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President Arlene's Letter

Create Hope in the World - Rotary Theme for 23/2024

Dear Members,

I hope that you had a very happy Christmas and New Year, filled with love and friendship.

Wow 2023, have you made any New Year resolutions? Many of us do so but by the time February comes or perhaps March we have slowly given up whatever it was we promised ourselves. My resolution this year was to concentrate on cultivating not only new members for our club but to try and source funding by whatever means available i.e., Gift of the Givers, other Rotary clubs or private individuals. How about you? What resolution have you made to enable our Club go from strength to strength. Hopefully you will be able to attend more meetings so we may share ideas and learn from each other.

2023 will also bring in a new theme 'Create Hope in the World' I asked myself how can I contribute to this wonderful idea. I would like to say by helping to provide an education for those in need. What do you think?

Below is an extract from Rotary International web site which I am confident explains just why we became Rotarians.

"We believe that exemplifying and embracing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) should be a part of everything we do at Rotary.

At Rotary, we understand that cultivating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture is essential to realizing our vision of a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change.

We value diversity and celebrate the contributions of people of all backgrounds, across age, ethnicity, race, colour, disability, learning style, religion, faith, socioeconomic status, culture, marital status, languages spoken, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity as well as differences in ideas, thoughts, values, and beliefs.

Recognizing that individuals from certain groups have historically experienced barriers to membership, participation, and leadership, we commit to advancing equity in all aspects of Rotary, including in our community partnerships, so that each person has the necessary access to resources, opportunities, networks, and support to thrive.

We believe that all people hold visible and invisible qualities that inherently make them unique, and we strive to create an inclusive culture where each person knows they are valued and belong.

In line with our value of integrity, we are committed to being honest and transparent about where we are in our DEI journey as an organization, and to continuing to learn and do better.

DIVERSITY

People of all backgrounds, experiences, and identities regardless of their age, ethnicity, race, colour, abilities, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

INCLUSION

Creating experiences in which all people are welcomed, respected, and valued.

EQUITY

Carefully considering how to provide differing levels of support, opportunities, and resources so participants have a welcoming and productive experience.

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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

The Rotary Foundation has established two temporary funds to help people in Pakistan and Ukraine.

Dear Arlene,

As a global humanitarian organization, Rotary continually takes action to help communities in need. Because you are a dedicated leader in Rotary, we want you to be among the first to know that The Rotary Foundation has established two temporary funds to support immediate relief efforts in Pakistan and Ukraine. In Pakistan, a severe monsoon season has caused devastating floods and affected millions of people. In Ukraine, the ongoing war has led to a continued humanitarian crisis. We'll begin fundraising efforts soon to finance disaster response grants from these funds.

The Pakistan Flood Response Fund will help communities recover from the disaster that displaced people and destroyed crops. It will accept contributions, including District Designated Funds, until 31 December 2023 and distribute grants until 30 June 2024 or until the funds are spent. Any unused money will be transferred to the general Disaster Response Fund.

The Ukraine Response Fund will also accept contributions, including District Designated Funds, to support grants for districts affected by the war. It will operate on the same schedule as the Pakistan fund, accepting donations until 31 December 2023 and awarding grants until 30 June 2024 or until the money is spent. Any unused funds will also be transferred to the Disaster Response Fund.



Districts affected by the flooding in Pakistan or the war in Ukraine can apply for grants from the relevant fund to provide items such as water, food, medicine, shelter, and clothing. To learn more and help these communities, you and your members can:

1. [Donate](#) to the Pakistan Flood Response Fund or the Ukraine Response Fund
2. [Contribute](#) your District Designated Funds
3. [Learn](#) more about both funds and how to apply for disaster response grants

We appreciate your assistance in supporting Rotary member-led projects to help these communities recover.

Sincerely,

Ian H.S. Riseley
2022-23 Trustee Chair
The Rotary Foundation

Cathy's Corner January 2023



Plato famously stated, "Our need will be the real creator," which evolved into the English proverb "Necessity is the mother of invention." I immediately thought of South Africa, and our sputtering economy made worse by ongoing power outages (loadshedding).

This saying struck me as I was considering what to write about this month because power outages, inefficiency, corruption, and other issues are likely on the minds of many South Africans and doubtless, those whose nation is facing shortages as a result of the conflict between Ukraine and Russia.

As I type this, electricity is on my mind constantly because I know that at any minute, our power utility will scream, "More breakages, theft, or I know nothing," and we will be immediately moved to level 6. A positive side effect of loadshedding is the upturn of revenue for manufacturers and resellers of inverters and solar power.

Surprisingly, inverters have been present since the 19th century, when they were first used to alternate between connecting a DC source forward and backwards using mechanical spinning motors.

Nikola Tesla, a contemporary of Thomas Edison and an American/Serbian inventor, electrical and mechanical engineer, physicist, and futurist, is credited with helping to launch the solar power business. Tesla possessed numerous patents and was renowned for his ability to identify and pursue innovative developments. Without Tesla's commitment to AC power, solar inverters, which convert the sun's potent DC energy into AC electricity, may not have been invented. Trying to convert sunlight into electric currents had been around for a long time before Bell Labs, in 1954, announced the invention of a solar panel, demonstrating its use by powering a toy Ferris wheel and a solar-powered radio transmitter. Nasa started using solar panels on Vanguard 1, launched in 1958, and they are still used on satellites where they can follow the sun's direction to maximise their ability to absorb sunlight.

In 2005, South African physicist Prof. Vivian Alberts of the University of Johannesburg created solar power technology utilising a micro-thin metallic film instead of the considerably thicker and more expensive silicon-based solar photovoltaic cells. Solar energy is now significantly more accessible to South Africans because of this technology.

Several other energy technology innovations to emerge since 2020 are miniature wind turbines for your garden, developed by Icewind. Solecco has taken solar panels a step further with expanding solar roof tiles that could see entire roofs generating electricity for the home. And renewable energy from waste. Although it is not a new idea, Velocys aims to develop sustainable fuel for aviation and heavy goods transport by gasifying domestic refuse and woody waste into clean jet fuel.

As the saying goes, "there is always a light at the end of the tunnel".

Cheers (PS thanks to Google and all the interesting bits of information that made this article possible. And thanks to technology and the invention of computers, I could use my lightweight, battery, and mains-powered laptop to write this article while Googling for this and that on my smartphone.)

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 donators 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

PROJECTS – WHAT'S HAPPENING DOWN SOUTH?

Danville Girls Matric Class of 2022 compassionately donates boxes of brown school shoes!

On Wednesday, 1st February 2023, Rotarian Susie van der Merwe writes "I have had simply the most uplifting morning today. Firstly, with Projects Director Logie Naidoo at Kuswag School in Amanzimtoti, where we dropped off the 4 boxes of brown school shoes compassionately donated by the Danville Girls Matric Class of 2022. And secondly, with Iris Canham at her amazing St Mary's Home from Home Daycare centre in Umkomaas.

Today, I was surrounded by people who truly have the Rotary spirit at their core - Logie, with her ever-willing enthusiasm to include me in any of our Clubs projects; Mrs Poole - the lovely admin lady at Kuswag School - who has the biggest heart and has been serving at the school for 34 years; the sweet class of Grade 3 children that helped to unload the car and carry the heavy boxes of shoes; Nicolene - the unbelievably passionate go-getter teacher at the newly established Kuswag Grade R Academy - who has made the childrens place of learning bright, stimulating, fun but above-all, an environment of love & support, and finally Iris Canham and her 2 trusty elderly "side-kicks" from the Umkomaas community, who have helped Iris to set up her incredible daycare centre - the likes of which I have never seen, not even in our affluent north Durban creches and daycare centres."



Here's a summary of the wonderfully positive handover of the school shoes donated by the Danville Girls Matrics of 2022 to Kuswag School in Amanzimtoti.

Thanks to Logie, who made contact with Mrs Poole of Kuswag, we were able to just help out a little bit, at a school which hands out 25 family food packs each day to indigent learners of the school. Mrs Poole and the Principal, Mr. Prinsloo, tell us that most of the children come from bread-line families living in or near 'Toti, including the surrounding informal settlements. The school is one of the only (with Port Natal in Durban) schools in the Durban and surrounding areas which teaches in Afrikaans, so the majority of the scholars are White but with a number of African children (very few Indian children).

The Principal, Mr Prinsloo, then joined us....with a trail of the cutest, neatest little Grade 3 learners.....and after getting to know each other, we all trailed outside to my car, where the little "elves" helped to unload the boxes of shoes and take them into the reception hall.

3 little boys carried the heaviest box and then 4 little angels carried the other big box - see the cute photo's I took after the hard work was done ;-)

Both Mrs Poole and Mr Prinsloo were very grateful, firstly to Danville Girls for their compassionate generosity towards those less fortunate learners at Kuswag, and secondly to the E-Club for facilitating this wonderful exchange.

1 of the Matrics even wrote the sweetest message in her pair of shoes - meant for the recipient of her shoes - with the words: "You are loved". That truly is a giving young soul XXX



Regarding the shoes, when we received them from Mrs A Kyle and the Danville admin staff that off-loaded them at my house on December 6th, each pair of shoes had been very cleverly cable-tied as a pair and sorted into sizes. This really makes it easy for Kuswag to now allocate each pair to each needy child, without having to find a "mate" for each shoe. What clever thinking on Danville's side, thank you to them for this.

Unfortunately, due to our having the December school holidays in between, the shoes sat in their boxes in my studio, sweating throughout the December and January heat and humidity, which resulted in them beginning to grow and almost walking out my studio door on their own ;-D ;-D I therefore had to wipe down each and every pair, before we even thought of handing them over.

It is truly heartening to see school administrators, doing so much with so little support in a school which has many indigent learners. The school is really large - a total of 1,000 learners from Grade R (newly started now in Jan 2023 with 15 children), foundation phase which is Gr. 1 to Gr. 3, senior primary and then the high school learners.

As we arrived at break-time, we had the chance to see all the primary school learners at play - all of whom were so neatly dressed, clean and well-behaved, walking in such neat little lines with their various teachers back to their classrooms after break. It is clear to see that the admin and teaching staff are doing a very positive job of teaching manners and positive discipline - and kindness - by encouraging the little Grade 3 learners to help with the heavy box-task.

They really must be commended for teaching the values of kindness, compassion and gratitude to these little learners.

COLD, HUNGER & DESPAIR: TURKEY & SYRIA DEVASTATED BY TWIN EARTHQUAKES

District 2420 holds a very special meaning for Group Study Exchange Rotarian Monique Labat. From the 23rd April to the 28 May 2001, Past District Governor Natty Moodley led a team of 4 young professionals from District 9270 to Turkey's District 2420 where we were warmly hosted by 9 Rotarian families during our 5 week stay with the best of traditional Turkish hospitality.

Group Study Exchange (GSE) is an educational activity of Rotary aimed at promoting international understanding and goodwill through organised travel and person-to-person contacts.

In 1999 Turkey had suffered a humanitarian disaster when a very powerful earthquake struck the country and more than 17,000 people were killed. Our GSE Team from KwaZulu-Natal were taken to multiple sites where Rotarians from Turkey and throughout the world had donated tents, bedding, warm clothing and food to those who had lost their homes and their livelihoods.

On Monday morning 6th February 2023 Turkey and Syria were not spared when two major earthquakes of 7.8 and 7.6 magnitude struck. District Governor Emre Ozturk from District 2430 advised Turkish Rotarian Cengiz Narin who hosted our GSE Team in Turkey that 3 Rotary Districts are applying to the Disaster Response Fund. The Rotary Clubs throughout Turkey are donating to the Fund.

Here in District 9370, our District has started the initiative to support the disaster and on Tuesday evening our Rotary E-Club pledged R1,000 and individual Rotarians Kim Woodhall, Tony Holness, Francesco Petruccione and Monique Labat have all contributed to the disaster relief fund.

Donations can be made to:

Account name: Rotary E Club of South Africa One

Bank: Standard

Account no: 043 671 756

Beneficiary Reference: Turk and your name

Please email your proof of donation to Club Treasurer: wizardhc@mweb.co.za



L to R: Our Group Study Exchange Team comprised Lihle Sidaki, Abri Henning, Team Leader PDG Natty Moodley, Monique Labat & Kuben Govender. Here we are pictured departing Rotary District 9270 from Durban bound for Istanbul, April 2001

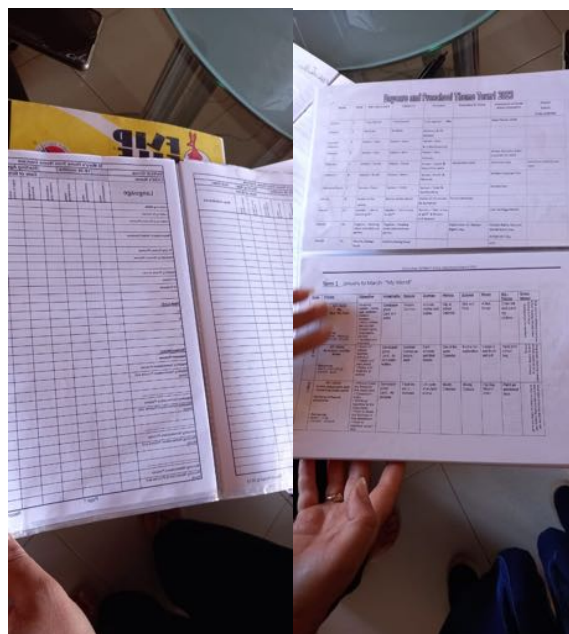
Projects which our Rotary E-Club of South Africa One Supports

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.

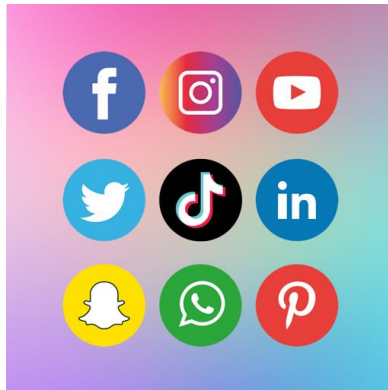
Last week, Rotarians Logie Naidoo and Susie van der Merwe met with Iris and were amazed at the excellent work taking place in Umkomaas at St Mary's Home from Home Daycare centre.



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

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DRUMBEAT: FEBRUARY 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 February 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

We look forward to your submissions!