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President Arlene's Letter

Dear Members and Friends of Rotary,

“Do all the good you can, to all the people you can, in all the ways you can, as long as ever you can.”

This is our Rotary thought for May and looking at all our projects I can honestly say that our club members have gone a long way in bringing cheer to our people. As you will see further on in our bulletin, they have not only help children with their reading skills but have given food to the little ones. Through collaboration with Chris from a Rotary Club in Canada (which is now sadly closing) and via 'CHOC' toys, books and slops were give to children suffering from cancer.

We have also been lucky to have a presentation given to us by **Candy Pierce** (Far West PETS Education Chair 21-24 District Governor 2006/07 Rotary District 5160) who was good enough to give us a presentation on Prosthetic Hands. Please have a look at the following link: -

[Amazing Rotary LN-4 Prosthetic Hand Project - YouTube](#)

As you can imagine this prompted a lively discussion resulting with some of our members joining together to set up a project for our club and others in Africa to enable supply of these hands. From this same meeting literacy and hunger were discussed. Subsequently it was agreed to set up a *feed and read* plan. As you will know we already help many youngsters in reading and many more with food or the means to grow food. We need to extend both of these projects to be able to reach students of all ages.

In the last few weeks, we have inducted two new members who are experienced Rotarians. **Rasigan Naidoo** and **Clive Smedmor**. A very warm welcome to you both. I am convinced that you both are a great asset to our club and will bring with you your varied experience and new ideas going forward.

Kind regards

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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.



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

Rotarian Nareshini Ranganthan is instrumental in managing the Kickstart Literacy Program funded by a Global Grant. Nareshini works through the The Environment and Language Education Trust (ELET), one of the oldest NGO's in KZN, which turns 40 years in 2024!

Starting out with a focus on impacting low English proficiency levels amongst 2nd language educators and learners in rural KZN, ELET has diversified to include Early Childhood Development (ECD), Environmental Rehabilitation, Mathematics and Science Learner Support, Teacher Development and Short Skills programs. Nareshini says that our organisation deliberately focuses on programs in rural areas to provide an impact in the most marginalised and underdeveloped communities.

We have graduated over 800 mostly rural ECD Practitioners in the level 4 and 5 qualifications. Our Teacher and Learner programs have resulted in an improvement in performance in the gateway subjects of Mathematics and Physical Science. Our work is enhanced by the strong partnerships we have built with stakeholders and like-minded Institutions. Our programs are underpinned by ongoing research and development to ensure projects are aligned to priority needs to optimise the use of resources and sharply focus our interventions for maximum impact.



Kickstart ECD 2023

We are fortunate to have such a passionate team of Facilitators, Assessors, Moderators & Assistants.



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2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- NECDA/ UNICEF
- Funder - CHIETA
- HWSETA funded ECD Learnerships
- Funder - BANKSETA

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

Thank you Nareshini for the background and images of the sterling work you do at The Environment and Language Education Trust!



Environmental
and
Foundational
Literacy
Programs



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**Elet's
Core focus
for 2023**

remains on providing opportunities
for unemployed rural women & youth

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Changing Lives

We Implement school and community-based
developmental programmes

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People of Action – Projects!

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

Thanks to our Projects Director, Rotarian Logie Naidoo for sharing the photos of the pieces made by the Mnini Traditional Council Women on the South Coast who are part of Iris Canham's Group. Several of the ladies are selling their Afriweave craft products to the community. Logie will be providing the Mnini Traditional Council Women with more yarn. Thank you Logie as this gives real meaning to Rotary's Economic and Community Development!



LOVE HOWICK

Another insane, fulfilling, chaotic, inspiring and growth-driven week done and dusted! I love building networks, connecting people/organisations and finding opportunities for valuable connection - weaving them into areas of fulfillment. Sometimes you foster the connection, other times the connections just happen!

A few months ago an email arrived in my [Love Howick](#) inbox from someone whose name normally appears in our [Rotary Africa Magazine](#) ... It was from President [Arlene Arnold](#) of the [Rotary E-Club of South Africa](#). Conversations and meetings followed, but let's fast forward to the exciting bit on Thursday...

I met Pat Draper ([Rotary E-Club of South Africa One D9370](#)) and [Eunice Gumbo](#) (our dynamo Dream Centre Admin Manager & unofficial surrogate mom to all our students) at our Howick Dream Centre. The meeting was held so that we could introduce Pat to the two students the e-club had provided bursaries for (the start of what we hope is going to grow into a dynamic and exciting youth empowerment project)!

Nonto and Themba are two amazing young people who have grabbed every opportunity they could, put in the effort and are well on their way to brilliant futures. What I really like about them is that they are committed to doing what they can to better the world around them! Both are excited to help promote the bursary project and both volunteer regularly at Love Howick and Dream Centre initiatives. They were also recently employed through our job centre as short term promoters for Bosch Service Centre in Howick, and were highly commended for their diligence and work ethic! To hear their stories, their commitment to changing the trajectory of their lives and their perspectives on how our Work Ready course benefited them personally, is possibly the most inspirational and motivational moment I have had this month... Thank you for this, Nonto and Themba... I can't wait to see your next chapters unfold!

PS: Nonto has diligently pursued funding to complete her LLB via correspondence (one module left before she finishes!) and has worked whenever she can find part time positions to cover her living expenses.

She is trying really hard to find any position in a [#law](#) firm, with the aim of progressing into a position to complete her articles after graduation.

Themba will soon graduate with a BCom majoring in marketing and [#supplychainmanagement](#). He has found his passion in supply chain [#procurement](#) and [#logistics](#).

Anyone looking to invest in empowering and nurturing young talent can drop me a line and I will connect you with our job centre which can provide comprehensive CVs and if they meet expectations, assist with arranging for them to be interviewed!

[#opportunity](#) [#work](#) [#growth](#) [#connections](#) [#networking](#) [#publicprivatepartnerships](#)

LOVE HOWICK cont.

Below with Nonto and Themba are E-Club Rotarian and Director: Global Grants, Pat Draper and Eunice Gumbo, our Dream Centre Admin Manager (and surrogate mom to all the students 🍷)



DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN HOWICK 5th and 6th May 2023

Our Rotary E-Club of South Africa One was very well represented at this year's District Conference in Howick. As an E-Rotary Club which meets fortnightly in the Cloud on Zoom, DisCon meant that we could meet each other in person and reconnect with fellow Rotarians from throughout our District 9370.

Below are some photos of our E-Club Rotarians sporting our beautifully sewn DisCon shirts with fabric generously donated by Rotarian Susie van der Merwe! Thank you Susie - we were super proud to wear these special Shweshwe shirts in the colours of Rotary!

DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN HOWICK cont.



Seen in vibrant Shweshwe shirts in the colours of Rotary is Team Rotary E-Club of South Africa One!
Left to right: Monique Labat, Tony Holness, Pat Draper, Susie van der Merwe, Sambulo Khalala and PDG Greg Cryer



Above on left: Past District Governor Maud Boikanyo with our Assistant Governor Ash Maharaj
Above on right: District Secretary Hilary Augustus and PDG Greg Cryer

The “Ball Tamperer” Floating Trophy for the Newest Member of the Year

Honorary Rotarian Mike Millard of our Rotary E-Club’s Southern Cluster in Port Alfred, donated a very special trophy in fond memory of our Past District Governor Gerald Sieberhagen. PDG Gerald loved sport, especially cricket! The 1st recipient of the trophy was Rotarian Kevin Lachanna. On Monday morning 8 May 2023, Kevin handed the trophy over to Rotarian Susie van der Merwe.



Also present at the handover, from left to right below: Our Director Projects, Logie Naidoo who invited Kevin to join our Rotary E-Club, Kevin Lachanna, Susie van der Merwe, AG Ash Maharaj and Club Secretary Monique Labat.



Italy confers Cavaliere della Stella d'Italia to Rotarian Francesco Petruccione

On Sunday 4 June 2023, Rotarian Francesco Petruccione was conferred with the honour of the Cavaliere della Stella d'Italia, a knighthood and title of the Italian Republic. Francesco says "this honour is a recognition of my work in Theoretical Physics and a testament to the power of scientific exploration and the pursuit of knowledge. I am deeply grateful for this acknowledgement and remain committed to contributing to the scientific community."



Above from left to right: Consul for Italy in Cape Town, Mr Alfonso Tagliaferri, Prof. Francesco Petruccione and Ambassador of Italy to South Africa, Mr Paolo Cuculi.

English Dictionaries

Do you have any English dictionaries that you would like to donate 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, 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 Monique: +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.

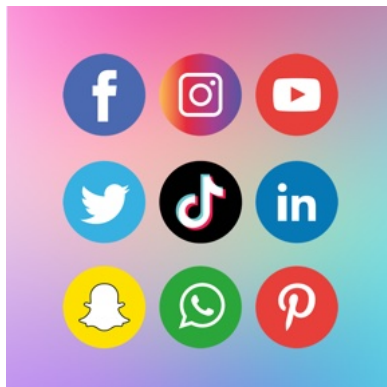
Please head to the link and show your love and appreciation for the **Donate NOW BUTTON**. Test drive it, **CLICK IT**, and drop your most generous contribution for **2023** to show your appreciation for this massive breakthrough for our club.

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 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

Facebook page <https://wwwR.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/>

Club President Arlene Arnold shares the following with you all!

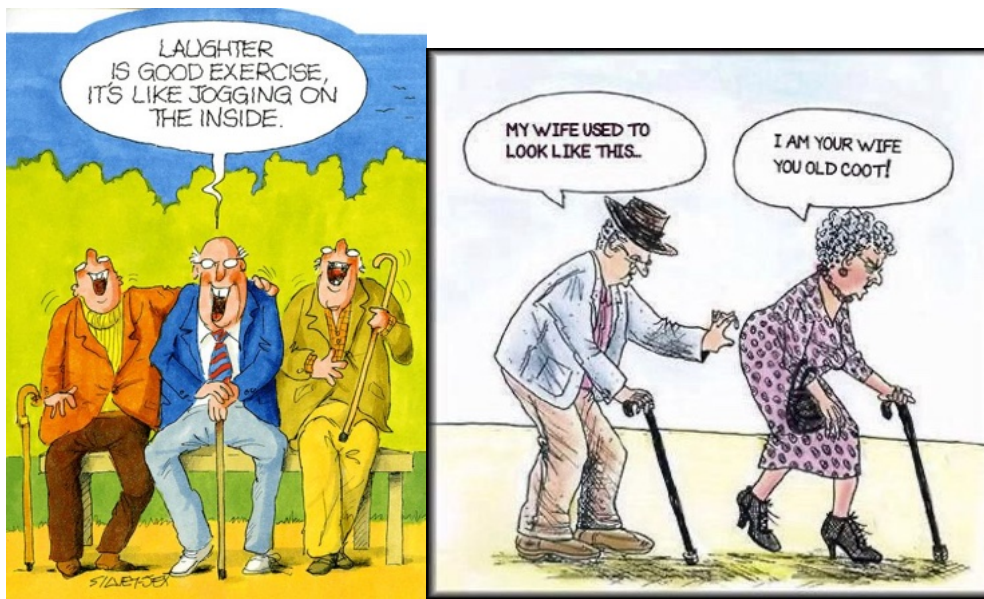
Meaningful May 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Do something kind for someone you really care about	2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do	3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small	4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together	5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why	6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful	7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why
8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today	9 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today	10 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times	11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder	12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you	13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture	14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature
15 Do something to contribute to your local community	16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better	17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful	18 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about	19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful	20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable	21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger
22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about	23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of	24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today	25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why	26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful	27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others	28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight
29 Today do something to care for the natural world	30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost	31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future				

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS **Happier · Kinder · Together**

Some corny jokes

- I was going to tell a time traveling joke, but you guys didn't like it.
- What do you call a lazy kangaroo? A pouch potato.
- I used to run a dating service for chickens, but I was struggling to make hens meet.
- Why do we tell actors to "break a leg?" Because every play has a cast.
- What does a pig put on dry skin? Oinkment.
- What do you call it when a snowman throws a tantrum? A meltdown.
- My uncle named his dogs Timex and Rolex. They're his watch dogs.
- Did you hear about the guy whose left side was cut off? He's all right



DRUMBEAT: JUNE 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 Drumbeat Editor, Monique Labat on E: moniquelabat@gmail.com

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