



President Arlene's Letter

Dear Readers,

August has gone and here we are in September. It is true what they say 'Time Flies'! As I look back to August, and amongst a personal sorrow, I have many proud and happy moments.

We again inducted two new members to our Club. Earl Johnson and Robert Senkubuge.

These fine gentlemen have a wealth of experience in social development, volunteering and working with those not so fortunate as ourselves. I am sure that their skills and mindfulness will be put to good use within our projects. Welcome Earl and Robert.

Another of our latest recruits will now be in charge of our social media persona. Kiran Setty has agreed to take on the role. Thank you, Kiran. Please I urge you all to send Kiran your news on projects, donations etc.

For those of you that rarely join us on GotoMeeting, please join in our bi-monthly meetings. These give you all a chance to have your say, hear what others are doing, see what is available to help you source assets that you might need etc. I know that this is not always possible, through load shedding, family commitments etc. If you are of the opinion that we need to change the format, perhaps you find it boring or would like to see more speakers, let us know. We are a team and a team can only work to its full capability if all the members are of accord.

I would like to thank Pat Draper for successfully applying for a district grant. We now have funding to install a JoJo Tank at the Birches Eco-School in Sarnia. Well done Pat!

You will see in the notifications to follow that Logie, Linda and others are doing tremendous work promoting AFRI-Weave. This project not only brings people together but trains them and gives them the skills to earn a living. Again, thank you to all concerned.

And now to give you something to lighten your day or to make you moan perhaps: -

What is the best day to go to the beach? Sunday, of course!

What bow can't be tied? A rainbow!

How many tickles does it take to make an Octopus laugh? Ten-tickles.

How does a dog stop a video? By hitting the paws button!

People think "icy" is the easiest word to spell. Come to think of it, I see why.

My teachers told me I'd never amount to much because I procrastinate so much. I told them, "Just you wait!"

Comic Sans walks into a bar. The bartender says, "We don't serve your type here."

What's the easiest way to get straight As? Use a ruler.

A grasshopper sits down at a bar. The bartender says, "We have a drink named after you!" The grasshopper replies, "Who names a drink 'Steve?'"

What's a balloon's least favourite type of music? Pop.

I went into a store to buy some books about turtles. "Hardbacks?" asked the shopkeeper "Yes," I replied. "And they have little heads, too."

I can hear the moans from here.

Have a good month and please stay safe.

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Imagine a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference.

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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.

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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

Future Speaker – Save the date! On Tuesday 4th October 2022, Dirkie Ebersohn will present on South Africa's Sign Language Video Dictionary and Andries van Niekerk will interpret. We look forward to your participation!



**Wishing our E-Club Rotarians and Honorary Rotarians
Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary!**

Birthdays in October

Many Rotarians celebrating their special days in the coming month:

Linda Marsden-King	12 th
Viktor Cytra	18 th
Logie Naidoo	24 th
Greg Cryer	26 th
Kevin Lachanna	31 st

Anniversaries

Greg and Lindsay Cryer 31st

Paul Harris Sapphire Award to Projects Director Logie Naidoo!

On Saturday morning 10th September 2022 at St Clements Coffee Shop and Nursery in Musgrave Road, Durban, Assistant Governor Ash Maharaj awarded a Paul Harris Sapphire to our Projects Director Logie Naidoo. Looking on and congratulating Logie for this very special award in recognition for all the many projects and fundraising Logie has undertaken were Rotarians Linda Zama, Monique Labat, Sambulo Khalala, Susie van der Merwe and Tony Holness. Special thanks to President Arlene Arnold and Foundation Director Viktor Cytra for arranging same!



Rotary Membership Pin

Newly inducted Rotarian Linda Zama was awarded her Rotary membership pin by Assistant Governor Ash Maharaj. Rotarians are encouraged to wear their Rotary pins daily to promote our global organisation. Congratulations Linda on joining our Rotary E-Club and thank you for enthusiastically facilitating projects in many communities in KwaZulu-Natal!



TAFTA sews fabric bags for Afriweave project!

Thank you Rotarian Susie van der Merwe for arranging many fabric bags to be sewn by the residents of TAFTA (The Association for the Aged) in Durban. These fabric bags are filled with Afriweave kits including the needles and yarn and then given to the communities that undergo Afriweave training in Early Childhood Development Centres and at many other organisations.



L to R: Monique Labat, Linda Zama, Tony Holness, Sambulo Khalala, Logie Naidoo and Susie van der Merwe with the colourful fabric bags which Susie arranged to have made by TAFTA residents.

Our Rotary E-Club meets in the cloud every fortnight. However, we love getting together and meeting whenever possible. Our Director Global Grants Pat Draper was visiting family in Muizenberg, Western Cape this month. Pat and Club Secretary Monique Labat met up for coffee and delicious carrot cake at Casa Labia to catch up in person.

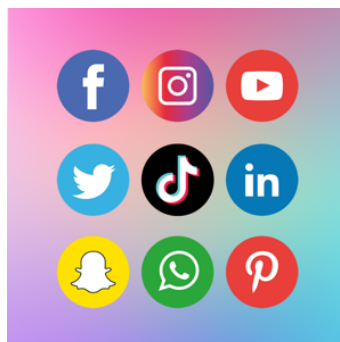


Rotary has designated September as Basic Education and Literacy month!



Basic education and literacy is one of Rotary Foundation's seven areas of focus. We know that basic education and literacy are essential for reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace.

In the above photo, 10 young learners at Ekuthuleni Primary School share their joy in receiving books for their school library! School Principal and E-Club Rotarian Sambulo Khalala places a lot of emphasis on literacy.



The Power of Social Media

Our Rotary International President Jennifer Jones has a powerful online presence and is promoting our Rotary organisation widely through videos and social media posts.

Have **you** watched RI President Jennifer Jones online?

Rotarian Kiran Setty is updating our social media sites and has created a new LinkedIn page for our Rotary E-Club! Please follow the posts which Kiran is uploading such as the Afriweave project photos here: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/rotary-e-club-of-south-africa/>

Take a look at our Rotary E-Club Facebook page and give our posts a Love ❤️

The more ❤️ we receive the more we can drive online traffic to our E-Club's Facebook page!

Simply click on the link and enjoy our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryclubSAone>

Our Instagram page is also trending, take a look at: <http://Instagram.com/rotaryclubsaone/>

Flood Relief: Sincere thanks to our Generous Donor Mziya Webber in the USA

Our sincere thanks go to Mziya Webber from the USA for your donation towards flood relief. Our Rotary E-Club arranged the DMZ Beading Workshop & Training of 10 Women who were impacted by the Floods in KwaZulu-Natal on the 11 April 2022.

The training took place in Ward 12 KwaNdengezi, west of Durban, our east coast city of South Africa twinned with Chicago and New Orleans. Our Club procured wool and knitting needles and crochet hooks for an “**each one teach one**” programme. Other women were affected by the floods and could not continue to sell bead work at Durban’s Beach Front. We sourced beads and encouraged them to start afresh. The groups of women undergoing training are visited fortnightly. We have also indicated to them that preparation for ‘Life after the Floods’ is crucial when they leave the community halls in which they were housed directly after the floods.

This intervention has proved to be critical for basic understanding on how to create craft products in order to sell and make a living. The groups have been very receptive. Our Rotary E-Club also sent 4 child minders to a First Aid course so that the Play Centres have basic resources and understanding of what to do whilst looking after little ones.



Above: Little ones and Gogos (grandmothers in IsiZulu) learning to weave their magic!

Projects Director, Logie Naidoo advised that a total of ZAR 45,398.26 was raised for communities impacted by the floods. Thank you to all who contributed and assisted in running the projects to support the affected communities!

Food Donations to our many organisations and communities in need

The community of Taweni, which Rotarian Khaya Mposula manages, received food donations thanks to donors in Australia consisting of 100kg Maize Meal, 22.5kg Samp, 10 Spaghetti boxes, 10 Macaroni boxes, 15 Soup packets of 500g each and 25kg Red Sugar Beans!

Whilst the community of Fraser and Tongaat in partnership with the SAI organisation benefitted thanks to donors from Australia. Foods purchased included 300kg Samp, 10kg Sugar Beans, 5 boxes of Macaroni, 16 litres of Sunflower Oil, 3 boxes of Masala Mix, 100kg Rice, 10 Packets of Salt, 100kg Onions and 100kg Potatoes!

Our Rotary Club has been distributing Maizemeal Porridge since the start of COVID lockdown on the 27 March 2020 in South Africa and recently another 600kg of maizemeal porridge was donated to several Early Childhood Development Centres and Communities impacted by the Floods in KwaZulu-Natal!

Sincere thanks to our generous donors for their sponsorship of the vital foodstuff: Viren Garach, the late Aaron Gounden, our most kind-hearted donor and Mrs K Naicker, along with family members.



Above: Children in Early Childhood Development Centres enjoying maize meal porridge

Project: Afiweave – Weave your Magic!

We and our generous donors have been supporting several organisations with Afiweave kits and training including:

Kwavulindlebe School for the Deaf Sponsors: the late Aaron Gounden, Rotarians Susie van der Merwe & Logie Naidoo

DMZ Academy Women’s Project Sponsors: Rotarians Francesco Petruccione and Monique Labat

Ambassadors for Jesus Women’s Group Sponsors: Sadha Naidoo and Rotarian Logie Naidoo

If you would like to contribute to our E-Club’s worthwhile Afiweave project, please contact Project Director, Logie Naidoo E: Logie247@mweb.co.za or on WhatsApp: +27 82 453 5913





AFRIWEAVE NEEDLES INITIATIVE

Rotary E-Club of SA One, in collaboration with Iris Canham, Community Development Practitioner are raising funds towards Afiweave Needles Initiative for grade R learners at ECD centers.

Afiweave is a fun and simple weaving craft home-grown in South Africa

The benefits of the weaving project for children include co-ordination and concentration, improves engagement, develops patience and creates a sense of achievement and develops confidence.

It is a lifelong skill that could lead to youth entrepreneurial development. The skills help prepare children for writing, grasping, fastening and practical life skills.

Your contribution makes the difference.

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