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## President Arlene's Letter

Dear Friends,

Our thoughts and hope for February are for Peace and Conflict Prevention. I have reflected on this theme many times this last month and now that we are nearly at the end of February, I ask myself have I attained anything to help ensure peace for the future albeit in a small way.

Surprisingly the answer is yes. I think that we all have: -

By helping to educate children - we broaden their minds.

By feeding our people – we prevent in a small way the need for theft.

By clothing our people – we again prevent the need for theft.

By helping our people to grow their own crops, set up a business, become computer literate etc. - we enable them to become more self-sufficient.

Many of the people we work with are the women of the family. The providers. I think that by working as a team we are able to demonstrate that anything is possible.

Together we are stronger than standing alone.

We part of a unique network in Rotary, we are truly an international club in an international foundation. This is how it is described in Google –

**The Rotary Foundation is Recognised as One of The Most Effective Charities in The World. Read About the Generosity of Rotarians and the Good Work that the Foundation Supports. We are People of Action and Create Change.**

I want to thank all of you who have made this possible and you will see in the following pages just a few of the projects our members are undertaking. You all make me so proud. Thank you and thank you to our donors nationally and internationally.

Today we have received a donation from a club in Canada for the children suffering from Cancer. Every year we receive a donation from a Liverpool Club for Project Dignity and so it goes on.

Many thanks to you all for your help and support in these very difficult times.

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**At our E-Club's Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 24 January 2023 we elected the following to lead our Club in the forthcoming Rotary year starting 1 July 2023:**

President Elect	2023-2024	Rotarian Linda Zama
Club Secretary	2023-2024	President Arlene Arnold
Club Treasurer	2023-2024	Rotarian Monique Labat
President Elect Nominee	2024-2025	Rotarian Robert Senkubuge

### TRAINING DATES AND VENUES FOR POETS

#### Presidents-elect and Officers Training Seminars

District Secretary Hilary Augustus advised that the Presidents-elect and Officers Training Seminars (POETS) will be held in 3 venues and will be combined with Assistant Governor training:

Grahamstown	25-26 February 2023
Durban	4-5 March 2023
Welkom	18-19 March 2023

## 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.



**Rotary's Mottos are: Service Above Self and One Profits Most, Who Serves Best**

## Appeal – do you have English Dictionaries you'd be happy to donate?

Many years ago the Addington Primary School generously allowed an organisation called “Talk English” to run English classes for refugees that had settled in Durban from throughout the continent of Africa. These classes were dynamic.

Talk English was born on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2005 after a Durban CELTA course. As with CELTA generally, students became a close-knit group of all ages, from various occupations.

The 20 French-speaking teaching-practice students from DRC included 6 medical professionals (3 doctors, 1 nurse, 2 third year medical students), 2 engineers, a maths teacher and several other professionals and graduates. Most had work experience but none could practice their profession or trade because all were beginner or low level English speakers: a Lingua Franca in South Africa, vital for work and survival in the port city of Durban.

One young man who optimised his time and the English classes was Papy Kalaba Ontafia. Papy is now back in his homeland of the DRC and has started The English Club to share his knowledge of English with the youth in his region. Papy has reached out to our Rotary E-Club asking for English dictionaries to assist the youth in The English Club.

If you are able to donate English dictionaries please contact Club Secretary Monique Labat on email: [moniquelabat@gmail.com](mailto:moniquelabat@gmail.com) or WhatsApp: +27 82 924 6349



**Second from left: Papy Kalaba Ontafia and The English Club which he started in the DRC with books donated by our Rotary E-Club.**



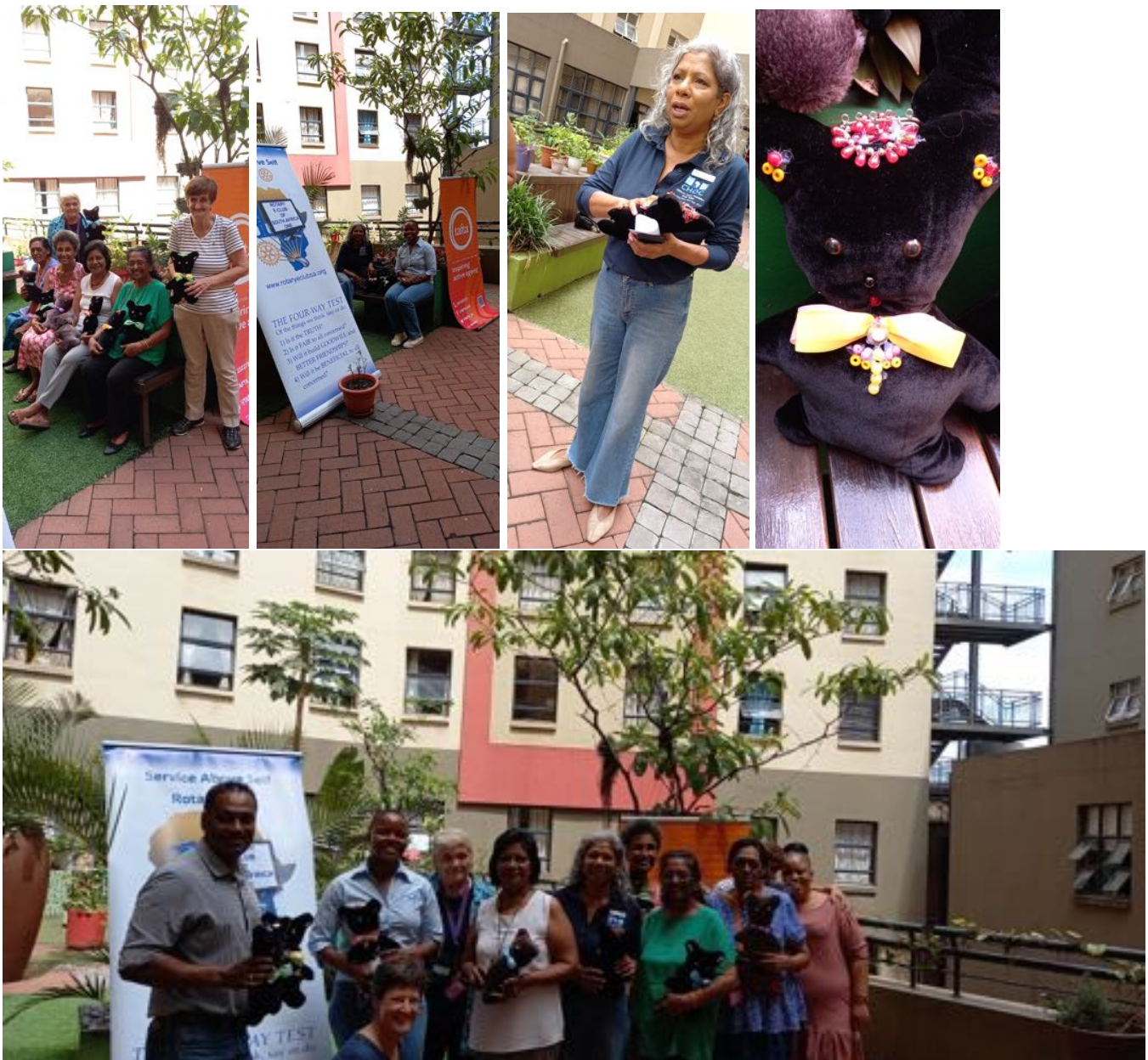
## Projects

### Handover to CHOC of the cuddly teddies made by the TAFTA Sewing Angels

Last year our Rotary E-Club of South Africa One handed a teddy-making project over to the TAFTA Sewing Angels. Over the past 4-5 months, these kind and compassionate, and very very busy, elderly ladies have made 131 cuddly, blinged teddies for the CHOC children - from babies all the way through to the teenagers.

The teddies for the babies and toddlers are safely made with special teddy eyes which can't come loose, so they can't be pulled off and swallowed.

This car-load of teddies, each & every one blessed with love, were gratefully received by Agie Govender, the KZN regional manager of CHOC, in the beautiful TAFTA Langler Towers upstairs garden.



## Our visit to Raiatea, Society Islands – French Polynesia by Viktor Cytra



Although this was our first visit to this island we decided not to take an organized tour as our ship was docked in the downtown area. We explored the town on our own. We visited a beautiful Catholic Church and while roaming with the iPhone video Elizabeth came across an interesting café. When we took a look inside, we noticed a Rotary Wheel on the wall. It was surprising to see the Rotary Wheel and we decided to stay for a drink. After discovering that the owner was a Rotarian we had a good Rotary chat and we presented them with a pin and they gave us their club banner. In addition our drinks were on the house. We would never have expected to have this encounter at Raiatea, Society Islands dockside but that's the magic of the Rotary family.

About: Raiatea is the second largest of the Society Islands, after Tahiti, in French Polynesia. The island is widely regarded as the "centre" of the eastern islands in ancient Polynesia and it is likely that the organised migrations to the Hawaiian Islands, New Zealand and other parts of East Polynesia started at Raiatea.

A traditional name for the island is Havai'i, homeland of the Māori people. Situated on the southeast coast is the historical Taputapuatea marae, which was established by 1000 AD. The site was the political and religious center of eastern Polynesia for several centuries, and was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2017 for its historical significance.

Raiatea was discovered for Europe by James Cook on July 20, 1769, during his first voyage. Coming from Tahiti, he sailed with the Endeavour through the Avamo'a Reef passage, sacred to the Polynesians, anchored in Opoa Bay and landed near the Marae Taputapuatea. He hoisted the Union Jack and took possession of the island for the British Crown in a brief ceremony.

To expand the Spanish sphere of influence, King Charles III ordered expeditions to the South Pacific. Although neighboring Tahiti was already under the influence of European powers in the late 18th century and formally came under French protectorate in 1842, the clans of Raiatea fiercely resisted annexation efforts. However, Christian missionaries managed to gain increasing influence, which led to religious wars between followers of the traditional and Christian faiths.



## Donate NOW button!

Check out the “Donate NOW” button on our Club’s website <https://www.rotaryclubsouthafrica.org/> and on our social media pages.



**Dear Rotarians**, as the year draws to an end, many of us still want to give towards a worthy cause.

We **have excellent news** for everyone, we have just introduced **our very first DONATIONS BUTTON on our website.**

We encourage all Rotarians, their families, and others, to 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 **2022** to show your appreciation for this massive breakthrough for our club.

This has revolutionised electronic fundraising for our club.

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 generous donation reserve a seat for you in this historic moment.

**All donors names will go on to our very first ever Club’s Wall of Legends 2022 (no amounts will be shown).**

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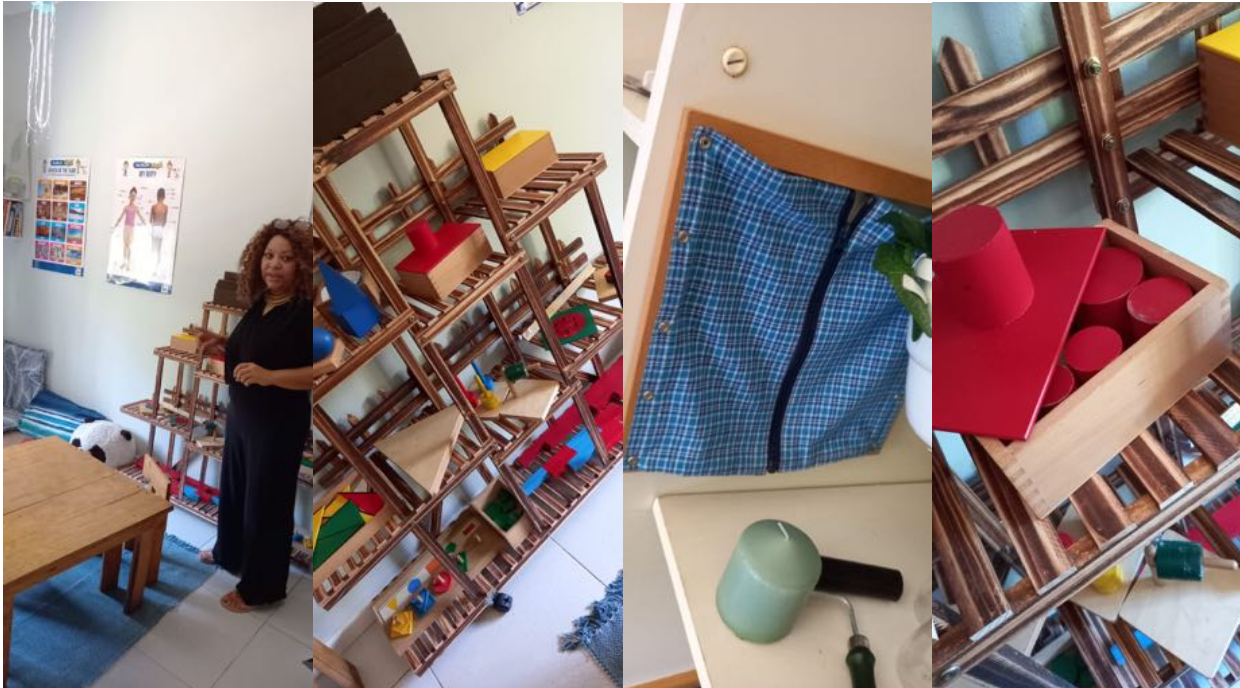
Each year, Rotary awards fully funded fellowships for dedicated leaders from around the world to study at one of our peace centers.

Through academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities, the Rotary Peace Centers program develops the capacity of peace and development professionals to become effective catalysts for peace. The fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and internship and field-study expenses. [https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships?utm\\_campaign=&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_profile=Rotary+International&utm\\_source=linkedin](https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships?utm_campaign=&utm_medium=social&utm_profile=Rotary+International&utm_source=linkedin)

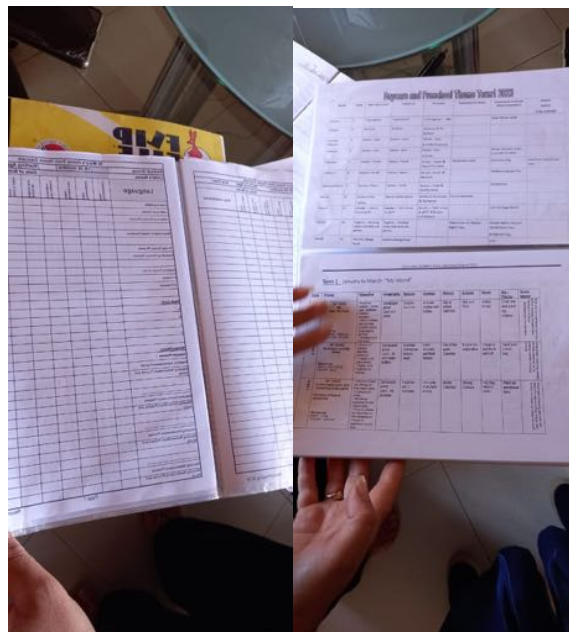
## Projects which our Rotary E-Club of South Africa One Supports

Over the years our Rotary E-Club and its members have supported the Early Childhood Development Centres which Iris Canham manages on the Upper South Coast of KwaZulu-Natal. At the start of the COVID pandemic, Rotarian and our Club's Director: Projects, Logie Naidoo arranged for multiple donations of maize meal porridge for the elderly grandmothers and grandchildren that Iris supports.

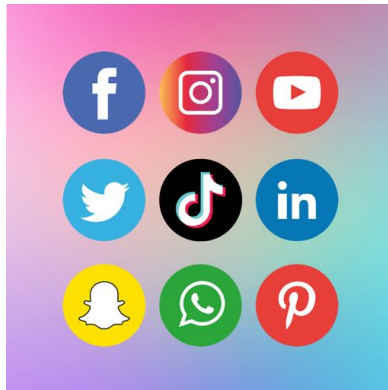
Last week, Rotarians Logie Naidoo and Susie van der Merwe met with Iris and were amazed at the excellent work taking place in Umkomaas at St Mary's Home from Home Daycare centre.



Below is Iris's very thorough curriculum outline & tracking system for each child's progress at the Daycare centre.



## 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)

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

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### DRUMBEAT: MARCH 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? Deadline for our next issue is Saturday 25 March 2023.

Please submit your photos in High Res, minimum 1MB with captions including name and surname of your photo subjects to Monique Labat on E: [moniquelabat@gmail.com](mailto:moniquelabat@gmail.com)

We look forward to your submissions!