
*Rest. Refresh. Reconnect.*

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# Moments from Our Club

