

D9350 ROTARY ENTREPRENEURIAL PARTNERS INITIATIVE (REPI)

QUARTERLY REPORT TO DLT AND DAC ON REPI ACTIVITIES & PROGRESS FEB >MAY 2018

- **Goal One: Awareness about Entrepreneurship needs and opportunities**
 - In the 21 months since REPI was established in July 2016, there has been consistent growth and commitment to the incorporation and inclusion of Entrepreneurship in many of our D9350 Rotary clubs, especially in Rotary's field of Vocation.
 - Rotarians are increasingly aware of the ever rising unemployment challenges and the urgent need to "*Make a Difference*" by creating an element of hope combined with practical support for our South African youth of today.
 - The District REPI team met regularly to strategize, plan & evaluate progress in our 4 focus areas of: Entrepreneurship Awareness, Education, Partnerships & Mentoring & we recently developed an international, national and local strategy for our REPI outreach.
 - Our next Workshop on Wed 3rd May at 4.00pm at Kelvin Grove will brainstorm opportunities for Rotary to work in partnership with Govt on the Ramaphosa led YES campaign, hoping to reach 1million young youth through entrepreneurship.

- **Goal two: Mentoring for Entrepreneurs:**
 - In January this year, REPI set up a Rotary Mentor Evaluation Task Team to assess the systems and implementation processes of our Mentor support programme.
 - Following their recommendations we then made significant changes to our Mentor programme which have been agreed with our TVET Partner, False Bay College and our Incubator Partner, Black Umbrellas. We will now have three tiers of mentors, entry level, young businesses more than a year old a& finally for Incubator Black Umbrellas, we will pilot a three person provisional Advisory board for budding entrepreneurs, as a forerunner to entrepreneurs setting up their formal Boards of Governors.

- **Goal three: Partnerships**
 - **Growing Foxes:** We consolidated our Rotary partnership with Clem Sunter's "Growing Foxes" leadership / entrepreneurship programme & facilitated its introduction to a number of township schools. In addition, using the network we established at the 2016 RI Presidential Entrepreneurship conference, we linked the Growing Foxes team to UK Rotary's (RIBI) past president, who attended the conference at Kelvin Grove , enabling them to make links into Interact schools in the United Kingdom.
 - **Black Umbrellas:**-REPI Committee member, Dr Tony Coleman(a Swallow Rotarian with Cape Town Club) was guest speaker for Black Umbrellas Annual Graduation ceremony and very well received by the graduates as Tony himself is an entrepreneur who grew his UK based business from one staff member to 37000 in a listed company.

- **Goal Four: Entrepreneurial Education**
 - 5 Rotary Clubs have now introduced the Teen Entrepreneurship programme to their Interact schools and we are helping the T.E. team to roll it out successfully.
- **REPI Chairmanship change:** I am delighted to hand over REPI chairmanship to well experienced Mentor, Rotarian Derek Pead, from Waterfront RC, as of July 2018.