



### President's letter



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

We are already in the second month of 2022, the second half of this Rotary year. My hopes for 2022 begin with Covid becoming less invasive in our daily lives, with the world understanding and beating this threat. Hopefully, it will become no more threatening than Flu.

As you are all aware we have had (for the most part) to change our Directors. Our Board members are as follows: - Monique Labat, Logie Naidoo, Tony Holness, Richard Brooks, Pat Draper, Bill Maine, Viktor Cytra and (myself) Arlene Arnold.

I would ask that you all have a little patience with us. It has been a difficult few months but I am so proud of the team for what they have accomplished.

We have our AGM on 8<sup>th</sup> March, and we will be sending you all our financial reports as well as updates on all our portfolios.

Can I ask that you all try your best to attend the meeting? If you have any questions that you would like us to answer please send them in to reach us before the 8<sup>th</sup>.

We have already had some good presentations this year and one that springs to mind is last week's presentation by Pricilla Edmonds. 'Cilla started and runs the Eco-School the Birches; she has written a book 'Seven Steps Academy in District Six'. What an inspiration. If any of you would like to see her presentation, please email and I am sure that Monique will send it to you.

Before I finish I would just like to request that you attend meetings whenever possible. If you have a project that you would like to bring to our attention or a speaker that you think should be able to give a presentation please let us know.

Many of us enjoy inviting friends or local Rotarians to the meetings. If this is the case please do. We do not have many Club Members only meetings.

Rotary is a worldwide organisation as our club has proved, so let us hear from you all no matter where you live. That's all for now.

My very best regards,

Arlene Arnold

### Club Board Members:

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## Ball Tampering Floating Trophy in Memory of Past District Governor Gerald Sieberhagen

The first recipient of the Ball Tampering Floating Trophy in memory of Past District Governor Gerald Sieberhagen for the newest member of 2021, Rotarian Kevin Lachanna.

Kevin was proposed to our Rotary E-Club of South Africa One by Club Director for Projects, Rotarian Logie Naidoo.

Our thanks to Rotarian Mike Millard of our Rotary E-Club of South Africa One's Southern Cluster for this beautiful floating trophy!

## News from Tony Holness of the Scottkomaas Cluster

### Food distribution

During November/ December 2021, we had urgent requests for food from some local NPOs and a church.

### NK Kerk community

Ronel Botha of our Renishaw Hills village made an urgent plea for food for some desperate families supported by her church. We supplied food for which they were very grateful.

We also delivered a food parcel to Joanne Venter of Joanne's Angels who has been operating in the Pennington area for over 15 years. This is again a well-run organization.

Unbeknown to our cluster, she talked to the local press about our contribution, and our E Club was mentioned in very favourable terms! They also published a photograph-- good for our club.

### The daily lunch machine in action at Umsizo Lomndeni Comm Centre



The Umsizo Lomndeni Community Upliftment team run by Zoe Bridges and Debbie West provide hundreds of meals daily to children and old folk in communities close to the Amanzimtoti town centre. They also provide special training. Whenever we have visited the centre it is a hive of activity. Our cluster delivered food to them in early 2021 and again in November.

## Wendy's birthday party

My wife Wendy's birthday falls on the 18th of December. The previous year she invited our whole village to come to her party in the community centre, but they had to bring a present for a child. Eighty-seven presents were given to needy children.

Last year, because Wendy was in hospital on her birthday, the party was postponed, but thirty-one presents were donated and delivered to needy children in the area.

Our plans for the 2022 year will entail holding a Bingo evening to raise R5000 and a project still to be disclosed.

Regards

Tony

## The Four-Way Test

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

## The Birches Pre-School in Sarnia receives a donation of trees after the principal's presentation to the club last month



Left: A super grateful School Principal Priscilla Edmonds of The Birches Pre-Primary School in Sarnia, Durban with a donation of over 30 indigenous trees and shrubs from Friend of Rotary, Anne Robinson past Rotary long-term exchange to the US! Right: Young learner Ngoba Shabalala of The Birches Pre-Primary School with one of Pricilla's books.



## Dates to Diarise

Dates for Club Meetings, Board, Annual General Meeting, Speaker programme and District Conference. During the week preceding our GoToMeetings, Club President Arlene Arnold will send through the GoToMeeting link/login. Our meetings are held online at 19h00 South African time 😊

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| Tues 8 Feb 2022  | Club meeting at 19h00 then Board meeting at 20h00          |
| Tues 22 Feb 2022 | 19h00 Speakers: Rotary Clubs in Nigeria                    |
| Tues 8 Mar 2022  | 19h00 Our Club's Annual General Meeting                    |
| Tues 22 Mar 2022 | 19h00 District Governor Maddy Webber's Online Visit        |
| Tues 5 Apr 2022  | 19h00 Club Meeting   |
| Tues 19 Apr 2022 | 19h00 Speaker Barbara Parkins, Masai Mara Orphanage School |

DG Maddy Webber will be visiting our Club virtually on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. We look forward to a full turnout!



If you have any suggested speakers, please drop Club Secretary Monique Labat an email: [moniquelabat@gmail.com](mailto:moniquelabat@gmail.com) or WhatsApp: 082 924 6349

Our District 9370 Conference will be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 in Makhanda (old name Grahamstown). More information to follow in the next edition of Drumbeat.

The 4<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2022 Rotary International

Convention in Houston, Texas, USA.

## Birthdays

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| 29 Jan | Johan Krugel                       |
| 19 Feb | Linda Watts                        |
| 24 Feb | Esmeralda Witbooi                  |
| 26 Feb | Kim Woodhall                       |
| 17 Mar | Pat Draper, Director Global Grants |
| 28 Mar | Murna van der Merwe                |
| 29 Mar | Tony Holness, Club Treasurer       |
| 1 Apr  | Arlene Arnold, Club President      |

## Anniversaries

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| 31 Jan | Bill Main, Director, Web Administrator |
| 5 Feb  | Amanda Janse van Rensburg              |
| 11 Apr | Johan Krugel                           |

## Membership Subscriptions

The lifeblood of a Rotary Club is its members all of whom are volunteers and the subscriptions which keep the Club afloat. Subs are payable in two tranches for the Rotary Year which begins on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. Rotarians are billed twice at 6 monthly intervals.

Our Rotary Subscription for 6 months is allocated firstly to Rotary International dues and Rotary International sets the exchange rate for a period US\$ to South African Rands. That equals R569.25 for this 6-month period.

Our District 9370 dues are R230.00 for the same 6-month period. We contribute R135.00 to the Rotary Africa subscription and lastly, we have Club expenses of R25.75.

Please drop our Club Treasurer Tony Holness a WhatsApp on 082 800 9236 or drop Tony an email: [wizardhc@mweb.co.za](mailto:wizardhc@mweb.co.za) if you need more information!



### RI President's Theme 2021/2022

Rotary has designated the months of the year as follows:

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution

March is Water and Sanitation

April is Maternal and Child Health

## Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus

We have a newish area of focus in Rotary namely "Supporting the Environment".



Peace and conflict prevention/resolution.  
Disease prevention and treatment.  
Water and sanitation.  
Maternal and child health.  
Basic education and literacy.  
Economic and community development.  
The Environment.