



Special Opportunity Bulletin

Events

- March 22nd **March Food Drive**
- March 27th **DACdb - training**
- March 27th **RYLA 2025 - Ketchikan, Alaska, March 27-30, 2025**
- March 29th **Free Swim at Augustus Brown Pool**
- April 5th **Rotary Foundation Event - Rotary at the Ranch**
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- April 9th **Anchorage Rotary Club April Board Meeting**
- April 12th **SAVE THE DATE Big Lake Breakup Dinner and Auction**

Mondesa Youth Opportunities

Dear fellow D5010 Rotarians,

I recently returned from a trip to Namibia & Botswana. The trip was organized by two Rotarians from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; members of the Edmonton Strathcona Rotary Club. Besides seeing animals and learning about the culture, we visited an inspiring program called Mondesa Youth Opportunities (MYO). The Edmonton Strathcona Rotary Club has been financially supporting MYO for over 4 years. Please watch the video for more information. [MYO video](#) It really captures everything about the program in a few short minutes.

MYO is a well-known and intensive after school program located in Mondesa Township in Swakopmund, Namibia as well as flagship project for the Rotary Club of Swakopmund, Namibia. I had the opportunity to meet several members from the Rotary Club of Swakopmund. They also gave me their club flag.

MYO has been operating for over 20 years. Their focus is on learners from disadvantaged backgrounds who deserve a better education than they have access to. Thus, learners with potential but little support at home. At MYO 120 learners ranging from Grade 4 to 8 receive extra instruction in English, Mathematics, Reading, Life Skills, Computers, Sports and Music.



MYO Grade 5 English, MYO Grade 6 Life Skills and MYO Grade 7 Maths.

They cultivate positive thinking and high esteem to lay the path for a future generation of forward-thinking Namibian leaders. Their aim is not only to enhance the education of their promising learners but also to guide them into being responsive, confident and well-rounded individuals.

MYO is a non-profit organization, and their learners participate in the program free of charge. They rely exclusively on donations from their community and the wider world to sustain their operations. For \$17,500 Namibian dollars (\$995.97 US dollars) per year one student will receive their quality extra education.

Here are two MYO alumni. Glorsche Davids and Petrus Nauyoma.



Glorische has been accepted at the Unam Medical Faculty and we are delighted for her. Glorische has always been an outstanding student and is a credit to all the teachers who showed her the way forward through her school years, MYO teachers included.

Glorische presented to our learners her path and what she defines as the keys to success. They are summed up perfectly in the following quote: "Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do." – Pele

Petrus is currently studying Computer Science, specializing in software development, at the University of Science and Technology (NUST). Petrus was an outstanding MYO learner until 2014 and graduated High School with top scores (49 out of 50 points in NSSCH Grade 12). He is an example of the work we do at MYO. He shares in his own words: "I am firmly supported by the gem known as MYO. MYO fostered in me, and my little sister who is now an alumni too a deep love for reading".





MYO manager/principal Anke Husemeyer, myself and Founder/Rotarian Vera Leech.
Myself and two grade 8 learners and Myself and two grade 4 learners.

My goal is to raise \$1,000 to 2,500 in donations from AK Rotary Clubs and individuals and to apply for a District grant. I am awaiting specific information from the manager of MYO on their immediate needs.

Please consider donating, any amount is a help, \$20-200. Send checks made out to Rotary Club of Seward, memo line MYO. PO Box 3121 Seward, AK 99664. Please send them before April 15th so they can be part of the district grant application. Pledges are also welcome, as I know many clubs may not have funds until our next fiscal year. Doesn't every child deserve a good education?

Please contact me with any questions, pledges or if you are sending a check, so I know it's coming. Or if you want information about the amazing 18-day trip to Namibia and Botswana.

In service,

Lori

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