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## President Arlene's Letter

### **FELLOWSHIP**

Dear Members, Honorary Members and Friends of Rotary,

June – the last month in our Rotary year is FELLOWSHIP month. Fellowship (Friendship/Camaraderie), is a very important part of our Rotary creed and in my opinion helps clubs to succeed with their projects. I feel that our club members embrace fellowship and extend the hand of friendship to all. This enables us to work together as a team, enjoying each other's company and using our varied experiences to make our projects work.

Do you think that we do enough or that there are more ways to include all our fellow individuals. Please let me know.

When I look back on our Rotary year (22/23) I am amazed and proud of all the many projects that we have started/completed. We have help feed many hungry people, we have helped with clothing, blankets shoes sanitary wear etc. We have been able to give many teachers and therefore children the tools to access educational material. Through collaboration with CHOC (Childhood Cancer Foundation South Africa) and donors from within South Africa and Canada we have been able to give the children footwear, treats, toys etc.

The list goes on; - water aid, maize meal porridge and so on.  
I am so proud to be a member of our Club and to work with you all.

Thank you.

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Did you know: -

**[Rotary's rainbow: Fellowship](#)** has created a global home for LGBT members and friends  
**[Rotary's Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#)**

Treating everyone with dignity and respect, allowing everyone's voice to be heard, and providing equitable opportunities for fellowship, service, and leadership.

WE all take photos in association with projects we are involved in. Perhaps you would like to enter in Rotary Magazines Competition.

*Rotary magazine's 2023 Photo Awards*

See the world courtesy of this year's award-winning photographers

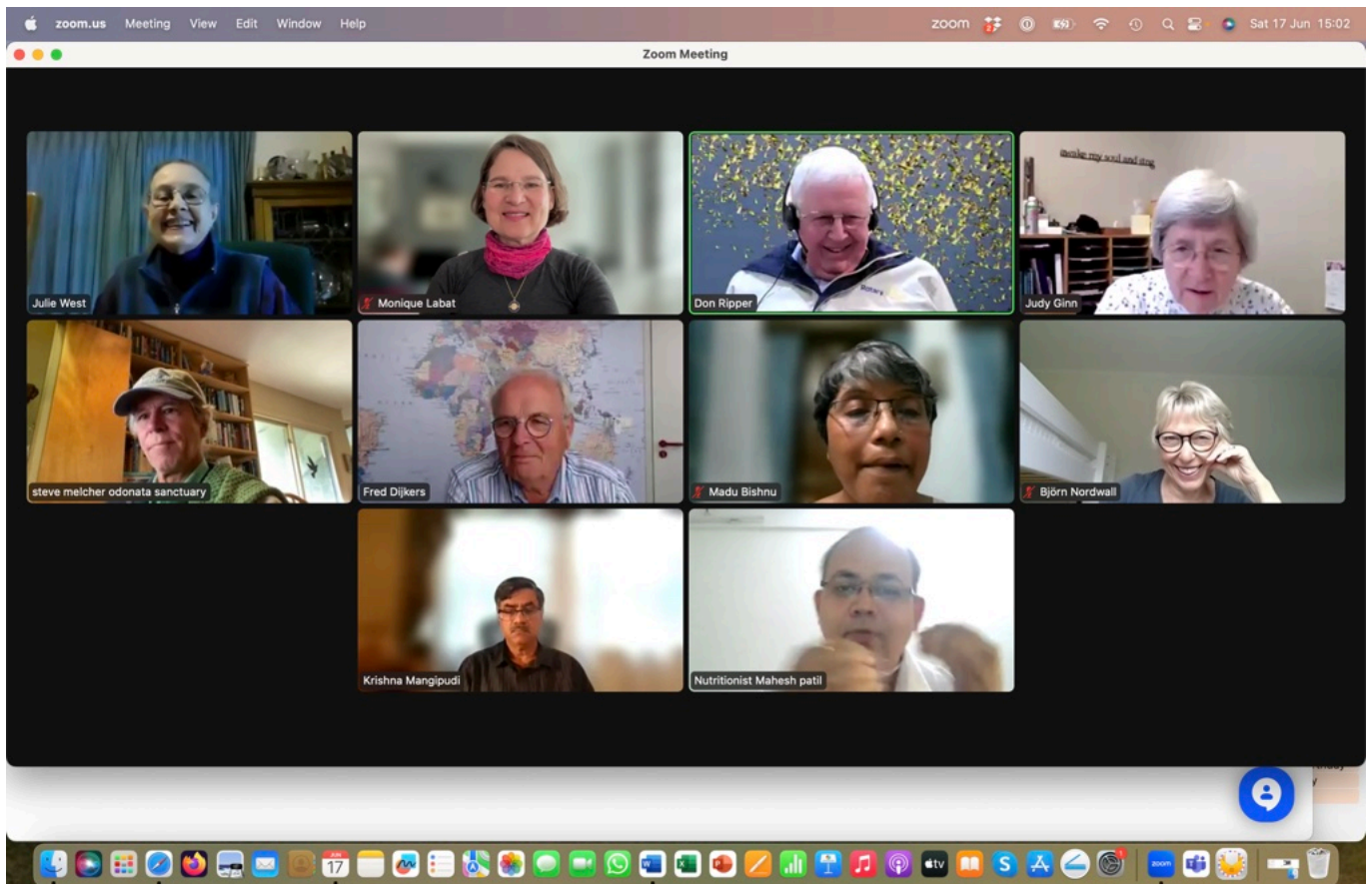
Below Winner: *People of action*, Photographer: Dan Milham, Rotary Club of Metairie, Louisiana



## International Fellowship of Birdwatching Rotarians - IFBR

Continuing with the Fellowship theme which Club President Arlene writes about above, on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2020, in the midst of COVID-19, Past District Governor Gerald Sieberhagen encouraged our E-Club Rotarians to join one of Rotary's many International Fellowships. Having been a passionate birder for 33 years, it was not difficult for outgoing Club Secretary Monique Labat to join the International Fellowship of Birdwatching Rotarians! On Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023, this Rotary Fellowship held its Board meeting. Rotarians from Australia, India, Netherlands, South Africa, Sweden and the United States were represented.

Annual membership for this Rotary Fellowship is US\$15 per annum. The Fellowship arranges quarterly zoom programs on birds. The next one which will be on hawk migration. Every year, the day after the Rotary International Convention, the Birding Fellowship arranges a field trip to go birding in the same area as the Convention.



Above: This screenshot shows Rotarians from around the world on Zoom for the International Fellowship of Birdwatching Rotarians Board meeting!

## Our Rotary E-Club's Board members for 2023 – 2024

At our last Rotary Board meeting held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023 the following Rotarians accepted our Rotary E-Club's Board positions:

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### Basic Education and Literacy is 1 of Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus

Here is the latest report from Rotarian Nareshini Ranganthan of The Environment and Language Education Trust! Youth Month has great significance to the Environment and Language Education Trust (ELET), since most of our programs and energy is directed at creating opportunities for young South Africans from underserved communities. We have many victories to celebrate in the month of June, not least of which is the start of our ECD Disability Learnership Programme.

We are proud to be one of the first NGO's in South Africa to rollout a Level 4 ECD Learnership Programme for 90 disabled learners and provide a life changing opportunity to these women. The programme is set to commence in mid-Jul and we are gearing up at the moment to ensure that they experience a programme of the highest quality. Qualified social workers have been recruited to be part of the program to ensure that all the needs of the learners are taken care of.

Our Teacher Development Program at Umlazi, south of Durban provided another inspiring story this month. ELET was approached by the NS Educator from Umlazi Comtech High, one of the participating schools, about her learners chosen to represent KZN to develop an innovative and ground-breaking solution addressing a social challenge. The competition, held by SAMSUNG is called "SOLVE FOR TOMORROW". These learners chose to design a water current system that generates electricity whilst simultaneously purifying the water. They have progressed to the next round of 10 finalists to design the prototype for presentation in Gauteng in October. We are proud of these innovative young South Africans.

200 of our past level 5 ECD graduates have been awarded a 12-month Internship Programme which commenced on 1st June 2023, after the internship every effort will be made to ensure that they are absorbed into the ECD Sector to contribute to the critically important phase of Foundational Education. This forms part of our community of best practice model. In the challenging economic climate and job market, this counts as a significant victory and we are proud of their achievements. Moreover, the recent global report on World Literacy Levels (PIRLS) placed our country close to bottom. This is a great concern and we are confident that our graduates will play a significant role in improving the status quo. In further celebration of our Youth and June 16 and in the spirit of kaizen, we would like to celebrate all our graduates who embody this philosophy of continuous improvement. We are humbled and proud of them because they further demonstrate a spirit of Ubuntu and service to their communities. They carry forward the spirit of June 16 very well and are an inspiration to all of us to never stop learning and to always reach for your dreams.

We remain inspired by the sacrifices that courageous youth made and the role they played in giving birth to our democracy. Our organisation is however saddened by the fact that attaining freedom has not translated to a better life and greater opportunities for our youth to realise their full potential. We will steadfastly continue to lobby for this to change as we do everything we can to create and provide chances for young people to thrive!

## People of Action – Projects! Friday 23 June 2023

Economic and Community Development is another of Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus.

Amaoti Youth, Nkosinathi Nxumalo and Silindile Nkwanyana made an appeal to our Rotary E-Club for maize meal for the Community. We requested that Nkosinathi and Silindile compile a list of Community members scheduled to receive a bag of maize meal, which they duly did.

We submitted a proposal to our Rotary E-Club Board. Club Treasurer Tony Holness confirmed that we had R8,000 (Eight thousand rand) in our Club funds to pay for the maize meal. Project Director Logie Naidoo supported this initiative and recommended that the maize meal be purchased in the KwaMashu/Phoenix area north of Durban, close to Amaoti. The Amaoti Youth arranged the collection of the maize meal bags from Checksave in Phoenix. Thanks to Rotarian Logie Naidoo, we were able to secure 178 x 5kgs bags of maize meal!

Thank you to our Director: Economic and Community Development, Rotarian Linda Zama and Rotarian Sambulo Khalala for arranging and participating in the handover at Ilungelo Labadala, Amaoti, Durban. Rotarian Logie Naidoo thank you for arranging for very well priced 5kg bags of maize meal.

Sincere thanks to photographer Karen Lotter who shared the photos for inclusion in our Drumbeat newsletter, many thanks Karen! This project gives real meaning to Rotary's Economic and Community Development!



On left: Rotarian and Director Economic and Community Development Linda Zama and on right Rotarian Sambulo Khalala at the handover of the maize meal and blankets to the Amaoti Community at Ilungelo Labadala in Durban.

**Thank you Linda and Sambulo for your support of our Communities!**

**People of Action – Projects! Friday 23 June 2023 cont.**

Economic and Community Development is another of Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus. More photos taken by Karen Lotter of the handover of bags of maize meal and blankets at Ilungelo Labadala in Amaoti, Durban



## People of Action – Projects! Friday 23 June 2023 cont.

Economic and Community Development is another of Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus. Below are more photos taken by Karen Lotter, at the handover of maize meal and blankets at Ilungelo Labadala in Amaoti.



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Good morning Monique

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Rotary Club for the amazing assistance we received for the 178 bags of maize meal to hand out to our community, and illungelo labadala. The day was cheerful and our community members were delighted and happy, with the help of Mam Linda she came with 67 blankets to keep our elder people warm this winter.

We thank you once again still looking forward on working together with Rotary Club.

Warm Regards

Silindile M Nkwanyana

Nkosinathi Nxumalo

## Projects – Essential in supporting our Communities

Director Projects, Rotarian Logie Naidoo urgently responded to an appeal from Kevin Pillay and arranged for Shallcross Hampers to be donated to VICTORY MOTH SHELLHOLE.

Sadly the VICTORY MOTH SHELLHOLE had a fire and a few apartments were destroyed, with one resident confirmed as passed on. All other residents have been moved to their Hall which is situated on site. We need items for the residents, from Blankets, Bottled Water, Teas, Coffee etc.

Please let us also say a prayer for our elderly residents and convey our condolences to the family of the resident that has passed away. God Bless, Kevin Pillay, Malvern CPF.

Thank you Rotarian Logie for your swift response to aid the residents of VICTORY MOTH SHELLHOLE after their fire.



### TAFTA's Sewing Angels brighten up Elders Voice Home in Umbilo!

Thank you Rotarian Susie van der Merwe for all your efforts in coordinating the sewing by Sally and her TAFTA Sewing Angels. These colourful curtains made from sari fabrics look beautiful 😊! Thank you Rotarian and Projects Director Logie Naidoo for the glorious photos below!



## Support and Engagement with Women at the Phoenix Survival Centre in Durban

Projects Director Rotarian Logie Naidoo, Rotarian Susie van der Merwe and Afriweave needles creator Carroll Lazarus arranged for the women at the Phoenix Survival Centre to be taught how to use the Afriweave needles to craft a range of beautiful items.



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## Do you have any unused English Dictionaries at home or in your office?

Please donate your unused English dictionaries to a good cause! The English Club is the brainchild of past Democratic Republic of the Congo refugee, Papy Kalaba Ontafia who attended English classes at the Addington Primary School, on Durban's beachfront many years ago. Papy is back in the DRC and assisting the Youth to learn English. Papy established The English Club which is based in the town of Kambove, 30kms from Likasi.

Sincere thanks to our Director Projects, Rotarian Logie Naidoo for arranging a donation box for the English dictionaries at her brother's warehouse, Unit No.2, 25 Watford Road, Umbilo, Durban. Please WhatsApp Rotarian Monique Labat: +27 (0) 82 924 6349 if you have English dictionaries to donate, many thanks!



## Donate NOW button!

Rotarian 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.

Simply click on any of the good causes that our Rotary E-Club of South Africa One 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



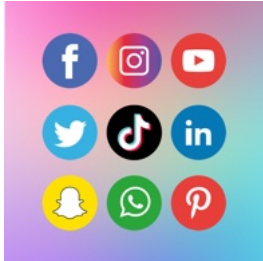
**Dearest fellow Rotarians,** your E-Club needs your support, please encourage friends, family, pets, and others to come to visit our website and press the **red button** and donate to the club.

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 our E-Club!



Click on the links below and see what's happening on our social media pages.

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

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

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

## Humour – An essential life skill

Studies have shown that a sense of humour can improve your mental and physical health, boost your attractiveness and improve your leadership skills. Thank you Club President Arlene for adding humour to our lives!

HAROLD'S PLANET by Swerling and Lazar



HERMAN®

by Jim Unger

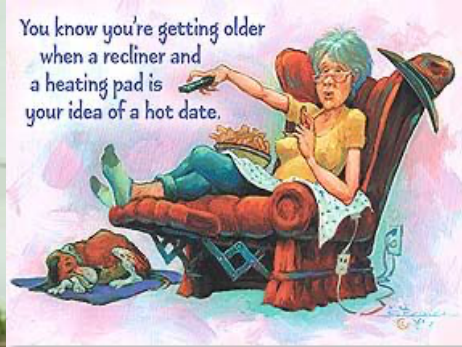


"Tell him! I was here first!"

Satan visits Cape Town and meets Gatiep.  
"Do you know who I am?"  
"Nay", says Gatiep, "giemy a hint"  
Satan says, "I am the prince of darkness"  
"Fok" says Gatiep, "jhy's mos die CEO van Eskom"



You know you're getting older when a recliner and a heating pad is your idea of a hot date.



## DRUMBEAT: JULY 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 name and surname of your photo subjects to incoming Drumbeat Editor, Rotarian Cathy Dippnall on E: [cdippnall@gmail.com](mailto:cdippnall@gmail.com)

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