



## President Arlene's Letter



### July 2023

#### **Maternal and Child Health Month 1 July — Beginning of the Rotary year**

Dear Members Honorary Members and Friends of Rotary,  
Warm greetings to you all, The new Rotary year has begun, and with-it new ideas are coming forth to take Rotary forward. We have a great potential to do good in our communities and worldwide. Let us enjoy, have fun and grow Rotary.

We will be inducting some new members to our Club in the forthcoming month, Chris Bell from Canada, Brigitte Turner and Charles Khumalo. All of our new members bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experience. Welcome to you all.

Below you will see a screen print of our last meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> July.

As you can clearly see, it was attended by many overseas residents from Australia, America, Canada, England, and of course, South Africa. Although many would-be attendees had connection problems due to load shedding. In all, we had 18+ at any one time.

It was a really enjoyable meeting where we had not only 2 presentations, the main one by Angie from Angels Paws, but we also had Jack from the American EClub Innovation, who told us about a book they have compiled with 300 hundred recipes. If you would like to buy this book, please click on the link <https://www.foodtheworldover.org> All donations go to the Rotary Polio eradication fund.

What's all this to do with our Theme, Maternal and Child Health?

Well, as you are all aware, this theme is one that we subscribe to throughout the year and further on in our newsletter, you will see many examples of the wonderful work our members do.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our previous treasurer Tony Holness for the incredible work he has done in the last couple of years. He took on the major task of treasurer after PP Gerald died, and it was no easy task. Thank you, Tony.

Monique has taken on the role of treasurer and passed the secretarial role onto Clive and Cathy is now the editor of Drumbeat please send any articles to her: [cathyd.eish@gmail.com](mailto:cathyd.eish@gmail.com)

All the very best for 2023/24 to both of you although I am convinced that you will both be successful.

Thank you all for your commitment to Rotary and our Club. Please try to join us in our meetings and if you would like to change, add or suggest any topic or project, we are all willing to join you.

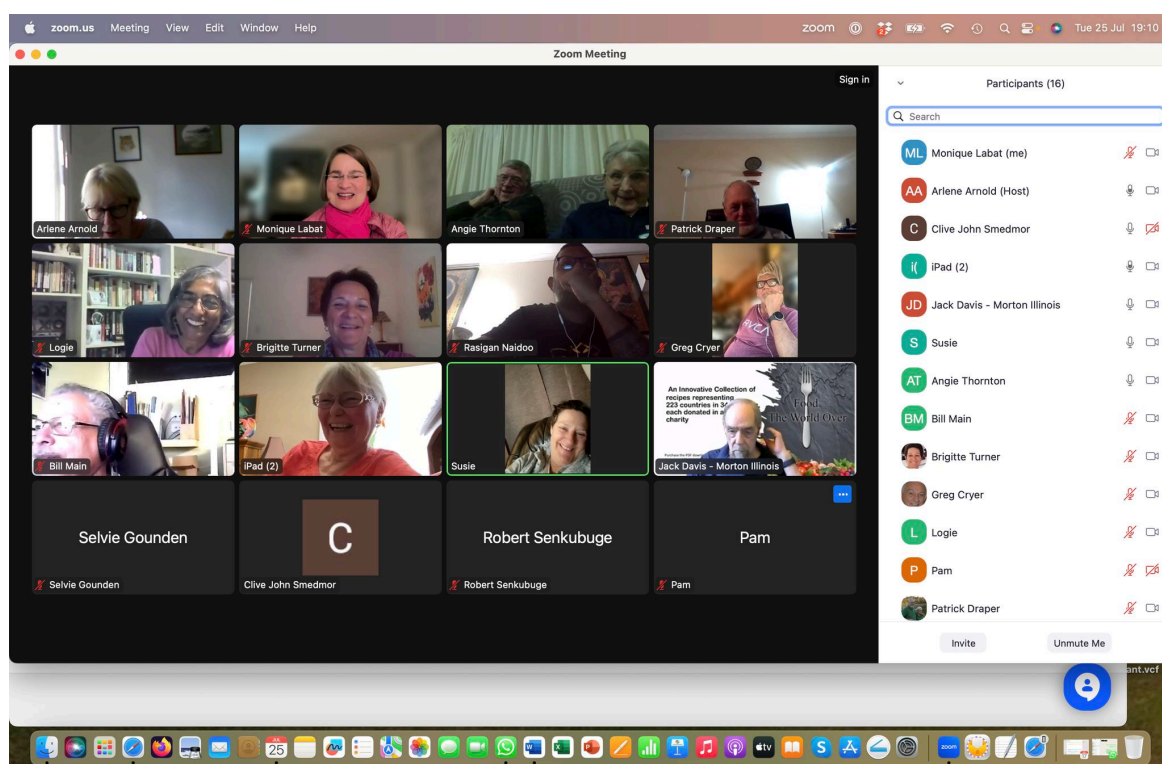
Kindest Regards,  
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## Our Rotary E-Club's Current Board members

1. Arlene Arnold, Club President
2. Bill Main, Director Web Administrator
3. Linda Zama, Director
4. Logie Naidoo, Director Projects
5. Monique Labat, Club Treasurer
6. Patrick Draper, Director Global Grants
7. Robert Senkubuge, Director
8. Clive Smedmor, Club Secretary
9. Viktor Cytra, Director Rotary Foundation

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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.



## Spirit of Teamwork and Transparency at the Treasury

Club Treasurer, Rotarian and Board member Tony Holness has played an important role in our E-Club's ability to carry out our service projects, to help fundraise, and to support The Rotary Foundation. Sincere thanks, Tony for your dedication and sound financial management of our Rotary E-Club of South Africa One these last two years!

**As a global organisation that operates in nearly every country in the world and deals in 29 currencies, Rotary takes stewardship of its funds seriously.**

Rotary's money is spent on life-changing, sustainable grants, as well as programmes and services that support our members' transformative work. Rotary has invested US\$3 billion in thousands of projects over the past 100 years!

Did you know that when paying your Rotary subscriptions you're contributing towards Rotary International with its headquarters in Evanston, Chicago, towards our Rotary District 9370, and to our Rotary Africa magazine now in digital format?

We contact all our Club members 6 weeks before the end of the Rotary year to determine whether they will continue as members. Rotary International and Rotary Africa invoices our Rotary Club based on the number of members going forward into the new Rotary year.

For the period 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> 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

Thanks to each and every Rotarian that paid their subs for 6 months. Thank you too to those Rotarians that paid for the whole Rotary year of 12 months, much appreciated!

### **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](mailto: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.

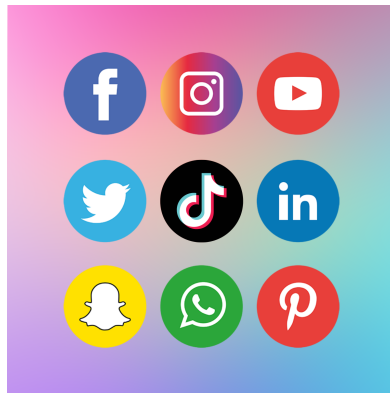
The **RED BUTTON** allows us to immediately and effortlessly donate.

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.

[www.rotaryclubsa.org](https://www.rotaryclubsa.org)

**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](mailto:kiransettyks@gmail.com)

Facebook page <https://wwwR.facebook.com/Rotary-E-Club-of-South-Africa-One-D9370>

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

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

## JULY MANDELA MONTH



**A historic photo of 88 ECD Practitioners who attended the Mandela Month "It Is In Your Hands" excursion at the Botanic Garden, Durban, today. Multicultural, youthful and participative. A dream finally coming through. PHOTO LINDA ZAMA**

## **AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH**

If you're looking to add members to your club, consider taking a page from Tom Gump of the Rotary Club of Edina/Morningside's playbook.

### **Create a list of all the great things about your club**

The point is not just growing your club but boosting Rotary's capacity to make a difference around the world.

List your star members, the advantages of your meeting location, how many members you have, the kinds of projects and events you host, and so on. The list can serve as a template when sending an email or letter to a potential member. Make sure to tailor any correspondence so it addresses the specific interests and wants of any potential member. For instance, if someone is interested in international work, your email or letter should focus on that.

### **Keep a list of potential members**

It doesn't matter if it's a paper list or if it's kept on the desktop of your computer. Either way, it makes you think about those people who might be a fit for your club. Discuss the list at board meetings – not just the concept of bringing in new members, but the specific names and who's going to contact them and when.

### **Know your club's strengths**

Most things are strengths if you target the right audience. If you meet in the morning, you're probably a good fit for someone working 9 to 5. Meet at noon and you're more likely to appeal to retirees or parents of schoolchildren. "Not every club is right for every potential member," Gump says. "If someone doesn't fit your format, recommend them to another club." Keep in mind that the point is not just growing your club, but boosting Rotary's capacity to make a difference in communities around the world. And with any luck, that other club will send you a potential member one day.

### **Make membership growth your club's top priority -**

and make sure every member understands that. "I always tell presidents and presidents-elect that the best way to make their year as president easier is to bring in more members," says Gump. New members bring new energy to a club, he explains, and mean more people to serve on committees, work on projects and events, and raise money for the Foundation.

### **Look to young Rotarians for fresh perspectives**

Want some suggestions about attracting younger members? Look at what's going on at the Roc City Rotary Club in Rochester, New York. "We are the next generation of Rotary,"

**Talk about Rotary wherever you go – be persistent, be vibrant, and embrace diversity.**

## Other Rotary Club events in August



Club President Arlene Arnold shares the following with you all!

### Some light-hearted entertainment

#### Clean Jokes

1. There's a fine line between a numerator and a denominator. (...Only a fraction of people will get this clean [joke](#).)

2. What do dentists call their x-rays?

Tooth pics!

3. Did you hear about the first restaurant to open on the moon?

It had great food, but no atmosphere.

4. What did one [ocean](#) say to the other ocean?

Nothing, it just waved.



5. Do you want to hear a construction joke?

Sorry, I'm still working on it.



"Keep the door shut, Ernie! I just know that dang cat is going to try dragging that thing into the house."

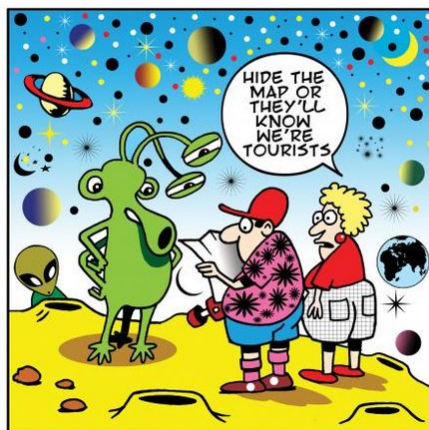
**CHOCOLATE IS CHEAPER THAN  
THERAPY AND YOU DON'T  
NEED AN APPOINTMENT.**



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"The contact points must be dirty. ... Just click it up and down a few times."



## 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 Dippnall on  
E: [cathyd.eish@gmail.com](mailto:cathyd.eish@gmail.com)

We look forward to your submissions  
and wish you all the best in Rotary Friendship and Fellowship!