

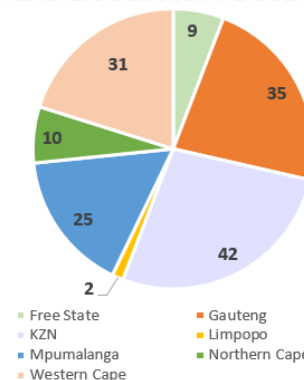
Who can play Chess with the Grooming Boys?



The Rotary Club of Pretoria East has teamed up with Moves for Life (MFL) to enhance the life skills learning in the Grooming Boys project. This initiative uses chess as a tool for education, which helps improve maths, science and problem-solving in children. Club member Eben initiated the project and obtained sponsorship from Jan, Patrick, Cheryl, Robin and Mariana in addition to his own contribution to purchase 20 Chess Sets for Grooming Boys at the Eersterust Senior Secondary School.



Moves for Life is involved in 145 schools



Eben and Zachel carefully unpacked the boxes containing the chess sets



The Rotarians were ably assisted by Rotaractors who participated in the launch

The handing over of twenty chess sets to the Grooming Boys group drew a lot of interest from Rotarians and Rotaractors alike. In addition, the group was also addressed by Dr Kelvin Kemm, Chairman of the Nuclear Energy Corporation in South Africa who has a vested interest in promoting maths and science amongst the youth of South Africa. Zachel was accompanied by Jeanine de Kock and her professor, Bruce, from the UK.



PE Jan Visagie, Zachel van Aswegen, Rotaractors Feliciano Nezingu, Noluthando Ntshaba and Maria Nezingu (far right) Eben Rootman (project champion), Tony Roberts and Dr Kelvin Kemm of NECSA



Eddie, main sponsor and coordinator of Grooming Boys received the chess sets on behalf of the group

MFL uses chess as an educational tool, and teaches learners mathematical skills, science and life orientation skills and also enhances Language Development. MFL unlocks the cognitive potential of children through structured implementation of chess education, where chess principles are intentionally linked to mathematics, science, language and life skills.

MFL has also partnered with academic institutions and their research has shown that via chess there is an improvement in the mathematical skills as well as self-confidence, communication and risk-taking of the children.

Since implementation, Moves for Life has had success at more than 150 schools. Since 2011 more than 1010 educators were trained to teach children the Moves for Life formula.



More than 40 000 school learners, all over South Africa are effectively taught mathematics, science and life skills the Moves for Life way and the results are phenomenal.

Supreme Chess Trust is a registered NPO and PBO, trading as Moves for Life.

Chess is an educational tool

Rotarian Tony Roberts, a friend of the RCPE was also there to tell the children more about the Robotics project and to invite the boys to also participate in this adventure of science and technology. He encouraged the three Rotaractors join as well and requested them to be trained as coaches in Robotics.



The learners joined hands with Professor Bruce from the UK and Eddie Smith who established the Grooming Boys project

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