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President Arlene's Letter



August is membership and fellowship month and we have been able to celebrate both in several ways. We have inducted new members for the past few months and I feel that every one of our meetings brings forth the fellowship that we share as a club. What do you think that we could do to encourage members to join our meetings on a regular basis? I know that at present South Africa has problems with connectivity and of course load shedding for many but we do have some members who rarely join us.

Monique (our past secretary and our new treasurer) suggested a really good idea today.

It would be wonderful if our new members can each share why they joined our Rotary E-Club and what it is they do in their businesses or for their communities?

Ok so let's see if we can ask are new members to tell us a bit about themselves and their motivation to join our Club or in the first place **Rotary**.

The members that we have inducted in the last couple of months are as follows: -

Brigitte, Chris, Elizabeth, Charles, Clive, Linda, Rasigan and Susie. We could then follow on with more of you guys if you agree or perhaps you would just like to take five minutes to tell us how you are and how is your project going. Can we help in any way?

Below you will find a list of Rotary International Fellowship groups. Any Rotarian can join. Just click on the subject that you are interested in and it will bring the site up. I must admit that until I read the list, I did not know that there was such a variety of fellowships.

Why not give it a go. We would love to hear about any subject that you are passionate about.

I hope that I have given you something to think about. Why not email me and perhaps give me something to think about.

Kind regards

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Our Rotary E-Club's Current Board members

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Rotary's The Four Way Test

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for people to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotary club members recite it at club meetings.



Treasurer's Times – August 2023

Our Rotary E-Club membership stands at 28 Rotarians!

Our returning and new Rotarians hail from:

Brigitte Turner
Charles Bonginkosi Khumalo
Chris Jean Bell
Elizabeth Cytra

Marloth Park, Mpumalanga Province, South Africa
Mobeni Heights, Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
North Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada
Trail, British Columbia, Canada

Did you know that our Rotarians reside in:

Australia, Canada, South Africa and the United Kingdom. In South Africa, our Rotarians live in the 5 of our 9 provinces: Eastern Cape, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga and the Western Cape.

Google Maps tells me that the distance between Trail and North Sydney, Canada is 5,448kms! A road journey of approximately 55 hours.

A huge shout out to the Rotarians who have paid their subscriptions early and on time. During these difficult financial times it is not easy to find extra funds. However imagine the good and the positive impact you make as a Rotarian!

To the Rotarians who committed to paying and have yet to do so, please make your payment as soon as possible!

For the period 1st July to 31st Dec 2023, our Rotary E-Club has paid the following three obligations based on the 24 current members in our Club:

Rotary International	R17,417.52
Rotary District	R 5,760.00
Rotary in Africa	R 3,240.00

Donate NOW button!

Rotarian and Board member Robert Senkubuge has been actively promoting our Rotary E-Club's fundraising portfolio. Check out the "Donate NOW" button on our Club's website <https://www.rotaryclubsa.org/> and on our social media pages.

Did you know that you can even pay your subscriptions using the **Donate NOW button!** as several of our overseas based Rotarians have done?

Simply click on any of the good causes that our Rotary E-Club is currently supporting:

- Food (Porridge project)
- Health (End Polio Now)
- TRF (The Rotary Foundation)
- SUBZ (Safe Reusable Sanitary items for School Girls)
- Education (Afriweave project)
- Agriculture/water (Market gardens project)
- Community General

For more information, please contact Monique Labat, Club Treasurer on mobile/WhatsApp: +27 (0) 82 924 6349 or email: moniquelabat@gmail.com



Dearest fellow Rotarians, your E-Club needs your support, please encourage friends, family, pets, and others to come to visit our website and press the **red button** and donate to the club.

Please head to the link and show your love and appreciation for the **Donate NOW BUTTON**. Test drive it, **CLICK IT**, and drop your most generous contribution for **2023** to show your appreciation for this massive breakthrough for our club.

The **RED BUTTON** allows us to immediately and effortlessly donate.

Thank you for your generosity. All funds raised will go towards our various club projects. **Click the link below or type it into your browser** and let your most generous donation go to work in building our club even further.

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Social Media Links Promoting Rotary International, Rotary Foundation and our E-Club!



Click on the links below and see what's happening on our social media pages. If you have items of interest, photos and captions please send them to Rotarian Kiran Setty on Email: kiransettyks@gmail.com

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Instagram page <https://www.instagram.com/rotaryclubsaone/>

LinkedIn profile <https://www.linkedin.com/company/rotary-e-club-of-south-africa/>

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month for Rotary.

Reading and Literacy Project takes off in Umkomaas!



Readers that we purchased to Kickstart the Reading and Literacy project in Partnership with Iris Canham of Indwe Africa.

Our Rotary E-Club's reading and literacy project has been adjusted to make travel safe and access to reading a lot more convenient for the children who come from disadvantaged communities in the greater Umkomaas area.

The Principal and Teachers at Drift Primary School in Umkomaas have bought into our Rotary E-Club of South Africa One's initiative to assist and improve the literacy levels for the young learners. We are delighted at this collaboration as improving literacy is currently a huge challenge in respect of the school's large numbers of learners in each class.

This Reading and Literacy Project in Umkomaas would not have been possible with the generous donation made by the Trustees of the George Ramalu Memorial Trust.

Our sincere thanks to the George Ramalu Trustees who understand the value and importance of education. To our Project Director Rotarian Logie Naidoo, many thanks for motivating and facilitating this generous donation!

Reading corners will be set up for the Grade 1 and Grade 3 at Drift Primary School as the school does not have a library. Our Early Childhood Development Centre specialist, Iris Canham of Indwe Africa will be overseeing and reporting on the project regularly to update our sponsors, supporters and Rotarians.

Iris has confirmed that the Teachers identified the eight (8) learners and the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Department of Education will be doing an assessment shortly.

Volunteers in the area will be identified to assist the teachers with the reading programme.

A project of this nature deserves a lot of patience, time and resources to help our children do better. As Rotarians we place high value on literacy as Basic Education and Literacy is one of the 7 areas of focus of the Rotary Foundation!

More Rotary Club news

From Susie van der Merwe

Rotary for Choc KZN

It's been a while since we've chatted, but I am hoping that you are keeping well.

When we all met at Musgrave a few months back, I remember that you mentioned you were keen to get involved somehow....and that you may have some connections who may be interested in helping in some way or another.

Well, may I suggest one way in which they could help? ;-)

I am sure you have heard about all our Clubs working for CHOC (Childhood Cancer Organisation).

We have made & handed over to CHOC-KZN 150 velvet Teddy Bears and 150 CareBags, each with a pair of slip-slops.

This has been possible through all the tireless, hard work of our Sewing Angels at TAFTA John Conradie House and Langler Towers in Durban South Beach, as well as the kind donation of the funds to purchase the slip-slops obtained from Rotarian Chris Bell in Canada (who you no doubt have seen, is now a member of our very own Club).

We now received a further donation from Canada, which is being used to purchase all the fabric for our very huge next stage of the CHOC project....which is to make 100 hospital pyjamas (little unisex gowns and surgical suit sets - from ages 3 up to the teens) for these little ones so they can look cool and funky while they are receiving their in-hospital treatments (radiation therapy, chemo etc.) and temporarily staying at the CHOC Village at Albert Luthuli.

Just to clarify, CHOC-KZN gives a CareBag to each and every child that is newly diagnosed here in KZN. The CareBags contain:

- a pair of slip-slops
- a toothbrush and toothpaste
- a face cloth and a small liquid soap
- some hand cream
- a TeddyBear/soft toy
- stationery to keep them entertained & occupied during their long hours in the very clinical hospital environment.

I am sure you understand that the need for these little CareBags will never end, as they receive new diagnoses on a weekly basis. I was chatting to Nirupa Kasserchun at CHOC Albert Luthuli this morning and she confirms that currently, there are 100 new diagnoses country-wide, but also with a very high mortality rate, unfortunately :-(

In a nutshell, our Club seems to have the first 5 items above organised.

What we need - and hence this email to you and your connections ;-D - is possible assistance with the stationery for the CareBags.

What we need to complete the E-Clubs contribution to these CareBags is the following:

- For the little ones (number required = 50 or 100):
 - colouring-in books
 - a set of colour crayons or roll-up crayons (these are less likely to break).
- For the teenagers (number required also 50 or 100):

- a small diary for journalling their cancer journey (and/or their feelings and/or for doodling) **OR** a mandala colouring-in book (for older kids)
- 2 ballpoint pens **OR** a set of coloured pencils.

Kevin, our Club is hoping that you can pull "the rabbit out of the hat" and find some kind soul amongst all your compassionate friends and/or connections who is either in the stationery business or who feels the love and compassion to help out these little kids who face such a traumatic life-journey.

Thanks so much, Kevin and kindest regards from us all at your E-Club ;-)
Susie.

Explore some Fellowships

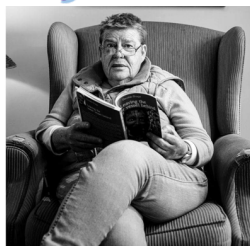
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Cathy's Column



*Browsing through the free member newsletter of The Nautilus: <https://nautilus.us/join/>
I came across this interesting article by the editor, Kevin Berger, called:*

A scientific coming of age in the Himalayas

In issue 51's cover story, "The Last of the Fungus," author Zhengyang Wang (Yang) writes that he feels like he has slipped into the plotline of Rudyard Kipling's *Kim*. Yang, a biology student, has been in the Himalayas trying to fathom the ecology of a caterpillar fungus. He has scoured the mountains with secretive fungus hunters, met shifty dealers, and visited labs where scientists are attempting to synthesize the fungus, prized for its reputed healing powers; it's known as "Himalayan Viagra."

Yang takes up residence in a monastery in Kathmandu, Nepal. He wants to brush up on his Tibetan and pick up whatever information he can from the fungus dealers there. Nearby is the Russian Embassy. At the monastery, Yang suspects people are watching him with a wary eye, as if he were the wily Kim, who goes undercover on behalf of the British government to investigate Russian agents in India. Finally, Yang convinces his monastic neighbours that he is "more of a quixotic wanderer than a serious security threat."

Yang, 32, is now a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard. "The Last of the Fungus" is his first long journalistic feature and can be read as his own coming-of-age story. The fungus is essential to Tibet's economy and a big part of Yang's quest is to help the villagers whose lives depend on it. Yang grew up in Chengdu, China, tucked in the eastern Himalayas. His mom works in forestry and agriculture and his dad is a mushroom forager. When he was growing up, his parents took him on field trips to the Himalayas. "This part of the world is always very close to my heart," he says.

Yang says he did come of age during his research. "It taught me that science is a human endeavour," he says. "Now, I always keep that in mind when I develop my research questions, and hopefully, that has made me a better biologist. Many of the

organisms I study have deep human impact. When I'm bogged down by details of research, I usually think about people I meet and how my research could potentially impact their livelihood, and that gives me motivation to work."



The benefits of education bring with it an inquisitiveness that goes beyond the usual realms of knowledge. Each one of us has the ability to reach out, learn more and share with our community.
'Til next time, Cathy

DRUMBEAT: AUGUST 2023 ISSUE

Hello Rotarians, Honorary Rotarians and Friends of Rotary!

Do you have Rotary-related content and photos you would like to see published in the next edition of Drumbeat?

Please submit your photos in High Res, minimum 1MB, with captions including the name and surname of your photo subjects to Drumbeat Editor Cathy Dipnall on
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**We look forward to your submissions
and wish you all the best in Rotary Friendship and Fellowship!**

Some light-hearted entertainment

1. What did the horse say after it tripped?

Help! I've fallen and I can't giddyup!

2. Why can't you hear a pterodactyl going to the bathroom?

Because the "P" is silent.

3. What do you call a well-balanced horse?

Stable.

4. What do you call an angry carrot?

A steamed veggie.

5. Where do polar bears keep their money?

In a snowbank.

6. How do you make an egg-roll?

You push it!

7. What would bears be without bees?

Ears.

8. What do you call a pile of cats?

A meow-ntain.

9. Why do cows wear bells?

Because their horns don't work.

10. Why did the bicycle fall over?

Because it was two tired.

11. What did the triangle say to the circle?

You're pointless.

12. RIP, boiling water.

You will be mist.

13. Time flies like an arrow.

Fruit flies like a banana.

14. I ordered a chicken and an egg online.

I'll let you know what comes first.

15. Why was Cinderella so bad at soccer?

She kept running away from the ball!

16. What do lawyers wear to court?

Lawsuits.

17. What do elves learn in school?

The elf-abet.

18. Where was King David's temple located?

Beside his ear.

19. What did one toilet say to another?

You look flushed.

20. What lights up a soccer stadium?

A soccer match.

21. What does corn say when it gets a compliment?

Aw, shucks!

22. What's the difference between a poorly dressed man on a tricycle and a well-dressed man on a bicycle?

Attire.

23. What's red and bad for your teeth?

A brick.



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